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Mescalero councilors stay on board

The council also passed a new ordinance regarding future impeachment attempts.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Two Mescalero Apache Tribal Council members kept their seats on the board and a new procedure for removing elected officials from office was approved Wednesday, after a four-hour hearing in council cham-

bers. According to tribal spokesman Ed Moreno, resolutions submitted by President Sara Misquez charging Michaelene Ahidley and Larry Shosh with malfeasance in office were voted down, each by a count of four to two. The president claimed they improperly submitted a petition for her removal and placed several major projects of the tribe at risk by taking the action.

Member Albert Platta, who previ-

ously sided with Misquez when her removal petition was introduced by Shosh and Ahidley last week, abstained from the vote. Council Member Greg Mendez, who opposed articles of impeachment against Misquez last week, apparently had a different view of this situation and backed retaining Shosh and Ahidley on the board. Voting with him were Ray Kirgan and Brenda Brusuelas. Shosh and Ahidley voted for each other.

Backing Misquez's attempt to remove the two council members was Alfred La Paz and Sandra Platero, who was targeted with Misquez on the original petition for removal. The vice president, Ferris Palmer, is supposed to vote only to break ties and the president doesn't vote.

In a move to prevent such unrest in the future, Moreno said, the council then passed an ordinance, five votes to three, requiring the approval of at least six council members to remove

an elected official from office.

"(This is) a way to make sure that these (impeachment) moves are not baseless," Moreno said. "By requiring a larger-than-half majority vote, it should reduce them."

La Paz, Platero, Ahidley, Mendez and Plata all voted in favor of the ordinance, the spokesman said, while Brusuelas, Kirgan and Shosh went against it.

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PHOTO BY LIONEL W. LIPPMANN

The Fort Lone Tree Fire threatens the guest house of Harold and Kay Finklestein Wednesday near Capitan. The blaze, which was spurred on by high winds and charred 78 acres, was started by a cutting torch.

Blaze spares houses

Capitan-area fire pushed by high winds, torches 78 acres

BY LIONEL W. LIPPMANN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

High winds quickly spread a grass fire started accidentally on the Fort Lone Tree property Wednesday morning, charring more than 78 acres and briefly threatening three residential buildings.

Shortly before 11 a.m. Wednesday, a cutting torch being used by Erich McNamara started the Fort Lone Tree Fire, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

The fire had started to spread northeast when the Capitan Volunteer Fire Department arrived. Using a brush truck with limited water supply, firefighters managed to flank the fire and prevent it from spreading into the timber of the Capitan Mountains.

A Capitan pumper truck was the second vehicle on the scene and initially aided in the efforts to contain the fire.

After the fire had been contained, the pumper truck functioned as a water tender for the numerous other trucks from the state Forest Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Lincoln, Bonito and Fort Stanton volunteer fire department, as well as elements of the Smokey Bear Hotshot team and 12 firefighters from Mescalero.

County Manager Tom Stewart also surveyed the area of the fire, as did Lincoln County emergency services coordinator William Martin.

Shifting winds, estimated to be from 10 to 20 miles per hour, caused the fire to consume 78.62 acres before it was contained.

The structures that were threatened belonged to Harold and Kay Finklestein, who had previously removed most of the brush from the immediate area of their structures.

Their guest cottage, which was the most endangered structure, was protected by neighbors who saw the smoke and drove to the Finklesteins' houses, protecting them by watering the ground surrounding the guest house.

Several Lincoln County Sheriff Department units responded, and the investigation was headed up by Sgt. Jackie Raines and Officer Robert

Shepard.

Thursday, Undersheriff Rick Virden said the fire was started by a cutting torch that was being used to cut steel tanks.

The fire was contained completely by 2 p.m., though most of the firefighters remained on the scene to deal with numerous hot spots. The fire was officially declared extinguished by 4 p.m.

No injuries or property damage were reported.



PHOTO BY LIONEL W. LIPPMANN

Bonito fire chief Tony Comes and firefighter Lisa Bartley battle flames near Capitan Wednesday.

Former RPD cop pleads not guilty

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Alfred Clyde Stunnett entered a plea of not guilty in U.S. District Court Wednesday to charges of deprivation of rights and witness tampering, according to information from the office of U.S. Attorney David Iglesias.

He was released on his own recognizance by Magistrate Judge Leslie C. Smith, who set a trial date of March 11.

The former Ruidoso police officer was indicted by a federal grand jury in January. The charges are connected to accusations from a then-16-year-old runaway that Stunnett threw her to the ground while she was handcuffed.

The Village of Ruidoso and its insurer settled a civil case for \$500,000 brought on behalf of the family of Suzanne DiPaolo last year by attorney Gary Mitchell. Stunnett resigned at that time.

According to the federal indictment, Stunnett is accused of assaulting DiPaolo on Nov. 7, 2001, "by slamming her to the ground while she was hand-

cuffed, resulting in bodily injury" and denying her the constitutional right not to be "deprived of liberty without due process of law, which includes the right to be free from unreasonable seizures by one acting under the color of law."

He also is charged with attempting to "corruptly persuade another person with intent to hinder, delay or prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer or judge of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a federal offense."

The indictment signed by Iglesias contends Stunnett persuaded another police officer to state that the defendant entered the holding cell because he was told DiPaolo was pulling her wrist from her handcuff. He is accused of falsely telling other people that he entered the cell for the same reason.

A petty misdemeanor battery case against Stunnett stemming from the same incident was put on hold pending the outcome of the federal action, a spokesman for the 12th Judicial District Court said after a hearing was canceled two weeks ago.

Downs steps up water rationing to Phase II

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Water rationing in the Downs has been moved up to Phase II since last week's council meeting.

Anyone on city water will need to observe new restrictions even as winter melts away.

Restrictions will include "wasting water," such as excessive discharges into streets, public right-of-ways, ditches or drains. Failure to repair a leak within five working days of discovery will be subject to fines.

Swimming pools constructed after June 16, 2002, (when the rationing ordinance became effective) must be equipped with filtration, pumping and recirculation systems.

The ordinance also requires new or replacement bleeder lines from evaporative coolers to not be larger than one-eighth-

inch inside diameter. Air conditioner runoff should be used to water landscaping or other outdoor vegetation if possible.

Sprinkler system or hose watering will be restricted to Wednesday and Sunday for odd-numbered addresses. Tuesday and Saturday are reserved for even-numbered addresses. Watering is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Residents watering with effluent or well water are exempt, but still encouraged to conserve.

Vehicles may only be washed at businesses established to do so. Swimming pools, except for medical use or rehabilitation, may not be added to or filled. Washing concrete or other impervious surfaces with a hose (except in emergency or where public safety is threatened) is

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Local artist prefers a mythical touch in his sculpture

Hunt for Ruth's piano leaves some all wet

Dave Barry/1C

Former BIA official to serve 18 months for fraud case

■ Stephen J. Calvin was convicted of illegally helping a relative get four BIA work contracts.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A former Bureau of Indian Affairs contract officer for the Southwest Regional Office in Albuquerque was sentenced to 18 months in prison Tuesday for fraud.

Stephen J. Calvin was ordered by U.S. District Judge C. Leroy Hansen to pay restitution of \$242,036, according to information from the office of U.S. Attorney David C. Iglesias.

Calvin pleaded guilty to mail fraud on Oct. 2. He previously was the chief of the branch of acquisition and

property management for the regional office that covers an area including the Mesquero Apache Reservation abutting Ruidoso. He was responsible for the award of construction and maintenance contracts for the benefit of Native Americans in New Mexico and elsewhere.

In 1999 and 2000, Calvin illegally steered four BIA contracts to his son-in-law, Anthony L. Dohi, in violation of government conflicts-of-interest rules, despite Dohi's inability to perform the work, an Iglesias spokesman said.

Ultimately, Dohi defaulted on the construction contracts, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses to the BIA and to the subcontractors on the job, as well as delay in the provision to

Indian communities of needed road and water improvements.

Dohi also is charged with mail fraud and other offenses that are pending.

"This case is an outrageous example of fraud and abuse of government funds," Iglesias said. "Public service is a sacred trust, not an opportunity for self-dealing and family enrichment. I will vigorously prosecute government employees and contracting fraud to the fullest extent of the law."

The case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Interior, Special Agent in Charge Jack E. Hawkins, and Special Agent David Williams. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathon Gerson prosecuted.

Prison guard arrested for sex crime

■ A March 2000 incident at Lincoln County Detention Center led to the arrest of guard Robert MacKenzie.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A guard at the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo was arrested late Tuesday on a charge of criminal sexual penetration in a March 2000 incident involving an inmate.

Albert Venegas, a criminal investigations agent with the Las Cruces office of the New Mexico State Police conducted the investigation and obtained the arrest warrant for Robert

MacKenzie on the second-degree felony charge.

The guard was booked and then released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

The jail is operated for the county by Correctional Systems Inc., a California-based company. All but a few of the staff members are employed by CSI. The rest are county employees.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Thursday that CSI had also conducted its own investigation and that he felt the company had handled the "regrettable situation" properly.

According to the affidavit filed by Venegas in Magistrate Court in Carrizozo, MacKenzie, 56, who lives in that town, is accused of engaging in a sex act while in a position of authority over an inmate on March 4, 2002.

Weekend fire in Alto contained quickly

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

An escaped controlled burn west of Highway 48 in the Enchanted Mesa Subdivision area flared with high winds Sunday. Crews from the Bonito Fire Department and Lincoln National Forest responded to the blaze.

According to Bonito Fire Department Chief Tony Combs, the fire scorched six-tenths of an acre and was called in by the landowner. The permitted burn had taken place Saturday.

The District Attorney's office had approved a charge of

improper handling of a fire, according to undersheriff Ricky Virden.

The fire was put out by early afternoon as county crews moved on to assist the village of Ruidoso with downed power lines from high winds.

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Meeting: Ruidoso Board of Education, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the Administration Office

- The public is welcome.
- Discussion:
- Internet service provider bid award
 - Receipt of unit value change
 - Update on Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, Grand Opening, Sunday, March 2
 - New Mexico School Board Association, Member Institute, Feb. 21-22
 - Legislative update

- Action items:
- District Mentorship Plan
 - Canvassing resolution, school board election, 2 mill election
 - Budget adjustments, cash trans-

Almanac of Record
New Year's Day - The observance of the New Year dates back to pre-Christian times when rites were performed to ensure the return of spring.

- Open bids for Internet service provider
- Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center policies/procedures

- Personnel:
- Licensed resignations/recommendations for employment
 - Pixie Arthur, teacher, Ruidoso High School

- Rebecca Durham, teacher, Ruidoso High School
- Classified resignations/recommendations for employment
 - Sherry Hooten-Soele, job coach, Ruidoso High School

Closed session - personnel
Next regular meeting: 7 p.m., March 11.

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RPD on agenda for council

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Meadows Drive. The closed session is the last issue on the agenda.

The only item under regular business is the recommendation to hire Design Workshop out of Santa Fe to put together the revision of the village's comprehensive plan.

No public hearings are scheduled. Most items are general headings without specifics, but include mayoral reports and presentations, public input, board and commission appointments, reports from municipal officials, information items and a closed session for

the purchase, acquisition and/or disposal of real property and/or water rights by the village.

Under village manager reports, the council will receive updates on water conservation, on the community forest management plan and on the Neighborhood Fire Wise Program.

The six-item consent agenda includes approval of a property lease agreement with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority for a trash collection site adjacent to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

The agenda for the Tuesday meeting of the Ruidoso Village Council is filled with routine reports, but an item under the closed executive session could be the most interesting, if it results in any official action.

The council is scheduled to discuss behind closed doors "limited personnel matters concerning the oversight, supervision and response of police department personnel."

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in village hall on Cree

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Moreno added that by Thursday, the Bureau of Indian Affairs had reviewed the ordinance and said it complied with the tribal constitution.

Tribal members attending the session said that individuals were allowed to enter the chambers to give testimony, but only a small audience stayed inside.

"The lobby was crowded with people who showed up in support of Michaelene," one woman said.

The meeting was continued until Thursday, when the council was slated to consider the petition to remove Misquez and Platero from office. However, few council members showed up, causing a lack of quorum, according to tribal spokesman Ed Moreno. He said there was confusion as to whether the meeting was actually scheduled.

Misquez and Platero were accused of improperly appropriating an associate judge and that misappropriation of tribal funds occurred when that judge, Clarice Rocha, was paid.

DOWN: Watering is restricted

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prohibited.

Operation of ornamental fountains is out. Newly seeded or sodded lawns and newly planted trees or shrubs are exempt for the time needed for establishment, not to exceed 60 days. Plants that require daily watering may be watered from

a bucket on days when watering is prohibited.

Hotels and motels will post tips for customers.

The city cites the lack of winter precipitation and the severely decreased flow from Griffith Spring as need for the rationing. Griffith Spring, at an all time record low, is the Downs' sole water source.

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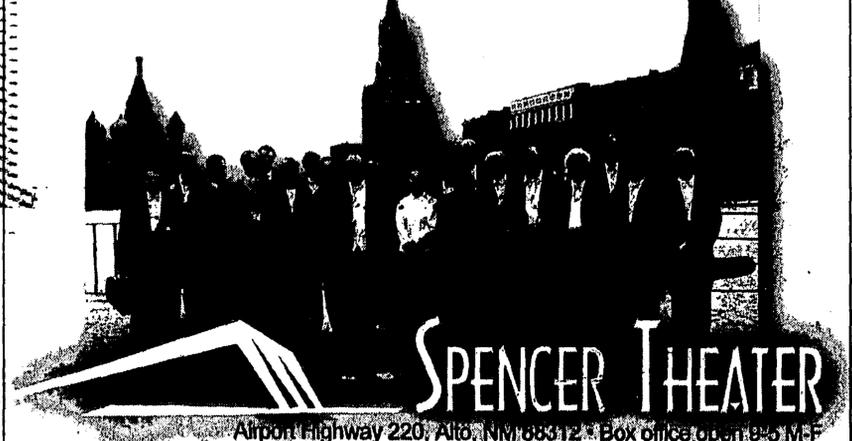
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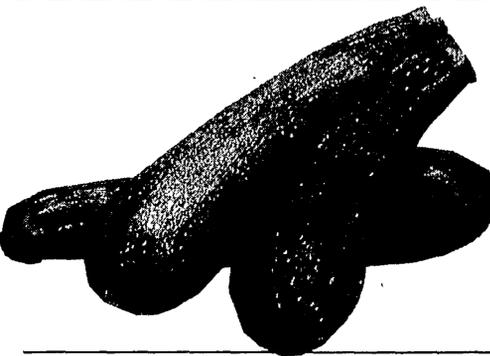
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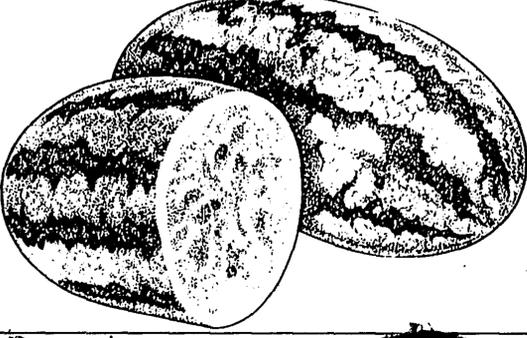
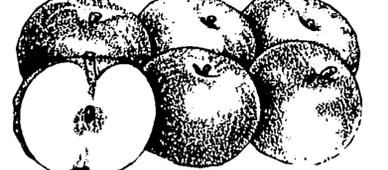
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OUR OPINION

Ruidoso's schools welcome a new chief

The school board's selection is a woman with experience

Change is in the wind in the Ruidoso Municipal School District. That's inevitable, and positive in this case.

Finding someone with vast experience to maintain Ruidoso Schools' high standards and lead them into a new era is not easy, but that's exactly what has been done.

For the first time ever, the school board has reached beyond the boundaries of New Mexico to hire a superintendent to replace the retiring Mike Gladden, who has served 14 of his 30 years in the Ruidoso system as the top gun.

Beyond that, for the first time ever, a woman will provide the professional leadership for the district. She is Gail Wickstrom, now of Barstow, Calif. She will take over in Ruidoso on July 1.

Her credentials include employment in top administra-

tive positions in large and small and medium-sized school districts in California going back to the 1970s.

As with many others who come to Ruidoso, Mrs. Wickstrom also has "family" motives; her husband's family lives in Carlsbad, and the Wickstroms wanted to be nearby.

Board members were unanimous in their belief that Mrs. Wickstrom was the shining star of those interviewed. "I was just overwhelmed with her knowledge and background and answers and vitality," said one.

A new superintendent with experience earned elsewhere will have fresh ideas, something at the heart of the educational process. The Ruidoso schools have a fine reputation, but there always is room for improvement.

'Inside the Capitol' and some acerbic writing

"Acercic wit" is one of those terms I reserve for a few newspaper columnists — because of the memorable, not to say acid, way they turn a phrase or express an opinion.



MOUNTAIN ASIDES
KEITH GREEN

Fortunately, New Mexico has had its share of such commentators on the passing political scene, often as not their names

attached to a political column published around the state called "Inside the Capitol."

I particularly remember two of those ongoing columnists, each noted and sometimes castigated for their acerbic wit. ("Acercic," says Webster's, means "sour, harsh, bitter in taste." But to me it gets a less biting spin when "wit" is added.)

Inside the Capitol, the almost-daily newspaper column, now is written by Jay Miller, a one-time lobbyist for the National Education Association - New Mexico, who through sheer hard work has turned the column into a resource for anyone following state government.

He is rarely acerbic.

Can't say that about Fred McCaffrey, who was memorialized by the New Mexico State Senate a few days ago, marking his death on Jan. 12 at the age of 80.

McCaffrey, every bit of Irish temperament and astute evaluations, wrote Inside the Capitol for a

good 10 years before he sold it and "retired" in 1987. Some retirement. Not long after that, he and wife Jan took off to the Caribbean and the island of Montserrat — with a not-so-democratic government that soon after his arrival (and a newspaper story) invited him to leave.

McCaffrey was one heavy believer in the right to criticize those in power when, in his view, that power was misused, whether on a Caribbean island or in the circular halls of the Roundhouse in Santa Fe. When he got back home, he started a radio show called "Politics and Other Animals."

Inside the Capitol had its origin, I believe, sometime before World War II; post-war it was in the firm hands of one Will Harrison, who swung a heavy bat at pompous politicians and overwhelming bureaucrats of any stripe. His wit was exceeded only by his capacity for booze, but he never missed a deadline.

To me, one of his notable accomplishments was being reviled by the (then named) New Mexico Education Association for his having the temerity to refer to it as a "teacher's union." In those days, teachers thought of themselves as professionals, and the union label was an insult.

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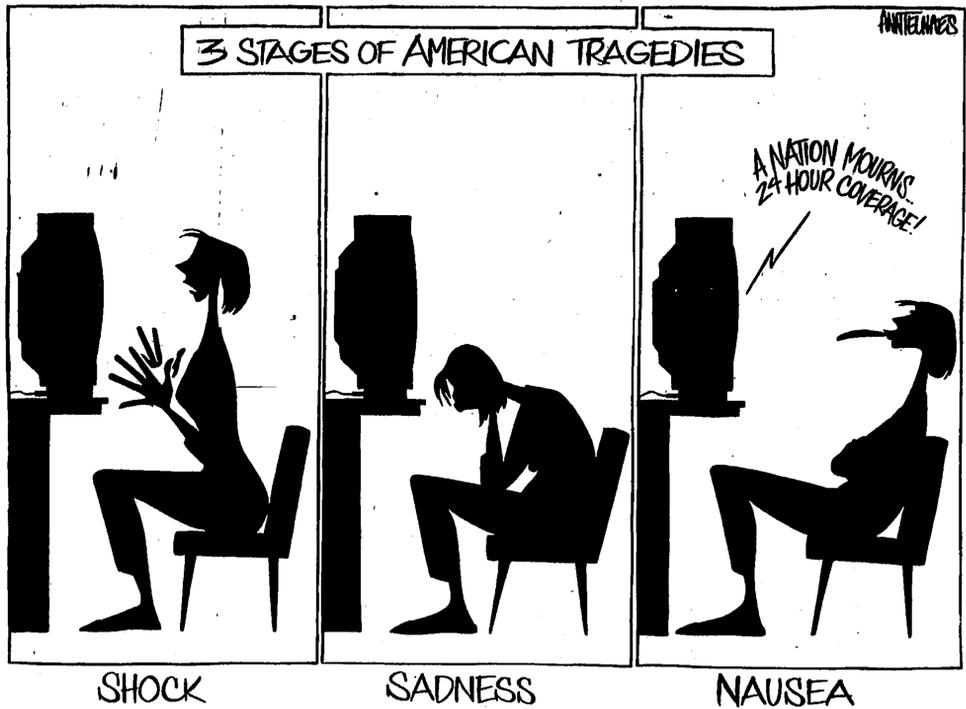
Others wrote Inside the Capitol over the years. Fred Buckles did it with sober dedication and the unimpeachable quote (he took all his notes in Gregg shorthand).

Charles Cullen presided for a while, and along the way gathered enough in the way of political tales to write a book or two.

There, perhaps, were one or two others in the last half century, but in my book, none have yet topped Harrison and McCaffrey.

They both shared that journalistic cliché quoted by long-time senate politico Fabian Chavez in Senate Memorial 14 for McCaffrey sponsored by Sen. Ben D. Altamirano:

"He excelled at the journalist's credo, 'Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'"



GUEST COMMENTARY

Ruidoso Care Center not as seen by 'Rumor-doso'

BY ROSALIE SITTER

ADMINISTRATOR, RUIDOSO CARE CENTER

Since I am fairly new to Ruidoso, I was surprised to hear people refer to it as "Rumor-doso." I am from a small community originally and understand how stories spread. I would like to address some of the rumors about Ruidoso Care Center that are being spread around the community by (people with) former and present associations with the facility.



Rosalie Sitter

We are a freestanding not-for-profit facility that is owned by YOU the community and financed with a HUD loan. We utilize local vendors to keep our money in the community, which I was taught from childhood is the way to preserve our community, and hometown vendors. We purchase the majority of our food at the local stores (Thriftway, IGA and Wal-Mart), the same as you or I do privately, except on a larger scale. This ensures that the food we serve is fresh, not frozen or pre-prepared.

We might not cook with quite as much spices or salt as most people would like, but we have a varied group to prepare for with special dietary needs (i.e. diabetics, cardiac, high cholesterol, cancer and post-stroke, to mention a few). We were buying our bread from New Mexico Bread Store, until recently when they had to close their doors due to lack of community support.

We utilize Village Hardware, Alamo Pipe, Foxworth-Galbraith, Linco Medical, A & K Mechanical, Ruidoso Septic and many other local vendors too

numerous to mention.

We are NOT short-staffed at the facility, and our residents get excellent care. Our staff is caring, giving, and not just looking for a paycheck. We still offer CNA classes and have the option of being selective in the individuals we train. We have a contract with NMSU at Alamogordo to have their nursing class do clinical training at our facility. We are always looking for ways to improve, as our residents' care comes first and foremost.

We are NOT going bankrupt nor do we expect to be there now or in the future. We are by far more solvent now than we were in the past, and plan on being here for a long time to take care of your loved ones, friends or possibly even yourself. We now do respite care, hospice, developmentally disabled, Alzheimer's, long term, short term and rehabilitative care.

We have some residents from our developmentally disabled unit who work in the community and we want to thank Wal-Mart and Allsup's for their support. One family member, whose wife was a resident here, always stops by to visit, brings ice cream from IGA and bought an upright freezer for the Alzheimer unit this Christmas.

The Center adopted a needy family at Christmas and hopes to keep helping them all year long. We have several church groups who come and spend time with the residents, along with several civic organizations like the VFW in Alamogordo and Order of Eastern Star who make special gifts for our residents and volunteer time to spend here at the facility visiting.

We prepared a Thanksgiving dinner for family and residents, and a Christmas dinner before Christmas

with over 160 people (residents, family, friends and staff) joined together to celebrate the holidays. One person, who draws the lab tests weekly here at the Center, along with her husband, bought 40 poinsettias to decorate the Center for the holidays and then came and helped with our Christmas celebration. Friends of Ruidoso Care Center placed an Angel Tree at Thriftway in which the community could adopt Angels and fill their wish lists. All residents had stockings on their doors which were filled, along with a "goodie bag" from the generous donations from the community of stocking stuffers. Staff, along with their families came in on their own time to make sure the residents woke up on Christmas morning with plenty of goodies. Friends of Ruidoso Care Center furnished turkeys to all nursing staff in appreciation of the excellent care they provide to our residents. Because of our staff, family members, and our community, our residents had the best Christmas ever!

Friends of Ruidoso Care Center (FORCC) is a non-profit association made up mainly of family members, with a goal this year to involve more people in our community. Their mission is to raise funds throughout the year to provide items for residents that they need but cannot afford or have anyone to get for them. They have set up a Web site at friendsofruidosocarecenter.com which gives details of upcoming fundraising events, information about Ruidoso Care Center, helpful links for the elderly and caregivers, photographs and a request for information form.

We have had several organizations, employees of Ruidoso Care Center, family members and churches participate in our "Adopt-A-Room" program. Each room is adopted by someone who furnishes paint and wallpaper in the colors and patterns of their choice and either remodels the room themselves or our staff helps them. We would invite everyone to come and look at YOUR facility, as all of us who work here are very proud and happy to show off the improvements.

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Church hires attorney for Christian school suit

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The parents suing First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs and its Ruidoso Christian School board president Connie Behringer are waiting for a judge to take the case.

On Dec. 20, 2002, parents and teachers of the children attending Ruidoso Christian School found out the school would close its doors Dec. 27 — and they were given no reason. Three of the parents filed a petition for preliminary and permanent injunction and complaint for breach of contract or for damages Dec. 27.

Attorney Adam Rafkin said at the time that if the school would continue until the end of the school year, the breach-of-contract issues would "go

away."

In mid-January, Rafkin said the petitioners and the church were negotiating and that the church had offered to let parents use two classrooms, but the parents would have to pay the teachers directly.

Then the parents found out from Children Youth and Families Department that an administrator would need to be present, and on that they never received a response from the church.

The church, meanwhile, retained the services of Albuquerque attorney Stephen Long with Bill Gordon and Associates, who said he was getting ready to file an answer to the suit.

Long said it's his understanding the children had been placed in other schools,

therefore, regarding the purpose of the suit, he said, "I guess they just want to get some money from the church."

In response to the portion of the suit that states that parents offered to pay additional tuition, he said, "... that's just not true."

Adam Rafkin, attorney for the petitioners, said many of the children were taken out of a school and put in a daycare: "That is not what the parents contracted for," Rafkin said. "Essentially their education was stopped in the middle of the year for many of them."

Further, he said, he was at the meeting in October when

parents offered to pay more money — and he was one of the parents making the offer.

Long also said Behringer "did not recall" Rafkin offering to help collect past due bills, but did not think it appropriate for the church to be suing people, although Rafkin said collecting money for past due debts is often a matter of writing a letter.

"At the meeting, they never came up with any figures or numbers they were short on," Rafkin said. "They could've spent a fraction of what they're going to spend on a lawsuit just simply keeping the school open as they had

originally promised."

Judges Karen Parsons and Jerry Ritter recused themselves from the case because Robin Rafkin had been an employee of the district court, she said.

"Our suit will take awhile to get a judge ... If all four judges recuse themselves, the Supreme Court has to assign a judge from another district."

"I'm very frustrated that they were not willing to resolve this matter amicably," Rafkin said.

In the meantime, parents of the other children have found daycares or other situations for their children. Rafkin and co-petitioners

Joseph and Barbara Graham arranged to have one of the teachers teach their children and one other child in the home of Graham.

Graham explained her concern: "They made a promise to my children and my children were expecting to be there the whole school year. Now we have a church founded on 'We're not making a profit.'"

She added that she had to buy uniforms for her two children, and that in October they had to buy books.

"My husband went to school there. That's why we had our children there ... it was that important to our family," Graham said.

CAPITAN SCHOOLS

Meeting: Capitan Board of Education, 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, Administration Building

- Actions:**
- Approval of consent agenda items: athletics, cafeteria, activity; payrolls paid; bills paid; budget transfers and/or increases
 - 2002-02 audit presentation, Terry Cone
 - Approval of School Board Policy, Appendix A, School bus incident report form, revision
 - Cooperative agreement between Capitan Municipal Schools and N.M. State Highway and Transportation Department for advance warning flasher, Larry Miller
 - Excellence for Student Achievement Award recipient, Gary Trogembo
 - 2002-03 increment schedule revision, Larry Miller

- Informational:**
- 2002-03 Technology Plan, Larry Miller
 - School District Report Card/Accountability Report 2002-02, Larry Miller
 - Resignation
 - Employment: Principals, re-employment, 2003-04 school year; new staff; substitutes

- Other informational reports:**
- Utilities comparison, Larry Miller
 - Other informational reports
- Executive session:**
- Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H)
 - Limited personnel matters
 - Personnel evaluation:
 - Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H)(4) Personally identifiable student information - discipline

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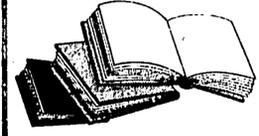
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BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Mountain Summit session next week

A winter "Mountain Summit" sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will convene at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Chamber executive director Patric Pearson said those attending the summit will "brainstorm" problems facing the business community.

Among those issues are affordable housing and security in the Midtown shopping area. Pearson said Cindy Lynch, immediate past president of the New Mexico Association of Realtors, will present information on affordable housing.

Ruidoso Police Chief Lanny Maddox will be on hand to discuss security matters.

Midtown merchants have teamed up recently to create a "phone tree" notification system as an aftermath to a number of burglaries and an armed robbery.

Pearson said other community problems will be discussed during the afternoon event, which will conclude at 5 p.m. More information is available from the chamber; call 257-7395.

Realtors set agenda for 108th Congress

WASHINGTON — The National Association of Realtors 2003 legislative and regulatory agenda will focus on improving housing opportunities, increasing the transparency of the real estate transaction, keeping big banks out of real estate, promoting favorable real estate tax initiatives and encouraging sound infrastructure, community development and environmental policies.

These issues were selected by NAR leaders who gathered in Washington last week to identify and adopt the association's federal policy priorities for the 108th Congress.

Realtors push Subdivision Act changes

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's been nearly seven years since the New Mexico Subdivision Act — the backbone of county land use planning across the state — has been changed.

Now the New Mexico Realtors Association thinks it's time to make changes — not, as some outspoken opponents suggest, to allow more ways for unscrupulous developers to circumvent the act, but to correct its "inequities and impracticalities."

Cindy Lynch of Ruidoso, who recently stepped down as president of the state association, said her travels across the state during the past year has made her aware of problems having to do with the Subdivision Act from county to county, although they don't necessarily all exist in Lincoln County.

The Realtors are supporting amendments during the current legislative session that would change the rules for splitting undeveloped land and for forced merger of separate parcels under common ownership.

A third effort would push for a clear definition of a comprehensive plan.

Sen. Ben Altamarino, D-Silver City, is sponsoring legislation covering splits (SB 435) and mergers (SB 438), while Sen. Phil A. Griego, D-San Jose, has introduced SB 410, designed to more clearly define a "comprehensive plan."

In the opposition camp during the session will be groups such as 1000 Friends and the New Mexico Coalition for a Livable Future.

The Realtors believe current language which allows "the sale, lease, or other conveyance of a single parcel from a tract of land ... within any five-year period" has been interpreted by some counties that it prevents a property owner who retains the

"(Changes are to) enhance and preserve the New Mexico Subdivision Act."

Mary Martinek
NMRA governmental affairs director

parcel remaining after a lot split from selling, leasing or otherwise conveying the remaining parcel without going through a formal subdivision process — which the Realtors say is lengthy, expensive and intimidating to the uninitiated.

Mary Martinek, governmental affairs director for state Realtors, wrote recently that the association's amendment in this area would allow the subsequent sale, lease or conveyance of the parcel remaining after a lot split within the five-year period without triggering the provisions of the Subdivision Act. But it would continue to prohibit any further division within the period, unless the owner complies.

Martinek wrote that the access "will simply allow property owners to change the 'wealth' in their land without making them jump through unnecessary hoops."

She also cites that there have been instances in which counties have forced the merger of contiguous parcels of land based upon common ownership; hence, the need for an amendment that would make clear that contiguous parcels owned by a single owner cannot be required to be merged, if the parcels are shown separately on the official map of a county or were created by deed and/or survey recorded with the county clerk; the chain of title to contiguous parcels clearly demonstrates that the parcels have been considered separate prior to transfer into common ownership; and the owner of the contiguous parcels has taken no action to consolidate the

parcels. Martinek said the provisions would not preclude a county commission from requiring consolidation of contiguous parcels in common ownership for the purpose of enforcing minimum zoning standards on parcels.

County planner Patsy Sanchez said in her experience neither the "split" nor "merger" provisions of the Subdivision Act as they exist have created a problem in Lincoln County, although she is not familiar with the proposed legislation.

But she believes there is a clear need to clarify in the Subdivision Act the definition of a comprehensive plan.

"A comprehensive plan precedes every subdivision," Sanchez said. "Yes, making clear the definition and the relationship would be very helpful."

The Realtors' proposed amendment would preserve flexibility that zoning and planning statutes offer in terms of the relationship between zoning and the comprehensive plan, but clarifies that the plan is intended to serve as a guide to inform regulatory decisions. It further defines the elements which, at a minimum, must be included in a county comprehensive plan in order to ensure that the plan is sufficiently detailed to provide meaningful guidance, Martinek wrote.

Lincoln County's Sanchez notes that this county at present has no zoning.

Meanwhile Realtor Lynch has circulated the proposed amendments to interested people in the county and in Ruidoso, looking for feedback and support for what Martinek said are amendments "that will enhance and preserve the value and intent of the New Mexico Subdivision Act."

The text of bills mentioned above is available at the New Mexico Legislature's Web site: www.legis.state.nm.us

The Economy and the Markets

Geopolitics dominates

BY SUNG WON SOHN
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO

Until geopolitical uncertainties related to Iraq are lifted, the economy will tread water. Consumer and business confidence will remain

depressed, limiting spending. Countless businesses, including Hewlett Packard, Nissan and Novac Chemical, have shelved their spending plans until the storm blows over.

Under the circumstances, it will be difficult to create the 150,000 jobs per month necessary to keep the jobless rate from rising. Furthermore, the two major sources of support for the economy, housing and autos, won't be tailwinds this year. In a jobless recovery, vehicle sales will weaken as the effectiveness of the zero-percent financing wears off.

After a banner year, housing is expected to be less of a stimulus to the economy. Moderate growth is the best hope for the foreseeable future. However, the second half of the year could be healthier, depending on the outcome of the war against Iraq.

A short and decisive war in our favor would boost economic growth. Oil prices would plunge. Confidence would rise and the stock market would jump. Pent-up demand, especially from businesses, would be unleashed. With soaring popularity, President Bush would have an easier time pushing his economic stimulus program through Congress adding more than 1 percentage point to economic growth in 2003.

In a messy war scenario, a deep recession would be unavoidable. With low popularity, the president would have a hard time selling his economic program, further depressing economic growth. Also, an economic stimulus program would be less effective given low confidence.

Bonds: War's impact

The fear of war keeps investors tethered to a safe haven like Treasuries. A messy war could hurt the economy, further reducing

Treasury bond yields. Aside from geopolitical considerations, Treasuries are quite overvalued. The dollar depreciation will cause foreigners to dump Treasuries.

Budget deficits will be higher than most of us think. The dividend tax cut, if it becomes a reality, would hurt bonds. A quick war would lead to strong economic growth during the second half of this year. All these factors point to lower Treasury yields and higher prices.

Assuming that the war is over within six months or so, investors should shun Treasuries and embrace Corporates and mortgage-backed securities. Lower quality Corporates sport unusually high spread over Treasuries. With economic growth, credit concerns will diminish, shrinking the spreads.

In a rising rate environment, mortgage-backed securities should fare well. Budget deficits for state governments and the expected jump in supplies worry the buyers of tax-exempts. However, the munis are still attractive for investors on a tax-equivalent basis.

Stocks: Post-war choices

Once the war is over, tech spending could be one of the primary beneficiaries. Tech sales are lackluster and the order books are not full, but there is growing pent-up demand.

Costs have been cut to the bone so that even a small increase in demand will fall straight to the bottom line. Software and chips, not so much hardware, will fare better as cash-strapped businesses are looking for low cost alternatives that make existing hardware more efficient.

Even telecom services could see some sunshine. Net access, not voice service, accounts for much of the traffic. Once the economy improves, Net demand will rise. Prices are no longer falling. Prices for voice services have stabilized; wireless services have customers. The demand for new services, such as broadband, wireless cameras with color screens and phones, etc. should rise, especially if the economy picks up steam.

These are not investment recommendations. Consult your financial advisors.

What do you do if you're missing your IRS Form W-2?

WASHINGTON — By now, you should have received a Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," from each employer you worked for to use in preparing your federal tax return. It's the law.

According to the IRS, employers must furnish this record of 2002 earnings and withheld taxes no later than Jan. 31 (if mailed, allow a few days for delivery).

If you do not receive your Form W-2, contact your employer to find out if and when the W-2 was mailed. If it was mailed, it may have been returned to your employer because of an incorrect or incomplete address, so be sure to verify your address. After contacting your employer, allow a reasonable amount of time for your employer to re-mail or to issue the W-2.

If you still do not receive your W-2 by Feb. 15, contact the IRS for assistance toll free at 1-800-829-1040. When you call, have the following information handy:

1. The employer's name and complete address, including zip code, and the employer's identification number (if known), and telephone number;
2. Your name, address, including zip code, Social Security number, and telephone number; and
3. An estimate of the wages you earned, the federal income tax withheld, and the dates you began and ended employment.

If you misplaced your W-2, contact your employer and be prepared with the information listed above. Your employer can replace the lost form with a "reissued statement." Be aware that your

employer is allowed to charge you a fee for providing you with a new W-2.

You still must file your tax return on time even if you do not receive your Form W-2. If you cannot get a W-2 by your tax-filing deadline, you may use Form 4852, "Substitute for Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement," but it will delay any refund due while the information is verified.

If you receive a corrected W-2 after your return is filed and the information it contains does not match the income or withheld tax you reported on your return, you must file an amended return on Form 1040X. Forms 4852 and 1040X and their instructions are available on the IRS Web site, www.irs.gov, in the "Forms & Pubs" section, or by calling toll free to 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Focus on Agriculture

Food: Important and affordable

BY TOM STEEVER
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

Food is important to us. It ranks right up there with air and water in terms of its significance in sustaining and nourishing us. Frankly, most Americans don't give a second thought to their food supply, and that is the very point of Food Check-Out Day.

On average, Americans spend only 10 percent of their disposable income on food. The American Farm Bureau Women's Committee thought it would be worth their effort to point out how long Americans work each year to earn their daily bread.

Using USDA statistics on food costs, the AFB Women's Committee determined that this year it takes only 37 days for the average American to earn enough to buy their groceries for the entire year. So, on Feb. 6, the AFB Women's Committee and many state Farm Bureau Women's

Committees will commemorate this food bounty by donating food to local Ronald McDonald Houses. The houses offer, at the house or no cost, a place to stay and something to eat for families of seriously ill children. Too

often these families are far from home, but are able to stay in a Ronald McDonald House while their child recovers in the hospital. A warm bed and a full pantry contribute to that recovery.

What is remarkable is that most Americans needn't worry about food. Food becomes important only when it is scarce.

"It's easy for most Americans to take our quality of life for granted," says AFB President Bob Stallman. "But we need to pause and recog-

"... affordable food allows us to have the lowest comparable food bills in the world."

Terry Gilbert
AFB Women's Committee

small price for their effort. "Only 19 cents of every dollar we spend for food goes to the American farmers who grow it," says Stallman.

"Our affordable food allows us to have the lowest comparable food bills in the world," says AFB Women's Committee Chairman Terry Gilbert of Kentucky. "That is something we should all be grateful for."

Food's affordability has even gotten the attention of the White House. In a message for the occasion of Food

nize the contributions that America's food producers give to our society." America's farmers and ranchers provide the safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply in the world. And they receive a

Check-Out Day, President George W. Bush encourages "all Americans to recognize the strength of our agricultural industry." In the presidential message, he gives credit for the country's efficient food-production system to "our farmers, ranchers, and others involved in this important industry...contributing to the health and prosperity of our nation and countries around the world."

America's food is becoming even more affordable. In 1970, Food Check-Out Day would have been a full two weeks later — Feb. 20. In contrast to the 37 days it now takes Americans to earn a year's supply of food, it took about 115 days last year to pay their federal, state and local taxes. Thanks to the people who produce it, food comes at a real bargain for all Americans.

Tom Steever is the broadcast producer for the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Juvenile prisoner numbers high

Instead of housing them, the county manager is suggesting the use of ankle monitoring devices.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart was counting on using money saved for housing juvenile offenders to offset extra costs in three other departments.

But then he received a bill for \$20,750 covering the incarceration of 11 juveniles at \$125 a day for one month.

"We've been averaging in the juvenile detention two to three at any given time," he told county commissioners during a mid-year budget review last month. "This is the highest it's been in quite a while and puts a dent in my initial plan."

The manager said he proposed to the county's juvenile probation officer an alternative of using an ankle monitoring device. The investment in hardware would be well worth it, he said.

Most of the juveniles are sent to the counties of Bernalillo and Valencia, he said. The sheriff's budget covers transportation costs, which also are high, he said.

"Most have to be brought back and forth for hearings," Stewart said, adding that he wrote District Judge Karen Parsons asking her to consider passing along some of the expenses to the parents of the young offenders.

"I'm going to request that again with this new bill," he said.

Commissioner Leo Martinez queried Stewart about efforts to create a regional juvenile detention center closer to home.

"We've examined a cooperative agreement with Doña Ana and Otero counties," Stewart said. "The problem is the staffing. It's far more intense. I figure, to break even, we'd need \$260,000 worth of bills to make it worth (creating a regional center). If these 11 (juvenile prisoners) continue, we may push that envelope."

It's up to the judge to impose costs on the parents, he said, adding, "I can't help but think some parents could afford it."

Looking at the county detention cen-

ter for adults in Carrizozo, Stewart said the county is down to four employees on its payroll. The remaining staff was hired directly by Correctional Systems Inc. or switched from the county, he said.

"I'm watching contractual incarceration," he said. "I'm concerned inmates going to other centers as mandated by judges is going to cost us in the long run."

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson agreed, saying he's bothered by the high number of prisoners sent elsewhere.

"It's beyond our control," Stewart assured him. "They are mandated by the judge. I've challenged it."

Unfortunately, the number of prisoners sent to Lincoln County's jail from other counties didn't exceed budgeted expectations to offset those costs, he told Wilson.

"We're kind of back where we were," the chairman said of the days before the new center was constructed when out-of-county housing for inmates ballooned and hurt the county's budget.

Stewart said he has asked for a review of the situation by the acting detention center administrator.

CHARACTER COUNTS



PHOTOS BY JULIE CARTER

January Character Counts students at Carrizozo Schools are, front row, left to right: Caleb Ventura, Eric Culley, Zhane Vega, Jacie Thorton, Gene Gore, Fantasia Dennis, Shania Boyd; 2nd Row: Patrick Barela, Jacob Porter, Jeremiah Sedjilo, Jace Hill, Devon Arteche, Isaac Vega, Shayna Gallacher, Tiffany Vega; 3rd Row: Branson Vega, Alex Medina, Zachary Zamora, Timara Burd, Shayna Zamora, Amanda Gallegos, Sarah Ferguson; 4th Row: Shawn Medina, Casey Vega, Tavi Nash, Mason Huston, Jonathon Smith, Nicholas Chavez, Lisa Ventura; Not pictured: Jacqueline Ortiz, Rylah Zamora, Shaye Ventura, Arturo Najera, Andrea Beltran, Joel Ferguson, Fernando Najera



Continued: front row left to right: Marshall Wilson, Carmen Tale, Catalena Vega, Patricia Greenlaw; 2nd Row: Stephanie Zamora, Michelle Shivers, Jordan Hill, Destiny Dulchover, Chelsea LaMay, Troy Niederstalt, Kalina Maldonado, Josh Burd, Ryan Guevara; 3rd Row: Adrienne Ramirez, Courtney Belcher, Erika Culley, Derrick Vinson, Scott Barela, Kenny Vega; 4th Row: Maria Tale, Mariah Vallejos, Ashley Ventura, Lena Reyes, Joseph Gallegos, Matthew Vega; Not Pictured: Alexa Borowski, Tanner Huston, Carlos Samora, Arron Vallejos

Councilors ready to name firm to revise master plan

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Since before she was elected last March, Ruidoso Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars has pushed for a revised village master plan.

She's about to see the start of that process.

Mike Runnels, village planning direc-

tor, said Tuesday a selection committee is ready to recommend to the village council that Design Workshop from Santa Fe be hired to draft the village's comprehensive plan.

The firm was selected from among three finalists, all top quality, he said.

Runnels said if the council approved the selection, he is going to recommend a 9 a.m. meeting, March 1, of members of the

zoning commission, village consultants and councilors to start the process.

Commission member Phillis Barnett, who served on the selection committee, said the company has many resources and Byars said they're prepared to work for a small town.

The plan could be finished in eight to 12 months, Runnels said. The process will include many public hearings.

Senior Task Force hoping to help Ruidoso's elderly population

BY ARMANDO RHOADS
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

This is a continuing series of health-related columns from the Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council

The Senior Task Force is a subcommittee of the Health and Wellness Council that is responsible for implementing suggestions of actions to the health council for the improvement of the health of seniors in Lincoln County.

The Senior Task Force is an action group made up of a panel of volunteers who continually gather information from the geriatric population they represent, suggest possible solutions to difficulties faced by this group, and with approval, act on these goals.

The current membership includes the following: Armando Rhoads LPC, Heritage; Jennifer Chadwick, Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice; Maury St. John, Oncology RN and county commissioner; Tomy Hood MPR, Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; Bobby Sanchez, DOH. Anyone interested in joining this committee is welcome.

Our task-force members are actively involved in our community and are on the front lines of senior issues. Some of the identified concerns of the seniors in this community are: A lack of awareness to access available resources, lack of affordable housing, lack of assisted living, lack of day care and respite, lack of transportation, difficulty accessing primary care providers, and difficulty accessing medication coverage and

cost of prescriptions. These indicators were derived from information collected from the individuals these providers care for and serve.

Our current projects include short-term goals, long-term goals and long-range planning. One of our short-term goals is to develop and distribute a senior resource pamphlet to the community. This resource will include information on home

health, prescription assistance program information, mental health assistance, and other information related to the needs of the population.

One of our long-range goals is to find an investor or company to build an assisted living facility in the area within one year.

With the help of the community and the voice of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, these goals are realistic and attainable.

The Senior Task Force is

working for the community. The concerns derived from the community have resulted in the goals listed above. These will be forwarded to the Health and Wellness Council so they can also provide input, guidance, and added insight.

This list is not inclusive, but an ongoing working guideline gathered from the voices of the geriatric population and the professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers who work, care and support them.

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Students on the slopes

Kids from Ruidoso and area schools take advantage of a 'cool' program

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

For close to 40 years Ski Apache has been partnering with area schools to provide a ski program for four days of affordable skiing.

Raising up skiers from the ranks of students from elementary to high school age, Ski Apache feeds back into the community the love of the sport

and pride of having a great ski environment in Ruidoso.

Frank Cannella, principal at White Mountain Elementary, has been coordinating the program since 1999. With the help of his secretary, Anne Spence, and Ron Hill, activity coordinator at Ruidoso High School, Cannella begins in March arranging dates with Ski Apache for the following year's program. The mountains of paperwork and organizing with schools, ski rental shops and the ski area itself falls in his hands, but he credits most of the work accomplished to Spence.

Ruidoso-area schools participating in the program this year are White Mountain Elementary and Intermediate schools, along with Ruidoso Middle and High schools. Schools in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo are also involved.

According to Cannella, in years past, 1,600 to 1,800 students would sign up to participate in the program. This year's roster rounded out at 1,200

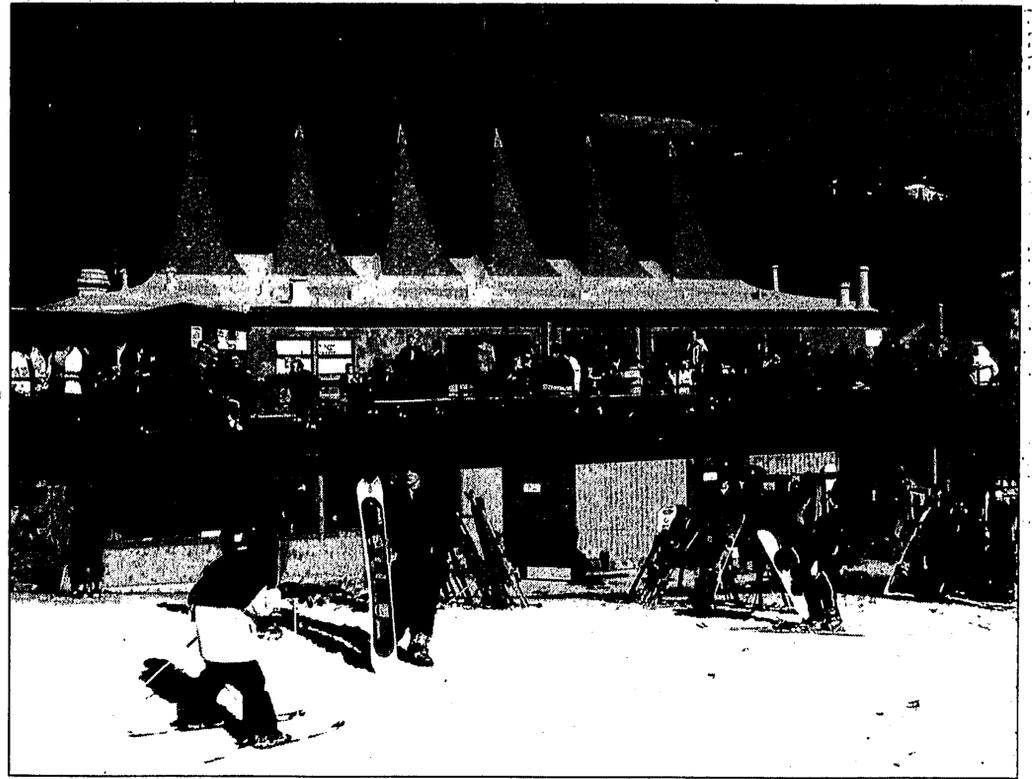


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

About 700 county students showed up as part of an reduced-cost ski package offered by Ski Apache. Here, family and friends wait on a sunny deck of the main lodge while students ski the afternoon.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

It's a family affair as Lance and Ron Merritt traveled from the far reaches of county beyond Corona to ski the afternoon.

applicants with an actual 700 showing up to ski on the first day of the program. The following week, Day 2 of the program, 900 students were ticketed to ski.

Ruidoso area ski rental shops provide equipment to the students for \$5. Lift tickets for the half-day of skiing are \$2 and lessons for first-time skiers are \$2. It is a package that allows access to a great sport for less than \$10 a day. The program runs for four consecutive Tuesdays of half-day skiing. Adults accompanying students enjoy the low rental rates but are required to pay full lift ticket prices.

Popularity among the very young students required the area to draw an age limit to begin at third grade. In

prior years the ski school at the area was overwhelmed with the numbers of K-2 students and simply didn't have the manpower to properly supervise and teach that many small children.

Dan Wimberly of the Ski Ruidoso Ski Shop has participated in the program since it began. Differences now are that there are actually three ski sports to accommodate with the onslaught of the popularity of snowboarding and snowblading.

He sees the snowboarding popularity growing among the youth, with regular adult skiers trying it and returning to regular skiing. Wimberly says he usually outfits about 75 to 100 skiers for the season.

The Alto Ski Shop gets bombarded about 10:30 a.m. on those Tuesdays by the outlying county schools of Carrizozo, Capitan and Corona. Conveniently on the way to the ski area for those schools, the shop efficiently runs 100-plus skiers through in a short time. The shop takes on a rural look as ranch kids from the corners of the county arrive in Carhart canvas "ski clothes," and it's not unusual to see a cowboy hat or two.

Whether raising up lifetime skiers or simply giving an opportunity where there was none before, the school ski program continues with a popularity that has kids across the county counting the days until that first ski day in January.

Sixth-grader is tops in 'Zozo spelling bee

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Besting a field of 15 spelling contestants, Carrizozo sixth-grader Jennifer Shafer became the new spelling bee champion.

The spelling bee was held Friday, Jan. 31 at the school. Grades 3 through 8 were allowed to enter up to three of their best spellers in the compe-

dition. The regional district provided those students with a list of words to study and the contest words were taken from the same list.

Down to the last two spellers, Joel Ferguson, a fourth-grader and cousin to the eventual champion, missed on the word "memorable."

Shafer then had to correctly spell that word and then a new

and final word, "Panama." Asking for the word to be used in a sentence so she could determine if it was the country or the noun, Shafer proceeded to correctly spell the winning word.

Moderator for the Carrizozo meet was Toni Rossi and judges were Rima Davis and Becky Borowski. Shafer will travel to El Paso, Texas, for the Regional meet on March 25.



Jennifer Shafer

Land use boards join as a new committee

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

PLUAC (Public Land Use Advisory Committee) and the Rural and Agricultural Affairs Committee have combined officially to form Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee. On Tuesday this week they met in their first meeting since the merger, forming a seven person council.

The groups were formed by a county ordinance passed by the county commissioners. In order for the groups to combine, that ordinance had to be repealed and a new ordinance passed. The two groups found

themselves working on similar issue so the uniting of the forces was a logical step.

The committee works closely with the Smokey Bear Ranger District as well as dealing with issues concerning grazing, ranching issues, and land use planning. They will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Lincoln County courthouse.

The new council formed is headed by Chairman Duane Frost. Sally Canning is vice chairman and Pete Gnatkowski is secretary. The council is complete by members Wes Owens, Kenneth Knosker, Tony Seno and Jay Zane Walley.

Farm Bureau readies for New Mexico Ag Fest

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Farm Bureau continued making plans for its upcoming Ag Fest, to be held in Santa Fe on Feb. 20.

Farm Bureau rents the Sweeney Center for the event and then charges the agriculture groups that participate a set up fee for their space.

Groups like New Mexico Cattlegrowers, New Mexico CowBelles, the Beef Council, Woolgrowers and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, to name a few,

provide food, information and education to the visitors, who are mainly state legislators.

The event is primarily designed for an informal public relations affair between agriculture and the Roundhouse inhabitants.

The meeting was the first of the 2003 for the Lincoln County Farm Bureau, and took place in Capitan at the El Paisano restaurant. Last year's slate of officers remained in place uncontested in the new election.

Offices are held by Duane Frost, Chairman, and Dwight Menix vice chairman, Matt Ferguson secretary and Jim Cooper, treasurer. The board is completed by directors Dub Williams, Ron Merritt, Ralph Dunlap, Lerry Bond, and Young Farm and Ranch chairmen, Gray and Kellie Gallacher. Frost and Ferguson also serve as directors of the state Farm Bureau board.

The county Farm Bureau group will meet again on March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Four Winds Restaurant in Carrizozo.

Crown CowBelles elect officers for 2003

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Crown CowBelles of Corona met last Saturday to install the new officers for the 2003 year.

Fighting time constraints and illnesses, the group has had to continually delay the official undertaking for the new board.

Shelly Frost was named to the office of president, having served in that position for two prior terms over the past 12 years. Frost also has three years' experience as a New Mexico CowBelle state officer,

as well as serving as an officer at some level in three different CowBelle locals every year since 1982. Frost steps in to replace outgoing president, Lee Sultemier.

Crystal Bell was voted in as vice president, Leanne Hutcheson as secretary and Molly Hartung, treasurer. Jane Shafer of the Canyon CowBelle local did the officer installation. The meeting was held at the Cocina de Corona restaurant.

The group held an executive board meeting to discuss upcoming events. Crown CowBelles will be host the

District Workshop on March 26 in Corona.

The committee will meet for a planning session Sunday at 12:30 p.m. at the Corona recreation room.

MEETING WATCH

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will meet noon Tuesday at Four Winds Restaurant.

The Carrizozo City Council will also meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. at City Hall in the Rec Center.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Barbara Kleinfeld

Graveside services for Barbara Bernice Kleinfeld, 86, of Ruidoso, will be today, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Congregation B'nai Zion Cemetery in El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Kleinfeld died Wednesday, Feb. 5, in Ruidoso. She was born July 3, 1917, and lived in El Paso for many years. She was a Realtor for more than 30 years.

Survivors include a son, Joel Kleinfeld, of El Paso; a daughter, Marcia, and her husband Randy Guynes, both of Capitan; grandchildren Michelle, Sherye, Lorye, Saul and David; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Saul Kleinfeld.

The family has suggested donations in lieu of flowers be sent to the Lincoln County Humane Society.

be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, and burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery with the Rev. Peter Luna officiating.

Mrs. Second died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, in El Paso.

She was born Aug. 22, 1939, in Mescalero, where she lived nearly all of her life.

She had worked with the C.H.R. Program and Headstart Program at Mescalero and was a member of the Mescalero Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include sons Freddie Second, Everett Second Sr. and Frank Second all of Mescalero; a sister, Jackie Knighten, of Galveston, Texas; her mother, Angelia Yulay of Mescalero; nieces and nephews Marcia Hosetosavit, Claralyn Hosetosavit, Kathy Guzman, Eli Hosetosavit and Brandon Mendez; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ross Second.

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

He was born May 27, 1931, in Lubbock.

He attended school in Lubbock and graduated from high school in Portales. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Aug. 9, 1948, in Albuquerque. He served during the Korean War, where he was injured and awarded the Purple Heart. He also was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the United Nations Ribbon. He retired from the USMC with a medical discharge on April 30, 1952, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

He worked as vice president of First National Bank in Tucumcari for 14 years. He then moved to Silver City and was vice president of First National Bank there for four years.

Later he moved to Farmington, where he was vice president until being promoted to president of Farmington National Bank for several years. He retired in Ruidoso, and moved back to Lubbock in 1999. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Kari Stevenson, of Albuquerque; brothers Charles Glynn of Lubbock and James Lynn of Ruidoso; and a sister, LaVern Jones of Fort Worth, Texas.

Buddy Starr

Funeral services for Homer Wilburne "Buddy" Starr, 71, of Lubbock, Texas, were Thursday in Lubbock.

Mr. Starr died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003.

Ireta Second

Visitation for Ireta Inez Second, 63, of Mescalero will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., today, Feb. 7, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso. The prayer service will follow at 6 p.m. at the Mescalero Assembly of God Church, where the funeral will

Stewart: CCNG rate too high

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County is paying way too much for its natural gas service, county manager Tom Stewart contends.

"I found that Capitan/Carrizozo Natural Gas is approximately 70 percent higher than Zia (Natural) Gas rates," he told county commissioners during a mid-year budget review last month. "Based on last year's CCNG billing of \$52,213.60,

this year's CCNG's bill could be \$52,213.61. "My estimate over Zia's gas charges is \$36,818.47."

He said he would ask for a review by both companies.

"I have sent them a letter inviting representatives from both companies to the next commission meeting," Stewart said Tuesday. "As it stands now, the county courthouse and the detention center in Carrizozo both big consumers - fall under the CCNG franchise. We have no choice."

RUIDOSO POLICE

Office break-in

Someone broke into the office of Pine Cliff Village Condos, 401 Highway 70, between Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, according to police reports. The bathroom window was damaged and the lock of the office door was jimmied with a sharp object, with damages estimated at \$70.

It was not known at the time of the report if anything was missing.

Items stolen

A residence in the 200 block of Fir Drive was broken into between Jan. 3 and Feb. 5. The front window was found broken and light fixtures valued at \$150 were reported missing, as well as an iron, valued at \$30 and a circular saw and rotary hand tool valued at \$100. Police found items which appeared to have been used to manufacture narcotics, the report states.

Bike returned

A blue 10-speed Schwinn bicycle was turned in to the Ruidoso Police Department Feb. 5, after being found in the ravine behind Mountain Ski Shop, 2716 Sudderth Drive.

Wallet found

A wallet with the ID of Frank Gonzales, 19, of Mescalero was found Feb. 4 and turned in to the Ruidoso Police Department.

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Parks department treating potentially harmful wood

■ Playground lumber treated with a hazardous compound is slated to be sealed twice a year.

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

More than a year after a community volunteer group gathered to build what would become the Kidz Connection playground in the Ruidoso White Mountain area, some disturbing news about building materials has come to light.

According to a report in the Feb. 11 edition of *Family Circle* magazine,

playground equipment, treehouses, decks, picnic tables and other structures built with chromated copper arsenate (CCA) wood can pose serious health problems.

While the Kidz Connection manufacturers, Leathers & Associates Inc., did call for 77 gallons of a specific wood sealer and plastic decking material called TREX to be used throughout the playground, the materials list called for a variety of CCA-treated lumber, timbers and utility poles.

The developer's maintenance plan recommended sealing once a year due to this area's dry climate.

"At the onset of the project, the

maintenance (of the playground) was a priority for the department," says Parks and Recreation director Rafael "Rifle" Salas. "When we saw the material that was used, we initiated a preventative maintenance program and opted to seal it twice a year."

See www.epa.gov/pesticides/citizens/1file.htm for the website Ruidoso Parks and Recreation refers to regarding pesticides use.

Leathers and Associates, Inc., a firm made famous for helping neighborhoods create elaborate wooden playgrounds that children help design, is cited in the article. Due to public pressure, they and other playground manu-

facturers are switching to alternative products.

Today, chemical manufacturers are being faced with two national class-action lawsuits for negligence of "not informing customers about the toxic chemicals." Arsenic rubbing off onto children's hands and leaching into the soil is the main culprit. The article cites cases of contact rashes, paralysis, flu-like symptoms, and intense vomiting episodes connected to short term exposure.

In 1978, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had the option to ban CCA wood. Instead, warning labels and a wood-treatment industry

"Voluntary Consumer Awareness Program" were recommended.

Beginning in January 2004, the EPA will not allow CCA wood for residential use. However, the agency issued a statement saying it doesn't believe existing structures pose any risk.

The \$4 billion-a-year treated-wood industry has agreed to switch to pesticides that "pose less of a human health risk."

It is recommended to thoroughly wash children's hands after playing on treated equipment, keep kids and pets from playing under treated structures and deck areas, and never store tools or toys under a treated deck.

County attorney's renewed contract 'a bargain,' commissioner says

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The last year of a three-year extension on Lincoln County's contract with attorney Alan Morel was approved unanimously by the county commission, with an added \$500 a month.

County manager Tom Stewart explained during a meeting last month that the county commission's contract with Morel allowed renewal and renegotiation each year for up to three additional years from the original period ending Feb. 17, 2001.

The first additional year, Fiscal Year 2001-2002, the contract was renewed for the same terms and conditions, a flat \$9,000 a month. The second additional year, 2002-2003, it was renewed with gross receipt

taxes included.

"The attorney provided the data for a discussion of his costs and proposes to renew for a third year for a flat fee of \$9,500, plus GRT," Stewart said.

That equates to \$114,000, compared to \$108,000 last year. With \$8,193.75 in GRT for the year, Morel will be paid about \$10,183 per month, a 5 percent increase. Stewart said the budget contains sufficient money to cover the increase.

"This is the last possible extension of the current contract," he pointed out. The commission will have to advertise for proposals prior to January 2004.

Morel said he tracked his time and that of his paralegal and if he had charged the county on an hourly basis, the cost would have been \$6,508 more than his flat fee plus GRT in January 2002, for a total of

\$16,155.

"My analysis of the 2002 accounting for Lincoln County legal services indicates that it benefited the county by \$34,762 to contract with my firm on a flat fee rather than an hourly basis," Morel said.

Commissioner Leo Martinez said he favored the new terms "because I know a good lawyer when I see one," but he wanted Morel to conduct several seminars each year with all employees, including sheriff's deputies, on law and cases where things are not handled properly.

"I think that should be one of your duties to inform people about litigation, the rights of the people and the rights of the employees," the commissioner said.

Morel said such seminars were scheduled in the past in conjunction with the Association

of Counties, but he had no problem setting up a few.

Commissioner Maury St. John said she researched local rates of other attorney and after calling five, found the three responding charged \$150 to

\$165 an hour for their time and \$75 to \$85 for their paralegal. That compared to about \$80 an hour for Morel and \$40 for his paralegals.

"We're getting quite a bargain," she said. "He's been quite

a bit of help to me as a new commissioner listening to me and helping me work through questions I have."

"If we always listened to him, we'd be better off," Martinez said.

Racetrack among top 3 candidate contributors

In the wake of lobbyists' disclosures filed with the secretary of state's office, Ruidoso Downs Race Track was among the three top contributors.

Statewide, Philip Morris Management Co., a tobacco company, led the list, contributing \$67,000 to candidates for the Legislature and other offices from May to December 2002. Ruidoso Downs Race Track gave \$35,900, fol-

lowed by Premier Distributing, an Albuquerque beer distributor, which contributed \$27,100. Lobbyists and employers handed out some \$922,300 last year during that term.

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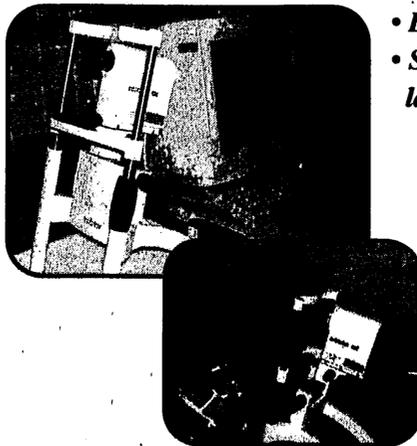
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District continues for Ruidoso cagers

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

5, 1-1) has had through the years.

The District 4-3A season heats up again tonight for the Ruidoso basketball teams, as the girls travel to Portales for a rematch for the Rams, while the Warriors travel to Lovington.

Both varsity contests are set for an approximate 7:30 p.m. start.

Neither team has won a district game — yet. Both coaches are still buoyed by the fact that this district seems an evenly matched one from top to bottom.

The Ruidoso boys (6-12, 0-2 district) face a Lovington team that has lost only five games, but one of them was a barn-burner against New Mexico Military Institute.

The Warriors' last game was also a loss to NMMI, and both teams will be eager to show they can win in this district.

"It's a tough place to play, they're probably one of the most athletic teams in the state," said Ruidoso boys coach Billy Page. "They have maybe the best point guard in the state in my opinion."

That point guard is Jawaan Payne, whose speed is typical of the kind of teams Lovington (15-

Ruidoso isn't exactly a slouch when it comes to speed and the fast-break offense, but they've had a difficult time closing things out when a win is within their reach.

They've averaged almost 70 points a game this season, but have also lost a number of games by 10 points or less — usually after leading in the fourth quarter.

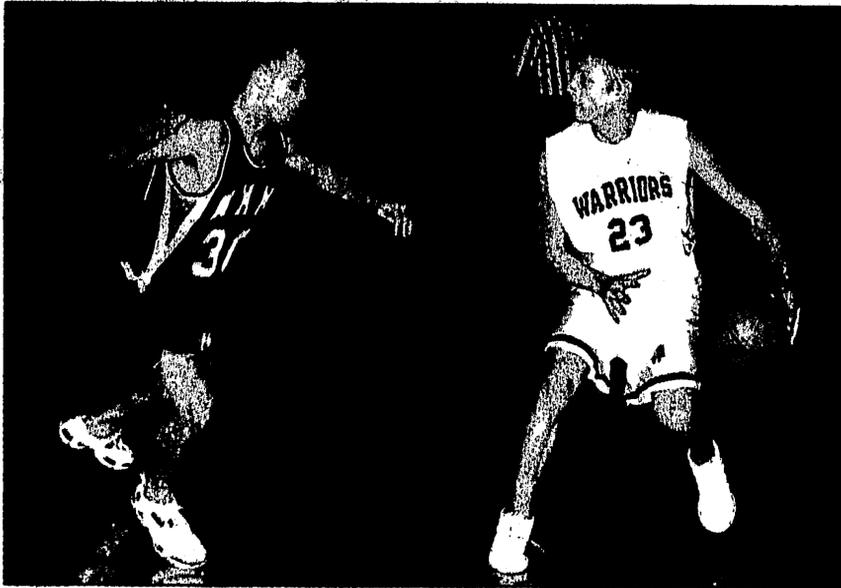
Patrick Valliant and Chance Hooper each lead the team with an 11-point average, while Cody Small and Auston Beier have each scored 163 points in 18 games.

"It could come down to who makes the most layups in transition," Page said of tonight's Lovington game. "Our size could be a factor. Once we get the ball into the post, we have a size advantage."

"We want to give ourselves a chance near the end," he added.

The girls are facing a familiar foe in Portales, a team they lost to Jan. 28 in their first district meeting.

Like the boys, the Lady Warriors (5-11, 0-2) also have a difficult time cinching the win. Their 59-47 loss to the Rams was one which saw Ruidoso down by



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Warrior guard Auston Beier, right, checks the floor as Trey Moore defends during Ruidoso's loss to New Mexico Military Institute Jan. 31. Beier and the Warriors travel to Lovington tonight.

just four points well into the fourth quarter.

"They may be looking at film, trying to find things that will make them better," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez, trying to gauge what could happen in Portales. "I don't really know what their plan may be. After

losing to Lovington, they may come out and be really aggressive."

Both teams share losses to Lovington, and both the Rams and Wildcats now share the top spot with 2-1 records each.

Marez hopes his team can find the one thing it is missing to

get the win they need to start making some noise in district.

"We all knew, coming in this year, this would be even," Marez said. "We gave Portales a close game and I don't think they were expecting that. Lovington is the team I would pick but you never can tell."

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
New Snow Past Week: 1 in.
Weather at Report Time: Clear
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 38 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed Powder and Machine Groomed
Skiing Conditions: Good
Trails Open: All 55 trails
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
Trails Groomed This Morning: Apache Bowl, Bear, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Capitan, Chair Seven Liftline, Chino, Cliff, East of East, Elk Liftline, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Gondola Liftline, Lower Deep Freeze, Moonshine, SBT, The Face, Upper Deep Freeze, Lower Mountain Novice Slopes
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Prep Scores

Tuesday, Feb. 4
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo 55, Corona 45
Lake Arthur 83, Hondo 35
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo 76, Corona 17
Hondo 54, Lake Arthur 35
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo 60, Mesclero 17
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo 66, Mesclero 51

Preps on Tap

Friday, Feb. 7
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7:30 p.m.
Hondo at Gateway Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mesclero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Hondo at Gateway Christian, 6 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mesclero, 6 p.m.
Ruidoso at Portales, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8
Boys Basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg, 6 p.m.
Tatum at Mesclero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg, 4 p.m.
Tatum at Mesclero, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Boys Basketball
Tatum at Hondo, 6:30 p.m.
Capitan at Tularosa, 7 p.m.
Ruidoso at NMMI, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Tatum at Hondo, 5 p.m.
Tularosa at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Lovington at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13
Boys Basketball
Mesclero at Corona, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo at Temple Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Mesclero at Corona, 6 p.m.
Carrizozo at Temple Baptist, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Softball sign ups to begin
Sign-ups for 12 and Under softball teams are now being held for the season which begins in April and ends in July. Girls who turned 13 years old after January 1 are eligible. There are only six slots available on the team. To register, contact Kim Chavez at 258-1308, or call 910-3730 or 420-2549.

Fundraiser for Trujillo
A fundraiser for Special Olympian Ernest Trujillo will be held Feb. 14 at the Capitan Fairgrounds from 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Music will be provided by Little Anthony Y La Banda Sierra, and raffles for a window tint job, one cord of wood and dinner for two at La Espuela will be given away. All proceeds will be used to sent Trujillo and his family to the Special Olympic World Games in Ireland May 31-June 1. For more information, call 378-8561.

Sierra Blanca Scramble
The Optimist Club of Ruidoso announces its 11th annual Sierra Blanca Scramble to be held May 10 at Cree Meadows Country Club. Cost to enter is \$50 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart and prizes. For more information, contact Eric Eggleston at 257-5815 or Lane Adams at 257-4033.

Youth Basketball in Albuquerque
North American Youth Sports will hold an annual youth basketball tournament at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque April 11-13. The tournament will feature brackets for boys and girls for grades 5-12, and all grades are based on what grade in which the student is currently enrolled. Entry fee for the tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Entry deadline is March 17. For additional information or entry forms, call the NAVS hotline at 1-800-787-3285 or tournament director Susan Kabala at (505)-898-0969.

Ventura heads back to Capitan

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ventura had been the head football and track coach in Carrizozo, and had led the Lady Grizzlies to back-to-back Class 1A titles in track.

He isn't certain what all of his coaching duties will be in

Capitan — a school he taught at for eight years before heading to Carrizozo — but he's sure he'll get along with Ed Davis, the head football and track coach of the Tigers.

"I still know some of the kids and staff, so it wasn't a drastic change," Ventura said. "I like coaching and doing what's right for the kids and to be fair all the way around."

In Ventura's stead, Carrizozo athletic director Mel Holland — currently in the middle of the District 7-1A basketball season — will likely take over the track program with assistant Mandy Baca in the spring.

"Pat will be successful, he's good with kids," Holland said. "It just didn't work out this time here. I know how tough it can be to coach in your home town."

Ventura's departure marks the second head coach in five months to leave Carrizozo. Former head volleyball coach Bill McViegh stepped down just before the Lady Grizzlies began the district tournament, leaving Baca and Holland to lead the team at the Class 1A tournament in November.



Ventura

Moving can always be a stressful situation; it's even more stressful when a teacher moves in the middle of a semester.

That's just what happened this week, when Pat Ventura returned to coaching in Capitan after five years in his hometown of Carrizozo.

When asked why the move happened when it did, Ventura was euphemistic.

"Certain circumstances arose that made me think it was time for a change," Ventura said.

Wrestlers find going tough against Cobre

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso wrestling coach Brian Brown knew his team had a big challenge in their dual against district rival Cobre on Tuesday, but the final outcome was a bit deceiving.

The Indians defeated Ruidoso 60-17, but the Warriors could have made it a bit closer if some matches had gone their way.

"Most of the weights, it was not as big of a slaughter as it looked," Brown said. "The ones we lost by decision, the point difference wasn't that great. But if you get pinned, you get pinned."

As it was, the only matches Ruidoso did win came at 125, in which Dayne Hall upped his record to 13-6 with a decision over Karlea Ward, 140, a win for Justin Huffmon over James Benavidez, and 152, in which Elisha Hedin won a major decision over J.D. Bierra.

Most of the other matches ended with Warriors being

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Hondo girls even in district, boys still improving

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

HONDO — The Hondo girls got back on the winning track in District 8-1A Tuesday.

But it still wasn't the kind of game coach Julie Montoya wanted to see.

"We just didn't play in the first half," Montoya said. "This was one of our sloppier games."

After leading by only 26-21 at halftime, the Lady Eagles turned on their running game and pulled away for a 54-35 victory over Lake Arthur.

"We always look for the transition first if we've got it," Montoya said. "We started to pick it up, but I wanted to finish strong. We didn't do that."

"We would like to be first or second in district, but we have to play strong all four quarters."

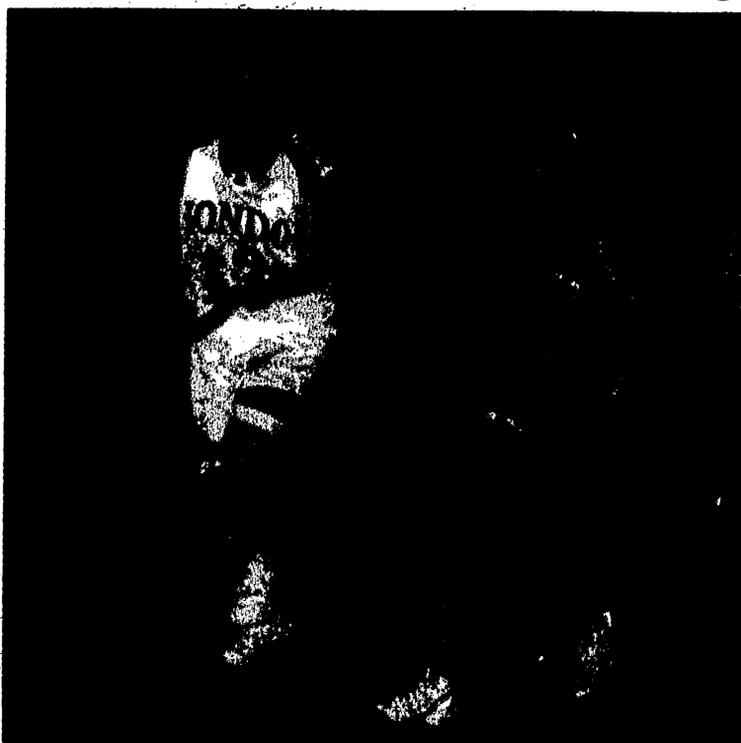
Jackie Chavez had 17 points to lead Hondo (7-11, 2-2 district), followed by Angelica Chavez with 15 and Josephine Gutierrez with 12 points.

Evelyn Saiz had 12 points for Lake Arthur (5-11, 0-4).

Panthers 83, Eagles 35

With the exception of a loss to Tatum, the Lake Arthur Panthers have been plowing their way through district competition this season, and Tuesday was no exception.

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Hondo's Angelica Chavez, left, handles the dribble as Lake Arthur's Evelyn Saiz defends Tuesday in Hondo.

Cardinal teams swept by Grizzlies

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It's been hard enough this season for the Corona girls basketball team, what with only six young players on the roster.

It got even harder Tuesday, when they traveled to Carrizozo with just five players and — due to fouls — finished the game with just two on the floor and fell 76-17.

The boys game was a bit closer, but the Cardinal boys fell again by 10 points, 55-45. **Lady Grizzlies 76, Lady Cardinals 17**

Carrizozo (15-6, 5-0 District 7-1A after Tuesday) didn't go into the game trying to run up the score, but they were already up by 20 points when the first Lady Cardinal had to sit on the bench in the second quarter. From there on, it was just a question of

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HONDO: Girls even district record, boys fall hard to fast Lake Arthur team

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The Panthers (12-6, 3-1) opened with a 25-8 lead after the first quarter and went on to defeat the Eagles pretty handily.

"They were just running through their plays," said Hondo coach Eddie Chavez. "They wouldn't have done that if it were closer. They were so far ahead, they wanted to prepare for their next game."

Four Lake Arthur players were in double figures, led by Edel Villa with 30 points.

Derek McTeigue was the only player in double figures for the Eagles (2-15, 1-3), as he put in 10 points.

Hondo actually had a pretty good second quarter — scoring 13 points to the Panthers' 19 — but could have done better had their passes been caught by the right players.

"We narrowed down our turnovers, but most of the turnovers we had was us not catching the ball," Chavez said. "We were making good passes and getting the ball in there, but now we've got to learn to catch the ball."



WRESTLING:

Big dual loss to Cobre

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pinned after staying close in points.

"Cody (Huffman) and Shawn (Gurule) got stuck," Brown said. "There were four weights we should have won if we hadn't been stuck like that."

Greg Crow Fell to John Lucero at 130 by just five points in a rematch between the two from the Sierra Blanca Tournament Jan. 25, while Jeremy Pritchett fell by five points to Matt Madrid at 135.

In the heavyweight match, Ricky Phillips was leading 1-0 in the third period against Mando Perez before being pinned in the final minute.

Ruidoso has now seen both District 4-1A/3A opponents — including New Mexico Military Institute — in duals this season, and will welcome them both to RHS Feb. 15 for the district tournament. The top two teams go to the state team tournament in Albuquerque, while the top four individuals go to the state individual tournament at Rio Rancho.

"We've got some work to do if we want to beat them at district, and we've got two weeks to do that," Brown said. "I think we'll give them a lot better match when they come down here."

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THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

During the 1870's a group of civilian merchants gained control over the economy of Lincoln County, New Mexico, southwest United States, including a monopoly on filling lucrative contracts from the military at Fort Stanton. This group who monopolized trade and their allies was called The House.

But in 1877, their control was challenged by an English entrepreneur, John Tunstall. Tunstall's employees and supporters were known as The Regulators, and followers of "The House" violently resisted them.

The battle was fought both in courtrooms and also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. Even the Army became involved. Eventually members of "The House" killed Mr. Tunstall.

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Smith goes for the gold at Junior Olympic Qualifier

BY LAURA DOTH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Four Ruidoso skiers saw action in Colorado as they participated in the first J3 Junior Olympic Qualifier Jan. 25-26. The final J3 qualifying races will be held Feb. 16-17 in Winter Park, Colo. The qualifying races determine the starters in the J3 Junior Olympics which will be held in Winter Park, Colo. March 9-15. Ruidoso's Rett Smith showed his winning style in Keystone, Colo., where more than 200 13- and 14-year-old junior skiers competed in two

days of Super G races. The Ruidoso skiers performed very well against some tough competition from throughout the Rocky Mountain Division of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSSA).

Following a snowfall on the first night, the snow on the lengthy course of 38 gates was listed as hard. Conditions were obviously to Rett Smith's liking. The third racer out of the gates, Smith negotiated the course in the gold medal-winning time of 1:19.07. A first place finish at the qualifiers dramatically improves Smith's

national ranking.

Dylan Jasinsky finished 17th for the day with a time of 1:25.18. He was followed by Peter Zagone in 26th and Joe Lynch in 65th.

"The competition at the Junior Olympic Qualifiers is always very stiff," said Ruidoso Ski Team coach Hubert Seigmann.

The course was lengthened on the second day of the competition. The course was rated as "hard packed" and boasted 41 gates and 37 direction changes.

Smith was first out of the gates, but carried so much

speed toward the end of the course that he lost his footing and did not finish the race. Dylan Jasinsky also had problems negotiating the demanding slope and did not finish.

Zagone finished the day in 32nd with a time of 1:28.10. Lynch's final time was 1:35.12 and officially placed 62nd.

Ruidoso skiers will be competing a little closer to home this weekend, competing at Taos Ski Valley in the Tango Slalom.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KERRY SMITH

Rett Smith speeds through a gate during his gold-medal run in the Junior Olympic qualifier Jan. 25 at Keystone, Colo.

— 26th, 1:26.77; Joe Lynch — 65th, 1:33.49. Peter Zagone — 32nd, 1:28.10; Joe Lynch — 62nd, 1:35.12; Rett Smith — Did Not Finish; Dylan Jasinsky — Did Not Finish.

Full Results
Saturday, Jan. 25
J-3 Boys

Rett Smith — 1st, 1:19.07; Dylan Jasinsky — 17th, 1:25.18; Peter Zagone

Sunday, Jan. 26
J-3 Boys



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER
Corona's Keith Shafer (14) is surrounded by Carrizozo players following a rebound Tuesday in Carrizozo.

CORONA: Boys game a close one

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how Corona (1-14, 0-7) would press on. "My girls never gave up, even down by that much," said Corona coach Tommy Mulkey. "We ended up scoring 10 points in the fourth quarter with just two players on the floor."

Most of those points belonged to Ana Ramos, who had 11 points to lead the Lady Cardinals before fouling out in the final period.

Mary Beth Shivers and Francesca Rossi each had 12 points to lead Carrizozo, followed by Kaitlyn Vega's 10.

Grizzlies 55, Cardinals 45

As the boys teams were more evenly matched, it came as no surprise the final of the boys game was a bit closer. In fact, it was almost a replay of the teams' game on Jan. 28, a 61-51 victory by Carrizozo.

"Going into the fourth quarter, we were right in the game," Mulkey said. "We hit

some threes and tried to claw back into it, but they played solid ball and held us off."

Corona (3-16, 0-6) shot three threes in the final period, but were negated by the scoring prowess of Grizzly Josh Calvert, who scored nine of his team-high 14 points in the final quarter.

"Calvert just killed us in the first game, and we held him to five points through the first three quarters," Mulkey said. "But he came unglued in the fourth quarter."

Keith Shafer also scored 14 points to lead the Cardinals, followed by Victor Perez with 13 points and 11 points from Frankie Sanchez.

Casey Saenz had 11 points for Carrizozo (6-14, 2-3 after Tuesday).

"We're pretty evenly matched up," said Carrizozo coach Mel Holland. "We played with some discipline and I think that made the difference. Every win we get is good for us."

Zozo gets two wins over Chiefs

BY KAREN BOEHLER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

MESCALERO — The inexperienced Mescalero boys were hoping to get some good practice against a young Carrizozo squad Wednesday, but it was back to square one for the Chiefs, as the Grizzlies took a 16-17 victory.

"They're like first time out again," said Mescalero coach Christie La Paz. "I don't know what got to them. I really can't explain. It's like they forgot everything. What to run. Their age really came out this time, I think. We need to find somebody who can score."

For the past few games, that somebody has been Jacob Glossup.

But in another bit of bad news, the one experienced player left on the squad twisted his ankle. La Paz said Glossup was taken to the hospital, and he wouldn't know for a while when the senior could play again.

Tyrone Cervantes was high scorer for Mescalero, tallying nine points.

"It's hard to take, but I've got to hang in there," La Paz said. "The boys don't quit, so I've got to finish with what I have."

Lady Grizzlies 66, Lady Chiefs 51

The Lady Chiefs (11-6) wanted some revenge from a close loss to Carrizozo (16-6) at the Capitan Tournament in January.

But it wasn't to be, as the Grizzlies crushed their Otero County rivals.

Yet while the margin was 15 points, the Chiefs never gave up, and despite the loss, that was a positive for coach Rol Bradford.

"I am disappointed that we lost and that we got beat by that much, but the highlight of it is we didn't quit and we kept scrapping down to the end and that's the big thing you need this time of year," he said.

"I think we wore them down. We've got a little more depth than they do," said Carrizozo coach Mel Holland.

They've also got senior Christa Franck, who led all scorers with 28 points. Ariel Burr and Stephanie Brewer each tallied 11 for Carrizozo, with eight Carrizozo players putting points on the board.

Only six Chiefs scored, led by Dolan with 15 and Lang with 12.

Karen Boehler is sports editor for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SERPO)
Technical and Policy and Committee
Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Southeast Regional Planning Organization's Joint Policy and Technical Committees will be held. **Action Items include:**

- The SERPO Technical Committee will review and rate the applicable categories of the Roadway Project Applications and then the SERPO Policy Committee will rate the applicable Policy categories and finalize the Roadway Project rankings for possible inclusion into the FY 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Recommendations (RTIPR) for Roadway Projects for possible use of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Title 23 program funds
- Applicants for enhancement projects will also make presentations followed by review and prioritization by the SERPO Policy Committee for potential inclusion in the RTIPR Enhancement Project Listing.
- The SERPO will review and take action accepting the draft Regional Long Range Plan and authorize transmittal of the plan to the State Highway and Transportation Department for inclusion in its Long Range Plan.

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2003
LOCATION: New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department Training Academy Building 17 - 735 Earl Cummings Loop Roswell, New Mexico
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you need assistance, contact Dan Stover, SERPO Planner at (505) 827-0050 three (3) days prior to the meeting.

Firefighters concerned with Hondo Valley radio

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians working a series of crashes on U.S. 70 east of Ruidoso Downs last month couldn't communicate well for about seven hours from mile marker 271 near Eagle Creek Bridge all the way into town.

Glencoe firefighter Joseph L. Mulligan said on Jan. 23, communication was almost nonexistent on 100-watt radios in the trucks and the hand-held 5 watts.

"I'm not sure this one will help," he said of plans to install a tower on a mountain on the property of Norm Stevens on U.S. 380 between the settlements of Hondo and Lincoln. That solar-operated tower would help more

to the east from the Glencoe Fire Station to Riverside, he said.

Negotiations are underway with Stevens, who wants the county to maintain the road up the mountain and is asking for "more than we can afford," said county manager Tom Stewart. He also is looking at another site for an installation closer to Ruidoso Downs, he said.

"Stevens' hill would just be part of an overall system," said Commissioner Rick Simpson.

Commissioner Maury St. John said she'd driven the road up the mountain and was concerned about several tight turns, but county road boss Albert Hernandez said his equipment can handle maintenance there.

Mulligan said he also heard that Key Communications based in Roswell, which is the county's com-

munications contractor, is putting up a tower for Ruidoso Downs.

"That's definitely part of the equation," Stewart said. "I'm looking at another location so we'll have three with the new Key Communications site."

"We're working as fast as we legally can."

In another matter, county elected officials voted six to four to appoint Sheriff Tom Sullivan to represent the county on the board of directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties. He beat out County Assessor Rick Silva.

Speaking before the vote last month at a county commission meeting, Sullivan said out of 33 counties, about 65 percent of the representatives are commissioners and the other 35 percent is split between county

assessors, clerks and treasurers. No other sheriff is on the board. The president of the sheriff's affiliate in the association asked Sullivan to put his name in the hat, the sheriff said.

Silva said he wanted to be involved because of issues that will affect the property tax base for the county and the state. Municipalities are looking at ways to tap into property taxes to alleviate their financial shortfalls, he said. Decisions about agricultural taxing and avenues of funding for county detention centers will be on the table this year, he said. He would represent the county's interests in those complicated issues, Silva said.

In other business, the commission:

- Recognized William E. Zinn, operator III bladesman for his 12 years of service to the county. Stewart said

in reviewing his file, he found letters of appreciation from citizens and words like, "very polite and considerate," and "an ideal employee."

"In essence, Bill has been an exemplary employee," Stewart said. "It should be noted (he) got his start in construction activities while serving his country in the late 1960s; Bill served in the very distinguished and decorated 84th Engineering Battalion in Vietnam at Qui Nhon and Tuy Hoa."

- Approved a proclamation honoring Joe Skeen, congressional representative for the 2nd Congressional District of New Mexico for 22 years, for his dedication to the citizens of the state and country. A reception is planned for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

Downs P&Z talks new subdivision

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Tuesday's Downs Planning and Zoning Commission looked at two zone change requests and a possible change in easement for the Skarr subdivision.

Pam Skarr presented drawings for the proposed subdivision. A 50-foot emergency access easement had been proposed, but the drawings show two structures in the way. Planning and zoning supervisor Tom Armstrong pointed out the road should be 50 feet wide to be in line with future city grant proposals.

Chairman Paul Van Gulick said the easement width is secondary. Access to all the parcels by means of a cul-de-sac is the primary concern. He suggested having the plans

drawn with a 30-foot easement and an adjustment of the cul-de-sac bulb. The plans will be resubmitted at next month's meeting.

A request for discussion was presented by Tom Armstrong on behalf of Carl and Betty Euford. The Eufords' residence was re-zoned from C-1 to R-1 in May 2001.

Commissioner Bonnie Richardson recalled the "intent was to be favorable if (property owners) requested to remain the same."

The commission moved to initiate a change to C-1. Every property owner within 100 feet of the Euford property will be notified. Commissioner Barbara Green voiced concern that some owners will not be aware of the zoning. Richardson pointed out information will also be posted on

the property.

A request for rezoning was also submitted for Parnell at 110 and 106 South Parnell. Owner Matt Bryant requests the three lots be changed from C-1 to C-4.

Armstrong pointed out the lots have been used for a bus barn, and alternator shop, starter repair, and a paint and body shop. The request however, according to Armstrong, involves storing wrecked vehicles.

Commissioner Shane Garner said the zoning change would be "too close in proximity of residences and children." There was overall doubt that the change would fit into the Downs zoning, since heavy commercial (C-4) is planned only along U.S. 70 with buffers leading back into residentially zoned districts.

Commission gets clinic update

■ The Carrizozo Health Clinic is involved county-wide, according to the state Department of Health.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Lincoln County commissioners sought reassurance that space provided for state health services at the Carrizozo Health Clinic isn't wasted.

They asked for a report at their meeting last month on the services provided by the state Department of Health. Martha Ordorica gave them an earful. Ordorica, who is based at the Ruidoso Public Health Office in the county's substation on Kansas City Street, explained the health outreach program.

She said services include family planning, pregnancy testing, PAP smears, breast and cervical examination and screening against cancer for undeserved women, immunization programs for children and adults, tuberculosis screening, prenatal services, sexually transmitted disease detection, treatment and counseling, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, as well as a supplemental food program and nutritional counseling for women, infants and children. Also offered are

children's medical services and developmental screening, and medical management for chronic conditions such as asthma and cardiac conditions.

The staff goes twice a month to Fort Stanton (Amity Foundation alcohol and drug rehabilitation program) for hepatitis and other screenings, and to Camp Sierra Blanca for transmitted disease screening and education twice a year.

The state staff participates in kindergarten roundups in the San Patricio, Hondo, Capitan and Carrizozo areas, and immunization clinics for Head Start, in addition to flu clinics for all of the county. They also see homebound clients and provide services to police departments and schools.

The staff will return to clinics in Carrizozo and Corona on alternating months, she said.

"We were coming on a less frequent basis than in the past because demand dwindled, but we will be coming every other month now," she told Commission Chairman Rex Wilson when he asked if the state was using the space provided for it by the county at the Carrizozo clinic.

Previously, parents of school children often ended up driving the students to Ruidoso to receive vaccinations because they were not available at the Carrizozo Clinic or at the school, she acknowledged.

County allows wall to 'occupy' right of way

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Reluctant to abandon a right of way, Lincoln County commissioners decided to grant a California couple a license for a 30-year-old wall to "occupy" the space.

At the regular meeting last month, they approved the alternate request by Jerry Turner for a license to use and occupy a county right of way on a portion of La Canada (Canyon Road) in front of lots 7-8, Block 6 in the Agua Fria subdivision east of Ruidoso Downs.

The commission rejected the first option of vacating the right of way, following a recommendation from the county road review committee.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said, "It certainly would be simpler for the Turners to vacate, but I think it would be bad public policy because we don't know what could happen in the future. We'd be effectively establishing a policy. I'd prefer continuing the license."

On a suggestion by County Attorney Alan Morel, the license will be issued to the Turners, their heirs or assigns, so that no one has to come back and renew it again in the future. That wouldn't prevent the county from canceling the license at any time the right of way is needed, Morel said.

An 8-foot wall on the west side of the Turner's property encroaches 27 feet, 8 inches onto the right of way. The wall was added sometime in the 1970s before they owned the land. The previous owner obtained a similar license, but without the automatic approval for successors, heirs or assigns.

Morel also explained that even if the wall was in place 100 years, an individual can't claim a prescriptive right of way against a government.

Before the vote, Chairman Rex Wilson also clarified that the board would not be abandoning a piece of real estate, if it vacated. "We never owned it," he said. "We would be) relinquishing our right to use it."

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All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the words "Bid on Pickup". Bids may be mailed to Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, PO Box 640, Capitan, NM 88316 or hand-delivered to 217 Lincoln, Capitan, NM. All bids must be received by 4:30 PM, February 14, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

The Board of Directors will review the bids and make their final determination during the regular monthly meeting in Carrizozo, NM on Wednesday, February 19, 2003.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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FLOOD PLAIN AND WETLANDS NOTICE

The Village of Capitan is considering improvements to their Waste Water Treatment System. Possible improvements may include the rerouting and the addition of a wetland cell; adding an aeration system and installation of a bar screen.

The project has been determined to be in a wetland but is not located in a 100 year (Zone A) flood plain based on the Flood Plain Insurance Map H-01: Community No. 350098 and the Flood Plain Insurance Map (FIRM) panel numbers: Special Flood Hazard Zone A 6/25/76

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and 3/28/78. In order to proceed, the Village of Capitan, is interested in discussing any practicable alternatives and mitigating measures which may reduce the overall potential adverse effects to the flood plain or wetland area.

Written comments will be received by Mayor Steve Söderwall, Village of Capitan, 114 Lincoln Avenue, PO. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, until February 24, 2003.

/s/Kathryn Griffin
Certifying Environmental Official

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CECILIA A. ANNARATONE, deceased

PB 02-44
Div. III

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

/s/Robert Huls
Personal Representative of the Estate of Cecelia A. Annaratone, Deceased 1221 Mechem, Suite 2 Ruidoso, NM 88345

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 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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 COUNTY OF LINCOLN

STATE BANKING BANK, a Texas banking corporation, successor in interest to Sierra Bank,
 Plaintiff,

No. **CV-02-088**
 Div. III

C & C ENTERPRISES, a New Mexico partnership, CRYSTAL I. TIVIS and CAROL KRATOCHVIL, individually and as partners of C & C Enterprises, FAMILY RESTAURANTS, INC., and JOHN VANDERPOL and JO VANDERPOL,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell the following described real and personal properties to the highest bidder for cash:

REAL PROPERTY:

Tract 1:
 Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 32, Town of Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, July 13, 1911.

The property is commonly known as 507 Aspen in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

and

Tract 2:
 A tract of land in the NW/4 of the NE/4, being also known as Lot 2, Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at a point on the North property line of Central Avenue (U.S. 54), formerly Tularosa Avenue in the City of Carrizozo, New Mexico, which point is an iron pipe on the Northern side of an arroyo, and from which point the N1/4 corner of said Section 2 bears North 19° 23' West a distance of 1281.79 feet; thence North 27° 10' West a distance of 270.00 feet; thence North 10° 05' West a distance of 41.02 feet to the place of beginning of the herein de-

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scribed tract of land; thence South 59° 27' 02" West to the East boundary of the Carrizozo Park Lands a distance of 32.90 feet; thence North 18° 22' 24" West along said East boundary a distance of 27.97 feet; thence North 08° 25' 24" West continuing along said East boundary a distance of 228.12 feet to the Southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 380; thence South 50° 14' 14" East along said Southerly right-of-way line a distance of 272.97 feet; thence South 59° 25' 33" West a distance of 121.01 feet; thence North 30° 48' 10" West a distance of 20.26 feet; thence South 59° 27' 02" West a distance of 29.03 feet to the said place of beginning and containing 0.545 acres, more or less;

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PERSONAL PROPERTY
 (Including but not limited to):

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Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real and personal properties to satisfy the following Judgment liens:

a) Judgment - State National Bank:

Principal and interest through 3/02/03 \$111,150.00
 Attorney fees 1,552.00
 Costs of suit 4,862.04
 SpecialMasters fees 200.00
 \$117,864.04

(b.) Judgment - Family Restaurants, Inc.:

Principal and interest through 3/02/03 \$15,780.89
 Attorney fees 300.00
 \$16,080.89

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to a Stipulated Judgment, Decree, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on January 28, 2003, in an action against the Defendants for collection of a Promissory Note, foreclosure of Mortgages and real property, and sale of personal property secured as collateral for the Note.

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above, additional costs will accrue, including costs of publication of this notice.

The Special Master may continue the sale of the real and personal properties by appearing at the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building on March 6, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., and announcing the postponement of sale to another specific date.

/s/Sarah Prothro,
 Special Master

Attorney for Plaintiff:
 Lee Griffin
LEGAL SERVICES INC., P.C.
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#3882 '02 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	Below Wholesale	\$16,747	#3973 '02 FORD FOCUS	Below Wholesale	\$8,558
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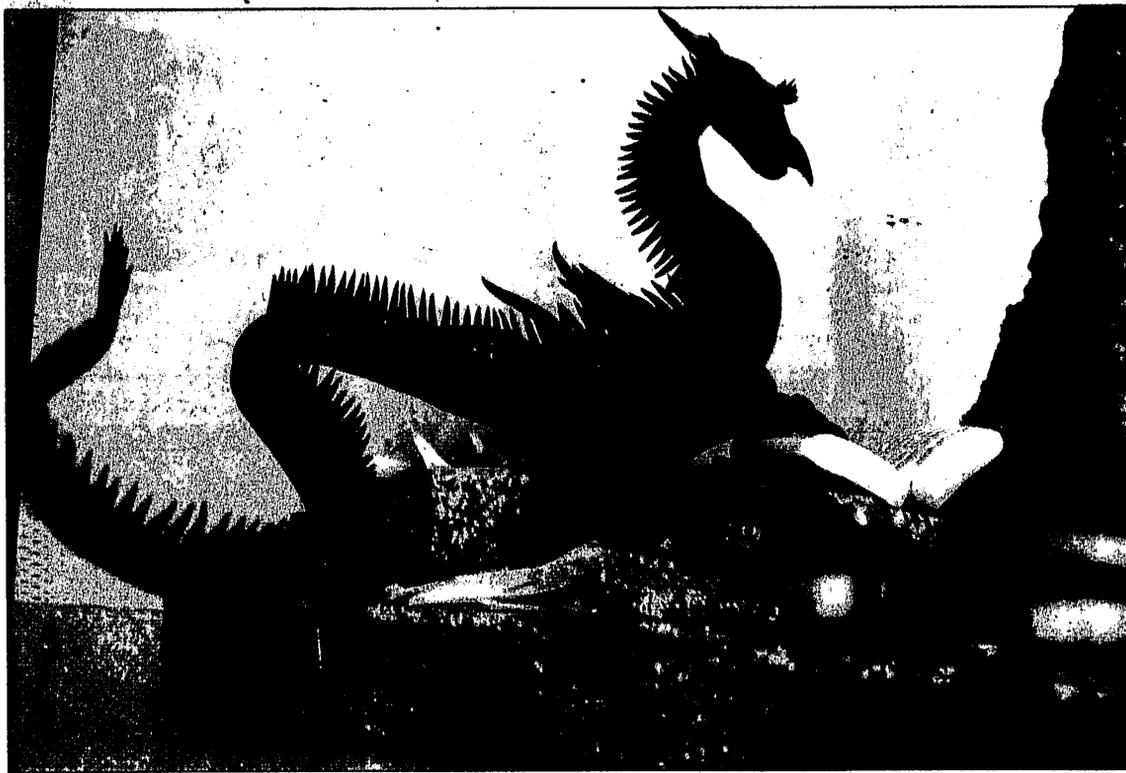
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PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Fantasy sculptor Adrian Maldonado donated this readerly dragon to the Ruidoso Public Library this week to encourage literacy and to inspire children to read. This sculpture came about due to his love of reading and can be viewed in the Children's Department of the library.

The Dragon Master

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The tiny, hand-made teeth of Adrian Maldonado's dragons would make a dentist turn green with envy.

Maldonado rolls them out and shapes them of translucent polymer clay, baking each, and then sets them in place in the sculpture with an eyebrow tweezer, one of the few non-dental tools he uses to create his fantasy creatures.

"I use an orthodontist's tool with a hook at the end," he said. "I have a slew of tools, but time and time again I use dental tools, other than the cutting blade."

He also uses a Dremel hand tool with interchangeable heads to drill, sand, cut, engrave, carve, buff, give texture and for precision in setting the wing armatures on a sculpture.

He uses the grip handle of a cuticle file to texturize the dragon's skin.

Maldonado demonstrates how he shapes a face for a human figure: One button of clay is placed on a glass ball and then he begins shaping the features, adding additional dabs of clay for the cheeks, nose and more detailed features.

The one he's working on now will be a seer holding a crystal ball in one hand and admonishing a dragon, crouching like a pet dog begging for the ball. Both figures will be baked onto one base.

Maldonado prides himself on using very little in the way of armatures, and bakes the appendages separately before attaching them to the sculptures. "I can't assemble an elbow to an arm when it's wet, so I have to bake the forearm and make it solid to attach," he

said. "It's easier to smooch one piece and retexturize it rather than two."

He rolls a toothpick in glue and mounts the arm on that to bake it. Without the toothpick, it would bend when it comes out of the oven.

"I want my work to be mostly clay. I think 70 or 80 percent clay and 10 or 15 percent armature is better."

Each sculpture goes through at least five bakes to avoid smudging details or fingerprints.

"In my quest for perfection, I bake the four limbs of a dragon and the body so it'll be nice and hard and I can start attaching the neck and tail," he said.

Fingernails are also created and baked individually before placing them on the fingers.

Maldonado considers himself an amateur with innate talent. He's never taken a lesson and started sculpting the figures out of polymer clay about four years ago — "wanting something easy to work with," he said.

"I had walked into Happy Trails and saw Michelle Piña's polymer resin sculpture and I wanted one, but couldn't afford it. I looked at it and determined that if I had the right modeling material, I could make my own."

When Wal-Mart prepared to move from the old store into the new one, his wife came home one day and told him there was some Fimo polymer clay on sale. He tried it and loved it; he also tried other products but found that the colors transfer from one to the other too easily, while Fimo keeps its own colors distinct. The fact that Fimo doesn't need to cure for days

See DRAGON, page 2C



Ruidoso Downs fantasy sculptor Adrian Maldonado works on a seer holding a crystal ball with a dragon sitting on its haunches like a dog, with clasped hands. Above right, this is the first gorilla Maldonado has made. At right, this dragon belongs to Dr. J.R. Davis of Roswell.



Looking for the Bambino's piano? Go jump in a lake

While you're enjoying your comfortable, low-risk lifestyle, with your childproof aspirin bottles and your reduced-fat Cheez-Its, some brave divers are preparing to plunge into the dark, frigid waters of New England in a quest for a legendary object — an object that, if found, could have a profound effect upon all humanity.

Or at least Red Sox fans.

That's right. These brave divers are looking for what could be the single most important submerged legendary artifact (freshwater division) in all of baseball: Babe Ruth's piano.

I am not making this up. You may have seen it in the news: There is a serious effort afoot to retrieve an alleged piano that Babe Ruth allegedly caused to sink to the bottom of an alleged pond in Sudbury, a small alleged village in Massachusetts. I apologize for the cautious wording, but the details of this incident are hazy, as is so often the case with assaults on pianos.

I know about these things. I

once owned an upright piano that found itself in the wrong place at the wrong time — specifically, at a party in my home during which a group of people decided to sing an extreme version of The Dixie Cups' hit song "Chapel of Love." The next morning, my living-room floor was covered with what turned out to be important piano parts. To this day, none of the people involved can remember how this happened.

The Babe Ruth piano story is equally murky. What I have been able to determine, by painstakingly reading stories written by real journalists, is this:

In 1918, Ruth rented a cottage, with a piano, next to Willis Pond, which, like many ponds of that era, was filled with water. One version of the local legend is that Ruth, "possibly lubricated with alcohol," as the New York Times (a newspaper) put it, threw the piano into the pond to display his strength. This version is unlikely: Even a very strong,

very lubricated man would be unable to throw a piano into a pond. An accordion, yes. In fact, more people SHOULD throw accordions into ponds. But pianos are in a different league.

The more realistic version is that when the pond was frozen, Ruth threw a party, and at some point he and the other party-goers dragged the piano out onto the ice — why not? — for a songfest. (It is not known what they sang, though we can rule out "Chapel of Love," as The Dixie Cups had not yet been invented.) When the party ended, they couldn't push the piano back up the bank, so they left it, and when the ice melted, the piano sank, Leonardo-DiCaprio-like, into the dark water of Willis Pond.

Or so the legend goes; nobody is really sure. But a while back, a Sudbury resident named Kevin Kennedy had an idea: What if the piano really WAS in the pond? What if it was found, brought back up and restored? Maybe that would end the "Curse of the

Bambino" — the legendary hex that has prevented the Red Sox from winning the World Series since the team's moron owner sold Ruth to the Yankees in 1919!

At first, this idea sounds ridiculous. But if you really think about it, you begin to realize that it makes no sense whatsoever. Nevertheless, the piano recovery is now a serious effort, sponsored by a fine (and serious) organization called Restoration Project, which helps mentally ill adults. (For more about the organization, and the piano effort, check the Internet at restorationproject.org.)

I spoke with Chris Hugo, a marine biologist and diver involved in the piano search. I asked him whether it was scary, plunging into the murky depths of Willis Pond, knowing that a piano could be lurking anywhere. He told me that, aside from snapping turtles, the worst thing is that the pond depths are quite shallow, so divers run the risk of leaping dramatically into the

water, in full diving gear, only to stand up, with the water coming to maybe their waists.

Hugo also told me that serious underwater experts, using sophisticated equipment, have scanned the pond for the piano, and found some possible locations. He said divers would be going back down soon, while the water is cold and the turtles are sleeping. I asked him, frankly, what he thought the chances were of finding the piano. He told me, frankly, that he doesn't think there IS a piano down there. But he's going to look for it anyway. Because that's the kind of project this is.

I know I speak for all Americans, except Yankees fans, when I say to these brave divers: Good luck. And Godspeed. And, above all, if you find any accordions, just leave them, OK?

Dave Barry is a columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.



Dave Barry
DAVE'S WORLD
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- The melodious "Serenata Notturna" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart;
- "Piano Concerto in D Major" by Franz Joseph Haydn;
- Three wistful pieces: "Love's Sorrow," "Love's Joy" and "Beautiful Rosemary" by

Fritz Kreisler, "Serenade for Strings Op. 48 in C Major" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Following the encore, all patrons are invited to enjoy a complimentary Valentine's reception in the crystal lobby. The 10 p.m. party will be rich in sparkling champagne and Spencer chocolate bombons. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty of the Moscow Chamber Orchestra, one of the most respected chamber orchestras in the world, inside the most intimate chamber in town.



COURTESY SPENCER THEATER
The Moscow Chamber Orchestra will perform as part of a Valentine's celebration Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Spencer Theater.

Flea market Saturday to help Ruidoso students get to NYC

Several booths remain in a fundraiser for honors students.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Clean out those closets and garages and get rid of "good junk" while helping Ruidoso students pay for their end-of-year trip to New York and Washington, D.C.

For what may be the garage sale of all garage sales, 22 gifted Ruidoso middle school and high school students will have a giant flea market in the gym of Ruidoso Middle School from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The 45 booth spaces, 10 feet

by 10 feet, are cheap at \$15, and vendors keep the proceeds from their sales, while helping defray the \$1,700 cost for each student's airfare, hotel and meals for the May 26-30 trip. Admission to the flea market is \$1. To rent a space, call Karen Vargas at 257-1486.

On Memorial Day, the students will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Over the following days, they'll visit the Smithsonian Institute, see George Washington's Mt. Vernon home and visit Arlington National Cemetery and the Pentagon City Mall. They'll make a picture stop at the White House and visit the Museum of American History

and the Air & Space Museum.

They'll visit "Ground Zero" in New York City, ferry across to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and take in "The Lion King" on Broadway. Other stops in New York include the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Rockefeller Center, and they'll fly back home May 30.

Besides this Great Garage Sale and Indoor Flea Market, students are raising money for the trip by running the concession stand during the Ruidoso Middle School boys' basketball games and selling bottled water and hot chocolate at school, and they helped decorate the Ruidoso Convention Center for Oktoberfest.

DRAGON: Fantasy plays role in work

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and can be "whipped up and baked for 20 to 30 minutes" also appealed to him.

Each of Maldonado's pieces is unique, something collectors find appealing: each crest on a dragon is individually rolled by hand and then stuck on the body. All of the colors come from different colored clay baked and adhered onto the figurines.

"Much of my work is eye-balled, and comes from the hip," he said. "I got the notion for the woman with the crystal ball as I was sculpting her ... I'm a day-dreamer, given over to fantasy: dragons and knights, magic, storybook characters."

The exquisite mottled and marbled colors of his creatures come from rolling different colors of polymer clay, and he blends them together to come up with new colors.

Although he finds dragons and animals more forgiving, he did his first human caricature for a client this past Christmas from a photograph of her friend, and recently created his first gorilla.

"I'm somewhat of an impatient artist. When I see it in my mind, I want to see it now, get it



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

"Discovery," above, is a gremlin sculpted of polymer clay by Adrian Maldonado.

created so I can look at it."

To see some of the other fantasy figures he's created, visit his Web site, www.arasrealm.com — named after his middle daughter, Ara, who was around when he began getting good at his craft.

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by Dr. Jack V. Waters
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Local orchestra plays this month

Musica New Mexico, the newly formed Lincoln County orchestra with conductor Ugo DiDio, will present a concert featuring New Mexico Symphony Orchestra clarinetist Lori Lovato on Sunday, Feb. 23, at Cree Meadows Country Club, 301 Country Club Drive, in Ruidoso.

A luncheon buffet at 1 p.m. will precede the concert. Tickets are \$20 for the combined buffet/concert and may be purchased at Candle Power, 2605 Sudderth Drive and Print Write Now!, 2957 Sudderth Drive, or from any orchestra member. To use credit cards or make reservations, visit or call Candle Power.

DiDio has more than 50 years of musical

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Musica New Mexico is a non-profit organization established to create a group setting for area musicians to perform and express their artistic talents, to encourage music appreciation by bringing a wide variety of quality concerts to the Lincoln County area, and to encourage the study of music by our youth.

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Prayer important nowadays

With the reminder of 9-11 fresh in our minds, the space shuttle disaster docking on the forefront of our thoughts and the specter of war looming before us, we are bound to be somewhat on the negative side of life.

For some reason or the other, I would like to pull the covers over my head and sleep like Rip Van Winkle until it is all over. But that is just not possible. We must learn from 9-11 and the Columbia tragedy and we must work to guard that they do not happen again. That is the American way.

The war that looms before us is in the future. It may or may not take place...our worries and fears may be in vain. However, we have hundreds of thousands of service

personnel who are prepared to go to war. The President has the responsibility to prepare for our defense, at home and abroad, and to make sure of the preparedness of our military in the case that war is inevitable. The Bible plainly states that there will be "wars and rumors of wars" until the end. As long as man's heart is unchanged, there

will be aggression and acquisition as the strong overpower the weak.

What can you and I do about the situation? You can pray, if you serve God, and you can wish if you do not bow the knee to Him. I am extending a challenge to you today. Pray (or wish) for our president. He charts a course for the nation through the minefields of international

politics, intrigues, and aggression. He prays and asks for God's guidance and we need to join him. He realizes that the lives of young American servicemen and women are on the line with a decision to go to war.

I extend another challenge to you: In your places of worship, let us gather the names of the military personnel who are from Lincoln County and pray, corporately and individually, for them. And let us gather the names and pray for children and grandchildren who are serving in our armed forces, whether they are from Lincoln County, New Mexico, or one of the other states.

If you are not involved in a local church, you may call First Baptist Church in Ruidoso and request your service person's name be put on the list for prayer. With Jesus, we have help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clary-fications
By CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Parents must shape the will of children

QUESTION: I want to control and lead my strong-willed child properly, but I'm afraid I'll break his spirit and damage him in some way. How can I deal with his misbehavior without hurting his self-concept?

DR. DOBSON: I sense that you do not have a clear understanding of the difference between breaking the spirit and shaping the will of a child. The human spirit, as I have defined it, relates to the self-esteem or the personal worth that a child feels. As such, it is exceedingly fragile at all ages and must be handled with care. You as a parent correctly assume that you can damage your child's spirit quite easily — by ridicule, disrespect, threats to withdraw love and by verbal rejection. Anything that depreciates his self-worth can be costly to his spirit.

However, while the spirit is brittle and must be treated gently, the will is made of steel. It is one of the few intellectual components that arrive full strength at the moment of birth.

In a past issue of Psychology Today, this heading described the research findings from a study of infancy: "A baby knows who he is before he has language to tell us so. He reaches deliberately for control of his environment, especially his parents." This scientific disclosure would be no surprise to the parents of a strong-willed infant. They have walked the floor with him in the wee small hours, listening to this tiny dictator as he made his wants and wishes abundantly clear.

Later, a defiant toddler can become so angry that he is capable of holding his breath until he loses consciousness. I heard about one headstrong 3-

year-old who refused to obey a direct command from her mother, saying, "You're just my mommie, you know!"

Another mere mommie wrote me that she found herself in a similar confrontation with her 3-year-old son over something that she wanted him to eat. He was so enraged by her insistence that he refused to eat or drink anything for two full days. He became weak and

lethargic, but steadfastly held his ground. The mother was worried and guilt-ridden, as might be expected. Finally, in desperation, the father looked the child in the eyes sternly and convinced him that he would face the consequences if he didn't eat his dinner. With that, the contest was over. The toddler surrendered. He began to consume everything he could get his hands on, and virtually emptied the refrigerator.

Returning to your question, your objective as a parent is to shape the steely will of your child while leaving his fragile spirit intact.

QUESTION: You have told us what kinds of homes produce children with the greatest intellectual potential. Are there other studies that would tell us how to raise kids with the healthiest attitudes toward themselves and others?

DR. DOBSON: A study designed to answer that precise question was conducted some years ago by Dr. Stanley Coopersmith, associate professor of psychology, University of California. He evaluated 1,738 normal middle-class boys and their families, beginning in the preadolescent period and following them through to young manhood. After identifying those boys having the highest self-esteem, he compared their

homes and childhood influences with those having a lower sense of self-worth. He found three important characteristics that distinguished them:

(1) The high-esteem children were clearly more loved and appreciated at home than were the low-esteem boys.

(2) The high-esteem group came from homes where parents had been significantly more strict in their approach to discipline. By contrast, the parents of the low-esteem group had created insecurity and dependence by their permissiveness. Their children were more likely to feel that the rules were not enforced because no one cared enough to get involved.

Furthermore, the most successful and independent young men during the latter period of the study were found to have come from homes that demanded the strictest accountability and responsibility. And as could have been predicted, the family ties remained the strongest, not in the wishy-washy homes, but in the homes where discipline and self-control had been a way of life.

(3) The homes of the high-esteem group were also characterized by democracy and openness. Once the boundaries for behavior were established, there was freedom for individual personalities to grow and develop. The boys could express themselves without fear of ridicule, and the overall atmosphere was marked by acceptance and emotional safety.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide," published by Tyndale House.

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World's end 'like a thief in the night'

QUESTION: Do you think we are nearing the end of the world? I just don't see how the world can get much worse. Doesn't the Bible say something about evil getting stronger as the end approaches? — M.R.

ANSWER: Yes, the Bible does indicate that evil will increase as the end approaches. Jesus warned that "Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world" (Luke 21: 26).

After all, Satan knows that he will be banished forever. But, in the meantime, he still is at work — and as the end

approaches, he will redouble his efforts to block God's work.

Just as he did everything he could to stop Jesus' ministry 2,000 years ago, so he will spare no effort to try to destroy God's work as the second coming of Christ draws near.

Are we in those last days? Jesus listed a number of signs or events that must take place before His coming — and many of them have already been fulfilled. He also warned us, however, not to try predicting the exact time of His coming. The Bible says, "For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1

Thessalonians 5: 2).

No one knows when God will intervene and bring an end to the world as we know it. It could happen at any moment — or thousands of years from now. But the real question is this: Are you ready for that day? Do you know that if Christ were to come — or if you were to be taken by death — you would live with Him forever? Make certain of your salvation by giving your life to Christ today.

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Jim Levy: The equal opportunity gunman

If one were to go strictly by the movies, one would think that every man who participated in gunfights and other violent western sports in the American West were exclusively Anglos, which is to say WASPs, which is patently ridiculous.

Looking at the Lincoln County War as an example, it becomes obvious that the Hispanics in Lincoln County were not all as passive as Hollywood would have us believe. While the Hispanic people of Lincoln County have an impeccable record as lovers of peace, the fact is that many of the Regulators during the Lincoln County War were Hispanic. One good example is Jose Chavez y Chavez, who was anything but quiet and peace loving. But it isn't the Lincoln County War or Jose we are going to talk about today. Rather, it is the only (at least to my knowledge) Jewish gunfighter in the history of the West: Jim Levy.

Beginnings

James H. Levy was born in Ireland in 1842. Little is known of his early years other than the fact that his parents brought him to this country as a youth. Prejudice against Jewish people had been around for centuries, but the Levy family had the bad luck to arrive in the United States at a time when there was an enormous amount of anti-Irish feeling, giving them a sort of double jeopardy. We can only imagine the hardships with which they had to contend.

The year 1871 found the 29-year-old Levy working as a miner at Pioche, Nev. And it was there, on May 30th, that the turning point in Jim's life occurred. It was on that day that Jim watched an argument escalate into a gun battle. One of the men involved in the dispute was Tom Gossan, a casual friend of Levy's. Gossan came out second best in the gunfight and, before he died, made an impromptu last will and testament. In his will, Gossan stated that whoever avenged his death would be the recipient of the \$5,000 that comprised his entire estate. And that got Jim Levy's attention.

The cause of the argument which ended with Gossan dying (as a result of being perforated by a man named Mike Casey), has long since been lost to history. No matter. At the hearing, when Casey attempt-

ed to explain that it had been self-defense, he suddenly found himself being loudly denounced by Our Hero, Jim Levy, who stated repeatedly, vociferously, and publicly, that Casey was a liar. He claimed that Gossan had been given no chance and that Casey had fired first, without the slightest provocation.

A face to match his personality

Well, in the Old West, if you went around publicly calling someone a liar, it was a good bet that there was going to be some possibly terminal unpleasantness in your immediate future, and this case was no exception.

Casey found Levy in a local store and challenged him to a duel. Levy agreed, with the understandable provision that he be permitted to go and arm himself first. Casey found this proviso acceptable and the two men agreed to meet in the alley behind the store.

It was a few short minutes later when Levy strode into the alley to find Casey and the man he called his "second," Dave Neagle, waiting. Jim wasted no time. First he called out to Casey and a moment later, opened fire. His first shot grazed Casey's skull, doing little more than enrage the already angry Casey. Apparently wanting to get closer for his shot, Casey charged Levy like some sort of demented bull. As he did so, Levy fired again. This time, the bullet lodged in Casey's neck, wounding him severely. Casey continued to lunge forward, although now it was more gravity carrying him forward than anything else.

As the dazed Casey reached his antagonist, Levy took a step back and laid the barrel of his revolver squarely "up side" of Casey's head. Still, the fight wasn't quite over. Suddenly another shot rang out, and the ball crashed through both of Levy's cheeks, fracturing his jaw and passing, along with several of his teeth, out the other side of his mouth. The bullet had been fired by Casey's "second," Dave Neagle, who,

seeing that Levy didn't go down, elected to find greener pastures elsewhere — at the approximate speed of sound. (Note: Neagle would find his own niche in history for his behavior as a lawman and bodyguard in Tombstone and later, in California — but those are other stories.)

Mike Casey lingered for several days before succumbing to his wounds. Levy was tried for murder and acquitted — with Gossan's \$5,000 now lining his pockets. Perhaps it was his disfigured face, or perhaps it was the ease with which he acquired his new-found wealth. Whatever the reason, Jim Levy's days as a hard-working miner were over and his days as a thug for hire were about to begin. He became an enforcer for the firm of Raymond and Eli Mining Co., with his job description beginning with intimidation and ending with murder.

In January of 1873, in the company of other enforcers for the same firm, Levy squared off against hired guns from another mining company. When the gunsmoke cleared, one of the opposition lay dead, and the "credit" for this killing went to Jim Levy.

The Gambler

By 1876, Jim was in Leadville, where he actually managed to stay out of trouble, at least until the following year, when he involved himself in the altercation for which history remembers him.

It wasn't exactly a new scenario. Levy and another card player, named Charlie Harrison, became embroiled in a loud discussion concerning the honesty — or lack thereof — possessed by both men. The argument came to a head when Harrison made a loud announcement that he despised Irishmen — especially Jewish Irishmen.

That, as you can imagine, did it. As Levy began going for his gun, Harrison pointed out that he (Harrison) was unarmed, but if Levy didn't mind waiting, he would, be happy to go and arm himself, and return in two shakes of a lamb's tail. (OK, that wasn't the exact terminology, but this is a family newspaper).

Levy didn't mind waiting at all, and Harrison rushed off to arm himself. Now, this turn of events was extremely convenient for the other, more entrepreneurial men in the saloon, as it gave them time to place bets on the outcome of the gunfight. How convenient.

Little was known of Levy's abilities with a gun locally, but all present were aware that Charlie Harrison was a pretty fair hand. Most of the money was on Harrison.

The Shootout

What happened next was one of those rare occasions where reality actually was close to the way Hollywood would later portray gunfights in the Old West. When Harrison stepped out of the Senate Saloon, where he had gone to procure a weapon, he spied Levy standing on a corner about 30 feet away. Jerking his pistol, Harrison opened fire immediately, and it was then that Jim Levy proved that he was a true "Shootist."

If you go by the movies, you will think that the most important things about being in a gunfight in the Old West — or any other time and place — were to be fast, and to be accurate. Now, both of these things are good, but are also relatively meaningless if you come up against a man with the single most important quality to possess in a gunfight: deliberation. Being fast was great. Being accurate was great. But if you came up against a man who was deliberate, chances were, he would kill you. And this situation was no exception.

In sharp contrast to Harrison, Levy slowly and carefully pulled his pistol, aiming at the cloud of smoke that now totally concealed his opponent. Levy fired once, and the

muzzle flashes from inside the cloud of gunsmoke suddenly ceased. When the smoke cleared, Harrison was revealed to be stretched out on his back on the sidewalk. He was, however, still breathing, a fact that did not sit well with Our Hero. Not wishing to leave a job half done, Levy rushed forward and put yet another bullet into Harrison. Despite the second wound, the resilient Harrison still held on for two weeks before expiring. At the time of the gunfight, however, even with the two bullets Levy had put into him, Harrison still lived, and while Levy was irritated by that fact, he also realized that, well, first things first. The gunfight had left him quite famished, and he felt he needed to keep up his strength. Casually, he strolled around the corner for a bite to eat. He was in the middle of his meal when City Marshal Bat Carr walked in and arrested him.

Jim was tried for the killing of Harrison and promptly acquitted on the grounds of self-defense.

Travels with Jim

For the next several years, Levy drifted around the West. Legend claims that he was involved in some 16 shootouts from Leadville to Tombstone, but documentation is lacking.

His final activities, however, are quite well documented. In May of 1882, Levy was in Tucson, Arizona Territory, and it was there, in Eli Gifford's Saloon, that he became embroiled in an argument with a gambler named John Murphy. Violence was avoided when well-meaning friends stepped in, but not for long.

On June 5, 1882, a somewhat drunk Levy entered Gifford's and seated himself across the faro table from

Murphy. In no time at all, Levy was calling Murphy a cheat and Murphy was, quite naturally, responding by calling Levy a liar. This went on for some time before both men decided that the time for talking was over.

Levy was not armed at the time, and the same well-meaning friends who had wanted to keep him out of trouble earlier refused to lend him one. As it worked out, it would have been better for Levy if they had lent him a pistol. Deciding to take his friends' advice, Jim decided to head back to his hotel. He was completely unaware that Murphy, in the company of two friends, was already out on the streets looking for him.

As Jim Levy started to enter the Palace Hotel a barrage of shots rang out and the still-unarmed gunman slumped to the floor. It was later discovered that, of the five bullets that hit him, four would have been fatal.

Murphy and his friend were arrested, but a short time later, overpowered a guard and vanished from both Tucson and the pages of history.

Jim Levy may well have been the only gunman of Jewish descent that the Old West ever produced. Of course I could be wrong about that, as I haven't exactly made the search for Old West gunmen by their ethnicity my mission in life. Whatever, Jim Levy was definitely one of the few gunmen of any ethnicity who actually participated in a shootout that Hollywood would have loved.

Sources: Jim Levy: A Not So Nice Jewish Boy by Edmond Sheldon and The Files of The Tombstone Epitaph.



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The interest expressed in my Spanish *dichos* (proverbs) column encouraged me to now tell about Spanish *adivanzas* (riddles). My parents, grandparents, *tios* and *tias* (uncles and aunts) used this form of the Spanish language as an entertainment tool. *Adivanzas* were told at family gatherings.

Caribbean Islands, and South America speak the Spanish language. Like me, many of my fellow Hispanic people know Spanish proverbs and riddles from our Spanish New Mexican roots. My maternal (Gurule) roots are northern New Mexico. My paternal (Sanchez) roots are central and southern New Mexico. The Spanish language that Hispanics speak in Lincoln

County is very New Mexican and reflects the centuries our ancestors have been in New Mexico. Way before Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War.

Spanish colonial times embroidery was a major handicraft. *La Sociedad Folklorica* originated in 1935 in Santa Fe by individuals concerned and perturbed that ancestral customs and traditions were no longer being observed.

escurre mucha manteca. (An old woman long and withered dripping much lard.) Answer: *La vela* (The candle.)

THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Shanghai Knights
Action/Adventure and Comedy, 1 hr. 47 min.
Rated PG-13 for action violence and sexual content.
After taming the wild west in the comedy "Shanghai Noon," Chon Wang (Jackie Chan) and Roy O'Bannon (Owen Wilson) are back in the saddle, but off the range - this time, they're out to settle a score in civilized London in the sequel, "Shanghai Knights." When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes to England, Chon and Roy make their way to London with revenge on their minds. Chon's sister, Lin, has the same idea, and uncovers a worldwide conspiracy to murder the royal family - but almost no one will believe her. With the help of a Scotland Yard Inspector and a 10-year-old street urchin, Chon gives Victorian Britain a kick in the pants as he attempts to avenge his father's death - and keep the romance-battered Roy away from his sister.

Directed by: David Dobkin
Produced by: Roger Birnbaum, Gary Barber, Jonathan Glickman
Written by: Alfred Gough, Miles Miler
Showtimes: 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
Comedy and Romance, 1 hr. 50 min.
Rated PG-13 for some sex-related material.
A regular ladies' man (McConaughey) bet his friends (Goldberg, Lennson) that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. Unluckily for him, however, the girl (Hudson) that he picks just happens to try to get rid of him almost immediately.

Directed by: Donald Petrie
Produced by: Lynda Obst, Robert Evans, Christine Peters
Written by: Kristen Buckley, Brian Regan, Burr Steers, Michele Alexander
Showtimes: 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

unexpectedly coincide and intertwine to create many surprises and revelations about Death and its plans on Earth.
Starring: Ali Larter, A.J. Cook, Andrew Downing, Michael Landes, T.C. Carson
Directed by: David R. Ellis
Produced by: Jeffrey Reddick, Warren Zide, Craig Perry
Written by: Eric Bress, J. Mackye Gruber
Showtimes: 4:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
*Friday and Saturday only

My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Romance and Comedy, 1 hr. 35 min.
Rated PG for sensuality and language.
Everyone in the Portokalos family worships about Toula. Still unmarried at 30-years-old, she works at Dancing Zorba's, the Greek restaurant owned by her parents. Toula is ready for a change. Unfortunately, the rest of her family is not. After taking a job at her aunt's travel agency, she falls in love with Ian Miller, a high school teacher who is tall, handsome and definitely not Greek.



Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson in Paramount's How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days.

I learned more about the background of Spanish riddles from, *Spanish Riddles & Colcha Designs (Adivanzas de Colcha)*. This is a *La Sociedad Folklorica* book compiled by Reynalda Ortiz y Pino Dinkel and Dora Martinez de Martinez and other members. The riddles in the book all have the flavor of the life of the people of New Mexico.

The riddles represent a wide variety of types from the poetic to those with hidden or double meanings. The patterns in the book are representative of the early *colcha* embroidery designs. In

NEW MEXICO
has provided striking scenery and a pleasant climate for many major films. Some of them are: The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez, Bite the Bullet, Bortez Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Casey's Shadow, The Cheyenne Social Club, Chisum, City Slickers, The Cowboys, Four Faces West, Gas Hood Lodging, Hang 'Em High, The Left-Handed Gun, Lonely are the Brave, Lonesome Dove, The Man from Laramie, The Man Who Fell to Earth, Milagro Beanfield War, My Name Is Nobody, Outrageous Fortune, Pow-Wow Highway, Silverado, Twins, White Sands, Wyatt Earp, Young Guns, and Young Guns II.

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[Grid and word list]

Tribune Sunday Crossword Puzzle (Fri. only)
By James E. Buehl, Edgewater, Florida
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DOWN: 1. "I'm not" ...
[Grid and word list]

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There is no LAST TANGO IN RUIDOSO

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ballroom dancing has found a home in Ruidoso at Dance/Gallery, where people can learn or advance their skills at tango, cumbia, salsa, bolero, swing, Country and Western, waltz, two-step and rumba, in group or private lessons.

Once a month, the first Saturday of every month — that's this weekend — is guest party night at Dance/Gallery, 1703 Sudderth Drive in Plaza Center, and anyone can come and try it out from 7 to 10 p.m. for \$7 per person — and bring friends.

"You don't have to endure a lesson for the guest party," said dance instructor Carol Ann Clark, one of four partners in the business. "Some people are intimidated by lessons and some already know how to dance."

Monday nights are reserved for Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso classes, and students can register by calling ENMU at 257-2120 or (800) 934-3668. Wednesday nights feature group lessons for an hour and

then a mini-party where people can dance to a variety of music and practice what they've learned, said Paul Andrew, another teacher and partner.

"We vary the dances we present in group lessons. We present the whole gamut of dancing, both the smooth and Latin, the jive — give a big variety of dancing basically to get people interested in it."

Thursday nights are C&W nights, and after the group lesson, everyone goes to dance to live music some place in town.

An ongoing West Coast Swing class is on Tuesday evenings, following the ballroom dancing syllabus used for social dancing or competitions, Andrew said. The rest of the week is for private lessons.

Dance/Gallery has a main ballroom, an overflow ball room and refreshment room and a dressing room. The walls are covered with fine art prints — of tango dancers with a dance theme as well as original art — hence the name, Dance/Gallery.

Carol Ann Clark is the pro — she's been teaching ballroom dancing for 25 years and is a gold-level dancer — the highest level pos-

sible. She had her own studio in Houston, Texas, and, after moving to Cloudcroft, she began teaching again, there as well as the classes ENMU has offered through Community Education.

Andrea Reid said she took an introduction to social dancing from Cathi McIntosh for credit in 1997 and had such fun she started taking classes with Clark through ENMU's classes.

"I really got into it. It hooked me," she said. "She was teaching Monday and Wednesday nights ... and I took them all for three hours a night for a year."

Paul Andrew met Clark in Cloudcroft and danced with her group there for several years, becoming more and more interested as he progressed. Then he took formal instructor training.

Weldon Ganaway got talked into trying social dancing by Reid, then he took lessons from her and Clark for two years, got into the teaching program and got certified.

Dance/Gallery is open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and by appointment on weekends. For more information, call 257-1386.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF
Carol Ann Clark, instructor and one of four partners of Dance/Gallery, 1703 Sudderth Drive in Plaza Center, gives a walk-in student some practice with ballroom dancing during a Wednesday evening open group session.

Tourism keeps eye on dictatorships

There are probably three types of travelers. There is the adventurous kind, who continually seeks out more and more exotic and romantic destinations regardless of expense, difficulty or even danger, pursuing Olympic ideals — furthest, fastest, highest.



On the Go with Hank & Ellen
BY HANK AND ELLEN BARONE
TRAVEL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

There is the timid type who possibly never ventures further than the end of a travel column like this. And then there's the more cautious

(they would say sensible) sort of traveler who does all his homework — geographical, meteorological and political — before heading off to the travel agent.

We mention this because for the last two weeks we have been extolling in this column the exotic charms of faraway Myanmar (formerly known as Burma). While some readers would leap at the opportunity to visit a place where the elephant is still an accepted mode of transport and to mingle with jungle villagers, the timid would know that four-star luxury and Coca-Cola are not easy to find. And the cautious would be wondering whether, although Myanmar sounds beautiful and different, it is safe to go.

Indeed, there are many who actively oppose the idea of anyone visiting the Southeast Asian country of Myanmar. Their reasonable-sounding argument is that tourists should not support an undemocratic military government that denies basic human rights and keeps its people at subsistence level.

However, the other side of the picture has to be that tourism provides work for craftsmen — weavers and woodworkers — waiters, bar staff, taxi drivers, cleaners and guides who otherwise would be doomed to living at near starvation levels. These people all have a story to tell about the way they live, but nobody to tell it to unless the tourists turn up.

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One person we talked to told us, "Frankly, we

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At Village Hall, Madeleine Sabo's wildlife and Western lifestyle paintings and drawings in acrylics and charcoal, as well as wood burning with acrylic washes, will be displayed.

While a large group of the Boot Scootin' Senior Line Dancers dances all over the library, people can view the collage, assemblage and mixed media work of Joe Ray Tidwell. A poet and self-taught artist, Tidwell incorporates found objects and his own poetry and that of others in his very personal pieces.

Paul Wensel's scrimshaw art of wildlife, etched on legal ancient ivory, will also be on display. He creates a wide range of useful objects

and features birds of prey on many pieces. Carving, beading, quill and leather work are also included in his exhibit.

In the Children's Department downstairs, the nine works of Capitan School's submission chosen by the National PTA's "Reflections Art Program" will be displayed. "Signs of Courage" was the theme of the competition, and the school submitted 84 works in the categories of visual, photo, music and literature.

In one of the display cases downstairs, be sure to take a gander at the display of "tissue paper people" created by Tularosa Middle School students.

All the exhibits in the two village buildings will be on display for February and March.

The Art in Public Places program is sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission. For more information, contact Diane Thorgeson at 258-3704.

Calling all artists

All artists in the Southwest are invited to submit slides of three different sides of outdoor sculptures for a public art project of the Ruidoso Arts Commission.

Exhibition pieces will be selected from works appropriate for outdoor exhibit. The Ruidoso Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit 2003, sponsored by the Ruidoso Arts Commission, will open May 18 and remain on exhibit until Oct. 31.

Slides of three different sides of the work must be postmarked by March 15. For a complete prospectus, call the Ruidoso arts coordinator, Mary Lea Lane, at 378-4302.

Oils, acrylics wanted

The Rio Grande Art Association in Albuquerque is accepting slides through March 1 for a juried exhibit of oil and acrylic work (no works under glass) in the Fine Arts Building of the State Fair Grounds in Albuquerque May 2-12. Cash awards will be made and all works must be framed and for sale.

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The Ruidoso Roastery, 113

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Friday lecture

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Arts commission meet

The Ruidoso Arts Commission will have its regular monthly meeting at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13, (the second Thursday of the month) at Ruidoso Council Chambers of the Ruidoso Administration Center Building, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Senior Center dance

The Ruidoso Senior Center will have a Valentine Dance to the tunes of Leroy Bienek from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12.

A Golden Age Potluck is Wednesday, Feb. 19 at noon. Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert for luncheon and games until 4 p.m.

Governor's awards

The deadline for Governor's Arts Awards for Excellence in the Arts nominations was extended to Feb. 28.

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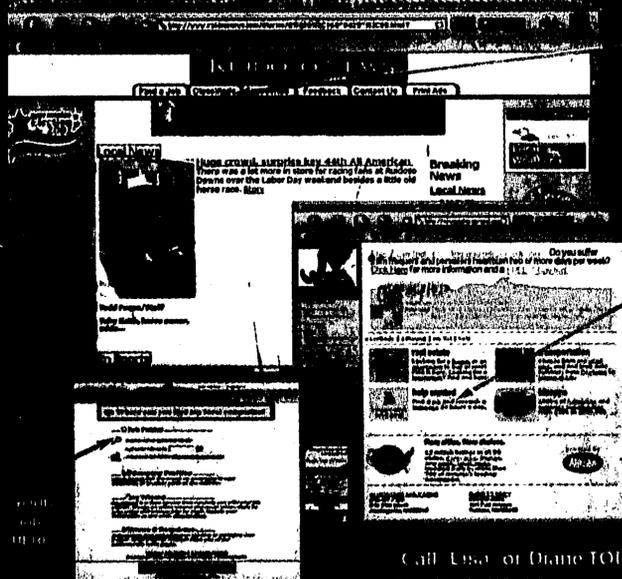
Cloudcroft dinner

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Cost is \$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible), \$350 per table for eight. For tickets, contact Patty Simpson at (505) 682-3244.

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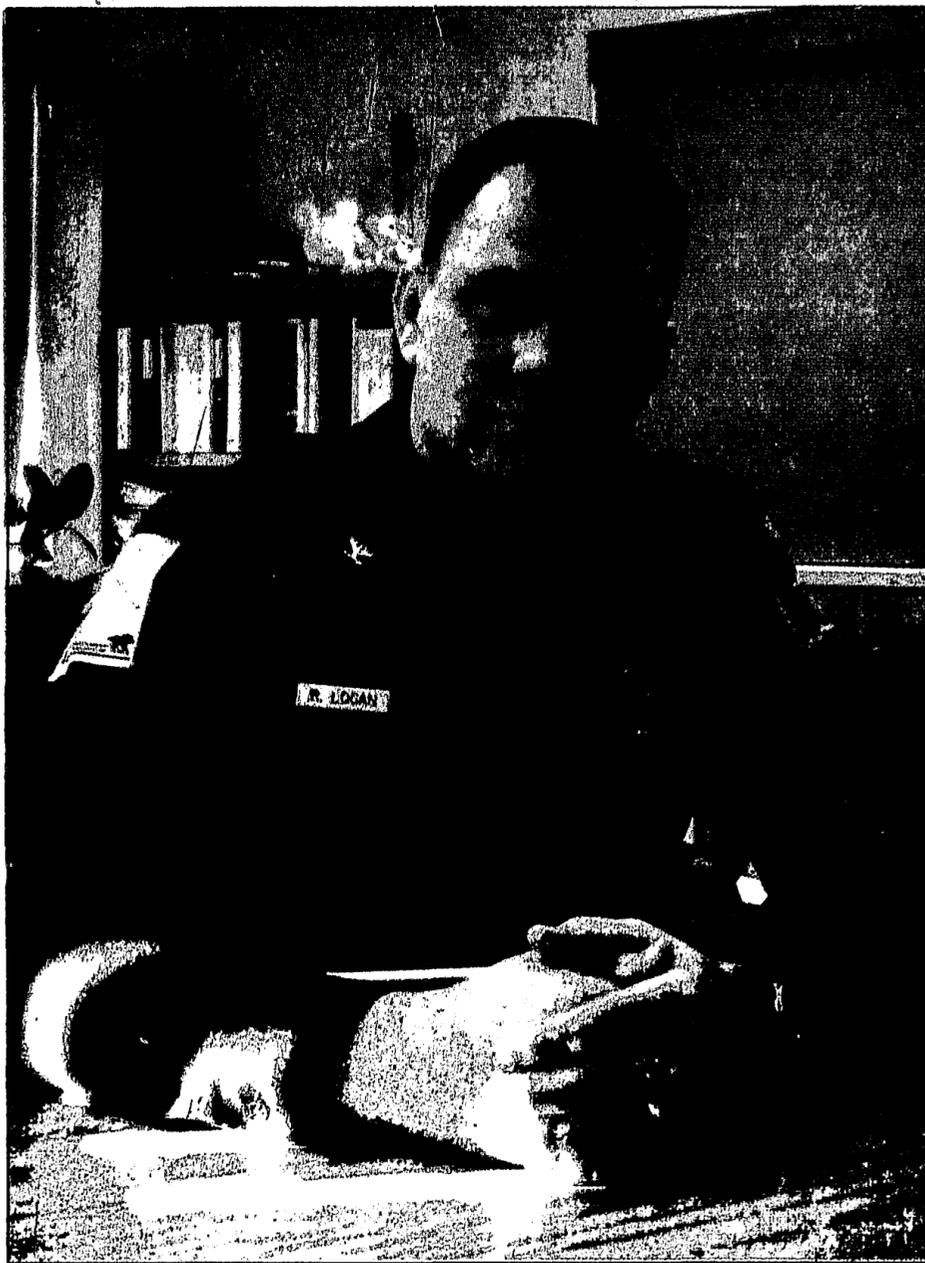
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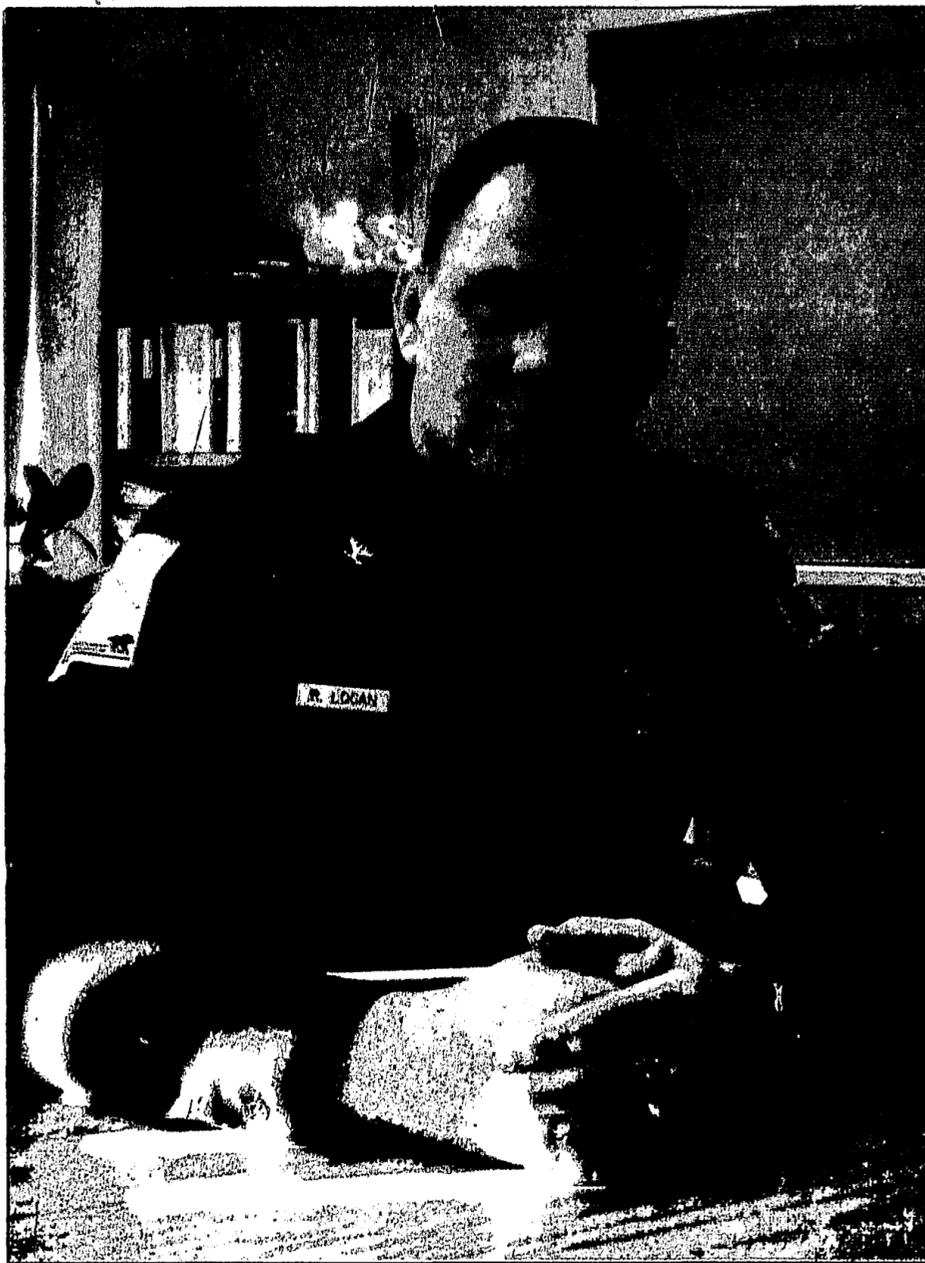
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