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Cougar, bear danger increasing

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Cougar and bear attacks appear to be on the rise in Lincoln County, particularly around Ruidoso. The problem and some potential solutions were discussed in detail during the county commissioners meeting Tuesday, Jan. 11.

New Mexico Game and Fish Conservation Officer Benjamin Byrd presented local predator harvest data and management regulations to the county commissioners who expressed deep concerns over the growing threat to livestock and people, bear and cougars present.

Commissioner Mark Doth blames the problem on local deer populations.

"I'm really concerned about the deer population, which is at epidemic proportions, particularly in Ruidoso. The deer population in town will only get worse with the drought conditions and the cougars just follow the food (deer) to town," Doth said.

Doth has complained to New Mexico Game and Fish about the problem before. "They just told me to let the natural balance of nature take care of things because the deer population will eventually thin from disease, starvation, reduced birth rates and kills, I would like to see an ordinance against feeding the deer," Doth said.

The county would be challenged to enforce such an ordinance which would not apply to Ruidoso Village limits.

Commissioner Tom Battin said, "I don't like passing an ordinance we can only selectively enforce."

Commissioner Powell is concerned about the possibility of cougar attacks against people. "I know almost no one without a photo of a mountain lion on their cell phone or at home. Not just ranchers with sheep and cattle are at risk. One woman in Alto was actually stalked by a lion, Powell said."

Several cougar and bear incidents occurred in



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School elections will have hefty ballot

Candidates attend forum

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Countywide school board campaigns are underway and the first forum featuring candidates from Ruidoso, ENMU and Capitan school districts was held Monday, Jan. 10 at Cree Meadows Country Club. The forum was sponsored by the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

The forum was moderated by Harvey Twite, who read questions for the candidates submitted anonymously by event attendees. One question pertained to whether or not teacher salaries, benefits and tenure were in line with those of administrators.

Ruidoso school board candidate Fred Romero said, "I believe that teacher salaries align

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Meet Candidate Susan Lutterman

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

(Editor's note: Each candidate for school board in each school district will be asked the same questions. The remaining candidates' answers will be published in subsequent editions of the Ruidoso Free Press.)

Q: What issue or issues inspired you to run for the school board?

A: I would like to continue to be a member of the current board to ride out the budget crunch. It is extremely important for the district to pass the GO Bond to continue to upgrade the facilities and grounds and I would like to see those projects completed as a board member. The District has great students and dedicated teachers and I have enjoyed being a part of a

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Rhonda Vincent

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Q: What issue or issues inspired you to run for the school board?

A: I am inspired to run for a second term on the school board so that I may continue the work which was invested in me four years ago. This com-

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Marc Beatty

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Q: What issue or issues inspired you to run for the school board?

A: I was fortunate enough to be appointed to the board in May of last year. At that time, I was inspired by the cause — our children and our school

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

School board nominees

A meet and greet with nominees for the Ruidoso Municipal School District and the ENMU-Ruidoso College Board is scheduled tonight from 5-7 p.m. at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca.

The meeting, hosted by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, gives the public a chance to meet the 13 candidates for both boards. A formal question and answer forum for the Ruidoso school board candidates will be hosted by the Ruidoso Education Association Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Performing Arts Center.

This year's school board elections are Feb. 1.

JUB meeting

The regular meeting of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Ruidoso Village Hall. Items on the agenda include a resolution declaring reasonable notice of public meetings for the board, a discussion on the second quarter budget report for 2010-11, and an update on construction at the plant.

Extension Association

The Carrizozo Roadrunners Chapter of the Lincoln County Extension Association will have its regular meeting Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Otero county Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Member Barbara Culler will present a program on animal abuse and its connection to domestic violence.

Chapter meetings are held the third Thursday of every month and are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

Red Feather production

The Red Feather Theatre Company presents a classic play, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, 21-22 at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center at 125 Warrior Dr. Curtain is at 7 p.m., and English tea will

be served 30 minutes prior to curtain. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Knights of Columbus event

The Knights of Columbus, Council 6597, will hold its annual free throw championship Jan. 22 in Horton Lower Gym. Boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate, and must bring a birth certificate or proof of age. Registration is 11 a.m., and the competition begins at noon.

This year's district free throw championship will be held in Ruidoso this year, date and time to be announced. For more information, contact Dave Tetreault at 257-9556 or 937-2919.

Birding trip

Saturday, Jan. 22 the Lincoln County Bird Club is sponsoring a birding field trip to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in southern Socorro County. The 12-mile loop road allows automobile drivers excellent views of wetland wildlife and raptors. There are several short walking trails and many photo opportunities.

The wetlands attract huge flocks of wintering cranes and geese that are the refuge's most interesting feature.

All interested are invited to join the outing. Plan to meet at the parking lot beside the Shell station on Ski Run Road at 7 a.m. - bring snack, water and camera.

Challenge to get fit

Kick off the new year with the 2011 fitness challenge starting Jan. 24 at the Community Youth Center Warehouse at 200 Church Dr. This marks the beginning of a seven-week fitness challenge, which encourages Lincoln County residents to get healthy with more physical activity and eating right.

You can sign up as an individual for \$10 or create a team for \$25 and can sign up for youth, adult, family or individual divisions.

Sign up at the Warehouse between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Jan. 24. For more

information, contact Aimee Bennett at 258-3252, Ext. 6720.

Humane Society cookbook

You can help your Lincoln County Humane Society by sending your favorite recipes of any category. The society is compiling a cookbook of your favorites for a fundraiser. Include your name and a story to go with the recipe, if it has one. Submit recipes to Lindabl65@gmail.com.

Mescalero tournament

An open basketball tournament to benefit the 2011 Women's Wellness Conference will be held Jan. 28-30 at the Mescalero Gymnasium. Sixteen men's and eight women's teams are needed to fill out the brackets, with no more than 10 players per roster. There is a \$200 nonrefundable entry fee, due Jan. 21.

For more information, contact Gleda Little at 464-3188 or Beckie Martinez at 937-3496.

Silent auction

Come join the fun Jan. 29 when the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers' Program (SADSP) hosts the 25th annual silent auction at the Inn of the Mountain Gods

Convention Center from 6-9 p.m. The Ruidoso Community has always supported this important fundraising event so come out and feel good about buying cool stuff. A \$1 cover charge purchases a chance at numerous door prizes awarded during the evening. A cash bar and hamburgers and hot dogs are available from IMG catering.

Donations may be made by calling the SADSP office at 464-3193 or 808-1441.

Eastern Star visit

The Ruidoso Chapter 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will host Worthy Grand Matron Debbie Davis and Worthy Grand Patron Mike Beckett Feb. 19 at the Ruidoso Family Masonic Building at 144 Nob Hill Dr. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and the meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

Sacramento Mountain Village is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the last Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 55 years or older. For more information, call 258-2120 or visit www.sacmntvillage.org.

Al Anon of Ruidoso meets at Cornerstone Center, 1216 Mechem at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Cornerstone Center, 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

Altrusa Club International meets at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road.

Daughters of the American Revolution meet at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Ruidoso Library.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 430-7258. This month, the women will host candidates for the school boards of Ruidoso, Capitan and ENMU-Ruidoso at its Jan. 24 meeting.

The Kiwanis Club of Ruidoso meets every Tuesday at noon at K-Bobs.

The Lincoln County Regulators, members of the Single Action Shooters

Society, hold matches the second Saturday of every month at the Ruidoso Gun Range located on Hale Lake Road. Registration is at 9 a.m., matches start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to participate or watch the action. During the shooting matches, all other shooting is suspended. For more information, call Avery (AKA Rowdy Lane) at 937-9297.

Optimist Club meets at noon every Wednesday at K-Bobs in Ruidoso.

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County - dedicated to the advancement of digital photography - meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Region IX offices at 237 Service Road. Annual dues are \$15 per family which includes lectures and field trips. Contact Leland Deford at 257-8662 or Herb Brunnell at 258-4003.

Rotary Club of Ruidoso meets at Cree Meadows Country Club noon every Tuesday.

Ruidoso Evening Lions Club meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook.

The Ruidoso Noon Lions meet at 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73 meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. If the first Monday is a national holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-0953.

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2010. Aug. 10, a cougar was killed on Highway 70, five miles east of Ruidoso Downs and on Aug. 15, a domestic goat was killed by a cougar within Village limits at the Copper Mountain Auto Body Shop on Highway 70. A bear was killed by police and wildlife officers in Ruidoso Downs Aug. 28, after killing a goat and threatening to attack a family member.

A cougar was seen chasing deer and then later reported stalking a woman on her morning walk in Alto on Nov. 30. A cougar was also spotted, wandering through the neighborhood on Camelot Mountain Dec. 12. After killing a goat on the property of retired magistrate judge William Butts, a cougar was tracked and later killed.

Harvest limits for bear and cougar were recently increased by New Mexico Game and Fish. Cougar harvest levels were raised from 35 total with nine females to 37 total and 11 females. According to a

New Mexico Game and Fish cougar harvest update dated Jan. 14; only 12 cougars have been harvested. Lincoln County falls within cougar zone 1 and bear zone 6 which includes game units 18, 36, 37 and 38. However, 42 of the 46 bear harvests allowed were achieved. A person must have a valid New Mexico hunting license and carcass tag to harvest cougar or bear.

"Road kills do count against the harvest numbers and should the situation present itself, a person is entitled to defend themselves with lethal force against predators," Byrd said.

Powell suggested a public education through an increased awareness campaign before a serious incident occurs involving an attack on a human. Ruidoso is surrounded by more than 1 million acres of Lincoln National Forest plus White Mountain Wilderness and Mescalero Apache Reservation, which is the natural habitat for deer, elk, cougar bear and other wildlife species.



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Courtesy photo
 Dr. Ray Seidel, Game Warden Curtis Coburn and Tommy White pose with a mountain lion that was killed Dec. 29, near Capitan. The lion had killed a goat at the Bill Butts home on the Fort Stanton Mesa.

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system. Today, I am still inspired by that cause and I am far more passionate about it. Over the past eight months, I have learned a lot about being a board member. I have learned that is it more challenging, more time consuming and more political than I would have ever anticipated. However, it has also been far more rewarding. I am determined to give this position the time and dedication necessary to be an effective board member. No issue that comes before the board is unimportant. It is the duty of each board member to deal with each matter in a way that will benefit the students, the teachers and the district.

Q: What will you be doing, specifically, to improve the quality of education in RMS?

A: The quality of education in any school district is a function of the teacher-student relationship. That relationship must be fully supported by the school board. Specifically, the board does that by fiscal responsibility; by making sure we use our funds as efficiently and as effectively as possible.

I have a degree in finance and a background to support it. However, the school district is a public entity and the community should be involved. I believe in the transparency of the system and that the community must have continual input. I think the quality of education is affected by my intent to think independently as a board member, to pursue my own path to what I believe is right, but to do so in a manner that encourages team harmony. My learning curve over the past several months has been dramatic. My goal is to continue to learn, but more important, to continue to put this knowledge to work in a way that ultimately improves the quality of education in our school district.

Q: What is your position on the GO Bond and why?

A: I support the GO Bond. The reasons are simple. If you look at how the money is to be distributed, each and every item is a necessary expenditure. Most of it is for maintenance or upgrades to the individual schools. Many of our schools are older buildings and

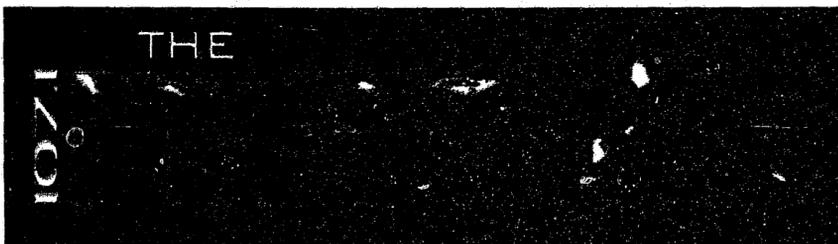
this money is necessary for typical repairs and maintenance. If we do not spend the money now to maintain what we have, we will have much greater and more costly problems in the future.

Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position on RMS school board?

A: What makes me "uniquely" qualified is my seven months of board experience. As I have said, the learning curve over the past several months has been dramatic. The stage is set for more

aggressive and more involved participation on my part. There is not a day when all of the problems will be solved. The field of education is complicated one framed by state and federal regulations. Each day brings a new set of issues. Over the past several months I have learned what it means to be a good board member and I have the energy, ability, knowledge, passion, and with two young children in the district, certainly the motivation to be an effective school board member.

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with those at the state level and I would like to keep those salaries competitive to make sure we can get quality teachers for our kids." Romero is competing with incumbent Frank Sayner (Position 4), and fellow challenger, Devin Marshall for one board seat.

Incumbent Rhonda Vincent (Position 3), who is competing with Nick Herrera for her seat said, "Governor Richardson set the tier several years ago with teachers that anyone walking in, at level one, you make \$33,000 per year. That is the law. Even with a Master's Degree, I walk in at level one and make \$33,000 per year and the tier system grades from there."

Curt Temple (Position 2) would

like to take a closer look at administrator pay. "Teacher pay grades are governed by the State while administrator contracts terms differ and are on a cycle, I believe that's something we need to take a look at," Temple said.

Twite asked each member of the panel what they would do to cut costs. Frank Sayner said, "We may have to go to the state and ask for a waiver to allow more students in class as one way."

Marc Beatty looks forward to participating in the budget process if he is elected. "There has been an 8.8 percent decrease in the budget every year for the past three years with no lay-offs and no cut in programs. Hopefully we

can continue to save money without having to do that," Beatty said.

Candidates offered suggestions such as generating revenue to stem the trend of cut-backs. "I believe we should be applying for more grants. The first thing we need to do is hire at least a part-time grant writer. There are plenty of organizations giving away money. We need to go out there and get it," Temple said.

Nick Herrera (Position 3) provided a more organic solution to budget cuts. "I don't want anyone to get laid off, but money isn't everything. This is about educating our kids first. It's not just about the budget, we need to invest in our kids," Herrera said.

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The forum was the first of several opportunities for the candidates to present themselves before the voters. On Jan. 18, ENMU and Ruidoso candidates will meet voters at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca from 5-7 p.m. The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum for the Carrizozo candidate on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in Commission Chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse. A Ruidoso candidate debate is scheduled Thursday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m. at the High School Performing Arts Center - sponsored by the Ruidoso Education Association

The School Board election is held Feb. 1.

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Q: What will you be doing, specifically, to improve the quality of education in RMS?

A: As a board member I would continue to support the superintendent, principals and school staff in their efforts and decisions to think out of the box, always with students in mind. Change does not happen overnight but I am always optimistic that the Ruidoso Schools make a difference for the stu-

dents that grace our classrooms.

Q: What is your position on the GO Bond and why?

A: The taxpayers of the Ruidoso Municipal School District have always been so supportive of the students of our district. The \$14 million GO Bond is a continuing tax that won't raise taxes for the district taxpayers. The board has always been fiscally responsible to the taxpayer by spending the funds to build new schools, maintain existing buildings

and purchasing property when needed. I was a part of the Blue Ribbon Committee looking at district priorities and needs. The group was a mix of community, board members and administrators that met for nearly one year distinguishing wants from needs. I enjoyed watching everyone come together making hard decisions for the district.

Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position on RMS school board?

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A: After 20 years of service and current president of the Ruidoso School Board, my enthusiasm for this district, my love of Ruidoso schools, my resolve to provide the best educational opportunities for your children and grandchildren, including my own, has decreased not one bit. Serving Ruidoso schools as a member of the board has been a huge part of my life, and if you vote for me, I promise you I will continue to dedicate myself to making our school district the best it can be.

VINCENT

munity entrusted me to be an advocate for children, a voice for educators, and a leader amongst my peers. It has been my honor and great pleasure to serve and give back to my community in this capacity.

Q: What will you be doing, specifically, to improve the quality of education in RMS?

A: Improving quality education begins with accentuating good decisions. Ruidoso Municipal School District (RMSD) is a team of qualified and highly committed professionals who embrace education and the challenges they are faced with every day. I witnessed increased positive results from the efforts of our team members through the avenues of professional development. That is where improving quality education begins.

Q: What is your position on the GO Bond and why?

A: I support the GO Bond 100 percent! Our district has always had the support of our community in renewing the general obligation bond. This bond does not raise taxes yet benefits our students immensely. The funds from the GO bond are our district's only source for school building maintenance, remodeling, and amongst many other things providing landscaping and playgrounds.

Q: What makes you uniquely qualified for the position on RMS school board?

A: I believe I am qualified to seek re-election based on the experience I have gained over the past

four years of learning what it means to be a good and effective board member, attending law conferences, financial classes, regional meetings, professional development, and most importantly believing that I will hold fast when the winds of societal change happen. I can help lead the district by relying on my core foundations of integrity, having a servant's heart, and being a good steward. For the first time in several years, our district is finally achieving a level of stability and continuity that is vitally important to the education of our children. This board currently has almost 40 years of combined institutional knowledge which proves very valuable during these tough times where we face hard decisions.

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Downs Council rejects Doth

By Todd Fuqua
Reporter

Members of the Ruidoso Downs City Council unanimously rejected the choice of newly-installed Lincoln County Commissioner Mark Doth to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board Monday.

The choice of Doth by the Commission as the JUB representative to replace former commissioner Dave Parks may have seemed like an easy decision, but councilor Gary Williams raised questions about Doth's inexperience on an elected body.

"To me, the JUB is very important considering it's subject matter," Williams said. "I don't agree with Mark's name being presented for this. I feel a more experienced member needs to be nominated, then I would feel comfortable."

Councilor Dean Holman also expressed concern over Doth's selection, but for a different reason. The JUB is made of up two representatives from Ruidoso, two from Ruidoso Downs and one from the Commission, and Holman believes that final member should not be a resident of either Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs.

"The representative from the Commission is usually a tie breaker," Holman said. "We have two commissioners that are county residents (outside of Ruidoso or

Ruidoso Downs) and I don't know why they chose the name they did for the board."

Commissioners Doth and Tom Battin are listed with Ruidoso addresses, according to the Lincoln County website. Kathryn Minter is in Alto, while chairwoman Eileen Sedillo is in Carrizozo and Jackie Powell is in Glencoe.

"I can't see this person being a tie-breaker on the JUB and live in either Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs," Holman said. "Someone not extremely strong in their convictions will not handle it well. Dave Parks was on the board before, as a resident of Ruidoso, and he withstood a lot of attacks.

"I've already received calls on this, even from those who aren't residents of Ruidoso Downs," he added. "I already don't like what I see."

Doth said he wasn't surprised at the Council's decision.

"They are a little suspicious of anyone who may have the appearance of being totally for Ruidoso," Doth said. "Let's face it, my district is in Ruidoso. But I'm also representing the county as a whole. I think it was a little knee jerk, but it is what it is."

Doth said he'll be nominating Powell as his replacement.

"That still has to get through the powers that be at

the village of Ruidoso," he said. "I have watched the construction of the plant and followed it for a long time. I had a special interest in seeing what we could do to represent everyone involved, and I think that will still happen with Jackie."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Statistics are tricky

Here's an odd statistic for you. The average number of arms for humans is 1.9999. Obviously, no one has 1.9999 arms. However, not everyone has two arms. Hence the odd number. The point: statistics are tricky.

Another tricky statistic has been bandied about lately. It's been heralded about town by folks who don't understand the tricky nature of statistics, that Ruidoso is now home to the second highest sales tax rate in all of New Mexico. We are second only to Taos.

Here's where the tricky part comes into play. In addition to having high sales taxes, both communities have tourist driven economies. This fact, while obvious, has been omitted in every utterance of Ruidoso's high tax debate. It's important.

The village of Ruidoso has about 8,000 fulltime residents. However, on any given weekend, there could be as many as 80,000 people within the village limits. What that means is that Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs customarily have to provide services for 10 times the local population. Normally, city services, such as water, sewer, police, fire fighting, hospitals, etc. ad-infinitum are provided through taxing the local citizenry.

In a tourist economy, it is not feasible to rely solely on the local citizenry to pay for all those services. Likewise it would not be entirely fair to rely on the local population to pay the freight for providing all those services to people who don't live here. The answer of course is to make the tourists and the part time residents pay the taxes to support all those services.

And that's why Taos and Ruidoso, have the highest sales taxes respectively. The people who bear the brunt of those high taxes are the ones who spend the most money in those communities — tourists.

Tourists come to our town and they buy things. The local taxing entities capture those dollars and use

them to provide the municipal services those tourists expect. In fact, sales taxes are the only way, other than a lodgers tax, to fairly distribute the cost to the user — tourists.

I accept that as residents of Lincoln County, we have to pay higher sales taxes than other communities. So what, I live in the mountains. I can go for a hike in the woods this afternoon, or go skiing, or go to the casino. I can go to a concert every weekend. In the summer, I can go to the races or the Cowboy Symposium or the motorcycle rally. I can see Broadway shows at the Spencer. In short, I get a lot of mileage out of my few extra pennies.

Besides, the alternative would be much worse. If Ruidoso had a lower sales tax rate, it would mean we would have much higher taxes in some other area. If we are to continue to bring people into our community to drive our economy, we will have to provide services for those people. Those services cost money and someone has to pay the bill. I think the current plan of making tourists pay it is best.

Here's another alternative: We could eliminate all the reasons people come to this town. We could lose our jobs and shrink the population. We could go back in time and be a sleepy little town with no people, no tourists and lower taxes. That's a choice available to us.

Individually, we also have choices. If any us feel the majority, having duly approved every cent of the local sales tax, no longer represents our personal feelings, we can move. Unless of course you already don't live in Ruidoso. Either way, that's the beauty of America. We have choices.

We choose to live and work in and for our community instead of against from the outside. We think it's a pretty good choice. And whether we agree or not, we're blessed to be doing so here.

The Abuse of Tucson

By Rich Lowry

Almost instantaneously the horrific shooting in Tucson, Ariz., became the occasion for partisan hatred.

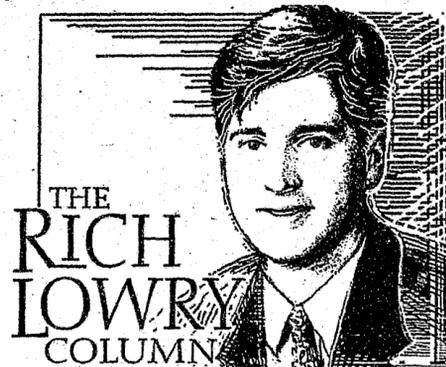
It's one thing to charge your opponents with increasing the debt or serving the interests of the rich; it's quite another to say they are accomplices to mass murder. In the ostensible (and always worthy) cause of civility, prominent liberals rushed to blame conservatives, and especially Sarah Palin, for the mayhem in Tucson.

Palin's offense was posting a map on Facebook with a bull's-eye marking the districts of 20 Democrats she wished to see defeated. On the list was Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the target of Tucson shooter Jared Loughner. To connect Palin's map to Loughner's criminal act requires a massive leap that her detractors executed with ease, since they feel they have warrant to say anything about her without regard to evidence, logic or — ahem — civility.

Palin's martial imagery wasn't just innocuous, it was a tattered cliché. American politics runs on metaphors drawn from war, and has at least since the 19th century. What journalist didn't write about "targeted" districts or candidates in the last midterm election? Why do we say "campaign" and "rank and file," or refer to "battles" and "war rooms"? None of this has ever before been taken as an incitement to violence. Then again, never before was it a club with which to bludgeon the hated Sarah Palin, while nattering on about how our politics should be less venomous.

Loughner may have been obsessed with Rep. Giffords as much as three years ago, before anyone had heard of Sarah Palin; before the tea party, before the rise of our alleged "climate of hate" in response to President Barack Obama's election. Loughner attended an August 2007 town-hall meeting and left angered at her inability to answer a nonsensical question: "What is government if words have no meaning?"

Loughner's profile fits that of the



Virginia Tech shooter — a disturbed individual whose strange behavior frightened his classmates and his friends. The chances are his case will be another in the sad annals of the untreated mentally ill doing harm to themselves and others. Except ghoulish political opportunists have latched on to this crime.

The political use of Tucson is the latest blast against a tea party that the left will never consider legitimate. First it was AstroFurf, then it was racist, now it is murderous. It's hard to see what could be next in this progression. Perhaps Palin really intended her targeted congressional districts to be wiped out in their entirety in an act of genocide? By calling conservative rhetoric "eliminationist," the left is already on the cusp of this escalation.

It is a time for deep breaths all around. The Tucson shooter shattered lives and, in targeting a public official, attacked our democracy. The stories of the victims are unbearably sad, and of the heroes unbelievably inspiring. In its horror — another mass shooting — and in its uplift — the pluck of the grievously wounded Giffords, the miracles of modern medicine, the kindness and courage of strangers — it's an event that should be larger than tawdry partisanship and unsupported finger-pointing.

Our new era of civility is off to a rocky start.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Right and wrong

Right and wrong was instilled in my everyday life from the time one can remember. I was raised to be hardworking, respectful and above all honest.

There was a time when I ignored these values and it was experience that I want for no one. After 11 years, a marriage and two children, I had forgotten that chapter of my life. I was wronged by someone and I allowed my anger, my false pride (I'll show you) to surface and I thought my wrong would make it square. Well we all know the law.

Wrong is wrong and will always be but wrongs could be avoided if the right thing was done in the beginning.

Jery Romero
Radiator Thief

Thanks to the volunteers

Dear Editor,

As we enter into a new year at Help End Abuse for Life and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter, we are reminded how blessed we are to receive such generous community support for the women and children who live at the shelter.

Our executive staff just finished HEAL's annual federal reporting. One of the most striking accomplishment was not done by HEAL itself, but rather by the citizens of Lincoln County!

In the last 12 months, 374 volunteers worked with HEAL for a grand total of 1,522 hours of community service!

These hours included everything from maintenance repairs done in the shelter (our honey-do list), massive furniture moving during the tiling of the offices, building of bookshelves for the children's playroom, men posing

for poster pictures for our Men Against Violence campaign, selling purple lights during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Sweet Charity Resale Boutique store assistants, haircuts for the ladies/kids, body massages for our residents, Christmas decorating at the shelter and at Spencer Theater for the HEAL Charity Tree, fellowship and preparation of weekly dinners for our clients, help with our many outreach/education and fundraising events, making of pottery for the ENMU Empty Bowls event and individual businesses hosting fundraisers.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, please accept our heartfelt thank you to all of you who have partnered with us throughout the last year. We deeply appreciate your contribution!

Joe Gomez
Board President
Help End Abuse for Life

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RUIDOSO POLICE REPORTS

Public affray

An incident on the dance floor, in an establishment in Midtown Jan. 7, led to Mellisa Jacquez and Nancy Bustos each being cited into court for public affray.

Sledding enthusiasts

A business on the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive was broken into Jan. 8 and several toboggans were taken. One was found outside on the street, but three others were still missing.

Broken windows

A window in a structure on Gavilan Canyon Road was damaged by a BB gun Jan. 7. A window at a business on the 600 block of Sudderth Drive was found broken Jan. 8. Someone had thrown a rock through the window.

On Jan. 10, two more car windows were found damaged on the 100 block of Course View Drive. Damage to both vehicles is approximately \$150 per window.

Dousing a cell

During an investigation of stolen property, police found a cellular phone sitting in a cup of water at a home on the 100 block of Mescalero Trail, Jan. 11. Roberto Herrera, 23, of Ruidoso, admitted to taking the phone and damaging it to get back at the owner for "past problems."

Herrera was arrested for larceny and damage to property and taken to RPD. He was booked and bonded out.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

Warrant arrest

Following a routine traffic stop Jan. 8, police arrested a 17-year-old male on an outstanding warrant. The youth was transported to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and was released to his father.

Another warrant arrest

While conducting a welfare check on a residence, Jan. 8, on the 100 block of Sierra Lane, police arrested Wesley Roller, 23, on two valid warrants. He was taken to RDPD for booking.

Suspicious activity

Police responded to a business on Highway 70 on report of suspicious activity in the parking lot searched one of two vehicles involved in the activity and found marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Leo Salcido was arrested for possession and taken to RDPD for booking.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Jan. 3

- 8:31 a.m., Alto, Rio Felix, larceny
- 3:23 p.m., Ruidoso Magistrate Court, warrant service
- 5:26 p.m., Carrizozo, 200 block of 12th Street, welfare check
- 5:38 p.m., Glencoe, Mile Marker 277, fire
- 9:33 p.m., Alto, Deer Park, motorist assist

Jan. 4

- 8:35 a.m., Hondo, Mile Marker 104, Highway 380, accident
- 10:05 a.m., San Patricio, 27000 block of Highway 70, missing person
- 10:32 a.m., Carrizozo, 1100 block of 6th Street, vandalism
- 1:02 p.m., Alto, 100 block of Otter Court, 911 hang up
- 5:38 p.m., Alto, near La Sierra, suspicious activity
- 9:14 p.m., Alto, 100 block of Pinehurst, suspicious activity
- 9:17 p.m., Ruidoso Downs, 200 block of Parnell, missing person found
- 9:18 p.m., Nogal, 200 block of Antelope Trail, restraining order violation

Jan. 5

- 10:36 a.m., Carrizozo, 200 block of 12th Street, burglary
- 1:38 p.m., Alto, 100 block of Peebles Ranch Road, disturbance
- 4:05 p.m., Tinnie, 28000 block of Highway 70, alarm-

Jan. 6

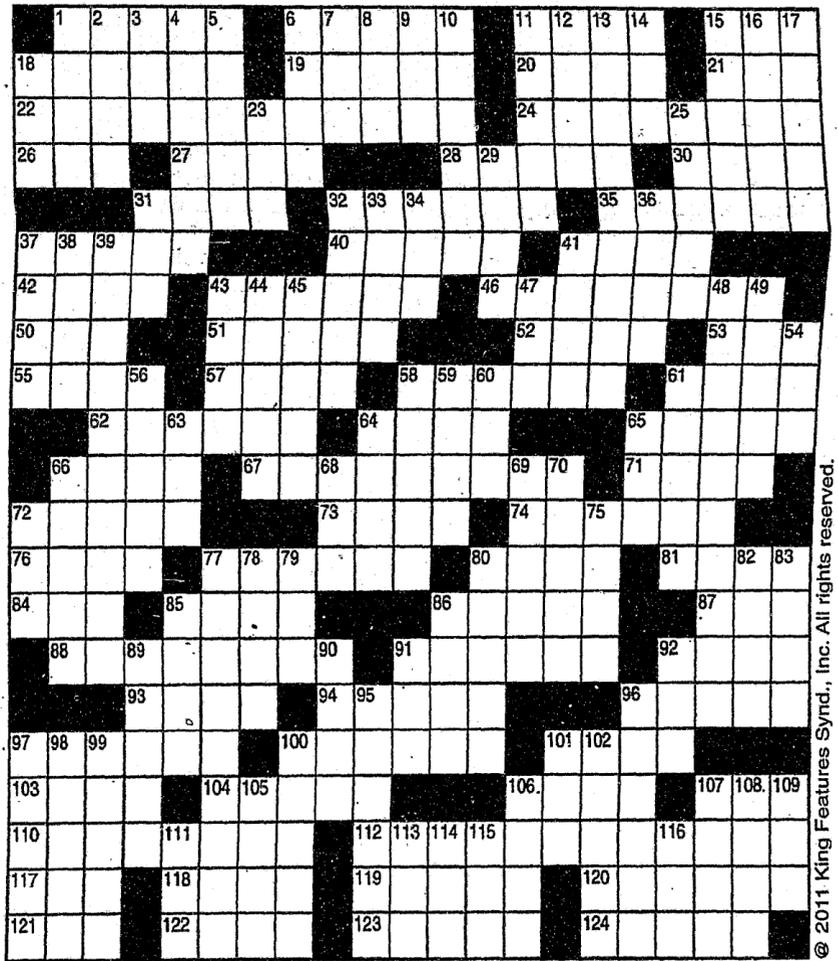
- 7:33 a.m., Capitan, 100 block of Aspen, animal call
- 11:02 a.m., Alto, Sun Valley Road, fire
- 12:01 p.m., Corona, Highway 54 Mile Marker 137, fire
- 12:42 p.m., Carrizozo, 600 block of D Avenue, criminal damage to property
- 2:30 p.m., Alto, Sky Hawk Lane, suspicious activity
- 5:11 p.m., Alto, 200 block of Lakeshore Drive, alarm
- 5:21 p.m., Alto, 300 block of Midiron, alarm
- 6:17 p.m., Alto, Highway 48 Milepost 9, accident
- 6:26 p.m., Palo Verde, 200 block of Pajarita, criminal damage to property

Jan. 7

- 8:35 a.m., Nogal, Highway 37, animal call

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Students, teachers honored by Lions

By **Todd Fuqua**
Reporter

Students and educators were honored at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club, as two Ruidoso High School students and two teachers were honored as the students and educators of the month for January.

Additionally, the Lions honored Capitan High School graduate Christian Quiroz as its scholarship recipient for the 2010-11 school year.

RHS senior Manny Cordova and junior Lauren Flores earned student of the month nods, while instructors Gary Shaver and Brian Brown were honored as educators.

Quiroz, currently in his freshman year at New Mexico State University, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Noon Lions, and is considering pre-dentistry.

"I've always been interested in science, and I want to help people directly," Quiroz said. "My brother (Pierre) is working on chiropractic, so I figure I'll be a dentist."

Cordova is a member of the RHS band as a guitar player, and hopes to major in music at NMSU after graduation.

"My dad just bought me a guitar, and I taught myself over the past year," Cordova said. "Now it's the number one part of my life."

Cordova has taught himself so well that now he's teaching a group of students at RHS.

As the student of the month, Cordova had the honor of choosing a teach-

er for educator of the month, and he chose Shaver, who has directed the Ruidoso High School band for four years.

Flores is the vice president of the Red Feather Theatre Company, the student organization that raises money for

drama productions at RHS.

"I've been involved in drama since middle school," Flores said. "I always thought it would be neat to be someone else every once in a while. It's been an outlet for me to find my abilities."

Flores chose Brown as her educator of the month.

"A lot of education is about lecturing," Flores said. "But he (Brown) is always challenging us to think and be better students."



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

The Ruidoso Noon Lions Club honored students and teachers at its Jan. 11 meeting. Top row, l-r, Gary Shaver, Ruidoso High School band director; Christian Quiroz, NMSU freshman and Lions Scholarship winner; Brian Brown, RHS history instructor; Dennis Haskell, president of Noon Lions. Front row, RHS students of the month Manny Cordova and Lauren Flores.

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Ericka Caslin, UHC Director, said, "We are thrilled with the success of the Operation Gelding program thus far. It is very encouraging to see the amount of interest and participation in the program."

For more information on Operation Gelding, how to conduct a clinic, or the schedule and location of Operation Gelding clinics, please contact Ericka Caslin, UHC director, at ecaslin@horsecouncil.org or 202-296-4031.

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Civic leaders plan for rural firefighting

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Village of Ruidoso Councilors and Lincoln County Commissioners plan to improve firefighting capabilities in the area around Ruidoso and Fort Stanton. Effective firefighting in rural Lincoln County will require capital improvements and foresight amidst budget priorities, protecting the public and responsible Eco management.

Civic leaders are anticipating a high risk fire season this spring due to the lack of moisture attributed to a La Niña weather pattern keeping weather conditions drier than normal.

Lincoln County Commissioners included the construction of a \$250,000 fire station near Fort Stanton as a high priority, capital outlay project funded by grant and Lincoln County monies.

For \$264,000, two new fire attack trucks for White Oaks and Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department were ordered and are expected to arrive in time for fire season according to the review of capital outlay projects provided by Lincoln County Manager, Tom Stewart.

Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent presented Ruidoso Village councilors the recommendation against staging a designated first response air tanker at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport in 2011.

"I met with officials from the New Mexico Forestry Division and the State Energy Mineral and Natural Resources Department; they told me the plane with its limited capacity, give people a false sense of hope," Vincent said.

Single engine air tankers (SEAT) with a 15,000 gallon water capacity will instead be available from Roswell and Alamogordo. "The air tanker stationed at the municipal airport last year could only carry

around 1,500 gallons of water, which is like pouring one teaspoon of water at a time to put out a fire in your fireplace," Vincent said.

Last year, the village paid approximately \$50,000 to keep a plane stationed at the airport. Village Councilor Angel Shaw said, "Having the planes in Alamogordo and Roswell is a good idea since the State Forestry Agency will pick up the tab for them to fight fires from where they are normally stationed but will not cover the optional expense of keeping a plane at the airport here," Shaw said.

Vincent invited the councilors to attend the annual Sierra Blanca Wildland Fire Academy session on forest thinning and protecting homes from fire in the urban-rural interface surrounding the village at no charge.

The village, county and local forest service currently has active forest thinning projects and controlled burns occurring through the winter.

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EDUCATION

The role of a school board member

Special to the Ruidoso Free Press

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, voters within the Ruidoso Municipal School District will go to the polls to elect four members to the five-position school board. Of the four positions, three are 4-year terms and one is a 2-year term.

"A local board of education is a unique institution that helps public schools be flexible and responsible to local community needs," said Joe Guillen, president of the New Mexico School Boards Association (NMSBA). "There are very clearly defined roles, and many people are not aware of what these roles and responsibilities are. What most people don't realize is that being a board member is like running a marathon, not a 100-yard dash."

According to the NMSBA, school boards have very specific duties that are as follows:

- To develop educational policies for the school district.
- Employ and evaluate the superintendent.
- Review and approve the district budget.
- Provide for the repair and maintenance of all property belonging to the district.
- Acquire, lease and dispose of property.

In addition to the duties above, school board members have a great deal of interaction with the public and are often the people that individuals will seek out when questions arise regarding the district, a particular school or a teacher. It is the board member's responsibility to listen to concerns, encourage the individual to discuss it with the appropriate individual and then the board mem-

ber relays the concerns to the superintendent. It is not the role of a board member to take any sort of action regarding the issue or to make a statement on behalf of the board. Along with being a conduit between the community and the district, board members are also required to attend trainings throughout the year and to be knowledgeable about and adhere to the Open Meetings Act.

And unlike some states, New Mexico school boards are prohibited by state statute from having any role in the hiring and firing of personnel in the district other than the superintendent.

"The role of the school board member is focused strictly on making policy, overseeing the district budget and employing the superintendent. It is a common misconception that someone can get elected to a school board to carry out a specific agenda," said Guillen. "A person with an agenda cannot and will not be an effective board member for a district."

Solar project at Ruidoso Middle School completed

Ruidoso Free Press Staff

Despite accusations to the contrary by one candidate for the Ruidoso Municipal School Board, RMS has completed its solar project at Ruidoso Middle School.

The New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) announced last summer that Ruidoso Middle School was one of 15 state public schools to receive a \$300,000 grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

School board candidate Curt Temple was quoted as saying, "...the district [Ruidoso Municipal Schools] is faced with losing the \$350,000 grant if the solar project is not completed by Dec. 31."

But according to Yvonne Perez, director of finance for Ruidoso Public Schools, "The grant amount was actually \$300,000 and the middle school could have extended the project to June 2011, however, we were strongly urged to finish the job by Dec. 21. We had a 90 percent completion by Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 marked the final-

ization of the installation."

School Board Member Kerri Gladden said, "We were never in danger of losing the funding."

All that remains is for PNM to hook the power up to the solar electric system.

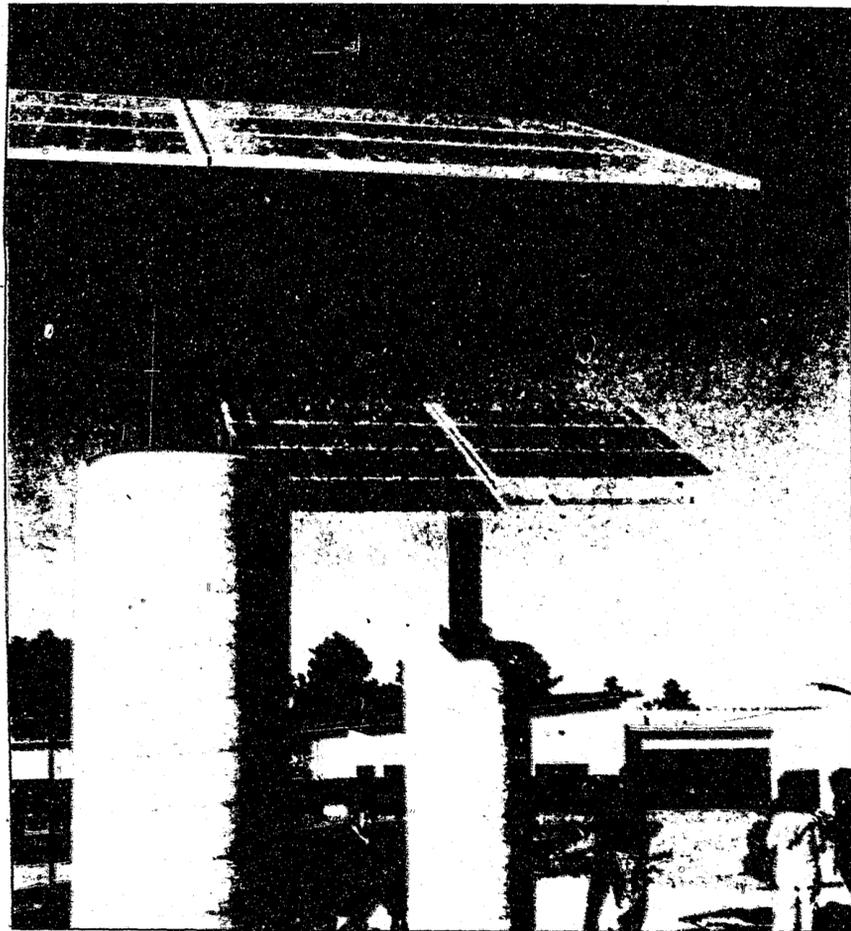
As part of the price agreement, the state of New Mexico put together a list of nine statewide vendors to install the 50-kilowatt AC photovoltaic solar electric system. "The vendors all had comparable prices, equipment, etc.," said Perez, "but what made DPW (Direct Power and Water Corporation) stand out was their educational plan. They're sending representatives from the company to work with teachers over the next several years to incorporate solar energy education into the classrooms."

The system will reduce electric consumption by 114,600 kW-hours per year, saving the school around \$28,650 annually. Over the 20-year PNM contract period, \$550,000 is the estimated savings to the middle school.

"Ruidoso Middle School was

chosen, in part, because of the 'green' building design - the energy-saving heat pump system and indirect solar power generated from the large amount of windows," said Principal

George Heaton. "During the summer months, we will be able to sell some of the surplus energy back to the power company [PNM] for use in the community."



Meet the candidates

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Meet and Greet with nominees for both the Ruidoso Municipal School District 36 and ENMU-Ruidoso College Board today from 5-7 p.m. at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca. This meeting will enable the public to meet the nine Ruidoso Municipal School District nominees and the four ENMU-Ruidoso College Board nominees. The meet and greet is an informal gathering, allowing residents to talk directly with each candidate about their individual concerns. Each candidate will provide a short biography.

A formal forum with Q&A for the Ruidoso Municipal School candidates will be hosted by the Ruidoso Education Association Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Performing Arts Center.

The Chamber encourages all of our residents to vote on Feb. 1. It is your right as a citizen and duty as a

resident to elect those individuals that you feel will best support our community.

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EDUCATION

The twin fashion designers of Ruidoso

Bethany Sweat

English 102

(Editor's note: The following is a profile written for an English class at ENMU-Ruidoso. As space allows, the Ruidoso Free Press will be running similar profiles written by students at ENMU-R)

As I arrived at Marthas' Fabric Store that afternoon and strolled around the shop, one would see every type of woman in the store. The women that quilt, the women that can't sew but like to dream, and then there were the hard-core sewers on a mission with their flexible measuring tapes around their necks. I was there to get an interview with the twins, Clarissa and Cassandra. As I was walking around, I would see one of them briskly walk around the store on a mission to help one of their many customers. I finally was able to wrangle the busy ladies into a corner of the store. Sitting in that corner surrounded by bolts and bolts of fabric, we settled in for them to tell me their story.

Being twins, they were dressed exactly alike: and being designers I knew it was their own design so I had them start the interview off with a description. Cassandra described the top of the outfit as a toupe vintage baroque jacket; they saw the same design in Bergdorf Goodman in New York City. The twins explained their love for true vintage patterns and how truly timeless vintage really is to them. Clarissa made the colored skirts they were wearing. It was a ruffled praline taffeta in rows with a huge satin bow around the waist, and to top the outfit off they added a chiffon blouse and a matching handbag. In their passionate and special way of speaking and conducting themselves, Clarissa and Cassandra went on to speak about their true love: fabric.

"Fabric is truly endless, and can go as far as your

imagination. Like the fabric our skirts are made out of, our niece made a dress out of it for a wedding, and the other day a woman bought the same fabric for a baby suit. The beautiful thing about fabric is that there are no limits," Clarissa said.

I asked them what led them to become designers. "Growing up in Mom's fabric store at an early age, we would always look at the Vogue pattern book, and even at such a young age we would find something we loved and say, 'We are going to wear that with this certain fabric.' Back in those days in the Vogue book, it would say Vogue Paris Original with a picture of the designer and we just thought it was incredible! We couldn't wait to get to the store and flip through the new Vogue pattern book; it was a hot item between my sister and myself."

A month after graduation from a fashion college in Los Angeles, Clarissa landed a dream job at SAY, a cashmere house in Los Angeles as head designer. Turning cashmere into a fashion with beautiful colors and shapes, instead of your basic blacks, grays and tans turned the industry around. Believing this newfound job would be a wonderful place to grow and become the designer she is today, the other job offers she had were very L.A.-based and that was great, but it didn't have the level of designer Clarissa really wanted. Clarissa stayed at SAY cashmere for seven years when Cassandra brought up a new beginning for both of the twins.

Growing up with ranching heritage on not only their father's side but their mother's as well, the girls would go in and help their mother at the fabric store during the week, and on the weekend be everyday ranch hands for their father at the ranch near Lake Arthur, New Mexico.

"We grew up listening to country music, and we loved every bit of it". In 1980 Cassandra went to a Hal Ketchum concert at the fair in Lubbock. Cassandra ended up meeting Hal Ketchum. After meeting Hal,

Cassandra rough sketched a few stage designs for him. Cassandra presented her sister with this idea "We both love Hal Ketchum, how would you feel about doing a wardrobe for him?" Clarissa responded, "I would most certainly love to". And with that, along with many late nights and tons of phone calls to Nashville, the twin sisters got rolling in their designing career for not only the everyday woman, but also many Nashville stars.

In 1994, the designing twins label switched gears and went into the interior designing business having all American made products. The Twins made a name for themselves in the interior business, not only in Ruidoso and Artesia, but statewide. Walking into the store, anybody would look at it and say, "Wow, this place is a wreck" but it is how these women work.

The designing twins recently returned from a trip to New York City during fashion week. Getting to look at all the new designs not only in the stores, but on the street as well was quite inspiring to them. They were constantly recognized for the outfits they made because of one thing, they were originals from their collection and it didn't matter if it was a new piece or one from five years ago, that is how truly timeless their designs are.

"We miss fashion design, that is what our hearts are in being mixed in with all the fashion and the city it was all overwhelming," Clarissa said.

While walking around the store with them, we ran across a sheep pelt, and I couldn't help but ask "What in the heck are ya'll planning to do with this?" and they both got this look in their eye and I could just tell, they had something up their sleeve.

I asked them one simple question at the end of our interview "Where your new is line going to go, when ya'll get back into the business?" and they responded in "Twindom" as they call it. "We can't reveal that at this time, but Bethany, it's going to be great!"

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BUSINESS

Chamber supporting GoBond for schools

Supporting the GOBond at the Feb. 1, election makes sense for community's youth and economy. Of course, having a safe building in which to learn, up to date equipment enabling students to be competitive and qualified teachers to ensure students are learning what they need is imperative, but supporting education goes beyond the livelihood of children. A good public education system contributes to the economy of our community. Good schools attract more families for the betterment of the business growth and keep students in the community providing a consistent workforce.

"It is very important for young families considering Ruidoso to have a good school system. If we have a good system, we can attract more fam-



Sandi Aguilar

ilies," said Steven Gomez, owner of Cornerstone Bakery. He and his wife have been a permanent resident of Ruidoso for five years and the strong reputation of the Ruidoso school system was a major factor in their decision to move from Albuquerque. Steven urges everyone to vote in the election as it is important to have the funding and the people "for a productive and progressive environment for our children."

Charles Meek, Director of Sales and Marketing at Hotel Ruidoso and Comfort Inn, finds the workforce aspect most challenging.

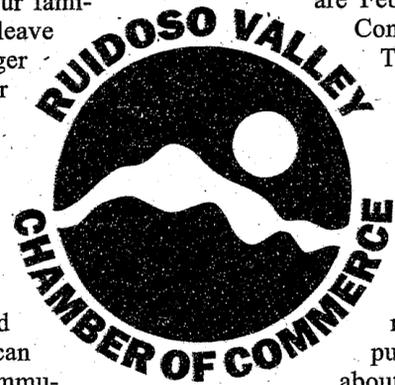
"Education is important to the community so that our high school graduates stay and attend college here providing qualified employees and

good workforce. Ruidoso is a wonderful place to live and work which is proven constantly by the number of visitors coming each year. It would be a shame to see our families and employees leave and go on to bigger cities searching for more opportunities when there is plenty of opportunity here right in their backyard."

Quality education remains an issue for the nation and these same issues can be applied to each community. Without proper education, workforce, technological advancements and civic involvement are diminished. Supporting public education by voting for the GOBond and

electing qualified school board members further strengthens our economy. Public School Board and ENMU-Ruidoso College Board elections are Feb. 1 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The GOBond is also on the ballot and will provide \$14 million to capital projects - without raising property taxes. The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce invites the public to learn more about the GOBond and meet the candidates for the Ruidoso Municipal School Board and the ENMU-Ruidoso College Board today from 5-7 p.m. at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca.



Printing and mailing company opens in Midtown

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Presley Printing and Mailing is a new local source for quality color printing and mailing services. The company provides full service printing and mailing from forms and business cards, to full-color marketing materials, and variable data printing.

Headquartered in Las Cruces, the company has been in operation for more than 38 years and claims to be the best-equipped printing company in the region. Richard Presley, owner of Pres-

ley Printing and Mailing finds Ruidoso an attractive community to open a new showroom.

"For several years, I have been accumulating clients in Ruidoso, enough to justify opening a satellite office here. Having an office in Ruidoso will make it easier to service our current client's orders and take on new projects," Presley said. Presley Printing and Mailing occupies a 6,300-square-foot facility in Las Cruces, where the majority of the actual production will occur.

Presley Printing and Mailing provides cutting, folding, saddle-stitching, collat-

ing, plastic coil binding, drilling, round-cornering, numbering, scoring, perforating, die-cutting and shrink-wrapping.

The company uses presses manufactured by Heidelberg, which have set the standard worldwide for quality color printing.

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Many people have pain that cannot be explained as muscle or nerve pain. The pain often does not respond to medication. The pain could actually be caused by tightness of the fascia or connective tissue in the body. Lydia Radosevich, PT, owner of The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, Inc. at 439 Mechem Drive, has been studying myofascial release with John Barnes, PT, since 1997. Barnes is the master healer and creator of the "myofascial release technique".

Myofascial release (MFR) is a whole body, hands-on approach to the evaluation and treatment of the human body. The focus is on the fascial system in the body. Fascia is an incredible tough connective tissue that spreads throughout the body in a three dimensional web, much like a spider web. It extends from head to toe without interruption. Fascia supports, protects, envelopes, and becomes part of the muscles, bones, nerves, organs and blood vessels down to the cellular level, as seen on an electron microscope. When all is well, the body functions harmoniously. However when injury occurs from physical or emotional trauma or unresolved restrictions from the birthing process, the fascia can tighten down in the involuntary attempt to prevent the body from further harm.

Abnormal fascial strain patterns can be created by inflammation or infection processes, structural imbalances from injury, leg length changes, joint tightness or

bone malalignment. This causes a loss of flexibility and spontaneity of movement, making the body vulnerable to even more trauma, pain, and limitation of movement. These powerful fascial restrictions pull the body out of its normal alignment, causing the person to be bio-mechanically inefficient while consuming greater-than-normal energy. Restrictions of the fascia can create pain or malfunction throughout the body, sometimes with bizarre side effects and seemingly unrelated symptoms. It is thought that an extremely high percentage of people suffering with pain, loss of motion or both, may have problems primarily due to fascial restrictions.

It has been estimated that myofascial restrictions can create a tensile strength of up to 2,000 pounds per square inch. This can cause pain, headaches, constipation, and other undesirable symptoms that many people suffer. Most of these conditions go undiagnosed because all of the standard tests, such as X-rays, Myelograms, CT scans, EMGs and MRIs do not show fascial restrictions. Many conventional treatments which target the symptoms render poor or temporary results. Addressing the cause; the unresolved myofascial restriction, is what is needed to truly solve the problem.

Radosevich, has worked with hundreds of patients using myofascial release to relieve their pain and help them regain their mobility so that they could return to a pain-free, active lifestyle. She has

helped people with a wide range of problems, from headaches, TMJ (jaw pain), fibromyalgia to pain and stiffness in neck, shoulders, back, hip, knees and ankles. Myofascial release has even helped people with constipation and women with pelvic floor problems (urinary incontinence/pain). Radosevich has recently returned from a one week intensive advanced study with Barnes. Radosevich said that "MFR" is one of the best tools in her tool box of healing techniques. She really enjoys seeing people get better and feels blessed to be able to do this kind of work at The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic. Radosevich will do everything possible to help get her patients better. This is done in a wonderful peaceful healing environment.

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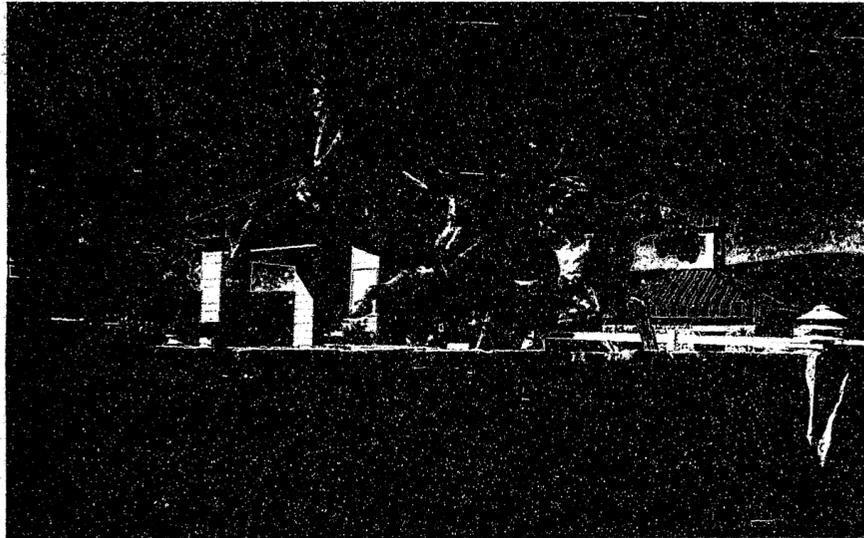
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Hubbard Museum to the state?



By Todd Fuqua

Reporter

The Hubbard Museum of the American West might not be owned by the City of Ruidoso Downs for much longer.

At a special meeting Dec. 30, the City Council met with representatives from the Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation to finalize an agreement which would turn the museum over to the New Mexico Cultural Affairs Division in exchange for an annual payment of \$182,000.

The council approved the agreement at the urging of city attorney John Underwood, who met with at-

torneys for the state to hammer out the agreement.

The only question now is, will the state Legislature approve the agreement?

"This has to go through budget hearings in the House and Senate, and I just don't know how this will work out," Underwood said. "This year, anything is possible. The legal counsel for the Cultural Affairs Division told me he wouldn't have any problem with the deal, but he can't speak for the new administration."

Under the deal approved by the city, the state's coffers would increase by about \$10 million, the worth of the museum and its artifacts. Employees of the museum would also remain city employees, essentially working on contract with the state to run the facility.

Jim Kofakis, director of the Hubbard Museum, is one of those employees, and feels the agreement is a good deal for the city and state.

"I personally believe the state would view this positively," Kofakis said. "The assets may be non-liquid, which means they wouldn't be able to sell the property for cash, but the value of \$10 million would show up as a plus on their balance sheet."

"If someone offers me \$10 million in assets in return for \$180,000 a year, I'd do that all day long," he added.

Kofakis said running in the red is a reality for almost every museum in the country, requiring some sort of subsidy to stay open. This deal would allow the Hubbard Museum to almost break even.

Also, the Hubbard Museum Foundation has secured funding which will pay for upgrades to environmental controls and extra display and storage which wouldn't cost the city or state a penny.

"This museum will come as close to self-funding as possible," Kofakis said.

If the Legislature — which begins a two-month session today — doesn't approve the agreement, the museum would remain in the hands of Ruidoso Downs.

MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

On Feb. 6, 1820, the first organized immigration of freed slaves from the United States departs New York harbor on a journey to West Africa. The immigration was largely the work of the American Colonization Society. However, the expedition also was partially funded by the U.S. Congress, which appropriated \$100,000 to be used in returning displaced Africans.

On Feb. 5, 1878, Andre Citroen, later referred to as the Henry Ford of France for developing his country's first mass-produced automobiles, is born in Paris. Citroen allowed potential customers to take his vehicles for a test drive — then a new concept — and also let people buy on credit.

On Feb. 4, 1938, Walt Disney releases *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, his first full-length animated color feature. Naysayers warned Disney that audiences wouldn't sit through a feature-length cartoon fantasy about dwarfs. In June 2008, the American Film Institute chose it as the No. 1 animated film of all time.

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Head to the high school for some classic theater, and family entertainment

By Jeff Stevens

Editor

Long before Jerry Seinfeld wrote a sitcom about nothing, Oscar Wilde was poking fun at Victorian society with plays about nothing. At least that's how Wilde describes his play *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

"According to Wilde; it's all about form and no content. It's about absolutely nothing at all," said Georgene Inks, drama teacher at Ruidoso High School.

Regardless, Inks said, the Red Feather Theater players have produced a successful comedy from Wilde's play.

The students performed the play Jan. 14, 15 and will do so again Frida and Saturday.

"I think it went very well," Inks said. "I'll stand behind it and say it is definitely worth seeing."

The production is completely student led, with William Winter directing and Damian Oakes as the assistant director. Gage Whipple plays Earnest Worthing, Chris Miller plays Algernon Moncrieff, Candace Christopher plays Gwendolyn Fairfax, Sarah Sue Jones plays Cecily Cardew, Alex Aldavez plays Dr. Chausible, Brienne Travis plays Mrs. Prism, Lauren Flores plays Lady Bracknell, Tyler McKinley plays the butler Merrymen and Josh Stevenson plays the butler Lane.

Inks said the opening performance was a big hit despite a rocky start. "We have some very difficult material we're dealing with but I was very pleased. They really pulled it together."

Inks said they should have allowed as much time to rehearse as they would for a full Shakespearean

production. The group had only six weeks.

Inks stands behind the choice, though. "Our goals for the district are for literacy, reading and writing."

In that vein, Inks tries to choose classic plays and literature for the group

to produce. Additionally, each year she has every student write a play. The best one is then chosen and produced.

"It's all about being able to read. It's all about writing and speaking and that's what we are trying to do at school is to turn out students who can communicate," Inks said.

Inks added that Wilde makes a good subject of conversation given modern school problems with bullying and homosexuality.

"Oscar Wilde decided to venture into the world of homosexuality because it was a Victorian taboo," Inks said, adding that he chose not to hide that fact.

Either way, Inks encouraged everyone to come out and see the performance of some very talented local stars Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. And in the tradition of the Victorian subject matter, theater goers can come early for English tea and deserts.

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On the Town

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Make molasses a pantry staple

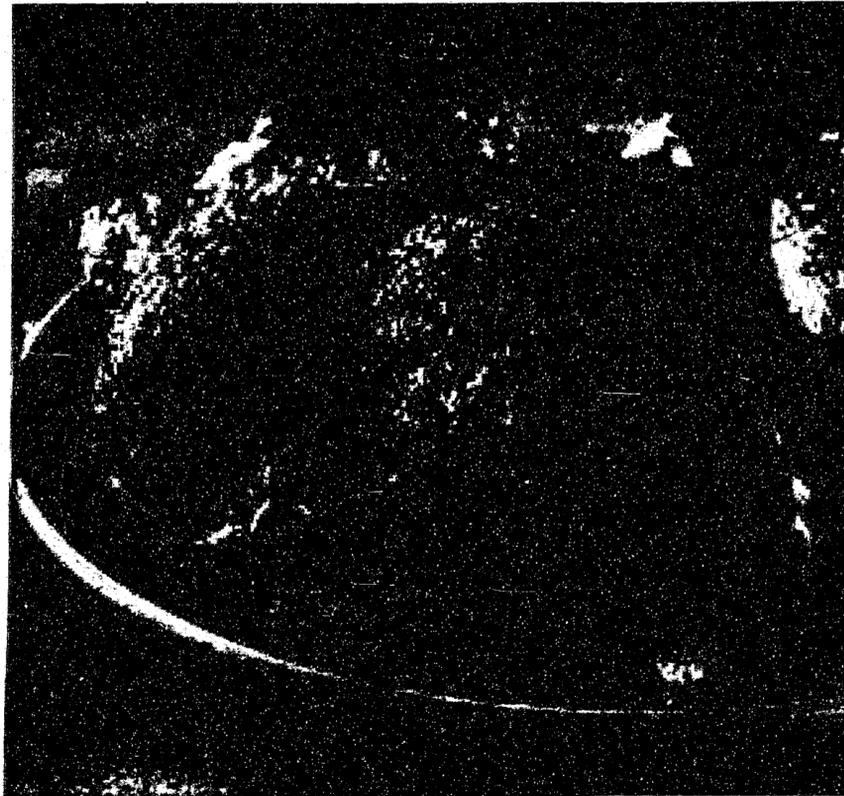
For most of us, molasses is not a staple item for cooking, unless you make a lot of baked beans or your own rum. Even though you won't use it too often, molasses is something you really should add to your pantry.

So, you might be wondering, exactly what is molasses? Well, simply enough, molasses is a byproduct of sugar refining and is made when the juice from sugar cane or sugar beets is crystallized.

This last Saturday marked the 92nd anniversary of a bizarre moment in the history of molasses. The event was dubbed 'The Boston Molasses Disaster.' I know, the name sounds like the title of a bad horror movie, but it really happened. 21 people were actually killed by a molasses flood.

It all started when U.S. Industrial Alcohol Co. had ordered a storage tank for the molasses from Hammond Iron Works. From this point on, a string of events set the tragedy in motion. First of all, no engineer was consulted on how to build the storage tank. Secondly, the metal that Hammond Iron Works used was less thick than shown on the plans. Finally, the tank was never tested properly and could not take the 12,000 tons of molasses that was in it on that fateful day.

When the tank exploded, it released two million gallons of molasses. The wave was 15 feet high and 160 feet wide. The aftermath looked like a cyclone hit; buildings were destroyed for a two block radius and others were lifted off their foundations. A train was even derailed. It took months to clean up, but still to this day people that live around that area say that on hot summer



days, you can still smell molasses.

This week's recipe is a Molasses BBQ sauce. I hope you enjoy it.

Molasses BBQ Sauce

Ingredients

- ½ cup molasses
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- ¼ cup Dr. Pepper
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 large garlic clove chopped
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tablespoon Tabasco sauce

- ½ medium yellow onion diced
- ½ tablespoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

In a medium-size pan over medium heat, add oil and onions and sauté for two minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to a low simmer for 10 minutes. Let cool and use on chicken, pork ribs or whatever you feel needs a little more flavor.

If you want to learn more about the Boston molasses disaster, a book titled, *Dark Tide* by Stephen Puelo was writ-



Brendan Gochenour

ten about the incident in 2003. Add it to your book club agenda and serve up some chicken satays flavored with molasses barbeque sauce!

Happy Cooking!

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- 5 medium green tomatoes cut into ½ inch slices
- Oil or shortening

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low pan. Add salt to taste, mix well. Add tomato slices; turn to coat with mixture.

In large skillet, heat ¼ inch oil over medium heat to 350 degrees F. Fry tomato slices, a few at a time, until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towel and enjoy!

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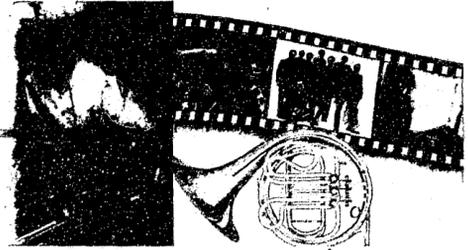


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JANUARY 18

School Board Candidate Meet & Greet scheduled for Ruidoso and ENMU sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce from 5 - 7 p.m. at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca. This meeting will enable the public to meet the nine Ruidoso Municipal School District nominees and the four ENMU-Ruidoso College Board nominees. The Meet & Greet is an informal gathering, allowing residents to talk directly with each candidate about their individual concerns. Each candidate will provide a short biography and running stance to be provided in a printed flyer. A formal forum with Q&A for the Ruidoso Municipal School candidates will be hosted by the Ruidoso Education Association on Thursday, Jan. 27, 6 p.m. at the Ruidoso Performing Arts Center. The Chamber encourages all of our residents to vote on February 1, 2011. It is your right as a citizen and duty as a resident to elect those individuals that you feel will best support our community.

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 19

Farmer's Market at SBS Wood Shavings in Glencoe from 9 to 11 a.m.

Karaoke With DJ Pete at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown from 9:30 p.m. to close.

The Sterilizers perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 20

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

FRIDAY
JANUARY 21

Cantina Night at Laughing Sheep Farm, 1 mile west of Lincoln, Hwy 380, mm 96, from 5 to 9 p.m. Live music

with guitar and fiddle playing Western Swing.

Mike Sanjku performs in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest, RHS Performing Arts Theatre Center, 7 p.m. Tickets can be bought from any Red Feather Theatre cast member or at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 720 Sudderth Dr. More Info: Georgene Inks Drama Dept. Instructor - RHS E-mail: inksg@ruidososchool.org

Tomas Vigil performs at Landlocked Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

Michael Beyer performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

Karaoke at The Elks Lodge on Highway 70, next to the Ruidoso Emporium, at 7 p.m. with All For Fun Karaoke.

The House Band performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Pointer Sisters at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 8 p.m. From Oakland, California The Pointer Sisters have been singing hits for four decades. Singing everything from pop, disco,



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Things to do every day

Ruidoso River Museum open at 101 Mechem Drive in the building which previously housed Rush Ski Shop. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday. Admission is \$5 for Adults and \$2 for Children.

Smokey Bear Park is open in Capitan. The Smokey Bear Historical Park is located on highway 380 (better known as 118 Smokey Bear Blvd.) in the heart of the Village of Capitan and is open everyday of the year except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's day. Entrance fees into the park are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children 7-12. Children 6 and under are free. Smokey Bear Historical Park is operated by EMNRD-Forestry Division.

Simulcast Horse Racing at Billy the Kid's Race Book at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino. Simulcast races are shown live from across the country and betting windows are open to place your wager. Billy's Race Book also serves delicious food and has a full bar. If you love horse racing, it is the place to go every day.

Aaron R. Lacombe and Company perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

SATURDAY
JANUARY 22

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at Horton Lower Gym. Boys and Girls ages 10 to 14. Registration 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. More info: 575-257-9556

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Doug Fuqua performs in Wendell's Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 11 p.m.

Mike Sanjku performs in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

Tomas Vigil performs at Landlocked Restaurant & Bar on Mechem from 6 to 9 p.m.

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SUNDAY
JANUARY 23

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MONDAY
JANUARY 24

Walk in the Woods Kickoff & Fitness Challenge at Community Youth Center Warehouse. Sign-Up between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. This 7-week fitness challenge encourages Lincoln County residents to get fit and healthy by doing more physical activity, eating more fruits and veggies, limiting recreational screen time, consuming zero sugary drinks, & limiting alcohol and tobacco intake. Create a team or participate as an individual. Sign up is \$25 for teams or \$10 for individuals. More Info: 575-258-3252 ext.6720 E-mail: aimee.bennett@state.nm.us Web: lincolnhealthcouncil.org

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COUCH THEATER

DVD PREVIEW

BY DNA SMITH

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Feb. 1, 2011.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

Alice in Wonderland (60th Anniversary Edition) (G) — Disney's 1951 take on Lewis Carroll's trippy classic wasn't one of Walt's favorite productions, but it's still a pretty fun little film and worth having in your Disney collection.

This 60th anniversary release is a bit of a mixed bag. It's a Blu-Ray/DVD combo, so on the upside, you get an awesome high-def picture/sound mix, and loads of new special features featuring Kathryn Beaumont, the voice of Alice — if you have a Blu-Ray player. For DVD owners, there's nothing new here if you already own Disney's previous DVD release of the film. So, take that into consideration before buying.

Let Me In (R) — Chloe Moretz (Hit Girl from *Kick-Ass*) stars as a preteen vampire in this American

remake of the cult Swedish original *Let the Right One In*. The story revolves around a boy named Owen (Kodi Smit-McPhee), whose parents are divorcing and who constantly gets picked on at school. He befriends a girl named Abby, who just moved in next door. Little does Owen suspect that Abby is a vampire, and the man claiming to be her father goes out every night killing people to bring back their blood to feed the girl.

Never Let Me Go (R) — Keira Knightley, Carey Mulligan and Andrew Garfield star in this poignant and chilling love story set in a dystopian world where people live into their 100s thanks to the organ farming of their clones. It's kind of like the premise of *The Island* — only without the explosions and Scarlett Johansson prancing around in a skin-tight cat suit.

The film, based on the novel by Kazuo Ishiguro (*The Remains of the Day*), follows the lives of three clones from their sheltered childhood at an English boarding school, up until young adulthood, where they learn they are meant to be harvested for their organs. When they learn of their fate, the three use what little time left to them to embrace life and love.



Chloe Moretz

Time Bandits (PG) — Most fairy tales end with the hero living happily ever after, not watching his parents explode into a bajillion chunks because they touched Pure Evil; but when the fairy tale comes from the twisted mind of writer/director Terry Gilliam (*Brazil*, *12 Monkeys*) that's pretty much par for the course.

This 1981 classic children's movie features a star-studded cast, including John Cleese, Sean Connery, Ian Holm and David Warner (to name but a few). The story is about a little boy named Kevin who is whisked away

on a whimsical adventure by a band of Little People on a mission to steal artifacts from various historical figures. Along the way they must avoid not only Evil Himself, but also The Supreme Being. The result is a hilarious (and surprisingly educational) romp through time and space.

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- I Spy* Complete Series
- Airwolf* Season Four
- The Abbott and Costello Show: Who's On First?*
- Best of Soul Train 2*
- Garrow's Law* Series One



By Jo Ann Derson
Now Here's a tip

"Stir eggs while boiling to keep the yolks centered, such as when you are making deviled eggs or soft-boiled eggs for breakfast." — T.D. in Mississippi
 Kitchen substitution: Make your own "sour milk" to stand in for buttermilk. Just add 1 tablespoon of either white vinegar or lemon juice to a measuring cup, then add enough milk

to make a cup. Stir and let stand a minute or two before using.
 To prevent hangnails, give yourself a hand massage and use a little olive oil while you're at it. Rub a few drops of the oil into your nail beds for healthier cuticles.
 Your bar of soap will last longer if you let it dry out for a few days before using it.
 "If you have leftover paint in your can, get a balloon and blow it up to fit in the empty space of the can. Press

it into the paint can and close the lid. It keeps a scummy glob from forming on the paint's surface." — A.C. in Washington
 Want a great, fluffy omelet? Use room-temperature eggs and add water instead of milk.
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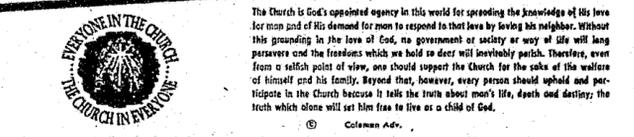
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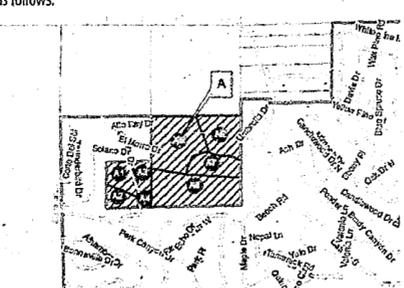
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ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
JAMES K. LAWSON, Sr., and **EDWINA JUNE LAWSON**, husband and wife,
 Defendants.

CV 2010-00340
 Div. III

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Jan. 11

Boys basketball
Ruidoso 77, Hot Springs 70
Carrizozo 56, Capitan 53

Girls basketball
Ruidoso 56, Silver 33
Carrizozo 49, Capitan 30

Jan. 13

Boys basketball
Carrizozo 49, Mescalero 39
Goddard 97, Ruidoso 50
Elida 63, Hondo 61 (OT)

Girls basketball
Carrizozo 54, Mescalero 40
Elida 48, Hondo 25

Jan. 14

Girls basketball
Carrizozo 53, Mountainair 30
Tularosa 55, Ruidoso 33 (OT)

Jan. 15

Boys basketball
Ruidoso 61, Hot Springs 56
Clovis Christian 55, Hondo 53

Girls basketball
Hondo 54, Clovis Christian 19

PREPS UPCOMING

Jan. 17

Girls basketball
Capitan at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 18

Boys basketball
Mescalero at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.
Gateway Christian at Hondo, 6:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at Dexter, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
NMMI at Hondo, 5 p.m.
Tularosa at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.

Ruidoso at Mesilla Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 20

Boys basketball
Foothill High at Mescalero, 4 p.m.
Carrizozo at Corona, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Carrizozo at Corona, 5 p.m.
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 7 p.m.

Jan. 21

Boys basketball
Ruidoso at West Las Vegas, 5 p.m.

Girls basketball
Ruidoso at Chaparral, 6 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso in Sierra Blanca
Tournament at RHS, 1 p.m.

Jan. 22

Boys basketball
Quemado at Hondo, 4 p.m.
Capitan at NMMI, 4 p.m.

Magdalena at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.
Ruidoso at Roswell, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Quemado at Hondo, 2 p.m.

Artesia at Ruidoso, 3 p.m. (Auxiliary gym)

Magdalena at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso in Sierra Blanca
Tournament at RHS, 9 a.m.

Jan. 25

Boys basketball
Cloudcroft at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.
Hondo at Valley Christian, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Hondo at Valley Christian, 5 p.m.
Mescalero at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.

West Las Vegas at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 26

Boys basketball
Mescalero at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.
Corona at Hondo, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Mescalero at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.
Corona at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Dexter at Capitan, 6 p.m.

Warriors survive bout with Tigers

By Todd Fuqua and Arnold J. Roe

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis is glad his team doesn't have to face Hot Springs again this year — at least not in the regular season.

The Warriors played another close one against Hot Springs Jan. 15, winning 61-56 on free throws by Terrence Shields and Daniel Salazar in the last 30 seconds.

"This kind of game isn't good for me because I get too stressed out," Davis said. "But it's good for the team, because they learn so much."

Ruidoso (7-8) Took the early lead on a pair of free throws from Salazar and a jumper by Ismail Cook, and held the lead through the first quarter.

But the Tigers (7-8) rode the back of Tannen Rintelen to a 19-all tie at the break.

"They didn't start off strong, but continued to improve through the game," Davis said of the Warriors. "We just didn't execute for a while."

Davis switched to a full-court press in the second half, and Ruidoso responded, going on a 9-2 run to open a slight lead, although the Tigers were able to tie things up with two minutes left in the third quarter and were leading by six points at the end of the period.

The Tigers were dealt a serious blow when Rintelen, who had 24 points to lead his team, came out of the game in the third quarter with an injury, and the Warriors used his absence to help catch up in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors found things tied up at 56-all following a layup by Hot Springs' Nic Nunez with 52 seconds left in the game, then ran a deliberate offense to run some time off the clock and get a good shot.

It paid off when Shields — who had a game-high 29 points — got a layup with 31 seconds left to give his team a two-



Arnold J. Roe/For the Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso guard Terrence Shields, right, shoots the ball after getting past Goddard's Skylar George Thursday at Roswell. Shields led the Warriors with 22 points.

point lead. Salazar was later fouled with 22 seconds left on a rebound and put in one of two free throws to make it a three-point game.

Hot Springs tried a pair of three-point shots at the other end, including one by Hunter Bierner from the right side, but Salazar jumped out and blocked the shot out of bounds.

Shields was later fouled with three seconds left and sank both free throws to seal the victory.

The win Jan. 15 represented the second time the Warriors defeated Hot Springs in a week, having defeated the Tigers 77-70 on the road Jan. 11.

The Warriors were scoring at will and had a 42-28 lead at halftime, but the Tigers turned on the defensive pressure in the second half and got to within six

points in the fourth quarter before Ruidoso was able to escape with the victory.

"I can't tell you exactly what happened," Davis said of his teams' near collapse in the second half. "Kids were making mistakes, and Hot Springs was really aggressive in the second half."

The Tigers had cut the lead to 10 points with just over seven minutes left in the game and steadily chipped away at the lead. But the closest they could get was six points following a 3-point shot by Travis Day to make it 66-60.

Ismail Cook followed that with a trey of his own to keep Hot Springs at bay, as he and Shields got just enough layups and free throws to earn the victory for the Warriors.

Cook was the game leader with 28 points, while Shields added 26.

Rintelen had 20 points for the Tigers, while Justin Rees had 14 points and Zach Zavala added 12.

Big loss to Goddard

The Goddard Rockets blasted by Ruidoso Jan. 11, just missing the century mark with a 97-50 victory over the Warriors.

Davis said the Rockets had what it took.

"Goddard played real well, and we obviously didn't match their level of play. That's all there is to it," Davis said.

Win one, lose one for Ruidoso grapplers

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso Warrior wrestling team had a rare three-way dual with Roswell and Hobbs Jan. 11, and the Warriors came away with a split.

Ruidoso defeated a Coyote team that was missing quite a few players, while the Hobbs Eagles overpowered the Warriors.

Individually, Oscar Magaña did well at 152 pounds, defeating Roswell's Chris Snyder and taking Hobbs' Cory Reyes to overtime before falling.

Ruidoso coach David Shriver was also pleased with the effort by Chance Irons, who moved up to the 171-pound weight class to give his team a fighting chance in both duals.

He lost to Roswell's Hans Stienmar, but defeated Eagle Eric Ruiz.

"Both were up to 15 pounds heavier than Chance, and it wasn't exactly something he wanted to do," Shriver said. "But he knew it was better for the team."

Also wrestling strong in a loss to Hobbs was Patrick Randolph, who fell to Ashton Hargrove by just two points.

The triangular marked the last time Ru-



Clayton Jones/Hobbs News-Sun
Ruidoso's Robert Frizzel, bottom, tries to escape a hold by Hobbs' Aaron Gonzales Tuesday during a dual Jan. 11 at Hobbs.

idoso will be on the mat before hosting the two-day Sierra Blanca Invite this weekend

"These duals were an opportunity to get more wrestling in, and we'll get bet-

ter each time," Shriver said. "Hobbs' program has really improved over the last 10

years, and I'm happy that we competed with them as well as we did."

Wood-McCarty party at Shue Fly

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

To own two horses in a stakes race isn't all that unusual, even if your horses have to earn their way in through trials.

But to have your horses first and second in that race, well, that's something special.

That's exactly what happened in this year's Shue Fly Stakes Jan. 1 at Sunland Park, when Paul Wood and William McCarty's horses executed a 1-2 punch as Quatro Menudos earned a victory with Salvador Martinez piloting, while Mas Frijoles took second, ridden by Esgar Ramirez.

Trainer Poppy Aldavaz also had a fantastic day, having trained the two horses.

Wood raised both horses and both have been as close as brothers. The two had the fastest times in the trials and both were unbeaten going into the final.

Now Quatro Menudos is the only one with nothing less than a first place finish.

"I figured we'd win, but I wasn't sure if we'd get one and two," Wood said. "I had a bet on them finishing that way, but they were heavily favored, so the payoff wasn't that much."

That didn't matter too much, as Quatro Menudo's 18.97-second run over 400 yards earned his connections — which include SW Paving and Grading — a \$147,346 paycheck. Mas Frijoles earned \$56,430 for his second-place finish.



Photo by Coady Photography

Quatro Menudo, right, with Salvador Ramirez riding, flies to a win in the Shue Fly Stakes Jan. 1 at Sunland Park. Quatro Menudo and Mas Frijoles, far left with Esgar Ramirez up, finished 1-2 in the race for owners Paul Wood and William McCarty.

Wood, who has raced horses with partner McCarty for about 15 years and has been in the game for two decades, said this pair of racers is as good as he's ever had.

The three-year olds were lightly raced as two-year-olds, and Wood said he'll be pointing them to the Ruidoso Derby trials during the opening weekend of Ruidoso Downs May 28.

Last year, the Ruidoso, Rainbow and All Ameri-

can derbies had record purse levels, and this year's levels are expected to be even higher, making trainers more willing to give their horses time to mature before putting them on the track.

"These derbies are very rich now, and (Ruidoso Downs owner R.D.) Hubbard has done a great job," Wood said. "I don't run two-year-olds anyway. I ran these two a little bit, but their knees just weren't ready."

'Zozo hardwood teams sweep area rivals

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Carrizozo basketball teams pulled off the upset of their Lincoln County rivals Jan. 11, as the Lady Grizzlies slayed Capitan 49-30, while the boys notched a narrow 56-53 victory over the Tigers.

"It's a big rivalry, one of the longest standing in the state," said Carrizozo coach Billy Page. "When I played in Capitan, it was always a big game."

The Capitan girls (4-8) were leading by three after the first quarter, but then found themselves in foul trouble after Dusti Rae Eldridge and Kaitlin Keaton had to sit on the bench for most of the second quarter.

That was in addition to the number of injuries the Lady Tigers have had to deal with, but Capitan coach John Devine said that shouldn't be an excuse.

"We have to be ready for whatever comes," Devine said. "We're playing a lot of younger people now, but those that have experience aren't playing at the level you'd expect."

With Eldridge and Keaton on the

bench, Capitan's inside scoring suffered. The pair combined for 16 points for the Lady Tigers.

Carrizozo (8-5) was getting plenty of good looks inside. Krisi Gensler had 12 points to lead the Lady Grizzlies, while Kelly Gensler had 10.

Carrizozo's boys (9-5) used ball control to get the better of the Tigers in their victory.

"We had to be under control and not turn the ball over," Page said. "We transitioned when we had the chance and ran an offense when we didn't. We did a better job of that than when we played them before."

Mark Vigil was the big scorer on the night, leading everyone with 27 points. Marshal Ventura added 13 for the Grizzlies. Strait Sedillo and Logan Eshom each had 14 points to lead the Tigers (9-4), while Rudy Chavez added 11.

Sweep of the Chiefs

The Lady Grizzlies continued their winning ways with a 54-40 win over Mescalero, while the boys defeated the Chiefs 49-39.

"We beat them twice before and came in too relaxed," said Mescalero coach Nate Raynor. "Both games we won were thrillers, but we weren't prepared and didn't play well."

The Lady Grizzlies jumped to an early lead on a pair of buckets by Kelly Gensler before Mescalero woke up. After tying the game on a pair of three-point shots by Tristin Chico and M'Linn Hanks, the Lady Chiefs (10-5) then allowed Carrizozo to stretch the lead to 12-6 with just under three minutes left in the first

quarter.

Mescalero again came back and took a one-point lead on a Hanks layup, but that was the only time the Lady Chiefs were ever in the lead. Carrizozo went on an 18-0 run to take firm control and was up by 11 points at the break.

"Our defense has been really good, and the girls are buying in to what I'm trying to teach them," coach Page said. "We put pressure on their guards, didn't let them see the court and got a lot of turnovers."

Mescalero was outrebounded 42-38, as Kristi Gensler crashed the board for 11 Grizzly rebounds. Gensler also scored 14 points, while sister Kelly Gensler poured in 20.

Valerie Garcia had 21 points to lead the game for Mescalero, but she was the only Lady Chief in double digits.

The boys game was almost the exact opposite, as Mescalero surprised their opponents by scoring the first six points of the game and finishing the first quarter with a 12-11 lead.

But then Mark Vigil came alive for the Grizzlies.

The Grizzly forward scored four straight points to start the second quarter, then led his team on a 19-0 run to close out the period and put his team ahead by 18 points at the break.

Vigil led his team in every category, scoring 19 points, getting 13 rebounds and four steals and blocking the ball six times.

Marshal Ventura added 12 points and Tavi Nash 11 for the Grizzlies (9-5), while Mescalero (3-11) was led by Godfrey Cordova with 13 points and Tahari Kaydahzinne with 10.

Bowling

RUIDOSO BOWLING CENTER

Senior team standings, week 18 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Larry Larry's	5	3	661	160
Twisted Sisters	5	3	647	173
The Who?	5	3	603	212
Misfit Bowlers	5	3	598	215
Sus Amigos	5	3	457	154
Old Timers	4	4	539	269
Serious Not	1	7	598	219

Season high scores

Handicap series — Misfit Bowlers 2718, Serious Not 2702, Sus Amigos 2672.

Handicap game — Larry Larry's 952, The Who? 947, Twisted Sisters 940.

Men's handicap series — Jim Clements 781, Tom Douglas 746, Richard Dixon 741.

Men's handicap game — Richard Dixon 299, Wayne Viitanen 284, Jim Clements, Larry Caywood 281.

Women's handicap series — Rose Bivens 713, Lucy Servies 712, Stacy Sohn 705.

Women's handicap game — Ursula Eckersley 295, Lucy Servies 274, Stacy Sohn 267.

Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 213.96, Gene Nitz 201.71, Harry Allwein 182.75. Women — Lucy Servies 259.13, Donna Vitonen 152.65, Rose Bivens 147.15.

Most improved average

Men — Larry Hinds +20.09, Jim Clements +17.31, Richard Dixon +15.16. Women — Rose Bivens +17.15, Donna Vitonen +10.65, Jan Wilson +10.26.

Mixed team standings, week 18 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Old Farts & A Kid	6	2	730	98
Homies	6	2	583	230
Knight Riders	6	2	538	270
Living Energies	5	3	570	240
Rhino Rose	4	4	624	193
Energy 2 Spare	4	4	593	220
Wild Ride	1	7	464	337
Pioneer Bank	0	8	520	287

Season high scores

Handicap series — Old Farts & A Kid 2688, Energy 2 Spare 2628, Pioneer Bank 2591.

Handicap game — Knight Riders 1,008, Living Energies 997, Rhino Rose 933.

Men's handicap series — Andrew Ramirez 756, Etienne Turner 730, Ronnie Wright 727.

Men's handicap game — Tom Douglas 289, Gene Nitz 279, Dennis Hass 274.

Women's handicap series — Diane Willoughby 700, Lucy Servies 700, Millie Cimaron 690.

Women's handicap game — Patti Kim 286, Pam Bernard 284, Brianna Velasquez 274.

Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 210.73, Gene Nitz 200.97, Ronnie Wright 188.71. Women — Pam Bernard 171.42, Lucy Servies 158.63, Irene Pawloski 132.73.

Most improved average

Men — Tom Douglas +16.73, Ronnie Wright +9.71, Steve Boeger +8.37. Women — Millie Cimaron +5.24, Diane Willoughby +3.57, Pam Bernard +3.42.



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Carrizozo forward Marshal Ventura (24) floats past Mescalero's Tahari Kaydahzinne (10) Thursday at Mescalero.

Lady Warriors lose another close one

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

TULAROSA — A number of things contributed to the Ruidoso Lady Warriors' overtime loss to Tularosa Jan. 14. But for Ruidoso coach Julie Montoya, it comes down to one thing — mental toughness.

"We weren't ready to play," Montoya said after the 55-53 loss. "I told them it comes down to mental toughness, and they just didn't have it."

The game was a close affair until halfway through the first quarter, when the Lady Wildcats (11-4) started a 7-2 run to take a 12-8 lead at the end of the first period. They stretched the lead to 15-8 on free throws by Hannah Syling before Ruidoso was finally able to get points on a layup by Abriana Herrera.

The Lady Warriors (11-5) missed numerous layups in the first half, and were 1-10 from the free throw line.

"We would have been up by 20 points if we had shot our free throws and layups," Montoya said.

Ruidoso did start making its shots in the third quarter, and were eventually able to take the lead at 1:57 in the third quarter on a rebound and layup by Catherine Landry. It was the first lead Ruidoso had since the first quarter.

The Lady Warriors held that lead — tenuous as it was — until the very end. Another layup by Landry put Ruidoso ahead by three at 49-46, but Tularosa's Carli Jo Brill was able to tie it up with 24 seconds left.

Ruidoso turned the ball over with 14 seconds left, but the Lady Wildcats were unable to get the game-winning score, and the crowd got four minutes of free basketball.

With senior guard Sydney Gonzales on the bench after fouling out with 3:07 left in the fourth quar-



Photo by Karyn Turner

Ruidoso guard Lorely Enriquez, with ball, gets set to put up a shot as Tularosa center Ashley Porter defends Friday during the Lady Warriors' overtime loss at Tularosa.

ter, the Lady Warriors tried to be deliberate with its half-court offense, but found the going tough inside against tall players like Syling and Ashley Porter.

The teams traded two buckets to end up tied at 53-all in overtime with 1:25 left, and then Tularosa

started setting up for a final shot.

The Lady Wildcats got that shot with 10 seconds left when Porter got the back side rebound on a miss and put her team ahead.

Ruidoso's Brittanie Vega shot a long three-point try with five seconds left which bounced off the front of the rim, and the Lady Warriors had to return home with yet another narrow loss on the year.

Of Ruidoso's five losses, four have been by six points or less.

Vega led the Lady Warriors with 18 points, matching Syling's total for Tularosa. Lyndsey Saenz had 11 points for Ruidoso, while Herrera had 10.

Iris Rodriguez and Ashley Porter each had 12 points for Tularosa to compliment Syling.

Montoya feels the mental toughness her team lacked in the loss is probably the one ingredient it needs to make a serious challenge at state.

"It's frustrating, because you can't really teach it," Montoya said. "They have to look inside themselves and figure it out."

Blowout against Silver

The Lady Warriors' game against Silver, Jan. 11, marked the second time Ruidoso had played the Lady Colts in four days, and this one played out almost exactly the same as before.

Ruidoso won handily by an almost identical score, winning 56-33 and holding Silver to just one point less than in their win at Silver Jan. 8.

The Lady Warriors were also in some foul trouble near the end, losing team leaders Sydney Gonzales and Abriana Herrera to fouls late in the game.

The pair combined for 16 points on the night, but were complimented by Brittanie Vega with a game-high 12 points and Lyndsey Saenz with 10.

Hondo learns the hard way vs. Elida

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

Hondo's boys basketball team learned some hard lessons about performing in pressure-filled games. Coach Brad Holland is hoping his Eagles will be able to use those lessons once district play begins.

The Eagles fell in overtime Jan. 13 to Elida, 63-61, then lost another two-point game to Clovis Christian Saturday, 55-53.

"We were up all night until the end of the fourth quarter," Holland said of his team's game against Elida. "It was pretty much an eight point lead all night, but we didn't do the little things down the stretch to win it."

The girls fared even worse against Elida, falling 48-25, but rebounded with a big 54-19 victory at Clovis Christian.

In the Hondo-Elida boys game, the teams were tied at 11-all at the end of the first period before the Eagles (7-6) were able to open up a seven-point lead by the end of the third period.

Luis Montañó had 23 points to lead Hondo, but fouled out of the game near the end, when Elida was able to come back and tie the game at 52-all at the end of regulation.

Alex Varela, who led the game with 24 points for the Tigers, scored eight of his points in the extra period to lead his team to victory.

The Eagles were down 12-5 after

one quarter at Clovis Christian and had to play catch-up the entire game.

"We should have won that game. That's as bad as we've played since the Lake Arthur tournament," Holland said. "We gave them the length of the court all night long and didn't stop the basketball. It was just a bad night."

Billy Candelaria had 14 points to lead Hondo, while German Lerma and Montañó had 11 points each. Adrian Vasquez added 10.

The Lady Eagles (8-6) had only four girls score Jan. 13 against Elida. Chanci Lopez had 13 points, followed by Felicia Chavez with eight and Selena Chavez and Stephanie Gomez with two points each.

"We were within 12-14 points all night, but they started pulling away near the end of the third quarter," Holland said. "We played hard and defended well, we just struggled offensively."

Reavis Best led the Lady Tigers with 16 points, followed by Shealton Veo-Chenault with 10.

Hondo literally ran over Clovis Christian Saturday, holding their opponents to just two points in the first quarter and maintaining control the entire game.

Valeria Lerma led Hondo with 13 points, while Felicia Chavez added 12.

The Hondo girls host New Mexico Military Institute tonight at 5 p.m., and both squads face Quemado Jan. 22. District 3B play begins Jan. 25 at Valley Christian in Roswell.

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