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WATER SERVICE RESTORED

More National Guard on the ground in Ruidoso

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

After five full days with no water, the Village of Ruidoso again began providing water service to some portions of the Upper Canyon Sunday.

Village Manager Debi Lee said Sunday afternoon water service had resumed to a portion of the Upper Canyon area that was shut off by village workers Wednesday morning as crews struggled to stop devastating leaks throughout the village.

Lee said another 100 members of the New Mexico National Guard arrived at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, augmenting 31 soldiers ordered to Ruidoso by Gov. Susana Martinez Friday.

The new-soldiers will augment city workers and volunteer crews in locating leaks and turning on water meters.

Lee credited the National Guard with helping the village "turn the tide" in the effort to stem the leaks that forced the village to declare a state of emergency Monday.

According to village officials, the community came within three hours of losing all water service.

As of Sunday afternoon, when Lee toured many of the Upper Canyon areas, water levels at the village's two 50-foot tanks in Alto were at 33 feet.

Levels at Alto have slowly, but consistently, continued to increase since the village made the decision to shut down water service to Upper Canyon.

Until Sunday afternoon, approximately 1,500 homes were without water in the Upper Canyon area; other homes throughout the village could still be without water service if leaks were discovered and the homeowner lacks the proper shut off valves required by village code.

Lee told the *Free Press*, several residents have repeatedly violated village code by turning on their own water meters, some as many as three times.

Such violators, she said, could be subject to citation under village code.

Friday, the village began testing the integrity of the water system in Upper Canyon by initially turning off each meter in the area and systematically turning on water to check for leaks.

Once it was determined the sys-



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press
 Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee, far right, confers Sunday afternoon, from left to right, Jack King of the N.M. Environment Department, Jodie Rue of the village and Eugene Night of the NMED. The village was able to return service to most of the 1,500 affected Upper Canyon residents by Monday morning.

From left to right, Sgt. Michael Diaz, PFC Joshua Schmitz, PFC Mark Fambrough and PFC James McNeely.

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Martinez budget targets ENMU-R for highest cuts in entire state

By Jeff Stevens

Editor

Whether Gov. Susana Martinez hates education in Ruidoso or just Ruidoso is still a mystery. She wouldn't respond to numerous attempts by the *Ruidoso Free Press*, to get her take on the issue.

What is clear, however, is that the governor's budget clearly targets ENMU-Ruidoso for the highest proposed budget cut of any post secondary institution in the state. Weighing in at a hefty 21.9 percent cut, or \$436,400, the governor's proposed cuts for ENMU-Ruidoso are in stark

contrast to the one percent increase proposed for the main ENMU campus.

"I was just mystified," said Dr. Clayton Allred, dean of ENMU-Ruidoso, of when he first saw the proposed budget in January. "I still don't have any explanation."

What puts the matter in even starker contrast is ENMU-Ruidoso's current budget. According to the Rio Grande Foundation, a New Mexico based free market research and educational organization, ENMU-Ruidoso is the second most

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KINTIGH:

Film credit is bad for New Mexico

By Todd Fuqua

Reporter

At its meeting Monday night, the Ruidoso Downs City Council discussed a resolution urging the State Legislature to maintain an existing tax credit designed to bring film production to New Mexico.

The resolution is not unique to Lincoln County, as municipalities and government entities across the state are approving such resolutions in the wake of a bill introduced by state Rep. Dennis Kintigh (R-Roswell) to repeal the credit.

"I would have loved to have been invited to give all city

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American Legion meet

The monthly meeting of American Legion Ruidoso Post 79 will be held Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. at the post headquarters located on the southeast corner of Spring Street and Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

Donuts and coffee will be served, and new member applications can be provided by Post Adjutant Vic Currier, who can be reached at vic.currier@gmail.com or by calling 973-1719.

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.

Search and rescue

The White Mountain Search and Rescue team, located in Ruidoso, is looking for new members. The team, in cooperation with police and sheriff's department's statewide, helps to search or rescue people who are sick, injured or just plain lost in the mountains, deserts or even underground. Searches are conducted on foot, horseback, aircraft, skis or snowshoes.

Anyone interested in joining can call 336-4501 for more information.

Library time

Little ones are invited to story and craft time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library. Future story time days at the library include snowmen stories Feb. 16 and winter stories and winter activity day Feb. 23.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tire amnesty

The Lincoln County Solid Waste

Authority's annual tire amnesty will take place Feb. 18-19 beginning at 8 a.m. each day at Schoolhouse Park, 510 Sudderth Dr. Tires from cars, light trucks and SUVs will be accepted, as will discarded pots and pans.

The event is open to all Lincoln County and Mescalero residents, businesses, schools and government agencies. The cost is free, but large commercial tires will not be accepted. Call 378-4607 or 257-5030 for more information.

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.

Zumbathon fundraiser

The Community Youth Center Warehouse, located at 200 Church Dr. in Ruidoso, is hosting a Zumbathon fundraiser March 5 from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person plus pledge packets to get additional donations to support the center.

To register, call 630-0318, 808-3267 or Cathi McIntosh at 937-1420.

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 classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the fourth 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 Cor-

nerstone Center, 1216 Mechem at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Saturdays.

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.

The Carrizozo Roadrunners Chapter of the Lincoln County Extension Association meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Otero county Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Chapter meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club meets every Monday at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. A pot luck lunch is at noon followed by cards, Bridge and Mah Jongg. The Quilters group meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Yoga every Wednesday. Call 257-2309 for further information.

Activities at the Community Youth Center Warehouse:

Mondays - Afterschool club from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Chess club 4-5:30 p.m. Zumba classes 6-7 p.m. Classes are \$5 per session. A 10-session card can be purchased for \$40.

Tuesdays - Afterschool club, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

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Thursdays - Martial arts class, 4-5:30 p.m., \$20 per month. Zumba class 6-7 p.m.

Fridays - After school club, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Zumba class 6-7 p.m.

For more information on Warehouse activities, contact Victor Montes at 630-0318, 808-3267 or by email at director@ruidosoyouthwarehouse.org. Visit www.ruidosoyouthwarehouse.org for schedules and events. The Ruidoso Community Youth Center Warehouse is located at 200 Church Drive, Ruidoso.

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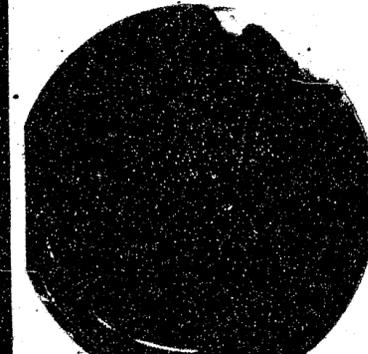
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Upper Canyon lodgers struggle as water slowly restored

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Having no water meant losing over \$30,000 in business for Upper Canyon lodger Chuck and Marilyn Duncan, owners of the Whispering Pines Cabins.

By 5pm Sunday, crews finally restored water service to some businesses and homes in Upper Canyon which have been without water for nearly a week. Chuck Duncan said, "Our water came back on about 5pm and we've been running with the police getting our cabins back on line. These guys were great to work with. No kidding, the street level guys were fantastic the whole time."

The Duncan's have been working 14 hour days in an attempt to save their business and guide displaced guests to other accommodations.

Duncan said, "We were completely booked for all of last week and the next week, now we have nothing. It's going to be very difficult to recover the rest of the winter season, the timing for this thing couldn't have been worse."

Duncan-acknowledged the brutality of the sub-zero cold snap couldn't be helped. However, he is critical of the way Upper Canyon businesses are being treated by village officials. "Once again, the village has ignored small business perils associated with the crisis up here and have offered no guidance on how we can recover. First with the flood in 2008, now this," Duncan said.

However, lodgers further up the canyon, still reeling from the 2008 flood are not so lucky and are very unhappy with the Village of Ruidoso. Glenda Duncan, owner of the Noisy Water Lodge near the end of Upper Canyon is furious.

"First of all, I want to say all the volunteers and workers on the ground have been busting their tails and have been a pleasure to work with. They have reacted to the situation with flying colors," Duncan said.

Duncan strongly believes the situation in Upper Canyon could have been minimized if the Village had

performed several tasks relating to replacing water and sewer lines on the riverbed in Upper Canyon exposed during the flood.

When the freezing problems started, Duncan was not surprised to see crews immediately responding to areas known to be problematic.

"We were promised the water line projects up here were a priority and I believe it was mandated to have them relocated from the riverbed areas. All that I have seen the village do is drag their feet. I will end up losing two to three weeks of good winter business because the severity of this could have been avoided," Duncan said

"Business owners were largely ignored by FEMA and the village did nothing after the floods in 2008 to support business recovery. We have been waiting for good snow this winter and I am now turning away people during what is one of our busiest times in the winter. I will end up losing two to three weeks of good winter business. I am incredibly frustrated," Duncan said.

According to a recent village press release, Zone 1 Brady Canyon and Zone 2 Perk Canyon have held pressure with no further leaks and test results from the NMED verify no contamination.



Zone 4 - south side of Upper Canyon has experienced some delay due to problems with pumps that feed the tanks that serve that area. Crews worked through the night to switch to the back-up pumps to allow us to continue filling the tanks.

Zone 5 - Black Forest had some problems and crews repaired the pressure reducing valve that feeds this area. Currently, lines are being filled with water to continue the process.

After all zones have been tested and verified with no contamination, no leaks and the minimum 24 hour waiting period has been satisfied by the Environment Department, then water to all five zones will be turned back on. We will inform the public of the process to turn meters back on and release water to properties. Tuesday is our target date to release water to the affected area; however we are still ahead of schedule as of today.

BUDGET CUTS

cost effective college or university in the state. In other words, Martinez would have one of the most efficient schools in the state to somehow become more efficient. And she would have ENMU-Ruidoso do so before asking less efficient schools to take a harder hit.

"In a certain sense, I feel like a finely trained marathon runner being asked to appear on the "Biggest Loser," Allred said, adding that if Martinez's plan were approved, it would be disastrous.

"A budget reduction in excess of \$400,000 would be devastating for an institution with little or new room for cuts," Allred said. "Preliminary estimates to balance the budget would require some combination of the following: expenditure of reserves, program closures, reduction of class offerings, elimination of additional full time positions and accompanying services, increase in tuitions, reduction of all operating expenses and elimination of all capital purchases."

Allred said, the school already has reduced all operating expenses and has scratched all capital purchas-

es for the upcoming year.

He added that, although he appreciates Martinez's commitment to keeping her campaign promises, he's not clear that cutting funding for education is necessarily the best way to help New Mexico.

"Education is one of the most useful tools we have to bring New Mexico out of these recessionary times," Allred said, adding with disbelief. "It's like asking farmers in Darfur to grow less food."

Beyond the impact to the college, Martinez's budget could spell even harder times for the village and Lincoln County as well.

Sandi Aguilar, executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, ENMU Ruidoso is an integral part of the local economy.

"The critical part about ENMU and the local economy is twofold. Not only is it a business providing jobs and services and money through tuition, but they also do an incredible amount of training for our people," Aguilar said.

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Dennis Kintigh, state representative, R, Roswell, did not have any comment about the issue but said he has been asked to look into the issue. Kintigh did not feel fully versed enough to comment.

Zach Cook, state representative, R, Ruidoso, he is trying to meet with Martinez about the issue.

"We're early in the process here, and there will be a difference between this and the legislative budget. I don't know what the Gov. is thinking,"

State Senator Rod Adair, R, Roswell was not available for comment prior to presstime.

More than seven calls to Martinez's office Monday morning went unreturned.

Allred said the issue is still up for debate and the legislature also has produced a budget currently calling for an increase of 1.8 percent for ENMU Ruidoso.

Allred said, in his conversations with state representatives and senators, he doesn't feel house and senate are in support of such drastic cuts to education.

He added, however, "It's hard to predict."

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Village ramping up marketing plan

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

The Ruidoso Village Council Tuesday received its first six-month update on how \$260,000 of Lodger's Tax Money is being used to enhance tourism.

The goal, according to Gina Kelley, the village's newly-hired director of tourism, is simple: Saturate the state of Texas with the tourist opportunities offered in Ruidoso.

"Tourism," Kelley said, "is vital to the village of Ruidoso."

Known as "Team Tourism," graphic artists Cheri Kofakis and Brad Cooper unveiled a number of examples of clip art that are being distributed in strategic areas such as travel magazines, visitors centers and other areas likely to attract visitors to Ruidoso.

Much of the art features tongue-in-

cheek catchy headlines, such as "Join the Smile High Club," and "Lincoln County is still a great place to hang."

One piece of art, headlined "Real men don't need microwaves," touts how "life is better around a campfire in Billy the Kid Country," and boasts the areas trail-riding opportunities.

Cindi Clayton-Davis, chairwoman of the village's Lodger's Tax Committee said the effort is geared at "anything we can do to expand our marketing dollars and getting the best possible bang for the buck."

Targeted areas include Lubbock and El Paso, Texas, considered major gateways to New Mexico.

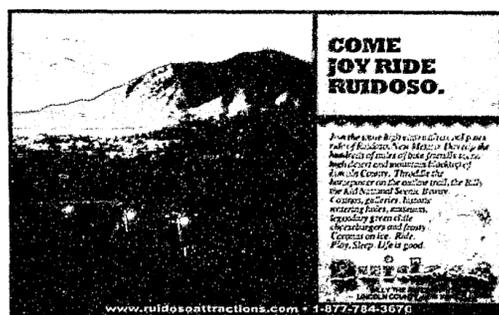
"Getting more heads into Ruidoso beds is what this is all about," said Clayton-Davis.

While the village's promotional campaign is not specifically coordinated with

other entities, such as the Mescalero Apache tribe, which has its own marketing campaign for Inn of the Mountain Gods and Ski Apache, the clip art designed for the village does include the terms "casinos" and "skiing" and "horse racing" as area attractions.

"Certainly, Ruidoso Downs and the Mescaleros have their own marketing budgets, and we like to partner with them whenever possible," Clayton-Davis said. "We've worked with Lincoln County a number of times — one recurrent theme of the campaign is Lincoln County is Billy the Kid country — the funding behind the effort is a local village tax and the emphasis on tourism must be geared toward the Ruidoso area as a whole and not any single enterprise."

"Certainly our visitors are going to go



skiing," she said. "Certainly they are going to visit the casinos and the race track. But this is public money and earmarked for promoting Ruidoso. It's important that we promote all things that enhance the visitor's experience in Ruidoso, and to get them to come back. If we all work together, and we've had those opportunities in the past and will again in the future, we can succeed in attracting more visitors to the Ruidoso area."

WATER

tem was holding water, highly-chlorinated water was allowed to flow through the system, prompting a warning by the village not drink the water until further notice.

Representatives of the New Mexico Environment Department said consumption of the highly-chlorinated water would not render anyone seriously ill — on Sunday the chlorine level was similar to that of a public swimming pool — but still should not be consumed.

Lee said the village was still adhering to its initial estimate that complete water service to Upper Canyon would not be resumed until today.

Initially, the village appeared to make little headway against the outflow of water sparked by brutal arctic conditions that left cracked and weakened pipes and water mains in its wake.

In response, the village developed a four-phase plan that called for the shut-down of various parts of the community systematically as the need arose.

The worst leaks seem to have been at the village's upper elevations, and as of Sunday afternoon, Lee said she had no intention of implementing Phase II — which would cut off water service to another large chunk of Ruidoso.

More than 180 city employees, volunteers and soldiers worked throughout the weekend.

Village officials have said a large number of leaks were discovered in unoccupied homes, prompting an order

to simply cutoff water service to many homes that appeared to not be presently occupied.

Officials also vowed to enforce a 20-year-old and largely ignored ordinance requiring the installation of a cutoff valve on the residential side of the village's water meter before the village would turn water service on to a home.

On Thursday, village workers discovered a major valve, which allowed water to bypass a shutoff, had been left on.

Water officials at the time said they didn't believe anyone had deliberately turned on the water, but subsequently a significant number of illegal turn-ons have been discovered, prompting officials to authorize police to issue citations to anyone caught turning on water without permission.

More than 500 individual leaks, out of about 8,900 water hookups, were reported to the village as of Sunday.

Officials fear, however, that many unoccupied homes might still be leaking water either inside or underneath the structure.

Village officials are still asking residents to conserve water usage until service is resumed to the entire community.

Also, the community is still under a precautionary boil order issued by the New Mexico Environment Department. The state is urging, but not requiring, residents to boil water for five minutes before drinking or cooking.

Village officials, however, have

maintained that constant testing of the water supply has shown no contamination.

For those still without water service, potable drinking water is available at the Main Fire Station, 541 Sudderth Dr. Non-potable water, which is suitable for

flushing toilets and other non-consumption uses, is available at Fire Station No. 3 in Upper Canyon across from Black Bear Lodge.

The Ruidoso Municipal School District has offered the use of showers at Ruidoso High School.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Call, write, email, tell it, yell it

With feet of snow, busted pipes, and sub zero temperatures, it's easy to forget the New Mexico Legislature is actively in the process of finding new ways to rob the citizenry of its dollars and its sovereignty.

In other words, they are in session.

Good, bad, right or wrong, Democrat or Republican, none of those things really make a difference. Legislatures get to the Capitol and their brains fall out their ears. Many of them weren't really that bright to begin with. And from the second they hit town, there is an army of lobbyists and special interests whose only job is to convince legislators to vote in favor of their private businesses, industry, special interest.

There are lobbyists for the gun industry, tobacco industry, insurance, doctors, weapons manufacturers, automotive, coal, oil, banking and yes even newspapers. What there isn't a lobby for is, you. There isn't a lobby for the tax paying, 80 hour a week American working man. No lobby for the single mom working two jobs to pay her taxes.

There's no lobby for the folks who have to foot the bill, for government's stylized legislation designed to benefit business and only business.

That's why, each and every one of us must be our own lobby.

This legislature has promised big changes in Santa Fe. Unfortunately, the changes they are promising, look to be detrimental to the citizenry.

That is why you and I must take responsibility to tell our legislators how we want them to vote and what issues are important to us.

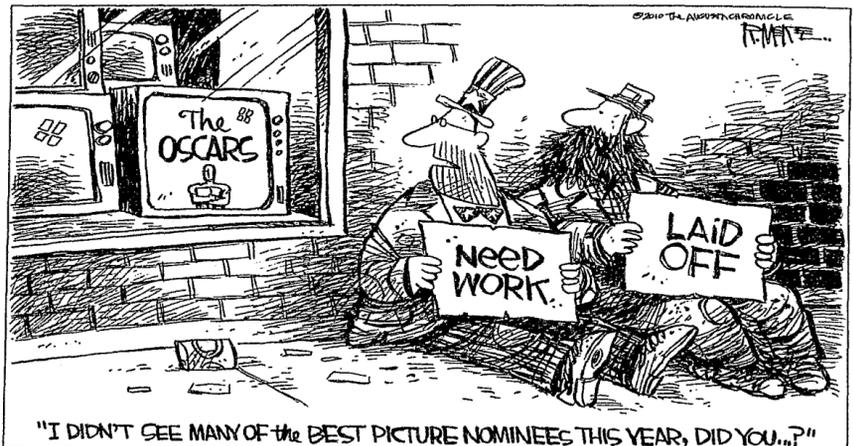
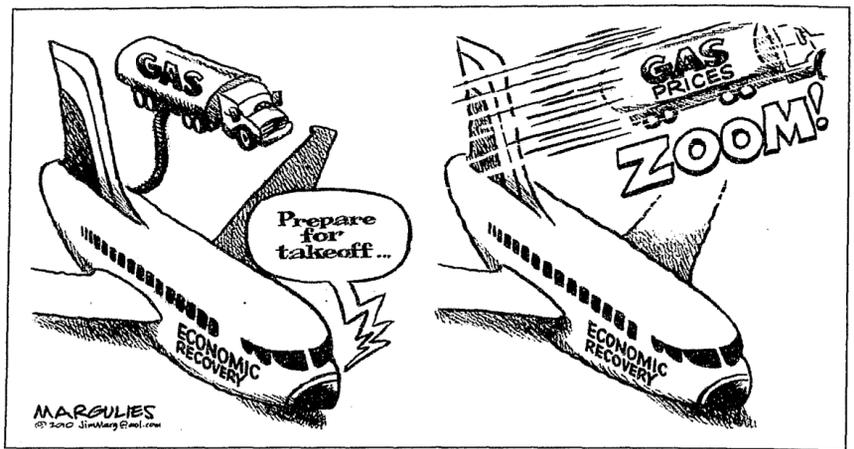
Find out who represents you. Find out how they vote and what bills they are presenting and most important call them and tell them how you feel. Send them emails and letters and be sure to let them know, if they screw up, you'll be voting against them next election.

It's easy to cast blame for America's woes. It's even obvious the problem lies with the overwhelming effort of American industry to get it's way despite the cost and the willingness of most politicians to prostitute themselves to the highest bidder.

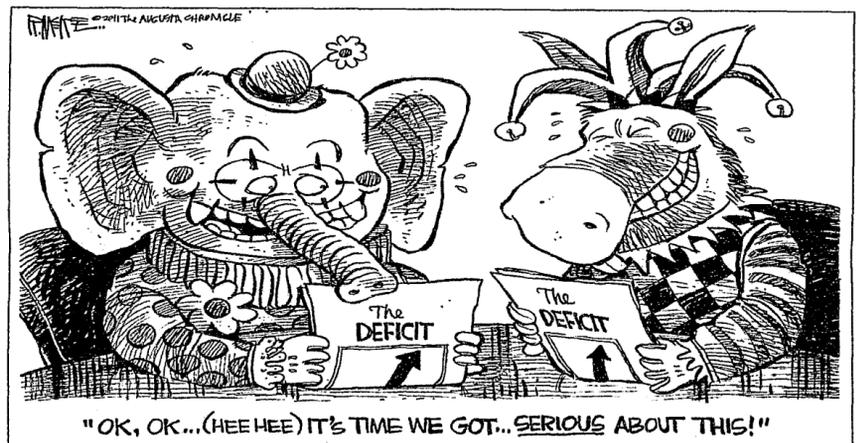
What's not obvious is whether our democracy would have deteriorated to this sad state, had each of us maintained our right to be part of the process. Being a citizen is a privilege. Just like in childhood, you lose your privileges when you act irresponsibly. Improving America begins with you, so call Santa Fe, write them, email it, tell it, yell it but be counted.

Over the next few weeks, we will be publishing contact information for local elected officials.

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The ABC's of Miss America scholarship pageants

GUEST COLUMN

By Barbara Westbrook

History and Miss America were inextricably linked to the fact that women gained the vote in 1920, and Miss America was formed in 1921. Education for all. Miss America is all about college education for deserving young women. This was the age of flappers, of the Charleston, of Jazz, and the winds of change were blowing across America.

We have Miss Universe, Miss USA, Mrs. this and that, baby beauty pageants and teeners. But Miss America is different. I have been struck by the confusion of most not knowing the difference. Having been associated with the Miss America Scholarship Program since the 1950s in Tennessee, and sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, I have a very clear idea of the benefits to young women who wish to further their college education through Miss America. They not only attain their collegiate dreams, but the bonus of great new friendships of other girls of like minded goals and lifelong friends, confidence, grace, and a bright future.

Ruidoso was not heard from, not even a peep, for about 14 years, to participate in the Miss America pro-

gram. I thought that needed to be remedied and I did it. We crowned Miss Ruidoso Shelby Rist, in 2008 at Mt. Annie's Dinner Theater, the next year Miss Ruidoso Claudia Nava at Cree Meadows, the third Miss Ruidoso was Kendra Martin 2010, and our reigning Miss Ruidoso 2011 is Shelby Rist, at Mt. Annie's, which was the home of Miss Ruidoso. All of these girls are attending college at either UNM or NMSU.

All directors of the New Mexico/Miss America Program are volunteers. That means we raise our own money, pay Franchise fees and give sashes and crowns, mentor our girls and guide them through the process of competing, and we do this for love. Not money.

So, to the ABCs... A in the Miss America program stands for: Attitude, achievement, altruism, and many other A's... B is beauty and brains... C is community, country and compassion. If you could read all the things these girls do in their communities, you would be astounded. They give thousands of hours to various causes. To help others stay in school, to help hospitals, libraries, better nutrition, womens domestic violence residences, tutoring, AND go to

college, many with 4.0 GPAs.

So, we are coming to all of you here in Lincoln County, and asking you to get behind the Miss America Scholarship Program, and the wonderful privilege of having the State wide Miss New Mexico State Pageant here at the splendid venue of Spencer Theater June 18 through June 25th. This is a first for Ruidoso. Kellye Cash, a former Miss America and the niece of Johnny Cash, has emceed the State Pageants for several years, will be appearing one night in "A Night With Patsy Kline/a la Kellye Cash". She is fabulous and should not be missed. She has performed this show all over America. As the Miss Ruidoso execu-

tive director, I would be glad to accept help for lodging for these incredible girls, and answer any questions. Let us be the best hosts the Miss New Mexico/Miss America Scholarship Program has ever had. We have a very good chance to see our Miss Ruidoso 2011 Shelby Rist go to Miss America Pageant in January in Las Vegas. It is up to us to put our best foot forward and be a dynamite town and host! Spencer Theater is the perfect setting for our girls to shine for 2011!

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Committee approves \$10,000 to offset tourism lost to storm

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

The Lodger's Tax Committee for the Village of Ruidoso released an emergency allocation of \$10,000 Monday to spark a publicity campaign to offset losses area lodgers experienced because of water-related problems. "We've definitely got some ground to make up," said Chairwoman Cindi Clayton-Davis.

A survey sent to 99 area lodgers concluded exactly one half of the respondents lost revenues and one half said there was no impact caused by the water outage in Upper Canyon cabins.

Of the 22 lodgers who responded to the survey, seven said they lost 50 percent or more of their occupancy; seven said they had lost no bookings and the remaining reported losses ranging from 10 to 40 percent.

One respondent wrote, "We have 19 properties in the Upper Canyon. All of these were booked for Val-

entine's weekend - one of our major weekends - and all of them had to be cancelled. This has resulted in a significant revenue loss for our business."

Another lodger reported it was hard to point fingers. "Can't really tell. Some have decided not to visit because of the emergency, but we also gained rooms due to part time visitors with burst pipes. A good-sized church group almost cancelled due to the press coverage."

"We are closed," reported another lodger, while yet another reported "we had to cancel 26 reservations this weekend."

Committee member Lynn Crawford said he spent the weekend in El Paso, where the Ruidoso water crisis was a common topic of discussion.

"They were all very well aware of it," Crawford said.

Committee member Tom Wood suggested the emergency funding allocation should go towards immediately boosting Ruidoso advertising in El Paso,

which is already a strategic target of the "Team Tourism" campaign.

"I'd hit the electronic billboards as fast as we can and not even touch on the water situation," Wood said. "Focus instead about plenty of new snow at Ski Apache."

Cheri Kofakis, a tourism media consultant hired by the committee, suggested that if the intent of the emergency campaign was to "make up" loss revenues from Valentine's Day, the effort must address "non winter-sports tourism and focus instead on openings and other events."

Brad Cooper, who has been designing advertising copy for the committee, suggested a number of catch phrases that could be flashing before El Paso motorists with the touch of a Twitter button.

"We're thawed in Ruidoso," "It's good to go in Ruidoso," "You can flush again in Ruidoso" were among the double-entendre bits that generated nods and smiles from the committee.

Super Crossword

BLUE GENES

FILM CREDIT

From page 1

ACROSS

- 1 Plot
- 6 Philanthropist
- 11 Send out a page
- 14 Highlander's headgear
- 17 Vision-related
- 19 Likes a lot
- 21 Barcelona bravo
- 22 "I — Rock" ('66 song)
- 23 A few words
- 24 Start of a remark by Laurence J. Peter
- 27 Itch
- 28 Loaf part
- 30 Dram
- 31 Emcee
- 32 Swiss sharpshooter
- 33 Like feta
- 37 Feta
- 39 Oscar or Tony
- 42 Fragrant plant
- 44 Mets' milieu
- 45 Isolated
- 46 Spud state
- 47 '97 Across singer
- 50 Part 2 of remark
- 56 Seal school
- 58 Actress Massen

- 59 TV's "The — Limits"
- 60 Animosity
- 61 Nimble
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- 78 Bounded
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- 81 Medical suffix
- 82 Spirit
- 84 Gogol's "Bulba"
- 86 Jack of "Barney Miller"
- 89 Ocasek of The Cars
- 90 Part 3 of remark
- 95 Principles
- 97 "Here You Come —" ('77 hit)
- 98 Hellman's "The Children's —"
- 99 Duel tool
- 100 Desk accessory
- 102 On edge
- 103 Stick-in-the-mud?

- 106 Free tickets
- 107 Pavarotti piece
- 109 Third-rate
- 110 Halloween decoration
- 111 Yogi or Smokey
- 112 Political abbr.
- 115 End of remark
- 122 Dolphin Dan
- 124 Kind
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- 131 Wharton or Sitwell

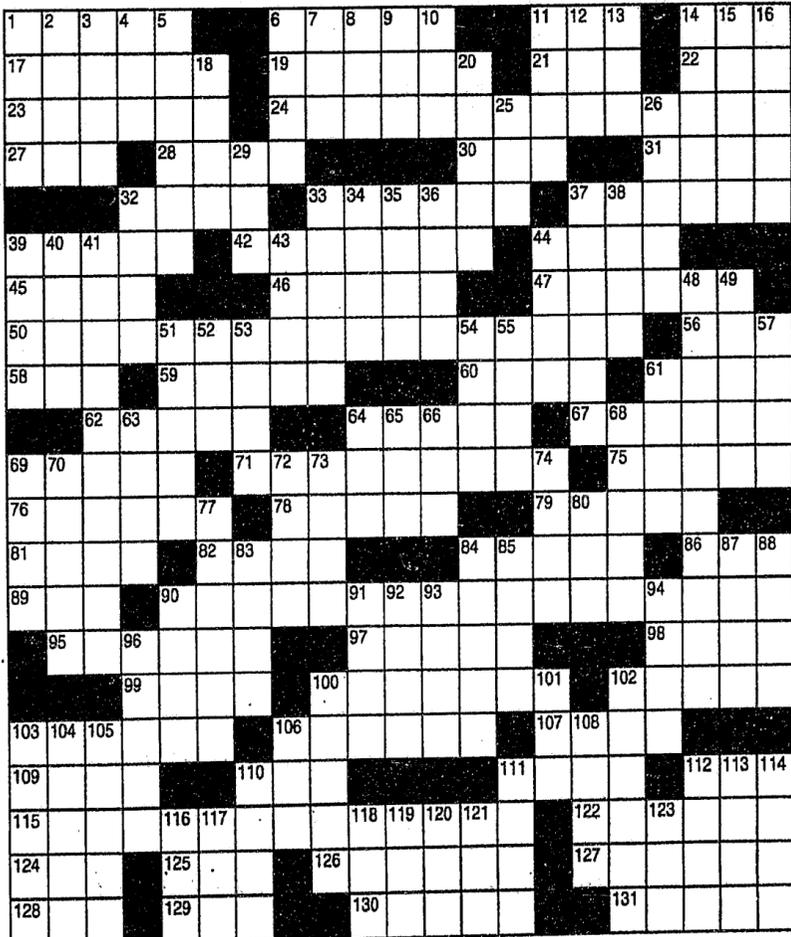
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- 7 Horatian creation
- 8 Neither's partner
- 9 Vein contents

- 10 Word with carpet or cabbage
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- 12 Boxing legend
- 13 Makes one's mark
- 14 Resort lake
- 15 Pile up
- 16 Lusterless
- 18 Virginia —
- 20 Alaskan city
- 25 Italian greyhound, e.g.
- 26 Bread ingredient
- 29 Wee one
- 32 "— bien!"
- 33 Chest material
- 34 Get wind of
- 35 Tennis legend
- 36 A roaring success?
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- 39 Plus
- 40 Troubles
- 41 Penguins' place
- 43 Ready to eat
- 44 Detect
- 48 Tyranny
- 49 With '101 Down, '79 Sally Field film

- 51 Subject matter
- 52 "Ben—" ('59 film)
- 53 School founded by Henry VI
- 54 Siamese
- 55 Fill to the gills
- 57 Actress Cannon
- 61 Mail event
- 63 Homeric characters
- 64 So. state
- 65 Mouth piece?
- 66 Habitually, to Herrick
- 68 Neigh-sayer?
- 69 Den
- 70 Upstairs besement?
- 72 — Bator
- 73 Singer Home
- 74 Irritated exclamation
- 77 More enthusiastic
- 80 Scoundrel
- 83 — majesty
- 84 Ridicules
- 85 Superior
- 87 Burden of proof
- 88 Brute
- 90 "— the mornin'"
- 91 Guys' counter-parts

- 92 Corporate clashers
- 93 Bank statistic
- 94 Big bird
- 96 Indira Gandhi's father
- 100 Enjoy the beach
- 101 See
- 49 Down
- 102 Diatribe
- 103 "To fetch —"
- 104 Clavell's "— House"
- 105 Allstar or Sam
- 106 Part of PST
- 108 Sita's husband
- 110 Dylan's colleague
- 111 Fiber source
- 112 Leslie
- Caron role
- 113 Step — (hurry)
- 114 Cry of contempt
- 116 Check
- 117 Jeff Lynne's grp.
- 118 Sphere
- 119 Singing syllable
- 120 It may be tipped
- 121 WWII area
- 123 "Great!"



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councils throughout Lincoln County a presentation on what the true issue is," Kintigh said from the floor of the State Senate in Santa Fe. "I'm busy with the session now, but hopefully I'll have a chance to do so in the future."

The resolution asks for any decision on the tax to be postponed until "a complete and thorough economic impact study can be done."

But Kintigh maintains several studies have been done in states across the country to show that such a tax credit is bad fiscal policy.

"The response has shown that New Mexico's return is pennies on the dollar," Kintigh said.

According to a fiscal impact report compiled by the Legislative Finance Committee, the repeal of the credit could mean between \$59,000 and \$62,000 through 2013.

It also cites two studies conducted by Ernst & Young and the Arrowhead center, which estimates losses to

the state ranging from \$2.3 million to \$61.49 million per year as a result of the credit.

"The effect of repealing the film production tax credit on the state revenue remains uncertain because it is unclear whether film companies would choose to produce in New Mexico in the absence of the credits," states the report. "While the credits undoubtedly attract the film industry to New Mexico, the state also has other attractive features for film production companies."

Kintigh invites anyone wanting more figures to visit his website at www.DennisKintigh.com to see the independent reports for themselves. The finance committees financial impact report can be found at www.nmlegis.gov/Sessions/11%20Regular/firs/HB0019.pdf.

"We have to make public policy based on hard economic data, not anecdotal evidence," Kintigh said.

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Volunteers made impact during water emergency

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

When the Village of Ruidoso declared a state of emergency Monday, it found itself with about 65 village workers who could, if needed, be reassigned to help find leaks in the water delivery system.

Then, when temperatures began to warm, the first of what now totals more than 500 leaks began spraying water, ultimately forcing the village to cut off water service to the Upper Canyon area Wednesday morning, leaving 30 percent of the village's population without water.

And it rapidly became evident 65 workers could not possibly undertake the task of personally inspecting each of the

8,900 water customers in the village.

Overnight, crews from a number of agencies outside Ruidoso began to volunteer their services to the village. Stepping up to aid the village — at no cost to the village — were employees from the U.S. Forest Service, New Mexico Game and Fish, Windstream, Baja, Otero Electric Cooperative, PNM, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Bonito Fire Department, Lincoln County Emergency Management, Zia Gas and the New Mexico Environmental Department.

With these volunteers, the village was able to double the number of workers available to go out on a house-by-house basis searching for leaks.

Friday, Gov. Susana Martinez ordered 31 National Guard engineers from

Roswell to Ruidoso to further bolster the village's efforts to restore water service to all impacted homes.

The value of these volunteers, according to village officials, cannot be overstated.

"Without the outside help we could have possibly lost our entire water system," said Village Manager Debi Lee. "By these agencies allowing these workers to assist us, we were able to be proactive during this state of emergency."

As pleased as she was by the outside help, Lee said she was not surprised when the assistance was offered.

"What I've learned about Ruidoso and Lincoln County is that people will come out of the woodwork to help."

Justin King, who has been over-

seeing the village's anti-leak effort, called the outside assistance "extremely valuable. We absolutely could not have accomplished what we have without them."

And, King said, while village workers were notified on Thursday that all leaves and vacations were cancelled and all would be working through the Valentine's Day weekend, many of the volunteer workers had also agreed to work most, if not all, of the weekend as well.

"I just can't say enough about what these volunteers have done for us," said Mayor Ray Albom. "This has been a phenomenal operation, and we simply couldn't have done it without the assistance of these people."

JANUARY BIRTHS LCMC

Jan. 4

Ethan Scott Stevenson, male, 7 lbs. 3.1 oz., 19 inches was born to Son-seehray and Frederick Stevenson.

Jan. 6

Savannah Nichole Harrison, female, 6 lbs., 5.2 oz., 19 inches, was born to Jennifer and Dale Harrison.

Jan. 9

Jayden Michael Weise, male, 6 lbs., 15.1 oz., 20 inches, was born to Tonya Coleman and Michael Weise.

Jan. 10

Ryan Shannon Babcock, male, 5 lbs., 13.2 oz., 17 inches, was born to Regina and Shannon Babcock.

Jan. 12

Zachariah David Ordorica, male, 5 lbs., 10.8 oz., 19 inches, was born to Jacquelyn Anaya and David Ordorica, Jr.

Jan. 13

Katherine Theresa Chlumsky, female, 8 lbs., 3.2 oz., 20.5 inches, was born to Shannon and Reece Chlumsky.

Kyern Robert McCoy, male, 7 lbs., .8 oz., 19.5 inches, was born to Kaiya Seidel.

Elena Rayne Hernandez, female, 6 lbs., 15.9 oz., 20.5 inches, was born to Geraldine Herrera and Gilbert Hernandez.

Jan. 15

Isabel Ann Salas, female, 7 lbs., .3 oz., 19 inches, was born to Isabel and Daniel Salas.

Jan. 17

Emmanuel Andres Gonzalez, male, 7 lbs., 8 oz., 21 inches, was born to Christina Ontiveros and Manuel Gonzalez.

Isiah James Comanche, male, 7 lbs., 8 oz., 21 inches, was born to Sidonia Comanche.

Jan. 19

Andi Nevaeh Rose Arriola, female, 6 lbs., 1.1 oz., 19 inches, was born to Rose Anna Amador and Andres Arriola, Jr.

Jan. 20

Jessica Isabella Alirez, female, 8 lbs., 7.5 oz., 20 inches, was born to Silvia and Christopher Alirez.

Jan. 25

Braison Patrick James Hiles, male, 7 lbs., 13.8 oz., 20 inches, was born to Kreshna Apachito and Joseph Hiles.

Jan. 27

Paul Logan Banister, IV, male, 8 lbs., 13.5 oz., 21 inches, was born to Rachel Ward and Paul Banister.

Jan. 28

Ryder David McCutcheon, male, 7 lbs., .2 oz., 21 inches, was born to Britany and Kyle McCutcheon.

Super Crossword

Answers

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MTD Media GM named to recreation committee



Lisa Morales, general manager for MTD Media, parent company of the Ruidoso Free Press, has been appointed to the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor Ray Albom nominated Morales for the post, which was approved unanimously by the Village Council Tuesday.

In her application, Morales wrote she has been "very involved in the Ruidoso community since I moved here in 2000."

"I'm very happy to be serving on the parks and recreation committee," Morales said of her appointment. "As a citizen of this village and the mother of

a child, it's important for me to be involved in helping shape the recreational opportunities here in Ruidoso."

She added that community service fits perfectly with MTD Media's goals as a company. "Recently, we adopted the motto of, 'Making The Difference,'" Morales said. "We want our radio stations, websites and our newspaper to, 'make the difference' in our community by providing quality entertainment and useful current news. But 'making the difference' also includes having our employees volunteering and working for the benefit of the entire community."

She said she has "an understanding of marketing and media," and would "assist in promoting the projects and educating our community as well as surrounding communities of the improvements and ongoing activities to draw tourists to our community."

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Woman adds canine to world conquering team

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

If there was a single person in Ruidoso that could justifiably feel sorry for herself, it would likely be Emma Farris.

It's not that Farris was born with cerebral palsy.

It's not that at the age of 5 a therapist told her parents to not expect much progress from their daughter.

"She told my mom that I would never walk, never talk, be confined to a wheel chair for the rest of my life and would never be able to keep up with my peers on an academic basis," Farris, now 20, related to a visitor.

Suffice it to say it was not the therapist's most accurate prognosis.

"Every day is a challenge," Farris said, "But I don't let challenges get in my way."

Farris graduated, along with all her regular classmates, from Capitan High School with a 3.5 grade point average, attends ENMU-Ruidoso on scholarship and has been accepted to the University of New Mexico where she plans on majoring in adolescent psychiatry.

It hasn't been easy, she said.

There were times when she was younger that kids teased her. Farris' stick-to-it-ness quickly overcame that, as did heavy involvement in the youth group at Community United Methodist Church. She recalled what became her standard line when children would ask her why she was different.

"I'd tell them I'm just me. It's not like I was sitting in heaven while God



was flipping through a book and got to the CP page and I said 'yeah, that's the one I want'."

She emerged a confident, self-sufficient, quick-witted young lady with a radiating smile and a razor sharp sense of humor.

While she does occasionally use a wheelchair or a walker, she strives on a daily basis to use special quad-crutches and walk under her own power.

When she makes the big move to Albuquerque in August, she'll take with

her a new partner, a two-year-old Golden Labrador Retriever named Cooper whom Farris received largely through generous donations made by area residents and the Ruidoso Masonic Lodge.

Cooper is a specially-bred "service" dog, reared and trained at Laughing Eyes Kennel in Nogal. Farris' long-time friend, and Cooper's volunteer trainer, Gail Hovious, was running Farris through another training session as the pair learn all they can about each other before they depart for UNM.

Part of Cooper's training, which began while still in the whelping box, is to produce a dog that is to be a life companion for its human family member.

"We actually train them to be love muffins," Hovious said.

Because Farris is extremely high-functioning, Cooper's role is more of assistant than therapist, although he has been trained to pick up and react to Farris' moods.

But when it comes to retrieval of a book back or a dropped set of keys, Cooper does what a Lab does by nature — retrieves — and brings what the item is straight to Farris.

As a certified service dog, Cooper is entitled by law to enter any type of business with Farris, be it restaurant or grocery store, similar to a guide dog for the sight-impaired.

He's also been trained to accompany Farris on public transportation, such as trains and buses, which will be vital for their UNM experience together.

One of Cooper's more intriguing talents is he knows how to rear up and engage the automatic door openers on doors designed for access for those with disabilities.

And, of course, Cooper will be there every step of the way for every class, every visit to the Student Union, every athletic event and every church service.

"Cooper will be my shadow," Farris said.

Cooper just might even get a shot at Ski Apache.

That's right. The little girl written off by a professional therapist discovered skiing five years ago and blazing down the slopes, Farris said, allows her to "just be another one of the kids."

Growing up, Farris said, she was unable to participate in many of the athletic endeavors her friends enjoyed daily, but she did spend a lot of time

cheering them on.

"They've got Special Olympics now, and that's a great thing, but it wasn't so big around the areas I lived when I was younger," she said.

"Then I discovered skiing. Yes, there's adaptive equipment and yes, there's always an extra person nearby, but when I ski, I feel so free. So alive. That's why I love it."

Farris credits much of her drive, and life successes, to her mother, Tootsie, who simply refused to let her daughter do anything but experience life to its fullest.

"My mom pushed me really hard, and I'm so grateful that she did," Farris said.

Recently Farris underwent surgery to have a medical implant embedded in her spine that injects a drug to help reduce the involuntary movements common to people with cerebral palsy.

A painful procedure, Farris said she was shocked when her mother told her it would be alright if she relied on the motorized wheelchair for awhile.

"I couldn't believe it when she said that," Farris recalled, opting instead to bear the pain and propel herself with a walker.

"My mom's never let me take the easy way out with anything and I wouldn't let her start now. I told her 'when has it ever been alright for me take it easy'."

Along with the bedrock support she has received from her family, Farris has developed her own way of viewing life.

"Basically I don't see myself as disabled," she said with her thousand-watt smile.

"Yeah, I get frustrated at times. There are times when I get angry. I can get upset and throw things. But I also know that I'm a lot better off than most people with CP."

When it's all said and done, Farris has done quite well with the body that God did give her.

It gets her through a full load of classes at ENMU, daily physical therapy, and now, training sessions so that she and Cooper are prepared for the independent college experience.

And it's a pretty safe bet that when she becomes a medical doctor, Farris will not be so quick to shortchange the future of any young patient that comes her way.

Every day is a challenge ... but don't let challenges get in your way.



Eddie Farrell/Ruidoso Free Press

Emma Farris, Cooper, and Gail Hovious, a volunteer trainer who has worked with Cooper for most of the two years of training he has undergone at Laughing Eyes Kennel in Nogal.

EDUCATION

Culinary students compete, serve and give back

Special to the Ruidoso Free Press

For many years, Julie Rigsby has been teaching high school students the ins-and-outs of food service and preparation in her culinary classes. Each year her Tepee Lounge and ProStart classes are very popular with students who regularly sign-up to be on waiting list to get into the classes.

Recently, Rigsby's ProStart students attended the Family, Career, Community Leaders of America annual regional competition in Las Cruces. ProStart members Sonia Badachi, Diana Gallegos, and Jocelyn Hernandez attended and competed in the Culinary Arts completion. The students were provided with three menus and a list of equipment, but were not told exactly which they would be preparing. With only two hours to plan, prepare, and clean-up, the students served the judges two identical plates of food including blueberry/papaya salad with poppy seed dressing, chicken

scampi, lemon basil pasta, and cappuccino mousse.

Following the culinary arts competition, Hernandez immediately went to decorated cakes and earned three gold stars on a beautiful multilevel "Warrior" cake. Badachi and Gallegos went into to their team competition for crudites trays. They received two stars by demonstrating their knife skills and creating a fruit tray featuring a decorative pineapple with fruit dip. All three members of the FCCLA team members will advance to the ProStart State Competition in March where they will be required to create their own menu including a starter course, a main course with a starch and vegetable as well as a dessert. The students are also required to fabricate a whole chicken and demonstrate different types of knife cuts. The team must complete all of these activities in two and one half hours.

"The students did a great job and finished with

two out of three gold stars," said Rigsby. "I was very proud of what they accomplished!"

Ruidoso High School offers the ProStart program that is sponsored by the National Restaurant Association. This nationally recognized program is a two year course of study that includes a 400-hour paid internship. Upon completion, the students receive a nationally recognized certificate from the NRA. The course includes articulation agreements with colleges and universities all over the United States. Locally, the students may earn dual credit through ENMU.

According to Polly Staski, principal at RHS: "Our culinary arts program is a great example of a teacher creating a successful elective program that students want to be involved in. We are very proud of our ProStart students who made such a great showing at the regional competition, and we wish them lots of luck at the state competition!"

Community partnership sends donations to Mexico

By Eddie Farrell

Reporter

A bit of housecleaning in the Ruidoso Municipal School District is now helping students at a Juarez, Mexico orphanage.

According to Superintendent Bea Harris, a number of items, including desks, black boards, white boards and other items which had been in storage and previously offered for use to other New Mexico schools to no avail are now, thanks to at least two U.S. Rotary clubs and another in Juarez, helping young students in Mexico get a better education.

"We had a lot of stuff in storage after the middle school moved," Harris said. "We advertised the items for sale, including e-auctions (on-line sales) and we still had stuff ... some of which has been accumulating for years."

Among the items: Old chalkboards that have been replaced by whiteboards.

"Then we have the whiteboards that were replaced by smartboards," Harris said. "But the chalkboards and the whiteboards are still good and functional."

Faced with the need to gain storage space, Harris worked with the Ruidoso Rotary Club, which in turn contacted

Harvey's Feeds in Ruidoso Downs.

Harvey's donated the use of a semi-truck and trailer and the items, ranging from old televisions, chairs, desks and boards were trucked to El Paso, where the El Paso Rotary Club arranged for storage in a warehouse.

Rotarians in Juarez were then contacted to have the items shipped across the border and delivered to the orphanage.

"We're just grateful we were able to pass these items along and that they're now back in use for the educational purposes they were initially purchased for," Harris.

Time management class

ENMU Ruidoso will offer a class on time management beginning Thursday.

Learn tips and tools for organizing time effectively, keeping track of appointments and meetings, and managing schedules.

Instructor Rachel Weber, who is director of marketing for the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino, will conduct this two-hour workshop Thursday, Feb. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. The fee is \$25.

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College super computer could be on chopping block

By Eugene Heathman

Reporter

Just one year after the launch of the Connect20 event which linked several facilities and institutions of higher learning to the world's third fastest super computer in the world, "Encanto" may be headed for the chopping block due to statewide budget cuts.

Critics of the super computer, including Gov. Susana Martinez contend the super computer is not worth the money. The super computer cost the state \$11 million to purchase and approximately \$1 million per year to operate.

According to KRQE News, Martinez said, "I think

that the super computer is a symbol of excess. We have analyzed the situation. We have seen what the previous administration has invested in it, and we have looked to see what we have gotten back in revenue. It doesn't match up. It's time for the state to get out of the super-computer business."

Several statewide entities have formed coalitions to establish viable business plans and advocacy to save Encanto and the gateways.

ENMU-Ruidoso has created a Community Gateway System Coalition for economic and educational development in Lincoln County.

Stephen Miller, Director of Computer Services at ENMU-Ruidoso said, "The gateways have been de-

signed to create opportunities throughout New Mexico for: research, education, economic and community development. ENMU-Ruidoso is being looked upon by the state, as a role model due to what we have already done with our gateway."

During this past year, the coalition hosted commercial film industry use for post-production of one commercial and the *Billy Shakespeare* film project, started academic classes in media arts and cyber security and plans to expand to gaming, simulation and modeling in a Tri-campus coalition with ENMU Portales and Roswell.

Using the education gateway system, ENMU Ruidoso hosts monthly Rio Grande IGDA & SIGGRAPH users group meetings, live webcasts of the White House Summit on Community College's, the Upper Rio Hondo USGS watershed modeling project created by Sandia Labs, and the Supercomputing Challenge with local schools.

State Rep. Zachary Cook, R-Ruidoso supports technological advancement in New Mexico. "The system was launched without a comprehensive business plan to manage it into a self-sustaining venture. While I appreciate the potential positive impact this system may have in the state and at the local level, I think the government should not spend tax payer money on projects that are still in need of further study to determine their impact. I always believe that private enterprise is more capable than the government," Cook said.

"Encanto" is a commercially available super computer with 28.6 terra bytes of computational memory, more than 300 terra bytes of storage and powered by 14,336 Intel Xeon processor cores. As a general practice, super computers are not made available to the general public, but with New Mexico's vision of the future, the access is available for business modeling, conferences and for the film industry.

The gateway at ENMU Ruidoso features 2 65" HD DLP 3D ready TVs, 3 Sony pan/tilt/zoom cameras, instructor/student workstations, sound system, wireless mikes, 3D production and viewing.



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Rosalyn Stevenson performs digital post production for the *Billy Shakespeare* film project at ENMU-Ruidoso, using the Gateway System super computer.



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BUSINESS

Local minister cooking up something good

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

Our Daily Bread Café recently opened at 113 Rio St. in Midtown. The family owned restaurant is operated by longtime locals George and Frances Northrip along with their daughter Jessica and family member Annette Rankin.

George Northrip is the youth director, preacher and founder of the youth boxing program at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs.

A sign in the front window reads, "May all who enter as guests, leave as friends."

The café owners boast a friendly family atmosphere and is open daily featuring a \$2.99 breakfast.

"If you don't know everyone by their first name when you come in, you will by the time you leave. We want you to feel like

you're having a meal at home with friends, and we do that by treating everyone like family and friends not just customers," Frances Northrip said.

Our Daily Bread Café features a takeout counter and sidewalk café style seating at the front and family style dining area towards the rear of the building. This area can also accommodate small groups and meetings.

Meals at Our Daily Bread Café feature a full range of breakfast selections, heaping platters of nachos, burgers, salads and made-to-order sandwiches. The dinner menu provides hearty dishes of chicken, catfish trout and shrimp.

The Our Daily Bread Cafe is a log cabin converted into a restaurant along the edge of the Rio Ruidoso and just off the beaten path of the midtown retail shopping district between Eagle Dr. and Center St.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press
Our Daily Bread owner, Frances Northrip chats about old times over lunch with Karen Wiley and Kathleen Grants, while the two dined at the new restaurant.

Relaxed loan requirements spark criticism

By Eugene Heathman
Reporter

According to the Realtors Association of New Mexico, Wells Fargo enacted a new policy Jan. 15, accepting FHA mortgages for borrowers with credit scores as low as 500.

Major banks have come under scrutiny for requiring up to or even greater than a 650 credit score before making loans. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) and the (Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Commissioner David Stevens criticized the country's major banks at NAR's annual conference in New Orleans in 2010. He accused them of operating out of sync with FHA and artificially restraining nationwide home sales by as much as 20 percent.

The NAR attributes home ownership to job creation and a strong economy. According to NAR, housing accounts for more than 15 percent of the national Gross Domestic Product, making it a key driver in our national economy.

A borrower's down payment will be determined by credit scores. According to the policy, Wells Fargo would accept a credit score of 500-579 if they put down 10 percent of their own money.

For borrowers with credit scores of 580-599, borrowers must put down 5 percent of their own money. Borrowers with credit scores of 600 or higher

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— Nathan Thomas

can make a 3.5 percent down payment. Local Wells Fargo Mortgage Consultant Lisa Mulrey was not at liberty to speak about the program and referred press related questions to Wells Fargo corporate offices.

Local mortgage brokers are skeptical of the new policy in lieu of the current foreclosure crisis. Nathan Thomas of Ruidoso Mortgage said, "I have no doubt that Wells Fargo has plans for people with 500 credit scores and here is what they are not telling you. By the time they write the actual loan for someone with low credit (below 620) the closing costs and the high interest rate that they will provide is the same environment as sub-prime lending. So I applaud FHA director Stevens and Wells Fargo for taking the most vulnerable people in America and putting them into high interest rate programs which will inevitably end up in foreclosure situation."

Mortgage-Pro owner, Robert Flack is weary of the policy, fearing relaxed lending practices will only perpetuate the current foreclosure cycle. Mortgage-

Pro requires a minimum credit score of 625 and Mark believes that's a good place to be for a typical home buyer.

"Borrowers need to be careful regarding the temptation to get involved in programs like this. Low credit scores almost always mean higher closing costs, mortgage insurance premiums and higher interest rates. Borrowers with low credit scores are likely not ready for homeownership," Flack said.

Flack and Thomas both agree that home ownership should be an accomplishment, not an entitlement and each offer mortgage counseling to prepare borrowers with credit challenges for responsible home ownership.

"We need to fix the root of the problem with lending and focus on responsible lending while not falling back in the same hurtful lending practices that got us here in the first place," Thomas said.

According to Realty Trac, a nationwide foreclosure and sales tracking company, there are currently 1,233 foreclosures in New Mexico. Lincoln County reported 15 foreclosures for January.

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All American Triple Crown nominees announced for 2012

RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. (Feb. 14, 2011) – Nominations to the 2012 All American Triple Crown – the All American, Rainbow and Ruidoso futurities - are up compared to similar figures for the 2011 runnings.

There are 1,356 foals of 2010 nominated to the 2012 races, compared to 1,339 nominees to this year's runnings of the three Grade 1 futurities.

The All American Futurity is the world's richest quarter horse race with the 2011 and 2012 runnings projected to each have a purse of \$2,400,000. There will be a guaranteed winner's share of \$1,200,000, an all-time record for quarter horse racing.

The 2012 Rainbow Futurity will have a purse of \$700,000 and the Ruidoso Futurity will have a \$600,000 purse.

If a horse can sweep the All American, Rainbow and Ruidoso futurities, then that horse's connections win the \$4,000,000 All American Triple Crown bonus, the richest bonus in quarter horse racing. Combined with the winner's share for each futurity, the horse would earn \$5,850,000 during their Ruidoso Downs' summer campaign.

The next payment (\$250) is due on March 15 for foals of 2010 to remain eligible to the 2012 runnings of the All American, Rainbow and Ruidoso futurities. Any foals of 2010 who are not nominated to the 2012 All American Triple Crown may gain eligibility for a \$1,400 supplemental fee on March 15.

For further information, call nominations secretary Annelle Reynolds at (575) 378-7224.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Some kind of help

Ruidoso police issued a citation for battery, Feb. 7, to Lanny Perkins, 76, of Ruidoso after he reportedly drug a woman from her home to his car, then back to her home when she didn't want to go.

Perkins told police he "helped her walk across the yard so she would not slip," further adding she had made him sit in his car waiting on her for several minutes.

Expensive paint job

Graffiti artists went to work on various structures and vehicles in and around Schoolhouse park, Feb. 7, causing more than \$2,000 in damage.

Two Village of Ruidoso shuttles at the Ruidoso Senior Center were hit, as was the playground area in the park. Public restrooms in the park also had been spray painted, as were trash some trash cans.

The dugouts at White Mountain Athletic Complex were also tagged with graffiti, as was an office building in the area. Police believe all three areas were spray painted by the same suspects.

Accidental shooting

A man leaving a restaurant on Sudderth Drive, Feb. 6, was accidentally shot with his own gun when it fell out of his jacket pocket after he bent over to look at a magazine rack in the entrance way.

The victim has a conceal carry license, and the unloaded firearm was returned to him after he was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment.

Wrong plates

Officer Aaron Frost pulled over Clint Skeen, 23, of Picacho Feb. 5 after finding the license plate on Skeen's vehicle actually belonged to a different truck. Skeen also had no registration or proof of insurance for the vehicle.

While waiting for a tow truck to arrive on the scene, Frost searched the vehicle and found marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Skeen was arrested for possession and was booked at Ruidoso Police Department. He last posted a \$1,500 bond.

Stolen car

A vehicle parked at a restaurant in Midtown was reported stolen Feb. 6, after the owner had left the vehicle running while went back inside the restaurant to retrieve his jacket.

Break and enter

The back door to a home on the 100 block of Lupine Loop was reported kicked in, Feb. 3. Nothing appeared to be damaged or missing.

Stolen boards

Four snowboards and their bindings, estimated to be worth a total of \$3,200, were reported stolen, Feb. 4, from a home on the 200 block of White Mountain Meadows.

Uncalled for

Police arrested Manuel Blackmon, 35, of Ruidoso for domestic violence after he attacked a woman in her apartment on the 400 block of Mechem Drive, Feb. 6. He claimed he was invited into the apartment, but was evasive when asked specific questions about the battery.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE REPORTS

Property damage

A vehicle parked in an apartment complex on Dipalo Hill Drive was found damaged, Feb. 5. A window had been broken out, and there are no suspects at this time.

Breaking and entering

The front door of a vacant residence on Griffith Drive was reported open, Feb. 6. Investigation of the building found broken windows throughout, but no other damage was found.



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OBITUARIES

Holly Marie Vicars
Jan. 6, 1944 — Feb. 9, 2011

Holly Marie Vicars, 67, of Ruidoso passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 in Ruidoso. The family will receive guest Saturday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Ruidoso where the funeral will be at 4 p.m.

Vicars was born Jan. 6, 1944 at Indianapolis, Ind. to Roy Richard and Alice Marie Webb. They both preceded her in death. She moved to Ruidoso four years ago from Weatherford, Texas. She was a homemaker and attended the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. She married Berton L. Vicars Aug. 31, 1963 at Abilene, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Berton; two daughters, Maria L. Robeson and her husband Mike and Diana L. Vicars; a son, Eric R. Vicars; 7 grandchildren; one great grandchild.

Cremation is under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com

Katie Klein
July 10, 1928 — Feb. 11, 2011

Visitation for Katie Klein, 82, of Ruidoso will be Monday, Feb. 14, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. The rosary will be Monday at 6:30 PM in St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso where the funeral mass will be on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso.

Klein passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, in Ruidoso. She was born July 10, 1928, at San Patricio to Andy and Virginia Randolph, who both precede her in death, she had lived in Lincoln County all of her life. She was President of the American Legion Auxiliary and had been a member for over 50 years, She was a member of the D.A.V. Auxiliary and the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She operated Klein's Laundry for 20 years and Klein's Thrift Store for 15 years. She attended St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso. She married Romeo F. Klein on December 29, 1945 in Carrizozo.

Klein was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Romeo Klein; one son, Romeo Klein Jr.; five daughters, Carol Rue and her husband Barney, Virginia Armstrong and her husband Tom, Juliet Dean and her husband Danny, Anita Ordorica and her husband Miguel and Patsy Klein and her husband Jason Kinnick; three sisters, Nora Corona, Rayna Martinez, and Mildred Gonzalez; 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Donnie Klein, who died in the Vietnam War and Andy Michael Klein, three sister and two brothers.

Mary Elizabeth Troutman
Dec. 13, 1925 — Feb. 3, 2011

Mary Elizabeth Troutman, 85, of Alamogordo and formerly of Ruidoso passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011 in Alamogordo. She was born Dec. 13, 1925 at Alva, Kentucky to Garfield and Elizabeth Johnston. She had moved to Ruidoso in 1984 from Hamilton, Ohio.

She is survived by two daughters, Libby Richardson of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Norma Sue Ward of Brookville, Ind.; eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date at Rose Hill Burial Park in Hamilton, Ohio. Cremation was under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso and condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com

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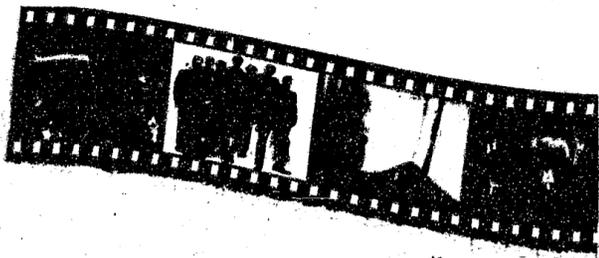
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On the Town entertainment



Travel Channel show filmed in Ruidoso

By Todd Fuqua

Reporter

Bert Kreischer has made a career out of doing exciting things – and sometimes downright dangerous things – just for the thrill of it.

Kreischer, host of “Bert the Conqueror” on the Travel Channel, followed his love of thrills to the Ruidoso Winter Park on Ski Run Road, Feb. 10, to film an episode for the show’s second season.

The show features Kreischer travelling all across the country finding the most thrilling activities he can find and taking them all on, focusing primarily on small-town America.

“It always starts with a seed, an

event everyone wants to try,” Kreischer said. “It’s nice to see what the locals do for fun.”

The way Kreischer found Winter Park in Ruidoso was to simply type “thrills” and “New Mexico” in his Internet search engine and see what came up.

He found Winter Park along with the snow shovel races, in Angel Fire, and decided a trip to the Land of Enchantment was in order.

“New Mexico has an interesting energy,” Kreischer said. “It has some awesome outdoor scenes, but the altitude – I didn’t realize how hard it is to breathe up here.

“The views are so crisp here. It’s like looking at the landscape in high definition,” he added. “This area is what most people picture in their minds when they think of this state.”

Kreischer spent the day interviewing thrill-seekers after they had flown down the bobsled turns and mogul jumps of the parks’ six chutes, and even spent some time in the Kidz Korral living it up with the little ones for a web episode.

But for all the time he spent looking for thrills here, he couldn’t stop talking about the beauty of the area.

“It’s beautiful here, especially the sunsets,” Kreischer said. “Look at me, I’m waxing poetic about a state I’ve been in for only 12 hours.”

The second season of “Bert the Conqueror” will premiere April 3 on the Travel Channel.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Kreischer, waits at the base of a run as thrill seekers descend in one of Ruidoso Winter Park's larger tubes Feb. 10.

Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Bert Kreischer, kneeling, talks to two young men who were more than eager to speak to him about sliding down the side of a mountain in an inner tube at Ruidoso Winter Park, Feb. 10. Kreischer's Travel Channel show “Bert the Conqueror” highlights the things people do for thrills all across small town America.

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for Shrimp Étouffée are the stock and roux. If you have some homemade fish or shrimp stock, now is the time to use it; it will add so many flavors!

Next is the roux (roo), which is flour and butter cooked in a heavy pan. Along with the stock, the roux provides the backbone of flavor. But when making the roux you really have to be on top of it, because it can turn from a wonderful nutty flavor into a burnt flavor very quickly. Mastering the art of making roux can take some time, but it will soon be a labor of love once you see just how much it adds to the dish. There are four shades of roux; white, blond, brown, and dark brown. The darker the color of the roux, the more the flavor it will have, but with less thickening power.

I hope you enjoy your Shrimp Étouffée!

Shrimp Étouffée

Ingredients

½ cup butter
½ cup AP flour
½ cup onion diced
½ cup green bell pepper diced
½ cup celery diced
2 roma tomatoes diced

¼ cup thinly sliced green onions
2 garlic cloves minced
1 bay leaf
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon white pepper
½ cup dry white wine
1 ½ cups fish stock or chicken stock
2 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped
1 tablespoon tomato paste
¼ teaspoon cayenne
Big dash of Tabasco
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 ½ pounds medium shrimp peeled and deveined
Steamed white rice

Directions

In a large heavy pan or Dutch oven over medium high heat, add butter. Heat butter until it is almost to the smoking point. Whisk in flour and stir

until it becomes the color of peanut butter. Add onions, bell pepper, and celery, and stir for about 2 minutes. Add white wine, roma tomatoes, bay leaf, garlic, tomato paste, Worcestershire sauce, dried thyme and chicken or fish stock. Bring to a simmer.

Add green onions, parsley, cayenne, Tabasco, white pepper, salt, and shrimp. Stir well and simmer for no more than 3 minutes, then turn off the heat.

To serve, place white rice in the middle of a large soup bowl with an ice cream scooper, then pour Shrimp Étouffée around the rice. Enjoy!

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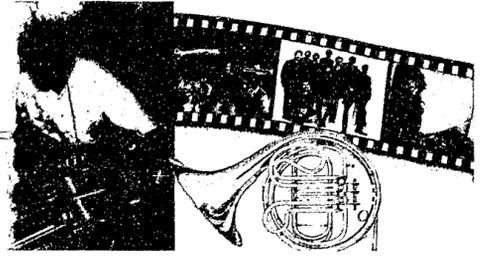
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**TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 15**

Blood Drive at Carrizozo Schools from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. sponsored by United Blood Services.

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

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 16**

Preschool Story Time - every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. Snowmen stories will be read and you'll make a special snowman (not out of snow!) Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m. Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road. <http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/>

Wynonna Judd performs at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, 8 p.m. Rising to fame in the early 1980's with her mother Naomi, The Judds, the duo charted 26 singles. Now singing solo, Wynonna has released eight studio albums with more than 20 singles. More Info: 575-464-7777 Web: www.innofthemountaingods.com



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

Karaoke with DJ Pete at Lucy's Mexi-

cali 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
FEBRUARY 17**

Business After Hours at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown Ruidoso from 4 to 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

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

**FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 18**

Virgil Stevens "Oil Rub Out" Workshop Clubhouse at Innsbrook Village Country Club and Resort, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$375. More Info: Virgil or Emily at 575-354-3352

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.

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.

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.

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

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
FEBRUARY 19**

Mountain Top Muzzle Loaders monthly shoot at 1 p.m. at the Hale Lake Road Gun Range. Come out and shoot or just watch.

Movie: Like Water for Chocolate Sacred Grounds Coffee & Tea House, 6:30 p.m. No admission fee. Sacred Grounds will be offering its regular selection of quiches, soups and drinks plus a special selection of new menu items especially appropriate for the movies. All regular coffee drinks, specialty coffee drinks, and teas will be available also. More Info: 575-257-2273

Mark Kashmar, acoustic guitars and vocals performs at Zocca Coffee from 2 - 4 p.m.

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.

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

Aaron LaCombe Band performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

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

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

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 20**

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

**MONDAY
FEBRUARY 21**

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

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PREVIEWS

BY DNA SMITH

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

PICKS OF THE WEEK

Bambi: Two-Disc Diamond Edition (G) — Disney's 1942 tale of one year in the life of an orphaned fawn is not only one of the best animated films from Disney's Golden Age, it is without a doubt a timeless classic that has enthralled audiences for generations — and will continue to do so for generations to come.

Like all children, Bambi is a bit gangly, uncoordinated and innocent. But following the tragic death of his mother, the young fawn must quickly learn to survive in a forest fraught

with peril.

Thankfully, he is befriended by Thumper the bunny and Flower the skunk. Together, they learn valuable lessons (often with the help of a wise old Owl) as they take their first tentative steps into young adulthood.

127 Hours (R) — Director Danny Boyle (*Slumdog Millionaire*, *Trainspotting*) pulls out all the stops in this based-on-a-true-story account of Aron Ralston (James Franco, in his best performance to date), a young canyoneer trapped in the Utah desert.

In 2003, while climbing a remote canyon in Utah, Ralston tries to cross a gap that is bridged by a boulder. As he crosses, the boulder comes loose and Ralston — still holding onto the massive stone — falls about 20 feet to the canyon floor and finds that his hand is inextricably wedged between the boulder and the canyon wall.

For five days, Ralston tries to free himself from the rock, but to no avail. He has flashbacks and hallucinations. Severely dehydrated, he drinks his own urine. He uses the small blade from a multi-tool to carve out his birth and death dates into the canyon wall. Finally, he summons the courage to do the only thing he can if he wants to

survive: use the blunted, tiny knife to cut off his arm, and muster what little strength he has left to hike the tens of miles to safety.

Dr. Black, Mr. Hyde: 35th Anniversary Edition (R) — Awww yeah ... If you're in the mood for some funky, low-budget '70s blacksploitation, then look no further, my little possums.

Bernie Casey stars as Dr. Henry Pryde, a famous research scientist developing a serum that will reverse liver damage. When he tests the potion on himself, things get totally messed up: Dr. Pryde becomes Mr. Hyde, a white-skinned, hooker-killin' psychopath!

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- Cake Boss* Season 3
- Scooby Doo: Curse of the Lake Monster*
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- Murder Investigation Team* Series One
- In Loving Memory* Series One



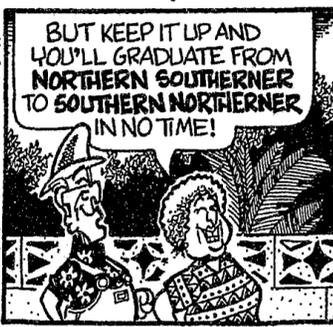
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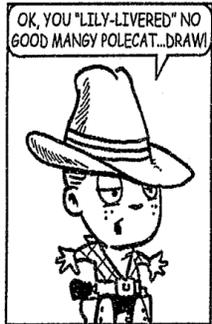
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/s/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Ruidoso Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting scheduled on March 15, 2011 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider case #PCU11-001 Condition Use Request for the following property:

602 US Highway 70
Lot 3A-1, Block 8,
Camelot Subdivision, Unit 1

By order of the Planning Commission
Shawn Fort
Building Official

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ruidoso Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting scheduled on March 15, 2011 at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider case #PV11-001 a Variance Request for the following property:

314 Hull Road
Lot 8, Block 1
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By order of the Planning Commission
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INVITATION TO BID
EAGLE DRIVE - RIO RUIDOSO CROSSING STRUCTURE
The Village of Ruidoso will receive sealed bids on the above referenced project.

120 LEGAL NOTICES, cont.

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Ruidoso on March 15, 2011, until 2:00 pm MST at the Purchasing Department, 311 Center Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud March 15, 2011 starting at 2:30 pm MST in the council chambers at the Village Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2011-06

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso shall conduct a public hearing during a regular meeting scheduled on March 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the purpose of adopting the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2011-06: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 74, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO UPDATE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO EXCAVATION."

Copies of Ordinance 2011-06 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday during the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Boys basketball
 Lake Arthur 63, Corona 32
 Capitan 51, Mescalero 50
Girls basketball
 Corona 61, Lake Arthur 45
 Capitan 46, Mescalero 34

Feb. 8
Boys basketball
 Hondo 68, Carrizozo 63
Girls basketball
 Carrizozo 55, Hondo 40

Feb. 9
Boys basketball
 Capitan 73, Mescalero 58
Girls basketball
 Mescalero 54, Capitan 50

Feb. 10
Boys basketball
 Hondo 66, Corona 27
Girls basketball
 Hondo d. Corona

Feb. 11
Boys basketball
 Lovington 91, Ruidoso 72
 Valley Christian 65, Corona 36
 Quemado 82, Carrizozo 42
 Fort Sumner 73, Hondo 51
 Hagerman 69, Capitan 42
 Gateway Christian 58, Mescalero 43
Girls basketball
 Ruidoso 56, Lovington 47
 Carrizozo 52, Quemado 18
 Fort Sumner 53, Hondo 19
 Hagerman 30, Capitan 26
 Mescalero 53, Gateway Christian 43

Feb. 12
Boys basketball
 Reserve 65, Carrizozo 40
 Portales 60, Ruidoso 39
Girls basketball
 Reserve 48, Carrizozo 47
 Portales 46, Ruidoso 34

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 14
Boys basketball
 Gateway Christian at Capitan, 7 p.m.
 Hagerman at Mescalero, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
 Gateway Christian at Capitan, 5 p.m.
 Hagerman at Mescalero, 5 p.m.

Feb. 15
Boys basketball
 Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 6 p.m.
 Capitan at Gateway Christian, 7 p.m.
 Mescalero at Hagerman, 7 p.m.
 Vaughn at Corona, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
 Carrizozo at Cloudcroft, 4 p.m.
 Capitan at Gateway Christian, 5 p.m.
 Mescalero at Hagerman, 5 p.m.
 Vaughn at Corona, 5 p.m.

Feb. 17
Boys basketball
 Quemado at Carrizozo, 6 p.m.
 Hondo at Vaughn, 7 p.m.
 Corona at Lake Arthur, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
 Quemado at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.
 Hondo at Vaughn, 5 p.m.
 Corona at Lake Arthur, 5 p.m.

Feb. 18
Boys basketball
 Hagerman at Capitan, 6 p.m.
 Mescalero at Gateway, 7 p.m.
 Ruidoso at Portales, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
 Hagerman at Capitan, 4 p.m.
 Mescalero at Gateway, 5 p.m.
 Ruidoso at Portales, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling
 Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A state tournament at Rio Rancho, 10 a.m.

Feb. 19
Boys basketball
 Roswell at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
 Vaughn at Hondo, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball
 Vaughn at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Wrestling
 Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A state tournament at Rio Rancho, 10 a.m.

Ruidoso boys shut down

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso boys like to run and shoot the ball a lot, but there wasn't a whole lot of scoring by either team to start the Warrior-Portales District 4-3A showdown Feb. 12.

The two teams combined for just nine points in the first quarter. While Ruidoso was able to tie things up a few times in the second period, the Rams were opportunistic enough to cruise to a 60-39 victory.

"They covered us well with the press, but I felt we handled it well," said Ruidoso coach Dennis Davis. "My big issue is we didn't score easy baskets when we got the easy shot. We just weren't finishing."

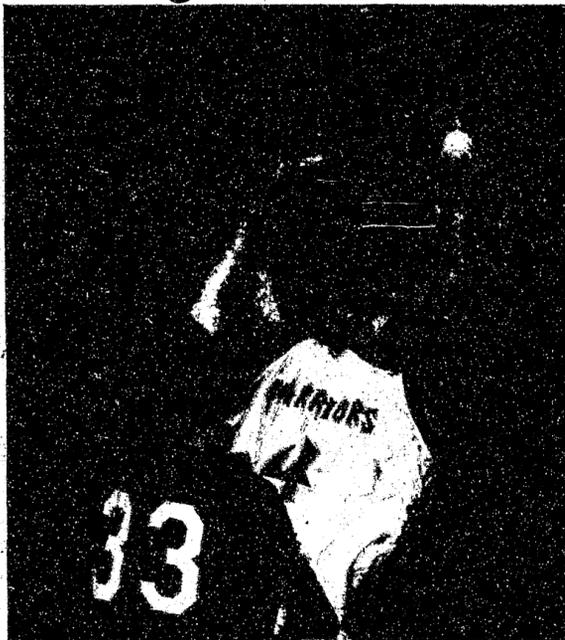
Portales (15-7, 2-0 district) was getting its shots to fall, but coach Mark Gallegos would have liked to see his team score a bit more.

"We weren't attacking Ruidoso's defense, and that hurt us tonight," Gallegos said. "We just have to get back to work in a few areas."

Davis said the Warriors (10-12, 0-3) may have been a bit distracted by their inability to score.

"When they'd miss a shot or pass, they'd forget what they were supposed to do," Davis said. "Now we need a win in district for a better seeding at state. We can only finish third in district, but we need some momentum."

Miguel Vasquez was the top scorer for Portales, putting in 20 points, while Jesse Blue had 16 points on the night. Ismail Cook, who led his team with 31 points against Lovington, was again the high scorer for the Warriors, but had just



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press

Ruidoso forward Forrest Sanchez (4) puts up a shot as Portales' Garret Hancock defends during the Warrior boys' loss Feb. 12 at Ruidoso High School.

nine points.

Wildcats outgun Warriors

Lovington's boys basketball could be beaten, and the Ruidoso Warriors knew it coming into their game Feb. 11.

But to beat the Wildcats, Ruidoso had to keep from playing the Wildcats' game — an uptempo affair with lots of running and lots of scoring.

The Warriors were unable to slow the pace down and Lovington took advantage in a 91-72 romp.

The problem for Ruidoso was he was the only one scoring. A three pointer by Terence Shields and a free throw from Jared Davis represented the only other scoring by any Warrior in the fourth. Shields finished with 16 points.

Robert Perez was the top scorer for Lovington with 22 points — including a pair of fast-break dunks in the first and third quarters — followed by Jaden Swenson with 19, Robert Hargrove with 14 and Seth Estrada with 12.

Warrior grapplers State-bound

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso wrestling team has 11 members heading to state this year after performing at the District 3-1A/3A tournament at Silver over the weekend.

Coach David Shriver is excited for his wrestlers, but don't ask him to make predictions.

"Anything can happen up there, but I'm expecting a few to get into the second day," Shriver said. "hoping for some placers to come out of this, but you never know."

Oscar Magana earned first place at 152 pounds with a victory over Silver's Oscar Maynes, who defeated Magana at a tournament earlier in the year.

Tanner DeSoto lost his match to Silver's Dakota Bencomo and took second at 215, while Mikael Montoya was second at heavyweight, falling to Horace Martinez of silver.

Other Warrior wrestlers making the trip to Rio Rancho's Santa Ana Star Center this Friday are Ty Marshall at 103, Matthew Storey 112, Cheyanne Lanik 119, Robert Frizzel 125, Chris

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Todd Fuqua

Ruidoso center Abriana Herrera turns to shoot the ball while being guarded by Portales' Macy Mitchell Feb. 12 at Ruidoso High School.

Portales slows up Lady Warriors

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

The Ruidoso Lady Warriors may have been on a high after defeating Lovington the night before, but they were brought crashing back to earth Feb. 12 when they ran into a deliberate and effective Portales team.

The Lady Rams — smarting after

they had lost on the road to Lovington — evened their district record with a 46-34 victory, putting Ruidoso in the unenviable position of having to win at Portales just to finish at .500 District 4-3A.

Portales (13-9 overall) made its reputation on playing — and winning — low-scoring games with a patient half-court

See GIRLS, pg. 23

Tigers, Chiefs get to know each other

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

By the time the week was over, the Capitan Tigers and Mescalero Chiefs had likely had enough of each other.

The two schools played a boy-girl doubleheader Feb. 7 in Capitan, then had to play again two days later in Mescalero as a result of cancelled games from the week before.

The Tiger boys were able to sweep their counterparts — although it wasn't easy to begin with — while the girls each won on their home courts. The games represented the District 7-1A openers for both schools.

Boys

The Capitan Tigers knew Mescalero was not a team to be taken lightly, and were able to hold off a determined Mescalero squad for a 51-50 victory Feb. 7.

"It was great to come in here and compete against a good team like Capitan," said Mescalero coach Mike Torres. "This was good for our morale, and the kids are really coming around as basketball players."

"I expected it to be close, because Mescalero was winning, and we only had one game in the last three weeks,"

said Capitan coach Johnny Carson.

Logan Eshom led the Tigers with 14 points, while Godfrey Cordova was the game's high scorer for Mescalero with 18 points. Balatche added 10 for the Chiefs.

Two days later in Mescalero, the Tigers weren't about to take anything for granted.

Capitan used man-to-man full court pressure the entire game and were able to cruise to a 73-58 victory.

Capitan opened the game with a 14-2 run and were never really threatened the rest of the way. About the only time Mescalero (5-15, 0-2) made a serious run was at the very end, when they scored the game's final 13 points.

Godfrey Cordova had 18 points to lead the Chiefs, but was the only one in double figures. Justin Franklin and Eric Pena had nine points each.

Dustin Blowers was the game's high scorer for Capitan with 21 points, while Rudy Chavez added 17 points and Chris Pino had 10.

Girls

The Lady Tigers took no prisoners in the first half of their game against Mescalero Feb. 7, building up a 12-point lead at the break, then surviving a Lady Chief charge in the second

half that brought Mescalero to within one point in the fourth quarter.

In the end, the comeback wasn't enough, and the Lady Tigers used their strength inside to earn a 46-34 victory.

Capitan's offense was led by Kaitlin Keaton, who had 16 points and was the game's high scorer. Dusti Rae Eldridge complimented her with nine points of her own.

Mescalero started making things interesting in the second half, going on a 7-0 run to open the third quarter to get to within four. The Lady Tiger lead shrunk to one point with 5:27 left in the game on another layup by Randall, who had 13 points to lead her team.

The Lady Chiefs got some revenge with a 54-50 victory Feb. 9, but it came with a heavy price.

Mescalero controlled the pace for much of the game, but the Lady tigers made in interesting near the end, and as the play got rougher and players got more aggressive, the game came to a standstill when Capitan center Kaitlyn Keaton collided with Mescalero team leader Valerie Garcia on a fast break.

Both went down in a pile, and the gym went quiet as both were attended to side by side.

Keaton, who rolled her ankle, got

up first and was later walking on her own, but didn't return to the game.

Garcia, however, had suffered a concussion, and the gym was deathly silent as she was led from the building. Mescalero coach Nate Raynor said she's recovered, but won't see playing time for another week, just to be sure.

Garcia was Mescalero's leading scorer with 19 points and was the only Lady Chief in double figures, while Keaton had 13 points. Jamie Fields led the Lady Tigers with 19 points.

The injuries overshadowed a Capitan comeback that made the game an interesting one in the fourth quarter after the Lady Chiefs had controlled the tempo throughout the game.

Split against Gateway

The boys lost to Gateway Christian Feb. 11, 58-43, while the girls earned a 53-43 victory.

"Corrie Randall had to step into the leadership role in Garcia's absence, and responded with 19 points. Ardis Holder added 12 for the Lady Chiefs.

"I was so proud of all my girls," Raynor said. "We still have some more work to do on offense, but we held their leading scorer to just eight points, so I was happy with the defense."

Hagerman sweeps Tiger teams

By Karen Boehler

For the Ruidoso Free Press

HAGERMAN — Capitan's girls came into their Feb. 11 District 7-1A showdown ready to win, and they almost did, but for a late comeback by Hagerman.

The Lady Bobcats had another patented fourth-quarter victory over Capitan Friday, winning 30-26 after trailing until 3:30 into the fourth quarter.

"We should have sustained our lead, but we didn't move the ball in the third quarter as well as we should have," said Capitan coach John Devine. "When we moved the ball in the fourth quarter then we were fine. He did a getter job of trying to deny our passes inside. And some of our midrange shots they didn't fall."

Brienna Olivas led the scoring with nine for Hagerman, while both Jamie Fields and Scheryia Romero had eight for Capitan.

Big loss to Bobcats

Hagerman Bobcat fans may have been expecting a wider margin of victory for their team against Capitan, but coach Anthony Mestas was more than happy with the 69-42 victory over the Tigers.

Tiger coach Johnny Carson was still happy, saying the relatively close margin puts them right up there with some of the top teams in the state.

"Since this was a district ballgame, we hoped to play that tough against them and tried to," he said

Rudy Chavez led the way for Capitan with 12 points, followed by Dustin Blowers by 10.



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Hondo's Stephanie Gomez (42) leaps for a rebound with Lady Grizzlies Kristi Gensler (23) and Kelly Gensler Feb. 8 at Carrizozo.

Carrizozo closer to Eagles

By Todd Fuqua

Sports Editor

CARRIZOZO — Each time the Carrizozo boys take on Hondo, the Grizzlies get just a little bit better.

Carrizozo came the closest it has all season to beating the Eagles Feb. 8, battling to the very end of a 68-63 loss.

Carrizozo hadn't played since Jan. 29, when the Grizzlies lost 54-44 to Hondo, but coach Billy Page wouldn't say his team was rusty in the loss.

Luis Montano was the game's high scorer with 22 points, while Wade Sultemeir and Tavi Nash each had 18 points to lead the Grizzlies.

Hondo took the lead for good with 5:48 left on a jump shot by Christian Guillen — who finished with 11 points for the Eagles — but Carrizozo was never quite out of it.

"The boys didn't shoot the ball well, but our free throws saved us tonight," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "We still didn't get the pace I wanted on offense, but Carrizozo, got

back on defense really well."

'Zozo girls keep rolling

The Carrizozo girls used a stifling full court press to fluster Hondo en route to a 55-40 victory.

The Lady Grizzlies scored the first nine points of the game, as Hondo struggled to get the ball across half court. Carrizozo never let the Lady Eagles closer than five points the entire night.

However, Page would have liked to have seen a more consistent defensive effort, particularly in the second half.

The Gensler-trio — sisters Shelly, Kelly and Kristi — combined for 38 points for Carrizozo, while Shelly had 10 rebounds, four steals and two blocks before fouling out.

Stephanie Zamora added 12 points for the Lady Grizzlies.

Felicia Chavez was the only Lady Eagle in double figures with 10 points, while Stephanie Gomez had nine points.

Bowling

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Tuesday Senior team standings, week 21 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Twisted Sisters	14	6	649	171
Old Timers	13	7	545	263
Larry Larry's	12	8	666	155
Sus Amigos	12	8	631	187
The Who?	9	11	604	211
Serious Not	7	13	599	219
Misfit Bowlers	7	13	597	216

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 942.

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 — Pat Townsend 736, Rose Bivens 713, Lucy Servies 712.

Women's handicap game — Ursula Eckersley 295, Pat Townsend 290, Lucy Servies 274.

Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 214.75, Gene Nitz 203.47, Harry Allwein 181.45. Women — Lucy Servies 160.06, Donna Viitanen 153.6, Pat Townsend 149.72.

Most improved average

Men — Larry Hinds +21.06, Jim Clements +18.55, Richard Dixon +16.39. Women — Rose Bivens +15.24, Jan Wilson +11.61, Donna Viitanen +11.6.

Tuesday Mixed team standings, week 21 of 32

Name	Won	Lost	Avg	Hdcp
Homies	18	2	584	229
Old Farts & A Kid	14	6	736	96
Knight Riders	13	7	540	269
Living Energies	11	9	574	237
Rhino Rose	9	11	620	197
Pioneer Bank	8	12	526	282
Energy 2 Spare	6	14	592	221
Wild Ride	1	19	445	354

Season high scores

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

Handicap game — Knight Riders 1008, 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, Max Cimaron 279.

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

Women's handicap game — Pam Bernard 284, Brianna Velasquez 274, Christina Wall 271.

Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 213.21, Gene Nitz 201, Ronnie Wright 190.17. Women — Pam Bernard 171.08, Lucy Servies 158.86, Millie Cimaron 132.57.

Most improved average

Men — Tom Douglas +19.21, Ronnie Wright +11.17, Andrew Ramirez +9.25. Women — Millie Cimaron +5.57, Diane Willoughby +3.98, Pam Bernard +3.08.

Corona boys get first win

By Todd Fuqua
Sports Editor

The albatross is off the back of the Corona boys basketball team.

The Cardinals went to Mountainair two weeks ago and took on the Mustang JV, getting their first win against 12 losses.

Then came the snow. After a week of cancelled games and practices, Corona was back on the court against Lake Arthur Monday in a District 3B matchup, falling 63-32.

"They took it to us in the first half, it was 38-8 at halftime," said Corona coach Ronnie Dunsworth. "But they only outscored us by one in the second half. That's always been our problem, we don't have good first or third quarters, but we warm up and play well by the end of the half."

Jordan Huey led the Cardinals (1-13, 0-1 district) with 17 points.

Corona was supposed to play Roswell's Valley Christian Tuesday, but that was postponed by yet another snowstorm. The Cardinals and Lions will tip off Fri-

day at 5 p.m. instead.

Girls win second in a row

The Lady Cardinals defeated Mountainair's varsity, 62-39, before the forced break due to winter weather, but returned as hot as before to defeat Lake Arthur, 61-45, Saturday.

Lady Cardinal coach Nicky Huey said the final score doesn't reflect Lake Arthur's tenacity.

"They played pretty well," Huey said of the Lady Panthers. "It was about an 8-10 point game in the first half. Lake Arthur was really aggressive, and got a lot more offensive rebounds than I would have liked."

Taylor Huey had 25 points to lead the Lady Cardinals (6-8, 1-1), while Allysamme Huey had 19.

On Feb. 10, Hondo went to Corona for another District 3B showdown, and the Eagles swept, winning both the boys and girls games. The Corona boys also lost to district opponent Valley Christian Feb. 11, 65-36.

GIRLS

offense. It was an offense the Lady Warriors (15-8, 1-2) tried to match.

Eventually, things got too slow for Ruidoso.

"We needed some sort of intensity, which is why I started pressing in the second half," said Ruidoso coach Julie Montoya. "We were stale and weren't reacting to the game."

Ruidoso was leading after the first quarter by a single point, and had a lead until a jump shot by Portales' Macy Mitchell tied things up at 14-all.

The Lady Rams only had a four-point lead going into the break, but were able to extend that lead to 11 points after an 8-0 run midway through the third quarter. Ruidoso never seriously threatened after that.

"To be honest, we just didn't show up to play," Montoya said. "We started out playing our game, but then they slowed us down, and we got bored with it and quit playing as well."

Mitchell and Gabby Garcia were the game's high scorers for Portales, putting in 13 points each, while Jenna

Sievers added 10. No Ruidoso scorer was in double figures, as Abriana Herrera and Brittanie Vega had nine points each.

"It was a hard-fought game by both teams, but we're content to win," said Portales coach Clay Stout. "I thought our shot selection was better, and Ruidoso is hard to guard."

Third time's a charm

It took three tries, but the Ruidoso girls were finally able to vanquish Lovington Feb. 11 in a District 4-3A matchup that was beyond important for both teams.

Ruidoso avoided foul trouble and survived the Lady Wildcats' patented third-quarter rally to win 56-47.

After fighting for a three-point advantage in the first quarter, the Lady Warriors got some breathing room in the second quarter on a 8-0 run, thanks to pressure defense by Ruidoso and scoring from Brittanie Vega.

Vega had 20 points for the Lady Warriors and was the game's high scorer. She also stole the ball four times

from Lovington (15-7, 2-1) and Ruidoso had 10 steals in all.

While the Lady Warriors seemed to have the game in hand at the break, Montoya knew the Lady Wildcats were particularly dangerous in the third quarter, and showed their potential with six points in 18 seconds near the end of the period to get within four points.

But by that point, fouls were taking their toll on the Lady Wildcat effort. Morgan Homer got her fifth infraction in the third quarter, and team leaders

Mystica Perez, Jordyne Young and Cori Haley were all on the bench by the end of the game.

Things got so bad for Lovington that coach Rick Black was given a technical foul in the fourth quarter.

Perez — who lit up the Lady Warriors for 30 points during the teams' game in Lovington — was held to 16 Friday, while Homer had 10 points.

Abriana Herrera and Sydney Gonzales had 10 points each to compliment Vega's output for the Lady Warriors.

WRESTLING

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Estrada 130, Michael Carpenter 135, Armando Baca 145 and Chance Irons 160.

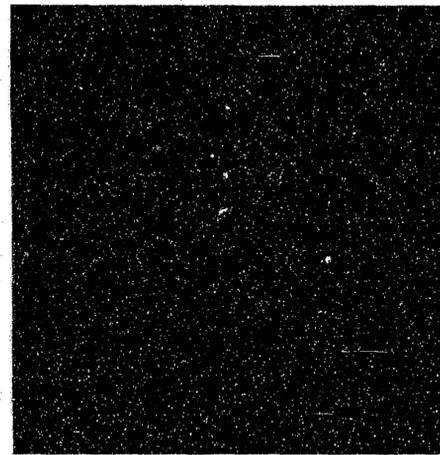
Baca's trip to state was particularly pleasing to Shriver, as the 145-pound class was fully loaded, with Cobre, Silver and Bataan Military Academy entering wrestlers.

To qualify for state, wrestlers needed to place first through third, meaning Baca needed to win his first round just to get a shot at state.

"Armando wanted it more, and he ended up with a pin," Shriver said.

This is the third and final state tournament for senior Magana, who was third at state two years ago.

"He's got the experience and can be a champion, so I'm expecting good things from him," Shriver said. "Several others have chances to place, but everything is so unpredictable at the state tournament."



Magana

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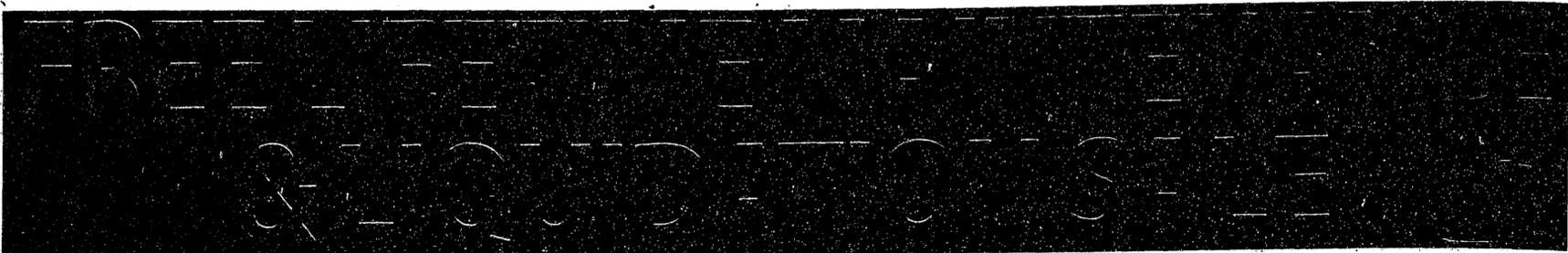
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Ruidoso forward Sydney Gonzales (12) goes up for a shot over a crowd of Lovington Lady Wildcats Feb. 11 at Ruidoso High School.



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