

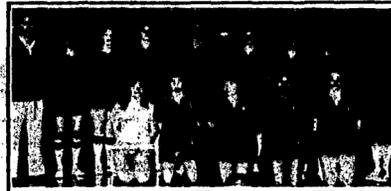


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**Capitan, Downs
host village
candidate forums**

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a candidates' night to give residents a chance to evaluate the nine candidates running for the board of trustees.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the chamber building.

Village of Ruidoso Downs residents will also have the opportunity to evaluate the five candidates running in their upcoming election.

The Ruidoso Downs Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a candidates forum at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29 at the Ruidoso Downs Village Hall.

Joe Hayhurst, current mayor of Ruidoso Downs will seek reelection;

— Charlotte Craig, currently a trustee for the village, will challenge Hayhurst for the mayor's job;

— Judy Miller will seek reelection as trustee;

— Jackie Branum will seek election as trustee. Branum served as trustee five years ago.

— and Judge Harold Mansell is seeking re-election as municipal judge.

All terms are for four years.

**Crisis center check
registers protest of
Simpson videotape**

A donation to Ruidoso's Family Crisis Center arrived recently in the form of a check for \$29.95 — the cost of O.J. Simpson's new video.

From a Ruidoso woman, the notation stated the check was sent "for women's battered center in protest of the Simpson video."

Although centers for battered women all over the country are reporting donations in the same amount and for the same reason, it was the first for the Lincoln County group, said Birgit La Mothe, Ph.D., a certified clinical mental health counselor associated with the crisis center.

The \$29.95 video presents O.J. Simpson's side of the story about his trial and acquittal for the murder of his wife Nicole and Ron Goldman.

Donations may be sent to the local crisis center in care of LaMothe at 101 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, N.M. 88345.



Utility crews wrestle with a metal roof ripped off the Sitzmark Chalet by heavy winds yesterday. The flapping metal cut power lines, putting businesses along Sudderth Drive into nearly two hours of darkness.



Yesterday's gusting winds snapped a 40-foot tree branch which crashed into Ralph Vaughn's 108 Riley Cove home yesterday, destroying a sunroom and puncturing the roof. No one but a dog was home during the incident. The tree had been hit and split by lightning last summer, neighbors said.

Fires blaze out of control on Mescalero Reservation

by JOANNA DODDER
Ruidoso News Editor

At least a half-dozen fires whipped by 60 mph winds and extremely dry conditions are blazing out of control on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

The Elk Complex fires started yesterday, and the deliberate burning of piles of slash (cut pieces of trees) are suspected as the cause. Mescalero fire crews were burning the slash as part of their regular forest management work.

At least 242 firefighters from all federal, state and Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies in Southeast New Mexico are battling the blazes. Estimates range from seven to 11 fires, adding up to approximately 1,000 acres.

The largest fire is situated 5-10 miles northeast of Cloudcroft and abuts State Highway 244, said Lincoln National Forest fire officer Merle Glenn. It has burned 300-400 acres.

The fires are spread all over the reservation, with one in the northeast corner of the reservation boundary near Hondo and the Lincoln County line. The fires are

burning all types of vegetation in hard-to-reach areas.

Forest experts have recorded moisture in nearby dead trees at only 10%, dangerously low for the impending fire season. Normal moisture content this time of year is about 60%, Glenn said.

"We're expecting a rather extreme fire season," Glenn said. "It's a 'Watch out!' year."

The Mescalero fires are far from contained, let alone controlled. Firefighters are hoping to contain them by Monday, Glenn said, but as of Thursday night, only 10% "of the fires we know of" were contained. Contained means they won't get any larger, but they are still burning.

None of the fires were threatening structures as of this morning, but "if the fires aren't contained, they're going to get to some residences," Glenn said.

Firefighters are taking extreme caution to avoid getting trapped or overtaken by the fires, said fire information officer Peg Crim, who is stationed on Apache Summit.

"There are some dangerous things about it," Crim said. "You're not going to outrun wind like that," she added, referring to winds clocked Thursday.

Winds had died down by this morning, but were still gusting up to 46 mph at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

High winds wreak havoc in Ruidoso

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

All hell broke loose around 2 p.m. in Ruidoso yesterday as gusting, 58 mile-per-hour winds tore through village canyons.

The powerful winds ripped much of a metal roof off the Sitzmark Chalet on Sudderth Drive; snapped four Texas-New Mexico Power utility poles, knocking out power in 25 areas of Ruidoso; and toppled a 40-foot tree branch into the roof of a Riley Cove Street home, police said.

No one was injured in the approximately 40 minutes of mayhem, police said, but power outages from the Sitzmark and west lasted for nearly two hours.

Power went down and blew out all the Sitzmark motel's televisions and microwaves. Guests checked out, but are expected back tonight, motel owner Neil Freed said.

"We've been up all night repairing and replacing equipment," he said.

About 20 minutes after the motel's roof flipped into the air, police were called to a Riley Cove residence where an approximately 40-foot branch from a 100-foot pine snapped and crashed into a house.

"Fortunately, no one was home

except for the dog, and the dog was fine," officer Ignacio Lopez said.

The entrance foyer and sunroom of the house was demolished, and the branch punctured a hole into the roof above a bedroom, he said.

Toppling trees also caused the four power poles and various power lines to snap, said Charlie Moore, a construction foreman with Texas-New Mexico Power.

Two of the poles went down on Nogal Place, one on Center Street and one on Violet Street, Moore said.

The resulting power outages kept utility crews busy with repairs all night, he said.

One of the falling lines on La Luz sparked a grass fire, Achterberg said. Officers had much of the fire out before fire department crews arrived.

High winds also blew the roof off an unoccupied A-Frame house at 250 West Circle Drive in Ruidoso Downs at 1:25 a.m. Friday, police said.

Wind speeds reached 58 mph yesterday afternoon at Sierra Blanca Airport, officials report. At 8:30 a.m. Friday, winds were blowing from the northwest at 34.5 mph with gusts up to 46 mph.

Ruidoso juvenile crime drops with '95 truancy law

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso had fewer residential burglaries in 1995, and police say a compulsory school attendance ordinance enacted early in the year is a major factor in the reduction.

"There's a direct correlation," police chief Lanny Maddox said of the 16% decrease, or 40 fewer burglary cases than reported in 1994.

The majority of all burglaries occur during daytime hours when youths are expected to be at school.

About half of all juvenile arrests are associated with burglaries, police said. But although burglaries went down 16% in 1995, 141 juveniles were arrested — a reduction of only 1% compared to 1994, police said.

The imbalance is due to increases in other crimes being committed by juveniles — criminal damage to property, trespass,

shoplifting or possession of drugs, police said.

A total 240 burglaries were tallied in 1995, and these criminal break-ins and thefts were estimated to cause property losses of \$121,736, about 42% less than the previous year.

"It can be attributed to the compulsory school attendance ordinance and cooperation from school administrators," Maddox said of the burglary decrease.

Three months after an October 1994 juvenile burglary spree, Maddox asked village councilors to approve a school truancy law.

"The reason for the ordinance is twofold," Maddox said. "It gives parents the checks and balances of knowing where their children are, and it gives the responsibility back to parents to make sure their children are at school."

Since enacted, police have

picked up about 25 high school students found away from campus without valid excuses during school days. Most of those students were brought back to school, cited by police and forced to appear at municipal court with their parents.

Six of those students were picked up one autumn day by Maddox in the University Drive area of town. The youths, who were seated in a car together, told Maddox they were from Plano, Texas.

"I think you're plain-o lying," Maddox responded.

One of the juveniles also said his father was dead.

"We don't see miracles that often, but I guess I believe in them now," Maddox told the boy's father later at the police station. After Maddox relayed what the youth had told him, the father reportedly said, "He'll know I'm alive when I

get home."

Two pre-teens were arrested and charged with 12 of the 1995 breaking and entering charges a couple of days after 14 residences on Singing Pines Drive were tampered with in October. The charges against them were likely the most for any two individuals in 1995, detective Robert Layher said.

For the same crime spree, the two boys were also charged with 14 counts of criminal damage to property. In 1995, this crime category had a 28% increase in cases compared to 1994.

Other criminal damage to property cases can be linked to a surge in spray-painted graffiti last spring and summer. But, since skateboarding was prohibited from downtown sidewalks at summer's end, much of the graffiti problem has disappeared, detective Wolfgang Born said.

"That could be due to Judge (William) Butts giving tough sentences, and a number of other things — including the cooperation of kids," Born said.

Criminal trespass arrests increased to 14 cases, or 36% more than 1994 — the highest increase of any criminal activity. Most of these crimes are associated with adults — i.e. people being told to leave a bar or residence and refusing, Layher said.

Cases of criminal trespass involving juveniles might soon increase, because school administrators told Maddox this week that "no skateboarding" signs would be erected on school property. Charges of criminal trespass will be pressed against violators, Maddox said.

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Forgeries rise, DWIs drop in 1995

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

An increase in frauds and forgeries kept Ruidoso police busy in 1995, as did efforts at cutting down the high rate of drunk driving.

Drunk driving arrests dropped by 42% in 1995 versus 1994, totaling only 82 last year. Police chief Lanny Maddox attributed the drop to an increase in preventative DWI blitzes and public education.

"The public has been learning, through the media, that there are going to be blitz patrols and DWI saturation points," Maddox said. "Plus, people are staying in jail and repeat offenders are thinking twice about drinking and driving."

Three state grants totaling \$10,260 fund the different blitzes and "saturation" operations, traffic enforcement officer Dewayne Goar said.

Presently, the \$3,780 Operation DWI grant is being re-evaluated as the state traffic bureau has opted to double these operations from six a year to one a month, Goar said.

Criminal cases involving fraud and forgery increased 35%, or by 14 cases over the 28 in 1994, police said.

Although these "white collar" crimes are associated with embezzlement, those committing the crimes have a "different mind set," from embezzlers, Maddox said.

"They go to an extra length to get money, and their biggest concern is to not leave a paper trail," he said. "They also don't plan to pay the money back — like those committing embezzlement initially plan."

Of the 43 fraud and forgery cases committed last year, most involved small, downtown businesses.

"We're seeing an influx of people from out of state writing hot checks and using fraudulent and fictitious credit cards," Maddox said. "That may be attributed to economic decline in the areas they're from,

and we certainly have to look at gambling as a possible issue."

Just last month, a Texas woman was sentenced to restitution and a year probation after pleading guilty to passing approximately \$2,000 in bad checks to three stores in March. The woman, 45-year-old Sarah Ellis of Austin, Texas, purchased goods by check at Cabbage Rose, Accessory Street and the House of Kelham. When she returned to Texas, she told her bank her checkbook had been stolen, detective Wolf Born said.

A warrant requiring Ellis to provide her signature, plus a positive identification of her signature on the bad checks by a professional handwriting analyst, helped gain the conviction, he said.

Embezzlement incidents showed zero growth compared to 1994, staying at a 23-incident "plateau," Maddox said. Of these cases, one alleging former Wal-Mart employee Bennie Brazzell stole \$3,030 from store cash registers is pending at district court.

Several other incidents involved area banks where money was taken directly from cash drawers. No perpetrators have been arrested, police said. One such case occurred at First National Bank where Dr. Chris Robinson allegedly deposited three checks and \$250 in cash, and then left without taking a receipt. The cash never appeared in his account and the three checks were mailed back to the doctor in an unmarked envelope, detective Bob Layher said.

No one was caught, "but after police went down there and started grilling everyone, the embezzlement stopped," Layher said.

Typically, police solve a good 85% of embezzlement cases, Maddox said.

"This is a small town with small businesses that know their employees; it's not like IBM," he said. "The process of elimination is easier; employers look at people's means and access and those they might assume have a need to embezzle."

Ruidoso Police Department statistics for 1995

OFFENSES REPORTED

Crime	1995	1994	% change
Murder	0	0	0%
Rape/Incest/CSP	5	10	↓ 50%
Robbery	1	5	↓ 80%
Assault	173	169	↑ 2%
Burglary/B&E	203	243	↓ 16%
Larceny	284	270	↑ 5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	16	↑ 12%
Criminal Damage	251	180	↑ 28%
Criminal Trespass	14	9	↑ 36%
Fraud/Forgery	43	28	↑ 35%
Arson	4	4	0%
Embezzlement	23	23	0%
Other Misc. Offenses	226	250	↑ 10%
Total Documented Offenses	1275	1207	↑ 5%

PERSONS ARRESTED

	1995	1994	% change
Adults	458	499	↓ 8%
Juveniles	141	143	↓ 1%
Misdemeanor Citations	148	110	↑ 26%
DWI Arrests	82	142	↓ 42%
Controlled Substance	33	34	↓ 3%

TRAFFIC REPORT

	1995	1994	% change
Injury Accidents	60	65	↓ 8%
Fatal Accidents	2	2	0%
Property Damage Accidents	416	384	↑ 7%
Total Accidents	478	451	↑ 6%
Injured Persons	82	82	0%
Number of Fatalities	2	2	0%
Uniform Traffic Citations	853	774	↑ 9%
Parking Violations Paid	59	60	↓ 2%

CALLS FOR SERVICE

	1995	1994	% change
Calls Dispatched	8454	8030	↑ 5%

PROPERTY VALUES

	1995	1994	% change
Burglary	\$121,736.22	\$208,629.64	↓ 42%
Larceny	\$126,950.72	\$128,252.40	↓ 1%
Auto Theft	\$207,363.30	\$187,806.00	↑ 9%
Robbery	\$25.00	\$1,860.00	↓ 99%
Recovered Property	\$2,647,243.94	\$188,869.29	↑ 29%

Council to choose replacement Tuesday

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso residents won't be getting much of a say in the appointment of a new village councilor Tuesday night.

"It's strictly a mayoral appointment with council approval," Mayor Jerry Shaw said Wednesday.

The new councilor, who will complete Frank Potter's unfulfilled term, will be chosen from an unofficial candidate list that contained five names at the start of this week. The list was narrowed down to two names by Thursday, Shaw said. None of the candidates have been given formal interviews.

Whoever is selected can take their council seat at the same meeting.

"After being sworn in by Tammie (Maddox), they'll take their place and get right with it," Shaw said.

Potter, who was first appointed to the council in 1993 and re-elected in 1994, resigned from his position last week after being named Lincoln County manager. There are two years left in his term, and whoever fills the \$500-a-month position will serve until the term expires in March 1998.

Because a regular election for three other council seats takes place March 5, Shaw felt it would be best to make the appointment before that date.

"I feel that if I were to wait, it could interfere with that," she said.

Voter apathy about the March election seems high, Shaw explained, and she'd hate for voters to think the fourth candidate that doesn't win will end up being appointed anyway.

"It would almost be like taking the choice away from voters," Shaw said.

Candidates for the general election include incumbents J.D. James, Robert Donaldson and Frank Cummins; and Planning and Zoning Commissioner Bob Sterchi.

After Potter's announced departure, Shaw drew up a list of potential appointees she shared individually with the other councilors. Earlier this week it had about five names on it: two suggested by James, one by Shaw, another who called Shaw on her own and then one who was suggested by a non-councilor.

"I'd rather not say who they are," Shaw said Thursday. "It

makes it look like a popularity contest."

James' comment was much the same: "I don't think it's fair to their privacy," he said.

"We started with five and now we're down to two that are acceptable to everybody," she said. "Easy-meany" — that is what it's come to because they're both good, qualified people."

The appointment will be made "unanimous or none (not at all)," Shaw said. "I would never put someone's name up there that not all the councilors would vote for."

Like candidates up for election, those considered for the appointment are Ruidoso residents and registered voters.

Additionally, Shaw considered how much interest the person has demonstrated in Ruidoso's future and community service.

"Being on the council takes a lot of (personal) time," she said.

Council agenda

Following is the agenda for the Ruidoso Village Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at village hall.

- REGULAR ITEMS**
- Report on annual lodging vendor audits from Hecuphill & Austin, P.C.
 - PL96-002 — Preliminary plat and FPP96-002 — final plat, lots 40 and 41, Sunny Slope Subdivision.
 - Award of bid and contract for financial and geo-tech base software.
 - Presentation from ASA Architects Engineers, P.A. for the architectural services for general obligation bond projects.
 - Contract award to ASA Architects Engineers, P.A. for services.
 - Presentation from Wilson and Company, Engineers and Architects for the water improvement project.
 - Consideration of contract award to Wilson and Company, Engineers and Architects.
 - Resolution 96-04, 1996-97 co-op with the New Mexico State Highway Department.
- BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**
- CONSENT REGULAR ITEMS**
- Approval of council minutes.
 - Schedule March 28 public hearing for zone map amendment on lot 23, and 10 feet of adjoining alley, block 9, Caters Park Subdivision.
 - Resolution 96-05, regarding the New Mexico Self Insurers' Fund.
 - Out-of-state travel for the Parks and Recreation Department director.
- DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- VILLAGE MANAGER REPORTS**
- Legislative capital outlay review.
 - Water Contingency plan update.
 - Testative budget workshop schedule.
 - Fiscal year 1997 workers' compensation experience modifier.
 - New Mexico Municipal League annual conference in Ruidoso.
 - Lease/purchase restructuring at Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.
- INFORMATION ITEMS**
- Monthly departmental reports.
 - Boards and commission meeting minutes.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- NEW BUSINESS**

Solid waste group holds on through troubles

by DIANNE STALLINGS
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Most Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority members are committed to keeping it as a government operation.

They showed their confidence in its future Tuesday by refusing to second Don Dutton's motion to explore the possibility of turning over garbage collection and disposal to a private company.

Dutton is one of the village of Ruidoso's representatives on the authority board. The county and its five municipalities constitute the authority membership.

"The board members said they had invested five years in the authority and they feel it will work," said Authority Attorney J. Robert Beauvais.

The authority has faced some recent rocky months of budget scares, employee discontent and the sudden resignation of manager Corbis Dobson after only three months on the job. But Chairman Frank Cummins said by the start of the new fiscal year in July, the coalition should be ship-shape as a result of actions taken earlier this week.

Jerry Wright stepped down as a Ruidoso representative on the board and accepted a 60-day contract as acting manager. The board specifically assigned him the responsibility of coming up with job descriptions, classifications and a

pay scale matrix within that time period.

"That's to include a comparative wage survey from other garbage collection groups," Beauvais said. "He's also to ensure jobs are posted at least five days before they are filled."

Periodic job evaluations will be replaced by annual reviews, he said.

All 22 employees will participate in a one-time classification audit,

SWA employees detail grievances

Lack of a pay matrix and job descriptions are two of the complaints registered by about 10 disgruntled Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority employees.

The authority board asked the employees who staged a sick-out two weeks ago to put their grievances in writing.

At Tuesday's board meeting, the board reviewed a separate grievance filed by Jamie Smalting and a list of points presented by Gary Mitchell, a Ruidoso attorney representing the rest of the group.

Smalting presented three complaints: a previous grievance was never handled in line with the personnel policy, he was not considered for a job at the garbage transfer plant and some employees are receiving preferential treatment.

The list presented by Mitchell

where they are given credit for years of experience as well as special licenses earned and training completed, Beauvais said. The information will be used to determine where they should be inserted into the pay matrix, he said.

The emergency measure of using Wright as interim manager will allow the board time to advertise for a permanent manager, he said. They also will contact finalists con-

sidered when Dobson was hired, to see if they're still interested.

Board members already have agreed to look at refinancing a debt incurred from the purchase of equipment from three authority members when the authority first was formed. By spreading out the debt repayment, more than \$100,000 a year could be funneled back into operating expenses, Cummins said.

- included:
- the authority lacks uniform job descriptions, a classification plan and a pay matrix as required by its personnel policy;
 - \$20,000 set aside for merit pay increases has never been used;
 - favoritism is shown toward employees in administration and recycling, with higher pay and more raises;
 - employees are not being paid overtime and holiday time;
 - job openings are not posted;
 - performance evaluations are not being done;
 - and many employees were never given the personnel manual.
- Four specific complaints relate to the physical operation of the authority. They were:
- the authority is not keeping up with polycart and dumpster repair;
 - two employees are needed, instead of one, to work with a truck when polycarts are being emptied;
 - an employee representative should meet with the board each month;
 - employees should have more input in the purchase of equipment;
 - and a repair shop is needed to work on trucks at the transfer station.
- "We have until 5 p.m. Monday to respond according to our personnel policy," Beauvais said.
- The board granted a one-time \$300 bonus to each employee. The money will not come from the \$20,000 for merit pay increases. Instead, it will come out of money not spent for the transfer station manager since Ray Merritt resigned.

Silent auction benefits handicapped skiers

A wide variety of items are up for bid at the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers' Association's silent auction at 8 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Some of the items on the block include: round-trip airfare to Dallas on Lone Star Airlines; artwork by Gordon Sridow, Bev Doolittle, Ted Robertson and Russell Waterhouse; pottery by Ivy Heyman, Mark Carter, Garrett Trent and Wes Brownfield; ski equipment; a will donated by Mike Lane; gift certificates from area restaurants and lodging; and many other fine items from area stores and artisans.

Tables will begin closing out at 7:30 p.m. and continue closing in 15-minute increments until 9 p.m., when the holder of the winning ticket for the 1996-97 season pass donated by Ski Apache will be picked.

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served to stave off any hunger or thirst bidders may incur while

perusing the goods. In conjunction with the silent auction, the first in the TNT Concert and Dance Series will feature the band "Emilio" from Denver, Colo. from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$7 at the door. Entrance to the silent auction is free.

SAHSA's Businessperson's Race is slated for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Ski Apache. Unlike in years past, businesspeople will ski on two skis rather than one ski and outriggers. Traveling trophies will be awarded in Ski Shop, Realtor, Merchant and Open categories.

The race begins at 10 a.m. on East Easy Street. The entry fee is \$25 (which goes to SAHSA), plus \$18 for a half-day lift ticket for those without passes.

Team sponsorships will be on sale the night of the silent auction.

For more information about any of these events, call Lisa Maué at 386-4416 or 354-3191.



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Cause of woman's death still unknown

by DON HIXON
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Ruidoso Downs investigators still don't know what caused the death of a 31-year-old woman, but the body had no visible signs of foul play.

Officers from the Ruidoso Downs Police Department responded to a 911 call at 8:44 p.m. Saturday about a woman who would not wake up.

Accompanied by emergency medical service personnel, police said they found Desannus Perry lying in her bed at 206 S. Parnell Street in Ruidoso Downs. Because Perry was not breathing and no heartbeat was detected, medical personnel began CPR.

Perry, a Navajo Indian with an identification card issued by the state of California, was living in the rental house with

Charles McCallister, 52, and his two children, police said.

Perry was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center and was pronounced dead of unknown causes at 9:30 p.m.

"We're not going anywhere until we get the toxicology report back and that usually takes three or four weeks," Ruidoso Downs Police Detective Chris Condon said. "We have our suspicions, but the facts are that she died and hospital personnel don't know what she died of, and until the state autopsy report is released to this department the case will remain open."

Lincoln County's Deputy Medical Investigator Danny Sisson said Perry had no visible signs of foul play.

"She has no gunshot wounds or stab wounds," Sisson said.

Morgan gets probation for shooting at elk

by KATHLEEN McDONALD
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Jeff Morgan won't be going to jail for illegally firing a rifle inside Ruidoso village limits last April, the Magistrate Court judge ruled yesterday.

However, because Morgan killed an elk when shooting the .22 rifle in the backyard of his Santa Anita Drive house, he will be serving 180 days of probation — a chunk of it through community service, Judge William Butts ruled.

"Although it was accidental, I do feel you owe a debt to the community for killing the elk," Butts said.

Butts ordered Morgan to contact the game warden and assist with any hunter safety classes in the next six months.

Butts also ordered Morgan to spend 50 hours of his probation period helping at the Lincoln County Humane Society animal shelter.

Fines of \$500 were suspended by Butts, but Morgan must pay \$31 in court costs and within 90 days he must donate \$100 to the state Game and Fish Department's Oper-

"I'm also not sending you to jail because I think you've learned to not discharge weapons near residences and have suffered recourse from citizens in the community for killing the elk."

WILLIAM BUTTS
MAGISTRATE COURT JUDGE

ation Game Thief, Butts ruled.

Morgan shot the 700-pound bull elk during the early hours of April 28. It was a nuisance elk, he said, and he only meant to scare it away.

A jury found him not guilty of unlawful killing of an elk, a misdemeanor charge, in July, but decided Morgan was guilty for negligent use of a firearm, a petty misdemeanor.

Sentencing was delayed nearly

seven months because of court and attorney schedule conflicts, court clerk Lorena LaMay explained.

The delay had originally been requested by assistant District Attorney Viola Rhodes, who after the July trial said she might gather witnesses to testify at the proceeding. None were called to appear at Wednesday's 1 p.m. hearing, but she asked the court to sentence Morgan to the maximum six months in jail and \$500 fine.

Morgan not only killed the elk but endangered his neighbors and any area passersby, Rhodes argued.

"Either way, he showed a disregard to his neighbors and people in the area," Rhodes said.

But Butts sided with Morgan's attorney Noel Orquiza, who argued Morgan had learned his lesson and community service would be more appropriate than jail time.

"I think it is a good idea for you to tell young people the history of this incident and what can happen as a result of discharging firearms," Butts said.

The 31-year-old Morgan will not be spending the 180 day-maximum

in the Lincoln County Jail because it's packed to capacity — a situation that just recently forced Butts to release two prisoners early, he said. Any available space should be used to house more serious offenders, Butts said.

"I'm also not sending you to jail because I think you've learned to not discharge weapons near residences and have suffered recourse from citizens in the community for killing the elk," Butts said.

Morgan is still receiving flack for the killing, Butts acknowledged, and although many in the community would "love" to see Morgan in jail for the animal's death, he felt his sentence was just.

The 180 days probation will run concurrent with another 180 days Morgan was ordered to serve for a separate incident in January, Butts said.

That sentence was issued following Morgan's no contest plea to a Dec. 17 assault/domestic violence charge. Police said he threatened to kill his wife.

RUIDOSO'S FOUR-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

SATURDAY High...56 Low...26 Partly cloudy	SUNDAY High...57 Low...29 Partly cloudy
MONDAY High...55 Low...28 Partly cloudy	TUESDAY High...52 Low...25 Partly cloudy

WEATHER ALMANAC

Ruidoso readings	High	Low	Phase of the moon
Tuesday	63	39	March 19
Wednesday	65	44	March 26
Thursday	61	44	March 5

Regional-Friday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	58	32	Sunny
El Paso, TX	71	47	Sunny
Lubbock, TX	72	44	Partly cloudy
Midland, TX	75	46	Partly cloudy

Weather data courtesy of Meteorologist Cum Moore, KBIM-TV

STARDATE

Look northeast in early evening, not too high up. There's the Big Dipper, a sign of spring and summer, already standing on its handle well clear of the horizon. The Big Dipper is part of Ursa Major, the Great Bear, emerging from hibernation.

StarDate is courtesy of the McDonald Observatory at the Univ. of Texas at Austin. For more information call, 1-800-StarDate.

RUIDOSO POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following reports were made by citizens to the Ruidoso Police Department.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15
(continued from last paper)

- 3:35 p.m. Grindstone Drive caller reports fight in progress. On arrival, subjects left area.
- 4:00 p.m. 1052 Mechem Drive bank reports alarm. All clear, unlogged alarm.
- 4:15 p.m. 2820 Sudderth Drive caller reports group of minors getting ready to fight. Officers dispersed subjects.
- 4:18 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient to IHS.
- 6:02 p.m. White Mountain Drive caller reports lost children. Parents called and said found children.
- 6:52 p.m. El Paso Street caller reports subject leaning against the dumpster outside building. Gone on arrival.
- 7:44 p.m. Sam Spear Drive caller requests ambulance for man that fell. Patient taken to IHS.
- 8:23 p.m. Ruidoso Downs Police reports subject armed and dangerous in a home. Subject arrested.
- 10:23 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from LCMC to airport.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16
Total calls by type:
3 Accidents
1 Alarm
9 Ambulances
2 Assist other agencies
2 Disturbances
1 Domestic
9 Non-criminal activities
5 Other criminals
1 Suspicious activity
4 Traffic

- 12:25 a.m. Country Club Drive caller reports her boyfriend beat her up. Info report only. She's enroute to California.
- 12:36 p.m. Hall Road caller reports vehicle on its side on side of hill. Negative report. On private driveway.
- 1:55 a.m. Ambulance enroute to IHS to transfer patient.
- 7:58 a.m. Davis Drive caller reports neighbor's vehicle door open. Officers advised all clear.
- 7:58 a.m. Ponderosa Drive caller requests officer to see if subject has his wallet. Subject said he doesn't have wallet.
- 8:14 a.m. Mechem Drive caller reports four students missed the bus. Officer gave them a ride to school.
- 8:43 a.m. U.S. 70 caller requests vehicle check.
- 9:34 a.m. Ski Apache caller requests ambulance for injured subject on the mountain.
- 10:04 a.m. Officer enroute to RPD with one arrest.
- 10:51 a.m. Ambulance at ER loading patient for transfer to airport.
- 10:57 a.m. Officer on Laurel Drive enroute to RPD with one arrest. Prisoner booked.
- 11:12 a.m. Apache Trails Drive caller reports children playing in street. Officer talked with them.
- 11:21 a.m. Crown Drive caller reports male subject having seizures.
- 11:25 a.m. Ambulance transferring patient to airport.
- 12:07 p.m. 144 Sudderth Drive caller reports vehicle stalled in middle of road. Gone on arrival.
- 12:39 p.m. College Road caller reports truck in middle of road. Officer advised vehicle is not an obstruction.
- 12:50 p.m. Sudderth Drive caller reports people begging for food and work. Officer advised all clear.
- 1:27 p.m. Carizo Canyon Road caller reports accident. Report taken.
- 1:50 p.m. 721 Mechem Drive caller reports kids skateboarding inside. Subjects told to leave.
- 1:58 p.m. Grove Drive caller reports harassing phone calls. Negative report.
- 2:07 p.m. Ambulance loading patient to airport.
- 2:14 p.m. Officer has one arrest. Prisoner booked.
- 2:19 p.m. Alarm at 1052 Mechem Drive bank. All clear.
- 2:28 p.m. Hull Road caller reports children playing in street. Officer advised children about safety.
- 3:25 p.m. Mechem Drive caller requests report for accident in parking lot a few days ago. Report taken.
- 4:41 p.m. Ambulance transferring patient from IHS to LCMC.
- 4:54 p.m. Sierra Blanca Drive caller reports skateboarders at civic center. Subjects advised. Will check city hall.
- 5:12 p.m. State Route 244 requests ambulance. Report of rollover. Ambulance canceled by Mesquite police.
- 5:23 p.m. Granite Drive caller reports subject on motorcycle racing up and down street. Bike located. All clear.
- 5:32 p.m. Officer on Eagle Drive reports civil peacekeeping.
- 5:59 p.m. U.S. 70 caller reports neighbors' activities. Information taken.
- 6:46 p.m. 1825 Sudderth Drive caller reports harassing calls received at workplace.
- 7:19 p.m. Santa Rosa Drive caller reports her motion detecting lights came on outside. All clear.
- 9:21 p.m. White Mountain Meadows Drive caller requests ambulance for subject having trouble breathing.
- 11:02 p.m. Officer out with subjects at 344 Sudderth Drive. All clear.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17
Total calls by type:
1 Accident
3 Ambulances
1 Disturbance
2 Non-criminal activities
1 Other criminal
1 Personal injury
1 Suspicious activity
2 Thefts
2 Traffic
1 Vandalism

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

- 12:56 a.m. Drunk person at Inspiration Heights. Given courtesy ride home.
- 7:06 a.m. Report of kids fighting on Harris behind Zya Gas. Kids were not fighting.
- 8:56 a.m. Report of a gas skip from Sun Country store.
- 7:45 p.m. Report of hanging keeping people awake.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

- 8:10 a.m. Report of an accident with no injuries at Colorado and Turkey.
- 1:10 p.m. Deliver message on Downs Dr.
- 9:45 p.m. Report of possible domestic. All clear.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

- 2:20 a.m. One DWI prisoner in custody.
- 9:22 a.m. Alarm sounding at Museum of the Horse. All clear, operator error.
- 11:27 a.m. Domestic problem at Inspiration Heights.
- 1:41 p.m. Report of a suspicious vehicle at C&L Lumber.
- 4:45 p.m. One arrest for domestic disturbance.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

- 12:36 a.m. Removed bales of hay from roadway.
- 3:46 a.m. State police reported a drunk driver. Located at Circle K and arrested.
- 12:25 p.m. One municipal warrant arrest.
- 8:23 p.m. Request by sheriff to check on possible drunk pedestrian at mile marker 277.
- 7:33 p.m. One magistrate warrant arrest.

MONDAY, FEB. 19

- 9:51 a.m. Report of smoke behind the bus barn. Man was burning trash, told to put out.
- 10 a.m. Man approximately 45 years old living in town for a month went to office at BestWay Inn and said he had just attempted suicide. When police arrived they found he had inflicted several small scratch marks on his wrists. Man was transported to LCMC for treatment and upon investigation it was discovered that he had a history of mental illness. He is being held at hospital awaiting transport to William Beaumont Hospital for additional treatment.
- 6:26 p.m. Prisoner in custody on warrant.
- 10:15 p.m. Officer needed to take report about soda machine break-in at Jan of the Pine Springs.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

- 12:01 a.m. Accident with no human injuries involving a deer near the racetrack.
- 6:37 p.m. One deer arrest.
- 11:49 p.m. Drunk male found standing outside Hollywood Bar arrested.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

- 11:06 p.m. Report of person yelling on River Lane. No contact.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

- 3:25 p.m. Report of vehicle driving at high rate of speed up Turkey Canyon. No contact.
- 5:59 p.m. Children riding bikes on highway as p.m. down traffic.
- 7:46 p.m. Report of loud music.
- 8:15 p.m. One warrant arrest.
- 9:10 p.m. Report of loud music.
- 9:32 p.m. Report of loud music.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

- 1:36 a.m. One DWI arrest.
- 2:46 a.m. Report of three persons with shotguns on North Central. No contact.
- 5:36 p.m. Person walked into station wanting to talk about daughter.
- 5:55 p.m. Couple arrested for domestic disturbance.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

- 8:07 a.m. Report of a loose pit bull and chow on Spring Road.
- 8:25 a.m. Report of armed robbery behind Pappy's Diner. One arrest made.
- 4:34 p.m. Accident with injuries on service road. Man had seizure in vehicle.
- 10:10 a.m. Report of shots fired at Willow Trailer Park. No contact.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

- 6:29 p.m. Domestic dispute on Turkey Canyon. One man arrested for assault.
- 7:33 p.m. Accident with no injuries.

MONDAY, FEB. 26

- 5:23 a.m. Report of noises on porch. Officer could find no one.
- 10:23 p.m. One prisoner for detox.
- 4:14 p.m. Report of possible breaking and entering. Garage door was open but nothing was missing and everything was all clear.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

- 6:11 p.m. Report of a car speeding around in driveway throwing gravel around. Officers could not locate car.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

- 4:18 p.m. Property damage at a rental home.
- 4:58 p.m. Report of a suspicious person. Turned out to be a drunk male. Escorted home.

THURSDAY, FEB. 29

- 3:36 p.m. Two teenagers fighting. Talked to by officer.
- 4:42 p.m. Loose horses.
- 5:11 p.m. Report of cars speeding through Willow Trailer Park.
- 6:46 p.m. Report of small boy crying. Gone when officers arrived.
- 8:19 p.m. Subject armed with rifle. Subject arrested.

FRIDAY, FEB. 30

- 10:36 p.m. DWI arrest.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

- 10:55 a.m. Report of loose dog dragging a chain.
- 11 a.m. One warrant arrest.
- 11:03 p.m. Vehicle speeding through Willow Trailer Park.
- 11:28 p.m. Report of loud party and lots of vehicles.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

- 12:17 a.m. Domestic violence call. One male arrested.
- 3:57 p.m. One warrant arrest.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Council's choice will be rubber stamp vote

The Ruidoso Village Council is set to vote on whether to consent to the mayor's choice for a newly appointed council member Tuesday. It appears this vote will be a rubber stamp.

The mayor has readily admitted that she has polled councilors beforehand to come up with her final choice, so prospective council candidates won't have their feelings hurt by being rejected in front of God and everybody.

We understand where the mayor is coming from, and we don't think she's intentionally violating the law, but the law doesn't allow polling before a vote. The state attorney general has made it clear that such "rubber stamping" violates the open meetings law.

The mayor has a right to appoint someone with council's consent, or the group can choose a special election. They have chosen the former, and that's fine, but the process here is flawed.

Since the polling has apparently already occurred, the mayor and council need to publicly state they understand this is a violation of the law and they will not do it again. Then the public has a right to hear Tuesday about why they have chosen who they have chosen.

In the future, the public should have the right to hear interviews with council appointee candidates (even board appointments), and that could still be done Tuesday. Council appointments happen frequently in this community, and this issue needs to be straightened out.

This is a public body and its business is supposed to be conducted in public. If someone wants a public job that's normally put under much heavier scrutiny through the election process, they'd better get used to things being done in public.

ETA GIBBS FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM
HULME



"IS THERE A CHIP TO BLOCK NASTY POLITICAL ADS?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Throw the state's bums out of office

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter to our state legislators, senators, and yes even Governor Gary Johnson, who has also had a hand in this mess.

The electorate is not amused by the lack of competent representation this Legislature has shown to the tens of thousands of voters in the horse racing industry. We will remember your lack of responsibility come election day. If we were as lax in our duties in our employment as you have been, we would be fired. We wish we could fire you now instead of later. Do you not remember who your employers are?

Two years ago you were given instructions to pass a gambling law. You have had ample time to discuss this with all the committees and legal counsels there are. You had a clear mandate from the voters on this. You have been swamped with faxes, phone calls, demonstrations and letters concerning this issue. You have done nothing but sit on your hands.

No, you can be assured that the electorate is not amused nor will forget easily. Remember, it is not only the horse racing industry which is concerned with this but also the tens of thousands of employees of the Indian casinos and the related tourism industries.

You have not earned your wages for this year nor last. If you had an employee who had acted as you have, you would find some way to suspend that person without pay.

I wish we could find some way to get adequate representation in our

state. The antics of characters playing in the Merry Round House at Santa Fe disgust us.

This session has been extremely disappointing. You could have done something.

Because of your unwillingness to do as the voters mandated, you probably have severely crippled, if not killed, an industry which has poured much money into the state coffers. And this at a time when we are in need of the revenue. You have enraged our Indian neighbors and not treated them fairly in this. You have even made it so we can not accept the money that they owe the state in revenues. We looked to you for leadership and you have knocked us down and gleefully danced on us.

I don't think that there is anything you could do at this point short of resigning that could part way make up for the harm you have done.

Can you sleep at night? Are your days sunny and bright? Do you meet your constituents with eyes full of innocence? I hope that the people who paid you off to do nothing paid you well. I hope that you can look at yourself in the mirror in the mornings without having to look the other way.

NO! WE ARE NOT AMUSED! YOU DID BAD! WE WILL REMEMBER!

Camilla W. Day
Ruidoso Downs

Please learn from Hanford's mistake TO THE EDITOR

My husband and I have been fol-

lowing with great interest the articles that have appeared in this paper regarding the proposed nuclear waste storage facility on the Mescalero reservation.

We can understand the tribe's desire to provide good-paying jobs for tribal members and a long-term income to the tribe. But we would encourage the Mescalero tribal members and the residents of all the neighboring communities to seriously rethink this effort to build this facility in your area. It affects all of you and will for many years to come.

We presently live within 300 miles of the largest nuclear storage facility in the U.S., which is located at Hanford, Wash. As we have access to the TV news reports and newspapers from that area on a daily basis, we are aware of the ongoing problems at this site and how these problems affect Hanford's neighbors.

Although there has supposedly been an official cleanup of the problems that have plagued this facility for years, there are 68 giant storage tanks that are leaking at this time. Keep in mind, the most knowledgeable people in nuclear storage in the U.S. have been trying to solve these problems, still with no success.

The communities who refer to themselves as "Downwinders" — Richland, Kennewick, etc. — are still experiencing far more cases of certain cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma than the national average, especially among the children. These cases have been well documented and covered extensively by the media, both locally and nationally.

The Hanford Nuclear Waste Storage site has provided many jobs in that area, but the people have paid dearly for that employment. And it is impossible to go back to the pre-Hanford days.

The letter from Minnesota's Senator Grams which was published in part in *The Ruidoso News* of Jan. 5 should let the people of the Mescalero nation and Lincoln County realize that Minnesota wants the storage area removed from their state for a reason — because it threatens their health and environment. Not because they want to share the profits and benefits of nuclear storage with the Mescalero.

One of the phrases we have often heard regarding this proposed storage site was that it would be a "state-of-the-art" facility. Please keep in mind that no one has more "state-of-the-art" knowledge, expertise and equipment than NASA, and look at the tragedies and near-disasters they have had. "State of the art" does not mean fool-proof. Welds break, valves leak, and trucks and trains have spills. Just consider the derailment of the train containing toxic chemicals that just occurred at the end of January — causing a shutdown of the highway between Las Vegas, Nev., to Barstow, Calif., and the evacuation of hundreds of people. And you could never go back again and erase the effects of a nuclear accident.

Please think before you act. You have a lot to lose.

Glen and Jean Hook
Kalispell, Mont.

"Are people getting stranger than ever before, or are the media just reporting it more?"

BETTE MIDLER
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THE SILVER LINING

Earliest signs of springtime in the air

The Mountain World Begins to Awaken To a Late Spring

We are two thirds of the way through the season of winter, with spring beginning March 20.

This is being sent to you one hour before high noon on Feb. 21. The sky has a ceiling of light clouds with the sun barely shining through, casting the vale below into a silver half light.

And yet the temperature is 74 degrees, with a light warm western breeze singing down the valley.

The leaf and fruit buds have been holding back, yet this day is a gentle voice telling them to awaken from their winter dreaming.

On the small apricot tree next to the little sunroom, the round fruit buds have turned crimson all in half a day. And on one branch, reaching around the corner like a "lady arm," the buds are showing just a little of the snowy white of petals of the blooms.

Following the apricot in, the fruit blossom



The Silver Lining
DANIEL AGNEW
STORIEL
COLUMNIST

parade come the plum, pie cherry, peach, sweet cherry, pear and apple.

The apple fruit buds are still tightly closed, and this is an encouraging sign.

From the lower stretches of the valley to the upper end, there is a difference in the blooming of about 15 or 20 days. This helps to prevent a couple of area-wide fruit failures.

Earliest signs of spring on the way are the willows along the river turning orange; the buds appearing on the giant willows; and the apple trees in the orchards turning purple.

The Cedar Pollen

You will be watching a cedar tree swaying in the west wind when suddenly the tree will explode with what appears to be a burst of orange-colored smoke, which then goes flying down the way. This is the annual release of the cedar pollen — a sure sign that spring is on the way.

Just at noon, the little striped chipmunk came out for the first time and began feeding with the snowbirds. And the house finches flew in from down the valley to join in the feeding.

Now, amid the light clouds overhead, you can see gray rain clouds approaching over the hill to the southeast, and there is a flavor of rain drops all through the mountain air.

There is a calm and peaceful spirit of gratefulness all through the mountain land as the "Queen of Seasons" sends us messages that she is on the way.

Let us be thankful for the joys of our mountain homeland and all our other many blessings.

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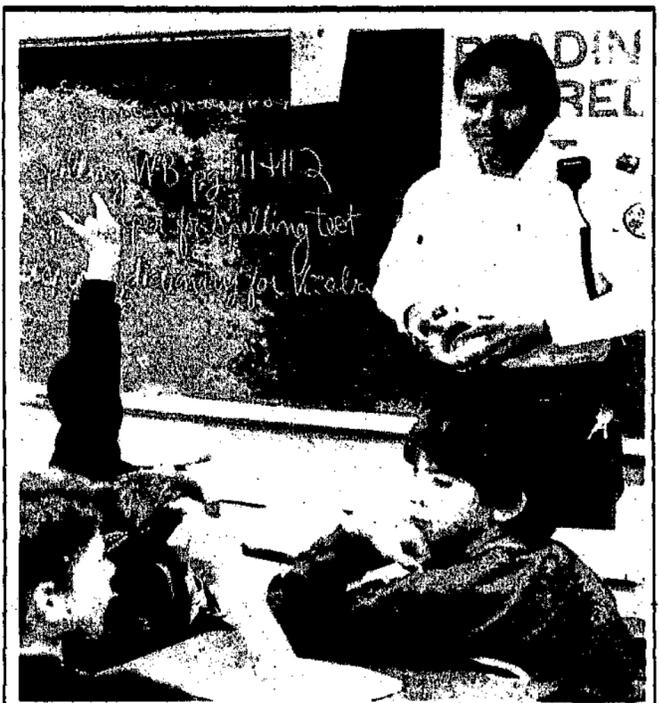
Capitan renews key school contracts

The contracts of the Capitan Elementary School Principal Becca Ferguson and High School Principal Darrel Stierwalt have been renewed for another year.

In action at two different meetings, members of the school board met in closed session to evaluate Supt. Diana Billingsley. After approving the contracts for the 1997-98 school year, the board noted that salaries will be set during budget sessions this summer.



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News



Dianne Stallings/The Ruidoso News

Head start in life

Stefanie Romero (in photo above) shows off a stamp she's using to decorate sheets of paper in Capitan's Head Start program taught by Janie York. In back, Alexander Castaneda tries to negotiate a trade. In photo at right, Kenisha Zamora scoops some sand while Faith Taylor pats down a jar full of grains.

Fostering self-esteem

Rudy Salz, Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) officer for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, asks a fifth grade class at Capitan Elementary about self-esteem. The session is part of an effort to educate young students about how to resist peer pressure to use illegal drugs.

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At approximately 7:45 p.m. the Ruidoso Police Department received notification of a robbery alarm at the Allsup's Convenience Store located at Suddarth Drive and Mescalero Trail. A subject wearing a ski mask brandished a knife and demanded money from the on-duty clerks and fled the store. The suspect is described as a male, 5'7" to 5'8", light build, approximately 140-150 pounds, light colored eyes, and a single colored tattoo of a rose on the right wrist. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and a white pinstriped shirt.

Crimestoppers will pay a \$500.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and magistrate court bindover or grand jury indictment of the subject responsible for the crime of robbery.

Crimestoppers will also pay cash rewards for the recovery of stolen property or the solving of other felony crimes.

The Crimestoppers phone line is manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and you do not have to give your name to be eligible for a cash reward. The Crimestoppers phone number is 257-4545. Anyone wishing to call collect, may do so within Lincoln County.

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Century 21 Aspen Real Estate was recently awarded the Top Quality Service Award at the Southwest Regional Sales Rally in El Paso.

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Workshop explores Japanese market

Techniques for targeting fast-growing markets in Japan and Asia

will be explored at an Albuquerque workshop focusing on economic opportunities in the Kansai Region.

The workshop, sponsored by the New Mexico Economic Development Department (NMEDD), is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at Technology Ventures Corporation in Albuquerque. The fee for the workshop is \$20 and includes all materials.

"Opportunities in the Japanese Market with Focus on the Kansai Region" will show businesspeople how to stretch marketing dollars, and offer ways to develop more accurate strategies for marketing products in the area, a NMEDD press release says.

For more information contact Edward Herrera at (505) 827-0315 or Reisha Sandwell at (505) 827-0307.

Hospital faces challenge of increased demand

by DON HIXON

Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Lincoln County Medical Center provided \$1.5 million in free medical care last year, up from \$1.3 million in 1994.

The numbers are not surprising, considering 49% of county residents are uninsured compared to 28% nationally and 33% statewide, Hospital administrator Valerie Miller told county commissioners during her annual report on the county-owned facility.

Miller took the 49% figure from a needs assessment study conducted for the hospital last summer.

The study also revealed that among those Lincoln County residents without insurance:

— 47% have difficulty getting

health care;

— 59% used the hospital emergency room for their primary health care;

— and 76% do not see a doctor when they are sick because of the expense.

Even with the amount of free medical services, LCMC's bottom line increased from \$87,000 in 1994 to \$233,000 in 1995. Since the hospital did not raise its rates, the higher income indicates an increase in patient numbers, Miller said.

"Most of it comes from tourism and second-home owners," she said. "We track where they come from by their zip codes."

A total of 37,034 outpatients were treated by the hospital versus 53,179 outpatients in 1995, a 70% increase, Miller said yesterday.

Because of the higher number of outpatients, the hospital is looking at ways to increase efficiency, she said.

"We don't have the facilities running as smoothly as we would like," Miller explained. "But it's all relative because the average waiting time in the E.R. is 18 minutes."

Many urban hospital emergency rooms have a two to three-hour waiting time, she said.

"When you compare our E.R. waiting time with many other facilities, 18 minutes is extremely quick," she said. "But the point is that we have some flow problems and difficulties in the E.R. — not just when we peak, but it's becoming increasingly more difficult to accommodate everybody in the way we would like to."

The hospital lacks space in various departments, Miller said. Radiology, labs and operating rooms all would benefit if additional space was made available, she said.

"We've had a hospital architect consultant take a look about how we could inexpensively expand the use of space and make it more efficient," Miller said. "More than anything, it's the efficiency."

Miller hopes to have an estimate for any proposed expansions by the March hospital board meeting.

"I don't want to get into specifics because I want to look about how much it's going to cost to expand," she said. "If it costs more than we can afford to pay cash for, I don't know how we're going to do it."

WESSTcorp presents entrepreneur's workshop

WESSTcorp (Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency Team) will present an "Entrepreneur's Workshop" designed specifically for women entrepreneurs in March and April.

Business owners and potential owners who are seeking information and resources will hear helpful, practical information.

The Entrepreneur's Workshop will begin Monday, March 4, followed by sessions on March 11, March 25 and April 1.

The workshop will be held at the ENMU-Ruidoso Branch, located at Sierra Mall. Each session will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

The cost for all four sessions is \$20 with advance registration and \$25 at the door. Interested parties may preregister by calling the

WESSTcorp office at (505) 624-9850. Registration forms may also be picked up at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Savings Bank and the ENMU-Ruidoso office. Space is limited and preregistration is encouraged.

With an eye toward practical solutions, topics to be covered during the seminar include: business start-up procedures; developing a business plan; identifying financial resources; legal/administrative details; marketing and advertising; networking in the '90s; customer service; basic computer skills; and the entrepreneur's dilemma: how to wear all the hats and meet the demands without losing your focus.

Cathy Gorman Murphy is the WESSTcorp regional manager for Southeastern New Mexico, covering

seven counties with offices in Roswell.

A Community Action Team, comprised of local business professionals, has been organized to network with clients. The team concept is to provide a local support system for women to increase their business skills and share the experiences that made them successful. The concept also provides a strong support system to deal with problems and challenges in operating your own business.

Local trainers and WESSTcorp Community Action Team members include: Barbara Crane, NTS Communications; Joan Bailey, Chamber of Commerce; Laura Doth, Grindstone Graphics and Marketing Services; Tory Frits, the Print Shop; Linda Boutes, Southwest Gift Bas-

kets; Irma Wilson, First National Bank; and Joel Carothers.

WESSTcorp is a nonprofit corporation that provides training and financial support for anyone seeking to start or expand his or her own business. The corporation specifically focuses on the needs of women and minorities. WESSTcorp was started in Albuquerque six years ago by three women entrepreneurs. Since then, more than 1,600 clients have been served. More than 300 clients have received help starting or expanding businesses with loans of up to \$5,000.

Potential clients can schedule an appointment by calling (505) 624-9850. The initial interview is free. Subsequent consultations are based on ability to pay, with fees ranging from \$2 to \$10.



Big helpers in action

Children catching the school bus at Porr and Mechem will be protected from the elements, thanks to the efforts of the Lincoln County Home Builders Association. Volunteers from the association restored the old bus stop structure to better-than-new condition recently. Pictured — Lincoln County Home Builders Association President Jerry Bartramson oversees the restoration project.

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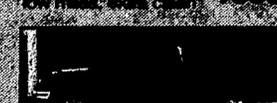
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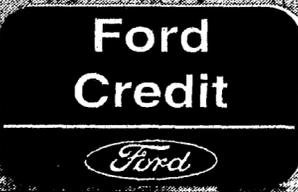
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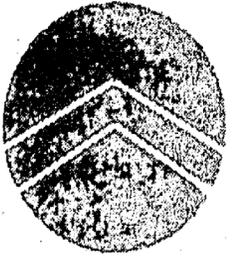
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Kathleen McDonald/Ruidoso News

Mardi Gras revelers throw beads and gold coins to a crowd of onlookers in the parking lot of the Marie

LaVeaux Restaurant in Ruidoso on Fat Tuesday this week. It was the last day of Mardi Gras before Lent.

Poetic performance returns to museum Saturday

Judyth Hill, described in one review as "energy with skin," makes a return performance to the Museum of the Horse at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

Hill last entertained at the museum in August of 1995, and her performance at that time brought a

standing ovation and numerous requests for her return.

The writer/performer/teacher is the founder and coordinator of the program "Tumblewords: Writers Rolling Around the West."

"Judyth Hill gave a tremendous performance when she was here in

August, and many of the people who saw that performance have asked us to have her back," said museum director Jay Wright. "It's safe to say that she's one of the most popular performers we've ever had. I anticipate that many of the people who heard how good she is

and who missed her in August will be sure to see her this time since we're lucky enough to get her back."

Hill will be performing new material, popular pieces from several of her five published books of poetry, including her latest, "Men Need Room," which was just

released earlier this month.

The Museum of the Horse is located on Highway 70 just east of the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children, and free to museum members.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Live Music

TNT CONCERT/DANCE SERIES

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

LOCAL MUSICIANS SHOWCASE

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

CREE MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB 301 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso 257-2733

— Classical guitarist Tomas Vigil will perform at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. Tickets are \$20 per person. Proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Awareness. 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 7 p.m. Saturdays, "Ken" will be playing.

ENCHANTMENT INN - SCREAMING EAGLE LOUNGE,

Hwy. 70 West, Ruidoso Downs 378-4051 — James Boren Band Wednesday through Saturday. Rock & roll, blues, R&B and country. Wednesday night jam sessions.

MARIE LA VEAUX, 1214 Mechem Drive 258-3784

— 9 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. Fridays & Saturdays, rock 'n roll bands.

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE, 2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9535

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

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW, 2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso 257-9982

— 8 p.m. to close Mondays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays, country music.



MARDI GRAS PARTY — 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23 at Cree Meadows Restaurant. Donation \$20 per person. Proceeds benefit Breast Cancer Awareness.

POETRY PERFORMANCE — by Judyth Hill from her published books.

At Museum of the Horse in Ruidoso Downs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children and free to museum members.

SKI APACHE HANDICAPPED SKIERS' ASSOCIATION SILENT AUCTION — 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24

at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Events Center. The silent auction will be held in conjunction with the first in the TNT Concert and Dance Series. The band "Emilio" from Denver, Colo. will play from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets for the concert are \$7 and will be available at the door. There is no charge for the silent auction.

CPR CLASS — 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 24

at the Enchantment Inn, Ruidoso. Cost of the class is \$5 per person. Minimum age is 13. Please contact Lance Hill or David Wheeler at 257-8290 for reservations. Class is limited to 20 people.

BENEFIT AUCTION — for Rosemary Good at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25

at Win, Place & Show in Ruidoso. Live bands include Durango & Lincoln County.

EYE WEAR SHOW — 11 a.m. Tuesday Feb. 27

at Family Vision Center, 159 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Jimmy Walker with Cazal Eye Wear will be showing his designer eye wear line. Call 257-5029 for more information.

FREE PARENTING COURSE — 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27

at Ruidoso High School public meeting room. "Influence or Control?" will be the subject for the fifth meeting sponsored by Ruidoso Municipal Schools. The course is led by Dr. Birgit LaMothe and is part of a series entitled "Raising Responsible Children." For further information call 257-6149 or 354-2761.

SKI APACHE HANDICAPPED SKIERS' ASSOCIATION BUSINESSPERSON'S RACE — 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27

at Ski Apache. The entry fee is \$25 which goes to SAHSA plus \$18 for a half-price lift ticket to be purchased at Ski Apache the day of the race. Teams will be available for sale the night of the silent auction. For more information, please call Lisa at 338-4416 or 354-3191.

IMPACT LOS ALAMOS: TRADITIONAL NEW MEXICO IN A HI-TECH WORLD — 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27

in the Space Center in Alamogordo in the Tombaugh Omnimax Theater. The

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS — 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28

at the Ruidoso Senior Center located in the village Library building on Sudderth Drive. The guest speaker is L. Ray Nunley, county commissioner. Also appearing will be the three incumbents and one challenger for the village councilor seats. Expected to attend and speak are Frank Cummins, Robert Donaldson, J.D. James and Robert Sterchl. The over-50 crowd is welcome and a potluck luncheon follows at noon.

CASINO APACHE, Carrizo Canyon Road, Mescalero Apache Reservation 257-5141

— Open 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, 24 hours a day Thursday through Saturday.

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— Seven days a week year round. Reservations only. Authentic chuckwagon supper and chuckwagon entertainment (cowboy poetry, guitar music, etc.). Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Call 257-7838 for information.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

— Simulcast racing. Call 378-4431 for times.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

— Sponsored by the Community Action Program. The program is for the 1995 tax season Jan. 30 through April 15. The assistance is for income-eligible people who need help with State and Federal Income Tax short forms. They will see clients by appointment only at 615 Sudderth, Suite 1 #10, Ruidoso. Call 257-6843 for further information.

AARP TAX AIDE VOLUNTEERS

— 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the San Patricio Senior Center, 2-4 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday through April 12 at the Ruidoso Senior Center. The volunteers will help elderly low income taxpayers with both federal and state income taxes. A person does not have to be a member of American Association of Retired Persons to receive this help.

BROWNE GIRL SCOUT TROOP

— 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. For more information call (505) 437-2921.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION — 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27

at Ruidoso High School in the dining hall. Students may register at the meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27

at Ruidoso Village Hall.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES — for Ruidoso Downs Council at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29

at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. Public is invited.

RUIDOSO PUBLIC LIBRARY, 501 Junction Rd. 257-4335



AT SIERRA CINEMA, 257-9444: "Mr. Holland's Opus," "Broken Arrow."

Call theater for show times and ratings.

MOVIES

MUSEUMS

MUSEUM OF THE HORSE — Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4809.

Open daily Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now showing: Anne's Attic - Selections from the permanent collection.

LINCOLN COUNTY HERITAGE TRUST HISTORICAL CENTER/COURTHOUSE MUSEUM AND LINCOLN STATE MONUMENT

— Highway 380, Lincoln, 653-4025. Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

APACHE CULTURAL CENTER, Saint Joseph Mission, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero.

"CAROUSEL" — 7:30 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 22-24

at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo. Tickets are \$4. For more information call (505) 437-2202.

"QUILTERS" MUSICAL — 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Feb. 23 - 24; matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25.

The musical will be performed at the Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-Alamogordo campus. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children.

"CHEATING CHEATERS" — 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 29,

at the Ruidoso Little Theater. The play is directed by Steve Smith. It is the first show of the year. The cost is \$7 for adults & \$5 for senior citizens and students up to 12th grade. For more information and reservations call the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.

WILDLIFE Mescalero National Fish Hatchery, all in Mescalero.

THEATER



SKI APACHE — Call 257-9001 for ski report.

RUIDOSO ATHLETIC CLUB, 415 Wingfield, 257-4000

— Aerobics, Nautilus, racquetball, free weights. Non-members welcome.

WHITE SANDS NATIONAL PARK — 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25.

A ranger-guided trip to White Sands National Monument's Lake Lucero is scheduled. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling monument headquarters at (505) 479-6124.

PARKS & RECREATION

TO HAVE YOUR INFORMATION LISTED HERE FREE, CALL THE RUIDOSO NEWS AT 257-4001.

DEADLINES: 3 p.m. Monday for Wednesday;

3 p.m. Thursday for Friday.

SPORTS

A road to somewhere for Warrior cagers

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

The Ruidoso boys basketball team might feel like it's on a road to nowhere when it heads to the far reaches of western New Mexico this weekend.

Nothing is further from the truth.

The Warriors head west for a final pair of regular-season district games at Cobre and Silver City Friday and Saturday. Ben Sanchez's 10-11 (3-5 in District 3AAA) team needs a split to hold on to its fourth-place district standing and, more importantly, a homecourt advantage when the 3AAA playoffs

start Monday.

"I really think no matter what happens, we're going to be playing Santa Teresa in the districts. It's just a matter of where," Sanchez said.

Third-place and fourth-place teams host the sixth and fifth-place teams respectively Monday. Then, the winner of #4/#5 plays the winner of #3/#6 at the No. 3-seed's home Tuesday.

Ruidoso still has an outside chance at third place, despite a 60-67 loss to Hot Springs last Saturday.

"Two wins (this weekend) and a lot of help (from other teams) could

get us third," Sanchez said.

But before they think about where the "help" could come from, the Warriors have to take care of their own business of beating the Cobre Indians on their home court.

"They are a much different team at home than on the road. They are as good as anybody in the district at home," Sanchez said of the 8-12 Indians.

In the first meeting between the two teams, Ruidoso jumped ahead early by torching Cobre's zone defense. But the Indians closed the gap when it switched to man-to-man defense. Ruidoso went on to a 73-66 victory.

"I don't what their defensive philosophy is going to be. It's hard to figure out what it is," Sanchez said.

The Warriors' coach does know what to expect from Cobre offensively. The Indians have a pair of tough guards that got them back into the game at Ruidoso.

Defensive rebounding and running the fastbreak are musts for the Warriors, Sanchez said.

Ruidoso ends the regular season Saturday at Silver, home of the state's No. 4-ranked Class AAA team. The Colts have an 18-3 overall mark and a 7-1 district record.

Unfortunately for the Warriors, Please see Road trip, page 9B

SPORTS SHORTS

SKI REPORT



Ski Apache is open with all lifts and the gondola operating, except chair 6. The lower mountain and upper mountain trails are open, except The Trench and Ringtail. Skiing conditions are fair to good on the upper mountain and excellent on the lower mountain.

Ski officials are reporting a snow depth of 39 inches midway on the mountain. Surface conditions are packed and groomed.

To hear the ski report, call 257-9001.

REPLAY



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

10 years ago - El Paso's Letha McClellan wins the women's race of the Texas Cup, and Lubbock's Morris Denton captures the men's race at Sierra Blanca ski area.

Correction from Feb. 21: Russell Easter signs with New Mexico State University to play college football.

20 years ago - Mark Strassburg takes second place in district wrestling meet. Strassburg improves to 15-3 overall and prepares for the state tournament.

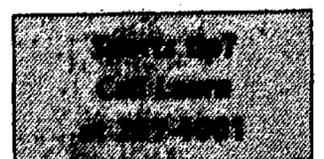
30 years ago - Ruidoso closes out regular season with losses to Corona, 69-47, and St. Peter's, 70-46. The Cardinals' A. Brunson scores 26 to lead all scorers in the Corona/Ruidoso game. Allen Baker adds 11 for Ruidoso.

40 years ago - The Warriors boys team travels to Roswell for the district tournament. Ruidoso plays Carrizozo in the first round, with the winner meeting Jal. Playing for RHS are: Charley Hall, Ronnie Perry, Nyles Lakey, Ronnie Chastain, Max Jones, Bob Pior, Bingo Morales, Bobby Watkins, Larry McDaniel and Royce Lackey.

Adult softball league coaches and umpires meeting set for Feb. 28

Anyone interested in umpiring in this summer's adult and youth softball league should attend an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows.

Coaches for both men's and women's teams should also attend the meeting. At the meeting, the final changes to softball league bylaws will be approved.



Six wrestlers miss state for pillow take

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Five Ruidoso wrestlers and a team manager will miss the Class A-AAA State Wrestling Tournament in Albuquerque because they stole pillows from a motel during the Warriors' last road trip.

Thursday morning before his team was to leave for Albuquerque, Ruidoso coach Gerald Ames confirmed that Richard Gray, Tyson LaCour, Jason Leadingham, Jason Lopez, Brian Moore and Brian Phillips would not participate in the state meet because they took pillows from the Silver City Super 8 motel last weekend. The Warriors were in Silver City for the District 3AAA wrestling tournament.

The motel's manager called to inform school officials of the theft Wednesday morning. Ruidoso High School Principal Ron Hodges handled the discipline.

"They all felt pretty bad about it, and hopefully a lesson will be learned," Ames said.

Ames will move up two freshman wrestlers for the state meet. J.J. Rue will wrestle for the Warriors in the 125-pound division, while Lyle Gernimo will compete in the 160-pound weight class. There will be no replacements for Ruidoso in the 130, 140 and 171-pound classes.

The first-round matches started at 10 a.m. today. The finals are scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday. All matches will take place at Tingley Coliseum.

Cinderella Grizzlies want to make some noise at the dance

by LAURA CLYMER

Ruidoso News Sports Writer

When the Carrizozo Grizzlies went to the girls Class A State Volleyball Tournament in November, they were just happy to be at the "Big Dance."

Well, the Grizzlies are headed to another "Big Dance," this time in girls basketball. And they won't be content to be wallflowers.

"At state volleyball, we were scared," admitted Carrizozo senior Debbie Bond. "We didn't take our team seriously. We just want to

keep our minds set on playing ball."

Bond's teammate, Naomi Vallejos, agreed.

"I think we can do it if we want to. We went into volleyball intimidated," Vallejos said. "I don't think we'll be that way. We're just going to go in there and do our best and give the seniors a good farewell."

Grizzly coach Kim Gremillion accepted blame for not setting the team's goal higher in the volleyball season.

"We're not going to be satisfied

with just going to state, like volleyball. We want to try to make some noise up there," said Gremillion, who, in just her second year, has turned around a once-downtrodden program into a winner.

Just how bad were the Grizzlies? "A couple years ago we couldn't win a game even if we bribed the refs," Bond remembered.

Bond also recalled a pounding Fort Sumner delivered when she was a freshman. The Foxes pulverized Carrizozo, 96-3. Bond was Zozo's leading scorer with two points, both free throws.

It was more than humiliating to Bond and her teammates. "It was the worst of times," she said.

Perennial powerhouse Fort Sumner still routinely whips the Grizzlies, as it does to everyone in the district. But something is different now. Carrizozo isn't nearly as intimidated as before.

Credit Gremillion for that. The Grizzlies have caught their coach's infectious intensity, optimism and confidence.

"We have more confidence and we are more prepared," said Bond, who never expected that as a senior she would go to a state tournament, much less two in one year.

Vallejos disagreed this time with her senior Grizzly.

"I really thought we would make it this year," Vallejos said without hesitation.

The Grizzlies face Roy's Longhorns in the first round. The Longhorns are 20-5, and defeated Des Moines, 70-51, in the Region A finals.

Roy hasn't missed a beat this Please see Cinderella, page 5B



Laura Clymer/The Ruidoso News

Senior Debbie Bond (#20) is one of two seniors on coach Kim Gremillion's 16-10 Carrizozo girls basketball team.

SPORTS

What a team!

□ 'Zozo's 1981 girls basketball team was special

Tamara Ortiz Trujillo still dreams about "the Team."

Suzie Castillo Serna remembers the season like it was yesterday.

Denise Vega Hill thinks of the lessons she has carried into adulthood because of her experience as a Grizzly.

And Lisa Crenshaw Annala has never forgotten "the Shot" heard 'round Portales, which made it all possible.

The team, its season, and the players were Carrizozo's 1981 girls basketball squad — winner of 21 games, District 5A champion, Region D titlist and Class A state runnerup.

It was 15 years ago when this team — which was a team in every sense of the word — surprised everyone but themselves at the girls state basketball tournament held on the campus of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

"They never thought we'd get that far. We had no place to stay (after winning their first-round game). Here we were, like little orphans with our luggage, looking for rooms," Serna says with a smile.

They were the first Grizzly girls team to go to a state tournament since 1929 and best finisher yet for Carrizozo. It's an experience the members on the team haven't lost

sight of.

"It was a lot of camaraderie and a lot of fun. We were friends off the court as well as on the court,"

"I have dreams that we're still playing ball."

**TAMARA ORTIZ TRUJILLO
FORMER GRIZZLY CAGER**

recalls Annala, who is a speech therapist in the Ruidoso school system.

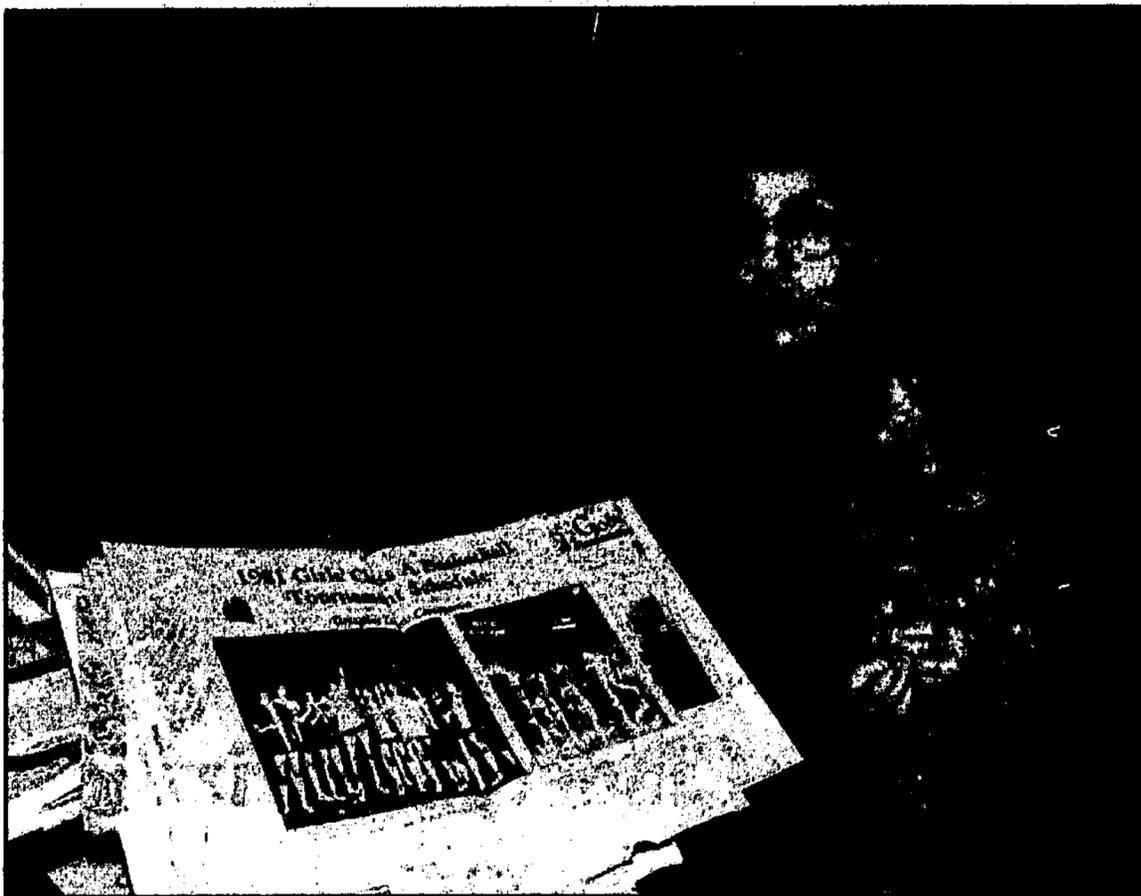
Hill says, "We had a good team. Lots of teamwork is what got us to the state tournament two years in a row." She pauses and adds with a catch in her voice, "Lots of good memories."

Serna, a librarian at the Ruidoso Public Library, has a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, pictures, game programs and ticket stubs from her years on the team.

"We had 10 good players. Everyone had something to give, whether it was shooting or rebounding or coming off the bench," Serna recalls.

One of those off the bench was Michelle Vermillion, a little-used junior whose big-time shot vaulted the Grizzlies into the Class A championship game against Texico.

Trailing in the semifinal game to Floyd's Broncos by five points with just 1:30 left in the contest, the



Suzie Castillo Serna leafs through her high school scrapbook, home to numerous newspaper clippings, game programs, pictures and ticket stubs from her years on the Carrizozo girls basketball team. Serna was a key player on the Grizzlies' 21-6, Class A state runnerup basketball team. Daughter Ashleigh (on Serna's lap) smiles for the camera while her mom fondly recalls the memories.

Grizzlies staged a rally Hollywood screenwriters would be proud to call their own.

A Serna bucket pulled the Grizzlies within one point. Then, with time running out, Carrizozo had a chance for the win. The attempt rolled off the rim. Vermillion, who hadn't played until the final minute of the game, was in the right place at the right time. She grabbed the rebound and shot it back up. With three seconds on the clock, Vermillion's only shot at-

tempt of the night fell through the basket for the winning two points.

Trujillo describes the Shot as if it happened yesterday.

"You could hear yourself breathing and feel your heart pounding," she says. "It was in such slow motion, even the crowd noise was slow motion — just like in the movies."

Trujillo still gets chills thinking about the state tournament. The memories live in her subconscious as well.

"I have dreams that we're still playing ball," says Trujillo, now a client services supervisor for Integrated Genetics, a Santa Fe company.

The foundation for Carrizozo's dream season was laid by the players and their coaches. The Grizzlies played basketball and went to school together for years.

The 1981 Grizzlies credit middle school coach Dennis Jeter with teaching them the fundamentals, and high school coach Don Eskins with fine tuning their skills. Eskins, who left after the 1980 season, also taught the valuable lessons of enjoying the game and teamwork. Jerry Koller took over as head coach for the 1980-81 season.

"We started out as a team and ended up as a team," Trujillo says, which is more difficult than it sounds sometimes.

Eskins was forced to leave before he could see his team completely mature into the well-balanced group it would become. But he was there when the Grizzlies made it to state, and he brought his good luck

charm and pregame tradition Tootsie Roll Pops to the tournament (he started when he still coached the team).

"He brought us our Tootsie Roll Pops to the lockerroom before the state championship game," Serna recalls.

Jeter was there too, as was the whole town of Carrizozo — or so it seemed.

"People who never ever went to our games were hitching rides up to Portales," Trujillo recalls.

Carrizozo celebrated its Grizzlies with a parade and a police escort out of town. A caravan followed the team bus to Portales.

"We had a lot of support," Hill remembers. Just a couple of weeks ago, a former classmate of hers told Hill how much he and others looked up to the girls team. Quite a compliment.

The Grizzlies lost in the championship game to powerhouse Texico, 68-35. But the outcome hardly matters anymore.

"We knew that we played our hearts out," Serna admits. "We were beaten by a better team."

After listening to the Grizzlies' reminiscences, it's hard to imagine a better team than they — looking back it seems as though Texico just had better players that year.

The feeling of "team" is still strong among the Grizzlies.

"If you talk to everyone, tell them to get in touch with me, and we can get together," Annala says.

Perhaps there will be another Carrizozo "team meeting" soon, this time in Albuquerque.

Girls' Varsity Basketball



Back Row: Coach Jerry Koller, Christetta Chavez, Lisa Crenshaw, Suzie Catillo, Roxanne Gabel, Mary Jane Ferguson, Tami Ortiz, and Denise Vega. Front Row: Manager Donna Shepperd, Annette Hill, Rosie Lueras, Shelly Portillo, and Michelle Vermillion.

SPORTS

'Zozo took a crazy way to state

by LAURA CLYMER
Ruidoso News Sports Writer

Carrizozo coach Kim Gremillion has blond hair, which is good because it will hide any gray hairs the second-year coach in her mid-20s might get from her team's penchant for nail-biting games.

After the Grizzlies' 55-53 double-overtime victory over Hagerman in the Region D girls basketball semifinals, Gremillion could come up with only one word to describe the game: crazy.

Crazy is right. How about downright wild and crazy?

Carrizozo ended the game with five out of 11 players fouled out, and an eighth-grader (Holly Schlarb), a freshman (Melanie Whitaker), a sophomore (Mandi Baca) and two juniors (Katie Hightower and Naomi Vallejos) on the floor.

The Grizzlies nearly lost their

leading scorer, Vallejos, before the game went into its first overtime.

Vallejos picked up her fourth foul late in the third period. Gremillion had to leave her stud muffin in the game because Hagerman's Bobcats couldn't stop the junior Grizzly. Vallejos finished with 31 points, including the game-winning free throws.

The Grizzlies were near extinction at the end of the first overtime. Hagerman had the ball and a 49-48 lead with seven seconds left. Carrizozo pressed the Bobcats and forced a traveling violation. The Grizzlies in-bounded the ball and got it to Vallejos, who was fouled in the act of shooting with four ticks left on the clock.

Vallejos missed the first but made the second free throw to send the game into another overtime.

At the end of the second overtime, the Bobcats fouled Vallejos again. She nailed both charity shots this time to give 'Zozo a 55-53 lead. Hagerman's last-second shot for the tie or the win missed, and the Grizzlies won the trip to the state tournament with the victory.

Senior Debbie Bond found herself in the helpless position of cheering from the bench because she had fouled out of the game.

"Every moment at Hagerman was a little scary," she said about the game.

The victory launched Carrizozo to the regional finals against its district nemesis, Fort Sumner.

The Foxes took advantage of a tired 'Zozo squad and raced to an 85-17 regional final win the next night.

"We just couldn't hit in the first half. We were a little fatigued," Gremillion said.

Cinderella

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season, despite the departure of graduating Kristi Hartley, New Mexico's all-time leading scorer in basketball, to Western Kentucky University.

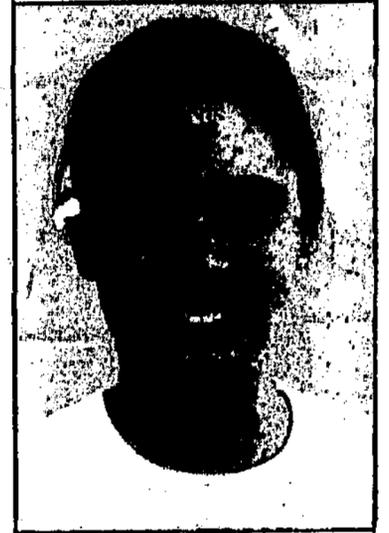
A pair of seniors have stepped in for Longhorn coach Rick Hazen. Venita Laumbach, a 5-4 guard, and Sarah Lane, a 5-11 center, lead the 'Horns, along with Lenni Hartley (Kristi's younger sister).

Gremillion's troops are paced by junior forward Vallejos, who averages 23 points and 10 rebounds a game. Surrounding Vallejos are the Grizzlies' steady role players and starters: Amber Vallejos at point guard, Katie Hightower at off guard and forwards Sarah Funk and Bond.

The Grizzlies practiced today and yesterday in Carrizozo before heading up to Albuquerque after practice.

Carrizozo and Fort Sumner tip off at 2 p.m. Saturday at Manzano High School.

Gremillion will motivate her



Naomi Vallejos is averaging 23 points and 10 rebounds a game for the state-bound Grizzlies.

team with a fairy tale about, appropriately, a big dance and a young woman whose dreams came true.

"There is always a Cinderella team, and we're going to be that Cinderella team, because no one expected us to make it," she said.

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PERSONALITIES

Shaw pioneered female leadership role in Ruidoso

by **DIANNE STALLINGS**
Ruidoso News Staff Writer

Growing up as an only child, Jerry Shaw remembers being painfully shy.

Her mother's insistence that she take piano, speech and dance lessons helped break down her fear.

Often when she's speaking as mayor of Ruidoso to a room full of people or she's appearing before a state legislative committee, she silently thanks her mother for the gentle but unrelenting encouragement.

Although she married twice and raised two daughters, Shaw also developed into a businesswoman and publisher, and eventually was drawn to politics. She has been involved in completing several major projects in the village during her time on the board, including the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, Grindstone Dam and the Civic Events Center.

And she has set a new tone for women on the village council.

At her first meeting after being re-elected to the council in 1992, Shaw defined her role during a brief exchange with the late Barbara Duff, a council member.

Duff told Shaw while on a break she was glad to see another woman on the board, because she would have someone to help her serve coffee and cookies.

"I said 'Not me, Barbara,'" Shaw said. "I was elected to make decisions. Let the men get back and serve if they want coffee."

"Barbara was a very independent woman in many ways, but our (traditional) roles are so defined in our own minds. More women don't run for public office, I think, because women often don't support

other women."

Early years

Shaw grew up in the humid and gracious southern atmosphere of Marlin, Texas, known for its hot mineral baths pouring from fountains around town.

"My grandmother was a great believer in the water, but it smelled and tasted awful," Shaw recalled.

Her great-grandfather, Jonathan Cockran Pool, fought in the Civil War. His grave is designated with a historic marker on the former Pool plantation.

When the family moved to Lubbock for her father to take a better job as a service manager for a Chevrolet dealer, the cultural shock was major.

"The first fall, there was one of those horrible black sand storms. We had to turn on the lights to see. We called Father, crying that we wanted to go back to Marlin," Shaw said.

Shaw was hired for her first job at 14 and used her first paycheck to buy black lingerie.

"I didn't have to work, but I wanted extra money," Shaw said. "I knew (black lingerie) was something very frivolous that mother wouldn't buy for me, but I could with my own money."

Shaw graduated from high school in Lubbock at 16.

"Although I still was a little shy, I was involved with the thespian club and appeared in the junior musical," she said. "I certainly wasn't a standout student or in anything else, like debate. But I did have a knack for writing and one of my teachers encouraged me to take journalism."

With her usual enthusiasm, she entered college fixed on the idea of becoming a foreign correspondent. Two years later, she was married.

"In those days, getting married is what the girls did. You'd go to school for two years and get married. If you weren't married by the time you were 18, you were practically an old maid."

Her first husband had been a close friend of her uncle during World War II, and he began writing her aunt when Shaw's uncle was killed in battle.

They met when he came to Texas to visit. They married and had daughters Sherry and Judy. Then suddenly, he died early one morning of a coronary occlusion at age 31.

After her husband's death, Shaw went back to college to study elementary education.

"Because I never completed my student teaching, I only did substitute teaching, but I never did like it. I liked the children, but I found I didn't enjoy being in the classroom all day," Shaw said. "At the time, I guess I thought it was the most practical while raising two little girls."

After a whirlwind two-month courtship, Shaw married her second husband, Dick Shaw, in 1963.

He was managing a radio station in Canyon, Texas and playing bongos in a Lubbock band with a mutual friend. Shaw was still taking the last of her college hours and working each fall in a government cotton classing office.

"Judy kept saying, 'Get me a daddy,'" Shaw said. "Sherry didn't hardly like anyone I went with."

"A friend had given me a dachshund named Ginger about three

years before. She had puppies and wouldn't let anyone come near. She especially didn't like men. But on our second date when Dick went in, she let him pick up the puppies. Sherry said, 'I guess he's all right if Ginger likes him.'"

Moving to Ruidoso

They honeymooned in Ruidoso, a place where Shaw and her family had vacationed many times.

"We stayed at the Chaparral Hotel (where Champion Run Condominiums now lie)," Shaw said. "It had gorgeous white carpet. We really wanted to move up here."

But they headed back to Canyon briefly, then to her house in Lubbock, followed by six months in Pennsylvania for Dick to attend piano tuning school.

"As soon as we came back from Pennsylvania, we came up here and decided we'd try to make a living," Shaw said. "Dick played (in a band)

and we both worked at the racetrack. I substitute taught when

the track was closed and Dick worked for the police."

In 1966, she was hired by the Lincoln County Record and given her first chance to use her journalism training. The newspaper was owned by the Roswell Daily Record and had an office near the post office in Ruidoso.

"I really fell in love with that job. I realized no wonder I took journalism, I really enjoy this," Shaw said.

But her pleasure was short-lived. They left Ruidoso a year later when Sherry went to college.

"We really found it so hard to make a living," she said. An attempt to keep a teen club going in a building they bought on Sudderth Drive fizzled when a larger club opened nearby.

"We talked about putting in a spaghetti place, but decided to go back to Texas," Shaw said. "We both went to work for Montgomery Ward in Amarillo, Dick in promotions."

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Jerry Shaw, age 11 (sitting on the hood of the family car) with (left to right) her aunt Heña Watts, uncle Elmo Moore, great uncle Guy Guffee, grandmother Elmorita Moore, and grandfather O.L. Moore.



Jerry Shaw today with her dogs, Goldie and Wally.

Dianne Stallings/Ruidoso News

Apache Tee's expansion means more on the menu

Spectacular menu items and spectacular views accent the newly remodeled Apache Tee Bar and Grill on the Mescalero Apache Reservation at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Overlooking beautiful Mescalero Lake and the award-winning Inn of the Mountain Gods Golf Course, the Apache Tee has become a favorite watering hole and refueling stop for both visitors and locals.

"We are very pleased with how many local people we serve," Inn of the Mountain Gods Food and Beverage Director Kevin Prough said.

The Apache Tee was the pro shop for the golf course until 14 years ago, when the pro shop moved and a cafe took its place.

"It was only open in the summer and was a hot dog and burger kind of place," Prough explained. "The bar was added and the menu kept expanding until we became so popular that we decided to open year-round and become a full-service restaurant."

Another recent remodeling project has added additional room in

the kitchen area. That will mean an expanded menu, he said.

"We will now be able to offer more salad and pasta items on our menu," Prough said.

Apache Tee Chef Brenden Gochenour has planned an expanded menu for the Apache Tee.

"We are going to add more seafood, like basil shrimp sauteed in garlic, basil and tomatoes tossed in pasta," Gochenour said. "We also will have blackened salmon, which is very popular with people."

The Apache Tee starts each day with breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. It features an extensive morning menu including a breakfast buffet with omelets, hash browns, bacon and sausage, fresh juices and fresh-made-daily pastries, for \$5.95.

Deciding what to eat for lunch becomes a difficult decision with choices like the Seafood Croissant (tender sealegs with Louie dressing, served with avocado and sprouts for \$6.95), or the New York Philly Steak (beef loin strip with green peppers and smoked mozzarella on a hoagie bun for \$8.95).

Light eaters will find a fully-stocked salad bar for \$5.25, or an extra \$1.95 with sandwiches.

When the stars come out, so does the Apache Tee dinner menu.

Dinner offerings include Country Fried Pork Loin with Marsala Sauce for \$6.95; Tortellini Pasta, a trio of cheese and pastas with veggies and garlic cream, also \$6.95; and Chicken Marinara, tender chicken breast with Italian sauce and parmesan cheese for \$7.95.

The dinner menu also offers sandwiches and the well-known Apache Tee steak and shrimp specials.

Reservations are not required at The Apache Tee, and entertainment is provided by local musicians like Carl Mori, Tomàs Vigil and Jim Carrons on Thursday through Saturday evenings. The restaurant also features a large television in the bar area for watching sports.

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Bonnie Nixon (left) and Kevin Prough prepare to partake of breakfast fare served by Chef Brendan Gochenour at The Apache Tee. The restaurant, located on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, recently expanded its kitchen area and plans to add more menu items.

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Shaw

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When Shaw showed up for the mandatory employee test at the company's newest store, she scored higher than any other applicant.

"I had applied for sales, but became the inventory control manager," she said.

The couple was transferred to Orlando, Fla. about four years later for Dick to take a job in the regional office. Shaw took over a job similar to her assignment in Texas, but with more staff at the company's largest retail store.

But when she backed her employees in their protest for not being paid for holiday time like workers in the regional office, Shaw said, "Dick's boss had a fit. He told Dick he was supposed to control what I did and Dick tried to tell him he never controlled me."

She quit the company. Dick was transferred back to Texas and into the catalog division. After several attempts to be transferred to New Mexico failed, he also left Wards.

"In 1975, we came back to Ruidoso," Shaw said. "The girls were grown and we had high hopes. We never got the town out of our systems, although it had grown quite a bit in eight years."

She was hired to replace the society editor for *The Ruidoso News* under publisher Ken Green. She started the popular People page, but when she became ill about a year later and had surgery, she was fired.

Her next big venture was The Looking Glass Optical Shop, which she sold six years later because it was too demanding on her time. But for while, it shared a building with her real love, the "Best Bet Magazine."

Published once a month for about 10 years, she shut it down in 1988, when her personal obligations caring for her elderly parents

and ailing husband took up most of her time.

"It was geared to be in motel rooms, shops and the chamber," Shaw said. "It was like a travel host, but more personalized, because I did articles on people. We had restaurant critiques. We listed all the hotels and motels. It became the kind of thing people took home for easy reference. It was very successful and did well until the real estate bust, because many Realtors ran ads with us."

With Dick's help, she also published a slick color magazine called "Vida in Ruidoso," hoping to create a showcase for the southern part of the state, which then was not covered well by *New Mexico Magazine*. After three issues, her frustration at not being able to find talented and trained staff, plus difficulties with distribution, prompted her to stop publication.

"I also did brochures," Shaw said. "I really loved publishing. It was a real challenge."

Political life

Her first venture into politics was an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the Ruidoso Village Council in 1982.

"I was the only woman running," she said.

However, those councilors were recalled two years later to set up a new election and expand the four-member council to six members and a mayor.

"I got interested, because I was in business for myself and active in the retail merchants committee of the chamber of commerce," Shaw said. As members of the committee, she and Dick pushed for crosswalks to be designated in the downtown area and for a recreation department to be created, which occurred just before she was elected in 1984.

She ran that year as one of 21

candidates for six seats on the council and was elected to a four-year term.

"I looked around and realized a lot of women owned businesses around here and they didn't have any representation," Shaw said. "That's what really spurred me to get involved."

The first big project to come before the board after her election was the purchase of the Eagle Creek wells as a water source supplement for the village.

"Right on the heels of that came the issue of a new airport being built on the mesa (about 13 miles northeast of Ruidoso)," Shaw said. "We had just had a crash in the backyard of someone's house."

An appointed airport commission didn't seem to be getting anywhere, she said. The airport issue drew television cameras and spill-over crowds when it was debated in council.

"People were saying get the airport away from the schools," Shaw said.

One day Shaw heard about a plan for a few councilors to fly to Washington, D.C., to lobby congressional representatives for the airport.

"I got wind of it and said, 'Who appointed them?'" Shaw said. The mayor, village attorney and two other councilors said they weren't aware of the plan.

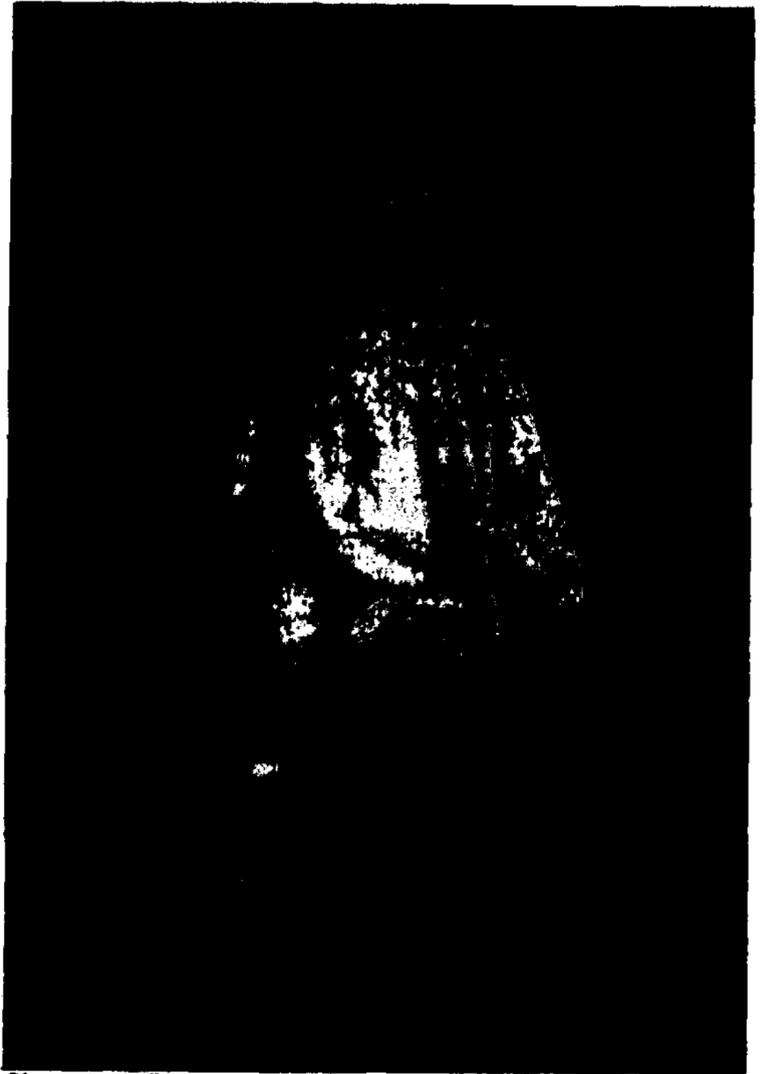
"I went back to (the councilors with the plan) and said if one goes, all goes or we will meet and appoint someone," Shaw said. "They found out quickly they could not walk all over me just because I was the only woman there."

The mayor, six councilors and the village manager Frank Potter all flew to the nation's capital and a new airport soon was in the works.

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Shaw as a toddler.



Shaw at age five.



Shaw in high school.



Shaw in junior high in 1946.



Shaw dances in the Sherman, Texas, Folies in 1955. She's the one directly behind the microphone.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

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

White Oaks Eagle Feb. 18, 1903

W.C. McDonald was looking after business matters in Roswell this week.

Joe Long, an Eagle subscriber, is in today from Jicarilla.

Col. G.W. Stonerod was in town from Jicarilla Tuesday. He is leading a general movement for a better mail service for Jicarilla.

W.S. Peters has gone to Mexico to look at a mining property.

Most of the force of the Old Abe are off work on account of scarcity of coal. The coal haulers are out of business as a result of the snow storm.

Geo. Sligh, secretary and manager of the Tecolote Land and Live Stock company, called at the Eagle office Tuesday. He tells us that Jicarilla has experienced some genuine winter weather lately.

Col. and Mrs. G.W. Prichard entertained a select party of friends at the residence, Tuesday night.

Shaw

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Shaw hopes the most recent attempt to install regular airline service survives.

The council also inherited the Grindstone Dam project. Costs spiraled from an initial estimate of \$7 million to \$12 million.

"We talked about sending the issue back to the voters, because that's a lot of money," Shaw said. "I made the motion one night. The council chambers were filled with Realtors and others who vehemently said finish Grindstone dam no matter what it costs."

"It turned out to be a very good idea (to provide an additional source of water)," she said. "It was just the cost that was daunting."

She ran for re-election in 1988, but was beaten for a two-year seat

by a write-in candidate.

Her defeat was personally devastating, she said, "because I thought I had done a good job. It hurt me. I was beaten in 1982 and it didn't hurt that badly."

She ran again in 1990, but not as part of a coalition of candidates headed by Victor Alonso, who was running for mayor. She lost, but wasn't personally stung, because she never thought she had a chance, Shaw said.

On the last day to qualify as a candidate in the 1992 race, she was at a luncheon.

"I had no intention of running again, but was urged (by a close friend)," Shaw said. "She kept saying, 'You need to sign up, no one is running.'"

The speaker at the luncheon also

delivered a rousing speech about women in politics, encouraging them not to give up.

"People were not happy with what was going on (in city government), but nobody wanted to get into the mess, because (Alonso) had a coalition and they didn't want to let go, which they told me immediately after I was elected," Shaw said.

She called the village clerk at 3:30 p.m. to check on any new candidates. The field still was small, with only one person not in the clique, she said.

"I thought, 'I can't let it go this way,'" Shaw said. She called Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor to find out how she could get the necessary documents to sign up in time.

Proctor offered to bring the papers on her way to town from the courthouse in Carrizozo.

"I said it's too late. She said she'd make it," Shaw said. They arranged a place to meet, handed off the papers from car window to car window and Shaw signed on the dotted line with two minutes to spare. She won a four-year term.

In July 1993, Alonso resigned as mayor, followed shortly after by the resignation of councilor Ron Andrews.

In a five-minute meeting, Shaw was appointed mayor and Frank Potter and Joe Gomez were appointed to fill the council seats of Andrews and Shaw.

In 1994, Shaw was elected mayor.

"I don't think I would have been elected if I hadn't been appointed first to show I could do the job," she said.

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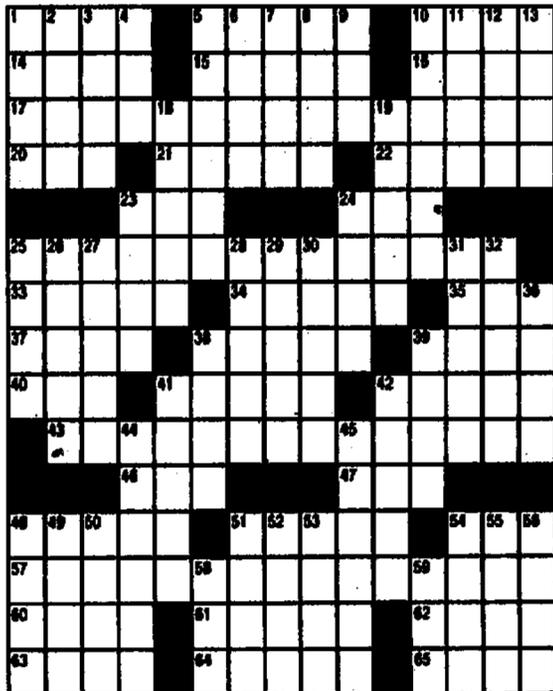
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Shaw (standing separate) at a family reunion at Monjeau Lookout near Ruidoso when she was 19 years of age.

Road trip

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Silver is probably playing its best basketball right now, Sanchez said.

The Colts are well-balanced. They shoot the 3-pointer well against zone defenses. They execute their man offense as well as anyone. And they have the best player in the 3AAA in Sanchez's opinion.

"Chris Perea is easily the best player in the district. He is a load to defend because he can do it all," Sanchez said.

The Warriors are not on a road to nowhere this weekend, although the terrain might suggest it. It could be just a long way to their home(court), depending on the outcomes today and tomorrow.

DRUMBEATS: Senior Cory Hood tried to practice Wednesday, but the pain in his injured ankle was still too much for the tough point guard...Not to worry, though. Freshman Cory Saenz proved worthy of the task of filling in for Hood.

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Shaw

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Even some skeptics agree that Shaw has proven herself. Asking not to be identified, they commented that while they anticipated Shaw would be partisan in her approach, that hasn't occurred.

They described her performance in office as even-handed, giving her especially high marks for efficiently

moderating discussion on hot issues. If she's to be faulted, it's for allowing public comment even when a hearing hasn't been scheduled, they said.

One of the first things she initiated after becoming mayor was to conduct workshops each week and to set priorities for projects, trying to work through the long list of issues pending and never resolved,

Shaw said.

"I suppose people saw that we, the council and I, were able to get organized and to get things done, instead of talking about them and not taking action," she said.

They brought in a new manager, Gary Jackson.

"If I'm remembered as a good mayor, give me credit for getting Gary," she said. "He's knowledge-

able and has a good staff."

They moved ahead to bring Grindstone's water supply on line, a project two years overdue.

Although she said when she was elected mayor that four years would be enough, that may not hold true. After years of poor health, her husband died two years ago. Since his death, even more of her time has been funneled into the job of mayor.

Her dogs, Goldie and Wally, and her family provide her major diversions away from the office.

"I don't know where my life will be in two years," she said. "There's a lot I want to see finished and I don't want to let go until they are finished. If I felt the wrong person was running or the candidates wouldn't be good for Ruidoso, I'd run again."

PAST TENSE

Elfego Baca seemed to have the nine lives of a cat

Elfego Baca was one of the more colorful characters New Mexico ever produced. One story that graphically illustrates this statement is the time Baca was seeking a loan in El Paso.

The bank official whom he approached felt Baca did not have enough collateral for the loan. Baca felt his word should be collateral enough.

When the banker smirked at this suggestion, Baca thought of something else to capture the banker's attention: process the loan as requested, or be found dead in the middle of El Paso Street by noon the next day. The banker pooh-poohed this and Baca left the building.

Toward the end of the day, however, the banker began to have second thoughts and began to ask around about who this fellow Baca was, and he was told.

Shortly before noon the next day the banker was frantically shifting money from his personal account into Baca's.

This event is particularly interesting because it did not take place in the old west. It happened in the late 1930s and Elfego Baca was in his 70s at the time.

Elfego Baca's mother was a big baseball fan back in the 1860s, so it was not a big surprise when she gave birth to little Elfego on the ballfield at Socorro one day in 1865.

The Bacas moved to Topeka, Kans. while Elfego was still an infant, and then moved back to Socorro when he was 15. As a result, Elfego spoke better English than Spanish.

His father, Francisco, procured a position as marshal of Belen and ran afoul of that city's administration when he shot and killed two cowboys for disturbing the peace.

The city fathers felt death was not the appropriate sentence for disturbing the peace, so they had the elder Baca arrested.

Francisco was jailed in Los Lunas where his son Elfego found him, cut a hole in the roof and pulled him out. After this, Francisco fled to Texas.

Elfego continued to live in Socorro where he practiced regularly with his guns until he was proficient by anyone's standards. He then purchased a mail-order badge and began to act as though he had some sort of law-enforcement authority.

About this time, he heard about what he apparently considered some serious criminal activity in Frisco (modern-day Reserve). He put on his guns, pinned on his badge and headed for Frisco.

A local cowboy named McCarty had grown fond of riding up and down Frisco's main street shooting here, there, and everywhere.

However, when Elfego actually found the man, he was doing nothing more than talking loudly with some other slightly-inebriated cowboys on the street.

No matter. Elfego stuck the muzzle of his pistol into one of McCarty's ears while informing the other cowboys that if they wanted to do anything about it, he would instantly supply McCarty with a lead hearing aid. He then marched McCarty off to jail.

Later the same day, a group of mounted cowboys



Past
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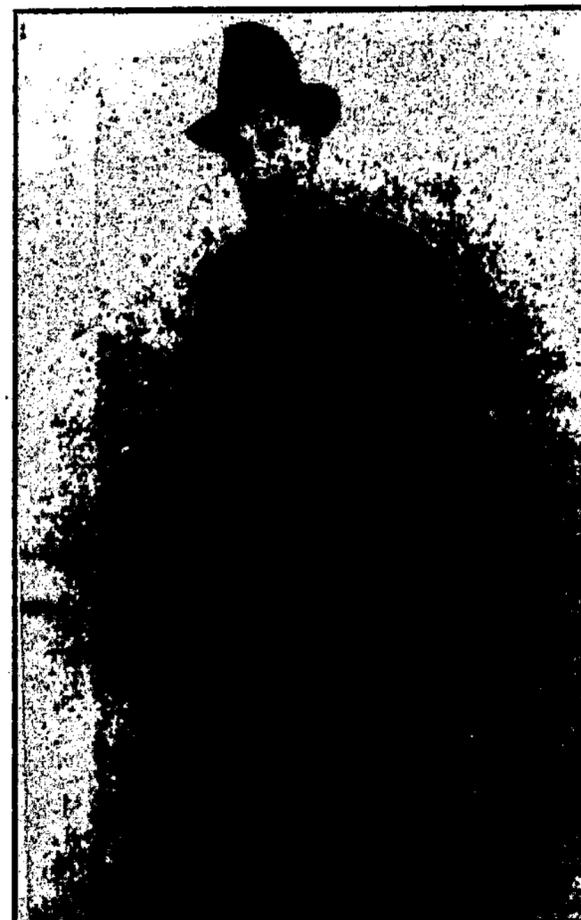
employed at the same spread as McCarty confronted Baca in the street in front of the jail. They demanded their compatriot's instant release.

Baca not only refused to discuss the matter, he gave the group an ultimatum: he was going to count to three and if they had not dispersed by the time he finished counting, they could all consider that a signal to pull their guns and start shooting.

They looked nervously back and forth at each other as Baca began to calmly count. Without hesitating between the numbers, he said, "one, two, three," and started blasting.

All of his shots went awry, except for one that nicked the leg of one of the horsemen.

But the cowboys were in no position to fight back — their horses had gone wild when Baca opened fire. In fact, the foreman's horse went over backwards and killed it's rider. The others carried him off, and an ominous quiet came over the town.



Elfego Baca

The next morning, Baca took McCarty to the justice of the peace. McCarty was fined \$5 and released.

By that afternoon, the street was filled with angry cowboys, ready to avenge the death of the foreman.

Baca was not crazy. When someone fired a shot, he took off like an olympic sprinter. He took shelter in a small *jacal* (shack), ran off it's occupants, noted that it's floor was dug out 18" below ground level, and settled in to wait. He didn't have to wait long.

Cowboy Jim Herne charged the little building, rifle in hand, but never got off a shot. Baca shot him twice and Herne died a short time later.

Then, for the next 36 hours, the cowboys literally poured lead into Elfego's flimsy fortress. The door alone had nearly 400 bullet holes in it. A broomstick standing in the corner was hit eight times.

These cowpunchers were determined. They even tried to burn him out, but there was too much mud involved in the construction of the little shack for it to catch fire.

Then they hit on the idea of blowing him up by tossing dynamite onto the place.

No one knew if Baca was still alive, and no one was particularly anxious to volunteer to go and check, so they waited until the next morning to get their answer.

Smoke began to rise from the chimney and they could smell Elfego cooking breakfast.

Later that afternoon, a lawman that Baca trusted arrived at the scene. With the promise of the law's protection, Baca surrendered.

Ultimately, he was acquitted on the charge of murder.

As the years passed, Baca married, fathered six children and became a lawyer, mayor, county clerk, lawman, school superintendent, and district attorney. Neither his varied career moves or the passing years mellowed him in the slightest.

Around the time of the First World War, Elfego became interested in the Mexican Revolution, and in fact, became the official American representative of General Huerta.

One afternoon in El Paso, as he was getting out of his car, a member of a rival revolutionary faction fired at him, hitting him in the groin. Baca returned fire twice and the man fell dead. Baca recovered from his wound, but used a cane for much of the rest of his life.

During Prohibition, when many, many Americans were going to Juárez to drink and gamble, one of the glitziest places to indulge these vices was called "The Tivoli."

When the management of this establishment decided to hire a bouncer, they hired not some young man with bulging biceps, but portly, middle-aged Elfego Baca. In the words of one of his biographers, "His duties were light. But he was not paid for them. He was paid *simply for being there*" (italics mine).

In the summer of 1945, Baca, along with everyone else within many miles, watched as the sky lit up with the blinding light of a nuclear explosion.

Several months later, at the age of 80, time accomplished what bullets had been unable to do. Elfego Baca died quietly in bed.

ENTERTAINMENT

TNT concert series blasts off tonight with Emilio's sound

by **DON HIXON**
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The first explosive act in the TNT Concert/Dance series will ignite the Ruidoso Civic Events Center at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

The rock/blues band "Emilio" opens the series of concerts. The series benefits the Ski Apache Handicapped Skiers program, a non-profit organization dedicated to giving people with disabilities the opportunity to ski.

Emilio blends rock and blues with a Latin flair and has been described as 'Chili Peppers meets Santana meets Stevie Ray Vaughan.'

One of Emilio's biggest hometown Boulder fans is Rockin' Ronne Kuhn. She describes the band as "a fine gumbo of melodies, harmonies, and rhythms of blues, jazz, reggae and rock."

"Emilio expands our sensibilities by transforming and transcending the historical and ethnic elements into a unique blend of musical storytelling," Kuhn wrote in a testimonial letter for the band. "Listening and dancing to Emilio takes one to higher ground, inspires creativity, evokes our primal essence, and infuses boundless energy and joy."

Headquartered in Denver, Emilio consists of guitarist Emilio Roberto Dominguez, bass player Tim Vigil and drummer John Gomez.

"We're excited to be playing in Ruidoso," Dominguez said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "The main reason we are coming is to help the handicapped skiers program."

Dominguez, 37, has been playing music since he was 12 years old. He once was the student of legendary guitarist Tommy Bolin, who died several years ago. Bolin played for rock groups The James Gang and Deep Purple and released two solo albums. Emilio's first album, "Beyond and Back," contains a tribute song dedicated to Dominguez's former guitar teacher.

"Basically, what Tommy shared with me was tone and what kind of feeling music could evoke," Dominguez said. "He could play as fast as anybody, but he taught me that feeling is as important as speed."

The band's second album, "Texas Tone," was recorded live on tour and should be available in April, Dominguez said. The band will also release another studio album, "Emilio III."

"Emilio III is a tribute to Jimi Hendrix, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and Tommy Bolin," he explained. "I was fortunate enough to be able to hang out for several hours with Stevie before he died and boy, did I get a great guitar lesson from that guy."

Emilio will probably play a four-hour concert, Dominguez said.

"We have never had the opportunity to visit Ruidoso," he said. "And we're looking forward to rockin' in New Mexico's ski town."

The concert begins at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. Tickets are \$7 per person and will be sold at the door. For more information call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce at 257-7395.



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Not a typical day

Mrs. Joyce (Dawn Hightower, left) and Dixie Dugan (Becca Wozny, right) help steady Mrs. Lashure (Autumn Moon) during a scene from "A Typically Atypical Day." The Ruidoso High School Drama Department presented the play at Castle Mountain Tuesday in preparation for competition at the Eastern New Mexico University Drama Festival today.

Space Center hosts oral history

The Space Center in Alamogordo will host one of four symposiums in New Mexico about Los Alamos, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 in the Tombaugh Omnimax Theater.

"Impact Los Alamos: Traditional New Mexico in a Hi-Tech World," is an oral history project of the Oral History Program at the University of New Mexico. In 1992 the program received funding to conduct a

series of oral history interviews in the counties surrounding Los Alamos.

Researchers hope to determine, in the words of native New Mexicans, what impact the federal installation in Los Alamos has had on their daily lives, their cultures, their household economies, and their views of science and education.

Experts on economics, history, culture and philosophy have been invited to discuss the changes in Northern New Mexico in the last half century.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the symposium.

For more information on the Space Center symposium contact George House at (505) 437-2840 or 1-800-545-4021.

Nature photography workshops

White Sands National Monument will sponsor two nature photography workshops in February.

The first workshop is geared toward beginning photographers with fully automatic point-and-shoot cameras. This course will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23. It has a \$10 fee.

The second workshop will be a

two-day session for advanced beginning and intermediate amateur photographers using manually-operated cameras. Two sessions will be held, from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 and Saturday, March 2. A \$20 fee will be charged for this 10-hour workshop.

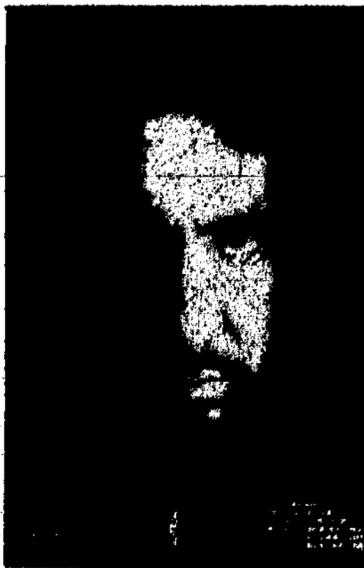
Both workshops will be instructed by professional photog-

rapher Bill Walker of Las Cruces. Workshop topics include exposure, composition, a field trip into the dunes, and ideas to improve your photographic experience at White Sands.

Advance registration is required, and can be made by calling (505) 479-6124. Participants will also need to pay the standard park entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle.

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HOMETOWN FAN



Emilio

Monuments free for survey answerers

The Museum of New Mexico offers free state monument admission to any New Mexico adult resident who completes a visitor survey before Feb. 29.

The surveys, which take only about five minutes to fill out, are available at the cashier's station at each of the monuments: Lincoln State Monument in the Town of Lincoln; Coronado State Monument

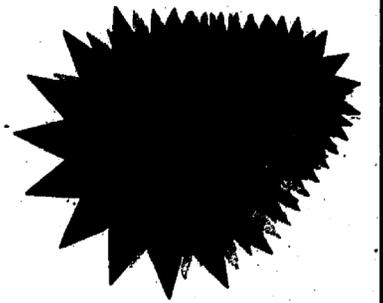
in Bernalillo; Jemez State Monument in Jemez Springs; Fort Selden State Monument in Radium Springs (13 miles north of Las Cruces); and Fort Sumner State Monument in the Town of Fort Sumner.

The questionnaire, which does not require a name or address, is part of a study aimed at improving service to state residents.

State monuments are open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Sept. 16 through April 30, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 1 through Sept. 15. They close on all state holidays except the Fourth of July, Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Visitors under age 17, regardless of residence, are admitted free to all Museum of New Mexico facilities.

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