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Is Ruidoso overtaxed?

• Ruidoso city officials say Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell exaggerated when he called the community one of the highest taxed in the country, but Howell hopes residents will turn out for a meeting tonight to call for tax cuts.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

It's inaccurate for a Lincoln County commissioner to call Ruidoso the highest-taxed community in the country, village officials say.

Ruidoso has the highest gross receipts tax in New Mexico, but in 1996, it was second in residential property tax rates to the town of Milan in Cibola County.

Residential property owners paid 14.912 mills to operate the village and repay its debts, compared to Milan, where residential property owners were taxed 17.943 mills, according to information from the local government division of the state Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

Milan's residential property is valued at \$2.8 million, much less than the \$122.7 million value placed on Ruidoso homes.

One mill is equal to \$1 on each \$1,000 of taxable property value. New Mexico taxes property on one-third of the market value.

But Ruidoso tops the list for gross receipts tax at 6.9375 cents per \$1 compared to runner-up Taos at 6.8570 cents per \$1.

Lincoln County Commissioner Wilton Howell hopes village residents and others from throughout the county show up at 6:30 p.m. today in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center to take a look at taxes and try to come up with ways to reduce them. Howell represents the Ruidoso area on the county commission.

The meeting originally was scheduled for Thursday, but was changed when officials found out the events center already was booked Thursday.

"I'd like people to send a clear message to their elected officials that they are either willing to pay more for more services or they will accept fewer services for lower taxes," he said.

Ruidoso Village Manager Gary Jackson noted that out of the 36,772 mills residents of Ruidoso paid in taxes last year, village expenses accounted for less than half. And over a 10-year period from 1986, the village's residential property tax rate has increased by 6.7%, substantially less than the state at 69.1% or the county at 49.8%.

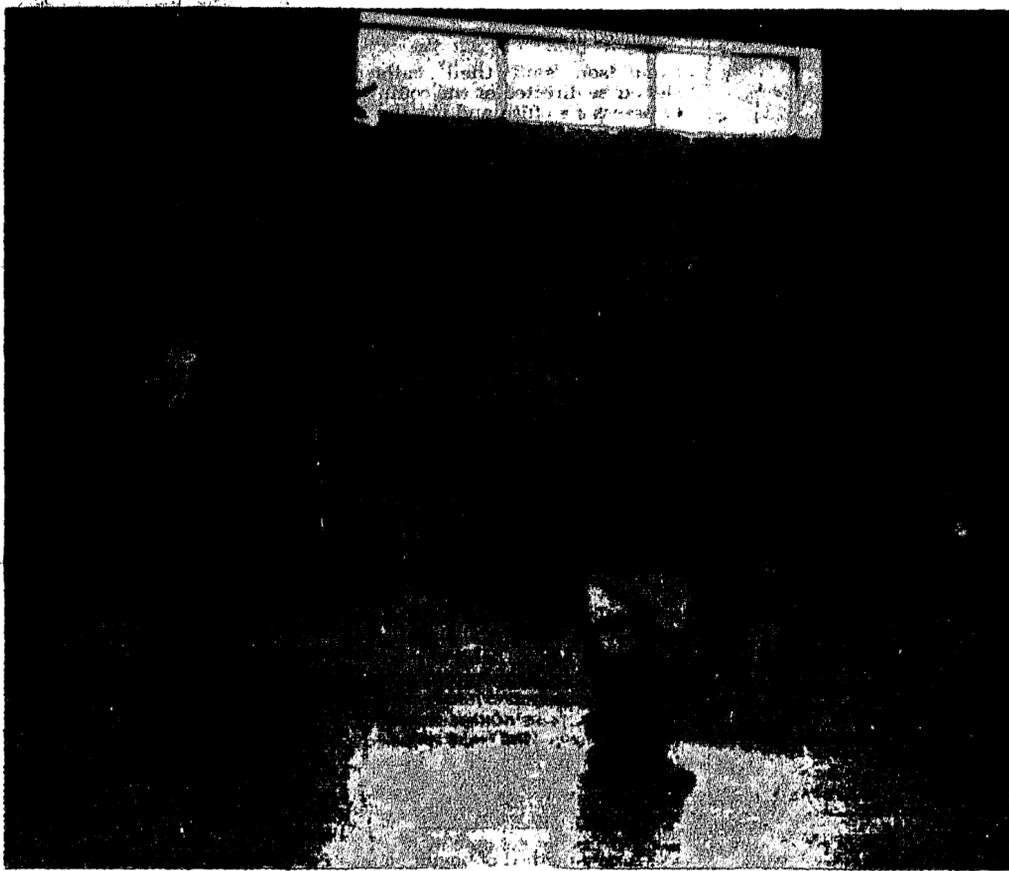
The biggest percentage increases occurred in special property taxes such those for Eastern New Mexico University and the Lincoln County Medical Center/Carrizozo Health Clinic, he said. Tax rates for the Ruidoso School District went down over the 10-year period.

Per-capita tax figures, especially gross receipts, give a skewed impression when looking at areas such as Ruidoso that depend on tourism, said Ruidoso Councilor Robert Donaldson. Many more people are paying those dollars than just the residents, he said.

And when declaring a community the "most taxed," other tax sources should be considered than just gross receipts and property tax, and that's difficult to compare, Donaldson said.

The debate over taxes has been fueled by a state-mandated countywide re-evaluation this year, which has plenty of residents worried their taxes are going up dramatically. But

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James Lopez (left) and David Barcus, 3, members of the Mescalero High School and Head Start dancers, dance for students at Sierra Vista Primary School Friday. The performance was one of the many events at Ruidoso elementary schools' annual Indian Day celebration.

Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Cultural understanding comes through Indian Day

• Local elementary students and their visitors didn't let Friday's cold weather deter them from holding their annual Indian Day celebration. Instead, they moved the dancing, drumming and fun indoors.

BY JULIE BAXTER
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The dreary skies and brisk temperatures Friday may have dampened the spirits of some Ruidoso residents, but elementary school students and staff wouldn't let the weather snow on their pow wow.

Sierra Vista Primary, White Mountain Elementary and White Mountain Intermediate schools held their annual Indian Day celebration inside the schools in spite of Mother Nature's lack of cooperation for the outdoor event. The day-long festivities featured dancing, drumming, flute making, sign language, storytelling, pottery, beadwork and Indian games courtesy of groups from Mescalero, local artists and school Indian clubs.

"It was wonderful," said White Mountain Ele-

mentary Principal Frank Cannella. "I think it was the best one we've ever had. We had a good turnout from the Native American community."

Sierra Vista Principal Danny Flores echoed Cannella's enthusiasm for the event's success.

"I think it went really well," he said. "The weather didn't cooperate, but the important thing is, we have plenty of people in the community that are willing to share their culture."

White Mountain Intermediate Principal Helene Kobelnyk also expressed disappointment that the weather wasn't nicer, adding that it just seems more appropriate to hold the festivities in the warmth of the sun with the smell of fry bread wafting through the air.

Cultural sharing was the focus of the annual celebration. Not only does the event bring members of the Mescalero Apache Tribe to the schools to share their traditions, but it also allows Native American students to give their classmates a

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County considers paid Alto ambulance crew

• County emergency services director says volunteers don't have time to answer increasing ambulance calls, but crew disagrees.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Alto ambulance volunteers responded to only about 50% of the emergency calls they were assigned last year, says the director for Lincoln County emergency services.

The time may be right to look at contracting with a paid emergency medical service for the more heavily populated area around Ruidoso, county

commissioners said Tuesday.

Alternatives could include signing on with the Lincoln County Medical Center, which runs Ruidoso's ambulance service, they said.

Hospital Administrator Valerie Miller was asked to come back within 60 days with some figures on the cost of the hospital handling ambulance service for the unincorporated portions of the county around Ruidoso. Alto, about three miles north of Ruidoso, is growing fast and has a substantial elderly population, commissioners said.

They were careful not to criticize the half-dozen or more Alto volunteers, noting that most have jobs and aren't

always available when calls are received.

"We are not abandoning the volunteers," Commission Chairman Monroy said, adding that the commission must look ahead at improving services.

Members of the Alto ambulance unit, who said Wednesday they were not told their service would be discussed at the commission meeting, dispute the figures presented by Hopper. They said the director is retaliating against their unit, because they have insisted on "going by the book," have pushed for state-required protocols (written procedures) and have pointed out deficiencies in an ambulance they

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say never were corrected by the seller.

Hopper's figures

In 1996, out of 72 calls to the Alto unit, volunteers answered 44, Hopper said. They did not respond or only one person responded (which is not enough to drive and attend to a patient) to 21 calls, Hopper said.



Connie Hopper

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Garbages changes start up in Ruidoso

• Larger dumpsters with bear-proof lids will be installed as early as today in Upper Canyon as a test area.

Folks in Ruidoso's Upper Canyon may see some changes at their local garbage dumpster this morning.

Crews from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority are scheduled to start pulling out 1.5-yard dumpsters in the canyon and replace them with larger 3-yard types. Five sites also will receive the bonus of what authority members hope will be bear-proof locks.

The historic residential neighborhood rimming the Rio Ruidoso will be a test area to see if the number of bear break-ins and unsightly trash messes can be reduced, authority members agreed Tuesday.

If either or both approaches work, they will be tried next in Brady Canyon and eventually in other Ruidoso problem areas such as Cedar Creek, said authority manager Jerry Wright.

The bear locks cost \$50 to install. By reducing the number of dumpster sites in Upper Canyon to about 40, fewer locks will be required, he said.

Upper Canyon resident Diana Harris, who has pushed for bear locks and more site cleaning to keep trash out of the river, said when she drove the canyon, she identified 18-20 dumpsters that were not needed.

Wright also was asked to consider more frequent collection along Upper Canyon.

Chino receives treatment in hospital

Wendell Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe for more than 30 years, is in Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.



Wendell Chino

He was admitted earlier this week, but hospital officials said Tuesday they could not release his condition because Chino specifically restricted that information only to family members.

People close to the tribe said Chino underwent an angioplasty procedure, involving the repair or replacement of damaged blood vessels using surgery, lasers or tiny inflatable balloons at the end of a catheter.

Official spokesmen for the Mescalero Tribe declined to comment.

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RUIDOSO'S THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

WEDNESDAY High ... 67 Low ... 31

High ... 66 Low ... 33

Mostly sunny

THURSDAY High ... 67 Low ... 31

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Partly cloudy

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Ruidoso Readings	High	Low	Precip.
Friday	35	22	.06"
Saturday	32	19	.52"
Sunday	48	15	.00"
Monday	59	18	.00"

Regional Wednesday	High	Low	Forecast
Albuquerque	70	40	Partly cloudy
El Paso, TX	76	44	Mostly sunny
Lubbock, TX	72	43	Mostly sunny
Midland, TX	74	44	Mostly sunny

March/April phases of the moon



STARDATE

The advance of spring finds Mars fading in the southeastern sky and comet Hale-Bopp fading and lowering in the west-northwest. Look for the comet right at the end of twilight; it sinks lower minute by minute.

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John Meigs of the Hondo Valley painted this mural of Billy the Kid's escape. The mural was in the Yucca Bar and Grill in Carrizozo. Photo courtesy of Chris Stromberg of Trading Post Antiques.

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

Ruidoso News April 18, 1947

Mr. J. W. Williams has this week signed contracts with men to start immediately the improvements planned for the Hollywood Park Race Track, and will spend \$100,000 completing the project before the first of June. D. D. Skoussen has the contract for all track improvements. This will include leveling off and building a race track to equal any in

the Southwest.

Bud Campbell of Ruidoso will be contractor for the 200 stables and other necessary buildings to be erected. This will include a grandstand which will have a seating capacity of three thousand. Two water wells are being drilled by Buck Nosker.

ROUNDUP...The races being planned now for ten days in June and July are something...this will put Ruidoso in the big time resort business and the Fourth of July crowd here last year will be out of the running for a record number of people in the canyon and valley.

Tax: Can taxes be lower?

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Donaldson said their calls should be directed at the county assessor's office and not the village.

"If there were no improvements to a piece of property (and the valuation rose significantly), either the values are wrong this time or at the last re-appraisal two years ago they were wrong," he said.

Last year, the county's taxable value was placed at \$399.5 million. This year, the figure jumped \$88 million to \$407 million. Of that amount, only \$8.6 million is new construction, while the other \$53.1 million is due to increased values on existing property, according to the office of County Assessor

Fiscal year 1995-96	Ruidoso	Taos
Population	5,500	5,000
Number of gov't employees	150-160	150-160
Total gov't budget	\$16.7 million	\$19.4 million
Government debt service	\$1.2 million	\$1.9 million
Residential net taxable value	\$122.7 million	140.1 million
Residential tax rate for operations	5.552 mills	3.852 mills
Tax rate to pay back debt	0.361 mills	none (paid from gross receipts tax)
Gross receipts tax rate	6.9 cents on \$1	6.3 cents on \$1
Gross receipts back to village	\$5.97 million	\$6.1 million

Parry said.

"I'm afraid that at some point these people have to come back and have to be held accountable," Howell said. "I'd like to see the county and the municipalities adopt a truth-in-taxation approach that other municipalities have in place. It requires three public hearings before a budget is adopted, where each taxing entity has to go over their projects with the public and tell how they will impact the taxpayer," Howell said, adding that the hearings

should be specifically for budgets and not buried in the agenda of a regular meeting.

Money designated for a specific purpose through a budget or bond issues should not be used for anything else, he said.

"Our citizens are more than encouraged to attend our budget meetings," Donaldson said.

With the village holding the line on its budget and the big increase in taxable value in Ruidoso, property owners with no increase or only slight increases in taxable value should see their village taxes

go down this year, Donaldson said.

He also noted that the sales tax in many Texas communities is more than 8 cents on the dollar.

"To make a statement like (Ruidoso is the highest-taxed community in the country per capita) is just grandstanding," Donaldson said of Howell.

The state yield control formula, which limits tax increases to 5% a year, applies separately to each taxing entity and only applies to the portion of the increase caused by reappraisal, not to new construction, a spokesman for the DFA said.

New tax may be needed for indigent care

Lincoln County Commissioners may be forced to impose a new tax to pay for indigent medical care, since local hospital officials say money previously used for that purpose now is needed for expansion and new equipment.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A new method of paying for the medical care of poverty-level families in Lincoln County may have to be found, county commissioners were told last week.

Valerie Miller, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, said the Ruidoso hospital can no longer afford to pay the county's contribution toward indigent care out of the annual special property tax levy collected for the center.

The money is needed for operation, equipment and expansion, she said. The county has projected revenues of \$792,328 this year from that special tax, and has about \$100,000 leftover from last year.

"The reality is that we can no longer afford to send the contribution to Santa Fe," Miller said during a commission meeting. "When you add up the four years, we have paid \$1 million to the state and I don't know of any other rural hospital that could do that. Our expansion project would have been paid for, had we not made those payments."

The county has pledged \$1.2 million over the next three years to help with the \$2.3 million expansion.

The special property tax levy originally was approved by voters to build a new hospital or expand and buy equipment for the existing one. Commissioners later agreed some of the money could be used for the hospital's operation. Four years ago, when the state insisted counties must come up with the money to claim a Medicaid match from the federal govern-

ment, Miller offered to use a portion of the hospital's special tax millage to pay the county's contribution toward the state's indigent fund.

"Commissioners did not know they could do that and it took me a year of fighting with DFA (state Department of Finance and Administration) to get it approved," Miller said Tuesday.

Her offer allowed the commission to avoid having to impose a gross receipts tax or an additional special property tax to set up an indigent fund as required by the state.

The uncertainty of how the state's new "managed care" approach to indigents will impact the hospital also is a problem, she told commissioners. Eligibility criteria, and how much will be paid by Medicaid for each participant or type of illness, also may change.

"We don't know what the Medicaid payment (for each patient) will be, but I'm guessing between \$140 to \$160 a month to cover physician visits,

hospitalization, out-patient care and hospice," Miller said Tuesday. The amount would be accumulative for the calendar year, about \$1,680 a year, she said.

The hospital's ending balance this year probably will be about \$237,000, she said. That's the bottom line out of \$12.5 million in gross revenue.

As a non-profit hospital, the balance each year goes into a special fund established by Presbyterian during the years before Miller was administrator and the hospital ran in the red. At that time, the hospital drew from that fund to pay bills during the months it ran at a deficit. But since Miller took over, the balance in the fund each year has earned interest and has been used to buy equipment or to pay for salary increases, Miller said.

"However, if we ever experience a loss, that money will be used to pay the bills and we will pay interest as required by law," she said. "That money does not go into anybody's pocket and it does not go to Presbyterian."

Presbyterian is paid about \$465,000 a year to manage the hospital, she said, adding that the fee is about 50% lower than the industry standard.

Last year, the hospital gave away \$1.2 million in free medical care, Miller said. That figure includes the \$360,000 for Medicaid patients. She did not have a breakdown of the number of Medicaid patients treated.

As the sole provider of hospital care in the county, the medical center receives a reimbursement from the federal government. Last year, while the hospital paid \$96,000 to the state toward its contribution to Medicaid, the hospital received about \$360,000 back from the federal government to pay for Medicaid patients, Miller said.

The hospital hasn't raised its rates since 1990, she said. About 17% of the hospital's patients carry commercial insurance, 27% have no insurance and the rest are covered by Medicare or Medicaid, she said.

Study lists options for county funding

Dr. Arlene Brown, chairman of the county Health and Wellness Board, said a study completed by that group identified 1,083 families in Lincoln County unable to pay for their medical care. That number corresponds closely to the number of families receiving income support, she said.

The study also listed four options for the county:

- to continue with the hospital sending money back to the state out of the special tax levy;
 - to create an indigent fund by setting aside a percentage of the gross receipts tax collected locally, with the size of the fund depending on the amount of tax collected;
 - to create an indigent fund as a tacked-on cost with property taxes, with the size of the fund budgeted each year by commissioners based on need;
 - or to create a fund using a combination of the second and third options.
- "Private sources (to finance indigent care) also were looked at, and we feel that option is

not realistic for this county," one of the largest in size, but one of the smallest in population," Brown said.

United Way, which is just entering the county, could only contribute \$1,000, but the board is looking for other types of grants that may be available, she said.

Brown warned that if Gov. Gary Johnson signs Senate Bill 416, counties also will be required to pay for the burial of people who are indigent.

The wellness board leans toward the county creating an indigent fund using property taxes, because it would cover all areas and hit everyone who owns property in the county, even if the structures are second homes.

Using gross receipts tax revenues, akin to a sales tax, would impact the families least able to pay, Brown said.

"Whatever we're going to do, we need to plug into our budget process," said Commission Chairman Monroy Montes. That process begins this month, but commissioners want more information and input before deciding.

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Spirit of Ruidoso settling in, taking off

Spirit of Ruidoso "block heads" meet Monday night to keep plotting the group's course toward better business in the village.

BY JILL BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Spirit of Ruidoso, the village's newly formed business group, has added liveliness to its step and is marching forward with hopes of creating some business-community spirit.

The group's "block heads," who were appointed at a meeting last Wednesday, gathered Monday night to plot a direction and wound up emerging with newly appointed leadership. Amid the planning for Spirit's first activity — a May Day Open House — a president and a vice president also were named.

Marilyn Patterson of Galleria West agreed to take the helm of Spirit, with Teri Sodd

of Mountain Arts Gallery and Framing at her side as second in command. Patterson and Sodd also are heading up the organization of the May Day Open House. Spirit's first line of spring discussion included advertising and recruiting as many participants as possible. Participating stores will be asked to open their doors from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and to provide a welcoming atmosphere complete with refreshments or entertainment of anything else that may bring people to Midtown.

"I hope we can make it good so people can appreciate we did this for them," said Jean Sapington of Jean's Cherry Blossom Shoppe.

The group also decided to draft a letter for "block heads" to take to the businesses on their blocks. The letter will be aimed at gaining and gauging support for both the May Day Open House and Spirit as a whole. Once again it was

stressed that Spirit is a group for any business, no matter what type or what location.

The group also looked ahead to June and started sketching out plans for a Summer Kickoff event on Friday, June 6. No plans were set in stone, but ideas of a band, a dance and a drawing for a \$100 shopping spree were suggested as activities for the promotion. The "block heads" will continue planning the June event at their next meeting April 28.

Talk of the talk at Spirit's next general meeting was also in the air. Topics on the agenda next Tuesday will include extended and consistent business hours and appointing committee chairmen to start tackling other issues on Spirit members' minds. Those committee projects include:

- Street maps and brochures to be placed in the Midtown area.
- Cleaning, signs, flowers and other physical appearance

matters.

- Coordination and production of special events.

- Scheduling, locating, and gaining village approval for Midtown attractions.

Anyone interested in making a difference in Ruidoso is welcome to attend the general meeting at the Four Seasons Mall and get involved. Membership in Spirit or its committees isn't limited to Midtown merchants or businesses. Businesses from across town are invited to join, as are community members who wish to pitch in.

As Spirit's plans continue to take shape, the excitement level among members continues to build.

"I think this is a great group of people," Sodd said before the meeting broke up. "You all have lots of enthusiasm and I'm really excited."

Clean-up coming



Rodney Griego and Roy Padilla pick up litter from along White Mountain Road on Friday in one of several efforts by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department to clean up the area. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, the department will hold its last organizational meeting for its River Clean-Up Day on May 17, held in conjunction with National River Clean-Up Week, May 10-17. The meeting will be in the department's office's at 801 Resort Dr. For more information, call the department at 257-5030.

Ruidoso man with pile of guns may need mental evaluation before trial

Thomas Papantony, a convicted felon arrested after 22 firearms and a cache of ammo were found in his motel room, claims he discovered Montezuma's gold and accuses Clinton of trying to kill him with Nazi death squads.

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Hoarded guns, a felony conviction and rambling diatribes against President Bill Clinton combine to make Thomas Papantony a likely candidate for a mental evaluation, his lawyer says.

"Mr. Papantony, sincerely, believes that he was not legally convicted of a felony, and consequently is not prohibited from owning guns. He sincerely believes that," said Robert Beauvais, Papantony's Ruidoso-based attorney. "So, I think the U.S. Attorney acknowledges... some question whether he is competent to stand trial."

Beauvais said he expects an Albuquerque federal grand jury to indict the 63-year-old Papantony in early May on charges of owning weapons despite a prior felony conviction.

An evaluation of Papantony's competency will likely follow the indictment, Beauvais said.

"The big thing right now is to determine whether he understands the charges against him, and whether he can assist in his own defense — that's what a competency determination is," Beauvais said.

Ruidoso police arrested Thomas James Papantony on March 26 after a search of his room at the Arrowhead Motel, 604 W. State Highway 70, turned up 22 guns and rifles and hundreds of rounds of ammunition. Police also recovered two handguns and a knife Papantony wore at the time of his arrest.

Papantony, a former Chicago phone company employee, had been living at the motel and working as a caretaker there for four years, police said.

A search warrant of Papantony's room was initiated after Papantony distributed fake court documents in which he accuses Clinton of trying to kill him.

In one 12-page document, Papantony writes meandering

discourses about Clinton's Nazi death squads, of finding Montezuma's treasure of gold, and of being framed on his earlier conviction on charges of shooting at a building. He said that 12 judges were bribed in his conviction, that Clinton is a serial killer and not legally president, and he personally took Clinton's testimony.

Agents with the Secret Service interviewed Papantony shortly after his arrest, since he made strange statements about the president.

Last week, state charges that Papantony illegally owned weapons as a felon were dropped in lieu of identical federal charges. Agents with the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, took Papantony to federal court in Albuquerque on April 3.

"The only difference is that in the federal case, they have to allege he was holding guns that had... moved across state lines," Beauvais said.

If Papantony does stand trial and is found guilty, his maximum penalty under the federal charges would be 10 years, a \$250,000 fine or both, Beauvais said.

"He can be found to be

incompetent to stand trial, but a danger to himself and the community," Beauvais said. "And, theoretically, he can be held on a civil commitment. They aren't going to cut him loose if they feel like he's dangerous. If he's not dangerous, then the charges could be dismissed and he would be able to return to the community with certain conditions."

Beauvais said a motion for an evaluation of Papantony's competency had been filed in state district court, and was about to take place when the state dropped its charges in lieu of the federal charges.

"So, once the feds took over, we went back to square one," Beauvais said.

Papantony is being held without bond at the Torrance County Jail.

Ruidoso Detective Wolf Born said Papantony distributed his fake court documents to his Alamogordo chiropractor, who called the Secret Service. Papantony was convicted in February 1994 by a Carlsbad jury of shooting at an occupied building. No one was struck at the time of the shooting.

Alto ambulance crew members tell their different side of story

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Four members of the Alto ambulance unit sat down late Wednesday to give their side of

the story after hearing about the Lincoln County Commission's interest in moving to a paid ambulance service in their area.

They contended their response record is much better

than 50% and that their unit has been discriminated against, because members have been at odds with County Emergency Services Director Connie Hopper.

"We're volunteers and she's

fighting us," said Blue Dutchover. "We don't have to do this."

Volunteers are paid for their runs, but most have to leave their jobs to participate and end up losing money, he said. Several qualified emergency medical technicians (EMTs) in the area won't join the group, because of the strife with county officials, members said.

Hopper argued the Alto unit is not discriminated against, but she declined to comment on their specific allegations.

County Manager Frank Potter said if the volunteers have complaints, they should

bring those to a commission meeting for discussion.

Volunteers' viewpoint

Howard Puckett, a long-time volunteer with the Alto unit, said volunteers believe they purposely were not invited Tuesday so they could not defend themselves.

"The numbers don't sound right," he said. "There are very few calls we didn't answer."

The Alto unit only responded about 10 times this year to ski accidents, because Ski Apache called for Advanced Life Support (ALS), which only is available from Ruidoso's paid ambulance crew, the volun-

teers said. Tying up an ALS crew for a broken leg or sprained back is a waste of taxpayer money and medical resources, and costs the injured person or insurance company more money, they said.

Although they acknowledged some element of competition between the Ruidoso paid staff and Alto volunteers, those at the Wednesday meeting said they do not think Jim Stover, head of the Ruidoso crew, is the person pushing for a switch to a paid ambulance service.

Four people now regularly respond to ambulance calls.

Ambulance crew cites attacks

To back up their claim that county Emergency Services Director Connie Hopper is antagonistic to their unit, members ticked off several instances. They are listed below with responses from County Manager Frank Potter. The volunteers contended:

- they were not told that the fate of their new ambulance would be discussed at the March meeting of the commission. At that session, commissioners decided to give the new ambulance ordered for Alto to the town of Carrizozo, because it crowded the Alto fire station building.

County Manager Frank Potter said the ambulance issue was put on the March agenda by Alto Fire Chief Chris Dennis and Commissioners L. Ray Nudley and Hopper.

They were not told their services were to be discussed Tuesday and no one from the unit was at the meeting to offer rebuttal.

Representatives from Alto EMS will be asked to attend the May commission meeting when Ruidoso returns with some figures, Potter said. The April meeting was only a preliminary discussion to see if Ruidoso is interested in serving Alto and Honda, Potter said.

Dennis repeated requests since January 1996 for Hopper to provide written protocols as required by state law. None have been issued.

Protocols exist and should be posted in each ambulance, Potter said, adding that Hopper currently is updating the procedures.

When Hopper, in response to a request from the county, inspected the new ambulance

and pointed out where it failed to meet specifications, they were "rewarded" by having the ambulance traded to Carrizozo for a much older model. "We never told them we didn't want the ambulance," said member Gregg Kotila. "We only wanted it brought up to specification. It's the county's job to accept or reject it."

Potter disagreed with the volunteers on the status of the new ambulance. He withheld payment for about 90 days while the supplier corrected points that didn't meet specifications, Potter said. He was satisfied substantial compliance was obtained.

At times since Hopper was put in charge, the unit has gone without essential equipment or has been given equipment no longer sanctioned for use.

Ambulance crews regularly come into the county office to pick up equipment and supplies. He has heard no complaints from the other groups about the material, Potter said.

Hopper gave part of the Alto territory around Fawn Ridge to Ruidoso until residents there complained.

In most instances, Hopper has been following the direction of the commission, he said. One exception may be the Fawn Ridge proposal, because commissioners rejected it, Potter said.

Hopper initially tried to give the unit a two-wheel drive ambulance, although that territory is in the mountains.

Hopper never proposed a two-wheel drive ambulance, Potter said.

Crew: County considers paid ambulance crew

Continued from page 1A

Those 21 calls were handled by the Ruidoso ambulance, stationed at the county medical center more than five miles away. Seven additional calls to Ski Apache also were taken by the Ruidoso unit, she said. The volunteers may have been called as back-up on six other calls that showed up in county records, she said.

County Manager Frank Potter told commissioners it's time to see the reality that Alto and the area around Ruidoso is growing too fast for a volunteer operation.

Fortunately, the paid Ruidoso

EMS staff has been willing to give back-up coverage for the area around the village and east on U.S. 70 through Glencoe, he said.

Having two agencies covering the same area is a duplication of effort, Howell said.

Ruidoso EMS Director Jim Stover said his ambulance unit became affiliated with the hospital in Ruidoso in August 1983 under a contract between the medical center and the village.

Ruidoso's four ambulances operate and cover the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Otero County as well as portions of Lincoln County, Stover said.

support us well," Stover said. "It's our goal to work with the county however we can."

"Valencia County is having good results with a private, paid ambulance service," Commissioner William Schwettmann noted.

However, some counties have tried private companies and discarded that approach or have moved from company to company, Stover said.

Montes said he would like to compare the cost of maintaining the volunteer unit to contracting with a paid group, and see how much subsidy would be required from county

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OUR OPINION

No happy solution

Ruidoso threw down the gauntlet last week, but nobody picked it up. So the flawed Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) continues unchanged...

That SWA board meeting a week ago got nowhere because the full board was not prepared to endorse proposals set forth by the Ruidoso contingent...

She, and most of the others on the SWA board, are members because they are elected (or appointed) representatives of the governmental entities making up the Authority.

The SWA was created by political entities under pressure from bigger politicians (the Congress), and it's apparent today that from the start parochial interests took priority over the common good.

Ruidoso's six proposals really do make a lot of sense. The Authority should be able to establish uniform rates. It should consider a tier system tied to service requirements in each community.

As things stand now, Ruidoso patrons pay more than anybody else for their service, but are dissatisfied because they don't feel they are getting what they pay for.

Elsewhere on this page, Bernhard E. F. Reimann, a Capitan member on the SWA board, has been moved to allegory in order to make a simple, declarative statement or two:

- It will cost much more to do things separately than to do them together. Politics must be removed from the SWA. Amen, Dr. Reimann. Amen.

Q&A

What good is 'fast time' to government today?

What benefit is turning clocks to 'fast time' to the government?

Nettle Bradley Ruidoso Downs

'Daylight savings time' was established during World War II to give more daylight hours to farmers and others as part of the war effort.

Indiana. Its direct benefit to government agencies today is unclear, but employees do get more daylight off-time during the summer.

Queries for 'Q & A' may be mailed to P. O. Box 128, Ruidoso, attention Editor; they must be signed, with a phone number for follow-up.

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WES HOBBI

THE DREAMER

April showers, in song and story, with snow

April is famous in song and story as the Month of Showers.

On the eleventh day of April, the temperature was nearing 65 here in the vale. The pink fruit buds on the apple tree looked ready to come into bloom.

There is a very tame cottontail rabbit who took up residence under the sunroom and he was out going from one bunch of grass to a clump of green alfalfa.

Toward evening, clouds moved in from the east, bringing light rain.

On the morning of the 12th, snowflakes were flying in an eastern breeze and the ground soon was covered with a light film of white.



BY DAN STORM COLUMNIST

flying fog and mist.

Before you knew it, winter had moved in on spring and at noon there was four inches of snow on the ground.

The wind came to a stop and all the snowy world was still like a picture.

The cottontail rabbit came out of his small side door from under the sunroom and sat admiring the winter landscape with his large velvet brown eyes.

His grass cafeteria was out of sight, so I fetched him a little alfalfa hay. And right away he began nibbling and munching on this.

I went inside for a while and when I came back out, the cottontail (I think I'll call him 'Little Joe') was gone from his stack of alfalfa.

Snow figures

The sun shone down but the air was cold; so instead of melting away, the snow tufts on the cedar stayed where they were and changed their shape.

Through the afternoon the snow began melting from the evergreens, yet slowly, as if saying, 'this is my last snow of the year, and I hate to let go.'

And it did not quite let go. On the way out early in the morning on April 13, there was that giant walnut tree at the bend of the river presenting a winter-in-spring picture.

giant branches dark against the gold of the setting sun, and then afterwards the limbs are outlined all in white.

Near the gate was a round ball of snow on a cedar limb that somehow had burned holes, causing it to resemble a little face of snow with two black eyes.

Of all the snow figures I have seen, this is the first one that would start you to laughing here in the early morning.

So you see, some of the snow from North Dakota has drifted down this-a-way.

Clouds are forming on the northeast much as to say: 'You ain't seen nothing yet!'

Let us be thankful for moisture even if it is snowing on the Fourth of July.

Thanks for the privilege of sending you these messages; and let us thank the Lord for all our blessings.

An allegory of politicians, beavers and solid waste

After reading certain contributions by readers and politicians I cannot prevent the feeling that everyone in Lincoln County thinks and says: 'Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority go away, die, go to jail or whatever—just go!'

COMMENT



BY BERNHARD E. F. REIMANN LCSWA BOARD

The shortcomings which have been voiced are at least partly reality.

The reason for this is the ignorance of organizational practices by its (the Authority's) founders and also by unforeseen developments during the past half-decade.

The technical solid waste operation is not only the collection of waste; it is not only the transport of waste; it is not only the disposal of waste; it is

all of these combined in one unit, in one package. It is also a matter of managerial knowledge, like all governmental operations. It works by laws, regulations and ordinances—and by knowledge.

Mistakes have been made. When the Authority was formed I had no say in what it finally became: a 'politician.'

Case in point: the job description for the position of general manager, the requirements for the person who would run the show, was based on a high school education and a New Mexico driver's license.

familiar with personnel management as it pertains to governmental operations; 4. be familiar with state and local procurement procedures, financial and budgeting practices; 5. be familiar with public relations practices.

These essential elements were ignored by the board and the consequence was (and in part still is) that the persons employed in the position of general manager lacked either all, most, or some of the elements.

The worst of them was our No. 3 manager, who seemed to come close to all five elements, had good recommendations, (but) depleted the annual maintenance budget within one month and left us after six weeks, with employees who were afraid to talk to the board.

Is the manager who is now in charge the right person? He stepped into the breach which was left by the dismissed No. 3

manager, relinquishing his position on the board. Mr. Jerry Wright was then selected from a list of local applicants to be the permanent manager. Considering his previous exposure as board member, he is the best we could get, particularly as we have to look at the job now as a sort of an OJT (on-job training) affair.

The shortcomings of the Authority do not lie solely in the operation as such, but were generated by the political composition of the board. If there would have been right at the start some five board members with expertise and experience in at least one of the essential elements, the manager would have had the support which is necessary, and decisions would have been made on technical not political considerations.

Case in point: the crucial job with which the Authority was burdened right at the inception.

Firefighters seek donations for helmet to see through smoke

Ruidoso firefighters are trying to raise \$25,000 for an infrared helmet that would allow them to see through dense black smoke.

"This is the newest thing to firefighting since the hose," said Spencer Baldwin, a paid member of the Ruidoso Volunteer Fire Department for about 18 months.

Called the Cairns IRIS - Infra Red Imaging System - the helmet allows the wearer to "see" differences in temperatures down to half a degree.

"It's not an absolute must because we have been fighting fires for years without it, but the thing is the safety it gives us. It allows us to see things we weren't able to see before," Baldwin said.

For instance, firefighters would be able to find victims faster, even in houses filled with smoke. Presently, they have to blindly search until "we stumble across them," he said.

With the helmet, firefighters could put out fires with less damage to buildings. Now, to find the fire in walls and ceilings, firefighters have to use axes.

The helmet also would allow firefighters to see hot spots remaining from forest fires and grass fires. Usually, hot spots are difficult to detect until flames flare back up.

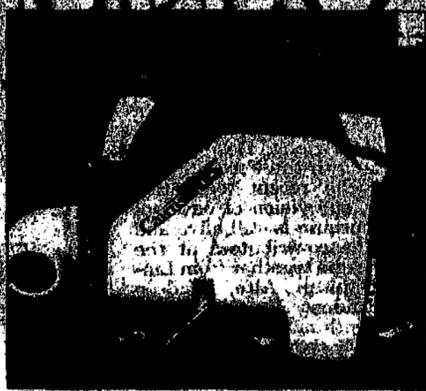
And firefighters wearing the infrared helmet can tell if they are in a burning room about to flash over - a condition when everything, even the smoke in the room, bursts into flame. A firefighter also may detect possible backdrafts and hazardous material spills. And they would assist rescues from caves and mine shafts.

These property and lifesaving benefits make the helmet worth the cost, he said.

The fire department, which has 15 paid employees and 10 volunteers, would ideally like two helmet, so the first two engines responding to a call would be equipped with a pair. If, however, fund-raising is slow, then the department will settle for one pair, Baldwin said. And no matter how donations go, the department will continue its efforts until at least one pair can be purchased, he said.

"It allows us to see things we weren't able to see before."

Spencer Baldwin, Ruidoso Fire Dept.



A look at a Thermal Imaging System.

Firefighters will begin a "boot" collection, in which boot-holding firefighters solicit money from passing cars, in about a month, Baldwin said. More fund-raising activities will be planned in the future.

Other New Mexico fire departments have acquired the helmet through community donations, including Roswell and Carlsbad, Baldwin said. "Hobbs and Artesia are still trying to raise the money," he added.

Nationwide, 33 fire departments have at least one pair of the helmet.

Donations may be made to the account of the Ruidoso Fire Department at the Pioneer Saving Bank at 1085 Mechem Dr. Donations also may be dropped off at any of the two manned fire stations, located at 200 Eagle Dr. and 6060 White Mountain Dr.

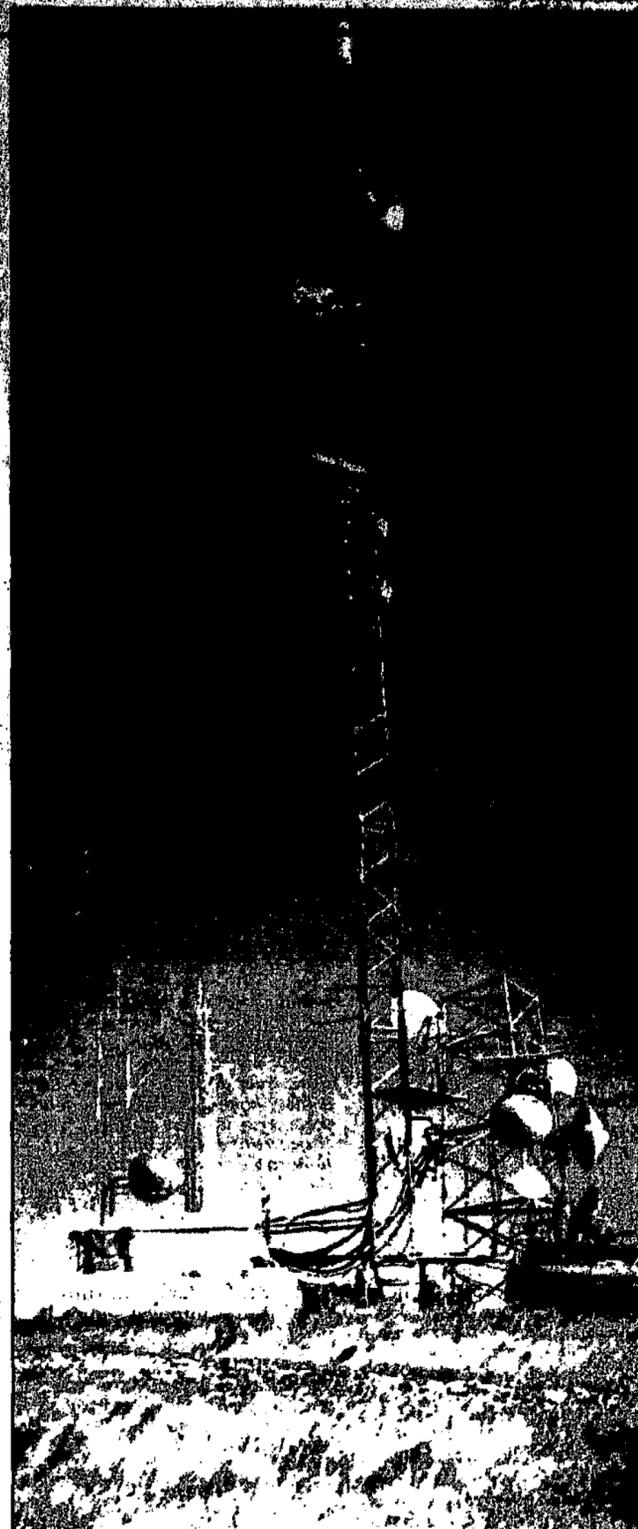
For more information, contact Baldwin at 257-4116.

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A bid of \$150,500 by Carl Kelley Construction Ltd., Co., of Ruidoso to provide improvements to the village of Ruidoso Downs water system.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes
A motion to table the purchase of computer hardware for the police department until vendors in Roswell could be solicited.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes
A request to solicit bids to pave Wood Lane for \$42,000, with the state paying half the cost.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes
An ordinance on sexual harassment that updates and expands existing village law.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	5-0 yes



The KHFM radio transmitter was knocked out by lightning, but dedicated volunteers have brought the classic music back to the airwaves.

KHFM returns to Ruidoso airwaves

BY TONI K. LAXSON
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Classical music is back on Ruidoso radio because of two local men.

"They are heroes," said Gisela Stalzer, a fan of the Albuquerque station KHFM, and an admirer of Dick Weber and Bruce Kernodle.

Weber, president of the Friends of KHFM, a non-profit group started about two years ago, and Kernodle, a volunteer with engineering background, retrieved the station's lightning-damaged translator Thursday and, with some effort, had 95.9 back on the air shortly after noon Friday.

"It's worth it. It's worth it," Weber said of the sleepless night he spent getting equipment repaired.

A lightning strike on April 4 damaged equipment set on Buck Mountain by Friends of KHFM about two years ago.

Efforts by volunteers to put KHFM back on the air in Ruidoso were stymied by the deep snowpack blocking the road to the radio transmitter station on top of Buck Mountain near Ski Apache northwest of Ruidoso.

This week, Weber and Kernodle returned to the mountain Thursday morning and by that afternoon Weber and Kernodle had retrieved the broken translator, which works as both a receiver and a transmitter.

Weber drove into Albuquerque Thursday night with

the broken equipment. He and Mike Langner, special projects coordinator for the Albuquerque station, worked on the translator until it was fixed at 12:30 a.m. Friday.

Weber then drove back to Ruidoso and called Kernodle at 6:30 a.m.

Kernodle and his son installed the translator at 12:19 p.m. Friday and were headed down Buck Mountain in time for the "almost white-out conditions" from the snowfall Friday at that altitude.

Friends of KHFM, organized in 1994, is ordering several pieces of equipment to reduce the chances of the station going off the air, again, Weber said. That equipment includes an extra power amplifier for the transmitter and two special lightning filters.

"And we will be installing them as soon as possible," Weber said.

In 1994, Weber and others in the community raised an initial \$11,000 to bring the classical station to Ruidoso, which has no other purely classical stations. The station went on air in Ruidoso in October 1994.

The non-profit organization continues to receive donations for operational costs, Weber said.

For more information or to donate to the non-profit organization, call Brian Seale, treasurer of the Friends of KHFM at 257-4116.

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DOWN'S COUNCIL

The Ruidoso Downs Council took the following unanimous actions at its regular meeting April 14.

• **APPROVED** - A bid of \$150,500 by Carl Kelley Construction Ltd., Co., of Ruidoso to improve the village of Ruidoso Downs water system.

• **TABLED** - The hiring of an attorney for the village was tabled until the evaluation committee of Village Clerk Leann Weibrecht, Mayor Joe Hayhurst and Chief of Police David Hightower could interview the top two candidates. The vote will be brought back at the Council's May 12 meeting.

• **TABLED** - The purchase of computer hardware under \$5,000 for the police department. Chief Hightower told trustees that only one bid, of \$3,609 from UP/Technologies of New Mexico, met his bid specifications. The owner of UP/Technologies also prepared the bid specifications at the request of Hightower, he said. The three other bids submitted, all from businesses in the Ruidoso area, were about \$1,000 below the bid from UP/Technologies. Trustees asked Hightower to solicit bids from vendors in Roswell.

• **APPROVED** - A request to solicit bids for a project to pave Wood Lane in a cooperative project with the New Mexico Department of Highways and Transportation. The project is expected to cost about \$42,000, with the state paying about \$18,700 of the bill.

• **APPROVED** - An ordinance on sexual harassment. Weibrecht said the ordinance is to update and expand existing village law on sexual harassment.

• **APPROVED** - A budget workshop date of 5:30 p.m. on April 21.

• **APPROVED** - The turnover of village certificates of deposit worth \$75,019 to call out \$6,000 for improvements to the water system and \$10,000 for construction on Wood Lane.

Agnes Robinson

Graveside services for Agnes C. Robinson, 87, of Ruidoso were held Monday, April 14 at the Pendleton Cemetery in Pendleton, Texas. Officiating was the Rev. Theiss Jones.

Mrs. Robinson died Thursday, April 10, in the Ruidoso Care Center. She was born March 27, 1910 to Ida and Martin Southerland and was one of 13 children. She received her teaching certificate from Mary Hardin Baylor. She retired from Lovington School system in 1973 and had substituted for seven years in Monahans. Mrs. Robinson had lived in Temple, Crane, Lovington, Monahans, and Ruidoso.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Monahans.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Noble of Ruidoso; her sister, Edith Porter of Monahans, Texas; two grandchildren, Catherine Kenner of Amarillo, Texas and Robert Ready of Lubbock, Texas; and three great-grandchildren, Justin Ready of Ruidoso and Colby and Karil Kenner of Amarillo.

The family has requested memorials to the Alzheimer's Association of Frontier Medical Hospice.

Mildred Cleghorn

Former Fort Sill Apache Tribal Chairman Mildred Imach Cleghorn, who was born Dec. 11, 1910 as a prisoner of war at the fort, died April 15 as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident west of Apache, Okla.

"She was a strong woman," said Mescalero resident Kathleen Kanseah, cousin to Mrs. Cleghorn. "She drove out to Mescalero every fourth of July and she was president of her (Chiricahua) tribe in Oklahoma for 30 years."

Cleghorn, whose tribe was

taken to Fort Sill after the capture of Coronado, married William G. Cleghorn in Mescalero in 1949. He died in 1970.

Mrs. Cleghorn retired as a schoolteacher in 1973, after teaching at the Fort Sill Indian School, the Riverside Indian School and in the Apache School System. She lived in Apache most of her life and was one of the first women to be ordained as an elder of the Apache Reformed Church.

She was chairman of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe from 1978 to 1995, served as treasurer to the American Indian Council of the Reformed Church of America, was national director of education of the North American Indian Women's Association in 1972-74, was secretary of the Southwest Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Association Inc., was a member of the Four Tribes Consortium, and was historian for her tribe.

She won numerous teaching awards and recognitions for her work in 4-H, tribal matters and women's issues. She was featured in several publications, on television and in exhibitions for her collection of authentically dressed Indian dolls, which she amassed over a half century.

She was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and was the first person to be specially honored by Red Earth. She was a member of dozens of boards and committees, including the National Hall of Fame for Famous American Indians in Apache.

Mrs. Cleghorn attended Haskell Institute, Cameron Junior College and Oklahoma State University, where she earned a degree in business administration. She did graduate work at OSU and at the University of Oklahoma.

Many may remember her for the prominent part she played in the commemoration of the Cessation of Hostilities in September 1986 at Bowie,

Ariz., on the reservation of the survivors of Coronado. She was profiled in a program, "A Certain Apache," which chronicled the early years of her childhood, her education and her lifelong dedication to the preservation and passage of Native American cultures.

Mrs. Cleghorn is survived by a daughter, Peggy Cleghorn of Apache, and three grandchildren. Among her cousins from Mescalero are Kathleen Kanseah, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Meredith Tinsmith, Martin Tinsmith, Bonadel Ortega, Clarisa Comanche and Kaylee Kenny.

A prayer service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the Apache Reformed Church. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Fort Sill Apache Tribal Complex, north of Apache, with Rev. Andy Kamphuis and Rev. George Montanari officiating. Burial will follow in the Fort Sill Apache Tribal Cemetery.

Geraldine Anderson

Geraldine (Jerry) Y. Anderson, 74, died April 10 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, April 16 at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso, with the Rev. Charles Jones officiating.

Mrs. Anderson was born Sept. 18, 1922 in Odessa, Texas to the late Dewey I and Cleo (Gist) Gann. She was married Dec. 19, 1942 in Albuquerque to Ernest W. Anderson, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include children Susan Martinez of San Antonio, Texas, Judy Dotson of Houston, Texas, Evelyn "Evie" Marshall of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Robert Anderson of Littleton, Colo.; six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Anderson enjoyed playing bridge, traveling, and her family and friends. She was deeply committed to her

family and friends. She was a former resident of ...

Randy Flowers

Graveside services for Randy Flowers, 46, of Arlington, Texas, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 13 at the Guthrie Texas Cemetery with Mr. Paige Bates of Wichita, Texas, and Rev. Ted Short of Odessa, Texas officiating.

Mr. Flowers died Friday,

April 11 at his home in Arlington, Texas.

He was born April 24, 1950 in Odessa, Texas and was a graduate of Guthrie, Texas High School in 1968. He had lived in Clayton, where he managed the U.S. Auction Care. He later owned a restaurant in Paducah and had lived in Blackwell, Texas and Abilene, Texas prior to moving to Arlington, Texas in 1994. He was presently employed by Business Enterprise of Dallas, Texas as a business manager. He was a Baptist and a member of A.A.A.

He is survived by his wife, ...

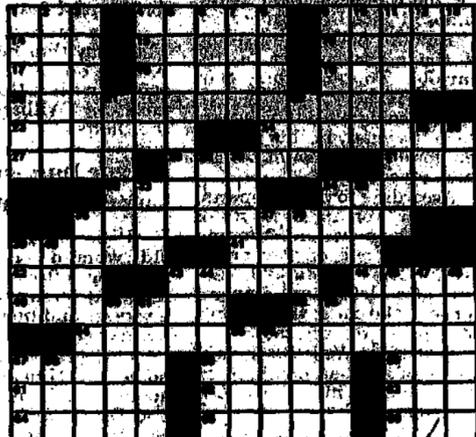
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Not afraid to be a tiger of a role model

What a refreshing perspective. A star athlete who describes it as "an honor" to be considered a role model.

Those were Tiger Woods' words just a day after annihilating the Augusta National golf course, his opponents and some of the stereotypes that bind us.

Woods' way with words and his woods (iron and putter) has captured the eye of a nation in search of a superstar and a role model - not just one or the other.

Ahh, so it can be done. An athlete can welcome, even embrace, the notion of superstar and role model.

You mean we don't have to admire Albert Belle for his prowess at the plate, but then hang our heads in collective shame when Belle throws a tantrum, or a baseball at a photographer?

You mean we don't have to look up to Michael Irvin, who because his business attire has silver and navy stars all over it, slips through the judicial system with hardly a scratch, much like the way he slips through pass coverage?

You mean we don't have to look up to the Chicago Bulls' Dennis Rodman who kicks away at cameramen while cleaning up the rebound?

We can have both; a superior athlete who makes lots of money and has class, savvy, modesty.

We can have both - if we want to. Superstar status and role model status are not mutually exclusive terms. They can coexist in the same athlete.

Tiger Woods proves it. Cal Ripken, Jr. proves it. Jackie Joyner-Kersey proves it. Pete Sampras proves it. Michael Jordan proves it. Fifty years ago, Jackie Robinson started his quest to prove it.

But here comes our end of the bargain. We have to embrace our superstar role models.

Ask yourself which replica jersey do you buy for your son or daughter? Rodman's or Jordan's? Belle's or Frank Thomas? Irvin's or Troy Aikman's?

When last year's Masters champion Nick Faldo slipped the coveted green jacket on Tiger Woods Sunday evening, Faldo joked that Woods' red sweater clashed with the jacket's green color.

That's about the only thing about Woods that didn't match.

Woods has embraced the notion of the superstar/role model.

From remote Ruidoso, I'm hugging him right back.

Ruidoso chiropractor Jack Waters witnessed Woods in action at The Masters. Waters, who has attended the nation's most famous golfing event for the last four years, saw portions of Woods' round on Thursday.

"The Masters is kind of like the Super Bowl of golf tournaments. It's the most prestigious in the world," Waters said.

"For Tiger to keep his composure for four straight days was just amazing," said Waters, an avid golfer himself. "He did nothing but get better each day he played."

Getting a ticket to the Masters is about as easy as getting a season ticket for the Green Bay Packers. People have held tickets for more than 80 years. Only 200,000 tickets are available. Augusta National has stopped adding names to a waiting list.

Waters' connection is a friend who lives about 30 miles outside of Augusta. Her father has had tickets for 45 years.

"I've been told, and I halfway believe it, that it's easier to win the lottery in Texas than it is to get a ticket," Waters noted.

In addition to the unmatched field of competitors, The Masters featured one of the most difficult courses.

"The golf course is just in fabulous condition. But the thing that makes or breaks the players are greens on the course. There's a lot of undulations, uphill rolls, downhill rolls. They're tough," said Waters, who has seen a 5-foot putt break too soon and roll until it becomes a 30-foot second putt.

All the former Masters winners return to play Augusta, no matter their age. Waters saw 95-year-old Gene Sarazen hit his tee shot on the first day, along with golf-greats Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer and Byron Nelson.

Reverent fans demonstrate their respect as well.

"When the players are putting you don't hear a whisper. There may be 200,000 people on the golf course, but you don't hear a thing," Waters said.

"The person that wins this tournament is the best player in the world," Waters said. "Don't expect him to give up his ticket anytime soon, either."

"I plan to keep going as long as I can," Waters said from his Ruidoso office Tuesday.

'Retro' strategy pays off for Warrior boys

Ruidoso's tennis coach Dave Anderson jumped on the retromania bandwagon Friday when he dusted off a 20-year-old strategy and used it with success.

Anderson tested his star eighth-grade boy Jesse Anderson with rookie eighth-grader Everett Thompson in the No. 3 doubles match between the Warriors and Santa Teresa. The Warrior coach told Thompson, who was playing in his first varsity doubles match, "to stay in the alley, guard it and let Jesse do everything else."

Thompson did as instructed, a sentry of sort for the court's alley. Meanwhile, Anderson ran down everything else. Together they claimed a 6-4, 6-2 win over their Desert Warrior opponents, en route to a 6-3 team dual match victory for visiting Ruidoso.

"This is a big win," Anderson said of the Ruidoso boys' triumph. It was the first dual meet victory for the young Warrior boys against a full squad this season.

When Ruidoso's Jack Roddy was unable to attend Friday's match at the last second, Anderson decided to take Thompson along, an eighth-grader who has practiced with the team but never competed.

Thompson lost his No. 5 singles match versus Mike Gonzales, 6-2, 6-0. But when teamed with Anderson, the eighth-grade duo pulled off the win.

Coach Anderson employed a similar strategy more than 20 years ago when "Star Wars" was hyper-spicing across movie screens.

Anderson teamed with El Paso's Sal Castillo, who was the No. 5 teaching pro in the nation, and played in a pro-am event at the old Sierra Swim and Racquet Club in Ruidoso. While Anderson "guarded the alley," Castillo ran down everything. They won.

Home at last

The Ruidoso boys and girls tennis teams host their first home matches of the season.

When: 10 a.m. Saturday
Where: Ruidoso municipal tennis courts
Who: Ruidoso vs. Santa Teresa

"It was a blood and guts match. I don't think there's anybody else who could play this guy this well," the Warrior coach said.

Anderson's play typifies the Warrior way of late. Ruidoso's boys are maturing with each match, while the Warrior girls continue to roll along.

Santa Teresa had only one entry for the girls, and Erica Malis got the nod Friday. She blanked Alma Rodriguez in the one girls match, 6-0, 6-0. Ruidoso remains undefeated in dual match play at 4-0 overall and 3-0 in District 4AAA play.

The Warriors next test comes in Gadsden again, Thursday, versus

Class AAA's Gadsden High. "They play teams like Onate and Las Cruces High. So they play a lot of talented teams. It'll be a great match for our kids," Anderson said.

Ruidoso plays its first home match of the season Saturday, hosting Santa Teresa at 10 a.m. at the village's municipal courts.

The home match is a welcome respite for the Warriors, who have yet to host a team this spring. The road has taken a toll on Anderson's troops in the form of nagging injuries and fatigue.

Ruidoso No. 1 girls player Myra Romero is slowed by shin splints, as is Roddy on the boys side. Desiree Maldonado is recovering a shoulder injury while Amanda Sisson is healing from a sore wrist. Jesse Anderson is sick and might miss Thursday's match in Gadsden.

The aches and pains haven't quelled the desire to play, though.

"Of course, the girls are chomping at the bit to play," Anderson said.

"They just like the competition. They love it. They don't want to sit around. They want to play," he said. "They are all looking forward to it, playing in front of the home crowd."

Surprise snow cancels contests

BY LAURA CLYMER
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS WRITER

A two-day spring snowstorm kept Lincoln County prep athletes at home and away from the playing fields Friday and Saturday.

Ruidoso's track team didn't make the trip to Saturday's Las Cruces Onate Invitational. Captain's Tigers stayed at home from the Hagerman Invitational as well.

The weather also sidelined the Ruidoso girls softball team, which was scheduled to host Silver, and the Warrior baseball team, which was slated for a doubleheader with Santa Teresa.

Little League's opening festivities were snowed out Saturday. The league will try again this Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Gavilan Canyon baseball diamond.

Lincoln County senior olympics were snowed out also. The golf competition has been rescheduled for this Saturday.



Ruidoso's Gilbert Sambrano and his baseball teammates will try to get a grip on their district campaign Saturday against Coble. The Warriors were supposed to play in Gadsden over the weekend, but bad weather prevented Ruidoso and Santa Teresa from playing.

Linksters sweep St. Pius

The Ruidoso golf teams tamed three other teams and the host golf course of the state tournament at the St. Pius Quad Invitational Tuesday in Albuquerque.

The Warriors girls recorded their second-straight invitational victory, while the Ruidoso boys earned their third qualifying leg for a trip to the state meet.

Heather Stephens and Devon Lowe tied for top Ruidoso honors. Both shot 98s. Leigh Ann Christensen tallied 100, while teammate Leslie Gerth added a 109.

"We learned the lay of the course," Warrior girls coach Les Carter said.

The Warriors hit the ball well, Carter said.

"We've got to work on the mental part of the game now," he said.

Ben Andrews' 78 paced the Warrior boys. Andrews rebounded from a 42 on the front nine with 36 on the back nine.

Ron Wall's Warriors easily outdistanced second-place Grants by 18 shots.

Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie opens Thursday

World class horse racing returns to north Texas for the first time in 60 years with the opening of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie Thursday.

Lone Star Park will feature the first running of the Lone

SPORTS SHORTS

Star Derby on April 20, televised nationally on ESPN. Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie also will host the industry's first National Jockey Championship June 27, highlighting the nation's top 12 riders in an event compared to baseball's All-Star game.

The \$96-million racetrack, located in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area, kicks off the thoroughbred season with several \$60,000 races April 17-19. The premier thoroughbred season runs 73 days, through July 27, and features \$2.725 million in stakes purse money, a \$500,000 3-year-old series and three futurities. Fall quarter horse and thoroughbred racing runs 34 days from Oct. 3 through Nov. 30.

Illegally taken oryx costs Albuquerque man

David Genrich, 36, of Albuquerque will serve six days in Valencia County Jail and pay the maximum fine of \$1,000 for illegally killing an oryx during a hunt in Rhodes Canyon on White Sands Missile Range.

Genrich's shooting violated a law that makes it illegal to shoot big game from paved or maintained road. He also will be paying "room and board" for the cost of serving his sentence in Valencia County Jail rather than Dona County Jail.

BOTTOM OF THE FIRST

GAME TIME

Thursday, April 17
Tennis - Ruidoso boys and girls vs. Gadsden, 3 p.m., Gadsden
Senior olympics - Bowling mixed doubles, 1 p.m., Ruidoso Bowling Center

Friday, April 18
Senior olympics - Team bowling, 1 p.m., Ruidoso Bowling Center
Softball - Ruidoso at Coble, 4 p.m., Bayard Track & Field
Captain at Tatum Relays, TBA, Tatum

Saturday, April 19
Tennis - Ruidoso vs. Portales, 10 a.m., Ruidoso municipal courts
Senior olympics - Rescheduled golf tournament, 1 p.m., The Links of Sierra Blanca
Baseball - Ruidoso vs. Coble, 1 p.m., White Mountain Recreation Complex
Softball - Ruidoso at Silver (DH), 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Silver City Track & Field
Ruidoso Invitational, 10:30 a.m., Ruidoso High School

ON DECK

Senior Valley Track Club members will compete in the 4000 m. relay at 10 a.m. at the White Sands Invitational in Las Cruces. Registration fee is \$25 for entries beginning Friday.

April 15, and \$30 thereafter. Awards for first through third places in each age group. Call Genia Shepan at 505-524-7824 for information.

Benefit Golf Scramble
The bishop for the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces will host a benefit golf scramble Friday, May 2, at the Las Cruces Country Club. The four-ball scramble will include three flights with separate prizes for each. Entry fee is \$65 per person and covers meals, carts, team pictures, and a charitable contribution. Entry forms are available at the Las Cruces Country Club Golf Shop and The Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center. For information regarding registration, contact Dorothy Medina at The Catholic Diocese Pastoral Center, 1280 Med Park Drive, Las Cruces, N.M. 88005 or call 505-523-7577.

Loveface presents sports exhibit
A traveling display from the Ontario Science Centre will be open to the public at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 4. Hands-on activities test visitors in their sports skills and knowledge.

White Sands Missile Range
Men's DVE Slowpitch Invitational
A men's Class D and E slowpitch invitational tournament will be May 17 and 18 at White Sands Missile Range. Entries must be received by May 14 with a \$50 deposit. Full entry fee is \$90. Checks should be made payable to White Sands Missile Range and deposited to Bell Gym, STIVES, CAMP, P.O. Box 200, White Sands, N.M. 88400. For information, call 505-523-7577.

Youth baseball tournament
A competitive youth baseball tournament will be held for 13- and 14-year-olds at the Albuquerque Sportsplex May 30 and June 1. Teams attending will qualify for nationals and state championships. Registration fee is \$250 per team, with a guarantee of at least five games. Call Dana Gilmer at 505-452-8485 or 505-829-2343.

WHAT'S BITING

This past week was an unusual week for fishing. The last few weekdays saw high to nearly gale-force winds. Then the weekend - snow! We really need the moisture, so who can complain?

Grindstone Lake has been spotty with propeller files behind a bubble doing the best and with small gold or silver spoons also catching fish. Small damselfly nymphs have been spotted in the water so that means a good damselfly hatch soon.

Bonito Lake has been about the same as Grindstone. Small Adams and baits dry flies have been the ticket in the late afternoon.



Jeff Chapman picked up \$25 for his selections in the Ruidoso News' "Hoop Hysteria" basketball contest. Chapman, always a top pigskin picks prognosticator, proved his prowess on the hardwood.

where you fish cleaner than when you found it. Practice catch and release always.

Jim Shoop
Fly's Etc.

DISTANT REPLAY

A look back on Lincoln County sports and recreation history as compiled from back issues of the Ruidoso News by Meredith Keeton.

30 years ago - Allen Baker places his winning high jump of 5 feet, 4 inches at the T or C Hot Springs Invitational Track Meet, leading the Warriors to victory.

20 years ago - Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center offers a belly dancing class to Gill Scouts and their mothers. Darrell Stelwalt and Bob Elder, coach and assistant coach of the Warrior track team, lead the team to victory in the season's first practice meet in Udon against Tularosa and Cloudcroft.

10 years ago - Carl Mori instructs the last adult ski lesson of the season at Ski Apache.

EDUCATION

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2B WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1997

\$5 million night: School board finalizes first bond sale

Bonds, bids and budget adjustments were the important money matters tackled by the Ruidoso School Board last Tuesday.

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dollars and cents were a dominant focus April 8 as the Ruidoso School Board got busy with bonds and bids.

The closing of the district's first \$5 million in bond sales, part of the \$8.5 million total approved by voters in February, was made final at the board meeting. A bid at an interest rate of 5.32% by Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago was given the go-ahead from board members. Harris was one of seven bidders on the first bond issuance, which came in .02% lower than its nearest competitor. The bonds will mature in 10 years.

Superintendent Mike Gladden also reported on the trip he, Board President James Paxton and District Financial Officer Karen Snow made to San Francisco to try to boost the district's bond rating. An improved rating would have lent itself to better interest rates and allowed the district to get more bang for its bond bucks.

Unfortunately, Gladden said, Moody's bond rating firm did not get with the program. Instead the district's rating will stay at its current BAA-1 rating. Of the firm's decision not to upgrade the rating, Gladden said, "it's not because we didn't try." Moody's cited Ruidoso's tourist economy. Gladden explained that the firm didn't feel the economy was stable enough.

After Harris was approved, the board made it final by dotting all the I's and crossing all the T's when it formalized the deal by signing the bond sale

resolution.

Bids for instructional and maintenance/custodial supplies also were opened April 8. Three companies bid to provide instructional supplies for the next school year, with Ruidoso Office Supply the only local company that put in an offer. Seven companies submitted estimates on the maintenance/custodial equipment, with Ruidoso Wholesale food being the only local bidder.

The board voted unanimously to have Gladden review both sets of bids and come back with a recommendation on which offer to accept.

Budget adjustments were another fiscal responsibility in front of the board. Gladden asked members to give their OK to a \$3,500 re-allocation of Title I funds, which will go toward salaries and benefits for Title I personnel.

The adjustment also included a \$12,000 boost to the Sierra Vista Primary School Title I funds. The extra money is the result of Sierra Vista

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principal Danny Flores' grant-seeking efforts. Sierra Vista was one of only six schools in the state to receive a state grant, Flores said. The money will be used to purchase reading software programs for skills improvement and advanced readers, and six IBM computers.

In other money matters, Gladden recapped the results of the 1997 State Legislative session and its impact on education. One highlight he mentioned is the revamped funding formula for public schools, which will take away considerations such as density and sparsity, and add an at-risk factor. Gladden called the passage of the funding formula and the money to make it work the legislative action he is most happy about.

Students shine in school board spotlight

Student, students, not happenings and great games were praised at the Ruidoso School Board meeting April 8.

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To start April off smartly, the Ruidoso School Board made some time at the start of its April 8 meeting to recognize academic excellence.

Five ACT Scholar Award recipients - Amy Andrews, Suzanne Flannery, Eric Hoopingarner, Kelly Staud and Robert Williams - and this year's outstanding freshman - Ben Andrews and Monica Keys - were honored for their achievement.

"After 22 years as a high school principal there's a couple of nights a year I look forward to - ACT Scholars, graduation and honors," said Ruidoso High School Principal Ron Hodges.

He explained that in order to earn the American College Testing (one of two standard college entrance exams) honor, students must carry at least a 3.5 grade point average and

score a 27 competency on their ACT exams. Hodges said "I will get you into any university you want to go to."

The freshman honorees also shone in the spotlight when they were presented with Dr. Pepper jackets from RHS Coach Les Carter and South-west Coca-Cola Bottling Company Sales Center Manager Marion Milburn. The outstanding freshman program is a cooperative effort between RHS and Coca-Cola to recognize students as they tackle their toughest year in high school. The selections are based not only on academics, but on all-around accomplishment as well.

Culture and cunning also were celebrated as the board was treated to a preview of the upcoming Hispanic Culture Week activities and helped shower some appreciation on the RHS Chess Club.

Dolores Rue briefed the board on plans for Hispanic Culture Week celebrations the

week of May 6. Activities will be held at all the schools to celebrate Hispanic culture and a feast full of performances will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at Ruidoso High School.

Chess Club Coach, Glenn Farrington was on hand to see the Chess Club's best. He had nothing but great things to say about the heading team's rise to success. After only 10 months, both the varsity and junior teams have finished in their first tournament to win two United States Chess Federation first place titles.

The club got started a couple of years ago when some students came into his room and started playing chess at lunch, Farrington said. Since then, the teams and interest in the strategic match of

wits has grown. In the Fall of 1995, 30 to 40 students sat down in a round robin tournament to compete for the 12 team spots, he said.

He also thanked the high school staff and the school board for their continued and creative support to help get the club off to a strong start.

Other bids and bids handed at the meeting were final recommendations for the coming school year and the scheduling of a 10 a.m. April 24 board visitation to Nob Hill Early Childhood Center.

Resignations from Ruidoso High School math teacher and soccer coach, Steven Schmitz and White Mountain Elementary School Instructional Assistant Beverly Silva were accepted. Schmitz's resignation will take effect at the end of the school year and Silva's will be effective immediately.

After adjourning into a closed session, the board returned and unanimously voted to recommend all personnel, with the exception of a high school teacher who was absent the day of his final evaluation and a Nob Hill non-certified employee, stay on next year. Both of those stalled recommendations were delayed until April 24.

Teachers shouldn't show athletes favoritism

There are laws to ensure that discrimination in the classroom has ended.

THE WHY



BY MEREDITH KEETON
STUDENT COLUMNIST

every day at most high schools.

While discrimination against minorities is well watched for, discrimination against people who are not

exceptionally school spirited, beautiful and preppy happens every day. Some teachers, especially coaches, readily admit they are easier on students who participate in sports or who spend their time trying to kiss up. And while they might be downplaying the seriousness of the charge of being discriminatory, it's certainly not funny.

After an incident with a teacher in which a student was given after-school detention and protested, the teacher admitted if the student had been an athlete she would not have received detention. Non-disruptive, attentive students are given detention while students who make belching noises in class and bother everyone else are not asked to stop because they participate in a sport? It's entirely ridiculous.

Sports should give students structure and discipline, not the opportunity to get out of detention so they won't be late for practice.

Many students have a hard enough time being motivated to go to class in the first place, without having to deal with teachers who are more difficult on them than on others. Even if teachers don't realize what they are doing, they need to take a look at their behavior toward their students and eliminate preferential treatment in the classroom. Making it harder for a student to feel comfortable in class, to do well in class and to want to attend class is certainly not encouragement.

It's simply not logical to not punish students who bother everyone else in class. There are students who act like they

come to school to be annoying, and because they play sports or kiss up to teachers, they are never given any kind of punishment. When these students get away with their childish behavior day after day, they continue to do it.

Until students who feel they are being singled out by a teacher for discipline or feel picked on start reporting these incidents to school officials, the discrimination will not end. Teachers who give certain student groups preferential treatment need to realize it damages everyone's education. Those students who receive the preferential treatment don't learn how to act in public and how to deal with people, and those who are unnecessarily singled out by teachers are not able to get as far in school. It hurts everyone.

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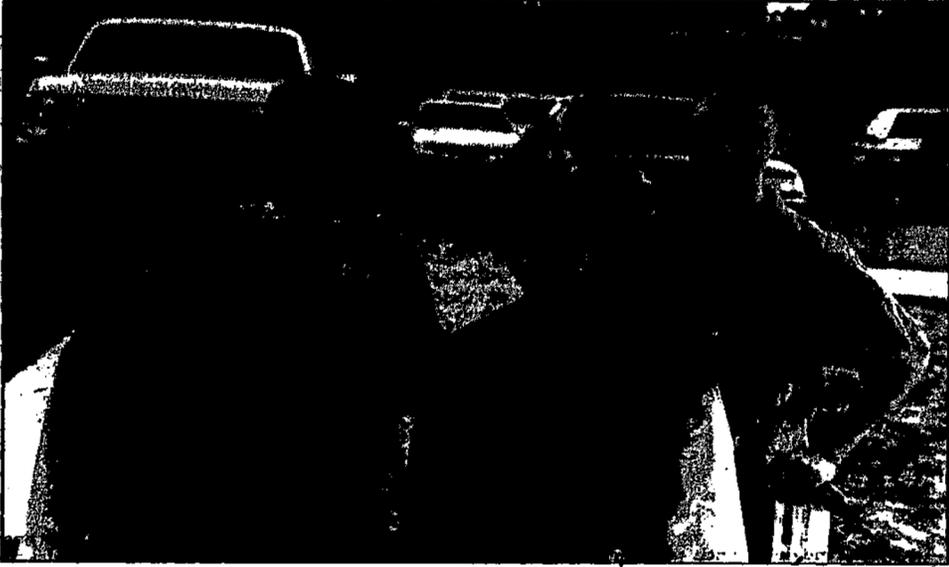
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Super Students



Ruidoso High School ACT Scholars were honored for their achievements Tuesday at the Ruidoso School Board meeting. ACT scholars are (front row, left to right) Kelly Soud, Suzanne Flannery, Amy Andrews, (back row) Robert Williams and Eric Hoopringard.



Monica Keys and Ben Andrews, outstanding 1996-97 Ruidoso High School freshmen, show off the Dr. Pepper jackets they were awarded at the Ruidoso School Board meeting Tuesday.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Parents invited to gaze at Star Dome Thursday

Parents of students at White Mountain Elementary School are invited to sneak a peak at the Star Dome Thursday night.

The Dome, a portable planetarium on loan from the Space Center in Alamogordo, will be at the school all week long to teach students star lessons. White Mountain Elementary Principal Frank Cannella said all parents are welcome to check out the portable astronomy classroom starting at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Summer registration underway at ENMU

Registration for summer semester classes at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso began April 15 and runs until classes begin on Monday, June 2.

Registration can be completed by phone, fax, mail, purchase order or walk-in from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Financial aid and counseling appointments are also available. For more information call 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668.

Help sought for Ruidoso Project Graduation

Parent volunteers and business donations are wanted for Ruidoso High School's Project Graduation.

The drug- and alcohol-free celebration has been a Ruidoso tradition since 1990. On the night of graduation, May 24, RHS will become the USS Jamaicaneray II, a cruise ship adventure for all graduates. The night will be filled with music, dancing, food games and entertainment. Graduates and their guests

must arrive between 10 and 11 p.m. before the sail time of 11 p.m., and must remain on the ship, chaperoned by parents and teachers, until it docks at 4 a.m. the next day.

During the evening, graduates will have multiple chances to win cash and other prizes. Help, via cash or merchandise donations, from the community is vital to the success of the event.

For more information contact Kathy Barnett at 258-4440 or Marilyn Ward at 257-9057 or 257-6006.

ENMU education majors must attend meeting

All Eastern New Mexico University education majors who attend school on the main campus in Portales are required to attend a pre-advising meeting either today or April 22, before scheduling a session with their advisors and registering for fall semester classes.

Any student who has not attended an advisement meeting this semester should plan to do so during the next two weeks. Four meetings have been scheduled. At these meetings, students will receive the revised advising packets to be used by all education students. Students who have attended group advising meetings prior to this semester should bring with them all previously received materials.

The meetings will be held from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. today, in the faculty lounge of the Campus Union Building; and from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Campus Union Building ballroom.

Students should bring a copy of their catalog of record, schedules for the fall semester, ENMU grade reports from previous semesters, transfer eval-

uations, transcripts from other universities and any advising material previously distributed or received.

Questions about the session should be directed to the Field Experiences Office at 562-2259.

ENMU-Ruidoso receives \$10,000 minority grant

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso has received a \$10,000 award from the New Mexico Alliance for Minority Progress (AMP), a pre-engineering program housed at the New Mexico State University College of Engineering.

The project, now in its fourth year, recruits primarily minority students and women into science, math, engineering and other technical degree programs and careers. Substantial scholarships, tutoring, special courses and academic counseling are available at any Lincoln or Otero county high school. AMP Project Coordinator for the Lincoln County area is Robert Gomez.

The project also works with the MESA program, the DOE Summer Science Camp at ENMU and other projects. For more information contact Gomez at 257-2120.

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Phone skills: Hondo student wins phone cooperative D.C. tour

BY JULIE BAXTER
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

• Hondo School junior Maria Alvarado won the Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors and won her way to Washington D.C.

For some 16-year-olds, planning means putting together the right outfit for school the next day.

Not for Maria Alvarado. This Hondo School junior has her future mapped out to pin-point detail. After graduating next year, Alvarado plans to score at least 19 on her ACT test, attend New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell on an advanced ROTC scholarship, go to boot camp in Knoxville, Ky., transfer to the University of New Mexico to study pre-medicine while serving in the Army Reserves on weekends, go to Army medical school and become a doctor.

That attention to detail has not only won Alvarado favor with her teachers and parents, but also caught the attention of the Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors. Alvarado was one of five finalists who went before the board with hopes of being selected to go to Washington D.C. as part of the National Telephone Cooperative Association Youth Tour. Peñasco Valley is one of 30 companies selected to participate in the tour.

Students nominated for the tour were gleaned from the top 25% of their high school class. Finalists were then interviewed by the board. Students

were asked to explain their future plans, why they were the right choice for the tour, what activities they are involved in and to explain what the Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative is. Aside from her thorough vision of her life after high school, Alvarado's response to the telephone question also won her ringing approval from the board.

Her answer? "It's not just a company, it's a group of people working together with everybody's money to figure out a way to help the community."

Now Alvarado is packing her bags and readying for her April 26-30 trip to the nation's capital. Sites included on the itinerary for the three-day jaunt include Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, the Vietnam War Memorial, The Hard Rock Cafe, and lunch at the Pentagon. She's particularly excited about the visits to Arlington, the White House and the veterans memorial.

And though she's thrilled to be taking the trip, she's still a bit shocked to have been selected. The competition was stiff and Alvarado wasn't sure she'd end up on top of the heap, but just making it to the finals was an accomplishment in itself. "I told (the Peñasco board) I'm honored to be sitting here in this room... to me this is such an accomplishment," she said of her closing remarks at the selection interview.

Alvarado credits her success to her parents Sarah and Braulio, and her Hondo teachers and counselors. She said

"We're very proud of Maria, and glad that she chose (to attend) Hondo. When negative things happen in the district, people tend to think all of the district is negative. That's not true. We have terrific kids."

Barbara Casey,
Hondo Valley
Superintendent



Julie Baxter/Ruidoso News

Maria Alvarado, a junior at Hondo Schools, was selected as the winner of the Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative's tour of Washington, D.C. Alvarado will join winners from 30 other phone cooperatives for the April 26-30 trip to the nation's capital.

her mom always pushed her to be involved in activities, which spurred her on to participate in basketball, volleyball, cheerleading and the school's annual fiesta dance competition. And as she played, cheered and danced, her parents were always rooting from the stands.

"Their faces just light up, they are always there to support me," Alvarado said of her mom and dad.

But Sarah and Braulio Alvarado aren't the only ones crowing about Maria's achievement.

"We're very proud of Maria," said Hondo Valley Superintendent Barbara Casey, "and glad that she chose (to attend) Hondo. When negative things happen in the district, people tend to think all of the district is negative. That's not true. We have terrific kids."

Federal financial aid now available on-line

The U.S. Department of Education has announced that the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Express, the department's electronic financial aid application.

Anyone with access to a computer with Windows 3.1 or higher and a modem can use FAFSA Express to apply for federal student aid.

FAFSA Express can be downloaded in less than 10 minutes from the World Wide Web at www.ed.gov/office/FAFSAExpress.html. Also, many computer labs, libraries, post-secondary schools, job development centers and high schools have FAFSA Express on computers for public use.

On a computer screen, FAFSA Express looks similar to the paper application with introductory screens describing the application process and lists of what is needed to complete the application. Then easy-to-answer questions guide the user through the various sections of the application, collecting all the information needed to determine a student's eligibility for federal student aid. If the student wishes

to stop before the entire application is completed, he or she can leave it at any time and return to it later.

FAFSA also double-checks the user's application to be sure the information is accurate. Fewer than 1% of all FAFSA Express applications are rejected. FAFSA Express also automatically checks the data entered and flags possible mistakes. These edits ensure that the most accurate data is given the first time the application is submitted, cutting down on corrections and shortening the time between applying for aid and actually receiving it.

FAFSA Express guards against processing errors, too, because the data is input directly by the applicant, not by a processing contractor key entering what the student has written on the paper form. FAFSA Express eliminates the chance that students' data will be read incorrectly, or entered incorrectly.

The on-line application is also quicker. Processing the paper application takes weeks, but the electronic data can be turned around in 72 hours.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Monday, April 21
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Lunch: fried chicken or spaghetti; mashed potatoes; fruit; garlic bread; milk
- Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast: waffle w/syrup or cereal; juice; milk
Lunch: pizza or BBQ on bun; tossed salad; tator tots; chilled fruit; milk
- Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: cheese toast or cereal; fruit; milk
Lunch: corn dog or chef salad w/crackers; french fries; fruit; jelly; milk
- Thursday, April 24
Breakfast: scrambled eggs or cereal; fruit; milk
Lunch: Taco-Bell fiesta burrito; nacho rounds; chilled fruit; tossed salad; milk
- Friday, April 25
Breakfast: french toast or cereal; juice; milk
Lunch: Warrior burger; french fries; ham-burger trimmings; fruit; milk

SECONDARY EXPRESSWAY

- Monday, April 21
Breakfast: breakfast on a bun; banana; cereal; milk
Lunch: four long chili cheese dogs; tator tots; baked beans; fruit
- Tuesday, April 22
Breakfast: breakfast burrito w/egg & ham or cereal; milk
Lunch: turkey pot pie; tossed salad; corn; garlic bread; jelly
- Wednesday, April 23
Breakfast: pancakes or cereal; syrup; choice of milk
Lunch: chili cheese baked potato; crackers; tossed salad; fruit; cobbler
- Thursday, April 24
Breakfast: breakfast on a bun or cereal; banana; milk
Lunch: steak fries; mashed potatoes w/gravy; salad; fruit; dinner roll
- Friday, April 25
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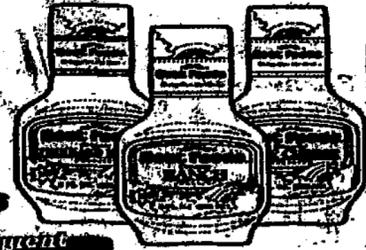
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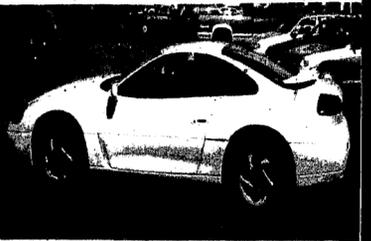
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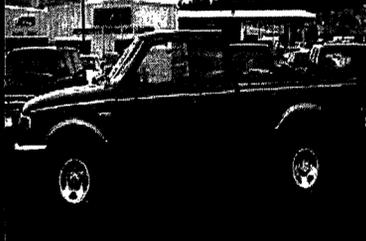
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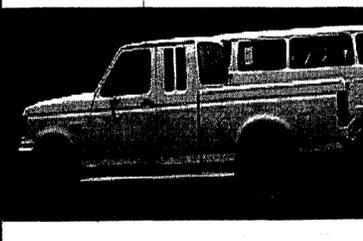
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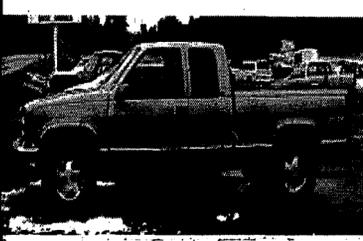
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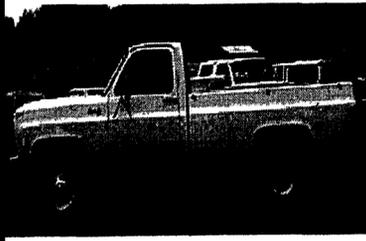
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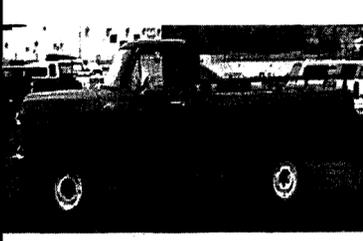
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