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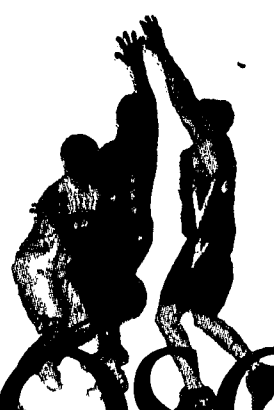
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Virginia MacKenzie (center) was welcomed by elections workers Fran Cummins, left, and Dianne Bloodworth, and given an "I Voted" sticker after doing her civic duty at the local school board election Tuesday

Voting down in school elections

McDougal wins open Ruidoso seat; levy question supported here and in 'Zozo

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BY SANDY SUGGITT

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Strand M. McDougal won a seat on the Ruidoso School Board, beating out the three other candidates for position 3 — the only contested position the election.

McDougal received 145 votes. Thomas F. Vigil came in second with 121 votes, followed by Jacquelyn M. Brannum with 84 votes, and Bill G. Chance with 68 votes.

"I'm excited about working with the teachers, administrators and kids," McDougal said. "I appreciate the fact that it was a clean and honest race."

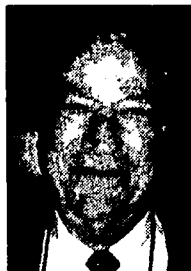
Incumbent Susan Marie Lutterman

received 313 votes for position 1 and incumbent Franklyn D. Sayner received 319 votes for position 2.

The most hotly contested election in the county was in Carrizozo where incumbent Steven P. Harkey was challenged by Carrizozo Police Chief Angelo Vega. Harkey won with 272, or 55 percent of the vote, to Vega's 221.

That contest may have brought out the voters, because Carrizozo had the biggest voter turnout, with 40.7 percent of the eligible voters. That compared with 5.9 percent in Ruidoso, 8.2 percent in Capitan, 15 percent in Corona and 16.7 percent in Hondo.

Lincoln County Elections Clerk Rhonda Burrows said there were 188 early voters in Carrizozo, topping the rest of the county. Only 14 voted early in Capitan, 2 each in Ruidoso and Hondo, and none in Corona. Burrows said there was good voter turnout all day in Carrizozo.



McDougal

For the other two school board positions in Carrizozo, Lisa G. Crenshaw won position 2 with 336 votes to John E. Hemphill's 162 votes. LeeRoy Zamora received 387 votes for position 5.

In Hondo, incumbent school board member Braulio Alvarado Sr. was ousted by challenger Rita A.

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Misquez asks for removal of councilors

Hearing today will determine fate of tribal councilors Shosh, Ahidley

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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A hearing is set for 9 a.m. today at the Mescalero Apache administration center on accusations by President Sara Misquez that Council Members Larry Shosh and Michaelene Ahidley should be removed from office.

Fighting began after an attempt by four tribal council members to

oust her and Council Member Sandra Platero, Misquez returned the favor in a special meeting Friday. She introduced her own resolutions to remove Ahidley and Shosh, who offered the motion on articles of impeachment against her. The charges against the president and Platero were tied to allegations of misappropriation of funds connected to the appointment of an associate judge, apparently without the required three-

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High winds cause power outages, damaged roofs

■ A meteorologist said similar spring winds aren't uncommon in the area.

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Powerful winds gusting to 63 mph slammed Lincoln County Sunday, toppling trees, causing power outages and tearing off a few roofs.

One of the roofs dismantled by the wind was piled off the administration and water billing portion of Ruidoso Village Hall. The metal was sent flying into the drive-through bill dropping area and into the parking lot next to the public library.

"It was covering the windows and back door," said village clerk Irma Nava. "It was pretty jumbled."

A crew was working on replacing the protective tar paper on the exposed plywood Tuesday morning, she said.

"Normally, we pray for rain or snow, but we're hoping it will hold off for a few days," Nava said.

Keith Hayes, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Albuquerque, said a

sustained wind of 45 miles per hour was recorded Sunday evening at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Wind advisories are issued for anticipated winds of 31 mph.

"The peak of 63 mph occurred about 6:30 p.m. and was on the threshold of crossing over into a high wind advisory," he said.

Insurance agencies around town reported calls from homeowners about trees down, metal roof damage in Ruidoso and Capitan, and one person notified a carrier of a garage and shop that was knocked down.

The Ruidoso Police Department responded to eight calls involving fallen trees, one that hit a home. The Ruidoso Fire Department handled 15 tree-related calls.

Jim Bassett, in public information for Texas-New Mexico Power, said power service outages were spotty all over the county as trees fell on lines, but no major power cut-offs occurred. A Snowcat and crew were headed out Monday morning to service lines damaged by falling trees in the ski area.

"Our crews worked from noon

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Outreach program helps siblings live full lives

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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When Roy Philpott walks into Wal-Mart, he greets each employee with a cheery "How you doing?"

He checks in with his job coach Debbie Jackson in the lawn and garden department and, if it's summer time, relishes the job of watering the plants to keep them perky and appealing.

In winter, more of his time may be spent breaking down boxes to be banded and recycled. He's valuable to the store and the working experience is valuable to him.

A resident with Casa Alegre, a residential and outreach program for the developmentally disabled, Philpott has worked at the supercenter in Ruidoso Downs for two years. He recently received a "Great Job" pin and award as part of the department team that earned a perfect 100 score on their evaluation, co-manager Gina Breecher explained.

"People look for him when he's not here," she said. "If he earns four pins, he will receive one share of stock (in Wal-Mart). We give pins if we feel an associate



Roy Philpott tends to some plants at Wal-Mart with his award close at hand.

has gone beyond and above their regular duties. We feel Roy does a good job. He's always cheerful."

Other residents of Casa Alegre, which operates four residential homes for clients

in the local community and recently, started an operation in Albuquerque, also are employed. One is at Wal-Mart and one at Lawrence Brothers. Part of the program is to find employment or other activities tailored to the needs and ambitions of the residents, said Charlotte Bagwell of Casa Alegre. The 11 residents, whose level of functioning varies, visit the Hubbard Museum of the American West, learn how to use computers, help straighten brochures at the Ruidoso Ford car dealership and respond to other special invitations.

Philpott was living with another provider in Gallup when his mother, Lavada Philpott, became ill. He decided in 1998 to move to Ruidoso to be near her and his brother, Gordon, already a Casa Alegre resident, and his sister, Audrey, who joined the program that same year. Mrs. Philpott now lives at the Ruidoso Care Center.

Roy Philpott has taken on the role of head of the family, overseeing his siblings and his mother's needs. With program staff, the three offspring recently visited the

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High winds ripped off part of the roof at Ruidoso Village Hall Sunday. Gusts, which reached 63 mph, also caused power outages and toppled trees.

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Persistence propels local cop to national training

Cattle program offered to state ranchers

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Domenici asks FAA to consider paying runway costs

■ Controversy over whether a runway built at Sierra Blanca Airport in 1999 met standards has drawn the senator's eye.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A dispute over reimbursement for corrective work on a crosswind runway at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport has elicited the intervention of U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici.

The senator from New Mexico urged the director of the Federal Aviation Administration to review the agency's refusal to pay costs stemming from the federally supported project to improve

the Ruidoso-owned airport.

After construction was completed on the runway project, tests revealed deficiencies that would have affected the durability of the runway. Domenici explained that village officials and FAA staff agreed to fix the problem by adding an additional 1.5 inches of pavement over the runway. They negotiated an agreement to cover the additional money required, but the details of that agreement later were disputed by FAA officials.

"I can only conclude that this issue is not going to be resolved in a satisfactory manner without your involvement," the senator wrote Marion C. Blakey, FAA administrator. "Therefore, I would appreciate your review of this matter."

The FAA repeatedly denied reimbursement requests from the village for the costs it incurred during the Airport Improvement Program grant project.

"It appears from the information I have received that Ruidoso acted in good faith, based on the conversations between their representatives and those acting on behalf of the FAA," Domenici wrote.

In July 2000, the village placed Meadow Valley Contractors Inc. "in default" on the contract to build the 6,500-foot-long runway started in 1999. A Ruidoso-hired engineering firm questioned the quality of the runway pavement, saying it didn't meet FAA standards. But a Meadow Valley engineering company contended the asphalt

was in compliance with project specifications.

The village's engineering firm, Leedshill-Herkenhoff Inc., of Albuquerque, contended the pavement conditions justified removal and replacement of the asphalt. Dr. Richard W. Smith, P.E., hired by Meadow Valley, said Leedshill's testing was defective and removal of the asphalt would be "an absolute waste of resources."

In an effort to settle the disagreement, Meadow Valley offered to seal-coat the 1 1/4 mile long runway at no cost.

But the final agreement, worked out in May 2001, specified that Meadow Valley would not handle any remedial

work and \$134,000 was deducted from the amount due to the company.

Then-village manager Alan Briley said when village officials walked away from their meeting on the settlement with FAA officials in Dallas, they understood the agency representatives agreed with the plan and that the additional cost of \$400,000 to add another 1 1/2 inches of blacktop to the 6,500-foot runway would be covered. Based on that understanding, a stipulated agreement was drafted and signed by Meadow Valley representatives.

Since then, village officials have tried unsuccessfully to convince FAA staff to approve the runway expense submitted to the agency. The runway opened for air traffic in late May.

Council gets good news as GRT hits record high, budget right on track

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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■ Gross receipts tax revenues are nearly \$400,000 higher than a year ago, according to the village manager.

Good skiing and early snow boosted Ruidoso gross receipts tax revenues for the month of November, posting the highest numbers for that month ever recorded in the village.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said village manager Lorri McKnight. "This is the biggest November we've ever seen at about \$700,000. The number of filers is up too at 1,261. In the past, we've never seen over 1,000 (turn in GRT)."

"If this a carryover from previous months, I don't know."

Checks from the state Department of Finance and Revenue, returning the tax to villages, run about two months behind.

The GRT revenues for the village are \$394,000 higher than last year at this time, she said.

"And last year, we were down \$150,000 (from budget) at this time," said Councilor Ron Hardeman.

Past figures show that in 1998-99, the village collected \$602,390 in GRT during November, the following year the figure fell to \$542,305, then dipped lower in 2000-2001 to \$496,990 and even lower in 2001-2002 to \$474,981.

McKnight said the Thanksgiving holiday coinciding with snowfall and the seasonal opening of Ski Apache probably pumped up revenues.

The good news continued as the council reviewed the village budget at the mid-point of the fiscal year.

"We're doing better than we thought we would do last year, I can tell you that," Councilor Ron Anderson said.

Finance officer Elaine Beltran said overall revenues sit perfectly at 50 percent of budget while expenses lag slightly behind at 47 percent, which is good.

General fund expenses hit \$3.15 million of the budgeted \$6.85 million for 46

percent, utility fund expenditures are at 45 percent of the budgeted \$5.67 million and airport expenses are the same percentage.

About the only department running ahead is solid waste at 51 percent of the targeted budget of \$2 million, compared to last year at this time when the department sat at 40 percent.

Beltran explained that the purchase of a grapple truck and construction and remodeling of the transfer station drove up the figure.

Village investments totaled \$7.47 million or 66 percent of the total cash of \$11.33 million in all funds.

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Enjady says he fears 'yes' council

■ The former tribal councilor questions the vice president's claims of potential losing money.

BY DANNIE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A former Mescalero Apache Tribal Council member said he fears actions of President Sara Miquez may rob tribal members of their elected representation.

Oliver Enjady said Miquez's apparent attempt to remove two new council members, one elected three months ago, would take away the right of tribal members to select their own representatives.

"You would end up with a 'yes' council for the president if she removes and then appoints their replacements," he said Tuesday. "Why have a council? Why have an election?"

Enjady disagreed that a change of administration could affect the tribe being paid back for money spent on the Mescalero school complex.

Reimbursement for a portion of the \$30 million spent to build a new school on the reservation would come to the tribal administration, not to a particular individual, said Chris Gallegos, press secretary for U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

He explained that the Mescalero School recently was added back to the Bureau of Indian Affairs jurisdiction,

which made it eligible for funding. While it's up to the BIA to set priorities, in President George Bush's budget outlined Monday, he requested "a big chunk" for school construction. On a list of seven sites was the Mescalero Elementary School, Gallegos pointed out.

No amount of money was specified, but it's "a good start" to be on the list, he said. He didn't know if the level of reimbursement would be affected because only the elementary school was listed and the completed complex covered kindergarten through 12th grade.

Enjady raised several other questions about the actions set in motion last week. They include:

- The council voted on a motion and second by Ahidley and Shosh to start the clock on a five-day period for the president to respond to charges contained in a petition signed by Joseph Geronimo. No hearing was scheduled on that petition, although a meeting is set for 9 a.m. today on Miquez's resolutions for the removal of Ahidley and Shosh.

- As vice president, Ferris Palmer had no legal authority to veto the action of the council. He was not acting president, as evidenced by his signature and vice president title contained on his letter sent the next day to tribal members.

- The tribal council voted to take \$5 million to build the elderly and dialysis center out of tribal funds, instead of a loan.

- Starting construction on multiple projects without a signed finance package would be irresponsible.

"No one can foretell the future," Enjady said. "Who can say that things might be better with the bankers with a change. It's wrong to use that as a scare tactic to justify actions. We've had executive changes before without repercussions."

"I also find it disturbing to see officials trying to scare tribal members about their dividends and jeopardizing jobs. Then they offer nothing to backup those statements."

- Former tribal president Paul Ortega attempted to fire attorney Greg Quinlan in 1999 but was told only the tribal council could terminate him, said Enjady, who was vice president at the time. Yet, Quinlan is representing Miquez against the majority vote of the council, Enjady said.

"He should not be allowed in the meetings," he said of Quinlan. "He has a conflict and a huge monetary interest in keeping Sara in place as president."

Unlike Miquez, council members had to seek their own independent legal representation and a fund was started to help them offset that expense, Enjady said.

- The vote to start the clock on the articles of impeachment was 5-2, not 4-3, because an abstention should not be counted. They amount to lack of action, Enjady said.

MISQUEZ: Fighting back

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fourths majority vote.

Miquez is accusing the two council members of malfeasance in office, contending they used an "improper and illegal" process to present an impeachment petition signed by Joseph Geronimo and claiming that the removal effort places several major projects on the reservation at financial risk.

If the two council members, one of whom was elected three months ago, are removed, Miquez would cut in half the votes against her on the council.

Ed Moreno, spokesman for the president, said Tuesday because the charges against Miquez were contained in a petition, it required the signatures of 25 percent of Mescalero voters. With only one signature, it was vetoed by Vice President Ferris Palmer.

Miquez's accusations were contained in resolutions, which can be passed by a simple majority of the council, Moreno explained. That is the same procedure used in 1999 when Paul Ortega was removed from the office of president, he said.

In a letter to tribal members Jan. 30, Palmer wrote that he vetoed the action against

Platero and Miquez because:

- A written statement of charges should be presented at least five days before the meeting of the tribal council when the person is to appear to answer the accusations. Supporters of the petition contended it was presented with enough advance notice.

- A petition must be signed by at least 25 percent of the eligible voters as required by tribal ordinance. Supporters contend the council vote was sufficient to start the clock on a five-day time period for Miquez to answer the complaint.

- "The practical effect of the proposed action would be to destroy the Tribe," Palmer wrote. He claimed a \$24 million reimbursement to the tribe for construction of the new school complex would be jeopardized; funding to complete the elderly center and dialysis unit would be jeopardized; completion of the U.S. 70 Travel Center Casino project would be delayed or prevented; the renovation of the Inn of the Mountain Gods would be prevented; and that a default might be triggered on the tribe's existing bank loans.

Supporters of the petition call Palmer's remarks unsubstantiated "scare tactics."

PHILPOTT: Local program helping siblings with employment, other parts of life

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homestead where they were raised in the historic settlement of Lincoln, a rustic house with no electricity. They want to go back for more visits to tend the house and yard where they grew up, said Vicky Warwick, director and creator of the Casa Alegre program.

The staff became good friends with Lavada and her daughter after Gordon was placed with the program, she said. The mother would attend holiday functions at Casa Alegre with her son, bringing Audrey with her.

"We became involved with the family, then and tried to help when we could," Warwick said. "Gordon was placed first

because he had lived at Fort Stanton," before it was closed in 1995 as a state residential facility for the developmentally disabled. "I think it's pretty wonderful that all three are here now. They have really blossomed. The brothers live together."

Funding from the program comes through a DD Waiver Program administered by the state Department of Health.

"We're very small, so we are still able to do closer personal things," Warwick said. "The staff has been with us so long, they are part of the fold. We're a close-knit group with people who genuinely care about the family."

Warwick illustrated the little extra touches by showing a photo-



COURTESY ROY PHILPOTT

The three Philpott siblings pose in period garb at Wild West Photo in midtown Ruidoso. They are from left, Roy, Audrey and Gordon.

tograph of the three Philpotts, dressed in "Wild Bunch" costumes, taken on the Fourth of July at Wild West Photo in midtown Ruidoso. She chuckled when she saw the photograph because she had seen a picture of their father during his youth

with his pistols, cowboy hat and boots. Roy's image was close to the real thing.

Warwick said while the community, individuals and businesses are strong backers of the program now, when she started, it was tough. She graduated with a psychology degree from Purdue University in Indiana, and saw a need for residential programs when she moved to New Mexico 11 years ago, especially with the closing of Fort Stanton and emphasis on deinstitutionalizing.

"There was a big push for community programs like ours," she said. The program offers daily living support such as household skills, cooking, bathing and maintaining a bank account, and social events

with pizza parties and bowling, as well as employment placement. The approach is highly individualized, she said.

In contrast to some attitudes in the early years, neighbors of the residential houses today are accepting and interactive. One woman bakes cookies for the men who live nearby, another asked that one of the residents care for her yard and pick up her mail while she was away, Warwick said.

In 1995, the state mandated an accreditation program, and Warwick is proud that on the last review no deficiencies were noted and several "exemplary" points were highlighted, placing Casa Alegre in the top 3 percent of similar programs nationwide.

VOTE: McDougal wins local seat; two-mill levy passes

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Dickinson, pulling 33 votes to Dickinson's 60. Incumbent Luis A. Jimenez received 41 votes for position 2, Corrine P. Prudencio won position 4 with 65 votes; and Godfrey K. Gomez received 70 votes for position 5, all uncontested races.

In Capitan, the race between incumbent Danny R. Haynes and Julian W. Romero for position 4 was close: Haynes won with 60 percent of the vote, or 162 ballots, to Romero's 110 votes. Kenneth W. McInnes won position 3 with 236 votes to Douglas Olin Fuqua's 49 votes; and Robin Rhodes Parks won position 5 with 217 votes to Laura L. Morgan's 63 votes.

All four positions in Corona were unopposed, and only one incumbent ran for re-

election: Rick L. Gage, who received 34 votes for position 2. The other newly elected school board members are Shad Heath Cox, with 34 votes for position 1, John A. Hartung, with 36 votes for position 3, and Mark Ernest Sultemeier, with 35 votes for position 4.

Voters in Ruidoso and Carrizozo chose to support their schools' 2-mill levies for capital improvements at the polls Tuesday. In Ruidoso, the 2-mill levy passed with 322 votes in favor and 65 against. In Carrizozo, 288 voted for the levy and 105 against.

Voter turnout was down this year in all five Lincoln County school districts except Carrizozo. There, 40.7 percent of the eligible voters made their choices, compared with 38.2 percent in the 2001 school board election and 32.9 percent in the 1999 elec-

tion. In all, 505 voters out of 1,240 eligible voters placed their ballots.

Ruidoso's voters dwindled from 6.9 percent of eligible voters in 2001 to 5.9 percent, or 426, of the 7,217 eligible voters at this election. In 1999, 8.6 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots.

In Capitan, 8.2 percent, or 287, of the 3,479 eligible voters turned out, compared with 11 percent in the 2001 election and 22.4 percent in the 1999 election.

Corona's turnout also decreased, from 36 percent of the eligible voters in 2001 and 71.7 percent of the eligible voters in 1999, to only 15 percent this election, or 41 out of 270 eligible voters.

Hondo's turnout showed a decrease from 29.5 percent in 2001 to 16.7 percent this year, or 96 of the 572 eligible voters.

Blasting scheduled

J.R. Hale Contracting Company will blast rock in their quarry Thursday and Friday at mile post 271 on U.S. 70. The highway will be closed to travel from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on those days.

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WINDS: Cleanup required after gusts punish village

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to midnight Sunday and were back out at 6 a.m. Monday," Bassett said.

A spokesman for Charter Communications said cable service was interrupted every time power was lost, but only one

area around Biscuit Hill wasn't back online by Monday morning.

Hayes said high winds are pretty routine in New Mexico during the spring.

"They're a result of an intense low pressure system over the state," he said. Couple

that with a strong band of upper levels winds at 10,000 feet that slide over the Sacramento Mountain peaks, amplifying the downwind motion, and a day like Sunday is the result.

"It wasn't unusual in intensity, but the central axis may have been located over you

guys," Hayes said. "I'm used to handling the whole state. Based on that, this wind was nothing unusual. It occurs seven or eight times in a normal spring."

Staff writer Sandy Suggitt contributed to this report

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OUR OPINION

Columbia becomes a marker of the mind

Conquering space takes another seven lives

Columbia, early in her life, was forced by weather to land in the New Mexico desert, and that moment in the early 1980s became one of those "before and after" markers of the mind for a whole state.

Now Columbia, the oldest of America's shuttle fleet, lies in pieces in neighboring Texas, creating more markers of the mind for the many who saw her fall and the hundreds who now search for those pieces, and for traces of the seven-member crew who flew her into the heavens and into history.

The people of NASA will find the cause; may, in fact, already have determined that the ceramic tiles designed to pro-

tect her from the 3,000-degree heat of re-entry somehow were stripped away, damage sufficient to destroy her and those aboard her returning from the International Space Station.

Feb. 1, 2003, also will become a marker of the mind, and Columbia will become enshrined in that hall of honor already occupied by Challenger and the first Apollo, and — yes — four Russian cosmonauts.

Great goals present great risks. Reaching for the stars has been one of mankind's greatest goals. Mankind's reach will always exceed its grasp.

We mourn our dead, and go on, and eventually we succeed.

Excluding the dividend tax a matter of scale

I don't know Alice Walton.

My guess is that she is a fine lady. A Web search tells me she is 53 years old, daughter of the late Sam Walton whose little store in Arkansas became the largest business in America. Wal-Mart employs 1 million people.

Alice was a popular high school student in Bentonville, where she grew up, and where Wal-Mart is headquartered.

One of the things that is kind of fun about her life is that Alice is the world's richest woman. She and her three brothers own Wal-Mart stock worth \$82.5 billion.

Many wealthy people are generous with their money and I would guess that is the case with Alice Walton.

About the only thing remarkable about her business life is that she worked briefly as a buyer for Wal-Mart, but gave it up. Probably didn't like being on her feet all day long.

Alice started an investment company, Llana Co., named after her pet llama, but that didn't pan out either.

She did make a splash by helping spearhead the campaign for a new airport, Northwest Arkansas Regional, and for that effort she had a terminal named after her.

Growing tired of the spotlight, Alice, who has been divorced twice, moved to the 3,200-acre Rocking W horse ranch near Mineral Wells, Texas.

I do know Wilma Webb.

She is one of the 1 million Americans employed by Wal-Mart.

I visited with Wilma at the Ruidoso store where she has been employed four years. As the telephone operator, she has worked her way up to \$7.53 an hour.

While Alice is the world's richest woman, Wilma is by no means the poorest. By working full time at Wal-Mart and adding her Social Security check, Wilma can put food on the table and manage to cover the heating bill which last month topped out at \$300.

Wilma won't be climbing aboard

a cruise ship or boarding the Concorde any time in the near future, but she has few complaints. She is generally cheerful and grateful for her Methodist church where Wilma is in regular attendance.

Still, life can be tough. Wilma is just now getting her strength back after pneumonia kept her off work for five weeks. She and her five children try to support one another, but she wishes she had more to help her widowed daughter, mother of four, whose husband was murdered at Sunland Park last year.

Like Alice Walton, Wilma has been divorced. Unlike Alice Walton, no one has ever named an airport after Wilma and likely never will.

What I found striking about these two women, Alice Walton and Wilma Webb, is that each receives dividends from her Wal-Mart stock.

Last year Wilma received \$1.82 on which, she told me, she had to pay no tax.

Last year Alice received so much in dividends that, according to a USA Today report, she may have paid as much as \$173 million in tax.

Under the George Bush proposed tax dividend plan then, Wilma Webb will save zero dollars. Alice Walton will save \$173 million.

Fair? As the cocky folks over at Fox News say, "we report, you decide."

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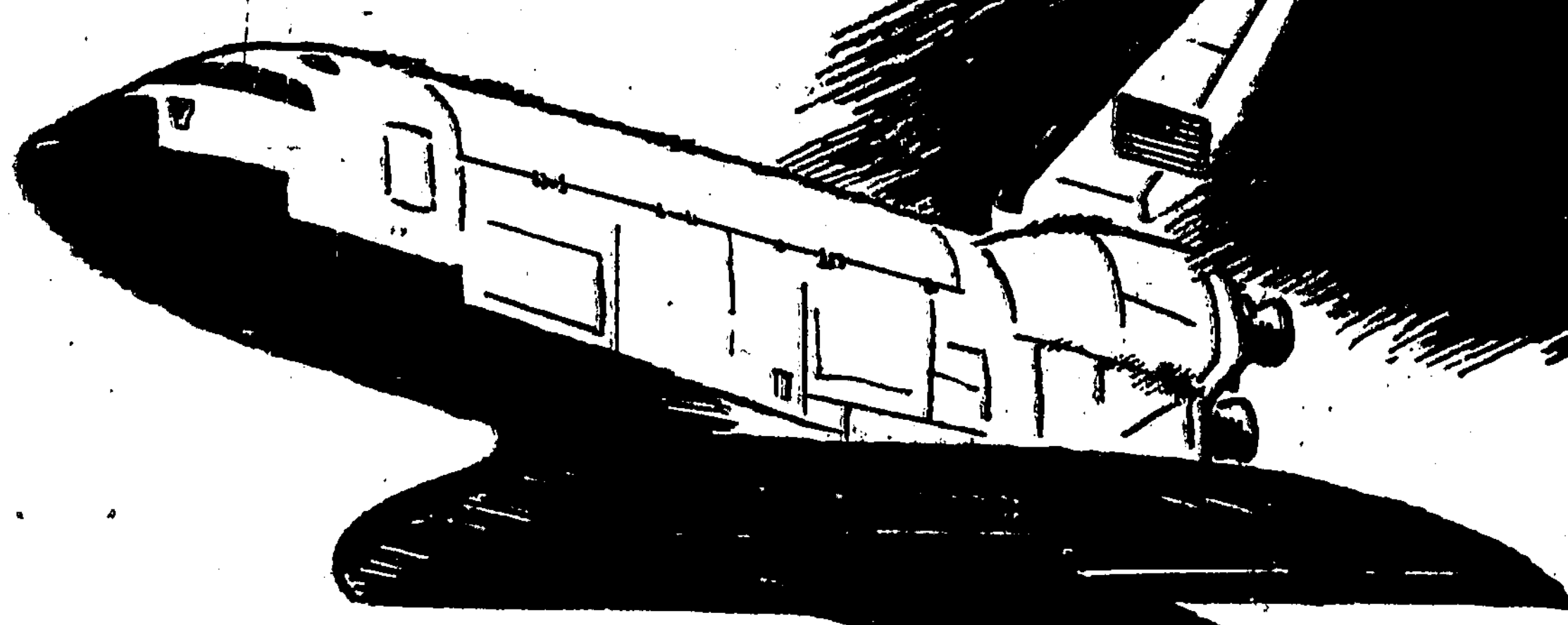
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THE CREW OF COLUMBIA

YOUR OPINION

There is another rec center possibility

To the editor:

For those parents in our community who feel the dire need for a recreation center for the youth of the area, I have words for you — Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

It's time to reach out to our neighbors for help on this one. The Mescalero tribe, a community of only some 2,700 population, has had an affiliated recreation center on the reservation since 1994.

They recently opened a second center at the Carrizo Canyon facility. You can find more about their two facilities on this web site: www.codetalk.fed.us/plan-et/mesc.html.

Or call the center in Mescalero at: 671-4494 ext. 212.

And for those wishing to know more about Boys and Girls Clubs of America, you can find information on this Web site: www.bgca.org.

Or contact the regional office at Southwest Service Center, 2107 N. Collins Boulevard, Richardson, Texas, 75080. Phone: (972) 690-1393.

J. L. Schuller
Ruidoso

grow to keep up with demand, but should it grow in desk jobs or safety jobs?

Michelle O'Brien
Ruidoso

A 'Religion' page?

To the editor:

I read with interest the introduction of your new "Religion" page. I was, however, struck by the fact that the three recurring feature(s) are all of one religion, Christian. I do hope that you will consider this truly a "Religion" page by including reoccurring editorials and information about all the religions that are followed throughout the Ruidoso/Lincoln County area; Buddhism, Paganism, Muslim, Hinduism, Taoism, etc. and, especially, by including articles focusing on religious tolerance. If you are unable to do this, please do not mislead your readers by calling it a "Religion" page. Call it by what it is, a "Christian" page.

Betsy Hambrick
Carrizozo

I for one stand solidly with President Bush in this matter.

Serafino "Steve" Carri
Ruidoso

Shoveling advice

To the editor:

On just about everything imaginable, from the economy to race relations, and especially foreign policy, this man we are forced to call our president has put us in a rut.

The best advice I can give: When you are in a rut, STOP DIGGING!

Glenn Remington
Ruidoso

Cogent essay on terrorism

To the editor:

Mr. Peter Rogers' recent letter was a well thought out and cogent essay on the terrorist situation. Now, if only those with power to do what he proposes were so wise and acted accordingly.

E. H. Canada
Ruidoso

Remember Adolph Hitler

To the editor:

I am amazed at how fast we forget and are so slow to learn. Anyone who thinks Saddam does not pose a threat to world peace and security should go back to the early 1930s and review history in regard to a very similar individual — Adolph Hitler.

How many millions of lives could have been saved had the world community banded together sooner to rid the world of this evil man.

Anyone who believes the rhetoric about this being a "war for oil" is sadly mistaken.

These so-called peace marches and manipulation of the facts do nothing but demoralize our troops while giving comfort and solace to an evil tyrant who if not removed from power will cause untold suffering (not only) to many of his own people but the rest of the world as well.

Why a weather station?

To the editor:

I read in the *Ruidoso News* the discussion of establishing a weather station here in Ruidoso so as to inform potential tourists of our great weather conditions. Well, I believe that one exists.

On Jan. 13, I was watching Channel 4, KOB Eyewitness News Today, and they presented the weather in Ruidoso as reported from the Ruidoso Middle School at 5:45 a.m.

It appears that a weather station exists in Ruidoso and should be further investigated rather than duplicating it; if the investigation shows that it lacks some information that is desired it may be updated at a cost lower than duplicating what exists.

Walt Nowak
Ruidoso

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mail address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Ruidoso school board names first woman superintendent

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso schools will have its first woman and non-New Mexican superintendent next year.

At a special board meeting Monday, the Ruidoso Board of Education voted unanimously for Gail Gabriel Wickstrom of Barstow, Calif., to replace Mike Gladden as of July 1, when he will retire.

Gladden announced in October 2002 that he would resign at the end of the school year.

Wickstrom has been assistant superintendent of business services at Barstow Unified School District in Barstow since 2000.

"It was obvious at the meeting she

was everyone's choice," said board member Frank Sayner. "We had three very good candidates, but Mrs. Wickstrom, in my mind, stood out. I was just overwhelmed with her knowledge and background and answers and vitality."

School Board President Susan Lutterman said Wickstrom "fits into the district: She fit our philosophy, she's very intelligent, she has wit and she has a twinkle in her eye ... She just gave the impression that she was willing to come in and see what we do and listen to our administrators."

From 1997 to 2000, Wickstrom was superintendent of a large suburban K-6

district of 13 schools in Santa Clarita, Calif. She was superintendent of a large urban K-8 district of 16 schools from 1991-97, putting the school district into the black for the first time in eight years. For 10 years prior to that, she was assistant superintendent of educational services of a large urban unified school district.

Wickstrom said the Perris Union High School District of Perris, Calif., where she was assistant superintendent of personnel from 1979-81, is similar in size to the Ruidoso Municipal School

and boy is that an asset," Wickstrom said. "And as superintendent you do everything, and I think that's one of the things that made me appeal to the board — that I have been in personnel and in student instruction, and I'm currently an assistant superintendent of business services ... Superintendents have to be generalists."

Wickstrom researched the school district and the area, contacting the New Mexico State Board of Education, where she found Ruidoso has a reputation for having outstanding teachers, administrators and students who perform well compared to the rest of the state.

"People were really complimentary of Mike Gladden and his administrative staff and all the teachers, so I'm

excited to be coming to a district where there are high quality standards," she said.

"I am very happy to tell you that many of the things that have been implemented in the Ruidoso schools are things I prize in education — their standards, their plan — I was particularly impressed with the plan for improvement of the high school and the Educational Plan for Student Success, and I was impressed with that."

Her husband's family lives in Carlsbad, she said, and they both wanted to be closer to his parents, who are elderly.

Gladden has been superintendent of schools for 14 years and has been in the Ruidoso schools for 30 years.

Mescalero Elementary science fair features bright young minds

More than 300 kids take part in annual competition, studying wide range of topics

BY BARBARA LANE

RUIDOSO NEWS INTERN

With experiments from wall to wall, this year's Mescalero Elementary School science fair featured the work and research of 327 students.

For several years, the Mescalero Elementary School has held an annual science fair. This year, 327 students, pre-kindergarten through sixth grade chose a topic, researched, experimented and created displays for the Jan. 24 event.

Maria Saenz, school principal, said some of the projects were begun as early as November 2002. Each pre-kindergarten through second-grade class worked in teams of three and four while those in grades three

through six worked in teams of two.

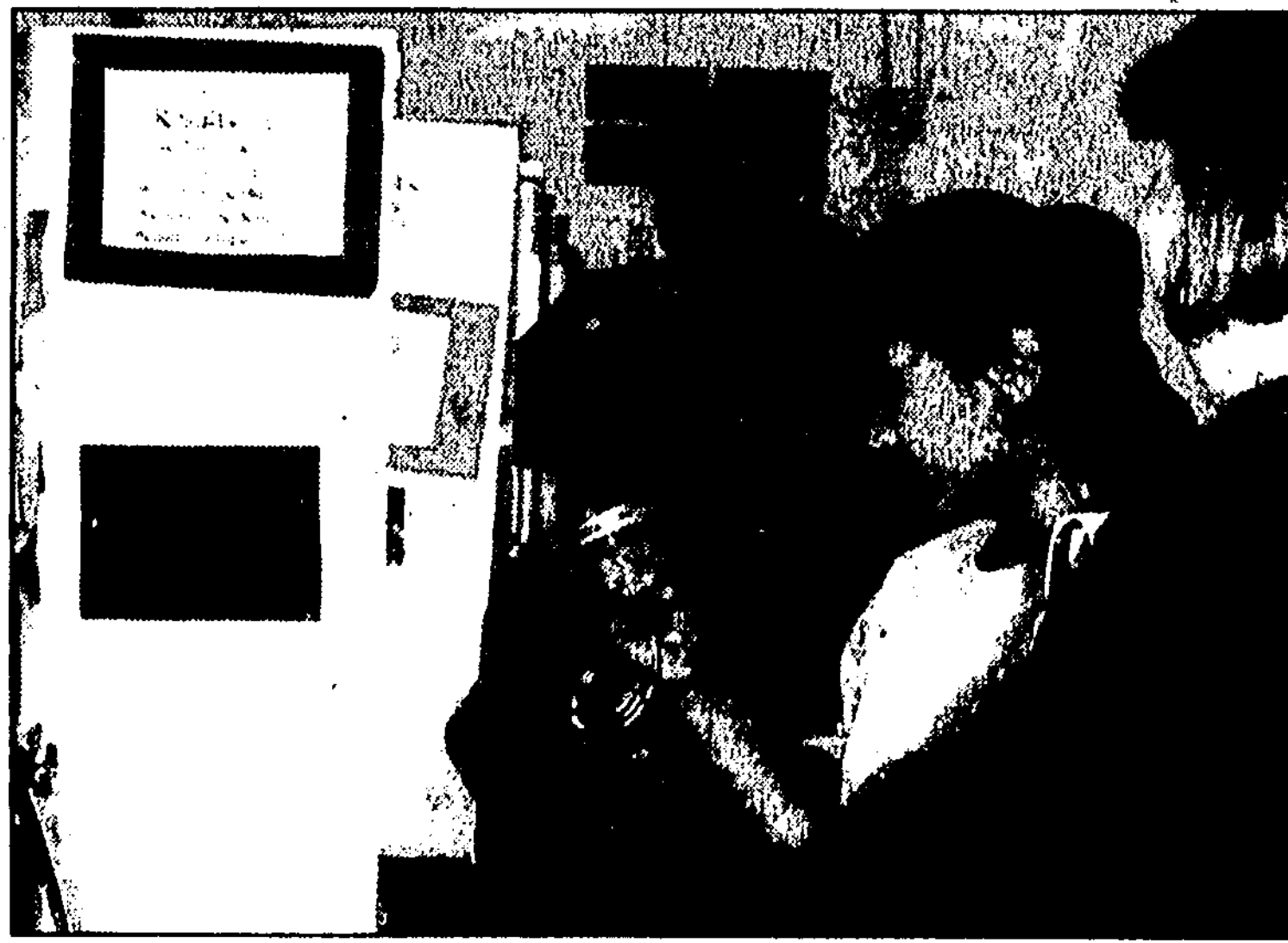
Saenz said that, at the beginning, many of the teams thought of the projects as just another assignment. As information was collected and progress continued, there was a change in attitude, she said. "I think it started to take on a different meaning... They started taking ownership of their projects."

Students completed their projects and on Thursday, Jan. 23, the exhibits opened to those serving as judges.

The school gym was arranged with rows of tables covered with more than 120 displays. Exhibit topics ranged from "Bouncing Cereal" to "Global Warming." Saenz said most of the student teams chose their own topics.

A first, second, third prize and honorable mention was awarded to one class in each grade level. Three grand prizes were awarded as well as one Grand Chief prize.

Grand prize for most colorful was awarded to kindergarten students Jonathan Ahidley, Houston Fatty, Paul Garcia, and Lewis Bigmouth for, "Do Plants Really Drink Water?" Grand prize for most hand-involved went to second-graders Victoria Ward, Claudia Morgan, Carlos Mendez, Jacoby Chavez, Phoenix Pino, and Eugena Shanta for, "Making Pottery the Native American Way." Sixth-graders Henry Rios, Joey Strong, and Lawrence Shaffer won the Grand Chief prize, for most in-depth and complete, and first prize in their grade for their exhibit, "Volcanoes."



BARBARA LANE/STAFF

Mescalero students check out one of the many science fair exhibits at Mescalero Elementary School late last month.

Lower utility revenues mean village water conservation effort working

■ The village council agreed to remain in Phase II watering last week.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Although utility revenues slid down this year, the slide reflects a successful water conservation effort, says Ruidoso village manager Lorri McKnight.

By March of last year, the village was running 113 percent of the previous year's consumption. After the council initiated conservation measures in May by restricting lawn irrigation to one day a week, water use dropped to about 95 percent of 2001, said Larry Grasmick, director of village water and wastewater.

He recommended last week that the village stay in Phase II conservation mode and councilors agreed.

In related water issues, Grasmick said parts for repair of the Hollywood water pumping booster station and installation of a backup pump have arrived and should be operational in two weeks. Delivery took about three months, he said.

Councilor L. Ray Nunley asked about the status of several unused water storage tanks. If the village can't move

and use them, they should be sold and the money funneled toward the purchase of one new tank, he said.

Grasmick said his staff took paint samples to determine if they contain lead. Whether to salvage or relocate the tanks for village use will depend on the answer he receives, he said.

"There are places we could use the tanks so when we have to pull one off-line for servicing, we'd have backup," he said. "I'll have the figures by the next meeting."

Nunley said he'd like to see the tanks, or a new one, in use earlier than a previous six-month estimate.

Councilors also directed Grasmick to seek a new contractor, if necessary, to finish installation of a water diversion gate on the Ruidoso River for Grindstone Reservoir.

Grasmick said with the solar-operated gate — a joint project of the village and the Ruidoso River Association — not working, utility staff has manually opened the diversion at times of spikes in water flow to replenish the reservoir.

Councilor Ron Anderson said if that contractor from Elephant Butte can't be reached by telephone, someone should drive to his office to settle the issue. It appears the gate was poorly engineered and

has never worked, he said.

Councilor Bob Sterchi pointed out the village doesn't have a contract with the installation company. The agreement is with the river association. But Grasmick said while the association is paying for the engineering, the village will receive the bill for the hardware.

"So it seems to me, we have a say," Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said.

Councilor Ron Hardeman said the village should look for a speedy solution instead of staying with the current company.

Grasmick said he'll tell the engineer and association executive director Dick Wisner, who has been out of town, that the council is getting impatient.

Although the council agreed to share in the cost of the gate, if it is dissatisfied, it should be able to withdraw that financial support, Sterchi said.

Grasmick reported good news to the board about No. 4 well being drilled at the North Fork well field on Eagle Creek. Water was hit at 720 feet. The well will go down to 1,000 feet, he said.

In other business, as part of the Lincoln County Community Cooperative initiative, councilors were invited to send three village representa-


tives on a trip to Fort Worth, Texas, to view a model of a community committed to continuing services for children.

Their expenses will be paid by a grant scheduled to be awarded to the organization for that purpose. Also attending with be representatives from all school districts in the county, from other municipalities,

from law enforcement, from children-related agencies and County Manager Tom Stewart, said Sergio Castro, a juvenile probation officer involved in the effort. The cooperative aims to establish programs to avert delinquency and deal with it before major criminal violations occur.

The council also heard a

request by Martin L. Torrez to change the location of a well by ceasing the diversion of 13.44 acre feet per year of groundwater from one well a mile west of Hondo and to drill a replacement well about 150 feet deep and 10 inches in diameter for the continued irrigation of 4.2 acres of land in the same area.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Student teachers

Eastern New Mexico University students who plan to student teach during the fall 2003 semester must attend a pre-application meeting to receive the required information concerning application procedures. Three Portales sessions, one in Roswell and one in Ruidoso have been scheduled. Students may choose the session that is most convenient to their schedule.

- Feb. 10 session from 12-1 p.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Aztec Room, Campus Union Building, Portales campus;
- Feb. 11 session from 6-7 p.m. in the Aztec Room, Campus Union Building, Portales campus;
- Feb. 20 session from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Instructional Center room 206, Roswell campus; and
- Feb. 21 session from 12-1 p.m. on the Ruidoso campus.

During the session, students will complete a pre-application packet indicating intent to student teach during the fall 2003 semester. Attendance is mandatory.

Students urge legislation

Students representing 24 high schools in New Mexico — including Mescalero students — argued for new legislation on Jan. 30 in Santa Fe.

Under the New Mexico Civic Engagement Initiative, more than 80 students urged state legislators to pass two memorials and a bill to provide support for a statewide program to formally involve students in community and school improvement initiatives.

The same group of students met with Lt. Gov. Diane Denish earlier to gain her support for the work the group is doing and to discuss her own proposal to form a youth council. Under her proposed bill, a youth council will be formed with representatives from each county to discuss the problems faced by New Mexico youth and recommend possible solutions to those problems to the governor and lieutenant governor. In support of the proposal, Rep. J.

Paul Taylor of Mesilla has sponsored House Bill 199.

Students from Albuquerque, Belen, Bernalillo, Bayard, Española, Anthony, Gallup, Hobbs, Lovington, Pecos, Peñasco, Questa, Las Vegas, Las Cruces, Taos, Zuni and Fort Wingate also participated.

Senate interns

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici invited New Mexico college students to apply for a summer internship in his Washington, D.C., office, by a March 1 deadline.

Domenici's 2003 summer internship program will consist of two sessions, mid-May through the end of June, and July through mid-August. A \$1,500 stipend is provided for Washington summer interns who are residents of New Mexico or attending a two- or four-year school in the state.

Applicants must have completed at least one year of study at an institution of higher education and be enrolled for the following semester. New Mexico residents and/or students will receive priority in the selection process. Students participating in the program in past years have come from a variety of schools, including universities, community colleges and vocational schools inside and outside New Mexico.

To apply for an internship, candidates must send an application form, cover letter, resume and two letters of recommendation to: U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, Attention: Intern Coordinator, 625 Silver S.W., Suite 330, Albuquerque, N.M. 87102. Applications must be posted by March 1. Interviews and selections will take place during March and notifications made by April 1.

Consult <http://domenici.senate.gov> (services, internships) for an application, or call Lynden Armstrong at (202) 224-6621 for a form or more information.

Domenici, a Republican, is the new chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and has senior membership on the Senate Budget Committee.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Teachers of grades 2 through 6 stimulate their senses making commonsense books, one of the projects for a training sponsored by the Kennedy Center in a partnership with the Ruidoso Municipal School District and the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

'Commonsense books' Teachers go back centuries for a technique of teaching kids to read.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

About 45 Ruidoso teachers gathered after school Tuesday and Friday last week for two hours — to cut pictures out of magazines, glue feathers in books and make musical instruments from rubber bands and cardboard.

"In the bags are blotter strips," said Nisha Hoffman, storyteller and educator. "I want you to take one and sniff it. Close your eyes and take a deep breath. Respond to that smell. Write one sentence telling what the smell makes you think of and where it takes you, too. Write 'smell' at the top of the page and the date."

Teachers could be seen at tables around the White Mountain Intermediate School Library sniffing their blotter strips.

"It smells like Grandma," Debbie Meyers, a first-grade teacher, wrote.

"Clean and fresh and minty," Mandy Mader, a second-grade teacher wrote.

"Evaporating smell is but a fading memory," rhapsodized special education teacher Gloria Pafford.

This may sound like fun and games — and perhaps not up to the age-level of the teachers — but the consensus seemed to be that their students will find it an exciting and fun way to get all their senses involved, play with language — and in the process, to learn it.

This is "Words Alive," a Kennedy Center Partnership training to teach teachers how to integrate the arts into their curriculum. In this case, the Ruidoso Municipal School District and the Hubbard Museum of the American West collaborated to offer a workshop based on educator, workshop leader and consultant to the Kennedy Center John C. Carr's workshop. Carr had planned to come to Ruidoso to deliver the workshop himself, but died, said Elizabeth Becker, education curator of the Hubbard Museum.

Trink Edwards led the workshop on "Word Walls" on Tuesday.

Word Walls are collages of words chosen from magazines or newspaper based on their curiosity, sound, appearance, troublesomeness or some other attribute, words that are then mounted on a large display board. Students cut out half a dozen words

and choose a favorite one to explain to the class and then affix to the Word Wall.

These collages can be created on the basis of a word category, such as possessive nouns or prefixes, Edmonds said.

Word Walls can be used to have students alphabetize words, identify parts of speech, write sentences or a paragraph using nouns and verbs from the Word Wall, or any number of other activities. Part of the purpose is to place words on the wall in artistic ways. Edmonds said for one activity Jan. 28 she started with the word "basilisk," a mythological snake used in the second Harry Potter book.

"We played around with that idea and I had them think of words to use in writing about it, like 'slithery,' and we put the words on the Word Wall in the shape of a snake."

Hoffman's workshop on Jan. 30 was on the creation of "commonplace books," a concept that dates back to at least the 1600s, "developed as a way to handle information overload in Renaissance," she told the teachers.

"Commonsense Books are multi-century sensory journals," Hoffman said, "and Mini-Word Walls are in each book and then pages that deal with the senses. We are building a 'memory trap' by using all our senses."

Most of the teachers were enthusiastic about what they learned at the workshop.

"Ideas I can take back and do with my class, that's the most useful thing," said Rich Moore, a second-grade teacher.

"We learned a lot of creative ways to teach children, and I plan to use them," Kristi Bryant, also a second-grade teacher, said.

Mandy Mader said what was most exciting was that they learned many hands-on activities "so kids can get more involved in their learning and have

ownership in the lessons and learning, because this is something they'll create, not something I make for them."

Speech-language pathologist Anne Flaherty said all of the teachers would be implementing these ideas in their classes and writing a final report.

"This is a supplement to an art class last fall. That method uses arts to teach children reading. This is to more effectively, creatively use words and build kids' vocabularies," said sixth-grade instructional assistant Jo Korczyk.

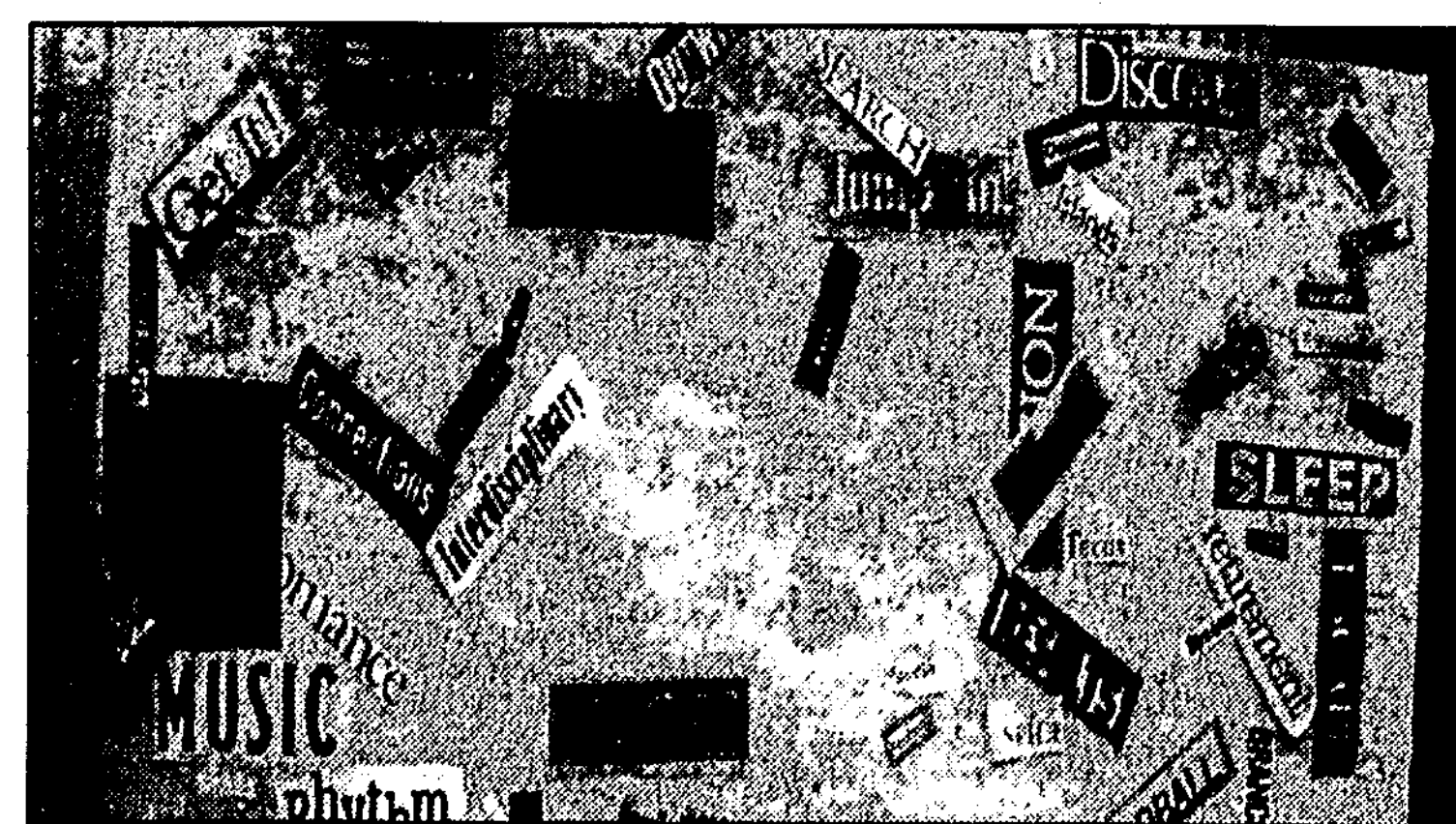
"It's a great way to teach bilingual children," said Charni Durham, a second-grade bilingual teacher. "For thematic units, it's a great way to inspire their interest: to hang the words around the room and try to incorporate those words with what you're teaching. And it'll click with them. It's a fun way to teach."

Hoffman said two teachers went back to their classrooms after the Tuesday workshop and made Word Walls with their students, and it was so successful, they did it at school Thursday too.

White Mountain Intermediate School Principal Dave Bishop said he saw a lot of ideas related to reading and word recognition, fluency and colors coming out of the workshops that will spawn creativity in the classroom.

"Anything that's interactive is the best way to learn," Edmonds said.

Sierra Vista Primary Principal Danny Flores led similar workshops for teachers of kindergarten and first grade.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Word Walls are a teaching device used to enhance literacy skills.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD WINNERS



COURTESY RUIDOSO ELEMENTARY

Ruidoso third grade, 2nd nine weeks — Back, from left: Amilia Lueras, Anthony Nanz, Eliot Arrowsmith-Lowe, Kasey Smith, Aidan Shaw, Christina Almanza, Angelica Brouard, Alyssa Montes, Kyla Herrera; 2nd row, Dealena Ahidley, Tyler Burrus, Bobbie Scott, Dana O'Toole, Thomas Mancha, Juliana Lopez, Alex Blackmon, Morris Kanseah; 3rd row, Amy Cluff, Jerome Gonzales, Nolan Paul, Masey Tissonthos, Brittanee Vega, Mary Calderon, Cesar Ortiz, Erik Balderrama; front row, Nathasha Davalos, Warren Morlack, Shelby Slaten, Coloradas Mangas, Anali Bonilla, Jesus Vaillalba, Nora Castillo, Lorenzo De La Torre. Not Pictured, Tessa Talsma.



COURTESY RUIDOSO ELEMENTARY

Ruidoso fourth grade, 2nd nine weeks — Back, from left: Lorissa Martinez, Taryn McAlister, Jonathon Blankenship, Elias Rue, Billy Hatch, Nicole Mahr-Watson, Alexis Telles, Sydney Gonzales; 2nd row, Willie Herrera, Delvon Chee, Francesca Gavin, Kaylee Johnson, Jason Parker, Tre Taylor, Adriana McTeigue; 3rd row, Mariah Ordgrica, Norman Chee, Jocelyn Hernandez, Jorge Varela, Christopher Herrington, Jorge Montelongo, Sonia Badachi, Abigail Nevarez; front row, Zowie Scraper, Gage Barnett, Lindsay Sellers. Not pictured, Alexandra Weaver, Ruth Negrete.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan

Wednesday, Feb. 5 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffin, fruit or juice
Lunch: Lasagna, chicken patty, chopped steak, tossed salad, bread, pudding, fruit

Thursday, Feb. 6 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or juice
Lunch: Roast pork, steak fingers, corn dog, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, bread, fruit

Friday, Feb. 7 — Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit or juice
Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chicken salad sandwich, beef and bean burrito, lettuce, tomato, pickle, seasoned potatoes, fruit

Monday, Feb. 10 — Breakfast: Quesadilla, cereal, fruit or juice
Lunch: Chili cheese dog, meat loaf, corn dog, salad, pinto beans, crackers, fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Breakfast: Boiled eggs, cereal, toast, jelly, fruit or juice
Lunch: Chicken patty, chopped steak, sliced turkey, potato salad, green beans, bread, fruit

Carrizozo

Wednesday, Feb. 5 — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup
Lunch: Baked chicken, dinner

Thursday, Feb. 6 — Breakfast: Bagel with jelly
Lunch: Deli sandwich, garden salad, potato chips, chilled fruit

Friday, Feb. 7 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, wheat toast with jelly
Lunch: Chicken stir fry, rice, dinner rolls, pears

Monday, Feb. 10 — Breakfast: Cheese toast
Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, pineapples

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Breakfast: Waffles with syrup
Lunch: Nachos, tossed salad, peaches

Wednesday, Feb. 5 — Breakfast: Hash brown patty with sausage, juice
Lunch: Lasagna, mixed vegetables, roll, peaches

Thursday, Feb. 6 — Breakfast: Ham, tortilla, juice
Lunch: Hot dog, fries, vegetables, apple

Monday, Feb. 10 — Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, orange
Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, fruit, yellow cake

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Breakfast: Cheese and toast, juice
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato round, salad, oranges

Hondo Valley

Wednesday, Feb. 5 — Breakfast: Hash brown patty with sausage, juice
Lunch: Lasagna, mixed vegetables, roll, peaches

Thursday, Feb. 6 — Breakfast: Ham, tortilla, juice
Lunch: Hot dog, fries, vegetables, apple

Monday, Feb. 10 — Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, orange
Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, fruit, yellow cake

Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Breakfast: Cheese and toast, juice
Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich, potato round, salad, oranges

Ruidoso elementary

Wednesday, Feb. 5 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza
Lunch: Chicken enchiladas, beans, salad, crackers, fruit

Thursday, Feb. 6 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito
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Ranch program tracks cattle value

■ The Ranch to Rail field day will give ranchers an overview of the program.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The New Mexico Ranch to Rail Field Day will be held at Clayton Air Park in Clayton on Feb. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to about 7 p.m. All CEA and producers are invited. Two meals will be provided, so a rough head count of attendees is needed.

NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and Texas A&M University's Extension Service are co-sponsoring the workshop, which allows producers to track their cattle through the feedlot to the packing plant.

The full-day event is designed for producers who currently have cattle in the program and for ranchers who simply want to learn more about

the program.

The Ranch to Rail effort is firstly an educational program, said Clay Mathis, a livestock specialist with NMSU's Extension service. "Producers at this year's field day can learn more about feedyard operations, marketings out of the feedlot and the carcass characteristics of the cattle that they put into the program," he said.

The Ranch to Rail program is in its third year, and this is the first year for the program in New Mexico. Currently, the program has 555 steers on feed from 40 ranches. These cattle producers will have the opportunity to evaluate the productivity and quality of the steer calves they produce.

In the past, New Mexico Ranch to Rail was conducted in the Texas Panhandle along with the Texas A & M Ranch to Rail Program.

Beginning last fall, NMSU

began conducting the program at the Double A Feeders in Union County. The program provided a mechanism for cattle producers to get carcass data and a breakeven analysis on the calves they test. Ranch to Rail was designed to help producers determine how their cattle fit the current and future needs of the beef industry.

Steers are required to weigh between 450 and 850 pounds upon arrival. No heifers are accepted. Producers must enter a minimum of five head to participate, but may enter more. The steers are individually identified, weighed and processed on the same day in November. They are sorted into the appropriate number of outcome groups.

Each producer receives an initial report that includes various data for each steer they enter. Marketing date decisions are made based on weight and

ultrasound measurements of back fat and marbling, coupled with input from the feed yard management.

At the end of the feeding period, each producer receives a report on individual animal performance and carcass characteristics. Producers also receive monthly updates on the cattle performance.

Information is kept confidential for each consignor to use in evaluating the cattle they are producing.

To help explain Ranch to Rail benefits, Ted McCollum, a beef specialist with Texas A&M University's Extension service, will present an overview of the program and how it provides cattle producers with detailed information about the quality of the steers they put in the program. Participants also will take part in technical sessions by NMSU livestock authorities on cattle



COURTESY NMSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

A Ranch to Rail field day will be held Feb. 19 at the Clayton Air Park. The free educational workshop highlights ways the state's cattle producers can learn how their cattle fit the current and future needs of the beef industry.

performance and marketing, and using ultrasound to determine when cattle are ready for market.

A tour of NMSU's Clayton Livestock Research Center, located six miles east of Clayton on Highway 56, and a visit to view Ranch to Rail cattle at Double A Feeders, a near-

by commercial feedlot, will conclude the program.

Registration deadline for the free event is Feb. 9. Registration forms and information for the Ranch to Rail Field Day are available at the Lincoln County Extension office in Carrizozo, which can be reached at 648-2311.

Showing love for chocolate recipes

According to the Hearth Fire Series from the National Association For Family and Community Education, a craving for chocolate is not uncommon, especially among women.

University of Michigan researchers found that women crave sugar for its calming effect and they crave fat for its mood-elevating effect.

The most powerful craving that women have is for sugar and fat combinations, which equals chocolate.

Research shows that women are:

- Four times more likely to eat chocolate than men
- 8.5 times more likely to love chocolate
- 48 percent more likely to experience positive mood changes after eating chocolate

So, if your valentine doesn't give you chocolate, or you don't have a valentine, be your own sweetheart and indulge just a little by trying the "Love that Chocolate" recipe that follows:

Lighter Chocolate Cream Pie

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 2 cups cold skim milk
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

- 1 package graham cracker crumb crust
- Frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed (optional)
- Fresh fruit (optional)

In large microwave-safe bowl, stir together sugar, cornstarch, and cocoa; gradually stir in milk. Microwave on high for two minutes; stir well.

Microwave on high two to five minutes or until mixture just begins to boil; stir well. Microwave on high 30 seconds to one minute until mixture is very hot and thickened. Pour into crust.

Place plastic wrap directly onto surface; refrigerate several hours or until firm. Garnish with whipped topping and fresh fruit, if desired. Makes 10 servings.

Per serving (1/10th recipe without garnish): Calories 160, protein 3 gm, carbohydrates 25 gm, fat 5 gm, cholesterol 0 mg, sodium 145 mg.

Don't eat it while you are doing anything else. As you eat it, think about what you are doing. Enjoy the taste, the aroma, and the texture. Eat it slowly. It takes your brain 20 minutes to realize what you have done!

Adapted from Starley Anderson, Home Economist, Eddy County



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER

LINCOLN COUNTY
EXTENSION AGENT -
HOME ECONOMICS

TicTac group looks to freshen up life

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Reaching out to touch one life, change one heart and save one soul at a time, the youth program called TicTac (Teens in Christ/Teens accepting Christ) is growing slowly as it completes its fifth month in Carrizozo.

Each week at 6:15 on Wednesday nights, the TicTac volunteer leaders gather with youth in the sixth- to eighth-grade age group. The curriculum is a non-denominational teen outreach program focused on teaching basics of life survival.

Program Coordinator Welda Grider explained the concept of TicTac: "I wanted first of all to not have any church bashing. All religious backgrounds are welcome. I wanted to mix fun with Bible learning. I wanted to mix in some practical lessons for life."

Lessons each week carry titles like "Working on your attitude," "Not until your homework is done - setting priorities," "Getting a Job - work because there is work to be done," as well as many lessons on respect. On Feb. 12, Carrie Spencer will give a lesson on self-defense and getting out of a bad situation.

"Getting the kids to interact and not over-act is the biggest challenge," Grider said. "It's not so much a discipline problem as it is getting them to

use respect in conversation. They either don't want to talk at all, or all of them talk at once."

And the biggest reward for Grider? "When someone pours their heart out, tells a life story that is true and from their gut, the kids are completely silent. They really listen. It is not a video, not a book lesson, but a true story from someone they know. I see it touching them in their deepest parts. I see the adult telling the story being touched. Sometimes I think this program ministers more to the adults teaching than to the children."

The program started in September 2002 and has grown to 22 students, fluctuating from week to week. The youth arrive to a light meal prepared by Doris Maxwell and dessert by Barbara Culler. Veda Stephenson leads the song portion of the program with "Amazing Grace" being the kids' favorite.

The program takes place at the Trinity Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Through donations and some youth doing jobs to earn the cash, enough Bibles have been purchased for each student to have one. At the end of the program, they will be allowed to take them home.

Youth are welcome to join TicTac at any time. For more information call Welda Grider at (505) 849-4631. The program will conclude at the end of May.

Recycling theme in 'Zozo Woman's Club meeting

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS


Reduce, Reuse and Recycle is theme of this month's demonstration at the Carrizozo Woman's Club monthly meeting, to be held Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the club's building in Carrizozo. Ruth Birdsong will give a demonstration on recycling.

The public is invited to this free hour-long recycling class. People may bring a one- or two-liter clear plastic soda bottle if they would like to participate, but observers are also welcome.

Birdsong will demonstrate how to change the plastic bottle into flowers and plants suitable for a "garden."

Ray Dean will present the plans to incorporate this recycling venture into a "recycled garden" in Carrizozo. The woman's club plans to include the school administration and students in this project and turn an otherwise unsightly corner of town into a garden that doesn't need watering. The garden will be part of the Beautify New Mexico project that Carrizozo is taking part in and will qualify as part of the requirements for the grant it has received.

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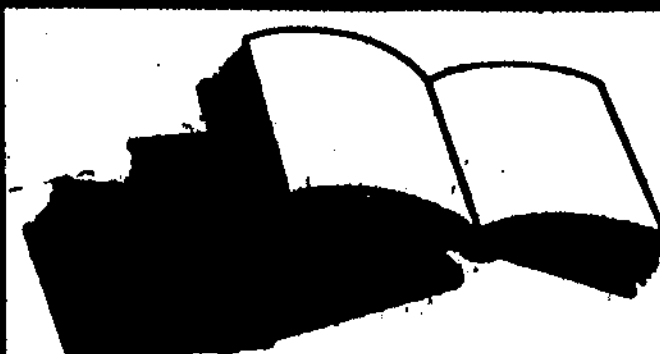


Carrizozo Schools' students of the month for January are, front row, kneeling left to right: Britni Ward, Matthew Barela, Wade McMahan, Elias Hopper, Alex Wallace, Krista Padilla, Kyle LaBelle; second row: K.C. Hendricks, Lacey Martin-Burd, Christa Franck, Francesca Rossi, Stacia Calvert; back row: Ryan Gaines, Justus Wilson, Chilo Rimple, Josh Calvert, Clarence Beltran. Not pictured are Brandon Morales and Sam Ungaro.

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Downs updates water rationing, budget

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

An increase in Ruidoso Downs' budgeted general fund expenditures and a reduction in similar revenues were part of adjustments made to the city's budget made at a regular city council meeting last week.

City administrator John Waters also noted the budgeted costs of council chamber improvements including recording and p.a. equipment, chairs, and council table resurfacing. The budget adjustment resolution passed including increases in water and sewer fund revenues and expenditures.

The reductions in the general fund predominantly involve incomplete funding of a New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department cooperative grant.

Waters and code enforcer Tom Armstrong subsequently contacted the highway department, which will now regularly clean up sidewalks along U.S. 70.

He also noted a scenic byways grant proposal that would address concerns about the word "village" being changed to "city" on the sign across from the senior center. If funded, the grant will also provide for sidewalks around All

American Park and connected to the senior citizens center.

With warmer weather present, the council approved a staff recommendation move to Phase II water rationing. According to water use records, "We will not meet the demand if we don't curb our use," Waters said, characterizing it as a "serious situation." Brochures will begin to appear in hotels, motels and restaurants to support the effort. Phase II will also entail the publication of watering restrictions.

Waters updated the council on the recent CDBG allocation hearings in Santa Fe where the Downs was awarded two proposals totaling \$1 million. The city is the highest ranked for water problems in New Mexico. The funds will go toward "fixing problems in the short term, while we work on the long term," said Waters.

The infrastructure improvement projects should begin this summer. Mayor Bob Miller and councilors expressed thanks to Waters, city clerk and treasurer Carol Virden and city staff for their hard work.

Councilor Susan Garrett voiced concerns about citizens who are unable to afford city sewer connections. Costs include connection and filling of existing septic tanks. Councilor Margie Morales noted that private property will be an issue. Waters said he would look into the possibilities of the city assisting those needed hookups.

Instead of a proposed suggestion box for citizens to share ideas with city staff,

Waters welcomed phone calls and announced the city's new Web site at www.ruidosodowns.us. The site offers agendas, minutes of local meetings, and e-mail links to city officials. Future amenities should include permit applications.

Councilor Judy Miller invited citizens to participate in the city's beautification program. The program is accepting ideas and appointing a volunteer task force. Garrett mentioned WalMart's interest in adopting its highway frontage in cooperation with the program.

Sergio Castro addressed the council on behalf of the county's Community Co-op model-site trip to El Paso, Texas,

in the third week of March. Bob Miller appointed councilors Miller and Rene Olivo to attend the free, 3-day trip.

According to Castro, the co-op is to "focus on (neglected) children and youth of our community" in an effort toward "building facilities instead of prisons." The program has statewide community involvement, including a cabinet position to be appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson.

Virden expressed the city's need for destruction of outdated records. Stacks of boxes of records were behind her and she said more are on the way. The records will either be incinerated, buried with certification, or shredded.

In other business, city building inspector Tom Armstrong was asked to express concerns about expanded duties and rumors of pay reduction. Armstrong has faced accumulating pressures of code enforcement supervision, planning and zoning, extraterritorial zoning and emergency management responsibilities.

As of March 3, code enforcement will be moved from Armstrong's office to the police department. The mayor disputed any rumors and cites the code enforcement change of office as part of the administration's effort to overall improve city services.

"We will not meet our (water) demand if we don't curb our use."

John Waters
city administrator

Flea market to help kids

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Locals can help send Ruidoso students to Washington, D.C., and New York City in May by renting booths or shopping at a fundraising flea market Feb. 8 at Ruidoso Middle School's gym.

Students run the concession stand during the middle school boys' basketball games and sell bottled water and hot chocolate at school to help defray the \$1,700 needed for each child for the May trip.

The flea market will have 45 booth spaces, or "45 little garage sales," said Karen Vargas, a parent who is helping to organize the trip for middle school and high school gifted students. Booth spaces cost \$15 and vendors keep the proceeds from what they sell, she said.

The flea market will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. General admission is \$1, and students will have the concession stand open for snacks.

For more information or to rent booth space on a first-come, first-served basis, contact Vargas at 257-1486.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Evelyn Forlano

The funeral for Evelyn S. Forlano, 78, of Capitan was Tuesday at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, with the committal service later at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Forlano died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in Capitan. She was born Nov. 9, 1924, in Batesville, Ark.

She moved to Capitan in 1990 from Encino, Calif., and was an opera singer.

She married Mark A. Forlano on Feb. 25, 1963, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Survivors include her husband, Mark Forlano, of Capitan; and sisters Thelma Stephens of Capitan, Pearl Webster of West Plains, Mo., and Pat Thompson of Albuquerque.

The family invites all family and friends to take part in a developing biography at www.mem.com.

Arrangements are under

the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257-7303.

Robert Leslie

Graveside services for Robert Leslie, 90, of Carrizozo were Monday at the Cedarvale Cemetery in White Oaks with the Rev. Johnnie Johnson officiating.

Mr. Leslie died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, at his home.

He was born Feb. 9, 1912, in White Oaks.

He married Dorothy Pratt on Feb. 2, 1932, in Albuquerque.

He was an Alaska Yukon pioneer, Operating Engineer No. 302, curator of White Oaks Historical Association and a retired heavy equipment operator. He moved back to Lincoln County in 1978 from Alaska.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Carrizozo; sons Don Leslie and Kenneth Leslie

of Fairbanks, Alaska; sisters Myrtle Osborn of Pagosa Spring, Colo., Betty Huffman of Terrell, Texas, Jessie Torrance of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Lily Garrard of Jordan Valley, Ore.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Hoppy Gutierrez

A memorial Mass for Emeterio B. "Hoppy" Gutierrez, 73, of Las Cruces, was held Feb. 1 in Carrizozo at the Santa Rita Catholic Church, with the Rev. David Berge officiating. Interment of cremains followed in Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery in Carrizozo.

Mr. Gutierrez died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, in Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

He was born Dec. 16, 1929,

in Carrizozo to Isidoro and Josefina Baldonado Gutierrez.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a retired prison warden from Camp Sierra Blanca and worked with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and most recently, with the security department at Memorial Medical Center for 10 years.

He and his wife of 50 years were well known among the bingo players at the Sertoma Club. He was a resident of Las Cruces since 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Civilia Herrera Gutierrez of the family home; a son, Bobby J. Gutierrez and his wife, Tracy, of Las Cruces; a daughter, Mary Ann Allred of Topeka, Kan.; a grandson, Aaron Gutierrez of Las Cruces; granddaughters Aubree and Azlyn Gutierrez of Las Cruces, and Leticia and Jennifer Allred of Topeka; a sister, Lollie Lueras of Carrizozo; and

numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Manuel and Paul Gutierrez; and sisters Mary Montreal and Ofelia Hicks.

Service arrangements were under the direction of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Baca's Mimbres Crematory.

Paul Maddox

Memorial services for Paul J. Maddox, 73, will be held at his home in Anthony at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

Mr. Maddox died Jan. 29, 2003, in El Paso, Texas, due to complications with sugar dia-

betes.

He was a truck driver for Safeway for more than 20 years and lived all of his adult life in Anthony.

He married Estalee Carter on Feb. 24, 1960.

Survivors include his wife, Estalee, of Anthony; a son, Ricky Maddox of Anthony; daughters Vicky Holcomb of Ruidoso, Lela Holcomb and her husband, Clifton, of Ruidoso, and Pamela McCrohan of Mabank, Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister; his parents; and a son, Paul Dena Carter, of Hobbs.

POLICE BRIEFS

Ruidoso Downs

DWI arrest

Ruidoso Downs police arrested Bernardino Mendez, 38, of Roswell, on Feb. 2 at Billy the Kid Casino, charging him with DWI.

Household battery

On Jan. 28, police arrested James Kellogg, 24, of Ruidoso Downs, charging him with battery against a household member.

Beer run

The owner of Downs Texaco, 421 E. Highway 70, reported that between 5:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Feb. 1, someone jumped a fence and broke a back window of an impounded vehicle and removed an unknown amount of beer from the vehicle.

Window broken

A San Patricio resident reported that three window panes were broken out of a building on his property in the 200 block of E. Highway 70 between Jan. 28 and 30, with damages estimated at \$60.

Dine and dash

Two white males were reported to have left Denny's without paying for their meal ticket in the amount of \$18.72.

Ruidoso

Identity concealed

Ruidoso police arrested Benny Wayne Kaydahzinne, 24, of Mescalero, after his vehicle passed another in a no-passing zone on Ski Run Road and was stopped by police on Feb. 2. He was charged with concealing his identity. Police had cited the driver for passing in a no-passing zone and driving on a revoked license, and asked Kaydahzinne for identification, to have him drive the vehicle, but he refused to identify himself.

Disorderly conduct

Police arrested Karen A. Apache, 32, of Mescalero, charging her with disorderly conduct, and served her with an outstanding warrant from Municipal Court for driving without insurance. The arrest was made Feb. 2 at Nob Hill

Lodge, 103 El Paso Rd.

DWI, suspended license

Police arrested Casey Weldon Martin, 18, of Ruidoso Downs, Feb. 1 at Grindstone Reservoir, charging him with four counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, first-offense DWI and driving with a suspended license.

Burglaries reported

Ruidoso police are investigating three possibly related burglaries in the 100 blocks of Deer Trial and Rainier and Falcon drives between Jan. 1 and 31.

The first report came in on the Deer Trial burglary, at which a television, a VCR, an electric drill and door lights were taken, with an estimated total value of \$588. The front door knob was destroyed and found in pieces on the ground with the front door pried open. The exterior flood lights were destroyed.

A television, VCR and an antique record player were taken from the Falcon Drive residence, and damages to a glass sliding door were esti-

mated at \$200, the report states. Someone threw beds out of place and went through closets after entering through an unlocked window.

In the residence on Deer Trial, locks had been pried off and, when police arrived, they found items by the front door that had been removed from a closet, kitchen cabinets and dresser drawers, as well as a mattress on a bed that had been moved. The toilet tank was broken and the water turned off.

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

Mail theft

A Ruidoso couple reported to police that someone had stolen mail from their mailbox Feb. 1, including payments for bills. The couple closed their bank account on Feb. 3, and later that day a teller from a branch of the bank asked if they had authorized a withdrawal from their account. Both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police are investigating the case.

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Counseling Center can help in times of emotional crisis

BY GENEVIE FINEIN
THE COUNSELING CENTER

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

Health and Wellness

The Counseling Center, founded in 1970, strives to serve the mental health needs of Lincoln County residents through individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, case management, substance abuse treatment, substance abuse and suicide prevention programs, parent education, life skills training, and community outreach.

Fees are on a sliding scale and no

one should let financial considerations prevent them from seeking services.

Anyone experiencing mental or emotional distress should call the office at 257-5038, or come in to 206 Sudderth Drive (across the street from Lincoln County Medical Center) to make an appointment for an initial screening and assessment.

Once the basic information has been gathered, the client will be assigned to the appropriate counselor or treatment group. There is a psychiatrist on staff for those clients actively involved in the counseling process whose conditions may benefit from medication.

Individuals in severe crisis will be seen the same day. For acute situations outside the normal working

hours of eight to five, Monday through Friday, there is a 24/7 crisis number, (505) 437-8680, which may be called collect, if necessary.

If clients experience difficulty meeting day-to-day living requirements, a case manager will work with them to find assistance through other agencies or organizations.

Experience has demonstrated that prevention is the most cost-effective strategy. For this reason, The Counseling Center focuses heavily on prevention through a variety of strategies.

Anger management and education in basic living skills can prevent many irritating situations from escalating into crises. The center's suicide prevention classes, available to any group that is interested, teach youth

and adults to recognize the symptoms of suicidal ideation. Prevention of substance abuse saves countless dollars and immeasurable human suffering over substance abuse treatment.

The Counseling Center works with interested schools in delivering prevention programs for youth. It collaborates with other agencies to work with youth in a variety of settings and activities, and teaches peer leadership and peer education—primarily around media literacy (the ability to dissect and analyze the many media messages that promote unhealthy choices, such as underage drinking, smoking and other risk-taking behaviors). Media literacy presentations are also available to any agency or group that would like to learn more about the media's influence on devel-

oping minds.

Experience has also shown that parents are the primary preventionists. For this reason, The Counseling Center offers parenting classes at least twice a year, and hopes to expand these services during the next fiscal year.

Parents can help their children discover their role in the family, self-reliance and commitment, tools and capabilities they need for life, and getting involved versus being a couch potato. Parents can learn the reasons for the decline in student motivation, discipline and desire for achievement. They will also learn factors that contribute to children engaging in risk-taking behaviors such as adolescent sexuality and experimentation with drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Ruidoso Downs ETZ commission wants less conflict, more progress

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Downs ETZ commission met last week and again on Monday to continue paring down residential district requirements in the proposed joint powers zoning ordinance.

Last Thursday, the meeting opened with Larry Mulligan in conference call to city attorney Dan Bryant. Mulligan questioned the legality of his Jan. 7 memo not included in the meeting's minutes.

The memo specifically suggested guidance from representative(s) of Roswell and Chaves counties' ETZs, the examination of requirements to be considered in planning future development and stated his objections to the "last minute rush to the production of an extraterritorial ordinance."

Bryant explained that a carried motion to include the memo was required in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Mulligan requested a copy of the Open Meetings Act and made a motion for the memo to be included in the Jan. 7 minutes. With no second, the motion died.

The minutes of Jan. 7 were approved with Mulligan dis-

senting. Mulligan further stated that county-appointed commissions commonly get extensions, and that he "did his best to not be reappointed" to the Downs ETZ commission.

"The only one who sees any difficulties is me," Mulligan said.

Commission members Susan Garrett and Mike Jones defended the commission's decision process. Mulligan motioned his memo to be included as a minority report. The motion died with no second.

"My understanding," said commission member Dean Hollman, "is that our No. 1 job is to zone land areas." He said he fears the board gets bogged down with too many details and regulations. Mulligan countered saying the board's job is to establish a criteria for zoning.

Garrett echoed Hollman, saying the commission is to "set up zones," and chairman Wayne Faircloth agreed saying, "If we load this too heavy, the (county) commission will kick it out."

"We're not concerned with how many pickets are on a fence," continued Garrett. "We're concerned with zoning so that a pig farm isn't next to a residential district."

"We're not concerned with how many pickets are on a fence."

Susan Garrett
Downs ETZ commissioner

Mulligan left the meeting.

The board proceeded with R-2 (two-family residential district) and concurred that R-2 is a buffer between R-1 and multi-family residential development.

Garrett motioned to accept all local, state and federal regulations into the ordinance. The acceptance of those regulations had been discussed at prior meetings but not formally adopted, said Garrett. The motion passed.

The Ruidoso Downs planning and zoning ordinance is being used as a template for ETZ zoning districts requirements. Those of Ruidoso were replaced by unanimous vote at

the Jan. 9 meeting.

Purpose and principal permitted uses for R-2 will remain the same in the proposed Downs ETZ. Radio signal receiver/transmitter, private or jointly owned swimming pools and tennis courts, and home occupation will be moved from permitted accessory uses to conditional uses.

The board agreed to no changes in setback requirements. Lot sizes will be removed due to ETZ reliance on septic, rather than city sewer water disposal.

At Monday's special meeting, Mulligan read a statement that invited other commission members to ask the county for his replacement or listen to and consider his objections. Members Helen Whatley and Garrett said they did not intend to ask for his removal. Faircloth warned Mulligan to discontinue impeding the commission's progress with his "private agenda." Mulligan assured the commission his interests are the "development of a good ordinance."

Minimum landscaping requirements for residential

districts were retained from the city's land use and zoning articles, and a primary concern regarded the cleanup of construction debris. Hillside and forest protection will be handled as a separate entry in coordination with Ruidoso Downs planning and zoning supervisor Tom Armstrong.

The board decided R-3 (multiple-family residential district) will include townhomes, condominiums and apartments. Lot area and development requirements will not be included in the ETZ ordinance proposal. Lot area allowances will be changed to handle parking requirements. Mulligan suggested two spaces for off-street parking per

dwelling, and the commission agreed.

Principal permitted uses will allow for public and private parks, with the question of setbacks in those areas tabled for consideration.

Group homes will also be referred to the city attorney's advice. As a conditional use, these include halfway houses and shelters. The commission intends to develop a definition in an attempt to restrict commercial and non-profit group homes from R-1 and R-2 districts.

The commission's final draft is scheduled for mid-April. Its next meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Hall chambers.

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Village governments concerned about possible ETZ overlapping

Ruidoso wants to make sure it won't have to relinquish any authority should future problems occur.

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Village of Ruidoso staff has concerns about a possible overlap of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs extraterritorial zones (ETZ), according to a letter to Lincoln County attorney Alan Morel. Assistant village attorney Charles Rennick cites a section in the New Mexico state statutes.

While the statute, Section 3-21-2(B)(5), N.M.S.A. (1978), allows that "a municipal zoning authority may adopt a zoning ordinance . . . to zone all or any portion of the territory within its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction." It stipulates that if the zones of two municipalities overlap, then the ETZ "jurisdiction of each . . . shall terminate equidistant from the boundary of each municipality."

However if one of those municipality's population is less than 2,500 according to the most recent census, then the ETZ jurisdiction of the

greatest population takes precedence.

According to Ruidoso Downs City Hall, its population is 1,824.

An appointed commission has been working on a joint powers ETZ proposal for Ruidoso Downs with a target completion date of May 12.

Rennick's letter states the village is not prepared to concede any of its ETZ jurisdiction. Further, he mentions the village staff's "recent experience in updating . . . (and) administering" its ETZ ordinance, and extends its willingness to assist the Downs ETZ commission.

Morel, in a response letter, stated Lincoln County has little to do with the preparation of the Downs ETZ ordinance, besides the appointment of three board members.

The city's attorney, Dan Bryant, has been notified of the village's concerns.

Rennick later commented that while there has not been a specific overlap of the Ruidoso ETZ and the proposed Downs ETZ identified, the letter is mostly in anticipation of future U.S. National Forest land swaps or private property sales that might fall under jurisdiction of the two zones.

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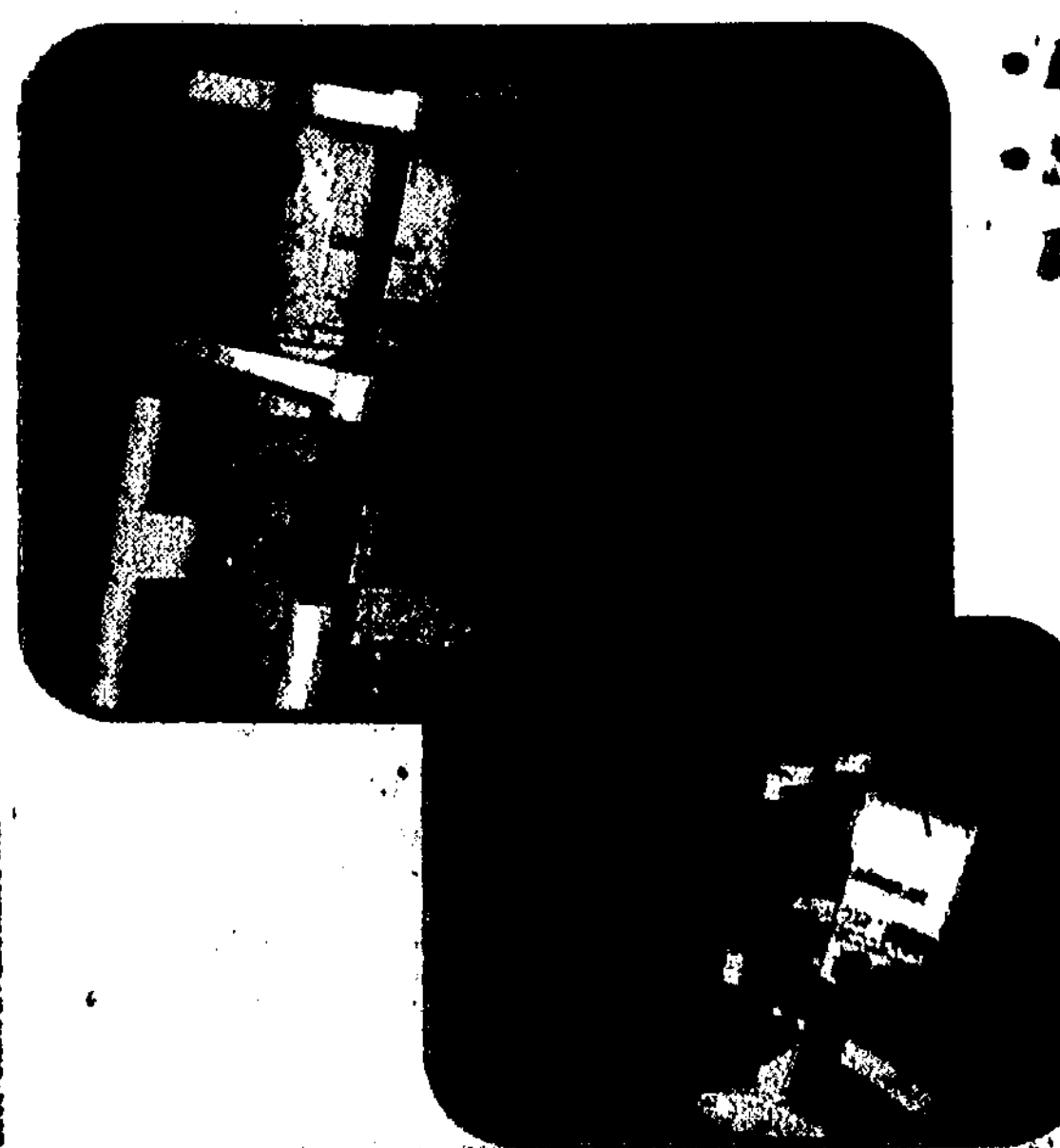
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County pays maximum reimbursement to LCMC

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After assurances that they stand on firm legal ground, Lincoln County commissioners agreed to request the maximum amount of sole community provider reimbursement for the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The assurance came from James Gibson, administrator of the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

Although County Attorney Alan Morel and County Manager Tom Stewart said they were concerned that the federal government may at some point require a dollar-for-dollar justification, Gibson said the hospital board will handle the liability if that happens later.

"I have seen nothing and I have looked diligently to answer the question of validation," he told county commissioners last month. "In my mind, there is nothing out there that says we are accountable strictly through the sole community for qualifying. We can include bad debt with it, I believe, because different coun-

ties" use different standards to qualify people for indigent medical care.

"In a sole-community situation, there is nobody to share the bad debt," he said. "That's why the federal government says it's an unfair burden, and we will support that facility."

Most commissioners agreed that the program, designed for hospitals that are the sole health provider for a community, is a vital financial help by matching 3.7 federal dollars for every one local dollar pledged. The county will pay \$374,000 as a match for a \$1,437,632 return in the 2003 fiscal year.

The next question was which fund to use to submit the quarterly payments.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said the state is considering taking from the counties a portion of the indigent care money generated by a 1/8th of a cent gross receipts tax.

Stewart explained that the state needs \$75 million and legislators are trying to work out an arrangement with counties "to reach down and take some of the indigent health care funds."

"Without the money we get (sole community), our bad debts would be more than \$4 million."

James Gibson
LCMC administrator

spend all of the money in their indigent 1/8th GRT and they have nothing left to support their citizens and physicians as intended."

Although, in Lincoln County's case, its payments to the state can come from either of its two sources, this year, he recommended that both

be pulled from the county's 1/8th GRT fund.

"With the state looking at the indigent 1/8th, I must be careful in how I advise you on that so that the state doesn't see it as a gold nugget," Stewart said.

Gibson explained that the sole community provider payment offsets the hospital's bad debt and indigent care and, "it is a vital element of how we operate and how we are able to keep rates low."

Stewart presented a chart showing the growth of the sole community payment from \$98,777 in 2000-2001, with a supplement payment of \$164,000 to \$297,050 in 2002-2003, with a supplement of \$63,502, for which the county was reimbursed by Presbyterian.

Although Hobbs voted for the payment, he said, "I'm not totally satisfied with all of this indigent care and sole provider thing, I have real problems philosophically with it, but we're bound that way. Maybe we can change it at some time in the future."

Commissioner Rick Simpson pointed out that the money from the indigent fund doesn't go to the indigent

person, but to the physicians and other health providers who previously were not being paid at all.

But Hobbs said, "What really bothers me about this whole thing is that I'm not sure I know enough about it to make an intelligent decision."

Gibson said the hospital's bad debt was \$2 million last year. "That's net," he said. "Without the money we get (sole community), our bad debts would be more than \$4 million. That's how we justify the numbers."

Commissioner Leo Martinez said a privately owned hospital would have more incentive to go after those bad debts for payment.

"It's not in interest of the hospital to go after the bad debt because it gets reimbursed three to one by the federal government. But that's your tax dollars. That's what bothers me the most," Martinez said.

Gibson took exception to the remark, saying it was ludicrous for the commissioner to imply the hospital would treat people differently to enhance a program that could be dropped by the federal government at any time.

Janet Drive gets test period

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nearing the end of a long battle over future maintenance of Janet Drive off Gavilan Canyon Road, the Lincoln County Commission agreed to add the road to its two-year test period list.

Don Huband asked for the inclusion after satisfying a checklist of work from county road manager Albert Hernandez.

The road became a symbol for routes in developments never built to standard, and was nearly destroyed when forest fires on national forest land above it was stripped of vegetation to slow the flow of water draining off the mountain.

But Hernandez told commissioners at their meeting last month he recommended acceptance into the 24-month wear trial period before a road is eligible to be included on the list receiving county maintenance. Hernandez said he inspected the road that morning and Huband "did everything I asked except for the stop sign, which is on order."

But Commissioner Earl Hobbs still was worried about the impact of a heavy rain. He pointed to a steel building undercut by drainage that was "hanging by one unsupported pole" north of Janet Drive.

"Is the culvert and drainage area dug out by the county adequate?" he asked Hernandez.

The road boss explained that silt washed down from the fire area plugged the culvert with debris, causing some flooding, but his crew created a basin to catch some of the silt and keep the water running.

Hobbs wondered if a future hard rain could undercut the road.

"If it rains three or four inches, yes," Hernandez said. "But I don't see how we could fix it and think it would never happen. We've done as much as we can for now. It can take

an inch of rain. Vegetation is coming back in the burnt area and will hold back a lot of drainage. I'm satisfied with it and they'll maintain it for two years."

"Janet Drive has been a nightmare for a couple of years," Hobbs said.

Hernandez said he's told Huband that before final acceptance in two years, he will probably recommend some more base be applied.

Reporting on a review of outstanding loans for the county's volunteer fire department, Stewart said only one appears to be a candidate for possible refinancing to save on interest in view of the lower rates available today.

The existing loans are for:

- \$107,000 for a Glencoe fire truck, issued in February 1999 at 5.251 percent interest and scheduled to be repaid by February 2006, with a remaining principal of \$47,000 and interests and fees of \$5,906.

- The \$128,206 loan on the Bonito fire building issued in November 2000 and due for payoff in May 2010 at a rate of 3.77 percent interest.

- The \$47,710 loan on the White Oaks fire building issued in November 2000 and due to be paid in May 2010 at a rate of 3 percent interest.

- And two loans issued in November for the Hondo fire truck and the Bonito fire truck of \$100,000 and \$150,000, respectively. Both pay off in May 2013. The interest for Hondo is 3.149 percent and for Bonito, 3.3 percent.

"The only loan that looks worthy of potential refinancing is Glencoe's," he said. "If the remaining principal were to be refinanced over 10 years at 3 percent interest, the cost of the interest and associated fee payments would come to about \$9,189. Tom Pollard with the New Mexico Finance Authority is looking at the possibility of a shorter period of payoff to see if there would be some savings on the loan worth considering."

Fatherhood training program helps local man

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

During a recent training session, a Camp Sierra Blanca participant grappled with how young, single fathers can heal the damage to their children when they are arrested or don't live in the same home.

Lucha Padilla from Capitan will return with the necessary skills to implement the fatherhood program at Camp Sierra Blanca.

The intensive five-day training seminar in early January sponsored by New Mexico Graduation Reality and Dual Role Skills (GRADS) was put together in response to national studies that reinforce the positive impact of fathers who are involved in the lives of their children.

Several fatherhood programs across the state will be implemented this year.

The training was headed by Dwaine Simms, a national MELD trainer, in conjunction with GRADS, a school-based teen parent program. GRADS aims to provide fatherhood programs to primarily young, single fathers between the

ages of 15 and 25.

The group used Welfare Reform dollars to fund five New Mexico organizations that will pilot the fatherhood program with flexibility to meet the unique needs of their communities.

Sharon Waggoner, GRADS state director, referred to the joining of the two programs as a "perfect marriage" with the objectives of GRADS and the priorities of Welfare Reform.

"Fatherhood takes on unique complexity for single and incarcerated fathers who wish to be involved in the lives of their children, but who do not reside with them," Waggoner said. "The Meld program has 15 years of experience working with single

fathers and NM GRADS has provided services to the state's teenagers for 14 years. Together, we expect to positively impact the lives of single fathers and their children."

Other fatherhood facilitators or coordinators who participated in the training were Benito Sanchez from Independence High School in Rio Rancho, Sharon Fox and Fermin Sena Jr. from Bernalillo High School, Randall Westfall, Tony Bower and Ernest Pargas from Trinity Christian Fellowship in Socorro, Leona Woelk and Ed Gonzales from Youth Development Inc. in Los Lunas, and Reina Acosta from Aztec Youth Academy in Las Cruces.

BLM to burn slash through March

■ Officials don't want the smoke to alarm local residents.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Crews from the Bureau of Land Management will continue burning piles of wood debris in Lincoln County through March.

Ed Roberson, BLM Roswell field office manager, said he wanted to alert residents so that they are not alarmed if they see smoke.

"We hope that the smoke will be a signal reminding residents of the work being done on their behalf to prevent catastrophic fires," he said.

The debris includes branches and brush gathered during fire fuel-thinning projects last year near Fort Stanton. Smoke from the small fires may be visible from Capitan, Fort Stanton, along U.S. 380 and State Route 37, and in the

Ranches of Sonterra subdivision.

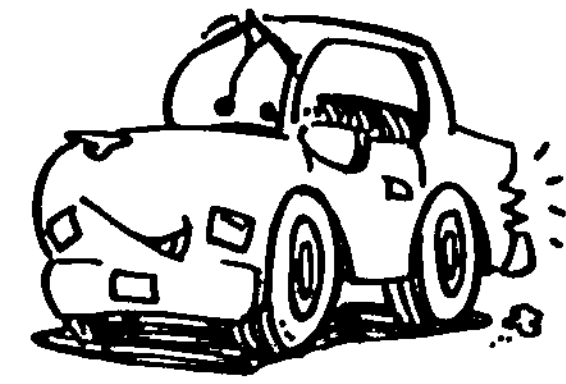
During the pile burning, the BLM staff also plans to create a fire-safe perimeter of "black line" for two controlled burns along the eastern and western borders of Fort Stanton, said Jim Desmond, BLM fire management officer. Dates for the controlled burns of 138 acres on the west boundary and 45

acres on the east boundary will be announced later, he said.

Local fire agencies will join BLM personnel and equipment to ensure safety during the burns that will be carried out only under specific weather permit.

For more information, call Allen Wyngaet, fuels management specialist at (505) 627-0313.

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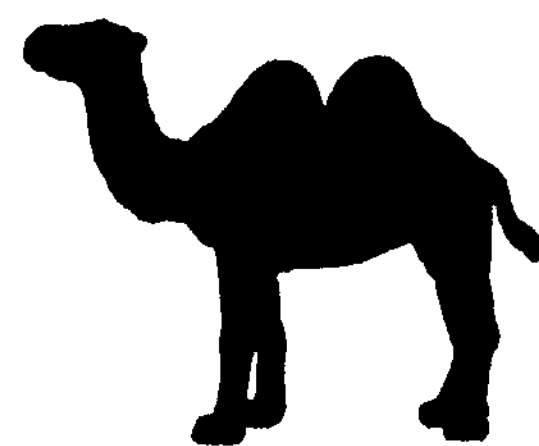


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Colts out-muscle Ruidoso in district tilt

NMMI coaches Kevin Jones and Clyde Williamson were tossed in the final seconds of the game, arguing at the lack of fouls in this very rough game.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It was an odd night at Ruidoso High Friday when the Warriors took on New Mexico Military Institute.

NMMI, led by big center Max LeBaron, took a 51-33 District 4-3A victory back to Roswell, but even with that win in hand near the end, the NMMI coaches did something very unusual.

With time winding down — 11 seconds, to be exact — Ruidoso was forced to foul to stop the clock in an attempt to come back on free throws. When backup guard Tai Otani was fouled hard at half court, Colt head coach Kevin Jones and assistant Clyde Williamson were so livid, they both got two technicals and were tossed from the game.

Remember, they won. Ruidoso coach Billy Page almost got a technical of his own earlier in the game, for much the same reason. This was a pretty rough game.

But the roughest part — for Ruidoso fans, anyway — is that the Warriors are now 0-2 in District 4-3A.

Ruidoso (6-12 overall) were unable to run like they normally do, while the Colts (12-5, 2-0 district) got the ball into LeBaron, who then scored almost at will.

"We didn't do a good job of keeping the ball out of Max's hands," Page said. "We needed to put good ball pressure on their guards, and we didn't do that."

"Our post didn't help any by letting Max have three or four feet to catch the ball," he added. "We worked on that all week, we just didn't do things the way we had practiced."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso post player Chance Hooper, left, passes around New Mexico Military players Max LeBaron, center, and Reid Marley Friday during the Warriors' 51-33 District 4-3A loss. LeBaron led all scorers with 23 points.

Max is a lot bigger and wider than we can simulate in practice."

LeBaron ended the night leading all scorers with 23 points, had eight rebounds and was the only Colt in double figures.

After the Warriors had forced a 4-all tie on a jumper by Cody Small, NMMI took control, going on a 9-3 run to close out the first quarter and never looked back.

Ruidoso was never able to get their transition offense

going thanks to good defensive pressure by the Colts.

"This was probably the best defensive team we've seen all year," Page said. "They did a good job of staying in their lanes and caused us to have a lot of turnovers."

Colts	12	5	21	51
Warriors	7	18	4	33
Three-point goals:	NMMI 3 (Richardson, Adams, Brannon), Ruidoso: NMMI 27 (Cassidy, Ruidoso 24 (Hooper), Ruidoso 3 (Cassidy 5), Ruidoso 9 (Small 2), Ruidoso 3 (Long 3), Ruidoso 3 (Hooper 2). Turnovers: NMMI 17, Ruidoso 10. Technical fouls: NMMI, head coach Kevin Jones (2), assistant coach Clyde Williamson (2).			

"They were taking away our outlet passes for the most part," he continued. "We also didn't do a good job of finding the open man in the middle of the floor when we were running. Those two things caused us to slow down and not get into a rhythm."

Chance Hooper — normally the Warrior's big scorer — was held to just four points on the night. A.J. Richardson had 12 points to lead Ruidoso, but all but two of those points came in the fourth quarter, when the game had already been decided.

The Warriors face Lovington Friday in a road game they'll need to win if they want to remain in the district race.

Junior Varsity

The outcome was decidedly different in the JV contest, as Ruidoso won, 50-40. Aaron Romero led the Warriors with 16 points, joined by Garrett Born's seven. Casey Williamson had 10 points to lead the Colts, while Reid Marley added seven.

Tiger teams sweep Hatch

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CAPTAIN — For once, the Capitan basketball teams were able to both win on the same night Saturday, as the Tiger cagers each got victories over District 5-2A rival Hatch at Cummins Gym.

The girls won 37-33, while the boys got the 55-49 victory. Both teams are now 2-1 in district.

Lady Tigers 37, Lady Bears 33

In what looked like a continuation of the bitter disputes played out on the volleyball court last fall, Hatch Valley gave the Lady Tigers all they could handle before free throws by Jessica and Melissa Becker and Jessica Tully-Mitchell put Capitan on top.

Interesting that it would be fouls and free throws that finally gave the Lady Tigers the win, as Capitan (8-9 overall) was only 17-33 from the foul line.

"Today was our bad day," said Capitan coach Sherry Gowen. "I think it's just the rivalry, we have more pressure, which is good. Neither one of us shot well, so it all worked out kind of good."

The Lady Tigers never trailed in the game, but were never really able to relax, either. Hatch (9-1, 2-1 district) came back from an 18-9 deficit in the second quarter to head into the locker room down 22-15.

Also making Capitan

uneasy was the benching of Jessica Becker, who did lead her team with 15 points, but had to sit out most of the third quarter with four fouls.

"It was tough, but we've got a lot of girls that can step in," Gowen said. "Kesley Stierwalt can go in there, Tully can bump in down there. It does hurt us, but we still have people that can go in there and take control."

"That's the whole idea of the team," he added. "I think that's why they're so confident. It's not that big a thing if she has to sit down. It's a good thing for everybody to get on the boards."

Stierwalt and Tully-Mitchell combined for 10 points in Becker's absence.

Of course, Hatch had foul problems of their own, when senior Becky Lack was forced to sit down in the second quarter, forcing Lady Bear coach Al Torske to put in some very young players.

Those young players didn't play that young in the third quarter, however, as Arriana Nazano hit two big three-pointers, including a trey and foul near the end of the period to pull her team to within just two points.

After a free throw by Eva Baca got Hatch to within one in the final quarter, Capitan began executing a more deliberate offense.

"Stalling is not our forte," Gowen said. "We were just

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Capitan's Chance Huddleston, left, does his best Michael Jordan impersonation as he drives past a pair of Hatch defenders during the Tigers' 55-49 victory Saturday in Capitan.

Lady Warriors can't pull out win over Lovington

Portales game Friday even more critical in District 4-3A race

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After two scoreless minutes Friday in Lovington, the Ruidoso Lady Warriors got on the board first with a three-pointer, but it was their only lead of the game.

Lovington made sure that trey was the only field goal the Lady Warriors got in the first quarter and led the rest of the game, eventually taking the 54-41 win.

Despite being down 12-5 after the first quarter, Ruidoso (5-11, 0-2 District 4-3A) was able to get to within six points by halftime, and hung around the Lady Wildcats — much as they had done against Portales last Tuesday.

But like that Portales game, the Lady

Warriors couldn't do what was needed to take control in the end.

Fouls hurt — Ruidoso was whistled 10 times in the second half, compared to just four for Lovington in the second half. As a result, Lovington (11-8, 1-1) — who had used their speed to get past the Lady Warrior defense — won the game at the free throw line in the end.

Beth Robinson had 12 points to lead Ruidoso as the only Lady Warrior in double figures. Lovington, meanwhile, got 14 points from Jessica Jamieson and 10 points from Genevieve Olivas as all but four Lady Wildcats scored in the game.

The Lady Warriors will again face Portales on the road on Friday, then host Lovington next Tuesday.

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Ski Report

Ski Apache
Weather at Report Time: Partly cloudy
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 38 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed and machine groomed
Skiing Conditions: Good
Trails Open: All 55 trails
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
Trails Groomed This Morning: Ambush, Apache Bowl, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Caliente, Capitan, Cliff, Elk Liffline, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Lower Deep Freeze, Moonshine, Oscars, Ring Tail, Roys Run, SBT, The Face, Upper Deep Freeze, Lower Mountain Novice Slopes
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Partly cloudy Tuesday and mostly cloudy Wednesday
Suggested Runs: Steep, Caliente and Ringtail; Intermediate Cruise, Ambush; Tame and Wide, Lower Moonshine

Prep Scores

Thursday, Jan. 30
Boys Basketball
Mountainair 65, Corona 20
Girls Basketball
Mountainair 52 Corona 25
Friday, Jan. 31
Boys Basketball
New Mexico Military Institute 51, Ruidoso 33
Mountainair 87, Carrizozo 39
Hondo 78, Mesalero 43
Girls Basketball
Lovington 54, Ruidoso 41
Carrizozo 71, Mountainair 61
Hondo 65, Mesalero 51
Saturday, Feb. 1
Boys Basketball
Capitan 55, Hatch 49
Temple Baptist 68, Carrizozo 41
Victory Christian 51, Corona 24
Girls Basketball
Capitan 37, Hatch 33
Carrizozo 74, Temple Baptist 29
Victory Christian 31, Corona 23

Preps on Tap

Wednesday, Feb. 5
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo at Mesalero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo at Mesalero, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6
Boys Basketball
Capitan at Cloudcroft, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Bosque Prep at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.
Capitan at Cloudcroft, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7:30 p.m.
Hondo at Gateway Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mesalero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Hondo at Gateway Christian, 6 p.m.
Lake Arthur at Mesalero, 6 p.m.
Ruidoso at Portales, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8
Boys Basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg, 6 p.m.
Tatum at Mesalero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Capitan at Lordsburg, 4 p.m.
Tatum at Mesalero, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Youth Basketball in Albuquerque
North American Youth Sports will hold an annual youth basketball tournament at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque April 11-13. The tournament will feature brackets for boys and girls for grades 5-12, and all grades are based on what grade in which the student is currently enrolled. Entry fee for the tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Entry deadline is March 17. For additional information or entry forms, call the NAYS hotline at 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Susan Kabala at (505)-898-0969.

Chiefs split with Hondo

BY KAREN BOEHLER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Mescalero's Lady Chiefs remained perfect in District 8A play Friday, defeating Hondo 65-51. The Chiefs (11-5, 3-0), never trailed in the home-court tilt, leading the Eagles 21-11 after one, 41-22 at the half and 53-37 after three.

Mescalero's Augusta had all scorers with 22 points while Nicole Dolan picked up 17.

Josephine Gutierrez put in 20 for Hondo, while Angelica Chavez had 13.

The Mescalero boys remain winless in district at 0-3 (3-8 overall), but coach Christie LaPaz is pleased with how his young team is progressing.

The Chiefs lost seven players early this year to eligibility and its effects.

La Paz recruited four new players just to be able to keep a team on the court, and it's been tough, with the Chiefs getting blown away.

But Friday, while they lost, they played a lot bet-

ter, falling 78-43 to the Eagles.

"Game by game, they're doing a little better," La Paz said. "The boys really don't have any basketball experience at all, and that really hurts. After losing seven players, and picking up four and trying to work with them, it's just like starting all over."

Jacob Glossup led the Chiefs with 18 points, and while he didn't score in double figures, La Paz had praise for a ninth grader.

"Quisbo Enjady, for a freshman and hardly ever playing ball, he's really trying to take the leadership, and I'm proud of that," the coach said. "With kids quitting and eligibility trouble, just trying to find some more boys to play ball, that's hard. But they didn't quit and I didn't quit, so we just try to have a good game. Every game we'll try to improve."

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

'Zozo girls win two, boys still struggling

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The girls won two, the boys lost two.

That's pretty much how it's gone for the Carrizozo basketball teams this season.

The Grizzlies dropped a pair of District 7-1A contests to Mountainair and Temple Baptist, while the girls — still recovering from the flu bug that decimated their team last week — got some decisive wins.

"I don't think we played as well as we should," said Carrizozo coach Mel Holland of his team's 71-61 victory over Mountainair last Thursday. "We had an 18-point lead at

one point. It was more conditioning than anything else that did that to us."

The Mountainair boys easily defeated the Grizzlies, 87-39, a much different result than the 60-40 decision won by the Mustangs in Carrizozo on Jan. 18.

"They just blew us away," Holland said. "We're so young and inconsistent, it's hard to tell if they were intimidated by being in Mountainair, or what."

The boys did play a bit better against Temple Baptist Saturday at home, but still fell 68-41 to a team that will likely battle Mountainair for this year's district crown.

The Lady Grizzlies, meanwhile, ran all over Temple Baptist in a 74-29 victory.

"I think we played better, but it's hard to say against a team as young as Temple was," Holland said.

Carrizozo played a pair of district contests against Corona Tuesday, and faces Mescalero tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Mescalero. After that, the Grizzlies teams take on Bosque Prep at home on Thursday.

"I think this will help both of us," Holland said of the Mescalero game tonight. "It will be good to play somebody outside of the district at this time of year."

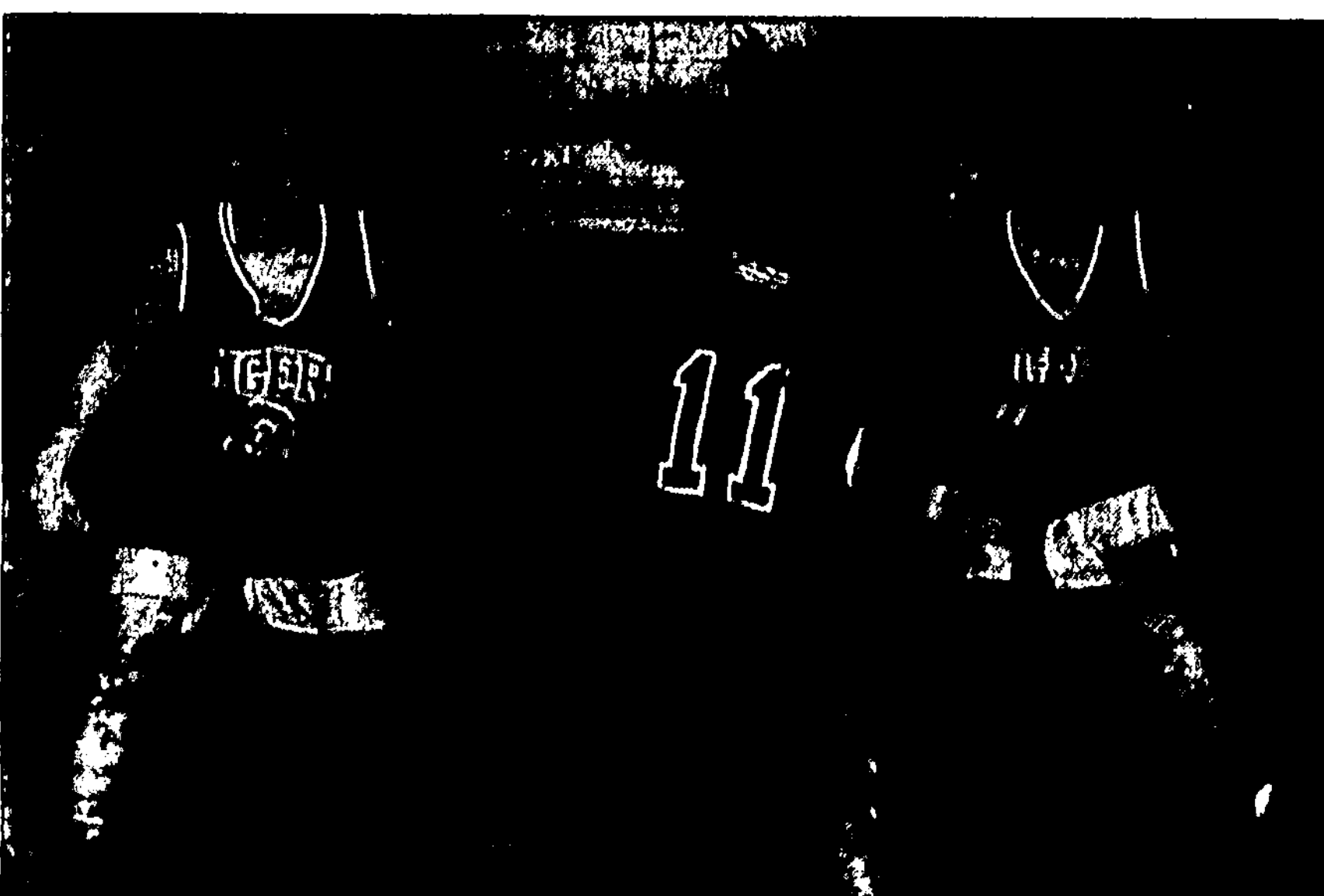
CAPTAN: Double wins in district for Tigers

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working the ball around. In the past, we've had the adrenaline and electricity of a team trying to come back on us, and we act like we're the ones behind.

"We just worked it around and got an open look," she added. "That's what we want, get the open look plus the foul."

All those fouls eventually paid off, and the Lady Tigers preserved the slim margin of victory.



Capitan players Catherine Wood, left, and Melissa Becker, right, guard Hatch's Amber Rodriguez Saturday during the Lady Tigers' 37-33 District 5-2A win in Capitan.

Tigers 55, Bears 49

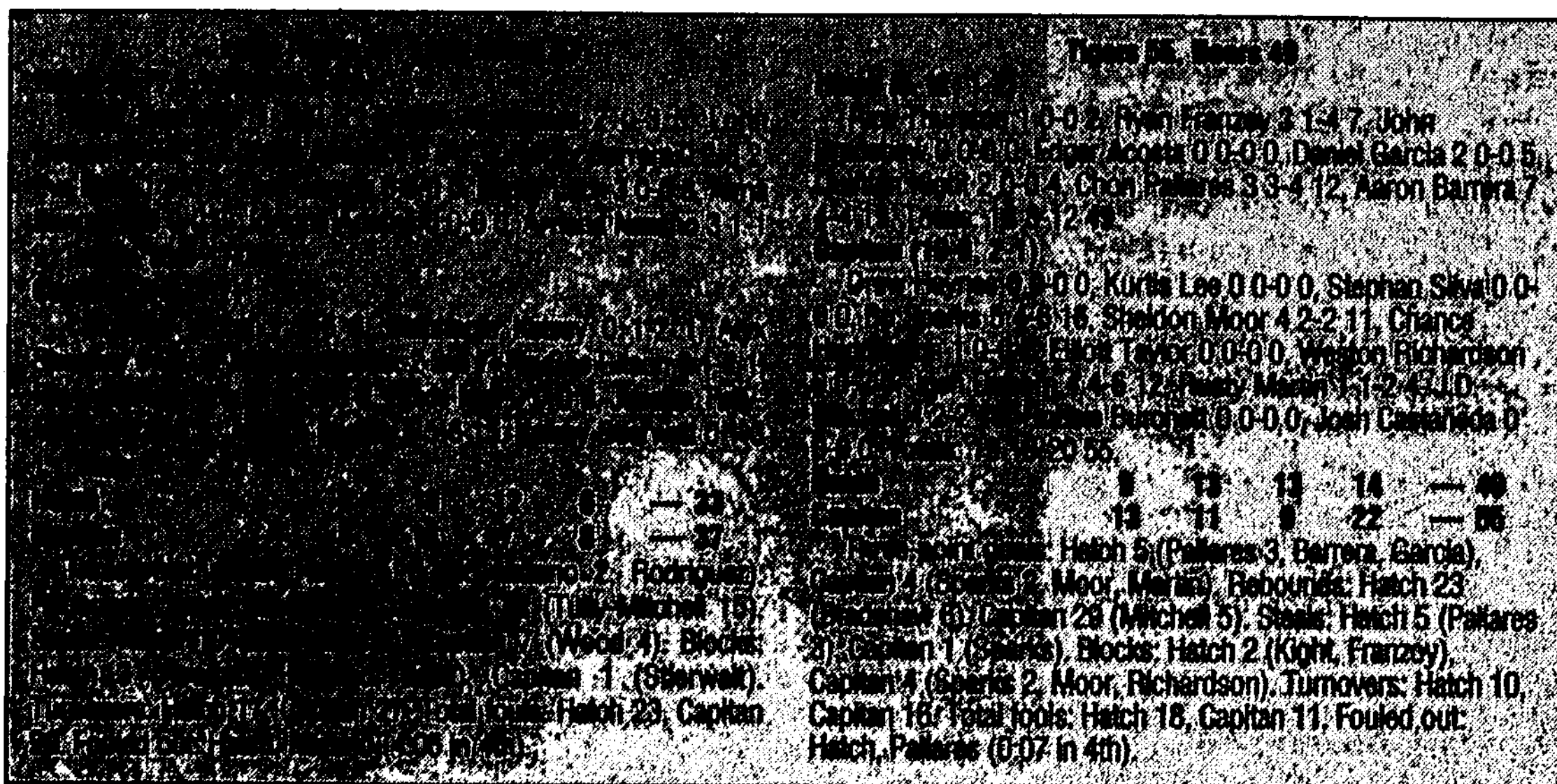
The boys had a difficult time of it as well, finding themselves behind after three quarters and needing some key foul shots near the end to preserve the win.

"We know all the way around — top to bottom in the district; if you're not ready to play, teams will come after you every night," said Tiger coach Royce Brown. "We weren't expecting anything less."

The two teams traded leads throughout the second and third quarters, but the Bears (5-12, 1-2) eventually took a solid lead late in the third period, mostly on the shooting of Chon Pallares.

Pallares had three treys on the night and was a blur of red on the court all throughout the game, getting three of the Bears' five steals.

"I don't know if he ate a whole batch of chili peppers or what, but he was



running on them," Brown said. "We broke down a little defensively, and eventually wanted to stay on him tighter. They played well, and we had to dig down and find something. That's a positive, too."

Pallares had 12 points, while Aaron Barrera led Hatch with 19.

Capitan took the lead for good with 6:11 left in the game on a pair of free throws by J.D. Mitchell, who had 10 points for the Tigers. Bo Sparks led the team with 16, followed by Josh Osborn with 12 points and Sheldon Moor with 11.

Even though the Tigers didn't trail the rest of the way, Hatch was still breathing down their necks, behind 49-47 with 1:11 left in the game following a three-pointer by Barrera. It was 30

seconds later that Osborn was fouled making a shot, and the three-point play gave the Tigers the boost they needed for the win.

"We emphasize those shots and try to carry it over from practice into the game," Brown said. "We try to make the games like practice and practice like games."

Capitan faces Clondcroft on Thursday and then travels to Lordsburg Saturday. Brown feels good about the programs now that they're both three games into the district season.

"I think they believe in the system and are getting production from other parts of the bench," Brown said. "As long as that keeps going and kids keep stepping up — barring injuries you can't control — we've got good things ahead, but we'll have to work our butts off."

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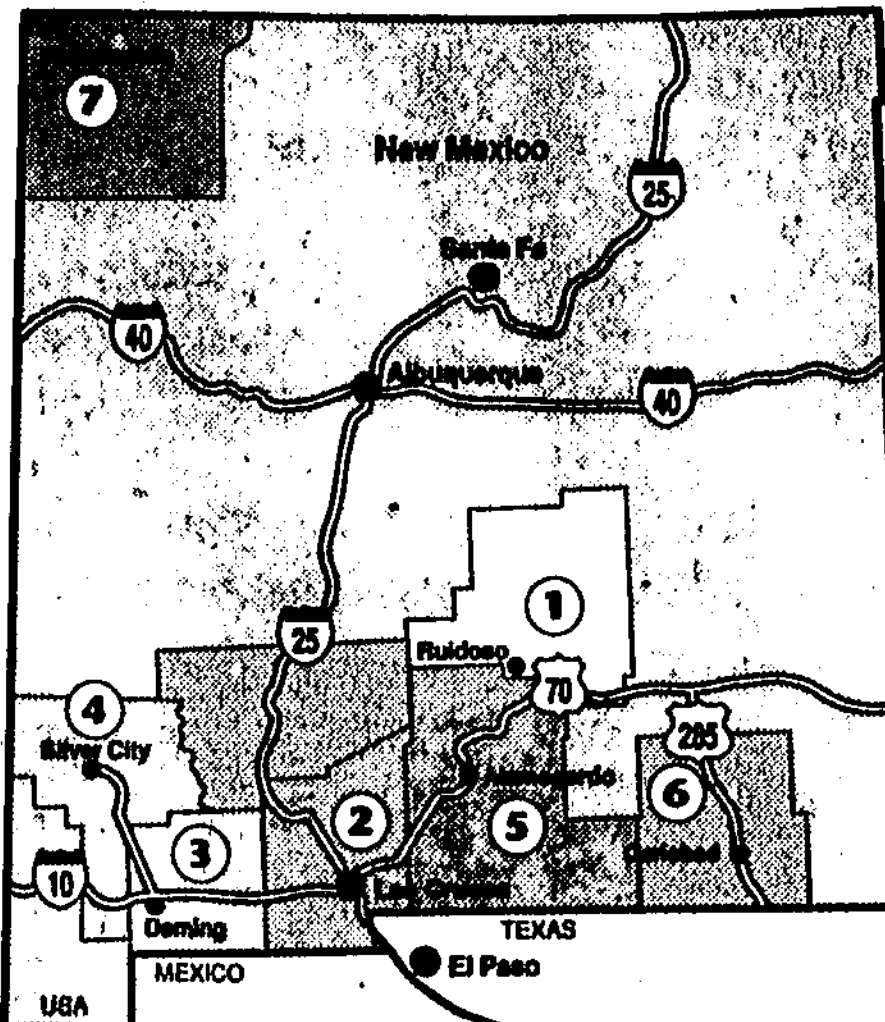
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Notice of Special Master's
Sale of Real Estate

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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ABOVE CAPTIONED
MATTER, THE SPECIAL
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AMERICA THE REAL ES-
TATE DESCRIBED BE-
LOW.

THE DATE, TIME AND
PLACE OF SAID SALE IS:

Date: March 4, 2003
Place: Administration Of-
fices located at Cree Mead-
ows Dr., Ruidoso, NM
88345

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Real Estate:

Common Description: 122
Highway 54 S.
Carrizozo, NM 88301

Legal Description: See
EXHIBIT "A", attached

The date of the Court Order
is September 13, 2002,
pursuant to which an
Order of Sale was is-
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\$44,105.01 plus interest,
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and costs to preserve the
Real Estate, including ad-
valorem property taxes.
Additional interest of
\$11.74 per day shall ac-
cure to the date of said
sale.

Special Master:
KLEINSMITH & ASSOCI-
ATES, P.C.

Jeanie Clancy
Attorneys for Plaintiff
621 Highway 70 W #14
Ruidoso, NM 88345
505-258-2202

By: Philip M. Kleinsmith,
#6261
6035 Erin Park Dr., #203
Colorado Springs, CO
80918
1-800-842-8417

STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF EL PASO

Acknowledged, subscribed
and sworn to before me on
the 15th day of January,
2003, by Philip M. Klein-
smith at Colorado Springs,
Colorado. My commission
expires: 3/28/06.

(SEAL)

/s/Rachel Astemborski
Notary Public

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TO COLLECT A DEBT AND
ANY INFORMATION OBTAIN-
ED FROM YOU WILL BE
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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South 1/2 of Section 9,
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Mexico Project No. F-
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553.63 feet; thence N
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85.88 feet; thence N
45°08'13" E a distance of
317.77 feet; thence N
60°10'25" E a distance of
364.76 feet; thence S
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555.64 feet; thence S
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762.00 feet to the said
place of beginning, and
containing 9.999 acres,
more or less.

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Model GM4 4x4
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Model GM4 4x4

All bids submitted must be
clearly marked on the out-
side of the sealed envel-
ope with the words "Bid
on Pickup". Bids may be
mailed to Capitan-Carrizo-
zo Natural Gas, PO Box
640, Capitan, NM 88316
or hand-delivered to 217
Lincoln, Capitan, NM. All
bids must be received by
4:30 PM, February 14,
2003. Bids received after
that date and time will be

returned unopened. Faxed
bids cannot be accepted.

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

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/s/Kay Strickland
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36 Counting everything

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38 Art shop buy

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tion, \$29,500, 653-4382**#5412 2T (2)5,12****LEGAL NOTICE****INVITATION TO BID****BID NUMBER 03-01**

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids for the renovation of the municipal swimming pool. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 247, 105 6th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301, telephone number (505) 848-2371, no later than 4:00PM, Friday, February 21, 2003, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be clearly marked 03-01 Renovation of municipal swimming pool. The successful bid will be awarded by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting at 6:00PM, Tuesday, March 11, 2003, in the Council Chambers, 105 6th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Specifications will not be given over the telephone. Questions regarding this bid should be directed to Leann Wehbrecht, Town Clerk/Treasurer, at (505) 848-2371.

/s/Leann Wehbrecht,

CMC

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Carrizozo

#5392 4T (1)22,29 (2)5,12**LEGAL NOTICE****STATE OF NEW****MEXICO,****COUNTY OF LINCOLN****12TH JUDICIAL****DISTRICT**

Associates Financial

Services Company, Inc.

(A Division Of CitiFinan-

cial)

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Case No. CV-02-102

(1)LeNora Patricia Pino

(2)Unknowns: All Un-

known Occupants And/Or

Tenants Of The Subject

Real Estate

(3)Unknowns: All Un-
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Party Herein And All Other
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Whose Names Are Un-
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Defendant(s).

Notice of Special Master's**Sale of Real Estate**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER IN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER, THE SPECIAL MASTER INDICATED BE-
LOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED BE-

THE DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF SAID SALE IS:

Date: March 4, 2003
Place: Administration Offi-
ces located at Cree Mead-
ows Dr., Ruidoso, NM
88345

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Real Estate:**Common Description:** 122

Highway 54 S.

Carrizozo, NM 88301

Legal Description: See

EXHIBIT "A", attached

The date of the Court Order is September 13, 2002, pursuant to which an Order of Sale was issued on September 13, 2002. The referenced Court Order entered judgment for Plaintiff for \$44,105.01 plus interest, costs of this action, including all costs of the sale and costs to preserve the Real Estate, including ad valorem property taxes. Additional interest of \$11.74 per day shall accrue to the date of said sale.

Special Master:

KLEINSMITH & ASSOCI-

ATES, P.C.

Jeanie Clancy

Attorneys for Plaintiff

621 Highway 70 W #14

Ruidoso, NM 88345

505-258-2202

By: Philip M. Kleinsmith,

#6261

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1-800-842-8417

STATE OF COLORADO**COUNTY OF EL PASO**

Acknowledged, subscribed

and sworn to before me on

the 15th day of January,

2003, by Philip M. Klein-

smith at Colorado Springs,

Colorado. My commission

expires: 3/28/06.

(SEAL)

/s/Rachel Astemborski

Notary Public

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All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the words "Bid on Pickup". Bids may be mailed to Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas, PO Box 640, Capitan, NM 88316 or hand-delivered to 217 Lincoln, Capitan, NM. All bids must be received by 4:30 PM, February 14, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be

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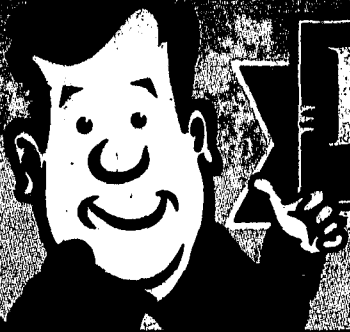
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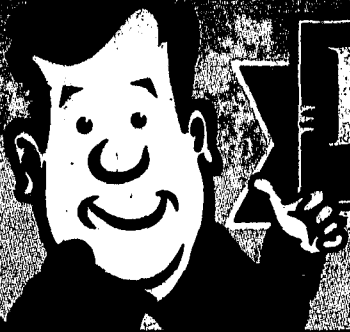


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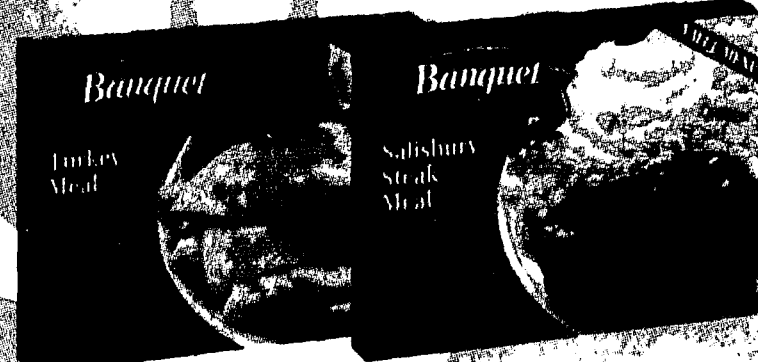
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 BestYet Soft Spread 2.30 3 Lb. Tube For	 Selected Varieties Boston Market 3.49 13-16 Oz. Pkg.	
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Selected Varieties
Folgers
Coffee
559





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Cntr.



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Snack Stacks
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8 Packs
For

 BestYet Lima Beans 79¢ 15 oz. Pkg.	 Cremora Creamer 1 99 16 oz. Btl.	 BestYet Potato Chips 69¢ 6.5 oz. Pkg.	 BestYet Pie Filling 1 89 21 oz. Can
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 BestYet Apple Pie Filling 1 29 21 oz. Can	 La Choy Sweet & Sour Sauce 1 29 10 oz. Btl.	 La Choy Chicken Bl-Paks 2 \$6 42-43.5 oz. Cans For	 La Choy Chop Suey Vegetables 1 65 14 oz. Pkg.
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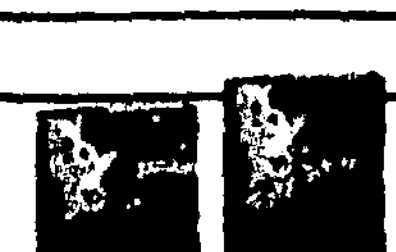


 La Choy Water Chestnuts 1 15 8 oz. Can	 La Choy Chow Mein Noodles 99¢ 5 oz. Cntr.	 Hunt's Tomatoes 89¢ 14.5 oz. Can
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 Meat Flavor Ragu Express 2 69 24.7oz. Box	 It's Pasta Anytime Dinners 1 99 11.5-15.25 oz. Pkg.	 Chef Boyardee Pasta 95¢ 15 oz. Can	 Healthy Choice Soup 1 59 16 oz. Can
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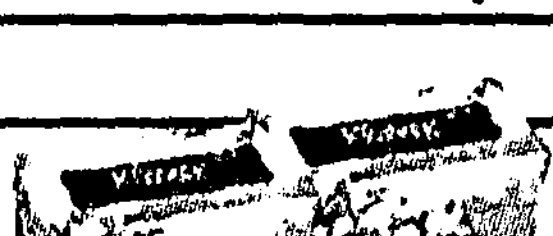


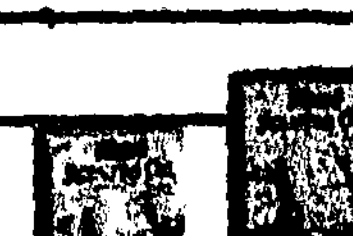
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 Quaker Bag Cereal 2 \$6 32 oz. Bags For	 Berry Burst Cheerios 2 69 11 oz. Box	 Nabisco Nilla Wafers or Ritz Crackers 2 \$5 11-16 oz. Pkg.	 Lay's Potato Chips 1 99 12.25 Oz. Pkg.
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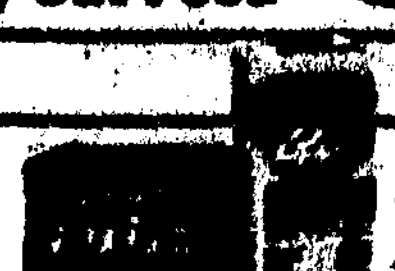

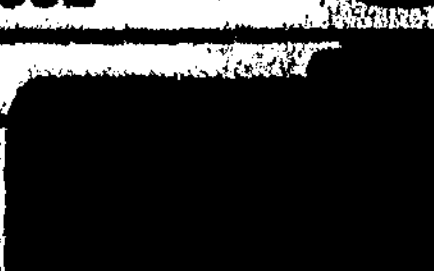
 BestYet Quick Oats 99¢ 18 oz. Box	 Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice 2 69 64 oz. Bottle	 Hungry Jack Pancake Mix 1 79 37 oz.-23 Lb. Box	 Hungry Jack Maple Syrup 2 59 27.8 oz. Cntr.
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 Martha White Muffin Mixes 6 \$5 7-8.1 oz. Pkg. For	 Pillsbury Brownie Mix 1 59 13.5-20 oz. Box	 IGA or BestYet Sweetened Condensed Milk 1 19 14 oz. Can	 Arm & Hammer Liquid Detergent 3 19 100 oz. Cntr.
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 Kleenex Cottonelle Bath Tissue 2 \$4 99 8-12 Oz. Pkg. For	 Oxi-Clean Stain Remover 2 99 1.5 Lb. Cntr.	 Purex Detergent 3 39 36.4-128 oz. Cntr.	 Renzult Pillars & Candles 99¢ 7.5-9 oz. Cntr.
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 Kleenex Family Facial Tissue 1 59 144-220 Oz. Box	 Dial or Coast Bar or Pump 1 79 7.5-18 oz. Pkg.	 Lemon Electrasol Powder 2 99 65 oz. Box	 Crisp Breeze Wizard Oil Starter Kit 3 99 3.5 oz. Pkg.
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 Alpo Canned Dog Food 2 \$1 13.5 oz. Cans For	 Alley Cat 7 Lb. Bag Dry Cat Food 3 49 13.5 oz. Btl. For	 Super Scoop Arm & Hammer Scoop Litter 6 99 21 Lb. Box	 Mighty Dog Canned Dog Food 59¢ 8.5 oz. Can
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 Johnson & Johnson Baby Products 2 \$5 8-16 oz. Cans For	 Vicks 44 Liquid or Vaporub 3 99 1.75-3 oz. Btl. For	 Scripto Airm n Flame 2 99 1 Oz. Pkg.	 BestYet MaxiPads or Maxi w/Wings 2 49 14-24 Oz. Pkg.
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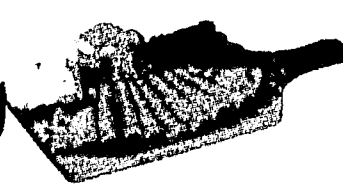
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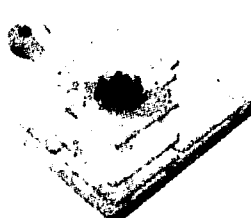
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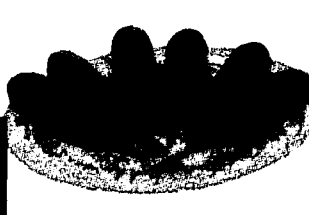
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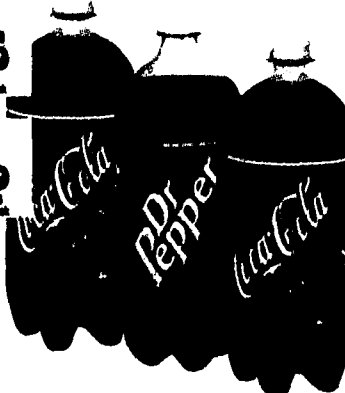
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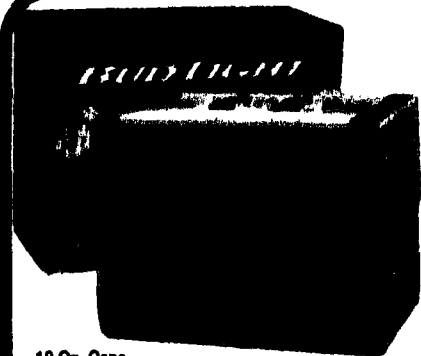
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3 Liter
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3 Liter
Coke or Dr Pepper

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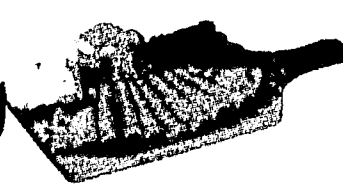
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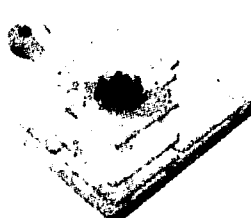
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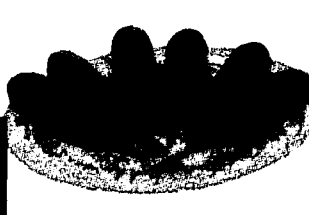
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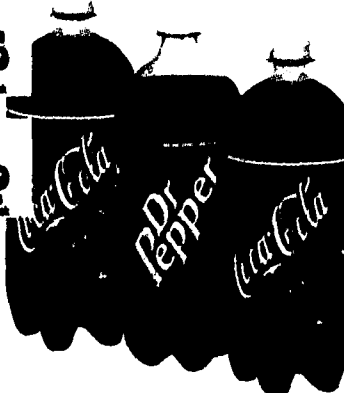
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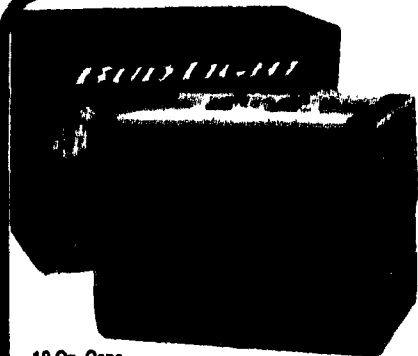
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