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Bill would close Carrizozo court

Local judges are concerned about the impact on residents in northern Lincoln County.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

State senator Manny Aragon has reintroduced a bill that would dissolve the magistrate court in Carrizozo. Senate Bill 143 addresses closing

numerous magistrate courts in New Mexico, among them, the Division I Magistrate Court located in Carrizozo. The bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Rules Committee on Thursday.

Aragon, a Democrat from Albuquerque, first submitted this bill in Dec. 2001, but it was tabled before it got out of the first of three committees it had to pass. Back again, it is causing great concern in the Lincoln County court system because of its impact on

the already burdened court dockets.

When the bill was first submitted, Aragon said it was aimed at cutting costs by eliminating underperforming courts across New Mexico. The current bill would cut six magistrate courts in five districts, while adding one magistrate each in the districts of Dona Ana, San Juan and Santa Fe.

Other districts will have circuit courts cut, keeping a magistrate's court at one site. For instance, in the

Guadalupe District, the magistrate judge would no longer travel to Vaughn, forcing residents to drive to Santa Rosa instead.

In a letter sent to Petra J. Maes, Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court, Lincoln County Div. I Magistrate Judge Martha M. Proctor said statistics used to support cause for the closing of the Carrizozo court do

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Ruidoso police officers Corky Condon and Michael Driscoll pose with toys donated by the Order of Eastern Star. Police Chief Lanny Maddox stands at left with OES worthy matron and worth patron Mary Helen and Bob Casebolt

Toys for troubled tots

Civic organization donates 60 stuffed animals for RPD to take on calls

BY SANDY SUGGITT

The "Toys for Tots in Crises" project delivered about 60 stuffed animals to the Ruidoso Police Department Tuesday for all Lincoln County law enforcement agencies.

Mary Helen and Bob Casebolt, worthy matron and patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Ruidoso Chapter No. 65, said the chapter voted to support local law enforcement for its project this year.

When they have them, officers keep stuffed animals in their patrol cars to calm children during incidents of domestic violence, said Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

"I've used them on traffic accidents when the mother had to be transported (to the hospital) so I took the child and gave her a stuffed animal," said Michael Driscoll, a Ruidoso police offi-

cer. Officer Corky Condon said Ruidoso officers alone go through a couple dozen stuffed animals each month, and Maddox said this was a timely and welcome donation, as the supply room had completely run out.

The Order of Eastern Star brought in several other batches of stuffed animals for children caught up in family crises before Christmas and in the fall.

"This gives children an exchange of love," Mary Helen Casebolt said.

"We feel this is a worthy thing to do, and if we can get local people to drop them off, we can fill that room up," Bob Casebolt said.

Maddox said funding for the department's Victim's Advocate pro-

gram is expected to decrease 15 to 17 percent, while the number of domestic violence cases has been increasing.

Dawna Reyes, the receptionist and victim's advocate with the Ruidoso Police Department, said that she had expected about 60 advocacy cases for the fiscal year, but she's taken on 84 already in the first six months.

"The prior year it was 106 cases," she said. "With the program here we deal with victims of all violent crimes. The primary focus is domestic violence, but we've had sexual assaults, we've had the victims of the two robberies and survivors of homicide in the past. There is a definite increase as far as domestic violence, but I think it's just an overall awareness."

"This gives children an exchange of love."

Mary Helen Casebolt
Order of Eastern Star

"If you left the door open, you could be stuck with any number of (designs)."

Mike Rannels
planning director

Hearing set to consider easing regulation on ham antennae

Planning officials want to accommodate radio users — that is, within reason.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A proposed ordinance to relax the regulation of ham radio antennae by including them as an accessory use in residential areas is set for public hearing Feb. 18.

The Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission hashed out some final details last week, including setting up specifications and asking amateur radio enthusiast Harvey Foster to come back with proposed wording to cover horizontal antennae.

Foster explained that the problem arose when an ordinance was passed years ago to require a conditional use

permit for commercial transmission towers. Inadvertently, amateur radio towers were lumped in as falling under that category.

"It's our intention to take them out and put them into accessory uses to our homes," Foster said.

The amateurs realized some concessions might be needed to complete the switch without upsetting other people in the community, he said. The ham operators proposed following specifications used in Las Cruces that limit antennae to 65 feet in height, a 2-foot maximum width for bottom legs and a maximum 35 feet for the main structure. Anything larger would

require a conditional use permit. If all antennae were vertical, those specifications would be fine,

Foster said. But some are horizontal or consist of a thin "long" wire or wires. The latter are so unobtrusive, he suggested no restrictions for them.

Foster cited several owners of large horizontal antennae, one in Highwood Estates, that have never generated complaints. He reminded the board that federal communications law required "reasonable accommodation" of ham radio antennae by municipalities, primarily because of their role in coordinating disaster communications. The federal law contains no

size specifications, he pointed out.

Zoning Commission Chairman Glen Barrows said "reasonable accommodation" doesn't mean no restrictions.

Village planning director Mike Rannels said, "If you left the door open, you could be stuck with any number of (designs). Ultimately, it's this board and the village council that are answerable to the public."

The board can approve exceptions, but must have rules in place on which to base action, he said. As an accessory use with no restrictions, the board would have no power to deny any antennae, he said.

The board also set a hearing for a change on classifications of churches, which would become conditional uses in commercial zones, as they now are in residential zones.

Jail guard sex arrest leads to inquiry

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An investigation that resulted in criminal charges against one guard last week precipitated the resignation or suspension of two more from the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo by Tuesday.

County Manager Tom Stewart said only former guard Robert D. MacKenzie has been charged with criminal sexual penetration while in a position of authority, but the investigation is ongoing. The long-time guard was charged on Feb. 4.

"This all came up several weeks ago when a person, who wants to remain anonymous, told me there was a problem in the jail, essentially trading favors for cigarettes," Stewart said.

The manager contacted the acting jail administrator and former administrator Mike Borrego, who now consults as a representative of Correctional Systems Inc., the company that manages the 120-bed jail for the county.

"They got right on it," Stewart said. "They called in the District Attorney and the State Police. We've lost three (CSI) employees so far and the investigation is on-going. Heads are rolling and rightfully so."

Stewart said MacKenzie "was one of the first to switch from the county when the company (CSI) took over," Stewart said. "He had been with us quite a while. Detention officers are like gods, because they have total authority. I'm waiting to see the investigator's report."

"I'm glad I have an open-door policy so people can bring things to me. I need feedback to be able to do something. If you don't know there's a problem, you can't fix it."

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Public lands grazing fee reduced

■ The lower price is good news for ranchers using BLM and U.S. Forest Service land.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Good news for Lincoln County ranchers: The grazing fee for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service is going down this year.

Last year, ranchers with grazing allotments paid \$1.42 per animal unit month. This year, the fee will go down seven cents to \$1.35 AUM under a formula established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act and continued under a presidential executive order issued in 1986.

In 2002, 43 people held permits in the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, accounting for about 100,000 acres.

A spokesman for the BLM's Roswell district office said 235 permits were issued in 2002 to Lincoln County ranchers covering 475,000 acres of managed land and representing 94,000 AUMs. An individual may hold multiple permits, he said.

In the fiscal year of 1995-96, the grazing fee was \$1.61. The next year it dropped to \$1.35 and remained there until last year, when it went up 7 cents.

An animal unit month is the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and her calf, or one horse, or five sheep or goats for one month. Under the executive order, the grazing fee can't fall below \$1.35 AUM.

The annually adjusted grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of

\$1.23 per AUM for livestock grazing on public lands in the Western United States. The figure then is adjusted on three factors: current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices and the cost of livestock production. The fee slipped this year primarily because of a decline in beef cattle prices in 2002, according to Tom Gorey with the BLM.

The new rate will take effect March 1 and applies to 16 Western states on public lands administered by the two federal agencies. The covered states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

A different rate is applied by the Forest Service to the National Grasslands and to lands under management in Eastern states.

Cold weather forces closure of U.S. 70

Friday's shutdown was blamed on black ice

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The highway east from Ruidoso Downs was closed for three hours Friday as black ice created hazardous conditions on U.S. 70.

A spokesman for the Alamogordo office of the New Mexico State Police said the two-lane route was closed at 7 a.m. because of black ice and reopened

about 10:15 a.m. Before the closing, two accidents, one with minor injuries, were reported on the route.

More accidents occurred under the jurisdiction of the Roswell office, the spokesman said.

Some light snow fell Saturday night and into Sunday, but no serious accidents were reported, the state police dispatcher said.

COURT: Legislature to tell fate of magistrate court

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not accurately portray the court load she handles. The case reporting system up until very recently had no method to track cases handled by the judge when she traveled to other courts to handle overload cases there. That left the statistic reflecting light caseload in Carrizozo and nothing more, she wrote.

The court also took in more than \$128,000 in fine fees from July 2000 to June 2001, and issued 493 warrants from July 2001 to June 2002, according to Proctor. The judge added that 190 warrants have been issued since July of last year to present.

Proctor regularly travels to other areas, handling the overload cases of another magistrate judge. This helps balance the caseload in the district, negating the need and expense to have another judge placed in an area where a "part-time" judge suffices.

Closing the Magistrate Court in Carrizozo and deleting the judgeship there could put added burden on an already fully loaded magistrate court in Ruidoso and return the burden of overload to the courts Proctor travels to on a regular basis, she wrote.

"I have been a public servant for 14 years, first as a county clerk, now as a judge," Proctor said in an interview Tuesday. "I feel strongly that this (action) would disenfran-

chise the rights of the citizens."

According to Lorena Lamay, chief clerk at the Div. II Magistrate Court in Ruidoso, the court, run by Judge William Butts, handled 2,853 cases in 2002.

Lamay said that if the Carrizozo court was dissolved, its clerks would be reassigned, so while the Ruidoso court would see an increased caseload, it would also have increased manpower to handle it.

She did express concern that reassignment could take a while, thus increasing the workload before the extra clerks arrive. Carrizozo's magistrate court employs 1 1/2 clerks.

Lamay also said that having a magistrate in Carrizozo is better for several reasons, including proximity to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and to outlying areas to the north. Butts would likely run a circuit court in Carrizozo one or two days a week, she said.

Butts said the most recent caseload study done found that the county needed 1.3 magistrate judges. And while he said he could likely handle the extra caseload, the distance many people would have to travel would be the biggest burden.

"Nobody would like to drive 40 miles for a traffic ticket (case)," he said. "The way it stands, I would be opposed to

it because of the hardship to the people."

In her letter, Proctor pointed out that magistrate judges are on call 24 hours a day to do warrants, bonds, releases and other services. Lincoln County has five incorporated municipalities as well as a Sheriff's Department, Game Department, and State Police who need these services.

With only one judge in the county, this could cause an overburden, she said. The one judge would also have no one available to cover the caseload during times of vacation, sick leave and education, she wrote.

The Carrizozo Magistrate court is also located in the Lincoln County seat, putting it in close proximity to the District Attorney's Office, Detention Center, Sheriff's Office and the District Court. The expense of the added travel for these agencies to conduct regular business having to travel solely to Ruidoso has not been taken into consideration by the bill.

However, in the 2002 Census, Lincoln County was the second fastest growing county in the state. Projections indicate it will continue to grow rapidly. The possible expense to close the court and then to reopen it out of necessity in a few years also is not considered in the bill.

Proctor also expressed concerns that the added caseload could cause the dismissal of

some cases for failure to prosecute within the time limits set by law.

Residents wishing to voice their concern with Bill 143 and its impact can phone or fax the Senate or House of Representatives.

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County OKs SUVs for sheriff

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Waiting until mid-year to approve capital outlay requests allows Lincoln County officials to know the exact prices for purchases on state contracts, county manager Tom Stewart said.

The discussion during a mid-year budget review with the county commission last month centered on the cost of two large sports utility vehicles for the sheriff's department. Commissioner Leo Martinez suggested pricing smaller four-wheel drive vehicles or sedans.

But Stewart said at \$24,786 each, plus about \$3,500 to outfit the vehicles with lights and radio equipment, the price was "pretty good."

"It will be something less than the \$62,000 (budgeted)," he said. "It's up to the sheriff if he wants to go for three (of a less expensive type)."

Sheriff Tom Sullivan said he's buying Ford Expeditions, which are not "the biggest they make. They're the same vehicle driven by the State Police and the Ruidoso and Capitan police departments. We need a fleet of half and half 4-wheel drive. Last year we had trouble on Ski Run Road when we had to send up some sedans. They (sedans) also tear up on forest roads."

By the time a cage is installed for prisoners, a smaller vehicle leaves no room for leg space, he said.

Commissioner Maury St. John asked if lights and radio equipment could be removed from older cars or those to be sold and used in the new SUVs. "In some cases, yes," Stewart answered.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said, "The only thing I'd say, is manage as best you can and keep it at the lowest cost you can. It's your job to determine what you need. I'm not going to question that at all. We can't tell a department head how to manage his department and we certainly can't tell elected officials, but we have oversight."

However, he added that the cost of operating a smaller vehicle is significantly less.

Commissioners approved the capital outlay budget of \$238,047, minus an ambulance intercept vehicle for \$40,000, which Stewart said can wait. Items approved included a replacement emergency services vehicle, equipment for the road department, a new detention center van, the sheriff's SUVs, a \$5,000 match for a forestry car and \$23,547 to replace a patrol car destroyed in an accident. Two vehicles, one a 2002 Dodge Durango, were totaled in recent accidents with deputies, Stewart said. The county may be reimbursed about \$15,150 for the two, he said.

Martinez questioned if the ambulance intercept could be purchased with money from a special property tax levy dedicated to the county-owned hospital and health clinics. County Attorney Alan Morel said he would check, but if the county signed an ambulance management contract with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, probably not.

Many of the mid-year adjustments were to cover the \$1,000 one-time merit payments to employees, Stewart said. At the end of the ledger, the county neither lost nor gained and the budget remained the same, although the commission's reserve was cut, he said.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson asked Stewart to closely monitor grant applications, especially those sent out by quasi-independent groups such as volunteer fire departments.

"At one time, grants got out of hand," he said. "There was a time we said we're not going to do anymore grants because we had such a bad experience. We don't want to do that (now), but we don't (want a repeat)."

Stewart said, "We have to be careful not bite off more than we can chew — I bring to your attention those needing formal approval of the commission. But there is no way (entities using the county as fiscal agent) can receive them without us knowing."

Work under way on U.S. 70 West

■ Four-laning started on the highway after a four-month delay.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Construction started two weeks ago on a seven-mile portion of U.S. 70 from Ruidoso west to the intersection leading to the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The \$13 million widening project will link the existing four-lane road from Alamogordo to the four lanes at the intersection with State Highway 48 in Ruidoso.

District Engineer Bob Kurtz, in the Roswell office of the state Highway and Transportation Department, said a preconstruction conference was conducted on Jan. 23. The project was awarded to J.R. Hale Contracting Co. of Albuquerque. Dave Dawson will supervise for the state.

The project was delayed about four months when it was let for bid last summer and the figures came back too high, Kurtz explained. "We redesigned some portions and put it out to bid again in October," he said. Without the delay, construction would have kicked off after Labor Day 2002. The major change consists of a median redesign, he said.

Meeting to focus on future of local fort

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The state director for the National Park Service will be in Ruidoso Feb. 19 to offer some advice and gauge support for the future of Fort Stanton.

The meeting, scheduled by Fort Stanton Inc., will start at 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center and president Tony Hoffman urged boosters of the fort to attend the session.

"At our last meeting, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.) indicated he'd be interested in carrying a request for a designation up the ladder," Hoffman said. "The three most relevant would be a National Historic Landmark, National Historic Monument or National Heritage Area. The state director, Ernest Ortega from Santa Fe, should be able to sort out which would be the most advantageous and something we wouldn't have to undo later."

The historical fort, originally established in 1855, was closed as a state hospital in March 1995. It was used as a state prison for women for about two years and a portion now is occupied by a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center for the state Corrections Department. But supporters would like to see the older buildings stabilized and preserved as a living museum, possibly using some structures for a convention and education center and the stables for trail riding groups.

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PRISON: Arrest leads to internal probe

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A statement from CSI officials confirmed an intensive internal investigation is underway, but to date, nothing but nuisance contraband, such as cigarettes, makeup and matches had been discovered. They could not comment on the investigations by any other agencies.

CSI routinely conducts internal audits, compliance reviews and risk management assessments, according to the statement.

A criminal investigator from the New Mexico State Police office in Las Cruces arrested MacKenzie last week.

Downs council to meet

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso Downs City Council will honor a pair of peacekeepers in its regular meeting tonight.

Agenda items include recognition of police officers Manuel Tejada and Edward Armijo as graduates from the New Mexico State Police Academy, and Phase II destruction of public records.

Consent agenda items

involve formal approval of water storage system rehabilitation and personnel action records, awarding bids for radio-read water meters and city trucks, and consideration of advertising for bids for a belly dump trailer, water tank rehabilitation, a 4WD police unit, surveillance camera and central air conditioner system.

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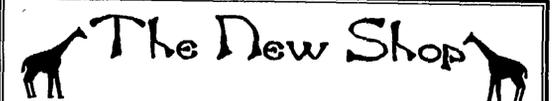
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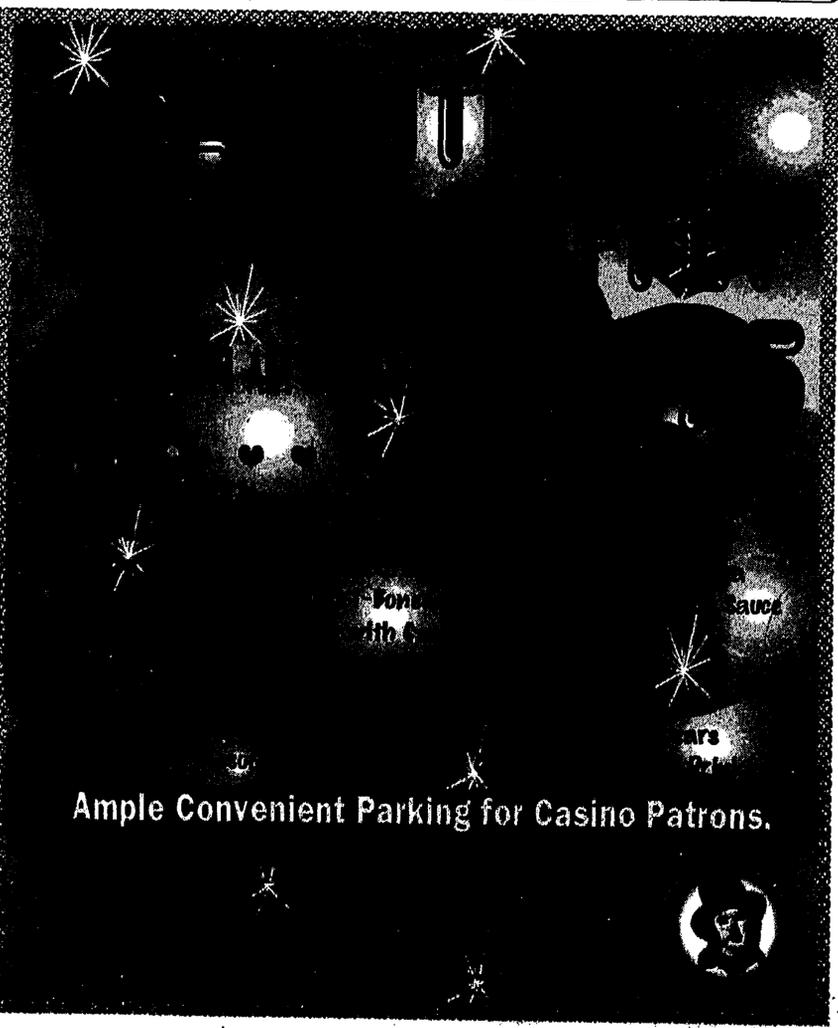


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OUR OPINION

Why not an assistant for the village manager?

Ruidoso's continued growth dictates a strong staff

Opinions expressed in the letters columns on this page in recent weeks have taken the Ruidoso village administration to task for even considering hiring an assistant village manager.

After all, the argument goes, you've got a manager with years of experience in village government. Why spend a lot of money for a helper?

A few years back, in the 1990s, Gary Jackson was manager and Alan Briley, an engineer, was his assistant. Together, they made a fine team to handle growth.

So, do you consider Ruidoso's growth in this new century tapering off, or taking off?

If our village were in hiatus,

with the tourists' staying home and the economy drying up, maybe there would be an argument for hunkering down and curtailing spending.

But gross receipts taxes keep rolling into Village Hall. Building permits issued in January set a new record for residential construction — indicating continued activity in the real estate and construction industry.

Tourism, real estate and construction are the legs underpinning Ruidoso's continued growth, and none of the three appear to be weak in the knees right now.

A strong management team is a worthwhile investment. We support the village on this one.

A big hurrah for the Sandia Hairstreak

Are you as angry as I am? As I? As me? As me is? (All are perfectly acceptable forms of the comparative conjunctive. Purpose here is to demonstrate my considerable range as a writer.)

Truth is, I am as mad as a wet hen even though I confess, not having a farm background, I have no idea what it is about water that so ruffles a hen's feathers.

What has me fit to be tied (another cliché whose origin escapes me) is no big surprise, the New Mexico State Legislature. And it did not take long.

The very first bill signed by our new governor was for 20 million bucks so the Legislature can do business for 60 days. Guess what item of business it turned to very quickly in the session? It started the process of choosing an official state butterfly.

Doesn't that just make you want to throw things? I am baffled. I cannot believe in this day and age, with the miracles of modern technology, New Mexico is still without an official state butterfly. All those previous legislatures, dating back to 1912 or thereabouts, were obviously squandering their time and your money.

I cannot tell you precisely where this measure is stuck today in the state hearing bureaucracy. You can imagine

the need for various public hearings where expensive professors can take time off from their teaching duties to inform legislators, who could care less, about the merits of various butterfly families.

Ethics experts will have to make sure we don't choose a state butterfly that some state groups might find offensive. And, of course, appropriations will have to figure out a way to fund this deal. Certainly the state butterfly will require a new state brochure. Maybe even a cage.

Although unlikely, the unthinkable could happen. The state butterfly could have its wings clipped in committee. Thus, the Land of Enchantment, New Mexico, a state that desperately needs a new state slogan, might end up with: New Mexico Since 1912 — And Still No Butterfly.

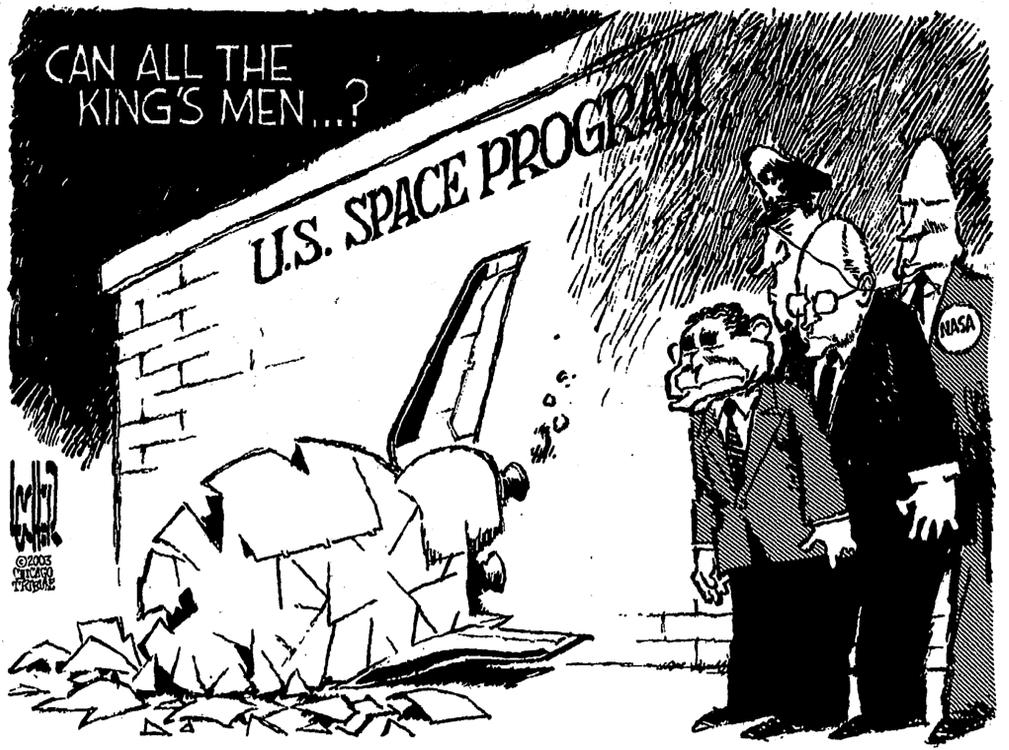
Actually, I am pleased to report that a bunch of kids — I'll bet they all flunked out of band — has been working this project pretty hard. The first thing they did was meet with the state lepidopterist. Lepidopterology is not, as you might suspect, something you contract if you hang around a classroom of first graders during flu season. No, it is the study of butterflies.

So, the state lepidopterist told the kids to hike around the foothills near Albuquerque, which they did. And that is how they came upon the Sandia Hairstreak. That is not the name of a new high school fad, but is the name of what will be, if our state Legislature gets its act together, our Official State Butterfly.

This column heartily endorses Sandia Hairstreak. Like New Mexicans, says state naturalist Steve Cary, this critter is tough and very drought hardy.

And here's another thing. The Sandia Hairstreak is a very picky eater. That certainly reflects the sophisticated, delicate pallet of the average New Mexican. Why else would our Official State Question be: "Red or green?"

Ned Cantwell — ncantwell@charter.net — is a retired newspaperman living in Ruidoso.



YOUR OPINION

What about recreation and parental responsibility?

To the editor:

Re: letters from Terry McMaster and Alicia Brankel on Jan. 29:

I would conclude from Ms. McMaster's letter that she considers aberrant juvenile behavior acceptable, as our youth "have nothing else to do." Ms. Brankel is enraged and "dares us to put a price tag on the well being of her children," if we oppose a recreation center.

Nonsense.

We are living in an area so rich in recreational opportunity that less-fortunate families travel hundreds of miles to avail themselves of our resources.

Many of these attractions are free. There are miles of beautiful hiking trails to explore, well-appointed campgrounds, fishing, tennis, hiking and tobogganing (all free). For those with some pocket money there is horseback riding, skiing, snowboarding... to name a few.

With Dish and cable TV there is educational and entertainment programming for every taste and need.

This is the first generation to access the Internet and its wealth of information. We have a beautiful new library with an infinite number of books to read. Schools provide athletic and supervised special events, and sponsor a variety of clubs and certainly many parents encourage supervised social gatherings. I wonder how our youth find time for homework.

A recreation center is not a solution to bad juvenile behavior. In fact, if some of the behavior indicated in (those) letters indeed occurs, money for a rec center would be better spent on some psychological consultation. Bad behavior must be addressed at home, and parents must accept responsibility for it.

Supervision of one's children is not a community responsibility, it is a

parental one. It is also a parental responsibility to introduce children to the tools they will need to establish skills and a sense of self-worth, so that they may make their own contributions to society eventually.

Personally, I am very tired of whiney parents who expect other people to accept responsibility for children they chose to have.

An earlier letter to the paper addressed the environmental problems facing our community, including water, sewer and fire protection, among others. These problems affect all citizens as well as tourism, which is the foundation of our economy. We simply cannot divert money from these important issues to provide a posh day-care center for juveniles.

Judy Benson
San Patricio

and won second in their division, which made them eligible to compete in the national competition, which is held in Florida.

They (left) Friday morning to fly out of Albuquerque to Florida for national competition that weekend. They will compete in Albuquerque on April 4 and 5 in the state competition.

They need to be recognized for their efforts and accomplishments as well. These young ladies work very hard to perfect their acrobatic stunts and routines to be the very best they can be, as they represent their school and our village.

We wish them all the luck they deserve in their upcoming competitions!

Pat Holder
Ruidoso

A warm response

To the editor:

It is heartwarming to know that we continue to have such community-minded residents in the Ruidoso area.

Our "Winter Warmth Day" collaborative with the Optimist Club, K-WES Radio, Trident Media Services, the Ruidoso News and the village of Ruidoso was a great success.

The public came through once again, donating 484 coats, jackets and blankets for the needy children of the greater ruidoso area. RSVP thanks everyone who donated items for Winter Warmth Day and all organizations who collaborated with RSVP to make this wonderful cause such a success.

RSVP would also like the public to know that coats, blankets and jackets are accepted all year long at the Ruidoso Senior Center/RSVP office at 501 Sudderth Drive.

Sandee K. Jourden
Senior Center/RSVP

Cheers for cheerleaders

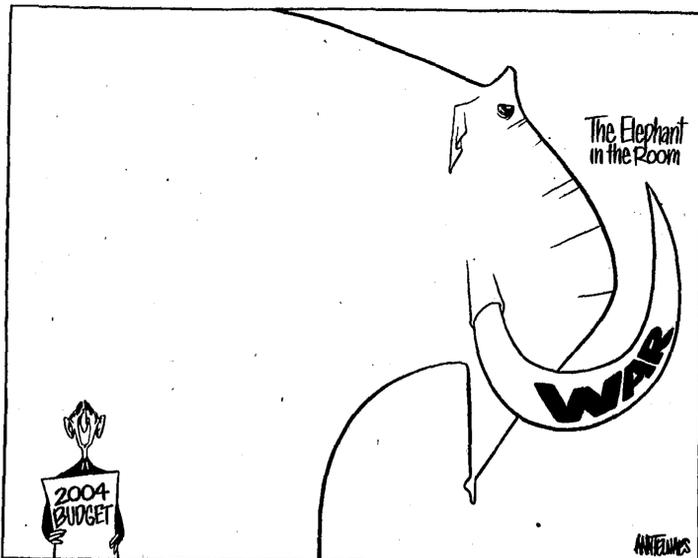
To the editor:

I would like to draw your attention to one of the athletic teams at Ruidoso High School. They get very little publicity, but are at almost every home game, which includes football, basketball, volleyball and others, cheering for our team.

It is the Ruidoso High School Cheerleading Team (and they are indeed a team). There are 14 young ladies on his team who work very hard to perfect their sport.

It takes time, dedication, daily practice and — as in any sport — athletic ability. They have to maintain a 3.0 grade-point average to participate. They have fundraisers to make money to supplement funds to be able to participate in competition on the state, regional and national level.

In December they went to Albuquerque for regional competition



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Planners suggest \$10 permit to sell automobiles

■ Too many cars for sale are parked illegally around the village, officials say.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso planning officials are focusing on how to stop individuals and brokers from illegally parking their cars for sale on public or private land.

After wrestling with various approaches Tuesday, they settled on requiring people to obtain a permit at village hall to be posted on the car. A charge of \$10 may be imposed. Village police officers or code enforcement officials then could cite cars without stickers or could ask owners to move

cars that are not on property they own or that is owned by their employers.

The citations would be referred to municipal court. Possible penalties could include a fine of up to \$500 a day per offense and time in jail.

Board attorney Charles Rennick will work on the wording and submit it at the next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission. If members agree, the proposed amendment to the village ordinance then will be set for public hearing.

Village planning director Mike Runnels said he and Rennick drove Sudderth and Mechem drives, noting all of the violations they saw. From that list, code enforcement officer Jason Shaw has been checking each location. But Shaw told commission

members that he has no access to verify ownership of the cars, which delays action and hinders enforcement under the existing law. He wants more help from the police department, which has direct access through official vehicle registration records.

Runnels said only a police officer can authorize the towing of a vehicle, an action requiring verification that the vehicle is not stolen and that it is on private or public property without permission and is abandoned.

He sees cars illegally for sale in mall parking lots and on public property, such as the corner of Cree Meadows Drive and Mechem Drive, Runnels said.

Sometimes, he takes the telephone numbers posted on the vehicles, cross-

checks them in the city directory and then notifies owners the vehicles must be moved, the director said.

He advocated concurrent jurisdiction of code enforcement with the police department.

Rennick explained that the village needed to ensure that all car sales are handled the same.

"I don't believe the current system is working," he said. "The mayor and (Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars) are receiving complaints.

"This is an equal protection issue. I've received a letter from the attorney of a used car dealer questioning our authority to turn down an application for a sales lot."

Chairman Glen Barrow said asking people who want to sell their cars

on their own land to buy a sticker is not more stringent than requiring people to buy a \$10 permit for a garage sale.

"And you make more money selling a car," said Byars, who sat in on the meeting.

Barrow said groups of people now come up from Alamogordo to sell their cars, parking them all over the town.

Rennick said a previous village council rejected the idea of a permit, but the current council may agree with the approach. Byars said it would have her vote.

The only permissible place to sell a personal vehicle, a process that still would require a permit, is on the owner's property or that of his employ-

Village asks permission to divert river water from Eagle Creek wells

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Applications to provide water for construction on U.S. 70, to allow the village of Ruidoso to earn credit for treated wastewater it flushes into the Ruidoso River and for a new well at Alto were filed recently with the State Engineer's Office.

The village, through its agent, Atkins Engineering Associates Inc., is asking to divert up to 1,000 acre feet per year of surface and supplemental ground water from the Rio Ruidoso and supplemental wells. The amount of water to be diverted is equal to the amount of effluent discharged into the Rio Ruidoso from pumping of two wells located within the Eagle Creek drainage, according to the application.

The groundwater within the Eagle Creek drainage is divert-

ed to the village's municipal water system and is discharged into the Ruidoso River. A 1984 order by the State Engineer authorizing a similar diversion recognized "that Eagle Creek effluent is discharged to the Rio Ruidoso (a different drainage basin than Eagle Creek), and therefore, diversion was permitted from the Rio Ruidoso and wells supplemental to the Rio Ruidoso in the same amount as Eagle Creek derived effluent was discharged to the Rio Ruidoso."

This application proposes to do the same for the effluent derived from several wells, according to the information. All diversions are metered and read daily, with reports to the State Engineer.

"The village...already had the right to use the effluent and desires only to divert effluent credit from the Rio Ruidoso," it states. All points of

diversion are located within the village limits.

One acre foot equates to about 325,000 gallon of water.

Other applications include:

- The Alto Lakes Water Corporation asking to temporarily change the location of a well's place and purpose for the use of 10 acre feet per year of groundwater by ceasing a like diversion from 23 wells.

The water is for domestic use on 400 acres at a condominium complex in Alto. The temporary application is for five-years to expire on Dec. 31, 2007.

- Two for use of construction crews on U.S. 70. Dunagan Farms LLC is asking for a permit to change the location of a well by ceasing diversion of 18.72 acre feet per year of groundwater. The applicant proposes to drill a replacement well about 600 feet in depth and 8 7/8th inches in diameter for

highway construction purposes. The temporary permit would expire on Sept. 1, 2005. The well is located about 1.5 miles southwest of the intersection of U.S. 70 and State Road 37.

The second application was filed by Ford Secure Trust in Picacho, along with the New Mexico State Highway Transportation Department, to change the point of diversion and the place or purpose of 59.64 acre feet per year on surface water of the Montano

Ditch River Pump, which diverts from the Hondo River. Irrigation will cease on 28.4 acres. The temporary application would expire on Jan. 1, 2004. The move to and move from points of diversion are near Riverside.

- The Ford Secure Trust also is seeking a permit to temporarily change the point of diversion of 99.4 acre feet per year of surface water by ceasing the diversion from the Main Ditch, which diverts from

the Rio Hondo for irrigation of 28.4 acres of land, and switching to the Montano Ditch River Pump off the Hondo for irrigation of a different 28.4 acres near Riverside.

- The Ford Secure Trust is asking for a permit to supplement the diversion of 126.7 acre feet per year of groundwater by drilling a well about 12 3/4 inches in diameter and 200 feet in depth for continued irrigation of up to 36.2 acres of land east of Picacho.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Olympic fundraiser

A fundraiser for Special Olympian Ernest Trujillo will be held Friday at the Capitan Fairgrounds from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

Music will be provided by Little Anthony Y La Banda Sierra, and raffles for a window tint job, one cord of wood and dinner for two at La Espuela will also be given away.

All proceeds will be used to send Trujillo and his family to the Special Olympic World Games in Ireland May 31-June 1. For more information, call 378-8561.

Valentine's party

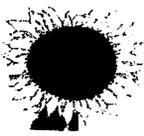
Come celebrate Valentine's Day at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Ruidoso Care Center Cafeteria.

A king and queen for the

day will be crowned and ice cream sundaes will be served.

The Valentine's Day party is being thrown by the Heritage Program for Senior Adults.

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Mentors wanted

Over the next two weeks, area eighth graders will be asking people to be mentors for them on Job Shadow Day Feb. 21. This experience allows them to see the options that are available and will help them make decisions about high school courses and possible careers.

ENMU honors list

The following local students are among the 483 students on the 2002 fall semester Eastern New Mexico University dean's honor roll. To be eligible for the dean's honor roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 GPA.

Capitan — Monica Jean Johnson, physical education; Clay Allen Layher, university studies; Ashley Amanda Martin, agricultural education; Julieanne Codi Montes, agricultural education; Thomas Chase Montes, agricultural education; Coye L. Robbins, wildlife and fisheries sciences; Shawna Marie Shrecengost, agricultural education.

Ruidoso — Mariana Costa Fonseca, general studies; Brook P. Lewicki, elementary education; Casí L. Swanner, family and consumer science; Lee F. Walstad, general studies.

Hondo — Julie Ann Montoya, a physical education student.

Carrizozo — Kayla Beth Martin, a general studies student.

TTU honors

Edwin Duane Cillessen, of Capitan, graduated from Texas Tech University in fall 2002, with a degree in engineering technology. He was also on the dean's list for fall 2002.

Tyler Brandon Sisneros, a pre-law freshman from Hondo, was on the dean's list for fall 2002, as was Rachel Beth Warren, a multidisciplinary studies junior from Ruidoso.

To be on the dean's list, a student must have a GPA of 3.5-3.9, having taken at least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

Training available

Raindancer Youth Services treatment foster care agency will offer a free training program for people interested in becoming licensed as teaching home parents. Raindancer is a non-profit agency that works with emotionally disturbed children; licensed foster parents are responsible for providing stable and structured home environments to help youngsters develop coping skills and to lead more productive lives.

Teaching home parents act as part of the child's treatment team and are supervised by RYS staff. As a behavioral health program, Raindancer services children throughout southeastern New Mexico with offices in Ruidoso and Alamogordo.

The orientation meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Ruidoso office, 1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 13. The pre-service training will then continue for the next two weekends, Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28-March 2 on Friday evenings and all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 258-3132.

Funding mark lower

The New Mexico State Department of Education announced Jan. 31 that the 2002-2003 program unit value has been set at \$2,889.89, a

decrease of \$6.12 over the initial unit value of \$2,896.01 projected last spring. The unit value determines the amount of state funds provided to each New Mexico public school student for programs and services.

The SDE's announcement pertains to funds appropriated for public schools by last year's legislature. The New Mexico State Board of Education in its 2003 legislative package has requested supplemental emergency funds that, if approved, will offset the need to reduce the unit value.

Youth leaders sought

The Rotary Club of Ruidoso is searching for candidates to attend its 26th annual District 5520 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference at Manzano Mountain Retreat this summer from July 26 through Aug. 1.

Debbie Haines, local committee chairperson, said participants will be selected from young men and women who have exhibited leadership abilities and who will be entering their senior year of high school in the fall. The Rotary Club is now contacting high school principals, guidance counselors, youth organizations and other sources for nominations of camp participants.

Aimed at developing the leadership potential of young men and women, the camp will feature such activities as workshops, speakers, discussions, sports, music and news reporting. Topics will focus on decision-making, critical thinking, communicating effectively, ethics, public service, contemporary problems and career development.

The participants will live, work, study and play together under the guidance of professional counselors and educators. In addition, guest lecturers and discussion leaders will present a variety of vocational and community interests.

More information is available from Haines at 378-4277, or from other members of the Rotary Club.

Scaled scholarships

Eastern New Mexico University is offering "Recruiter Scholarships" based on students' ACT or SAT scores for incoming freshmen.

The scholarships, most of which can be renewed for up to eight semesters if a student maintains a grade point average of at least 3.25, range from \$300 per year for a 20 ACT (950 SAT) score to \$2,000 per year for a 30+ ACT (1340 SAT) score.

The scholarships, which can be offered by ENMU recruiters, are in addition to Starter and Lottery Scholarships, which pay for New Mexico students' tuition if they maintain a 2.5 GPA in high school and at ENMU. Students living within 135 miles of the Texas border can attend Eastern for in-state tuition. Out-of-state students may also qualify for the Recruiter Scholarships.

For more information, call the admissions office at (800) FOR-ENMU (562-2178 locally).

ACT assessment set

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 12, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is March 7. Late registration postmark deadline is March 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

For more information, contact a high school guidance counselor or register online at www.act.org.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

100 ways to learn about numbers captured smiles from the children at Nob Hill.

100 DAYS

It's fun to learn numbers at Nob Hill, with balloons and stuff

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center pupils celebrated their 100th day of school Feb. 7 with a visit by the infamous Zero Hero (alias principal Roger Sowder).

He put them to the test to count to 100 — and then to bust 100 inflated balloons with their butts (which they did successfully, although some

feet were used instead).

"It's part of our math program," Sowder explained.

Teachers also collected 100 cans of food to donate.

When Zero Hero asked if it was for Thanksgiving, the children responded, "No! It's for people who are hungry."



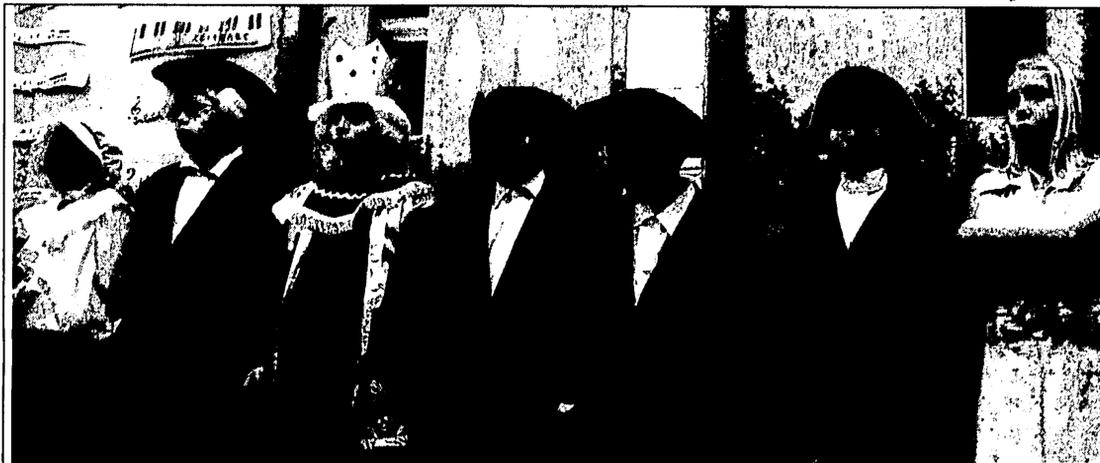
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'Zero Hero' actually is Nob Hill's principal.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Breaking a balloon in a not-so-easy way.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Young revolutionaries dressed the part during a "Freedom Fair" at White Mountain Intermediate School last week.

History comes alive at White Mountain

■ Research leads to histories, history interviews and real-life letters for a fifth-grade class.

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Fifth graders from Sherrie Koehler's class presented a Freedom Fair for three other classes at White Mountain Intermediate School on Feb. 6 and for parents on Feb. 7.

As part of their history class, students selected a historic character from the time of the American Revolution, including those involved with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, researched the character and came up with a costume to wear for the presentations, which were in the form of interviews.

All 25 students in the class sang songs at the beginning and end of the program.

"Students researched the freedom fighter and chose what information they thought was important, and they had to think of questions and answers (for the interviews)," Koehler said.

Thomas Jefferson was there, as were George Washington, Benedict Arnold, Horatio Gates, Ethan Allen, Betsy Ross, Molly Pitcher, George McCully, Abigail Adams, Patrick Henry and other participants in the revolutionary war.

Some students had to play two roles, and one — Katarina Vargas — had to change costumes in the middle of the program.

April Portio chose to represent Molly Mary Hayes "because she was a war hero," April said.

Brennin Cross, alias George Washington, said during his interview that he had "changed his birthday." Afterward, he clarified the issue, saying

"They changed the calendar."

Molly Pitcher was interesting to one fifth-grader because she dressed up as a man and fought in the American Revolution. "I thought it was interesting that she got almost injured in the war but didn't go to the hospital because they'd see she was a woman."

Meghan Lewis chose to be Betsy Ross "because she made a flag, the symbol of justice," she said.

Devon Ryen said she chose to portray Ben Franklin, "because I had studied him before and didn't have to study that much."

Toward the end of the program, one group of students recited a "rap" version of the Bill of Rights—very rapidly.

Koehler said the students spent about two weeks researching their characters in the library and on the Internet.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Ham bar, cereal, fruit or juice

Lunch: Chicken, tamales, beef and bean burrito, fajita, Spanish rice, salad, fruited Jell-O

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or juice

Lunch: Frito pie, chili dog, chili cheese potatoes, mixed vegetables, crackers, fruit

Friday, Feb. 14 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit or juice

Lunch: Cheeseburger, grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chick burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, French fries, fruit

Monday, Feb. 17 — No school: President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, gravy, fruit or juice

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, corn dog, chicken salad, salad, mixed veggies, crackers, fruit

Carrizozo

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup

Lunch: Spaghetti, dinner rolls, garden salad, mixed fruit

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast:

Hondo Valley

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Deli sandwich, tossed salad, veggie sticks, oranges

Friday, Feb. 14 — Breakfast: Wheat toast with jelly

Lunch: Hot dogs, Tater Tots, pickle spears, Jell-O

Monday, Feb. 17 — No school: President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: Boiled eggs

Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, garden salad, peaches

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, breakfast pizza, juice

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, banana

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Boiled egg, toast, orange

Lunch: Red enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, crackers, pears

Monday, Feb. 17 — Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice

Lunch: Frito pie, corn, crackers, oranges

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, banana

Lunch: Meat-potato burrito, corn, vegetable sticks, apple

Ruidoso elementary

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Ham, egg and cheese biscuit

Lunch: Campfire beans, corn bread, salad, cookie, apple halves

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Waffle sticks

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, roll, seasoned broccoli, diced pears

Friday, Feb. 14 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly roll

Lunch: Hamburger, seasoned French fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce

Monday, Feb. 17 — No school: President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit

Lunch: Cheese beef nachos, MexiCorn, pinto beans, Orange Smiles

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Ham, egg and cheese biscuit

Lunch: Campfire beans, corn bread, salad, cookie, apple halves

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Waffle sticks

Lunch: Chicken pot pie, roll, seasoned broccoli, diced pears

Friday, Feb. 14 — Breakfast: Cereal

Lunch: Beef and potato burrito, seasoned French fries, salad, fruit

Monday, Feb. 17 — No school: President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit

Lunch: Cheese beef nachos, MexiCorn, pinto beans, Orange Smiles

Wednesday, Feb. 12 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, French toast sticks, toast and peanut butter cup

Lunch: Chicken teriyaki, Oriental vegetables, applesauce, tossed salad, fortune cookie

Thursday, Feb. 13 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, breakfast pizza, cinnamon toast

Lunch: Chili dog, potato puffs, pork and beans, apple halves

Friday, Feb. 14 — Breakfast: Donut, biscuit and gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Dijon meatloaf, mashed potatoes with cheddar, corn, roll, fruit

Monday, Feb. 17 — No school: President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Breakfast: French toast sticks, breakfast pizza, toast and peanut butter cup

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, tossed salad, fruit

LINCOLN COUNTY

Corona village hall to receive a needed facelift

Construction, to be finished by summer, includes medical clinic

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

After five years of planning, requesting, and brainstorming, the Village of Corona is going to receive its new town hall. Not a new building as originally thought, but a complete facelift to the old one.

Standing since it was built in 1949, the current home of Corona's town offices once housed a bowling alley on the south end. That portion of the building has been stripped to the core and is being renovated to house city hall. After the offices are moved, the north end of the building will go under construction for a new medical center.

Corona has been in dire need for clinic facilities. With a combination of grants written by Town Clerk Cathy Perez, the Village of Corona is

receiving in excess of \$600,000 for the combined remodel and creation of the new medical facilities. The clinic will house space for a laboratory, dental office, doctor and chiropractors office as well as exam rooms. The finished building will be approximately 2,500 square feet of remodeled space.

In a tour of the current offices, Perez showed three-desk workstations manned by the one-person staff of the village hall. As town clerk, she also handles the motor vehicle department, the gas, water and trash billing and collections, and does all the grant writing and administration. Perez has been employed by the Village of Corona for eight years.

With a census population of 165, Corona is the epitome of a quiet small town. Within its boundaries are the ongoing activities and bur-

dens of any metropolitan area, regardless of size.

The town council meets once a month to handle issues and situations. What is unusual about the village meetings is that they are held in the vacant jail room, which houses three cells now used for storage. That setting provides an atmosphere of a historical feel to the building and the town.

The Corona town leaders consist of Mayor Gilbert R. Stewart Jr. and council members Robert Burroughs, Danny Lueñas, April Bailey and David Anderson. Bailey and Anderson are new to the board, appointed in November 2002. In addition to Perez, the Public Works Superintendent is Braulio Rodriguez.

Construction on the city offices and medical center is scheduled for completion by early summer.

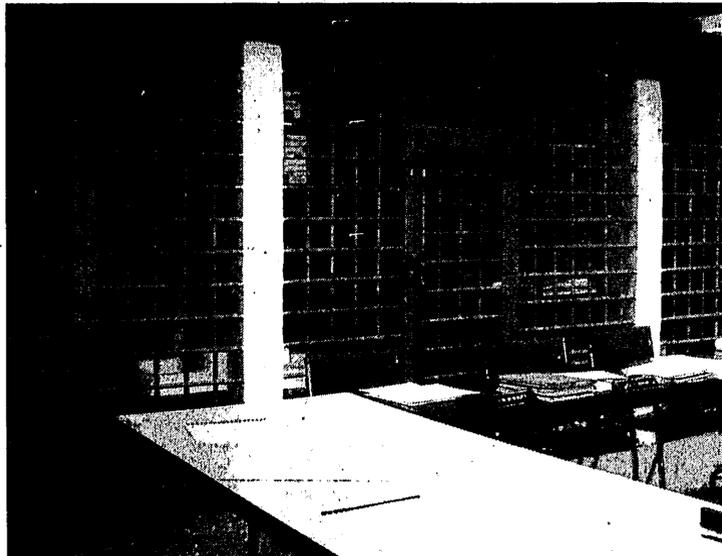


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Corona currently holds its village council meetings in the former jail room. Cells are now used just for storage. Planned renovations will modernize the facilities.

Schools awarded grant for improvement

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The New Mexico State Department of Education (SDE) released the 2002-2003 list of "high improving" public schools. The 108 schools on the list showed the most improvement in test scores from the 2000-01 year to 2001-02 year and shared in \$1.8 million in incentive award funding.

Corona Elementary qualified for the list among 75 elementary schools and Corona High School placed among only 20 high schools. Combined, the Corona Public Schools received a check for \$11,937.97. Corona Schools have an enrollment in K-12 of slightly more than 80 students.

According to Corona Schools Superintendent Travis Lightfoot, the money will be dispersed according to the wishes of a yet to be named committee composed of school representatives and parents. The SDE does have specific guidelines that must be followed for approved use of the funds. The wording requires the funds be used to provide incentives to students and purchase materials and supplies to continue improved learning.



Lightfoot

Lightfoot explained that the last award received by Corona Schools was designated and approved by the SDE for athletes warm-ups, paid for half of the new scoreboard, and bought chairs for the gymnasium. He feels in all likelihood this award will go toward academic materials, supplies and systems to continue the improvement trend.

Other Lincoln County schools to receive the incentive award were Carrizozo Elementary, \$8,468.93, Hondo Elementary, \$7,053.03, and Capitan Elementary, \$15,459.92.

Under the Incentives for School Improvement Act, the SDE is required to distribute appropriated financial incentives to "high-improving" schools each year. Under the methodology used to determine the high-improving schools, test scores are considered in light of a school's percentage of students identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP), percentage of students on free and reduced-price lunch and student mobility.

Dr. Melville Morgan, assistant superintendent for accountability and information services, said, "The high-improving designations are significant because they provide a different lens for gauging school and student success."

Don't let disagreements ruin a good relationship

Almost every couple disagrees, sometimes. Some argue a lot. But disagreements don't have to break up relationships.

When you disagree:

- Calm down. You can't communicate when you're mad

- Take time to listen, really listen to each other. Do you understand what he/she is really saying? Does he/she understand what you mean?

- Focus on how you feel. Don't accuse, or say "You..." instead say "I feel..." For example, don't say "You are always so mean (or rude or whatever)." Do say, "When you said that, it made me feel bad."

- Try to look at both sides
- Don't try to win the argu-

ment. Work it out together so each of you comes out a winner

- Sometimes it's just better to agree than disagree

- Even though you may feel he/she hasn't been fair, sometimes it's better to just drop it. If you continue to bring it up again and again, you may do more damage to your relationship than the disagreement was worth.

Remember, the strength of your relationship does not depend on how you feel about each other at the moment, because you may be very mad right now. The strength of your relationship depends on believing you belong together.



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER

LINCOLN COUNTY
EXTENSION AGENT -
HOME ECONOMICS

Horse judging clinic scheduled this month in Las Cruces

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A New Mexico 4-H Youth Horse Judging Clinic will be held Feb. 21-23 in Las Cruces.

Jason Turner, Extension horse specialist, and Frank Hodnett, Extension 4-H agent, sent invitations to 4-H agents and Ag-Ed instructors

statewide for their students. The clinic is targeting advanced youth horse judges.

The focus of the clinic will be on scoring performance classes and oral reasons. A future clinic is planned to address the needs of beginners in horse judging.

Registration deadline is Feb. 15 and the fee is \$50 per student.

Each student will be provided with a NMSU 4-H Horse Judging Manual, an AQHA Rulebook, and a videotape of their reasons and critique by instructors. Each county/school will be provided with a tape of the live classes, official placings, and critique.

The clinic will take place at the NMSU judging pavilion as

well as in the Knox Classroom and the Equestrian Center.

Registration forms and a schedule of events can be obtained at the Lincoln County Extension office. Make checks payable to the NMSU Animal and Range Sciences Department.

For information call 648-2311.

New Mexico 4-H seeking state fair steer judges

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Judging positions for 2004 and 2005 are open to interested residents.

The New Mexico State 4-H Office, headquartered in Las Cruces, has put out an all-points statewide bulletin in an effort locate steer show judges.

Frank Hodnett, State 4-H Extension agent, is seeking names of persons who would be inter-

ested in judging the state fair steer show in 2004 and 2005.

The steer and heifer judge for the 2003 fair will be Tom Farrar. Hodnett will announce the judges for next year at this year's fair.

Any interested persons should contact the local extension office in Carrizozo at 648-2311. Hodnett can be contacted directly at 646-5472 or his e-mail, fhodnett@nmsu.edu.

Corona elementary students spell their way to success

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

On Feb. 5 the Corona Elementary participated in a spelling bee with each class competing within itself.

The moderator for the event was Jeanene Gibbs and judges were elementary teachers Crystal Bell, Ginger Shafer and Roanne Lightfoot.

Kindergarten:
1. Cutler Cox
2. Kathia Beltran
3. Savannah Lueras
First Grade:
1. Amber Posey
2. 2. Judith Romero
3. Ty Brown
Second Grade:
1. Allysanne Huey
2. Ramon Jaramillo
3. 3. Tate Shelley
Third Grade:
1. Jonathan Mulkey

2. John Hartung
3. Ryan Davidson
Fourth Grade:
1. Jordan Huey
2. Blanca Noriega
3. tie: Jake Kinnick and Shawn Kinnick
Fifth Grade:
1. Elizabeth McConnell
2. Coy Posey
3. tie: Marcelina Aguilar and Lance Merritt
Sixth Grade:
1. Dulcie Sultemeier
2. Kallie Tabor
3. tie: Josh Gage and Fernando Pacheco



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Lea County officials give St. John sanitation ideas

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Maury St. John came back from her first session at the New Mexico Association of Counties with some ideas for reducing illegal dumping in Lincoln County.

The new commissioner said she met with officials from Lea County while in Santa Fe and found out they have some strong approaches, including impounding trucks used to illegally dump garbage and other debris.

The county also advertises "cash for trash" and pays people to bring in recyclable items, appliances and even used fur-

niture such as old sofas.

"It encourages people to clean up old dump sites and the county saves in the long run in employee time and gasoline," she said. "I never really thought about how dumping this stuff can create a very real health risk. But they pointed out people who were out hiking, especially in a tourist area, could be impacted."

Much of the discussion focused on starting statewide recycling programs instead of counties going it alone, she said.

Besides hearing from the new governor, Bill Richardson, those at the association confer-

ence listened to an economics professor from the University of New Mexico contrast the world elected officials knew while they were growing up with the world of young people today, she said.

"One boy he cited didn't know telephones were ever attached by cords," St. John said. "He said you can't choose your parents or where you were born, but you can choose who you are and where you live. The people in Ruidoso live here because they want to. My husband and I chased a paycheck before. We still must work, but we look for much more here."

RUIDOSO POLICE

Light pole damaged

A wooden light pole owned by the Village of Ruidoso was reported damaged between Feb. 5 and 6 in the 2500 block of Sudderth Drive. The police report states that the wooden post appears to have been struck by a vehicle. Damages are estimated at \$400.

Burglary reported

A burglary at a residence in the 200 block of Mockingbird Lane between Jan. 6 and Feb. 9 resulted in \$150 of damage to the glass window in the front door. A Sharp television valued at \$320 was reported missing, as well as a Hitachi VCR valued at \$120 and a 30-pack of Coors Lite beer valued at

\$15.

Aggravated DWI

Bureau of Indian Affairs police alerted Ruidoso police about a vehicle taken without permission Feb. 8. Ruidoso officers stopped the vehicle in the 200 block of Evergreen after the driver made an attempt to flee.

They arrested the driver, Frank B. Gallerito, 31, of Mescalero, charging him with aggravated DWI, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, evading or eluding a police officer and having an open container in the vehicle.

Also arrested were a 15-year old Mescalero male, charged with minor allowing self to be served alcohol, and

having an open container; and Jeremy A. Natsinneh, 20, of Mescalero, charged with minor allowing self to be served alcohol and having an open container.

Pawn shop theft

About \$1,000 of jewelry was stolen from A-1 Pawn Shop, 122 Highway 70, Feb. 10, according to police reports. The clerk said she was cleaning a counter and contents when a young man about 20 came in to pawn costume jewelry.

She went to the back for a moment and when she returned, an envelope with at least three rings was missing. She saw the man leave in a reddish-brown Audi, the report states.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Darrell Valdez Sr.

A funeral Mass for Darrell Michael Valdez Sr., 51, of Mescalero, was held Monday, Feb. 10, with burial following at the Mescalero Cemetery and the Rev. John Gibbons officiated.

Mr. Valdez died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, in Mescalero.

He was born March 24, 1951, in Mescalero and had lived there all of his life.

He was a heavy equipment operator for the BIA and a member of St. Joseph's Mission.

Survivors include sons Darawin Valdez, Darrell Valdez Jr., Raymond Valdez, Darron Valdez and Beau James Gabeldon; a daughter, Darlyn Valdez; brothers Larry Valdez, Ronald Valdez, Pete Valdez Jr., Jerry Valdez, Leland Valdez and Robert Kenoi; sisters Daisy Valdez, Esther Valdez, Francine Valdez, Anita Jane Sanchez and Patrice Valdez; and nine grandchildren.

Stanley Smith

Funeral services for Stanley Q. Smith, 67, of Ruidoso and formerly of Waco, Texas, were Feb. 9 at Crestview Church of Christ in Waco. Graveside services were Feb. 10 at Eastview Cemetery in Vernon, Texas.

Mr. Smith died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2003, in Houston,

Texas.

He was born May 15, 1935, in Flat River, Mo.

He was reared and educated in Odessa and Seymour, Texas. He graduated from Seymour High School and Abilene Christian College.

On Aug. 18, 1956, he married Rosemary Jones in Vernon, Texas. He worked for 3-M Pharmaceutical Sales for 34 years, retiring June 1, 1995. He had been a resident of Waco for 21 years and of Ruidoso since 1995.

He was a member and elder of Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso and formerly of Crestview Church of Christ in Waco.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary J. Smith of Ruidoso; a daughter, Natalie Buresh and her husband, Dale, of Vernon; sons Robert Leallen Smith and his wife, Joan, of Houston, and Rodney Dale Smith and his wife, Nancy, of Allen, Texas; grandchildren Jennifer, Christopher, Rose, Andrew, Matthew Stanley, Catherine, Christina, Kasey and Benjamin.

Memorials may be made to Westbury Christian School, 10420 Hillcroft, Houston, TX 77096; Portales Children's Home, Portales, NM 88130, or Mountainview Christian Camp, c/o Gateway Church of Christ, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Arrangements were handled by Wilkinson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral, Waco.

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Lovington outruns Warriors in rout

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The score may look pretty bad, but Ruidoso basketball coach Billy Page thinks it pretty misleading.

We actually played pretty well, we had the shots we wanted," said Page. "It was a rough game in the fact that we didn't put the ball in the hole."

Ruidoso shot just 37 percent from the field en route to a 72-38 defeat at the hands of Lovington Friday.

The game didn't become a blowout until the third quarter, when the Wildcats outscored Ruidoso (6-13, 0-3 District 4-3A) 20-7 in the period to take a commanding 24-point lead and finished the game fast.

Jawaan Payne scored 16 points to lead Lovington (16-5, 2-1), but most of those points came in the second half.

"We knew he was the big scorer, and we did our job on him," Page said. "But Will Payne hurt us too. They're all athletic, it's just a question of who you're going to give up points to."

Will Payne had 10 points on the night, while Tydree Lewis had 15 points and Medic Sydnor added 14.

For the Warriors, Cody Small led the team with 14 points as the only Ruidoso player in double figures.

Page had been hoping the



GINGER GRANATH/LOVINGTON DAILY LEADER

Tydree Lewis, left, goes up for two of his 15 points as Ruidoso's Josh Adams defends during the Warriors' 72-38 loss Friday in Lovington. The Warriors again face Lovington Friday when the Wildcats come to town for a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Warriors' size advantage would cancel out Lovington's speed, but center Chance Hooper got into foul trouble early in the game and eventually fouled out with just nine points.

"That hurt us by not being able to go inside when we would have liked," Page said. "But our shots by the guards didn't go in, either."

Ruidoso actually got to within

four in the second quarter when the Wildcats went scoreless for the first three minutes of the period, but were unable to get any closer before the Lovington fast-break got going.

Wildcats 72, Warriors 38
Ruidoso (6-13, 0-3 District 4-3A)
Nick Page 0-0-0, A.J. Richardson 0-0-0, Nick Falardo 2-2-6, Steven Stroup 1-0-2, Austin Boler 1-5-12, Chance Hooper 4-1-4, Josh Adams 0-0-0, John Ordozka 0-0-0, Cody Small 7-0-2, Patrick Vallant 0-0-0, Aaron Romero 0-0-0. Totals: 16-8-22
38
Lovington (16-5, 2-1)
Jawaan Payne 8-0-4, Will Payne 4-2-3, Tydree Lewis 7-0-0, Ray Solorzano 1-2-2, Chase Bridgerforth 0-0-0, Medic Sydnor 7-0-0, Ryan Hargrove 0-0-0, Jared Swenson 3-3-6, Pete Hernandez 0-0-0, Iram Salcido 2-0-4, Chandler Morgan 0-0-0. Totals: 32-7-15
72
Ruidoso 12 8 7 11 -38
Lovington 16 15 20 21 -72
Three-point goals: Lovington 1 (Lewis). Total fouls: Ruidoso 15, Lovington 16. Fouled out: Ruidoso; Hooper. Technical: Ruidoso, bench.

Medic Sydnor and Jawaan Payne each had slam dunks in the third quarter that got their team fired up enough to put the Warriors away.

Still winless with three games to go in the season, the Warriors faced New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell Tuesday and host Lovington Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"Now that we're starting the second half (of district), the chances of winning are better," said an optimistic Page. "We're hungry for a win, and I think we can surprise some people."

"We're not going to let up. Our kids play hard all the time, right to the end," he added. "It's just a matter of getting the ball to fall and playing better defense."

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
New Snow Past Week: 9 in.
Weather at Report Time: Sunny with some high clouds
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 42 in.
Surface Conditions: Powder and Packed Powder
Skiing Conditions: Excellent
Trails Open: All 55 trails
Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
Trails Groomed This Morning: Ambush, Apache Bowl, Bear, Buckhorn, Bull Run, Caliente, Capitan, Chino, Cliff, Elk Liffline, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Lower Deep Freeze, Meadows, Mesclero, Moonshine, SBT, Slalom Hill, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, The Trench, Upper Snow Park, Lower Mountain Novice Slopes
Forecast: Chance of snow

Prep Scores

Thursday, Feb. 6
Boys Basketball
Capitan 67, Cloudcroft 53
Carrizozo 46, Bosque Prep 39
Emmanuel Baptist 67, Mesclero 16
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo 59, Bosque Prep 26
Capitan 45, Cloudcroft 41

Friday, Feb. 7
Boys Basketball
Lovington 72, Ruidoso 38
Lake Arthur 108, Mesclero 12
Girls Basketball
Mesclero 90, Lake Arthur 31
Portales 72, Ruidoso 42

Saturday, Feb. 8
Boys Basketball
Lordsburg 53, Capitan 51
Gateway Christian 94, Hondo 20
Tatum 87, Mesclero 28
Bosque Prep 70, Corona 45
Girls Basketball
Capitan 60, Lordsburg 46
Mesclero 47, Tatum 43
Bosque Prep 46, Corona 18

Preps on Tap

Thursday, Feb. 13
Boys Basketball
Mesclero at Corona, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo at Temple Baptist, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Mesclero at Corona, 6 p.m.
Carrizozo at Temple Baptist, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14
Boys Basketball
Lovington at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Gateway Christian at Mesclero, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Gateway Christian at Mesclero, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Fundraiser for Trujillo
A fundraiser for Special Olympian Ernest Trujillo will be held Friday at the Capitan Fairgrounds from 8-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Music will be provided by Little Anthony Y La Banda Sierra, and raffles for a window tint job, one cord of wood and dinner for two at La Espuela will be given away. All proceeds will be used to sent Trujillo and his family to the Special Olympic World Games in Ireland May 31-June 1. For more information, call 378-8561.

Ruidoso finds win against Rams elusive

The Portales jinx continued to plague the Lady Warriors in their District 4-3A loss.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Again, the Ruidoso girls traveled to Portales for a must-win game.

Again, the Portales Rams beat Ruidoso in a venue in which the Lady Warriors have found it very difficult to win.

When the dust had cleared, Portales had a 72-42 victory.

"We just weren't as focused," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "And it's kind of hard playing over there, they've been beaten so many times. They were just timid and not willing to go to the basket. If we'd had scored, we'd have stayed in the game."

Unlike their previous game in January — in which the Lady Warriors (5-12, 0-3 District 4-3A) remained within striking distance until the fourth quarter — Portales took control early and pulled away in the third quarter to finish off the win.

"We have to go back and review a couple of things before we can start playing the way we were before," Marez said. "One of the most consistent things about women's basketball is their inconsistencies. We've just got to learn how to cut down our turnovers and be more aggressive"

Another factor was the flu bug that affected several Ruidoso players. It's not that

Rams 72, Lady Warriors 42
Ruidoso (5-12, 0-3 District 4-3A)
Jenna Carrasco 0-1-2, Lynette Woodward 0-0-0, Clarissa Silva 4-4-4, Samantha Serna 0-0-0, Jessica Gibson 0-0-0, Jaclyn Castañon 1-0-2, Vicki Celusniak 0-0-0, Christine Brown 2-2-5, Dusti Franklin 6-3-5, Beth Robinson 2-0-4. Totals: 15-10-16
42
Portales (14-5, 3-1)
Jennie Gentry 1-0-0, Amy Archibeque 0-0-0, Megan Kabrick 4-1-2, Erika Cook 7-2-2, Roni Gomez 3-0-2, Kassandra Richards 5-5-16, Toni Carter 6-3-3, Jalissa King 0-1-2, Morgan Hill 0-0-0, Felicity Pena 1-0-1. Totals: 27-12-17
72
Ruidoso 10 12 7 13 -42
Portales 19 16 18 19 -72
Three-point goals: Ruidoso 2 (Silva 2), Portales 7 (Cook, Gomez 2, Kabrick, Richards, Carter). Total fouls: Ruidoso 14, Portales 17. Fouled out: Ruidoso, Robinson.

Marez likes making excuses, but that was a reality.

As it was, Dusti Franklin had 15 points to lead the Lady Warriors, while Clarissa Silva put in 14 — including two three-pointers.

Outside shooting was again the forte of Portales (14-5, 3-1). Five different Rams combined for seven shots beyond the arc, including two each by Roni Gomez and Erika Cook.

The Lady Warriors faced Lovington Tuesday and play a third time against Portales — again in Ruidoso — Feb. 18. Despite being 0-3 in the district after Friday's loss and a likely third-place finish, Marez knows the big focus should be on the district tournament.

"You only have to win one game to get to regionals," Marez said. "We've got to build ourselves up to that point to win that one game. We've still got time to improve."

Lady Chiefs lead district 8A

BY KAREN BOEHLER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

MESCALERO — The Mesclero girls (12-6, 4-0) did everything they could to give themselves an advantage over District 8A rivals Tatum Saturday.

The Chiefs practiced the press they were going to use Saturday during Friday's match against Lake Arthur, and rotated players in and out of Friday's match.

They canceled Saturday's junior varsity game to give them more bench strength, and urged their fans to pack the high school gym in support of the squad.

And when all the smoke had cleared Saturday, it paid off with a 47-43 win over the Coyotes.

It gave the Chiefs sole possession of first place in the district, something they've never before had.

And although it looked like it was going to be easy, it wasn't.

"They're just too good a team," said Mesclero coach Rol Bradford. "We knew it was going to be a close game."

"I feel great," said Augusta Lang, who, along with teammate Sheriene Davis, tallied 12 points. "It was a tremendous win. I really liked the way the girls played and we did what we had to do to win."

Lady Chiefs 90, Lady Panthers 31

The Chiefs used Friday's game as a warmup for Saturday's match, and while the final was a blowout — 90-31 Mesclero — the Chiefs looked ragged early.

Bradford said there was a reason for that. "We went with the format we're going to use against Tatum. We made a bunch of changes. We played the big girl (sophomore Davis) in the middle, and we went to a 2-2-1 press instead of our normal. And we just put that in tonight, because we felt like we could get back into the defense we wanted to play against Tatum."

Even though Mesclero was missing shots and making turnovers while they were working on the press, the Chiefs still managed to lead the young Panther squad 20-9, 44-18 and 60-24.

Chiefs still improving

The inexperienced Mesclero boys (3-11, 0-4) got blown out again Friday and Saturday, but they showed improvement, mainly due to a pair of youngsters.

Coach Christie La Paz brought up eighth graders Danan Davis and Branson Smith from the mid school team, and while the Chiefs still lost 108-



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Shanell Mariano (55) fights for the ball with Lake Arthur players Lisa Porras, right, and Elissa Villa during the teams' District 8-1A contest Friday in Mesclero.

12 to Lake Arthur Thursday and 87-28 to Tatum Saturday, they began to look like a basketball team.

"Bringing those two eighth graders up really helped me tonight," La Paz said after Friday's game. "Those eighth graders really hustle, and the older boys need to start stepping up. It's been four or five games now. They need to step up like those two eighth graders did."

Coyotes 87, Chiefs 28

Saturday, Tatum coach Mike Major used a different tactic against the Chiefs.

"We didn't press at all. We have a lot of young kids who played a lot," he said. "We worked on our offense and stuff and tried to show some patience and tried to get some things done."

That seemed to help, and despite not having their top scorer — Jacob Glossup is out indefinitely with a sprained ankle — the Chiefs put some points on the board.

Both eighth graders hit from the outside — Smith two and Davis one — as did Eymett Botella.

Cervantes tallied 10 points on the night. The Chiefs also lost in a rescheduled game Thursday, falling 67-16 to Emanuel Baptist of El Paso.

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

Corona teams winless in district

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona boys and girls teams finished the District 7-1A season Saturday with a pair of losses to Bosque Prep, but still have two more non-district games to play before they begin the district tournament.

"We're not trying to prove anything, we're just going to play," said Corona coach Tommy Mulkey.

The girls lost 46-18, a score that Mulkey felt should have been a lot closer against a young team like the Bobcats.

"We didn't play bad, we just didn't shoot the ball well," Mulkey said. "Even this late in the season, we're still having trouble making layups."

The boys also lost to Bosque, 70-45, but the game didn't count in district, as Bosque Prep is only playing their junior varsity this season.

Capitan boys just miss beating Lordsburg

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Capitan boys went into Saturday's contest against Lordsburg on a mission: Knock off the top dog in District 5-2A. They came within a bucket of doing it.

After leading by as much as eight points in the first quarter, then matching Lordsburg bucket-for-bucket throughout the rest of the game, the Tigers fell 53-51 to the still-undefeated Mavericks.

"Overall we played an excellent game," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "We didn't let them get on a big run."

The loss came after a 67-53 defeat of Cloudcroft Thursday, placing the Tigers at 3-2 in the district.

The Lordsburg game proved that Brown was right about 5-2A, that just about anybody can win at any time. Capitan (11-7 overall) had a 16-13 lead after the first quarter — a decided difference from their last game, when the Mavericks (17-2, 5-0 district) took control early and never let go.

"In the second quarter, they came on hard, and it was basket for basket from then on," Brown said. "It was just a well-played game."

One thing which hurt the Tigers was fouls. Sheldon Moor, normally a leader in points, had to sit much of the second half in foul trouble and eventually fouled out with only seven points to his name.

Others picked up the slack — such as J.D. Mitchell with 11 points and Josh Osborn and Bo

Sparks with 10 each — but they weren't able to stop Armando Morales, who led Lordsburg with 24.

"He got hot and they made their free throws, that was the key right there," Brown said.

The Cloudcroft game was a much more one-sided affair. Luckily for the Tigers, it was their side that got all the glory.

The Bears (4-14, 0-4 after Thursday) opened with a 13-12 lead in the first quarter, but Capitan scored the first six points of the second period and went on a 24-6 run to take the lead for good.

"We made some defensive changes in the second quarter and didn't look back from there," Brown said. "I got some kids some experience and it worked out well."

Sparks had 21 points to lead all scorers, while Moor put in 19.

Clint Lard led Cloudcroft with 17 points, while Logan Capps had 16.

Lady Tigers

The Capitan girls kept on rolling through the district competition, beating both Cloudcroft and Lordsburg in succession, entering Tuesday's game with Tularosa with a 4-1 record.

Their rematch against Lordsburg Saturday was decidedly different from last time.

The Lady Tigers (10-9, 4-1) actually trailed after one quarter and — after taking a big lead — barely hung on to beat the Lady Mavericks in January. This time, they took control from the beginning and



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A Cloudcroft Bear pops a quick jumper for two during the boys' game against Capitan Tigers Bo Sparks (10) and Josh Osborn in the Cloudcroft High School gym Thursday night.

won 60-46, thanks to a big scoring presence by Jessica Becker.

"They couldn't handle her and we kept going in to her," said Capitan coach Sherry Gowen. "She had good movement down there and she put them in."

Becker led the team with 31 points as the only Lady Tiger in double figures on the day. Jessica Tully-Mitchell had eight points, while Melissa Becker added seven.

"We played better as a team," Gowen said. "We still had too many turnovers, but we worked harder to score off the steals we got."

The big victory over the Lady Mavericks (6-15, 0-5) came two days after a game which was literally decided by free throws.

The Lady Tigers defeated Cloudcroft Thursday 45-41 despite weathering a poor shooting and ball-handling performance.

"We had 25 turnovers in that game," Gowen said. "We also didn't shoot well from the field. It was weird — they'd just go in and out."

"Thank God we shot free throws well."

After spotting the Lady Bears (7-10, 1-3 after Thursday) to a 4-0 lead to start the game, Capitan went on a 10-0 run to take a big lead.

It was a lead they couldn't



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Cloudcroft Lady Bear Rain Russell, left, makes a quick flying pass beneath the basket as she runs into Capitan Lady Tiger Jessica Tully-Mitchell, right, during the girls' game in the Cloudcroft High School gym Thursday in Cloudcroft.

Carrizozo sweeps Bosque

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Both the Carrizozo boys and girls teams won in their games against Bosque Prep on Thursday, but only one counted as a District 7-1A victory.

Not that it mattered much to Carrizozo coach Mel Holland and the Grizzly boys.

"We didn't execute as well as we should have, but the boys have won three in a row," Holland said. "It's really helped their morale."

Carrizozo improved to 8-14 overall after beating Bosque 46-39 for their third win in as many days. They beat Corona Tuesday and won over Mescalero on Wednesday.

Because Bosque Prep doesn't have a varsity boys team competing in district, only a junior varsity team, the Grizzlies' win Thursday doesn't count in the district standings.

Still, a win is a win.

"We're just trying to play our best basketball when we get to the district tournament," Holland said. "We're hoping we can beat somebody at the right time, knowing we'll be an underdog."

Josh Calvert had 18 points to lead Carrizozo, followed by Joseph Samora with 16.

Lady Grizzlies 59, Lady Bobcats 26

Carrizozo's girls' win over Bosque Prep did count in the district standings, placing the Lady Grizzlies solidly in first place with a 6-0 record and are now 17-6 overall.

Even though the score was heavily in Carrizozo's favor, Holland was still wishing his team could have played better.

"I thought the girls didn't play real well," Holland said. "Bosque is real young, and I think we dropped down to their level. We've gone back to some fundamentals in practice as a result."

The Lady Grizzlies got 19 points from Christa Franck and 10 points from Whitney Whittaker in the game, also their third win in as many days.

Carrizozo has two district games left — against Temple Baptist this Thursday and Bosque next Thursday — before the beginning of the District 7-1A tournament.

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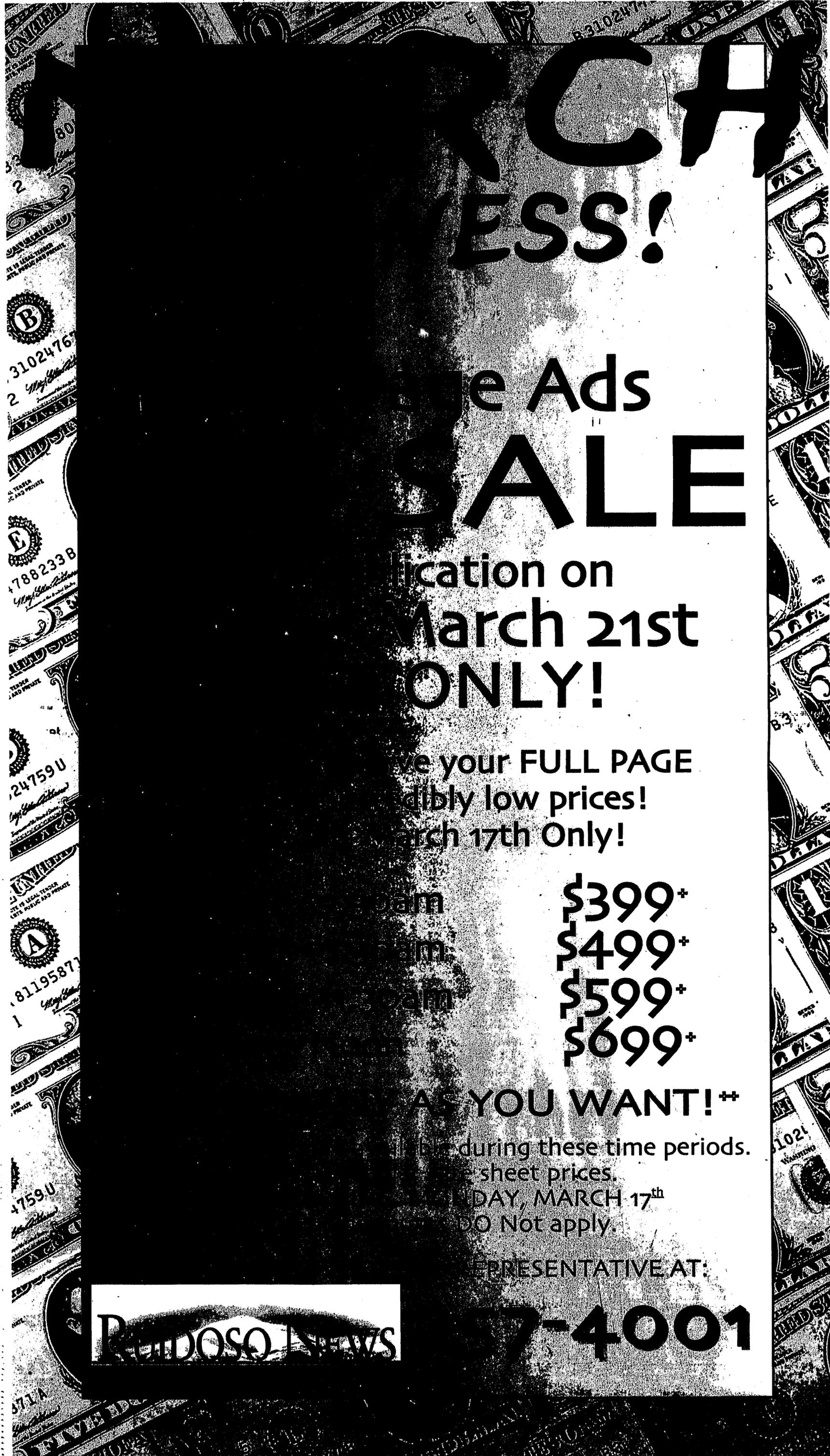
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QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Education and Training: Juris Doctorate. In the areas of Federal Indian Law, Public Law 92-638, as amended, including trust, federal environmental, criminal law and order, juvenile and civil laws as they relate to Indian lands and jurisdiction on Indian country.

Experience: Four (4) years as a State Licensed practicing attorney with a reputable law firm or governmental agency.

Special Knowledge, skills, and Abilities: 1. Prefer knowledge of federal contract and grants, and Tribal policies. Knowledge of federal environmental statutes, including but not limited to: Clean Water & Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Air Act, Resource Conservation & Recovery Act, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act, Toxic Substances Control Act, Funding Agreements and Congressional appropriations, law and procedures with advanced Enforcement experience.

2. Second Preference- 4 years of litigation experience (a) court, (b) administrative, with Science Degree and willingness to learn Environmental Law/Regulations.

License/Certification Requirements: Juris Doctorate, Arizona, New Mexico & Utah, Navajo Bar within six (6) months and Valid State and Tribal Driver's license.

Additional Information, please contact:
Edith M. Snyder at (928) 871-7692 or em.snyder@hotmail.com / www.navajoespa.org
Opening January 13, 2003 and Closing February 15, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

DENTIST: The Pueblo of Jemez Health & Human Services Department is seeking a General Dentist for its Dental Clinic. The candidate will provide a full range of dental services to patients of all ages for the Pueblo of Jemez. Provides diagnostic, preventive, education, and corrective dental health services to eligible patients. Preventive services include sealants, topical fluoride, and community and school based dental education. Corrective services include restorative dentistry, endodontia, exodontias, prosthodontia, orthodontia, and pediatric dentistry. Serves as the dental advisor to the Jemez Health Clinic medical staff and the Pueblo of Health & Human Services Department on all matters pertaining to oral health. Supervises the Jemez Dental staff and coordinates Dental services. Ability to relate to health care. Dentistry degree from a recognized college of dentistry. Current New Mexico licensure or eligibility for immediate licensure. Two to five years experience in dental practice. Position subject to a Motor Vehicle Background Check and a Criminal Background Check. Salary: Negotiable. For further information and / or tribal application contact the PUEBLO OF JEMEZ Human Resources Department @ (505) 834-7359. Position open until filled.

PHYSICIAN needed for a rural community-oriented primary health care delivery system. Knowledge of general medicine in the field of family practice to include a working knowledge of the major primary care fields of internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatrics to treat a majority of patients. knowledge of minor surgical; such as would be evident by the completion of an approved program of instructions in primary health care. Must have a license to practice medicine as Family Practitioner and have two years experience beyond residency or three years of residency training. Must have knowledge of the socio-economics of medicine of the roles of various health personnel and of the ethics and laws under which medicine is practiced and governed. Individual should possess the willingness and ability to work flexible hours. Skills to patient, collect historical and physical data, organize the data and present them in a concise format and to interpret special screening and development tests and selected laboratory findings. Skilled in making diagnoses, choosing, initiating and modify selected therapies and ability to provide emergency treatment as appropriate such as in cardiac arrest, shock or hemorrhage. Ability to implement public health principles, preventive medicine, and innovative care techniques in regards to asthma, arthritis, diabetes, and other equivalent services. Position subject to a Motor Vehicle Background Check and Criminal Background Check. Salary: Negotiable. For further information and/or tribal application contact the PUEBLO OF JEMEZ Human Resources Department @ (505)834-7359. Position open until filled.



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CHIEF OF POLICE • Farmington, New Mexico

The City of Farmington is accepting applications for a Police Chief to lead its department of 104 certified officers and 44 civilian employees. Farmington's nationally accredited (CALEA) department operates with an annual budget in excess of \$10 million. The Police Chief reports directly to the City Manager and works closely with other administrative staff members.

While a bachelor's degree is preferred, an equivalent combination of training and experience will also be considered. Twelve (12) years of experience in police work as a certified officer with a minimum of five (5) years of supervisory experience at a lieutenant or higher level within a similar or larger-sized department. Preference will be given to those candidates having completed on-going law enforcement or related training either within an established college degree program or through law enforcement training schools, such as the FBI National Academy (FBINA), the Southern Police Institute (SPI), or the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. The completion of the basic New Mexico law enforcement training academy or ability to receive New Mexico certification within one year of hire is also a requirement.

Recreational opportunities are abundant in and around Farmington. The moderate sunny climate makes it the ideal home for outdoor enthusiasts. Hiking, camping, biking and snow skiing are just some of the activities that are within easy reach - not to mention world class fly fishing and our nationally acclaimed golf course. Farmington is a culturally diverse community of approximately 39,000 and serves as a major retail trade area for the entire Four Corners area (<http://www.farmingtonnm.org>).

Hiring range is \$71,981.31 to \$85,292.90, dependent upon experience and qualifications of candidate selected. Closing date is March 13, 2003. Qualified candidates are encouraged to inquire or apply with a City of Farmington application, resume, and list of three references to:

City of Farmington Personnel Division
Attn: Human Resources Director
800 Municipal Drive
Farmington, New Mexico 87401

(505) 599-1133
e-mail: dbrooks@fntn.org

www.fntn.org/depts/humanresources/personnel/jobs/joblist.html



CHIEF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER THE NAVAJO NATION

SALARY NEGOTIABLE Closing Date: Feb 24th, 2003

TASKS: Serves as legal counsel to the Navajo Nation Council, provides comprehensive legal guidance and advice to the Navajo Nation Council, standing committees, boards, commission, and the Legislative Branch; coordinates with the Department of Justice and other attorneys providing legal services to the Nation; provides advice and counsel, interpretation of law, research, analysis and representation in mediation and administrative hearings; provides training and orientation in specific laws and areas on legal issues, directs and performs complex legal research and analysis of laws, legal precedents and issues.

Qualifications: A Juris Doctorate and ten (10) years of experience in the practice of laws and substantial experience in the administration and management of law firms or offices.

Special Requirement: Possession of a Navajo Nation Bar Association license and a state bar license to practice law. Must take and pass the state bar examination in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah or Colorado within one (1) year of appointment.

Considerable knowledge of the Navajo Nation, state and federal laws and regulations relating to the administrative legislative and judicial hearings; considerable knowledge of the methods and techniques of legal research, lobbying and presenting cases in court; considerable knowledge of the functions, policies, rules, regulations, and ethics of the Office of Legislative Counsel; knowledge of the principles, methods and practices of public policy, administration and management.

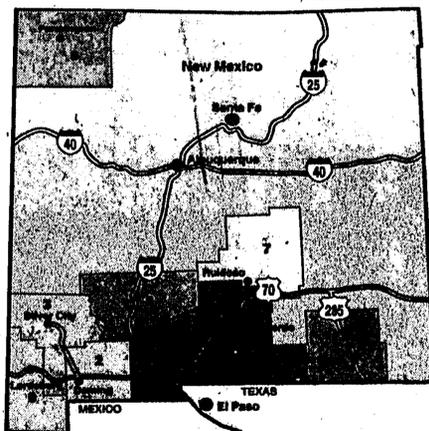
Ability to speak and/or understand the Navajo language and familiarity with Navajo culture, customs and traditions.

A Navajo Nation application for employment must be submitted to the Department of Personnel Management on / or before the closing date. Application submitted after the closing date will not be considered. All applications for employment must be filled out in their entirety including dates.

The Navajo Nation gives preference to eligible and qualified applicants in accordance with the Navajo Preference in Employment Act (NPEA).

Submit Applications to:
The Navajo Nation, Department of Personnel Management
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Interested and qualified candidates may call or write for additional information to: Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., Personnel Office, P.O. Box 10, Pine Hill, New Mexico 87357, Telephone (505) 775-3256, FAX (505) 775-3799. The Ramah Navajo School Board, Inc., is an Equal Opportunity and Indian and Navajo Preference Employer.

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#5413 1T (2)12 LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING BOARD CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraterritorial Zoning Board will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Ruidoso Downs Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2002-06, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date. Meetings are open to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City of Ruidoso Downs Hall at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC City Clerk #5419 2T (2)12,14

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional design services will be received by the Village of Capitlan for RFP 2003-01.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for Professional Engineering Services for Village of Capitlan Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements (CDBG #02-C-RS-1-7-G-60). A preliminary engineering report will be required to provide recommendations for upgrading the existing system for the purpose of bringing the plant into compliance with NMED regulations and to comply with requirements for future discharge permits.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitlan until March 10th, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. at Village of Capitlan Office, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitlan, NM or mailed to P.O. Box 246, Capitlan, NM 88316.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Municipal Clerk/Treasurer at the Village of Capitlan office, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitlan, NM or at the SE Council of Governments, 201 N Nevada, Suite B, Roswell, NM. Copies may also be picked up by contacting Dora Batista at (505)624-6131 or Kathryn Griffin at (505)354-2247.

A Pre-Proposal conference will not be held. The Village of Capitlan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

/s/Kathryn Griffin Purchasing Agent #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.

LEGAL NOTICES

(A Division Of Cit/Financial) Plaintiff(s), vs. Case No. CV-02-102

(1)LeNora Patricia Pino (2)Unknowns: All Unknown Occupants And/O Tenants Of The Subject Real Estate (3)Unknowns: All Unknown Spouses Of Any Party Hereto And All Other Persons Living Or Dead Whose Names, Are Unknown, Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Real Estate

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 BELOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SAID SALE IS:

Date: March 4, 2003 Place: Administration Office located at Cree Meadows 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 KLEINSMITH & ASSOCIATES, 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. Kleinsmith at Colorado Springs, Colorado. My commission expires: 3/28/06.

(SEAL) /s/Rachel Astemborski Notary Public

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Exhibit "A" TRACT THREE - In the

LEGAL NOTICES

South 1/2 of Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by mates and bounds as follows:

Starting at the Southwest corner of said Section 9 and going 8 89°51' .E, along the South line of said Section 9 a distance of 2217.03 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 54, New Mexico Project No. F-99(4); thence N 52°47' E along said right-of-way line a distance of 883.25 feet to the place of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence N 28°50' W a distance of 553.63 feet; thence N 48°28'47" E a distance of 85.88 feet; thence N 45°06'13" E a distance of 317.77 feet; thence N 60°10'25" E a distance of 364.76 feet; thence S 28°50' E a distance of 555.64 feet; thence S 52°47' W a distance of 762.00 feet to the said place of beginning, and containing 9.999 acres, more or less. #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)648-2371, 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

There will be a mandatory prebid meeting at the Fairgrounds on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. You must be present at the prebid meeting to submit a bid on this work.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of

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Chambers, 105 6th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bid specifications will 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 Weibrecht, Town Clerk/Treasurer, at (505)648-2371.

/s/Leann Weibrecht, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer Town of Carrizozo #5418 1T (2)12

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID 02-03-015

"Electrical Work at the Lincoln County Livestock Pavilion"

DUE: Friday, March 7, 2003, 2:00 p.m. MST

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids to provide electrical service to include panels, conduit, wire and cabinets to the Livestock Pavilion at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitlan. Complete specifications and drawings are contained in the Bid Packet that is available at the office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385. You must hold a current New Mexico Electrical (EE) Contractor's license to bid on this project.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of

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opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid should be sent or hand-delivered to County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Ave), Carrizozo, NM 88301 by 2:00 p.m. MST March 7, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

/s/Jane Williams Purchasing Agent #5422 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE

RESULTS FOR RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 03

School Board Election held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 7217

Total Voters: 427

School Board Member - Position 1, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Susan Marie Lutterman 315

School Board Member - Position 2, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Franklin D. Saynor 321

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School Board Member - Position 3, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Strand M. McDougal 145

Thomas F. Vigil 121

Jacquelyn M. Branum 85

Bill G. Chance 70

Public School Capital Improvements Tax Question FOR 323

AGAINST 67

Publication made this 14th day of February, 2003 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

LEGAL DEADLINES

Washington's Birthday (3rd Monday in February) Before his assassination in 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the foremost civil rights leader of the 1950s and 1960s, and in 1964 he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD Edited by Will Shortz No. 1216

ACROSS 1 Org. for court figures 4 Allowed to flow 10 Totem's representation 14 Tread site 17 Robust 17 They give a lot 18 1930's-40's film director - C. Kenton 19 Preceder of many words? 20 It may give you a jump: Abbr. 21 Cried out on a farm 22 Sch. on the Charles 23 One of the Wright brothers, for short 24 'Everybody Jam!' singer John 28 Roxy Music founder 27 Get excited 29 N.Y.C. subway line 30 Overheat 32 Revealing garments 34 Joined, redundantly 36 Establishes the going price? 38 Mideast native 42 Ode title starter 43 Least loyal 45 Aviation prefix 46 Lewis and Clarke 48 French pronoun 49 Award for mil. heroism 50 Thomy twig 51 Trip starter 52 Valentine's place 53 Let the air out? 54 It might produce a happy medium 57 What this is in Spain 58 Serving to explain 59 Goat-drawn chariot rider, in myth 60 Cotton fabric 61 ecclesiasticae (church matters)

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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#5413 1T (2)12 LEGAL NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING BOARD CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Extraterritorial Zoning Board will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Ruidoso Downs Hubbard Room, 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 2002-06, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date. Meetings are open to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City of Ruidoso Downs Hall at least one week prior to meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC City Clerk #5419 2T (2)12,14

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional design services will be received by the Village of Capitlan for RFP 2003-01.

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for Professional Engineering Services for Village of Capitlan Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements (CDBG #02-C-RS-1-7-G-60). A preliminary engineering report will be required to provide recommendations for upgrading the existing system for the purpose of bringing the plant into compliance with NMED regulations and to comply with requirements for future discharge permits.

Proposals will be received at the Village of Capitlan until March 10th, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. at Village of Capitlan Office, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitlan, NM or mailed to P.O. Box 246, Capitlan, NM 88316.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Municipal Clerk/Treasurer at the Village of Capitlan office, 114 Lincoln Ave., Capitlan, NM or at the SE Council of Governments, 201 N Nevada, Suite B, Roswell, NM. Copies may also be picked up by contacting Dora Batista at (505)624-6131 or Kathryn Griffin at (505)354-2247.

A Pre-Proposal conference will not be held. The Village of Capitlan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

/s/Kathryn Griffin Purchasing Agent #5392 4T (1)22,29 (2)5,12

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF LINCOLN 12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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(A Division Of Citifinancial) Plaintiff(s), vs. Case No. CV-02-102

(1)LeNora Patricia Pino (2)Unknowns: All Unknown Occupants And/O Tenants Of The Subject Real Estate (3)Unknowns: All Unknown Spouses Of Any Party Hereto And All Other Persons Living Or Dead Whose Names, Are Unknown, Who Claim Any Interest In The Subject Real Estate 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 BELOW WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE REAL ESTATE DESCRIBED BELOW.

THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SAID SALE IS:

Date: March 4, 2003 Place: Administration Office located at Cree Meadows 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 KLEINSMITH & ASSOCIATES, 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. Kleinsmith at Colorado Springs, Colorado. My commission expires: 3/28/06.

(SEAL) /s/Rachel Astemborski Notary Public

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South 1/2 of Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by mates and bounds as follows:

Starting at the Southwest corner of said Section 9 and going 8 89°51' .E, along the South line of said Section 9 a distance of 2217.03 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 54, New Mexico Project No. F-99(4); thence N 52°47' E along said right-of-way line a distance of 883.25 feet to the place of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence N 28°50' W a distance of 553.63 feet; thence N 48°28'47" E a distance of 85.88 feet; thence N 45°06'13" E a distance of 317.77 feet; thence N 60°10'25" E a distance of 364.76 feet; thence S 28°50' E a distance of 555.64 feet; thence S 52°47' W a distance of 762.00 feet to the said place of beginning, and containing 9.999 acres, more or less. #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)648-2371, 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

There will be a mandatory prebid meeting at the Fairgrounds on Monday, February 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. You must be present at the prebid meeting to submit a bid on this work.

All bids submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of

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Chambers, 105 6th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bid specifications will 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 Weibrecht, Town Clerk/Treasurer, at (505)648-2371.

/s/Leann Weibrecht, CMC Town Clerk/Treasurer Town of Carrizozo #5418 1T (2)12

LEGAL NOTICE INVITATION TO BID 02-03-015

"Electrical Work at the Lincoln County Livestock Pavilion" DUE: Friday, March 7, 2003, 2:00 p.m. MST

The County of Lincoln is requesting bids to provide electrical service to include panels, conduit, wire and cabinets to the Livestock Pavilion at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitlan. Complete specifications and drawings are contained in the Bid Packet that is available at the office of the County Manager, 300 Central Ave, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Jane Williams at (505) 648-2385. You must hold a current New Mexico Electrical (EE) Contractor's license to bid on this project.

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opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid should be sent or hand-delivered to County of Lincoln, P.O. Box 711 (300 Central Ave), Carrizozo, NM 88301 by 2:00 p.m. MST March 7, 2003. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

/s/Jane Williams Purchasing Agent #5422 1T (2)14

LEGAL NOTICE Results for RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 03

School Board Election held on February 4, 2003

Total Registered Voters: 7217 Total Voters: 427

School Board Member - Position 1, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Susan Marie Lutterman 315

School Board Member - Position 2, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Franklin D. Saynor 321

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School Board Member - Position 3, for a four-year term commencing March 1, 2003

Strand M. McDougal 145

Thomas F. Vigil 121

Jacquelyn M. Branum 85

Bill G. Chance 70

Public School Capital Improvements Tax Question FOR 323 AGAINST 67

Publication made this 14th day of February, 2003 in accordance with Section 1-22-15, NMSA 1978.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

LEGAL DEADLINES

Washington's Birthday (3rd Monday in February) Before his assassination in 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the foremost civil rights leader of the 1950s and 1960s, and in 1964 he won the Nobel Peace Prize.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD Edited by Will Shortz No. 1216. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues for Across and Down.

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Situated on a beautifully wooded lot which has a circular drive. Level access. Nice plan and wonderful back patio for entertaining. Living room and family room each have fireplaces. Wet bar too. Great price for Alto. **\$199,500 #97251**

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ALTO BEAUTY ON THE 16TH FAIRWAY!
Classy full golf home w/ attractive rock accents inside & out. Super open concept plan w/ vaulted ceilings and charming wood accents. Large master suite w/ its own cozy fireplace. Partially furnished. Garage too! On 1 1/2 lots! **\$337,500 #98171**

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NESTLED IN DEER PARK WOODS ON A LEVEL LOT
Is this full golf beauty? Furnished, wood windows, wet bar, living and family room. Small office too. Great plan and spectacular setting! **\$369,500 #97058**

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CLASSY ALTO HOME WITH FULL GOLF
Light and airy stucco surrounded by tall pines. Great master suite. Excellent plan. This well kept home will be your perfect choice for luxurious Alto living. Great price & excellent rental history! **\$235,000 #94537**

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Charming

GREAT CONDO IN WHITE MTN. AREA
These charming 2 bedroom units are super for full timers and vacationers. This one is beautifully updated. Nice decks and garage too! A must see! **\$118,500. #98130**

Great Buy!

HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOX HOLLOW CONDO
These 2 br. units are so great, and this one has nice views! A short walk to the Links and the fitness trail. Located in White Mountain area. Call for rental history. Well priced. **\$65,500. #98004**

VIEW!

HIGHLY DESIRABLE WHITE MOUNTAIN CONDO!
You'll love the fact that the Links and fitness trail are right outside your door! 2 Br, 2 1/2 Ba units have great plan. This one has a Sierra Blanca view too! All for under \$100K. A winner! **\$92,500. #98246**

Opportunity!

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(8 Yrs.) Business only. Price includes inventory. Great location in the heart of downtown. Retail fly fishing at its best! Fisherman's paradise. **\$89,900. #97408**

Potential!

RUIDOSO/HONDO MEMORIAL PARK
Beautiful setting. Over 2200 plots available. Good business potential. Ongoing endowment goes with property. Adj. home can be bought as pkg. at reduced price. **\$250,000. #95441**

Capitan

GREAT CAPITAN COMMERCIAL UNDER \$130,000!
This multi-use potential property is well located in a high traffic, easy access area of Capitan. Restaurant equipment included. Room to expand. Good parking. **\$129,500. #97978**

REDUCED!

GREAT COMMERCIAL PROPERTY W/HWY FRONTAGE
Real estate only! Approx. 2.24 acres w/ approx. 569 ft. Hwy frontage. Approx. 2,500 sq.ft. building w/ office, shop, grease pit, two 16 ft. overhead doors & storage. Excellent, multipurpose commercial location. **\$225,000. #93288**

3 BEDROOM

FABULOUS SIERRA BLANCA VIEWS!
This great plan has 4 bedrooms and 2 cozy fireplaces. You'll love the location and the large master suite. Double garage and great covered deck for enjoying the mountain air. A must see! **\$215,000. #98579**

VIEW!

GREAT MOUNTAIN HOME WITH EASY ACCESS!
Beautiful sunny valley view. This 3/2 home shows real pride of ownership! 2 car garage. Nice decks & wood accents. One owner. A must see! **\$176,500. #98603**

2.26 Acres

SPACIOUS HOME ON CEDAR CREEK
The lot's the thing! 2.26 acres on Cedar Creek. Spectacular setting. Nice, large home with game room, garage, 2 fireplaces, and great decks. Home comes fully furnished too. Secluded feel with tall pines, and creek frontage... so nice! **\$210,000. #97056**

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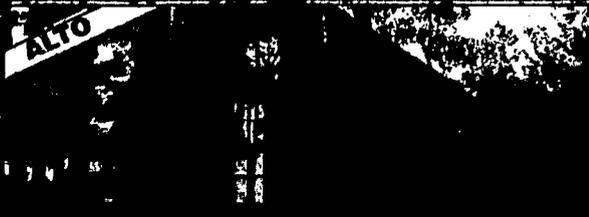
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59 ACRE HORSE PROPERTY WITH VIEWS!
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Beautiful



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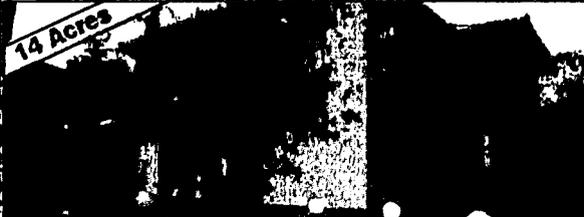
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14 Acres



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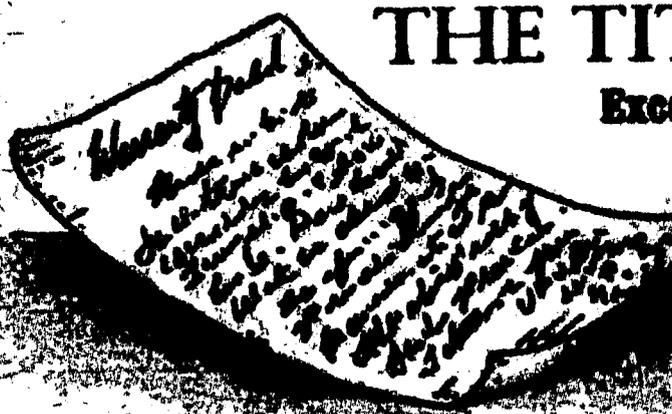


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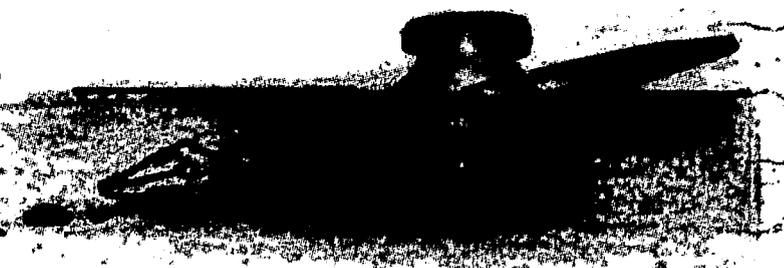
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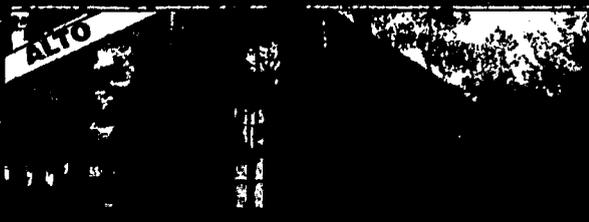


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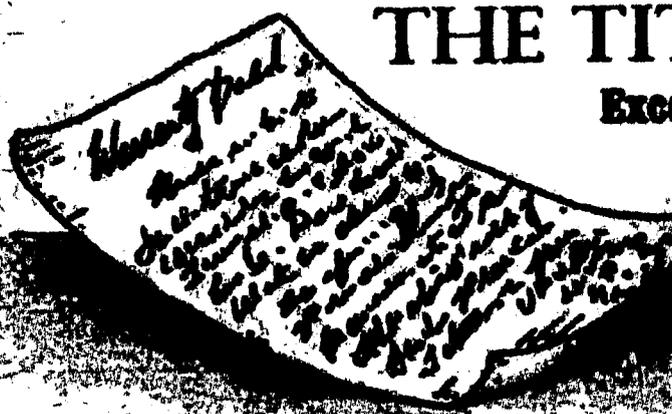


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