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County seeks CCNG-Zia gas deal

Commissioner Leo Martinez wants to mediate as county sees \$10,000 service increase

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Facing an estimated \$10,000 increase in Lincoln County's natural gas bill over last year, County Commissioner Leo Martinez hopes to act as a mediator in a long-standing dispute between Zia Natural Gas and the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company.

County manager Tom Stewart said he projects the county will pay about \$36,800 more this year because it is served by CCNG instead of Zia. The smaller municipal company has to pay Zia's regular retail rate to use its transportation lines.

But because CCNG is a municipal gas company, it has a lock on service in the two communities, and Zia has no franchise to operate there.

Zia spokesman Mercedes Fernandez-Wells said in the past, Zia offered more than \$800,000 for the smaller CCNG, but currently, the larger supplier is not interested in buying it because so much of the infrastructure would have to be replaced and updated in Carrizozo, Capitan and Nogal.

Tom Sullivan, county sheriff and the new CCNG board chairman, said Stewart's figures probably are correct,

and asked Bobbi Shearer, who serves on the Capitan Board of Trustees and the CCNG board, to give background on the situation.

Shearer said the gas company was formed in 1966 when no private company wanted to provide service. Revenue bonds were issued to pay for 44 miles of 4-inch lines to reach the supplier, El Paso Natural Gas.

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Commission rejects mobile home permits

The county assessor says permits would help him keep track of property taxes

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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A method to track the movement of mobile homes and manufactured housing in Lincoln County to ensure property taxes are assessed on a timely basis was rejected Tuesday.

County commissioners split 2-2 with Commissioner Rick Simpson absent, on an ordinance proposed by County Assessor Rick Silva and county planner Patsy Sanchez. The ordinance aimed to require a permit for mobile units to enter, move within or leave the county and to ensure that property taxes are collected.

The permit would give his appraisers an exact address of a unit, would provide a sticker to verify that the unit was registered and put the unit on the tax rolls. Silva said He probably misses about 20 percent of the manufactured and mobile homes in the county, throwing the burden onto other property owners, he said.

He asked that a \$25 fee be applied with \$15 going to the assessor's office to cover the permitting process and \$10 to the county treasurer's office. Sanchez would handle the initial permit issuance and she told commissioners she wouldn't need additional manpower.

By issuing a permit, the county could ensure that all taxes were paid before the unit enters the county, leaves the county or shifts to a new site within the county, Silva said. "This isn't as restrictive as a lot of counties around the state that require electrical and septic county permits," he said, adding those items should be covered by existing state

construction laws.

Commission Chairman Rex Wilson opposed the measure, saying that Silva can obtain the information he needs from other sources and that it's the job of his staff to find the units. The assessor's budget exceeds \$600,000, he has a 10-member staff and seven vehicles, the chairman pointed out.

"I think it's your job to go find them and we have the ability to tax them now," Wilson said. "We have a problem with the lack of affordable housing in this county and mobile home and manufactured housing are affordable."

He said he worried about where the bureaucracy would lead and proposed dropping the fee for a permit and, instead, asking people to call with the information.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said while he shared Wilson's concern with an estimated one out of every five mobile homes being missed for taxes, he wants a method to keep county officials informed about units in the county and to see them pay their share.

"I don't want to see unnecessary rules or regulations placed on people, but ... we should make a good-faith effort to collect."

Earl Hobbs

"I don't want to see unnecessary rules or regulations placed on people, but I pay property taxes on my home and the taxes on mobile homes are due also and we should make a good-faith effort to collect," Hobbs said.

Sanchez told of missing an entire mobile home park when she had administrative jurisdiction over the extraterritorial zone shared by the county with the village of Ruidoso around that community's border.

She was told by an official with the state Manufactured Housing Office that unless the county passed an ordinance, the state would not report on units to local officials.

"I asked for one (an ordinance) and

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Sid Goodloe works on his methods of rehabilitating and conserving rangeland in Lincoln County.

Ranch repair

Sid Goodloe honored for his rangeland innovation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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When people in Lincoln County think about innovation and ranching, the name Sid Goodloe inevitably will be dropped into the conversation.

He took a scraggly, eroded piece of land and through his "healing" management plan, restored natural grasses, saw long-gone springs bubble from the ground and watched wildlife return to the range.

Goodloe recently was recognized for his work by the Quivera Coalition with the

Second Annual Clarence Burch Award for 2003. Also honored with the award was Bill Zeedyk, who owns and operates a small consulting business specializing in the restoration of wetland and riparian habitats using "low tech," hands-on methods and native materials.

Burch, who died in 2000 at the age of 94, was a rancher, teacher, conservationist, activist, international diplomat and public servant to five governors. The award in his name recognizes efforts toward restoration of riparian areas - the

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Water expert suggests full-time conservation

BY DIANNE STALLINGS

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Rehabilitating existing wells, buying more water rights, instituting year-round conservation, and finding new sources of water for better management of the village of Ruidoso's well pumping schedule were recommended to the council by its water consultant.

Roger Perry of John Shomaker and Associates Inc., told councilors last week his company was formed 30 years ago, focusing on hydrological issues, and started working with the village in 1989.

Perry said he's assisting Wilson and Company in developing the village's 40-year water master plan.

Recommendations include maintaining storage levels at reservoirs and tanks, and implementation of a

monitoring program to determine the depth of water in wells when pumping and at rest, in good and bad moisture years and seasonally.

The multi-year drought in the state hurt the water resource by reducing the amount of surface water and recharge into the aquifer, he said. The village's available water rights also limit production.

"Last year, you were at the absolute maximum of your rights," he told councilors.

Under water conservation, Perry said measures should be in place to limit lawn irrigation year-round, not only in drought; the council could consider mandating low-flow appliances; could encourage the use of winter harvesting of roof water into cisterns; and consider hot water recirculating systems.

"When it rains and the snow

comes, we forget about conservation," Councilor Ron Hardeman said. "I read that lot of cities in the state are addressing conservation in an active way. I think we have to do that here."

Councilor Bob Sterchi said, "One warm day and I see people watering all over town. I think we should stick with only on Tuesdays," which is the current Phase II.

Perry said conservation measures enacted by Albuquerque six years ago have kept water use fairly steady despite huge growth in the population.

More accurate monitoring of the snowpack is needed, he said.

"It's the primary source of surface flows and recharge," he said. "With rain, most water is lost to runoff."

Perry recommended using surface

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We'll see you in the funny papers

Starting today the *Ruidoso News* is providing something previously missing from our content: Comic strips.

Twice a week readers will be able to find "Bound and Gagged," by Dana "Summers, "Lola," by Todd Clark and Steve Dickenson, and "Shoe," by Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins, in the paper. They're on page 4C today.

Puzzle lovers can also rejoice, as the *News* has added Scrabblegrams and Jumble twice a week. This, along with our new crosswords: The American Profile puzzle on Wednesdays and the L.A. Times Sunday Crossword on Fridays. The Times puzzle was chosen over the Tribune Sunday Crossword by a two-to-one ratio in a reader poll.

"We hope our readers enjoy these new features as the *Ruidoso News* continues to grow," said editor Wes Schwengels.

Police pursuing leads on robbery

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ruidoso police detectives are pursuing leads that came in to Crimestoppers recently regarding the robbery Jan. 19 of Rebekah's, 2519 Sudderth Drive.

"We feel these are very significant leads," said Police Chief Lanny Maddox.

A white or Hispanic male, 35-45 years of age and 5 feet 5 inches tall, about 150 pounds, entered the business, showed a small-caliber, black, semi-automatic pistol with pearl grips to the clerk and demanded money from the register. The robber then locked the clerk in the rear storage room and fled.

Customers entering a few minutes later heard the clerk banging on the door and yelling, and unlocked the door.

The robber may have been driving an older model, GMC mid-size pick up truck with the new design New Mexico license plate. The color of the truck was described in a press release as blue on top with a silver panel on the side and blue on the lower panel.

Because of that robbery and the robbery and kidnapping of 79-year-old Bessie Ellis on Jan. 9, mid-town merchants began meeting and came up with a "telephone tree" to inform each other if any suspicious people were seen or any attempts at shoplifting or robbery.

WATER: Village consultant says conservation a necessity in drought

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water for the municipal supply whenever it is available.

"It's fresh every year and renewable," he said. That also would allow wells used by the village to rest and recharge, he said.

Water levels should be checked after three or four hours of rest because by that time, they should have stabilized. The village needs accurate underground water level readings to determine the maximum annual pumping

rates, he said.

Testing of an old well at the high school shows it could produce 380 acre feet of water per year, he said. One acre foot equates to 325,800 gallons of water. Rehabilitation of three wells in the Hollywood area, the transition between Ruidoso and the city if Ruidoso Downs, could increase their yields, he said.

Len Stokes, the village's water supply consultant, said the village actively is pursuing more water supplies within and outside the village.

GOODLOE: Rancher honored for innovations

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streams, creeks, rivers and acequias of the region.

"In a time when water is increasingly a source of conflict and concern in the Southwest, Sid Goodloe and Bill Zeedyk have pursued a course of collaboration, innovation and education that is nothing short of inspirational," according to the nomination statement. "They have led by example, demonstrating how vision of healthy land in this case, still is the key to success and improvement."

Healthy riparian areas are needed for wildlife habitat and for human populations to produce clean and abundant water.

"Unfortunately, across most of the Southwest (more unhealthy riparian areas, such as lakes filled with sediment, land prone to flash floods, the loss of food and cover for wildlife and livestock) can be found," the award statement asserts. "Too many riparian areas exist in a degraded state in too many places and they have been degraded for too long."

The unhealthy condition is tied to western expansion and exploitation that "took much more from nature than it could give," principally through overgrazing.

"Add to this legacy, the well-intentioned, but ultimately misguided efforts of engineers and other industrious types to fix nature during the heady days of the 1950s and 1960s. Damming, channelizing, clear-cutting and dozens of other acts of arrogance have compounded the intractance with social and ecological consequences that now are becoming all too clear."

Goodloe chose to use nature to heal

nature and subscribes to the Hippocratic Oath to "do no harm."

Born in Abilene, Texas, Goodloe worked on ranches most of his life, as a hand and later as manager in places such as Springer and ranches in Colorado.

In 1956, he purchased the Carrizo Valley Ranch in Lincoln County, described as "a worn out, ecologically abused" but affordable ranch.

Wife Cheryl said the land was badly degraded because eight homesteads of 60 acres each subjected the ranch area to plowing, which saw the fertile ground washed or blown away.

Goodloe recognized the need to use a variety of resources to operate a cattle ranch and executed choices that resulted in:

- A new and better breed of cattle called Alpine Black, suited to the environment.

- A range management system that included thinning invasive vegetative species such as piñon, juniper and pine thickets, then making use of the material in firewood and viga sales to finance the rehabilitation work.

- The first use of high-intensity, short-duration grazing in the United States.

- Overall improvements of habitat and water throughout the ranch.

During the early years, he worked as a hand for other ranchers to generate the income he needed to sustain his family and cattle. He attended Texas A&M and worked abroad with the Massai of Africa, All Savory of Rhodesia and the Gauchos of Brazil, bringing home new techniques to try at his ranch, with modifications to fit the setting.

He used his experiences to form a holistic resource management style and

teamed with federal and state agencies, another seldom-trying partnership at that time.

"One such effort was in creating the Carrizo Project within the Smokey Bear Ranger District, which illustrated the use of mechanical clearing and prescribed fire to rehabilitate a wasteland into productive and sustainable ecosystem, providing ample wildlife habitat," according to the nomination statement.

Goodloe first allowed his land to rest, then grazed it only in dormant seasons. When no other organization seemed to fit the niche, he formed the New Mexico Riparian Council.

"His ranch became not only an educational showcase, but also a sustainable ecosystem that supports an economically viable cattle ranch and remains an environmentally sensitive operation."

Over the last five years, following his belief in the need for sustainable agriculture and open spaces, Goodloe sought information about preserving his ranch from urban development. He placed a conservation easement on the land and, when he found no other suitable entity, established the Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust to assist other ranchers in placing easements on their land.

The nomination statement summarized his accomplishments by saying, "Sid has demonstrated innovative and sustainable methods of land stewardship, contributed significantly to public education about sustainable use of natural resources, promoted and implemented the collaborative process in resolving land stewardship conflicts and has demonstrated proactive leadership in promoting and achieving land and community health."

Homeland Security Guidance Under Threat Condition HIGH (Orange)



The following is information for the citizens of the Village Of Ruidoso and Lincoln County concerning the current High Threat Condition (Orange) implemented on Friday, February 7, 2003, by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Under this threat level, there are a number of things individuals can do to be prepared.



They include:

- Be more aware of your surroundings, terrorism strikes with little warning
- Exercise caution when traveling, be aware of unusual behavior and report suspicious activity
- Do not be afraid to move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or if something doesn't feel right
- Learn where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent, plan how to get out of an unfamiliar building
- Develop a household disaster plan, and assemble a disaster supply kit
- Discuss with family members what they would do and how they would communicate in the event of an incident, including the requirements of those with special needs
- Contact neighbors to discuss their plans and needs
- Check with school officials to determine their plans for an emergency and plans to reunite children with parents

These suggestions are all important awareness and preparedness measures that individuals should consider under the current threat level. In New Mexico, possible terrorist threats should be reported to local law enforcement or to the Counter Intelligence Unit at 1-800-432-6933. For more information on individual and family preparedness, either contact your local city or county emergency management office or log on to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at: www.fema.gov.

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Risk of Attack

Recommended Action

SEVERE (Red)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete recommended actions at lower levels • Listen to radio/TV for current information /instructions • Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities immediately • Adhere to any travel restrictions announced by local governmental authorities • Be prepared to shelter in place/evacuate and assist neighbors who are elderly or have special needs to do the same
HIGH (Orange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete recommended actions at lower levels • Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities • Check on neighbors who are elderly or have special needs to ensure they are okay. Review disaster plan with them • If a need is announced, contact nearest blood collection agency and offer to organize a neighborhood blood drive
ELEVATED (Yellow)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete recommended actions at lower levels • Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities • Have a neighborhood meeting in order to identify neighbors who are elderly or have special needs. Assist them in development of a personal disaster plan had disaster supplies kit if requested
GUARDED (Blue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete recommended actions at lower levels • Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities • Ask the local Red Cross chapter to prepare a presentation called "Preparing for the Unexpected" at an upcoming neighborhood meeting
LOW (Green)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have neighborhood meeting to discuss emergency plans and establish a 'Neighborhood Watch' • Obtain copies of Terrorism: Preparing for the Unexpected brochure from your local Red Cross chapter and distribute at neighborhood meeting • Promote or arrange for people in the neighborhood to take a Red Cross CPR/AED and first aid course

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Your local American Red Cross chapter has materials available to assist you in developing preparedness capabilities.

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Shop smart for gas, AAA says

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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In case drivers didn't notice, AAA New Mexico reminded them that the price for a gallon of self-serve unleaded gasoline leaped last week.

The average price for gas in the state hit \$1.54, a 9-cent increase from last month, according to the agency, which is advising motorists to "shop aggressively" for the best price and to look for ways to cut down on fuel consumption.

The national average also rose sharply, at \$1.61 a gallon, a 14-cent increase from a month ago.

The steep increase in prices is due mostly to fear and speculation about a war with Iraq and continuing concerns about terrorism, according to AAA New Mexico.

"This week's national fuel price is the highest ever recorded by AAA during February, a time when gas prices generally are lower than during other months of the year," said Brenda Yager, AAA New Mexico spokesman.

Prices in New Mexico recorded by the agency ranged from a low of \$1.47 in Farmington to a high of \$1.58 in Santa Fe.

Ruidoso's prices tended toward the higher side of the 11-cent variance with \$1.54 at many stations and at least one at \$1.59.

AAA New Mexico offered suggestions to help save money on fuel. They include:

- Slow down. The faster a vehicle travels, the more gas it burns. Leave enough time to reach a destination at a proper speed.
- Make fewer trips. Consolidate trips

and errands to cut down on driving time and keep needless miles off the odometer.

- Avoid quick starts and stops, which waste fuel and are harder on vehicle components, as well as increase the odds of a traffic crash.

- Lighten the load. Don't haul extra weight in the passenger compartment, trunk or cargo area of the vehicle. A heavier vehicle uses more gas.

- Maintain the vehicle by keeping tires inflated, moving components properly lubricated and ignition and emission systems operating properly.

- Keep track of gas consumption by resetting the trip meter each time the car is filled with gasoline. If miles driven per tank are less than normal, the vehicle may not be operating at peak performance.

PERMIT: Commissioners vote down tracking method

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it never passed," she said.

Other problems occurred with people who brought in units, then built a driveway without culverts and without a permit from the road department, she said.

Gary Snyder told commissioners he would have preferred paying for a permit to learn ahead of time that a manufactured unit he bought in another county would not be allowed on three lots he purchased in the ET zone.

Only after he moved in the unit and brought in utilities was he red-tagged by village code enforcement and ordered to stop work about a year ago. His financial loss is substantial and he has been ordered to move the unit, he said.

Wilson said he's all for closing a gap in the rules, but he didn't want to jump into another ordinance when enforcement still would be a problem. Twenty percent of the unit own-

ers might decide to take a chance anyway and not take out a permit, he said.

Sanchez said the county's rural address ordinance required utilities not be installed until an address has been issued by the county. This new rule would help, she said.

"They don't do that," she said. "We're trying to get cooperation."

Commissioner Leo Martinez said it's time for the county to move into the 21st Century and mobile homes already don't have to meet many regulations of regular homes. When Hobbs proposed passing the ordinance and Wilson suggested several amendments, Martinez said the changes would "gut" the regulation of the tools needed to fulfill its aims.

Wilson's amendments died for lack of a second. The vote on the unamended ordinance failed with Wilson and Commissioner Maury St. John voting against it. Martinez and Hobbs voted for it.

Commissioner wants developer accountability

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Earl Hobbs says he wants to see more than one representative show up for voting on new subdivisions.

The next time a subdivision plan hits the Lincoln County Commission agenda, Earl Hobbs said he expects to see the developers at the meeting in person to answer questions.

The new commissioner told surveyor Tim Collins Tuesday he would vote for Ponderosa Ranch, a five-acre subdivision revised from a 24-lot development previously approved for the land, but in the future Collins shouldn't show up alone to represent a project.

"I think the developers

should be here to answer questions, not just you as the sole representative," he said.

Among other things, he would like to know the extent of the developers' knowledge of the water supply for the small subdivision and why they didn't choose to incorporate a consolidated waste management system.

"Are they aware that Eagle Creek no longer runs?" he

asked. "In the future, I encourage developers to be here and I'm putting you on notice that I'd like to see (them)."

"Are they aware that Eagle Creek no longer runs?"

Earl Hobbs
county commissioner

Commissioner Maury St. John, who previously served on the county planning commission, said many of those questions are answered during that board's review of projects.

This subdivision is being developed by Ronald Nowak and Christine Poraznik.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LEPAC meeting

A representative of the New Mexico Health Department will speak at the meeting of the Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee today.

Involved in handling biological emergencies, he will

review state procedures if an event occurs and will talk about the program to immunize emergency workers.

The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Ruidoso village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

GAS: Commission wants to end Zia-CCNG feud

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The company served both communities and Ruidoso until the late 1980s when Zia bought Ruidoso Natural Gas. The larger company needed an 8-inch line and CCNG's smaller line was considered a bottleneck, she said.

"At that time we were making money, before deregulation of the natural gas industry nationwide," she said. CCNG received price breaks as a small city under a federal agreement with El Paso. But officials realized the company couldn't stay afloat unless it sold its transportation line to Zia. After the sale, CCNG became a transportation customer of the larger supplier. Part of the contract locked in for 10 years the same low price for gas CCNG had been paying, she said.

However, when that time period ran out in December 2000, the cost to CCNG jumped by more than 15 times the previous rate.

"That's the reason we can no longer be competitive," she said. "It's not because of mismanagement or high pay for employees. We're paying full retail price and then our customers have to pay our cost of operation on top of that."

Ten years of litigation with Zia cost each side an estimated \$400,000, she said. Three actions were heard by the Public Regulation Commission, two district court actions and a federal suit were filed. When she campaigned for election to the Capitan Board of Trustees, her major goal was to get CCNG out of litigation. One year later, she's still facing a pending case, and the PRC has told the company it has to live with the deal it bargained, she said.

CCNG will not expand into the county, but intends to concentrate on its municipal customers in its protected territory, Shearer said.

Zia's last buy-out offer, which no longer is on the table, was for \$300 per meter, she said. The board doesn't want to give away the company's assets, she said.

"We have a request for proposals for an appraisal, but to sell requires an unanimous vote of both town councils and that's a hard thing to get," Shearer said.

Many people in Capitan don't want to sell because they worry about Zia having a monopoly in the county, she said. They like to be able to call a local office and see local resi-

dents respond to their problems, she said. To become independent of Zia would cost more than \$1 million, she said.

But Martinez said because CCNG is a municipal company, customers have no recourse for complaints to the PRC as they do with Zia.

Sullivan said a recent spike in bills affected both CCNG and Zia customers.

"There was a 30 percent across the board increase and Zia has to pay that too," he said of higher fuel acquisition prices.

Stewart said he will look again at the possibility of switching to propane as a fuel, especially at the county detention center.

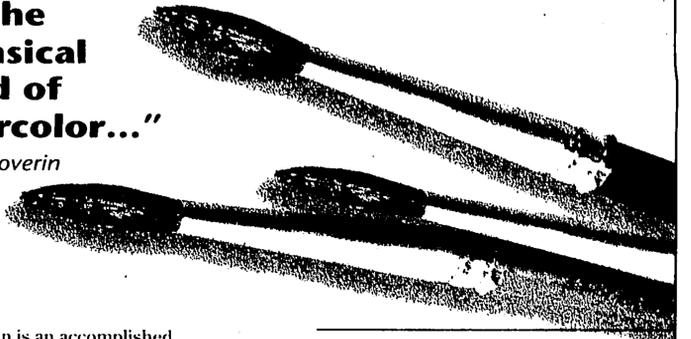
While presenting a cost comparison to commissioners, Leslie Hamilton, Zia's new division manager, explained the difference in pricing which showed a total for CCNG almost double that of Zia to serve the detention center.

Fernandez-Wells said, "At this time, there is not much we can do. It's up to CCNG to decide their own fate."

Martinez asked the Zia representatives not to close the door on any plan that would better serve the county and its residents.

"A dance between reality and the whimsical world of watercolor..."

— Janis Loverin



Janis Loverin is an accomplished watercolorist whose work is infused with the vibrant culture and landscape of New Mexico. State National Bank is proud to host an exhibit of her work.

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OUR OPINION

Water, wet water, wherever it's found

Ruidoso wants it, and so does everybody else

When a community seeks to solve its water shortage problems, everybody pays attention — especially when that community is the largest around, and wants to keep on growing.

And so last week's announcement that Ruidoso will seek state approval to drill 14 wells north of Carrizozo as a means of developing a water management plan got plenty of attention, from Carrizozo and from the ranchers whose unappropriated water rights are the target.

Yes, Ruidoso needs the water; it's been on a limited-use program for years. Its Eagle Creek wells have dried up Alto Lake. Some over-worked wells do need a rest to recharge.

Ruidoso, which decades ago gave up its rights to Bonito

Lake water, does need to find new water resources, to meet near- and long-term needs.

But, as Carrizozo's mayor said, it could have been approached in a more neighborly fashion.

And rancher Stirling Spencer, whose land is part of that which Ruidoso would like to drill, doubts there is sufficient water in the aquifer — what Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston called "wet" water — to help Ruidoso without destroying his own supply.

Water is precious; everybody needs it. County Manager Tom Stewart notes that "what is required is regional cooperation to solve the problems everyone faces, and we should be working toward that goal."

We'll drink (water) to that.

Now they're going to legislate dirty bath water

Making its way through the New Mexico State Legislature is a bill that would allow you — and I mean, YOU, you lucky New Mexico gardener — to use your dirty bath water to irrigate the yard.

I have only one word for that idea: YUU-UCK!

We will never gaze upon a bed of petunias with the same warm feeling. Did you forget your deodorant, honey, or have you been digging in the tulip bed again?

It's called the "gray water" bill. Gray, indeed. Dirty is the word.

Sen. Cisco McSorley, an Albuquerque Democrat, introduced the dirty bath water bill. The bill, SB113 for those of you keeping score, would let us use up to 250 gallons a day of the dirty bath water to irrigate our yards and gardens.

To his everlasting credit, Sen. McSorley specifically excluded from his proposed legislation water that had been used to wash diapers. Thank the heavens.

I've changed grandkid diapers with loads so vile they would have felled a giant redwood. Don't get me wrong. I have precious grandchildren. But you don't want water that is even remotely acquainted with their diapers anywhere near your manicured lawn. You'd soon see brown splotches worse than the hottest July sun can cause during a total ban on watering.

When Sen. McSorley's dirty bath water bill came before the Senate Conservation Committee last week it was endorsed without discussion. Without discussion. Does that tell you something? We are talking about the New Mexico Legislature here. Those folks can yammer for hours about just anything at all.

But they didn't want to talk about the dirty water bill. Too close to lunch time, perhaps.

Had the committee discussed the dirty water bill, here are some

of the issues it might have considered.

Why 250 gallons? If 250 gallons of dirty bath water are good for the shrubbery, why not 500 gallons? Is the secret agenda here an eventual ban on bathing?

How do you get the bath water from the bath tub to the garden? Plumbers around New Mexico must be salivating over the possibilities.

Just how far will New Mexico go as she flirts with cross pollination? Is it legal to use your neighbor's dirty bath water to irrigate the daffodils? Bucket in hand: Excuse me, Mrs. Jones, I cannot help but notice you have been sweating up a storm. May I come in whilst you cleanse yourself?

This is important, too. While New Mexicans across the state are trudging back and forth between lawn and bath tub with their pails, it is critical we release enough Rio Grande water so that the Silvery Minnow may exist. People be damned, but don't let anything happen to that slippery sucker.

If all else fails, there is always this: let Governor Bill Richardson change the dirty bath water to, well, not wine, but a sparkling liquid that appears to have just flowed from the freshest spring. So far, this old boy has the touch.

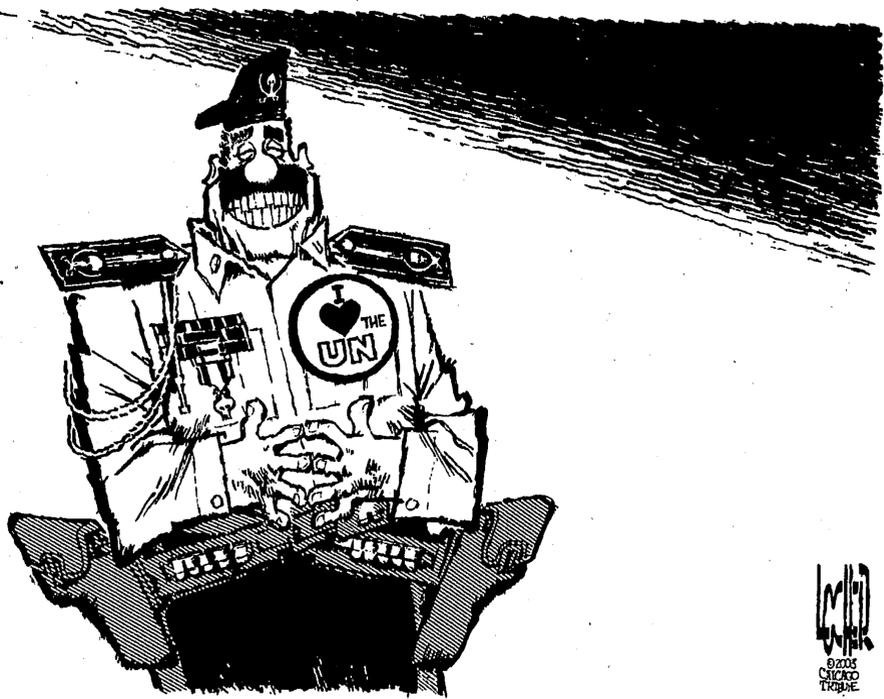
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YOUR OPINION

'Community' offers many opportunities

To the editor:

The concept of community is nothing new to the human race. Cultural anthropologists teach us of both its existence and importance in human development. A sense of belonging is a natural part of our construct.

Once upon a time the community in America was something. It was a greater extension of the immediate family, and a true place of community. Events ranging from barn-raising to picnics, harvest to fiddling were all an integral part of a person's identity in his or her society. And the whole community was there.

Here in the hustle-bustle of two working people and 60-hour work weeks, I cannot help but wonder, what happened? Good grief, I have to schedule lunch with my husband! The once-sacred element of community has become fragmented. My daughter has her classroom community, my son his T-ball community, my husband his network, and of course there is my own. And to think, our family probably represents the average American household.

Not to say that there are not car clubs, food drives, blood drives, and worthy causes at every turn, but the focal point is missing in greater suburbia. Where is that place where representations of ages, religions, walks of life, culture, and for that sake, humanity convene? Where is that place where my family can go to recreate its sense of community?

It does not take a rocket scientist to arrive at the conclusion that a community center is a good thing. The point that I feel many are missing is that it is not about the money. It is about the long-term sustenance of our community. Where is the meeting house where we convey our community values to our children? What universal establishment tells the children of this community, "Hey, you are important to us!"? What landmark tells our visitors, "This place is on the ball, perhaps we could start a business here?"

Spending millions on dollars on infrastructure and other municipal improvements will include the place in which we reside, but will it really improve the place where we live? As for the perception that a community center is a juvenile day care center, well...I don't know what to tell you. Perhaps I have had a jaded upbringing in believing that I am responsible for my neighbor as well as myself.

Is this project a commitment? Yes. Is it worth it? I certainly think so. In fact, I think that we are not talking about sacrifices, but investment. Without any further hostility, I close with the following quote from the October 1995 issue of the Nation's Cities Weekly (Kretzmann and McKnight):

"Every single person has capacities, abilities and gifts. Living a good life depends on whether those capacities can be used, abilities expressed, and gifts given. If they are, the person will be valued, feel powerful and well-connected to the people around them. And the community around the person will be more powerful because of the contribution the

person is making."

It's not about the money.

Alicia Brankel
Ruidoso

A natatorium would help

To the editor:

Re: Letter of Feb. 12, from Judy Benson.

I totally agree that bad behavior should be addressed at home and that parents should accept total responsibility of their children. I have in fact accepted responsibility of my own children since they were born. My children have not been involved in aberrant juvenile behavior and I do not accept it in my home or anywhere else. I have never expected or asked ... this or any other community to raise my children nor for them to provide a posh day care center. ... Forgive me if I am wrong but judging from your letter to the editor you have not raised any children in this community or any where else for that matter and I certainly do not need advice from you on raising my children that I am very proud of. My letter suggested that the more free activities there are for teens to do the less likely they are to get in to trouble no matter what kind of parents they have.

(I) also suggested that it would be wonderful if activities were in a place that adults and children could come and enjoy them together, promoting family unity and giving much-needed positive influence to one another. Never was it suggested that this would be a posh day-care center or a place for parents to dump their children.

Now let me address some other points brought up in your letter. We do have a wonderful library that my children and I use regularly. Tennis is free if you are athletic and own a racquet. Going hiking is also free in the summer time as long as the National Forrest is not closed due to drought and you have transportation to get there. As far as free activities go that is about all I can come up with.

Everything else costs money one way or another. There is a wealth of other activities to do if you have more than small pocket change, but not every citizen in this community has a pocket full of money to give to their children for activities.

Contrary to the wealthy powers that be, some people in this community have a hard time financially just getting by

and do not constantly have money to give their children for activities. Do not take me wrong Ms. Benson I am not asking for any of your money or any one else's for that matter. I am simply stating a fact. You are correct our school system has some wonderful athletic activities but they are lacking in one area, a school swim team. It is OK to have a new gold-plated theater but what about a new Olympic-size indoor natatorium as well? The powers that be lean toward theater for entertainment, so guess what we have now at our high school? Could we not have used the Spencer Theater instead of building a new one at the school? Talk about wasting money!

An indoor natatorium could be used as the pivot point for a year-round recreation center serving all the age groups ... together in one unit. We could have school swim teams. We could offer year round aqua aerobics to the elderly members of our community. I personally would gladly pay for a yearly membership in a recreation center. There are many families in this community, such as mine, that desperately want wholesome family-oriented activities year round that a recreation center would provide. In no way would a recreation center stop aberrant juvenile behavior in this community. It could help aberrant behavior by reaching out to the less fortunate children in our community and giving them what every teen wants the most, a place to socialize.

A ... center would also help by providing a place for the teens to get positive influence from adults along with supervised activities.

Terry McMaster
Alto

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Volunteers line up for advisory board positions

Some committees are getting extra members this year.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a switch from the usual, Lincoln County commissioners ended up with more people interested in serving on appointed advisory boards than the number of open positions.

Usually, they scramble to find volunteers.

With two new commissioners on board, the board filled most of the vacancies left by expired terms.

Chairman Rex Wilson explained that historically, although not an official policy, when an advisory board consists of five members, each commissioner will select someone, usually from his or her district.

Because commissioners didn't want to lose any of the current members of the road review committee, but also wanted to add Sal Beltran, they decided to consider at their meeting this month expanding the board or creating an alternate position.

In District 1, Wilson reapp-

pointed Gary Vega. New commissioner Mary St. John said she didn't know Dennis Nosker, the previous appointee in her District 2. Commissioner Leo Martinez said Beltran, a State Police officer, wanted to be on the board and could provide valuable input. The current appointee from his district is Ralph Romero, who also acts as chairman.

"Ralph's done a good job," Wilson said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said, "Ralph is probably the one who works with me the most to make sure things run smoothly. He puts lot of time in it."

"Everybody wants to stay. It's the pay, isn't it?" Commissioner Earl Hobbs joked. Members of volunteer boards are not paid and the road review people receive a \$5 reimbursement for their travel per meeting.

Wilson said he didn't want to "kick" anyone off the board who wanted to stay.

Morel said the resolution creating the board needs to be revamped anyway, because the committee is meeting much more often than the twice a year detailed in the document.

"You could table action and we might revisit the number of meetings and the number of members on the board," he suggested.

"I'd like to see some way to get the six who expressed interest on the committee," Hobbs said. Because an ordinance is not involved, the commission can look at Morel's proposed wording and approve changes at its February meeting, they agreed on a motion by Hobbs.

On the newly created Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, a combination of two former boards, Wilson reappointed Duane Frost in District 1. St. John asked for more time to select someone in her district, but eventually went with Sally Canning, because "I hear she's quite good." Martinez appointed Tony Seno, Hobbs selected Wes Owens and Simpson chose Kenneth Nosker. Wilson proposed county extension agent Pete Gnatkowski as the member-at-large. But commissioners said at least three others are interested in serving - Ron Merritt, Pam Lewis and Jay Walley.

"This is what I was afraid of when we went with seven members (from the previous

two boards) and now 10 are willing to serve," Wilson said.

Morel said alternate positions could be created, allowing a board members to call and arrange representation if they couldn't attend a meeting.

"We could draft it that they are alternate non-voting members unless someone doesn't show and they can carry a proxy," he said. "It's an advisory anyway."

"They do a lot of correspondence and research," Wilson said.

In other action, commissioners:

- Picked Hobbs and St. John to the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority on a motion by Martinez.

- Appointed Bob Johnson to the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Zoning Commission on a motion by Hobbs. Re-appointed on a motion by Martinez were Frank Higgins and Teri Sodd. Morel explained that two of the seven members must be from the district. The Ruidoso Village Council and the county commission each select three members and the board selects the seventh. He suggested coordinating with the county to ensure the mix is

correct.

- On a motion by Commissioner Rick Simpson, appointed Sandra Smith to replace Frances Gallegos, who no longer wants to serve on the Lincoln Historical Preservation Board. Reginald Wade Richie and John McGrath were retained on a motion by Hobbs.

- Kept Wilson as the representative on the Interstate Stream Commission Subcommittee on the Pecos and the Coalition of Counties.

- Hobbs and Simpson were chosen to serve on the Joint Municipal County Zoning Authority with Ruidoso Downs.

- Picked Scot Roser and Doyle Howell for the Property Tax Protest Board.

- Appointed Martinez to the Regional Waste Water Joint Use Board.

- Reappointed Bart Young and Dorothy Payne to the Senior Olympics Committee and they will be asked for a recommendation of a third person.

- Selected Mike Jones, Helen Whately and Joseph Mulligan to the Ruidoso Downs/Lincoln County ETZ Commission.

- Tabled until February an appointment to the county Planning Commission to fill a vacancy left by St. John.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Hatch 50th

Jeanette and Emmett Hatch celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 11 in Ruidoso. A celebration for the event will be held at Cree Meadows Country Club on Saturday evening.

Jeanette Thompson Hatch was born in Capitan and graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1953. Emmett spent his school days in Roswell where the couple first met in junior high school. They were married in the First Methodist Church in Ruidoso.

Emmett spent 20 years in the Marine Corps during which time the couple lived in various locations across the U.S. After retirement from the military, the couple settled in California where they owned and operated an insulation construction company.

In 1989 they decided to return to Ruidoso. Since returning, the couple have belonged and contributed to various local organizations. Emmett has served several terms as president of the Optimist Club, and currently serves as chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Jeanette has been president of the Ruidoso Garden Club, in which she remains active.

The couple have three children: Bill Hatch, who resides in Orange, Calif., with his daughters Michelle and Angela; Pamela Kottler who resides in Ventura, Calif., with husband Dan and their two children, Jessica and Jordan; and Katherine, who resides in Portland, Ore. Their adoptive daughter, Donata Morris, and her husband, John, currently live in Naples, Italy.

Village selects firm for revamped master plan

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Design Workshop of Santa Fe was picked as first choice for a negotiated contract to help Ruidoso revise its comprehensive plan.

Planning director Mike Runnels said out of 11 firms, the field was narrowed to three by a selection committee and the Santa Fe firm placed at the top.

The committee consisted of Runnels, Councilors Ron Hardeman and Deborah Marcum-Byars, and Planning and Zoning Commission member Phillis Barnett. Byars has pushed since her election a year ago for the village to work on a new comprehensive plan incorporating new goals that have changed since the original document was put together in 1987.

The process of drafting a plan will include ample public input, including public forums, surveys and demographic data, Runnels said. Some goals listed in the old plan include a River Walk and a one-way traffic system in mid-town.

"They're very experienced," Runnels said of Design Workshop's staff. The firm has worked with the communities of Vail and Aspen, Colo., and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"They know tourist-oriented mountain

communities," he said.

The council authorized Runnels to negotiate a contract with scope of work and compensation rate, which the council must approve to initiate.

In another matter, the council passed a budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 that included a transfer of revenue from the 1/2-cent gross receipts tax to pay for a new forestry department. Department head Rick Delaco has selected an assistant, said village manager Lorri McKnight.

Runnels said the state Legislature is considering a bill based directly on the work accomplished in Ruidoso. The council should be proud of the forest health task force, Delaco and others in the city who worked toward the forest health and fire wise goals, he said.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that Bertha Polaco was promoted to deputy village manager from the position of administrative assistant.

- Confirmed the appointments by the mayor of Wayne Wilkinson to the Arts Commission; of Carolin Felder and Keith Thomas to the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee; and Dave McIntosh to the Extraterritorial Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs on a grant application for \$2.38 million in federal assistance for improvements to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant shared by the two municipalities.

- Approved a one year property lease with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority for a trash collection site on village access to a communications facility connected to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, but close to U.S. 380. The lease rate is for 9-cents per square foot for undeveloped land. Councilors said garbage dumpsters and roll-off containers should be disguised with fencing and should be kept clean of blowing or scattered debris.

The lease can be terminated with 30-days notice.

- Were told the garbage transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road was completed and a tour will be arranged for councilors and the public.

- Announced a workshop on the village's master plan is set for 9 a.m., March 1, at village hall.

- Announced that many streets in the village are receiving new traffic lane stripes.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Juveniles arrested

Police arrested two juvenile females at 2:52 a.m. Feb. 15 at the intersection of Center and Texas streets, charging both with disorderly conduct and curfew violation. The driver, 16 years of age, was also charged with driving without a license, driving without insurance, driving without the headlights during darkness and concealing her identity by giving a false name. A passenger in the car, Timothy J. Sartin, 23, was cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and released. The driver of the vehicle was transferred to Dona Ana County Juvenile Detention, and the other juvenile was released to a guardian.

Tools taken

Ruidoso police received a report of a toolbox stolen from the back of a pickup truck between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 while the owner was in Club Gas, 1137 Mechem Drive.

Items found

Police recovered a Timex Triathlon watch and a gold and silver ring in the Cedar Creek area "about two months ago," according to a report dated Feb. 16. These items have not

appeared on any lists of missing or stolen property, the report states.

CDs, camera stolen

About \$2,250 of CDs and a video camera valued at \$700 were reported stolen from a vehicle parked at Ruidoso High School between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11. The items were taken from inside the vehicle, but all of the missing property belonged to people other than the owner of the vehicle.

Store theft

A clerk at Pit Stop Chevron, 115 Highway 70, reported merchandise and a \$100 bill taken when she was asked about the tobacco in the store at 6:48 p.m. Feb. 16.

A male customer had paid for some merchandise with the \$100 bill and received change back from it. The clerk turned away to check the tobacco for him, and when she turned back, he was gone - along with the \$100 bill. The report states that the cash drawer was broken, "doesn't close right away and easy for anyone to open." The man, described as between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall, thin, wearing a red ball cap, black shirt and black nylon pants, drove off in a red, 1995-98 Pontiac Grand Am east-

bound toward Ruidoso Downs.

Burglar takes cash

Money saved for a knee operation was stolen from a resident in the 100 block of Dipaolo Drive between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Feb. 13, according to police reports. A window of the residence was broken and left open and a purse and jewelry were stolen from the bedroom, which appeared to be ransacked, with the bed thrown off the frame and drawers emptied onto the floor.

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WMI fundraiser set

White Mountain Intermediate School will hold its Hoops for Heart fundraiser in February. The students are taking shots at heart disease and stroke, the nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers.

The school will participate in basketball activities to raise funds for the American Heart Association. The funds help support cardiovascular research and educational programs. Hoops for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Locals can support Hoops for Heart with whatever they can afford to give. For more information, call your local American Heart Association office at (800) 999-8348 or (800) AHA-USA1.

Two listed at Roswell

Stephen L. Carter, of Ruidoso, with a 4.0 grade point average, and Basheer F. Younis, of Alto, with a 3.25-3.49 grade point average, were named to the dean's list at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell for the 2002 fall semester.

To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Fine arts bill advances

The state House Appropriations and Finance Committee voted 12 to 1 for a bill that would restore fine arts education to the curriculum for kindergarten and elementary school students.

The bill's sponsor, committee chairman Max Coll, D-Santa Fe, praised the committee's recognition of arts education as a fundamental part of every child's education.

HB12 would establish the Fine Arts Education Act within the Public Schools Code, to provide opportunities for elementary students to participate in fine arts activities. The act define "fine arts activities" as music, theater, dance and visual arts, and would require school boards to develop and evaluate fine arts programs for elementary schools.

After the hearing Feb. 14, Coll said that arts education should not be optional.

"Education in the fine arts enhances all aspects of a child's development, and has been shown to enhance critical thinking, literacy, creative problem-solving and collaborative learning," Coll said.

Studies indicate that early exposure to music education supplements the cognitive reasoning skills exercised in learning mathematics.

HB 12 Restore Fine Arts Education to New Mexico's Elementary Schools next moves on the House Floor.

Retention is the real teacher problem

The "teacher shortage" is actually being driven by a severe teacher retention problem, according to a new report focused on the nation's teaching crisis.

The National Commission on Teaching and America's Future released "No Dream Denied: A Pledge to America's Children," a report stating that almost a third of all new teachers leave the classroom after three years, and that close to 50 percent leave after five years.

More than 250,000 teachers leave teaching each year, and that's not because of retirement.

Teachers who leave the classroom for reasons other than retirement outnumber those retiring by almost 3 to 1. The cumulative effect is that high teacher turnover and attrition are undermining teaching quality.

In-state effort mounts

"The New Mexico Commission on Higher Education and the State Board of Education, through New Mexico's P-16 Council, The Teacher Education Accountability Council, have been working together to address teacher recruitment and retention throughout our state," said Liz Jenkins, acting executive director for the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education.

The No Child Left Behind Act calls for every teacher to be highly qualified by the 2005-06 school year.

NCTAF's new report provides an in-depth look at conditions that contribute to chronic teacher shortages across school districts and states.

The report calls for a national effort to improve teacher retention by 50 percent by 2006. It proposes three strategies to meet this goal:

- Organize schools for teaching and learning success by creating small professional communities of teachers focused on what research tells us about how children learn.

- Insist on high quality teacher preparation, accreditation and licensure.

- Create rewarding professional career paths that include mentored induction of novice teachers and recognition and rewards for accomplished teaching.

Actors fight schools' psychiatric drugs

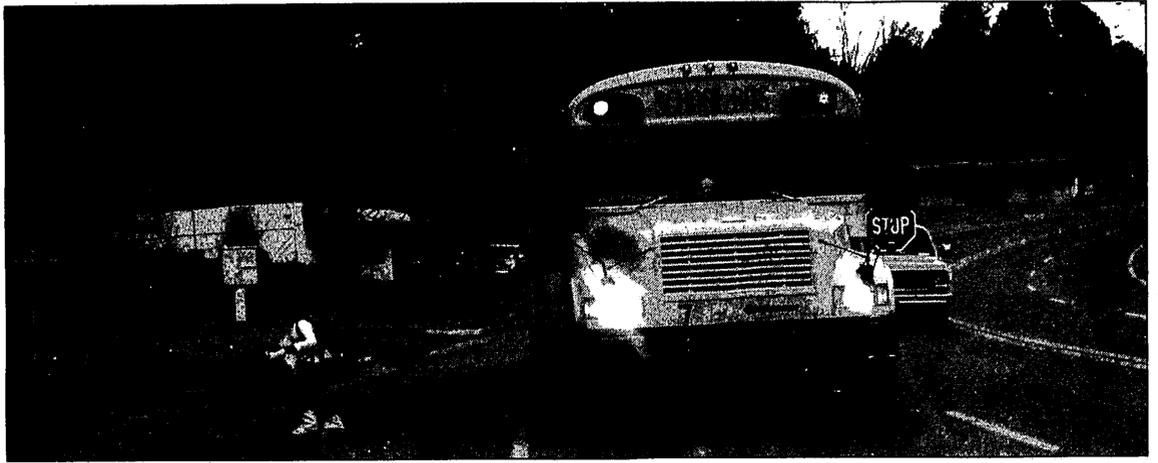
Actors Priscilla Presley, Juliette Lewis, Leah Remini, Anne Archer and Eduardo Palomo are among celebrities paying tribute to parents who are taking on a battle against a billion-dollar-a-year child psychiatric drug industry.

The celebrities joined politicians, parents' rights groups and doctors at the Beverly Hilton Hotel Feb. 15 for the annual human rights award celebration of the Citizens Commission on Human Rights International, the world's largest mental health watchdog, with a special focus on children's rights.

"American parents are facing a growing national threat with children being coerced through schools to take powerful psychiatric drugs for supposed 'learning' and behavioral problems," a press release from the CCHR, established by the Church of Scientology in 1969, states.

Presley presented the award to parent Lawrence Smith, who was threatened with charges of medical neglect if he refused to put his 7-year-old son, Matthew, on a cocaine-like stimulant. Matthew died at age 14 from a heart attack that a coroner attributed to the prescribed drug.

Smith's Web site, Ritalindeath.com, reaches thousands of parents each week and has become one of the top Web sites for parents to become educated about what many are saying is a "Big Brother" mental health, pharmaceutical and education system, the release stated.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

A student gets off a bus in Midtown, with the stop sign of the bus activated. Two busses serve Sudderth Drive so no student has to cross four lanes of traffic.

STOP means STOP for school busses; it's not a 'maybe'

BY SANDY SUGGITT

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

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Drivers seem to have forgotten that they're required by law to stop when a bus has its stop sign out to pick up or drop off children — drivers from either direction.

The fine for violating a bus stop sign is higher than that for a regular stop sign: \$120 maximum fine for not stopping for bus vs. \$45 for a regular stop sign, according to the Municipal Court clerk.

"If the light is flashing, just don't go," said Matt Bryant, co-owner with his brothers, Mark and Mike, of Lincoln Transportation, that serves the Ruidoso school district.

Unless there's a physical school, drivers in both directions must stop for busses. The only place in the Ruidoso school district where there is a median is at the Y intersection of Sudderth Drive and Highway 70, and that will be gone when reconstruction of the area is finished.

About three years ago, Lincoln Transportation and the Ruidoso Police Department worked out a way to deal with drivers that didn't stop for the bus, thus endangering lives. Bus drivers fill out a stop sign violation report, recording vehicle type and color, license number and a description of the incident. The police department takes it from there.

"We find out who was driving on that particular day and time and file a criminal complaint into Municipal Court and summon them to court," said Lanny Maddox, police chief.

"We consider people jeopardizing the welfare of our young people in this municipality a top priority, and we will enforce this," Maddox said.

Bryant told the Ruidoso School Board at its Feb. 11 meeting that drivers had quit faxing in violation reports because the situation was "just getting worse. Last year, it was getting better but there was a lot more traffic ... Traffic is just not stopping with the red flashing light."

School board member Danny Sisson said he followed a bus during its stops one day and saw six cars not stopping for the red flashing light. Board member James Paxton said he thought it was more a matter of drivers not understanding what their obligations are than of people intentionally violating the law.

"We activate our yellow caution lights around 200 feet before the bus stop," Bryant said. "When we reach the stop, the red light and stop arm are activated. The point of the yellow light is the same as a traffic light, to indicate you're going to have to stop. You see people trying to beat it around the bus before it stops, and often there are children present."



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Two of the three Bryant brothers are shown with a bus that takes Ruidoso students to their schools: Mark Bryant, at left, and Matt Bryant.

As much as possible, school bus drivers try to get off the road so traffic can continue to flow, he said. "That's not possible on Sudderth and Mechem drives ... (because) even the far outside of the mirror has to be outside the white (traffic) line," Mark Bryant said.

If mirrors stick out into the traffic lane, the caution and stop lights have to be activated.

Two different bus routes cover both Sudderth and Mechem drives, so students will not have to cross four lanes of traffic to get on or off a bus, Matt Bryant said. Occasionally a new student won't realize that there is a bus on his or her side of the street and will cross through traffic, which is why vehicles from both directions are required to stop. But as long as children are present, they may act unpredictably.

"If a kid is carrying a soccer ball and it falls, the reaction is he's going to get that ball," he said.

"Most school bus deaths occur during loading and unloading," Mark Bryant said. "We've never had any, but we've had some close calls when people have passed us on the door side, in the dirt, when we were making a stop to pick up children."

The drivers of Ruidoso's 27 busses go through 16 hours a year of training, and new drivers take a 20-hour training course in addition, the Bryants said. They have to pass written exams given by the Department of Motor Vehicles to become licensed as motor drivers, school-bus specific. State laws further require that the busses be inspected twice a year by the

Department of Transportation.

All drivers walk around the busses four times a day to check brakes, tires, mirrors, windshield, all fluid levels, lights and emergency exits, Mark Bryant said. "At the end of a run, they walk back to see that no children are on the bus sleeping, and put a red ribbon on the back window so we can walk through and see which drivers have done the safety and student check."

Each bus holds 65 children, but the average occupancy is 52 per bus, he said. About 1,400 children ride each day, busses cover 2,200 miles per day and 396,000 miles per year, in an area of about 180 square miles.

Busses begin picking up students at 6:45 a.m. and finish dropping them at their schools by 8:20 a.m. In the afternoon, busses drop students off at their homes between 3 and 5 p.m.

Lincoln Transportation has bussed Ruidoso students for eight years.

The Bryant brothers grew up in Alamogordo to a tradition of school busing that goes back to their grandfather, who ran the bus service in Alamogordo from 1942 or 1943 onward.

"Our grandfather, uncle and father were in it," Mark Bryant said. "After his retirement, (our father) heard Ruidoso came available on it, and my two younger brothers jumped on it."

Although they say they'll be staying in the bus business for at least another 32 years, the Bryant brothers were trained in other areas: Matt in aviation, Mark in mechanical engineering and Mike in civil engineering.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffin, fruit or juice
Lunch: Pizza, tamale, beef and bean burrito, green beans, pasta salad, fruit
Thursday, Feb. 20 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or juice
Lunch: Chicken dog, chicken patty, chicken salad, pork and beans, crackers, fruit
Friday, Feb. 21 — Breakfast: Coffee cake, cereal, fruit or juice
Lunch: Sloppy Joe on a bun, cheeseburger, chick burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, corn, fruit
Monday, Feb. 24 — Breakfast: Waffles sausage, fruit or juice
Lunch: Red chili enchiladas, chicken patty, tamale, pinto beans, salad, crackers, fruit
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Breakfast: Cheese toast, hot cereal, fruit or juice
Lunch: Baked ham, chopped steak, chicken patty, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit

Carrizozo

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Sausage biscuit
Lunch: Beef stew, crackers, celery sticks, applesauce
Thursday, Feb. 20 — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup
Lunch: Country-fried steak,

mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, pears
Friday, Feb. 21 — Breakfast: Egg burritos
Lunch: Tuna sandwich, tossed salad, chilled fruit
Monday, Feb. 24 — Breakfast: Wheat toast with jelly
Lunch: Green chili enchiladas, pinto beans, tossed salad, fruit
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Breakfast: English muffins with jelly
Lunch: Turkey, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, pineapples

Hondo Valley

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Granola bar, juice
Lunch: Roast beef, mashed potato, corn, roll, fruit mix
Thursday, Feb. 20 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, grapes
Lunch: Stir fry, egg roll, sliced ham, roll, pineapple
Monday, Feb. 24 — Breakfast: Sausage with biscuit
Lunch: Meat loaf, corn, roll, fruit
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, trail mix
Lunch: Fried chicken, mashed potato, salad, mixed vegetables, roll, apple

Ruidoso elementary

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Waffle sticks
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed

potatoes with gravy, corn, roll, diced pears
Thursday, Feb. 20 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito
Lunch: Lasagna, roll, corn, tossed salad, Orange Smiles
Friday, Feb. 21 — Breakfast: Cheese quesadilla
Lunch: Hamburger, seasoned French fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce
Monday, Feb. 24 — Breakfast: Cheese omelet
Lunch: Chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, Orange Smiles
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza
Lunch: Corn dog, seasoned French fries, mixed vegetables, diced pears, February birthday party

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Cheese quesadilla
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit
Thursday, Feb. 20 — Breakfast: Breakfast burrito
Lunch: Lasagna, roll, corn, tossed salad, Orange Smiles
Friday, Feb. 21 — Breakfast: Cereal
Lunch: Beef and potato burrito, seasoned French fries, salad, applesauce

Monday, Feb. 24 — Breakfast: Cereal
Lunch: Chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, Orange Smiles
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza
Lunch: Corn dog, seasoned French fries, mixed vegetables, diced pears, February birthday party

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Feb. 19 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, Manager's Choice, cheese omelet
Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, tossed salad, fruit
Thursday, Feb. 20 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, donut
Lunch: Campfire beans, cornbread, tossed salad, fruit, Jell-O
Friday, Feb. 21 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and gravy, Manager's Choice
Lunch: Frito pie, corn, salad, fruit
Monday, Feb. 24 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cheese quesadillas, scrambled eggs with toast
Lunch: BLT chicken sandwich, seasoned fries, tossed salad, Jell-O, diced pears
Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, Manager's Choice
Lunch: Chili dog, potato puffs, pork and beans, apple halves

LINCOLN COUNTY

'Zozo council files water rights protest

■ Talk on Ruidoso's attempt to acquire nearby water was postponed.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Town Council held a special meeting Monday to address an agenda directed at protesting Ruidoso's water right filing and continuing public discussion of the new water and sewer ordinance.

On the advice of the Town Attorney David Stevens there was no public discussion about the water filing Ruidoso has made to drill wells on three ranches just north of Carrizozo. The attorney was unable to be present so recommended only that the council approve the filing of the protest. The council unanimously voted to file the protest.

Ray Dean, from the audience, asked if there was something individuals could do to file a protest to the action by Ruidoso. Mayor Manny Hernandez suggested he direct that question to the attorney next week. It was also explained to Dean that he could write to the state Engineer's Office as an individual and explain why he was protesting and how the filings could adversely affect him personally.

From the audience Patsy Sanchez explained that Carrizozo has a Regional Water Plan approved by the Interstate Stream Commission. The plan shows the Northern Tularosa Basin has 3,600-acre-feet per year. She made the point that Ruidoso was applying for 3,500 acre feet per year, virtually all of the water shown to be available.

Another special meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. for discussion and information on this issue. Stevens will be present as well as a representative from Ruidoso.

The council also unanimously voted to approve the resolution of support for Stirling Spencer's coal mining project. Hernandez said, "I would like to inform the public that this is not

giving him the OK to go through with the project. It is to show the community interest in having new business and jobs available for the people of this community."

In a lengthy discussion, the sewer rate increase was batted back and forth between residents and the council. The increase most adversely affects the large-end commercial users. Options were discussed, including a flat rate across the board or a gradual incremental increase in the per-thousand rate after the 4,000-gallon base amount.

The rate increase is a necessity to pay for the sewer treatment plant that must be built to handle the amount and kinds of waste produced by Carrizozo. It was noted that Carrizozo charges considerably less than other municipalities of like size, and is only increasing to half the amount recommended by the state to cover loan and operating costs. Discussion will continue at the next special meeting on Feb. 24.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a resolution for a budget adjustment.
- Approved the random selection of a number of motels for a lodgers tax audit. Required by state law, the council agreed to audit as finances allow. The audit is paid for by the lodgers tax fund.
- Discussed the winter closure of the caboose. The issue was tabled to the next meeting when statistics showing the slowest months will be available. Rex Wilson, County Commission chairman, suggested looking at the data for possible aid from the county lodgers tax fund.
- Denied plans for a water sharing program with the city of Alamogordo as outlined by Cathie Eisen, Carrizozo Water/Waste Water operator.
- Gave Police Chief Angelo Vega permission by an administrative order from the mayor to hire a police officer for the town. Approval of the hiring will be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Chamber president steps down

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A large turnout for the February meeting of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce gave a positive outlook to chamber activities to come.

But the close of the meeting saw President Eileen Lovelace tender a letter of resignation for personal reasons. Vice President Cynthia Culbertson will preside over the next meeting.

Guest Stirling Spencer presented his planned coal-mining project, carefully explaining the details of the project and process. He is looking to the chamber for a resolution of acceptance to present to the state land office. Much of the meeting time was taken answering questions and concerns about the project.

Janet Lynn reported the lodgers tax fund is not available at this time for funds to

help with advertising. Bill Mack of New Art Glass thanked the chamber and individuals for the work and time taken to make his open house a success.

Plans are under way for the Cinco De Mayo event sponsored by the chamber with Fran Altieri of Pizzazozo heading the committee.

Janet Lynn, who chaired the event last year, offered complete support while six chamber members present agreed to be on the committee.

The chamber agreed to plan the fishing derby this year in accordance with the packeted plan coming from sponsors such as Wal-Mart, Kellogg, etc.

If the project is a success they will revisit the idea to perhaps do as a project of their own in subsequent years.

The chamber will meet next on March 11, noon, at the Uptown Cafe in the Recreation Center.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Students in Bob Hemphill's Computer I class at Carrizozo Schools stand with some of their current projects. The kids rebuild old computers to make them usable again and will take them home at the end of the semester.

A Carrizozo class has turned this group of students into Computer Caretakers

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Computers I class has embarked on new territory. Going beyond learning to use the computers,

they are learning how the inside looks and which parts do what function.

New Mexico Tech Net of Albuquerque has had a long relationship with Carrizozo Schools. Before the bond issue passed providing the school with money to buy computers, Bob Hemphill, computer and math instructor, would get some of the computers that NM Tech Net were giving away. These computers were broken or were trade-ins and older than what NM Tech

Net wanted to refurbish for resale. Hemphill would collect enough of the old computers to cannibalize for parts and come up with a few usable computers and created a student-use computer bank.

"Most of them were surprised it was as simple as unplugging one part and replacing it with another."

Bob Hemphill
INSTRUCTOR

apart, assess the problems and replace the needed parts. The bonus for a job well done allows each student to take home the computer he has rebuilt at the completion of the project.

With these same kinds of options, Hemphill gathered up 22 old computers from NM Tech Net, enough to have 13 usable computers at project's end. The 9th- and 10th-grade students in his Computer I class then began a three- to four-week program. They learned to take them

Most of the computers have a CD-ROM and nothing older than a Pentium I processor. The school will provide the necessary software for the computer. The computers do not have modems so are not Internet accessible, but students a can add those on their own.

The students came to class equipped with their own tools: a single screwdriver. "It's not as simple as I thought," replied one student when asked what surprised him the most. Another was "amazed at all the little wiring in there."

Hemphill explained, "Most of them were surprised it was as simple as unplugging one part and replacing it with another." Of the 12 students in the class, only two actually had a computer of their own. Hemphill feels that the "rebuilding" class not only teaches some understanding to the machines they are using, but builds a new respect for the care of the computers.

Another recipe for all those chocolate lovers

Since arriving in Lincoln County last October, I realized we are fortunate to have chefs whose talents equal those of chefs in Santa Fe and Dona Ana counties, where I previously lived and worked.



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER

LINCOLN COUNTY
EXTENSION AGENT -
HOME ECONOMICS

After enjoying some delicious meals in delightful settings, it seemed appropriate to share some of my "discoveries" with you. Therefore, I will occasionally showcase a chef and one of his or her special recipes, which I hope you enjoy as much as I do.

Chef Jinny Vigil has been pampering palates across the country for more than 25 years. She has owned an ethnic specialty restaurant in Virginia Beach, Va., and catering companies in several states. Since 1993, Jinny has been owner/operator of Ellis Store Country Inn in historic Lincoln and executive chef for Isaac's Table at the Inn and A Better Choice catering.

National and international magazines have featured her culinary creations and she has graciously consented to share

the recipe for one of her guests' favorite desserts: Chocolate-almond souffle torte.

Dinner at Isaac's Table is served by reservation only. Accommodations range from a private, two-story casa to private rooms in the main house, which is the oldest continually inhabited building in Lincoln County. For more information or reservations, please contact David and Jinny Vigil by phone at (505) 653-4609; fax 653-4610; or e-mail ellistore@pvtnetworks.net.

Chocolate-almond souffle torte

Enjoy this dessert at room temperature if you like a creamy texture similar to that of a soufflé; or serve the cake cold if you prefer a dense, fudgy texture.

- 1 cup (about 5 ounces) whole almonds, toasted, cooled
- 4 tablespoons plus 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1 pound bittersweet (not unsweetened) or semisweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 6 large eggs, separated, room temperature
- 1 cup chilled whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons amaretto or 1 teaspoon almond extract
- Powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup almond slices, toasted

Position rack in center of oven and preheat to 350°F. Butter and flour 9-inch-diameter springform pan with 2 3/4-inch-high sides. Shake out excess flour. Line bottom of pan with parchment paper; butter paper.

Combine 1/2 cup whole almonds and 2 tablespoons sugar in processor. Using on/off turns, grind nuts finely. Transfer mixture to large bowl. Combine remaining 1/2 cup whole almonds and vegetable oil in processor. Process until mixture is thick and pasty (consistency will be similar to that of peanut butter), scraping bowl frequently, about 3 minutes.

Stir butter and 1/2 cup whipping cream in heavy large saucepan over medium heat

until butter melts and mixture simmers. Remove from heat. Add chocolate and whisk until smooth. Stir in both almond mixtures. Cool slightly.

Using electric mixer, beat egg whites in large bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually add 1/3 cup sugar and beat until stiff peaks form. Beat egg yolks in another large bowl until very pale and thick, about 5 minutes. Gradually beat chocolate mixture into egg yolks. Fold in egg whites in 3 additions.

Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake cake until sides crack and puff and tester inserted into center comes out with moist batter attached, about 35 minutes. Transfer cake to rack. Cool cake to room temperature, about 2 hours (center will fall slightly as cake cools). Can be prepared four days ahead. Cover and refrigerate.

Beat chilled cream, amaretto and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar in large bowl until soft peaks form.

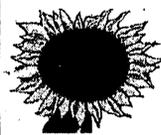
Run small sharp knife around pan sides to loosen cake. Release pan sides. Dust cake with powdered sugar. Sprinkle toasted almond slices around top edge of cake. Serve chilled or at room temperature with whipped cream.

Serves 12 to 14.

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Carrizozo rancher poses coal mine idea to council

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

■ Stirling Spencer of the mining will far outweigh any negatives in the community.

For several decades, it has been known there is a coal deposit in an area north of Carrizozo, but until now, the components necessary for a feasible mining operation have never lined up.



Lincoln County probate judge and rancher Stirling Spencer approached business owners and the town council of Carrizozo last week for an acceptance resolution for a poten-

tial coal mine on his property. The operation will also include mining on adjoining state land.

Technology to efficiently mine the coal as it lies in the area has not been available until recent years. Because of the small quantity available, the coal is not interesting to large companies, but will be used by a cement company out of Albuquerque. Rio Grande Portland Cement, currently operating in Tijeras Canyon, is the purchaser and will use the coal as a drying energy in ash addition in the making of Portland cement.

This development is scheduled to be a 10-20 year project. Increased economic development for the area would not only come for the mining operation itself, but from the influx of 15 to 25

families. Increased tax income for city, state and county and severance tax for the schools would make it a winning situation.

The operation will have to meet federal and state environmental standards and be subject to monitoring by all agencies involved, including clean air, clean water and mine safety ordinances. Reclamation as written in the contract by Spencer will go beyond regulated guidelines, returning his ranch land to better than its current state.

From roadside appearances, very little mining operation would be visible. The project is planned for what is called trench high-wall mining where a box cut is made and the trenching proceeds from the cut underground for coal

retrieval. The mining takes place under the alluvial aquifer and bedrock formation approximately 40 to 200 feet down, disturbing very little surface area.

The coal will be loaded in trucks, hauled to a loading ramp and dumped into rail cars. Stockpiles would be few and not of any consequential size as the coal will be mined in a "just-in-time" production process.

Spencer is a fourth-generation rancher on the Bar W Ranch and says his number one concern is for the land that has been entrusted to his care. He said he has investigated every avenue of this venture to assure that it is an excellent opportunity for all parties concerned.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Felis Salcido

A funeral Mass for Felis Torrez Salcido, 93, of Hondo will be at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, Feb. 19, with burial to follow at Hondo Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Ottman officiating.

Mrs. Salcido died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, at her home.

She was born June 4, 1909, in Lincoln.

She had lived in the county all of her life and was a homemaker. She married Pedro Salcido on Oct. 21, 1928, in Carrizozo, and he preceded her in death on May 29, 1988.

Survivors include daughters Ramona S. Polaco and Cornelia S. Prudencio, both of Hondo; a sister, Lorena Otero, of Tularosa; a brother, Juan Jose Torrez, of LaLuz; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, four brothers, and two sisters.

Madelyn Capps

Funeral services for Madelyn Capps, 86, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, at Ruidoso Baptist Church.

Mrs. Capps died Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, in Albuquerque.

She was born Oct. 10, 1916, in Coryell County, Texas, to Claude and Pearl Pruitt Blackwell.

James Capps and Madelyn Blackwell were married Oct. 27, 1934, in Stamford, Texas, and resided in Ruidoso from 1954 to 1996.

The Capps will be remembered for owning and operating several businesses in Ruidoso: the Pueblo Theatre, Downs Drive-in Theatre and later the American Motel. They were active community participants, supporting all school activities, and were long-time race fans.

Survivors include a son, Mike, and his wife, Beth, of Las Vegas, N.M.; daughters Theresa Smith of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ann and her husband, Richard Zedlitz, of Albuquerque; a daughter-in-

law, Glenda Capps, of El Paso, Texas; sisters Frances Arend of Haskell, Texas, and Betty Bruggeman of Stamford, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Helen Brown

Memorial services for Helen Ruth Brown, 84, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel in Roswell.

Mrs. Brown died in Roswell Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003.

She was born Feb. 26, 1918, in Clovis, to Walter and Nellie Lovern of Elida.

She grew up in the Portales area, graduated from high school, and married Charles Brown on April 24, 1938, in Portales. He preceded her in death Jan. 26, 2001.

She loved to garden, to watch the seeds she planted grow and bloom and to talk and share stories with her friends and neighbors.

Survivors include a son, Charles, and his wife, Debbie, of Roswell; brothers Walter Lovern of Roswell, and Melvin Lovern of Portales; a sister, Polly Radcliffe of Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cindy DuBay-Durden

The circle of family and friends of Cindy DuBay-Durden, 46, will gather together at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Aquinas Newman Center, 1815 Los Lomas Road, NE, in Albuquerque. A reception will follow at the family home.

Ms. Dubay-Durden died at home on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, surrounded by her loving family and best friend, Brenda Arrossa.

She was born in Saginaw, Mich., on March 15, 1956.

She was a 1974 graduate of Sandia High School, a 1978 graduate of New Mexico State University, and received her associate's degree in paralegal studies from University of Albuquerque.

She enjoyed traveling with Fred in the "Big Girl," a 1975

Oldsmobile convertible, attending classic car shows, visiting museums, reading books and magazines, and watching old movies.

Survivors include her devoted husband, William F. Durden; stepdaughters Jazmyne Amergin and Corinne Durden; three step-grandchildren; her parents Kenneth and Maxine DuBay; brothers Timothy J. DuBay and his wife, Regine, Michael A. DuBay and his wife, Kristi; four nieces; two nephews; and her beloved cat, the Dowager Princess.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations in her name to the UNMH Hospice, 1650 University Blvd. Suite 200, Albuquerque, NM 87102, or the Albuquerque Animal Humane Association, 615 Virginia SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

Arrangements are under the direction of French Mortuary, 9300 Golf Course Rd. NW, Albuquerque, phone 897-0300

Lorena Radcliff

Funeral services for Lorena Cutler Radcliff, 88, of Tinnie, a Lincoln County pioneer, were Monday at First Baptist Church in Ruidoso Downs, with burial at the Portales Cemetery.

Mrs. Radcliff died Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, in Alamogordo.

She was born May 4, 1914, in Clovis to Mary Francis Spruell Cutler and Justus J. Cutler. The family lived in a small community called Redland. Soon after her birth, the family moved to Portales where her father operated a grocery store.

She attended Portales Public Schools and graduated in 1931. She was a member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. In high school, she was a law clerk for a local attorney.

She married Carl P. Radcliff on July 15, 1934. They moved to Las Cruces where he attended New Mexico State University. After graduation, they moved to Carrizozo in 1939, where she was the first extension secretary with the

Department of Agriculture in Lincoln County. She helped Carl establish the first Extension Clubs and 4-H Clubs in Corona in 1941 and in the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley in 1942.

They purchased their farm in Tinnie in 1944. She joined the Tinnie Baptist Church in 1950 and remained an active member. In 1951, she became the administrative secretary for the Hondo Valley Public Schools. After 20 years, she retired in 1971.

She was named La Junta FCE Club Sweetheart in 1998. She had been nominated as a Pioneer Woman of the Year. She was known as one of the best cooks in Lincoln County who always had a piece of pie ready for visitors. She was chairman of the cookbook committee publishing the Lincoln County Extension Cookbook in 1978.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, in 1973; and sons Harold in 1967, and Preston in 2001.

Survivors include grandchildren Laura Radcliff

Pannell and her husband, Darro, of Alamogordo, and Harold P. Radcliff of Las Cruces; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Radcliff, of Alamogordo; several nieces and nephews, including Kenneth Baker and his wife,

Louise, of Canyon, Texas; and a very dear friend, John Thomas and his family of Lincoln.

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Leadership Lincoln visiting state capital

The 11 students participating in the inaugural class of Leadership Lincoln will be in Santa Fe today and Thursday.

Learning more about the operation of state government and the Legislature will be on the agenda.

Along with the group, several Lincoln County legislators, State Land Commissioner Pat Lyons, Ruidoso mayor Leon Eggleston and several village councilors will attend a program put on by the Altria Group called Responsibility and Activism in State and Federal Government.

The mission of Leadership Lincoln is to identify, enlighten, encourage and retain emerging leaders of diverse backgrounds, occupations and cultures for the purpose of enhancing the quality of leadership in the region.

Richardson signs amended tax cut

Legislation will drop highest tax rate to just under 5 percent by 2007

BY DARREN MARCY
RUIDOSO NEWS SANTA FE BUREAU

SANTA FE - Gov. Bill Richardson accepted a compromise tax cut Friday after a conference committee negotiated a substitute bill.

Richardson signed the tax cut, after three members from the Senate and three from the House met to negotiate the substitute bill, said Rep. Tom Taylor, R-Farmington, who was on the committee.

New Mexico passed a tax cut, while surrounding states are in a budget crisis trying to figure out what services to cut and looking hard at tax increases.

"We're in a country right now where we have a number of states trying to figure out how to raise taxes," Taylor said. "It's just awesome that New Mexico is instead lowering taxes now. It's going to make New Mexico mean and lean in the coming years."

The substitute bill for House Bill 167 and Senate Bill 167, was agreed upon by the conference committee, making small changes to what the governor wanted, as well as what the House and Senate bills originally offered.

"Today, after eight years of gridlock, after eight years of disagreements and partisan politics, I am proud to say the governor and the Legislature are working together for the benefit of the state," Richardson said during a signing ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda.

"Our Valentine's gift to working New Mexico families is this historic tax-reduction package that puts money in their pockets and declares our eagerness to create jobs and grow the economy."

The new tax cut bill is a five-year plan dropping the top tax rate from 8.2 percent

to 4.9 percent by 2007. It also offers a 10 percent cut per year in the capital gains tax for a total cut of 50 percent over five years.

The governor wanted a four-year plan to cut the top tax rate to 5 percent. The substitute bill takes an extra year to do it, but also lowers the rate an additional one-tenth of 1 percent.

"What we did is modify the governor's proposal, the Senate proposal and House proposal, into an agreement that will cut the top income tax rate from 8.2 percent to 4.9 percent over a five-year period, beginning this coming fiscal year," Taylor said.

The new bill also removes a "circuit breaker" included in the House proposal, which was related to the amount in the reserve fund. The circuit breaker would have delayed parts of the personal income tax cuts if the state's finances were not as strong as projected.

That circuit breaker was one of the things the Democrats wanted, but was a target of criticism from Richardson.

Taylor said the measure is an even-handed approach to tax reform in the state.

"Basically it's tax relief that we believe we can afford," Taylor said. "Obviously it sets the stage for other tax decisions as we go through the year."

Taylor said it was important to get the tax cut bill settled quickly so the Legislature can get on with other budget issues.

"One of the reasons it's important for this to move along quickly is because the budget has to develop itself around that tax break," Taylor said. "He feels (the tax cut) is important for economic development. If we want to attract business into the state, it's important to not have high income taxes."

Richardson threw the doors wide open.

"Make no mistake, the point of cutting the personal income tax and the capital gains cut is to send an unmistakable message to business leaders here in this state and across the nation," Richardson said. "New Mexico is open for business."

The governor said one of the first things he did after signing the legislation was to call former Gov. Gary Johnson and tell him about the legislation. Johnson tried to pass a tax cut for eight years, something that took Richardson less than two months in office.

Richardson said Johnson was delighted at the news.

In fact, many around the Roundhouse Friday were praising Johnson's hardcore budget trimming for the state being in such good shape financially.

During his run for the governor's office, Richardson made ending gridlock and passing a tax cut two of the primary focuses of his campaign.

"New Mexico has a functioning government again," Richardson said. "Democrats working with Republicans, the governor working with the Legislature, to move our state forward for all our people."

"It's just awesome that New Mexico is ... lowering taxes now. It's going to make New Mexico mean and lean in the coming years."

Rep. Tom Taylor
R-Farmington

STATE BRIEFS

Fry case pending

AZTEC - The prosecution is ready to move forward with a death penalty case against Robert Fry, charged with the 1998 beating death of Donald Tsosie.

Fry currently resides on death row for the June 2000 murder of Shiprock resident Betty Lee. His co-defendant, Leslie Engh, has already pleaded guilty and been sentenced in both killings. Engh testified that he and Fry robbed and choked Tsosie, beat him with a shovel, and then threw his body off a cliff in Head Canyon south of Farmington.

Fry is also charged with the 1996 Eclectic double homicide of Joseph Fleming and Matthew Trecker - a case set for this summer - the DA's office would like to try it first.

Capitol punishment bill on the move

SANTA FE - The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee gave a do pass with

no recommendation Thursday to a bill that would expand the considerations for the death penalty. House Bill 272 sponsored by Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, calls for the death penalty as an option for acts of terrorism. The committee considered Cervantes' bill immediately following emotional comments in support of a repeal of the death penalty.

"I have serious reservations about the death penalty," said Cervantes, "but I reluctantly came to the conclusion that the death penalty is a deterrent."

House OKs gray water

SANTA FE - A House bill that would allow the use of "gray water" for residential landscape watering was approved in the House Monday by a vote of 66-0. Rep. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque, sponsor of HB 114, explained that the bill simplifies the state code to allow gray water for outdoor watering. "It was proposed as a coalition bill to deal with the water shortage," she said.

Bingaman shares views with state House, Senate

The Senator said he fears cuts in health care and education funding.

BY PAULA PENNELL
RUIDOSO NEWS SANTA FE BUREAU

SANTA FE - Health care, education and water are three of the most crucial issues facing New Mexico, Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., told a joint session of the House and Senate Monday.

"The people of New Mexico are counting on us to do all we can to make New Mexico a better place to live and a better place to raise a family," Bingaman said.

"Our healthcare system is in crisis," he said, citing the fact that New Mexico leads the nation in the number of uninsured residents.

The answer to the crisis, he said, is to reduce the number of uninsured, increase Medicaid funds and come up with a solution to the inequities in the Medicare system, which result in New Mexico doctors receiving lower reimbursement payments than physicians in other states.

Currently, New Mexico receives some \$2.75 billion in federal funds every year for Medicaid, Medicare and Indian

Health Services, said Bingaman. But, he said, the Bush administration and Congress are looking to limit federal health care spending and put more of that cost onto states, possibly through block grants.

"That would be a lose, lose, lose proposition for New Mexico," he said.

Bingaman said he was working on a counterproposal that would keep New Mexico from being locked into a per capita expenditure level that is much lower than the national average. His proposal would give more Medicaid dollars to states with higher rates of poverty, such as New Mexico.

Bingaman also advocated for a "fully functional dental school" for New Mexico. "We don't train dentists in this state and we have the second lowest rate of dentists per capita."

Even though Gov. Bill Richardson has made education a top priority, said Bingaman, improvements in education won't be achieved without help from the federal level.

"We at the federal level don't do our share," he said.

Funding for the No Child Left Behind Act has not been sufficient to meet the goals of the 12-year plan, he said. But, a

bill passed last week will help by adding an additional \$20 million in funding for the program.

He urged lawmakers to emphasize high standards for both teachers and students by bringing back an incentive for teachers to seek national certification and by making advanced placement classes a priority in high schools.

"That's something that will improve our schools," he said.

State funding for advanced placement courses dropped from \$370,000 in 2001 to \$313,000 in 2002, with another 5 percent cut expected this year, Bingaman said.

The courses offer impressive results, he said, and he encouraged legislators to double the number of high schools offering advanced placement courses.

"I urge you to increase state funds to try to achieve this goal," Bingaman said.

He offered three suggestions for the state's water situation: Develop a clear and accurate understanding of water resources; complete the water adjudication process; and encourage the best use of water, while discouraging waste.

"The first lesson for anyone who chooses to live in this arid

land is be a good steward of our natural resources," Bingaman said.

"There's no quick resolution for any of these issues," Bingaman concluded. "But together, working cooperatively, we can achieve the goals I've laid out this morning."

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Congressmen seek fire prevention

Proposed institutes would help restore the health of state forests.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Legislation with the bipartisan goal of establishing biological research institutes in New Mexico and two other states has been introduced by U.S. Reps. Tom Udall, D-N.M., and J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz.

The institutes would assist land managers in immediate restoration treatments of state forests and was proposed in response to fears of another devastating fire season, they said.

The measure provides \$15 million annually to establish ecological research institutes in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Comprised of environmental scientists, the staff would work with land man-

agers and community groups to design and implement forest-restoration treatments.

"Given the low precipitation we have experienced this winter in New Mexico, I am afraid that we are likely to have another serious fire season," said Udall, a member of the House Committee on Resources and senior member of the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health. "It looks as though the wildfires will be aggravated by drought, which already has taken a toll on our agriculture and livestock community. I believe that having one of these wildfire research institutes in our state will provide us the tools necessary to become a leader in fire prevention and (watershed) restoration."

If signed into law, the bill directs the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in consultation with the U.S. Secretary of

Interior to establish the institutes to promote, through research, the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires and to improve the health of forest and woodland ecosystems in the interior West.

The goal also is to increase cooperation between the institutes and federal agencies and with researchers at colleges and universities that have demonstrated a capability in forest fire prevention and health enhancement, Udall said.

He pointed out that with three years of severe fires, many argue that the threat grew because forests have unnaturally high fuel loads, such as dead trees and dense undergrowth, and an historically unnatural mix of plant species.

Debates erupted over fire control and fire protection

efforts, including questions about funding levels and fire protection treatments. The threat to homes, especially those in wildland/urban interface areas, has become extreme, many in Congress insist. They say emergency action is needed to protect lives, property and natural resources from catastrophic wildfires.

Despite all of the concern, Congress had little success in reaching a consensus, the congressman said. Udall hopes by establishing the institutes focusing on science that politics can be removed from the debate.

"I believe this country desperately needs a science-based common sense fire policy," he said. "The forest crisis in many Western states deserves urgent action. Fire management should not be about partisan politics."

PUPPETS ON PARADE



BARBARA LANE/STAFF

Members of the Ruidoso puppet troupe the Fabulous Foamheads performed in front of more than 100 people in Albuquerque Feb. 8 as part of a show lined up by Englewood, Colo., puppeteers One Way Street Inc.

P&Z may allow minor site use changes to skip hearing

Under the proposed amendment, major work done when property changes hands would still come before the board.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Slight changes in site use plans may be handled administratively in the future without a formal hearing in front of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission.

Commissioners were scheduled to hold a public forum Tuesday on an amendment to zoning rules that would allow a summary review of changes to determine if they fit within the guidelines that would allow the exemption.

Village code officials run into difficulty

because when property changes owners or renters, alterations often are completed on a building or the use is changed, without the department being aware. Or the process of receiving a new approval causes delays for the subsequent business, said Mike Runnels, director of village planning.

"When you change the use of an existing facility, as the code is structured now, it is a new site plan," he said last week. "This amendment would provide for a summary procedure if certain conditions are met."

The conditions are that:
• No major structural alterations occur, such as removing a load-bearing wall, not something small, like creating a closet.

• Outdoor activities are not increased, which could impact surrounding property

owners.
• Required parking space is not increased by more than 10 percent.

A hearing also was set dealing with off-street parking, a related issue.

Runnels explained that the previous village administration passed an ordinance that grandfathered all existing uses at that time without meeting parking requirements.

"For minor changes (of use), that's not a problem," he said. "But if an office becomes a restaurant or a used car lot, it does create a problem."

He recommended that if the new use of property exceeds by 10 percent the existing requirements, the parking space code must be met.

"You may wish to modify the 10 percent. It's not a scientific number," Runnels said.

La Casa ambulatory care receives accreditation

La Casa Family Health Center in Portales, Clovis, Roswell and Hondo Valley has achieved ambulatory care accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

"In becoming accredited, La Casa was evaluated against a set of national standards by a Joint Commission surveyor experienced in the delivery of ambulatory health care services," said Michael Kulczycki, executive director of the ambulatory program of the commission.

"We seek accreditation for our organization because we want to ensure that our clinic is performing at the highest level possible, assuring our patients the best health care possible," said Seferino Montano, chief executive officer at La Casa. "Obtaining joint commission accreditation is a measuring tool toward excellence."

An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the predominant standard-setting and accrediting body in health care.

It sets state-of-the-art standards for outpatient ambulatory care organizations that each unit seeking accreditation must meet. The achievement is granted to about 1,000 free-standing ambulatory care organizations nationwide, he said.

La Casa is a nonprofit organization providing health care services for more than 28 years.

Four clinics operate in southeast New Mexico, including Portales, Clovis, Roswell and Hondo.

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Feb. 10, a son, Marvin Matthew Cook-Kazhe, to Jana Cook and Nathaniel Kazhe, 7 lb, 3.2 oz, 20"

Feb. 11, 2003, a daughter, Dillen Grace Romero, to Marla and Jimmy Romero, 7 lb, 4.4 oz, 21"

Feb. 12, 2003, a daughter, Kathryn Ione Schliskey, to Samantha Allen and Timothy Schliskey, 7 lb, 4 oz, 19 1/2"

Feb. 13, 2003, a daughter, Kimberly Marie Graham, to Melissa Temple and Adam Graham, 8 lb, 4.8 oz, 22 1/2"

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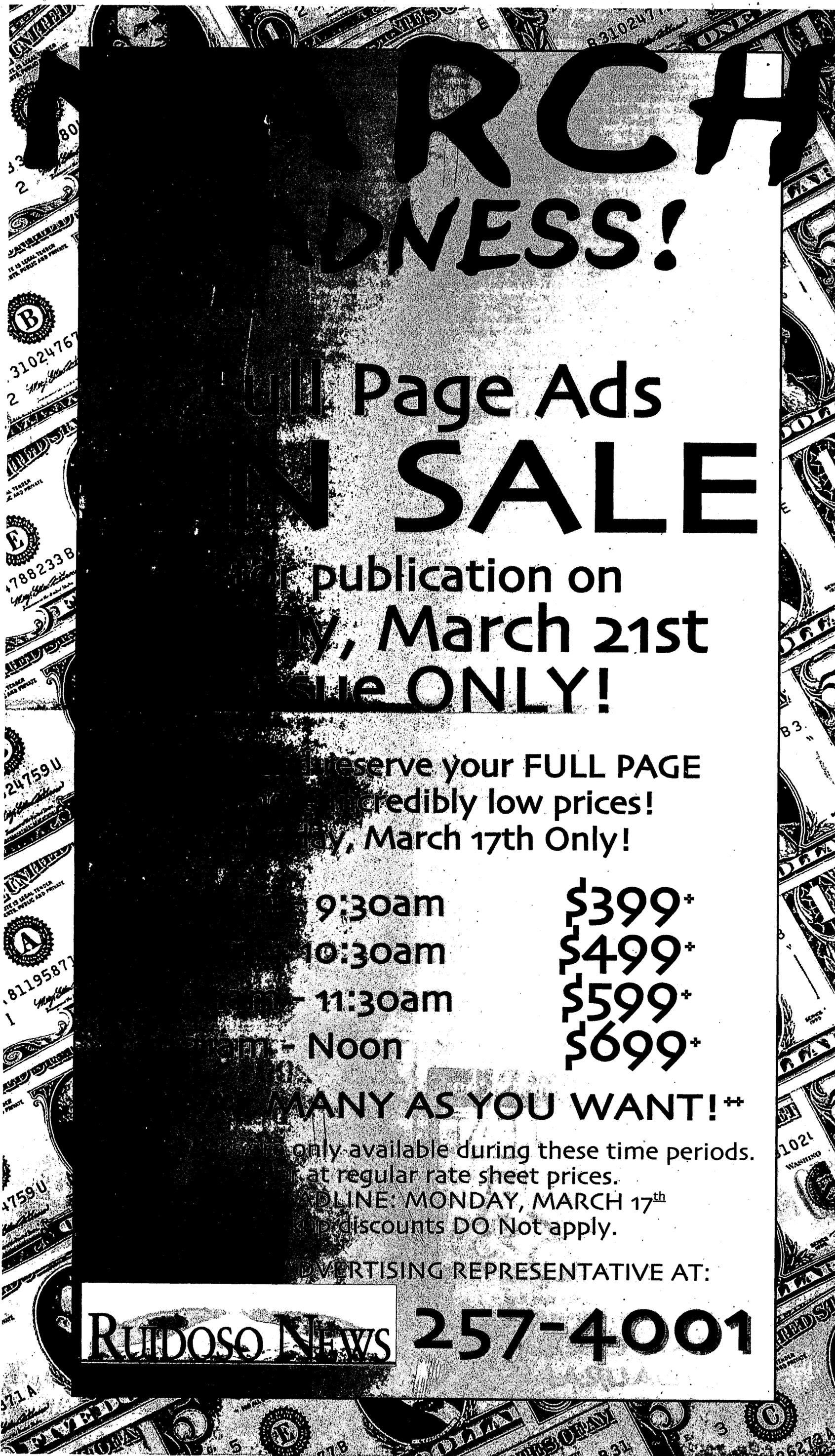
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Shots fall, but not enough for Warriors

Ruidoso's scoring drought came to an end, but Lovington's shooting was more potent.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

At least the Warriors are scoring again.

Ruidoso remained winless in District 4-3A this year after playing Lovington on Friday, but it was finally able to score enough points to make its coach think it's now playing to its potential.

"We came closer to meeting our season average for scoring," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "I think the lid has come off the bucket, and that's a good thing, people had better watch out."

Ruidoso scored 62 points Friday, but it wasn't enough to overcome Lovington's 76 in the loss.

The Warriors (6-14, 0-5 district) have averaged 62.9 points per game this year, but were only averaging 40.25 ppg since starting district play — including a 72-38 loss to the Wildcats Feb. 7 in Lovington.

Friday, Ruidoso came out on a mission, and made it a very exciting game from the beginning.

The Warriors started with a 5-0 lead on a rebound and score by Patrick Valliant and three-pointer by Auston Beier, only to see Lovington come back with a 6-0 run, capped by a layup by Jawaan Payne.

The two teams traded leads and tied four more times before the Wildcats (18-5, 4-1) took the lead for good at 3:06 in the first quarter on a Payne trey, but Ruidoso refused to go quietly, getting to within one point on a short jumper by Valliant,

Wildcats 76, Warriors 62
Lovington (18-5, 4-1 District 4-3A)
Jawaan Payne 8 6-10 23 Will Payne 7 4-19 Tyndre Lewis 2 5-6 9 Ray Solorzano 0 0-0 0 Chase Bridgforth 0 0-0 0 Medic Sydney 2 0-0 4 Ryan Harrove 0 0-0 0 Jared Swenson 2 2-2 7 Pete Hernandez 0 0-0 0 Iram Salcido 2 0-0 4 Chandler Morgan 4 2-2 10 Totals: 27-19-24 76
Ruidoso (6-14, 0-5)
Nicholas Page 1 0-0 2 Garrett Born 0 0-0 0 A.J. Richardson 0 0-0 0 Nick Fajardo 3 0-0 6 Steven Stroup 0 2-2 2 Auston Beier 5 0-0 10 Chance Hooper 4 0-3 8 Josh Adams 2 2-2 7 John Ordoica 0 0-0 0 Coby Small 5 5-6 15 Patrick Valliant 5 2-2 12 Aaron Romero 0 0-0 0 Totals: 24-11-15 62
Lovington 17 17 19 23 — 76
Ruidoso 16 11 20 15 — 62
Three-point goals: Lovington 3 (J. Payne, W. Payne, Swenson); Ruidoso 4 (Beier 3, Adams). Rebounds: Lovington 23 (W. Payne 6), Ruidoso 29 (Hooper 11). Steals: Lovington 9 (J. Payne 3), Ruidoso 10 (Beier, Richardson, Small 2). Blocks: Lovington 3 (W. Payne, J. Payne, Lewis 1), Ruidoso 2 (Small 2). Turnovers: Lovington 17, Ruidoso 24. Total fouls: Lovington 11, Ruidoso 19. Fouled out: Ruidoso, Ordoica (0:03 in 4th).

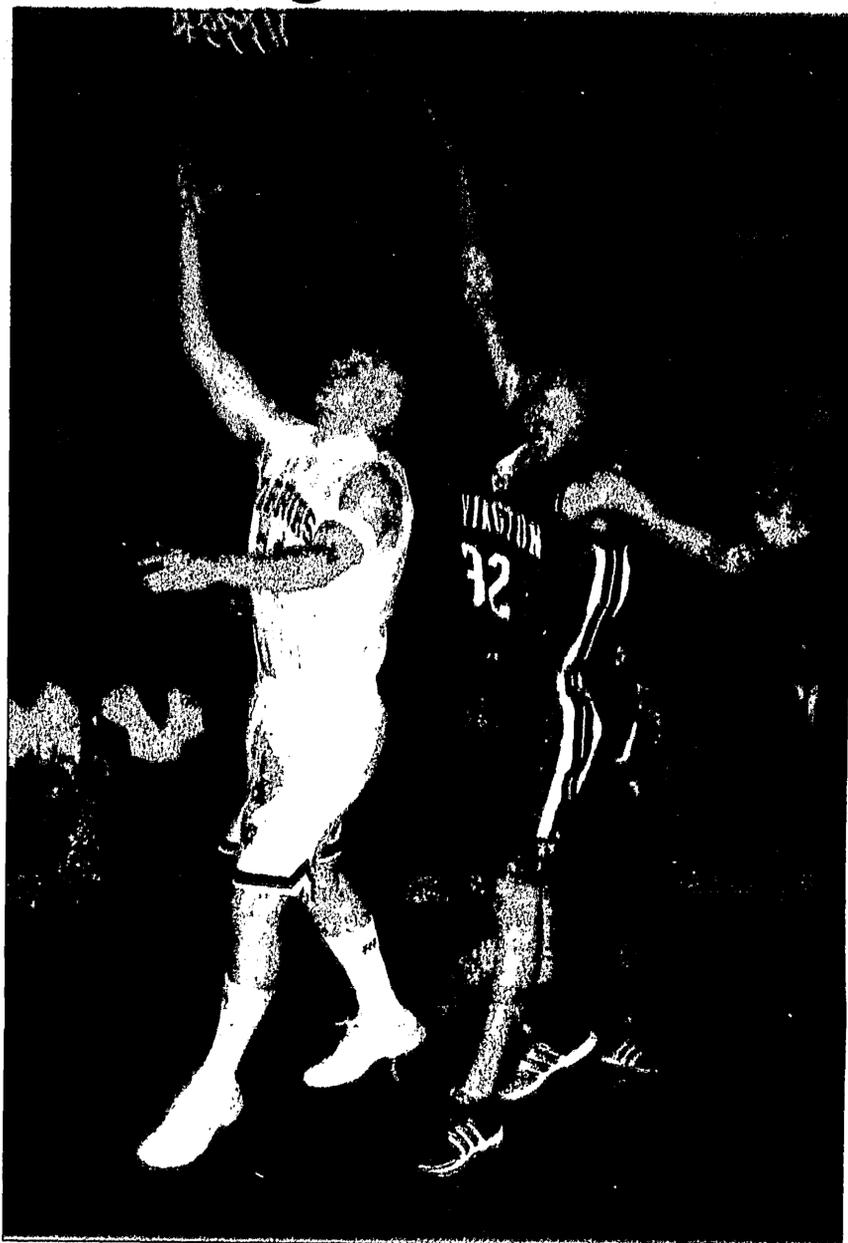
who finished the game with 12 points.

Lovington got a little breathing room in the second quarter, as Payne — who had a game-high 23 points — ran the fast break well enough to put some distance between his team and the Warriors.

"This team's hard to press, so we didn't press them very much," said Lovington coach Rick Black of his team's performance against Ruidoso. "They like to run like we do. It was just a good, hard-fought game."

Knowing that Lovington would run, Page continually substituted en masse, replacing the entire team on the floor at opportune moments.

"I was just changing it up, evening out the squads and rotating them out a little bit more," Page said. "I knew if we



Steven Stroup, left, goes for a layup while Lovington's Iram Salcido blocks during the Warrior's 76-62 loss to the Wildcats Friday at RHS.

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso takes second as team in district tournament

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Ruidoso may have ended up as the runner-up following the District 4-1A/3A wrestling tournament Saturday at RHS, but coach Brian Brown saw a huge difference from the Warriors' performance the week before at Cobre.

"The amount of improvement from last time was dramatic," Brown said. "They really did a good job."

The Warriors took second behind Cobre in duals after falling to the Indians 48-18. But that was much better than the score the last time the two teams met — a dual which finished 60-17 in favor of Cobre.

"I was immensely pleased with the performance they gave," Brown said.

All of Ruidoso's points in the dual came on pins — by Justin Huffmon against James Benevidez at 140 pounds, Elisha Hedin over J.D. Sierra at 152, and Bruce Herrera against Garrett Prewit at 171.

Those three also pinned their counterparts from New Mexico Military Institute, and thus won the crown of district champion for their respective weight classes.

Another wrestler who did well was Tim Lucero. A late addition to the team — his only other match this year was at the Cobre dual Feb. 4 — Lucero rebounded from a pin by Cobre's Laramie Perrault to pin Erik Hudson of NMMI in what Brown felt was the toughest weight class of the day. All three finished 1-1, and Lucero was awarded the runner-up spot by virtue of tie-breaking criteria agreed on by the coaches before the beginning of the tournament.

Dayne Hall won the award for heartbreak of the day. His match against Cobre's Karlen Ward was tied at 2-2 after three periods, and remained tied after another minute of wrestling in the extra period.

Having to start a fifth — and final — period from below Ward, Hall needed to break free of Ward's grip within 30 seconds to win the match. He was unable to

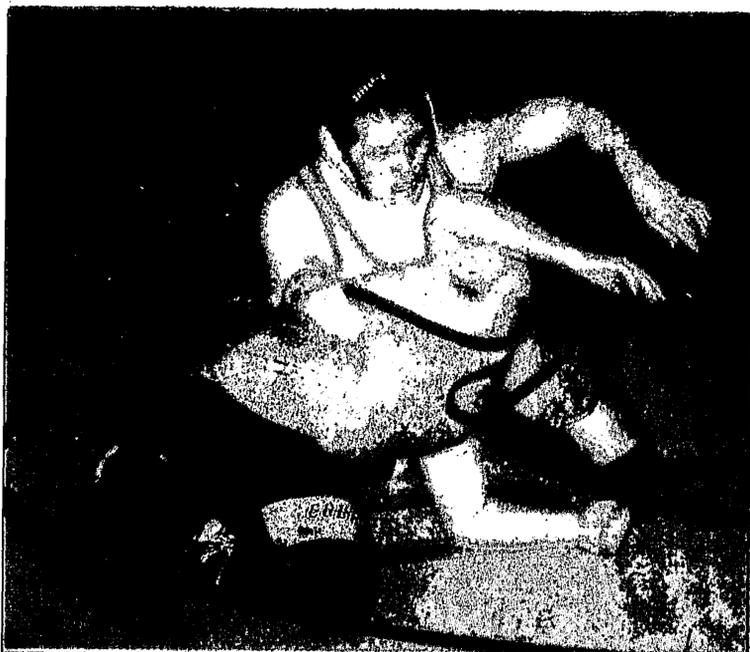
do so, and Ward got the district championship.

"It was kind of sad to see Dayne lose like that," Brown said. "He's beat that kid twice (in the Cobre dual and the Sierra Blanca Tournament Jan. 24) and he (Ward) came up and really wrestled a tough match. Dayne missed a couple of opportunities to pin the guy."

Because there were at most only three wrestlers in almost every weight class — Alamo Navajo's Kyle Wellman won the 135-pound title after going 3-0 at the tournament — and the top four individuals qualify for state, every member of Ruidoso's team is now in Albuquerque at Tingley Coliseum for the individual State Tournament.

Wrestling for Class 1A/3A begins today at 3 p.m. following weigh-ins. After a full day of wrestling on Thursday, the championship matches will be held on Friday.

With three district champions and a good number



Bruce Herrera, top, struggles to gain the upper hand on Cobre's Garrett Perrault Saturday during the 171-pound match in the District 4-1A/3A tournament at RHS. Herrera pinned Perrault with six seconds left in the first round and went on to claim the individual district crown.

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as runner-up, Brown is hoping for some advantageous seeding for his wrestlers.

"We should be able to get Justin seeded second or third, and I'm also hoping to get Shawn Gurule (at 119) seeded third or fourth. Maybe Dayne or Greg Crow (at 130) or Bruce can get seeded in the top four,"

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Weather at Report Time: Mostly Cloudy
Road at Report Time: Clear
Midway Depth: 40 in.
Surface Conditions: Packed powder and machine groomed
Skiing Conditions: Good
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Lifts Open: All 11 lifts
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Novice Slopes
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Partly cloudy and breezy with a chance of snow

Prep Scores

Thursday, Feb. 13
Boys Basketball
Corona 78, Mesalero 48
Temple Baptist 48, Carrizozo 34
Girls Basketball
Mesalero 67, Corona 40
Carrizozo 77, Temple Baptist 35

Friday, Feb. 14
Boys Basketball
Lovington 76, Ruidoso 62
Gateway Christian 104, Mesalero 14
Girls Basketball
Mesalero 74 Gateway Christian 18

Saturday, Feb. 15
Boys Basketball
Hatch 45, Capitan 33
Vaughn 74, Corona 48
Girls Basketball
Hatch 34, Capitan 31
Vaughn 55, Corona 19

Preps on Tap

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Wrestling
Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A State Individual Tournament at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo at Bosque Prep, 5 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo at Bosque Prep, 3 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A State Individual Tournament at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, TBA

Friday, Feb. 21
Boys Basketball
Alamo Navajo at Mesalero, 6:30 p.m.
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Hondo at Lake Arthur, 7 p.m.
Portales at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Alamo Navajo at Mesalero, 5 p.m.
Cloudcroft at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.
Hondo at Lake Arthur, 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A State Individual Tournament at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 22
Boys Basketball
Mesalero at Tatum, 6 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Mesalero at Tatum, 4:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7:30 p.m.

On Deck

Jump camp at Lovington
Lovington High School will host a track and field camp featuring former USA long jump champion and 2000 Olympian Melvin Lister Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Lovington High School conditioning building. Registration for the event is 9 a.m., and the clinic will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch served at noon. Instruction will be given in the long jump, triple jump and 400-meter run. Cost is \$25 per athlete and includes a camp shirt and notebook. For more information, contact Don Rodie at (505)-396-3933, (505)-739-2230 or (505)-390-4291

Softball sign-ups to begin
Sign-ups for 12 and Under softball teams are now being held for the season which begins in April and ends in July. Girls who turned 13 years old after Jan. 1 are eligible. There are only six slots available on the team. To register, contact Kim Chavez at 258-1308, or call 910-8730 or 429-2549.



Capitan cager teams swept by Hatch Valley

Playoff seedings now uncertain for both Tiger squads

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Just when everything seems to be going OK for the Capitan Tigers, Hatch comes along and ruins everything.

Maybe that's a bit too harsh — it's not like the basketball seasons are over for Capitan's boys and girls teams — but their losses to Hatch on Saturday certainly made things more difficult than they were before.

The Lady Tigers dropped a 34-31 decision, while the Capitan boys fell 45-33.

The Capitan girls (11-10, 5-2 District 5-2A) were still fighting for a regular season title, but had to wait until Tuesday's Tularosa/Hatch game to see where they'll be seeded in the district tournament.

If Tularosa could defeat Hatch, the three teams would be tied for first, and the regular-season champion would be decided on a point spread.

As for Saturday's game, Capitan coach

Sherry Gowen said the reason for the Lady Tigers' loss was simple — a lack of shooting.

"We didn't move the ball around quick enough, and just didn't put the ball up," Gowen said. "We had more steals, more rebounds, fewer turnovers, we just didn't shoot."

Capitan had only 10 shots go through the hoop in the entire game, while Jessica Becker may have scored 15 points to match her average and lead the Lady Tigers, no other Capitan player was in double figures.

"They (Hatch) ran a zone on us, and we couldn't get the ball up on it," Gowen said. "We'll be working on catching the ball, moving it better and shooting quicker."

Hatch (13-10, 6-1) didn't do much better, getting only 12 shots of their own and having only one player in double figures; Arriana Nazano with 16 points. They even shot worse at the foul line — going only 4-for-10 in free throws — they just got the baskets when they needed them.

Despite the loss, Gowen said her girls are still filled with confidence that they can win district and get to state.

"We know we can beat Tularosa and Hatch, and they know it will be OK," Gowen said. "When it's do or die, they perform really well."

Capitan boys fall

The Tigers had a similar problem in their loss, according to coach Royce Brown.

"We couldn't drop it in the ocean," Brown said. "We were just 9 percent in three-point shooting and 18 percent overall."

The biggest difference came at the free-throw line. Capitan shot just 58 percent in foul shots, while the Bears (6-14, 2-4) were at 85 percent.

Even with that big difference, Capitan (11-9, 3-4) was in the game late — even leading by two after three quarters. But then the Tigers were able to muster just four points in the final period.

"It was not our most enjoyable quarter ever," Brown admitted.

With one game left against Cloudfcroft, the Tigers are likely looking at a third-place berth in the district tournament. Brown said he's returned to the basics in practice.

"We just need to redefine the basics of our philosophy," Brown said. "Hatch played us in a zone and stayed back on us. We tried to shoot it, and they just didn't fall in."

Capitan plays Cloudfcroft Friday, with the district tournament to begin next week.



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Cloudfcroft Lady Bear Kara Goss, right, shoots over Capitan's Stephanie Kelsey during their game in the Cloudfcroft High School gym Feb. 13.

Carrizozo girls remain unbeaten

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

With their 77-35 victory over Temple Baptist last Thursday, the Carrizozo girls basketball team secured the District 7-1A regular-season title and a bye into the district championship game Feb. 28.

With their 48-34 loss to Temple Baptist last Thursday, the Carrizozo boys may have dropped another district game, but at least they are showing some improvement.

The Grizzly boys (8-15, 2-4 district) begin their quest for a district crown next Tuesday with a 6 p.m. contest against Corona.

"The boys played a lot better, we defended them a bit better," said Carrizozo coach Mel Holland of the Grizzlies' play against Temple Baptist. "We did some things I always thought we could do. We'll probably see them again, if we can get past Corona."

The final was a decided difference from the 68-41 loss to the Roadrunners on Feb. 1, and Carrizozo was led by Josh Calvert with 10 points. Dustin Bentley had 12 points to lead Temple Baptist.

Lady Grizzlies

The Carrizozo girls took an easy win over Temple to remain undefeated in

district, and extended their win streak to 11 games.

"I thought we played well, and was pretty pleased," Holland said.

Christa Franck again led the Lady Grizzlies (18-6, 7-0) with 22 points, and every Carrizozo player scored in the game.

Both teams take on Bosque Prep Thursday in their final regular-season games before beginning the district tournament.



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NMSU Aggie men fall at home to Louisiana-Lafayette

BY FELIX CHAVEZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

LAS CRUCES — Louisiana-Lafayette simply had too much talent and too much athleticism for New Mexico State Saturday night.

Playing a physical, hard-nosed game, the Ragin' Cajuns got 26 points from Aggie stopper Brad Boyd and held NMSU's leading scorer James Moore to just two field goals in an 69-58 win at the Pan American Center.

The Ragin' Cajuns, who have now won eight straight, improved to 18-6 overall and 10-1 in the Sun Belt. NMSU slips to 16-7 and 6-5.

Boyd, who beat the Aggies last year with a late 3-pointer in the Pan Am, drained five treys and lead all scorers with 26 points.

"I love this arena," said Boyd of the Pan American Center. "It has soft rims and I just have had good success here. Tonight, we played well and we were focused."

But it was also ULL's defense that caused havoc for NMSU. The Aggies made just one field goal in the final

12:42 of the game and just 6 of 24 in the final 20 minutes.

Moore, who was averaging 17.9 points per game entering Saturday's contest, was just 2 of 6 for the game, including zero field goals in the second half. He finished with 12, eight of which came from the free throw line.

"They were really physical with James," NMSU coach Lou Henson said.

Said a somber Moore after the game: "I just wasn't aggressive enough. As a team in the second half, it just seemed we weren't out there, especially me."

ULL stormed out of the locker room at halftime, hitting 9 of 16 from the field as it opened up a 56-44 lead midway through the second half. A 7-0 run put the Ragin' Cajuns up 12 as NMSU committed two turnovers and shot an air ball. Anthony Johnson scored six of the seven points to lead the way.

The Ragin' Cajuns were 14 of 26 from the field in the half.

ULL extended its lead to 61-45 on a Boyd trey and Kenneth Lawrence

drive, before NMSU scored six straight to pull within 61-51 with 6:26 left, but that would be as close as it would get the rest of the way.

Johnson finished with 18 points for the Ragin' Cajuns on 6 of 9 shooting, while Lawrence, the team's point guard tallied 10 points.

"We came out in the second half and played really good defense," ULL coach Jessie Evans said. "We didn't give their shooters as many good looks as in the first half and we rebounded well. And we also passed the ball well offensively. We had eight assists in the second half and that's a big part of our game."

The Ragin' Cajuns out-rebounded the Aggies 40-33 for the game, getting 11 from center Michael Southall, eight from Lawrence and seven from Johnson.

"They just have so many guys that can break you down," Henson said. "Tonight they really moved the ball well offensively and defensively they did a good job on us. And rebounding was a key. Chris Jackson did a nice job for us inside, but our guards didn't

rebound like we'd like."

Jackson had 15 rebounds for the Aggies to go with his 11 points as NMSU did have five players in double figures. Allen Haynes had 12 for NMSU, while Jason Fontenet and Brandon Mason added 10. Fontenet was a focal point of ULL's defense. He had 20 in the last meeting between the two schools on Jan. 2.

"We wanted to slow him down, but he was just a bit off tonight," Boyd said. "He's a good player."

The first half saw ULL come out like a blaze of fire, taking a 20-11 lead less than eight minutes in.

ULL hit 7 of 10 shots, including four treys to take the early lead.

Johnson and Boyd each drained two 3-pointers. Boyd led all scorers in the first half with 13.

But the Ragin' Cajuns eventually cooled off as the Aggies slowly, but surely, recovered to pull within 32-31 at the halftime break.

The Ags still trailed 31-23 with 4:59 left, but scored 8 of the final 9 points to close the half.

Mason and Haynes each hit critical

treys to close the half, including Haynes' triple at the buzzer as Jackson found him open in the corner. Mason had 10 first-half points, while Haynes had eight.

ULL scored just one free throw in the final 4:59 of the half and wound up making just 10 of 26 field goals, while NMSU was 13-29.

The Aggies also did a solid job on the boards after the visitors controlled the boards early. Jackson cleaned the boards with nine rebounds to lead all rebounders. NMSU had 19 rebounds to ULL's 18 in the opening half.

Both defenses were intent on stopping the other's stars.

Moore, was 2 of 4 for four points and Fontenet, the team's point guard was just 1 of 4 and didn't have many clear looks at the bucket.

On the other side, NMSU held ULL's center Michael Southall to just one point.

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It's another win, loss for Mescalero girls, boys

BY KAREN BOEHLER
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Friday was another case of the Mescalero girls (15-6, 6-0) getting a blowout victory while the inexperienced Chiefs (2-16, 0-6) lost big.

Facing off against Gateway Christian in District 8A at home, the Lady Chiefs got a 74-18 win while the Mescalero boys fell 104-14.

The ladies game was never even close, as Mescalero led 12-4 after one, 40-7 at the half and 52-14 after three.

"One of the big highlights, I guess, we shot 12 of 14 from the free-throw line," said coach Rol Bradford. "We hit pretty well from the outside. Of course, our inside-outside game was working, but we shot pretty well from the outside. Pretty easy win from this end."

Led by Augusta Lang and Shirienne Davis with 16 points each, 10 Lady Chiefs put points on the board.

Shanelle Mariano had nine, Nicole Dolan, Sasha Enjady and Tori Torres eight each,

Leslie Bigmouth three and Yvette Martinez, Hilary Sago and Sabrina Antone two each.

Rachel Campbell had nine of the Warriors' 18 points.

The boys continued to play hard, but against the District's No. 2 team, couldn't seem to get anything in the net.

"My boys just couldn't hit nothing," said coach Christie La Paz. "They missed layups, missed easy shots. Looked like it was a let-down from the night before. They played hard in Corona (Thursday), then it was a totally different story Friday."

The Chiefs were still missing Jacob Glossup, who may be able to return Tuesday against Hondo, and Emmett Botella, who's out for the season with a broken ankle.

Tyrone Cervantes led the scoring for Mescalero with eight points, and La Paz gave the sophomore, who picked up the scoring mantle when Glossup was injured, a lot of credit.

"He works so hard to get points and gets so tired," the coach said. "He has to go all

through the game, so runs out of gas at the end. But he doesn't give up. I'm so proud of him. He doesn't quit."

Not quitting despite being blown out is something the coach can say about his entire team.

"(Gateway is) a good team and I guess they wanted to look good in trying to prepare for the tournament a couple of week from now," La Paz said. "I just don't have the boys to compete with anybody right now. But I'm proud of the kids, the way they hustle and everything. They know we're going to get beat, but they hang in there."

Both the boys and girls faced Hondo Tuesday, and play Alamo Navajo Friday at home. They finish the District 8-1A season with a Saturday showdown at Tatum.

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Lovington's Will Payne (4) and Ruidoso's Patrick Valliant fight for a rebound Friday during the Wildcats' 76-62 victory at RHS.

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could put five guys in and sub in on defense, they wouldn't be able to figure out our strength on offense."

The strategy almost worked, as the Warriors outscored Lovington in the third quarter to get within six points at the end of the third quarter, but Lovington was just too quick on the break to stop. And the two Paynes — Jawaan and Will — were a terror underneath the basket.

Will had 19 points and led his team with six rebounds while Jawaan had three steals. The pair also had a block each in the game.

Ruidoso used their size to pound the ball inside, as Cody Small led the team with 15 points — including a near-dunk in the second half on a steal that bounced off the rim, but still managed to find its way through the hoop.

"They do a good job in the blocks," Black said. "They pounded it inside on us, got the rebounds and played well."

But they didn't play well enough to win, they just got closer than they've been in a while.

"We missed some shots in the game that we should have made," Page said. "That could be the difference in the game."

The Warriors have one more shot at winning a district game before the 4-3A tournament begins when they host Portales Friday in a 7:30 p.m. matchup.

Junior varsity

The Ruidoso JV team had a similar game, trailing Lovington by just two points at halftime before hitting a scoring drought in the third quarter which sealed a 76-65 victory for the Wildcats.

Lovington did most of their damage in the fourth quarter with free throws, going 16-of-27 in the fourth quarter from the foul line.

Jasqn Jackson had 18 points to lead the Wildcats, while Ryan Hargrove and Josh Olivas had 12 points each.

Mike McKlesky put in 23 points to lead the Warriors.

Corona sets sights on District 7-1A tournament

BY TODD FUQUA
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The Corona boys and girls basketball teams finished out the regular season over the weekend with a pair of non-district games, and are now preparing for the opening round in the District 7-1A tournament.

The teams split with Mescalero Thursday — the boys won 78-48 while the girls fell 67-40 — and were swept by once and future district rival Vaughn Saturday. The Cardinals lost 74-48 while the Lady Cardinals fell 55-19.

"I could easily have had some kids quit," said Corona coach Tommy Mulkey of the teams' seasons. "But they keep showing up to the gym, and that's a testament to them."

The Corona boys (4-18) had a unique experience against the Chiefs, easily overpowering Mescalero with their press in the first quarter and coasting the rest of the way.

"They're in the same situation, I know where they're coming from," Mulkey said of Mescalero. "We worked on our press, but pulled it off almost immediately. There's no sense to pound them, we've been pounded a lot ourselves."

Keith Shafer scored 29 points to lead the Cardinals, followed by Victor Perez with 27. Taos Muncy added 10 points. For the Chiefs, Tyrone Sarvantes had 18 points, followed by Danan Davis with 12.

Against Vaughn, it was a different situation. The Eagles were only up by six after the first quarter, but their press eventually got the best of Corona.

The fact that Perez was not with the team Saturday didn't help matters. Muncy did his best to pick up the slack with 19 points, but it wasn't enough.

"The team looked kind of confused," Mulkey said. "But Taos played really well. I can't say enough about him."

Lady Cardinals

The Corona girls (1-17) were up against a familiar foe — their own lack of numbers. Mulkey had just five players for each game, and had to run all of them pretty hard.

The game against Mescalero — the leading team in District 8-1A — was really against their junior varsity, with head coach Roland Bradford not even leading the team from the bench.

"We played with them as good as we could," Mulkey said. "They needed the work, and this wasn't a district game, so there wasn't any need to risk getting his stars hurt."

Not that the junior varsity was hurting too much. Freshman Shanelle Mariano had 25 points to lead the Lady Chiefs. Ana Ramos had 19 to lead the Lady Cardinals.

The same five took on Vaughn on Saturday, and were again hurt by fouls, ending up with just four in the game after Janet Torres got her fifth infraction in

the fourth quarter. By that point, the outcome of the game was decided, as the Lady Eagles were up 40-11 after holding Corona to a scoreless third quarter.

Ramos again led the team with nine points.

Playoffs to begin

The Cardinal teams now must prepare for the District 7-1A tournament, which gets underway next Monday when the Lady Cardinals travel to Mountainair for a 6 p.m. game. The Cardinal boys travel to Carrizozo Tuesday to take on the Grizzlies at 6 p.m.

The Corona boys have had two very close games with Carrizozo thus far this season, each time falling by just ten points. Mulkey said he and the Cardinals are looking forward to this contest.

"It's always been a good game all year," Mulkey said. "We can beat them if we shoot out the lights."

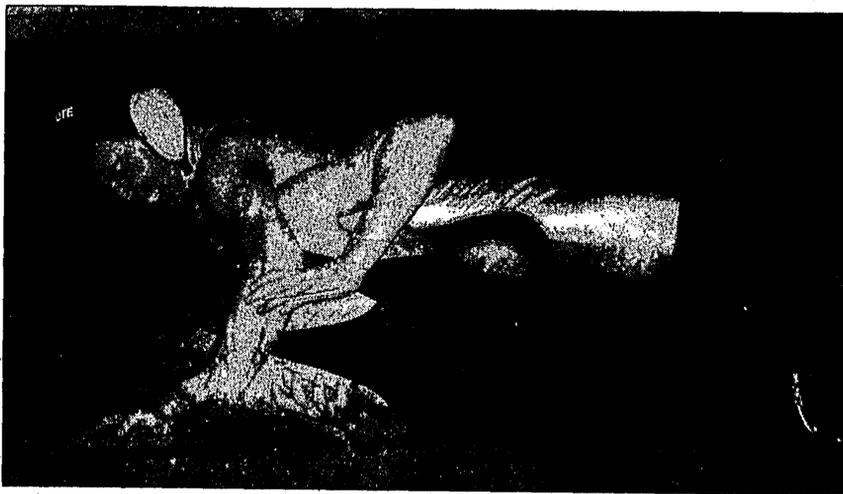
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Brown said. "If you can get seeded high, you don't have to see the No. 1 or No. 2 guy right off the bat."

Following the individual tournament, the team travels to Rio Rancho for the state team tournament Feb. 28-March 1. Given the Warriors' performance against Cobre on Saturday, Brown thinks they've got a good shot to at least equal their third-place performance from last year.

"I think we can beat West Las Vegas and come real close to beating Robertson, it depends on how we get seeded," Brown said. "Everybody's tired — they've been working hard all year. But they're staying pretty motivated."



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Shawn Gurule, top, puts Cobre's Chris Perez in a hold during their 119-pound match Saturday during the District 4-1A/3A tournament. Gurule lost on points, 6-3, and finished second overall in the district.

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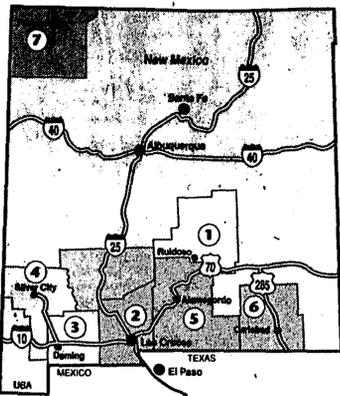
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LB.



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all varieties
14-16 oz. pkg.

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premium quality
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gallon

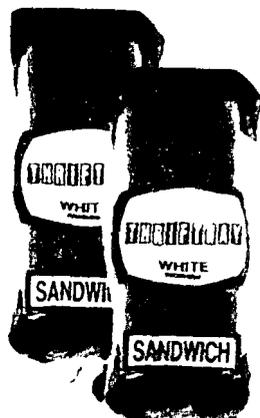
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Cello Lettuce
fresh
and
crisp

EA.

69¢

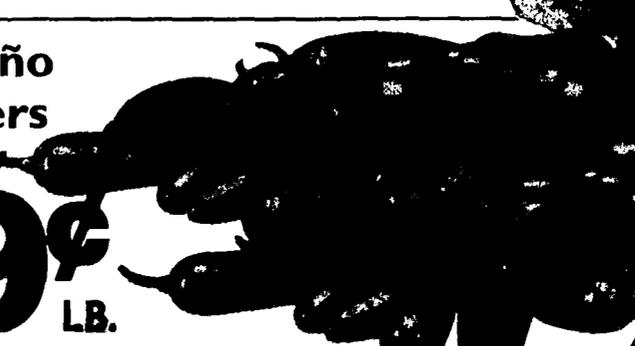


Thriftway Bread
white
24 oz.

2\$1
FOR

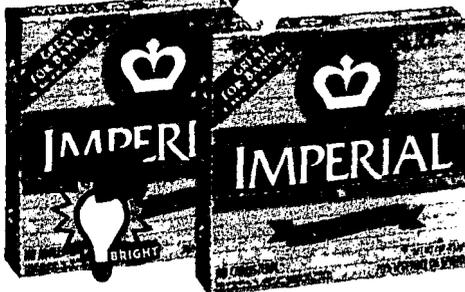
Jalapeño Peppers
spicy

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Shurfine Chili
no beans
19 oz.

99¢



Imperial Quarters

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Value
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Patio Dinners
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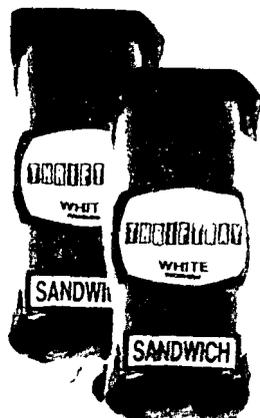
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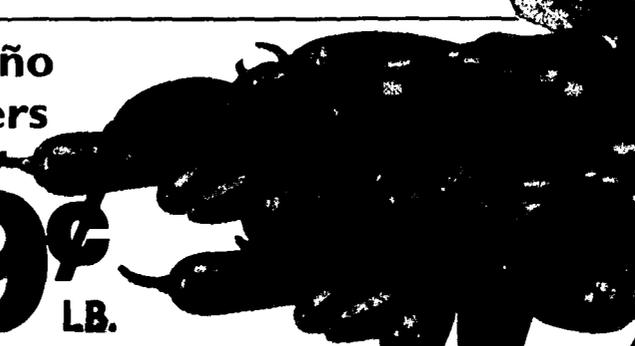
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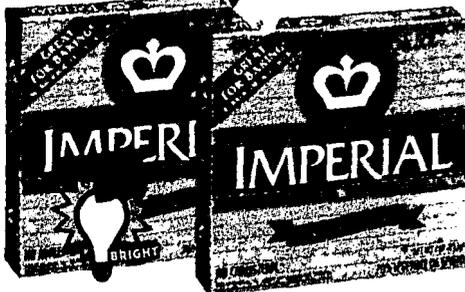
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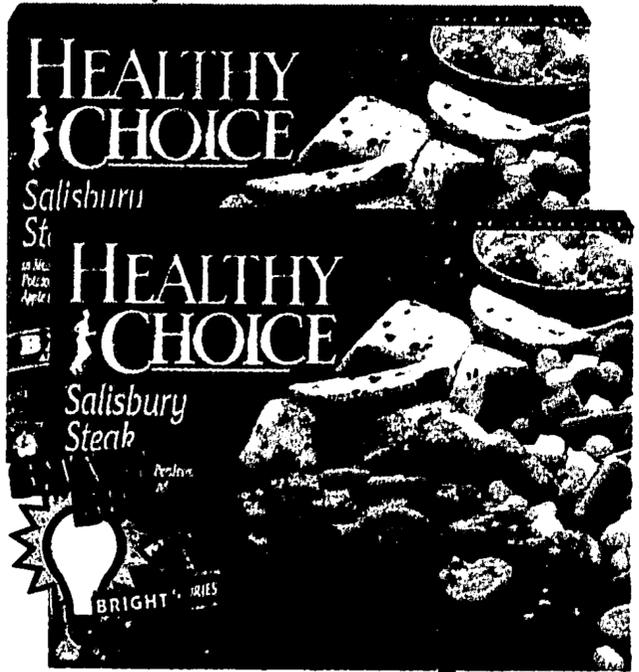
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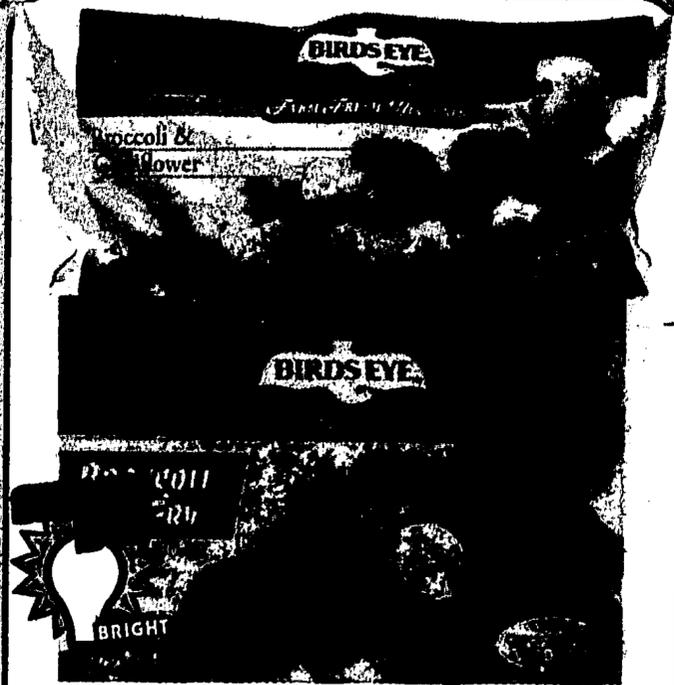
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FROZEN FAVORITES



Healthy Choice Dinners
select group
9.5-11.5 oz. **2 FOR \$5**



Birds Eye Blends
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26 oz. **3 FOR \$3**

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Shurfine
Biscuits
buttermilk
or homestyle
10 ct.

4 \$1
FOR



Shurfine
Rolls
crescent or
old fashioned
dinner rolls
8 ct.

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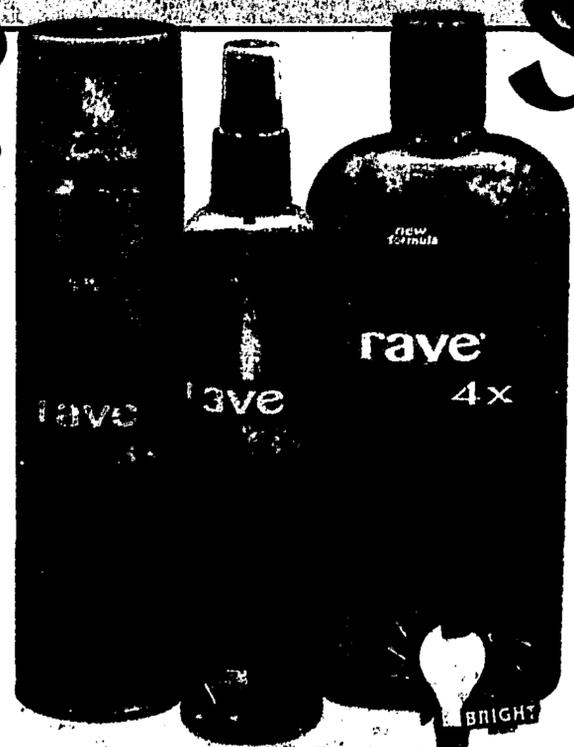
Coffee
Mate
select group
16 oz.

1 19



Suave
Lotion
assorted
12-18 oz.

2 19



Rave Hair
Care
Hairspray,
Mousse, Gel
or Styling
Spray
6-13 oz.

1 29



Johnson's
Baby Care
assorted
6.5-15 oz.

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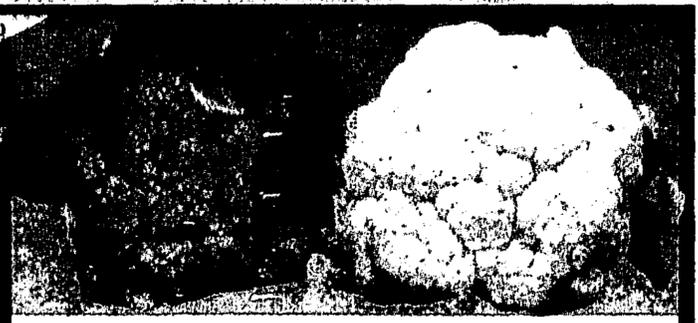
Washington Apples
Premium Red or Golden
Delicious, Braeburn,
Granny Smith,
or Jonagold
extra fancy

89¢
LB.



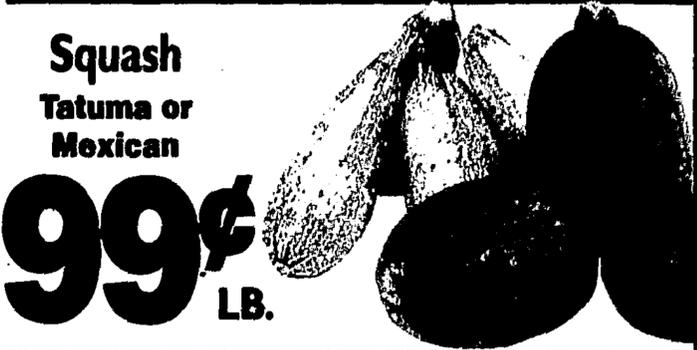
Taste Apple Chips
sweet, caramel
or cinnamon
3.2 oz.

2\$3
FOR



**Sno White
Cauliflower or
Broccoflower**

2\$3
FOR



Squash
Tatuma or
Mexican

99¢
LB.



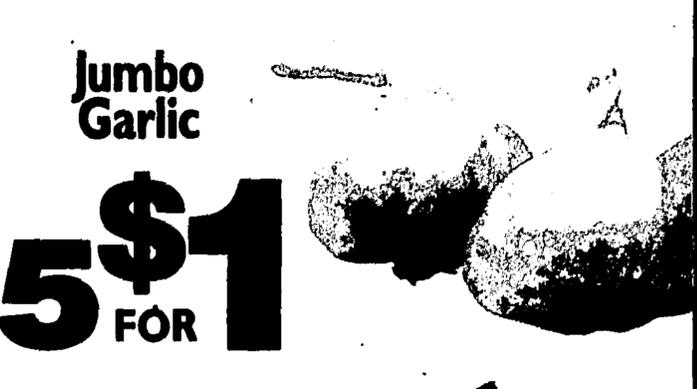
Turnips

89¢
LB.



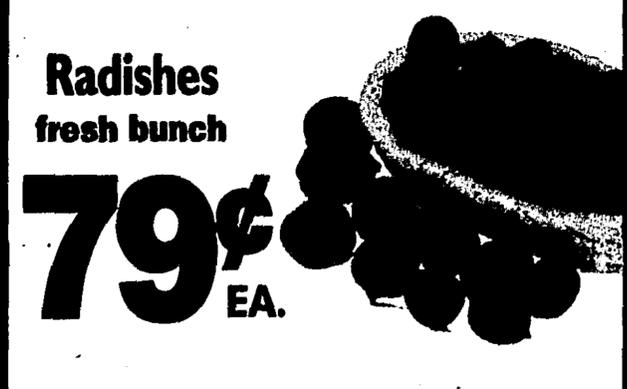
Greens
Collard, Turnip
or Mustard

79¢
EA.



**Jumbo
Garlic**

5\$1
FOR



Radishes
fresh bunch

79¢
EA.



**Cello
Carrots**
1 lb. pkg.

2\$1
FOR



**Green
Cabbage**
fresh

3\$1
LBS.



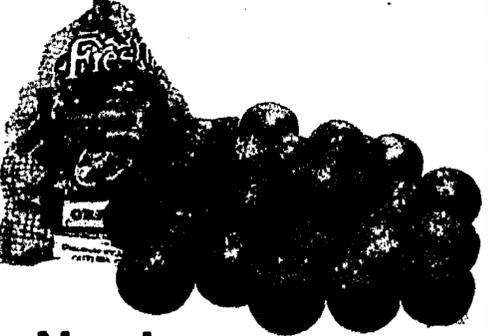
Eat Smart
broccoli & carrots,
broccoli & cauliflower,
vegetable medley or
sugar snap peas
8 to 12 oz.

199
EA.



**Classic Greener
Selection Salad**
Dole
12 oz.

2\$3
FOR



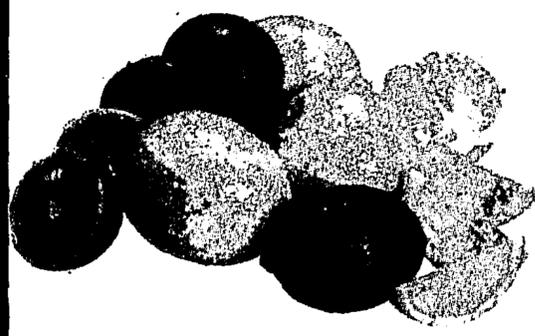
**Navel
Oranges**
bagged
4 lb.

2\$3
FOR



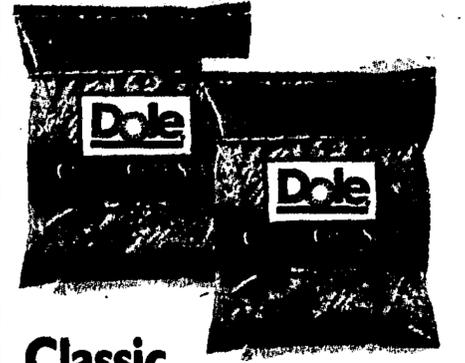
Grapefruit
bagged
5 lb.

199
EA.



**Lemons
or Limes**
tangy

5\$1
FOR



**Classic
Coleslaw**
Dole
1 lb. pkg.

99¢
EA.

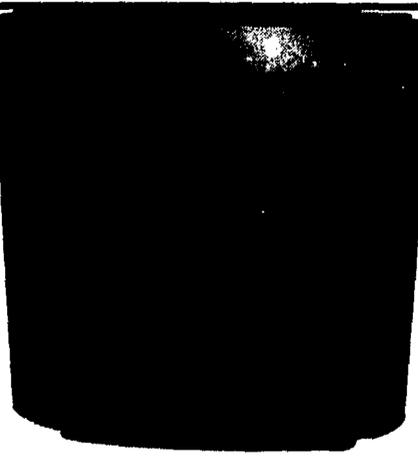
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Jimmy Dean Sausage

REGULAR OR HOT
2 LB. ROLL

3.99

1 LB. ALL VARIETIES
\$2.19



Hillshire Farm Ultra Thin Lunch Meat

ALL VARIETIES DELI SELECT
10 OZ.

3.29



Hillshire Farm Deli Select Lunch Meat

SELECT VARIETIES VARIETY PACK
9 OZ.

1.99



Ball Park Meat Franks

1 LB.

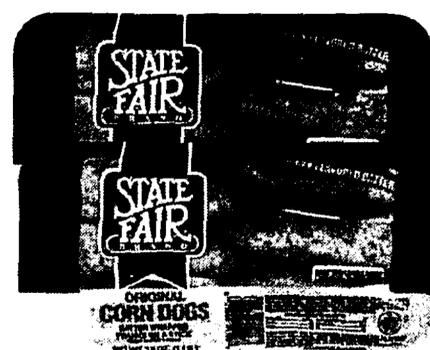
1.99



Ball Park Beef Franks

1 LB.

2.49



State Fair Corn Dogs

ORIGINAL OR ALL BEEF
13.35-16 OZ.

1.99

3 LB. BOX FAMILY PACK \$4.99



Jimmy Dean Fresh Taste Fast

9.6 OZ. SAUSAGE LINK OR PATTIES
2.2 OZ. BACON

2.49

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Cool Whip
ASSORTED
12 OZ.



179

DiGiorno Tortellini
ASSORTED
9 OZ.



2\$5
For



Louis Rich
Breast of
Turkey Portions

329
LB.



Post Cereal
ASSORTED
SHREDDED WHEAT
17.2-20 OZ.

2\$5
For



Corn Nuts
7 OZ.

99¢

ASSORTED 4 OZ. 59¢



Oscar Mayer Meat
Bologna or Cotto
Salami
12 oz.

119

Minute Rice
14 OZ.



169

Starbucks Coffee
ASSORTED
12 OZ.



599

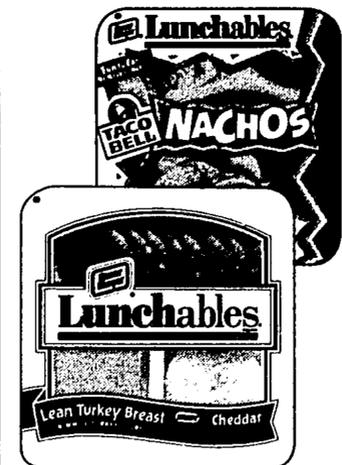
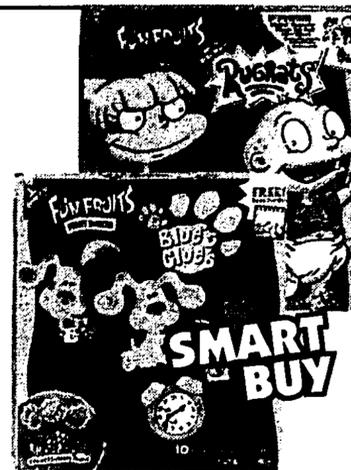


Capri Sun, Tang or
Kool-Aid Jammers
ASSORTED
6-10 PACK

2\$4
For

Nabisco Snacks
ASSORTED FRUIT OR
PUDDING BITES
5-10 OZ.

2\$4
For



Oscar Mayer
Lunchables

ASSORTED REGULAR
4.15-4.5 OZ.

119

General Foods
International Coffee

ASSORTED
4-10 OZ.



299

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Gravy Train
REGULAR OR CHICKEN
17.6 LB.

5.99



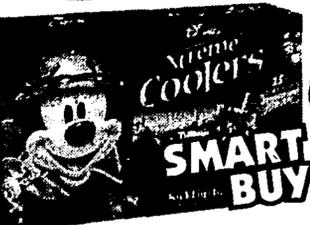
SMART BUY
All Day Flavor
Alley Cat
POULTRY
18 LB.

7.99



Clamato
REGULAR OR PICANTE
64 OZ.

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Disney Xtreme!
ASSORTED DRINKS
10 PACK 6.7 OZ.

2.29



Birds Eye
Vegetable Blends
ASSORTED
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2.93
for



Brawny Towels
WHITE OR DESIGNS
REGULAR ROLL

79¢



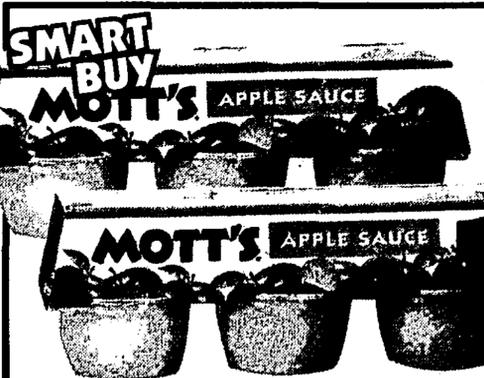
Angel Soft
Bath Tissue
12 ROLL

2.99



Nestle
Cookie Dough
ASSORTED 18 OZ.

2.95
for



Mott's
Applesauce
ASSORTED
6 PACK 4 OZ.

1.69



Hi-C Drink Boxes
ASSORTED
10 PACK 6.7 OZ.

2.94
for



Glad Trash Bags
10 CT. QUICK TIE
OR 15 CT. TALL KITCHEN

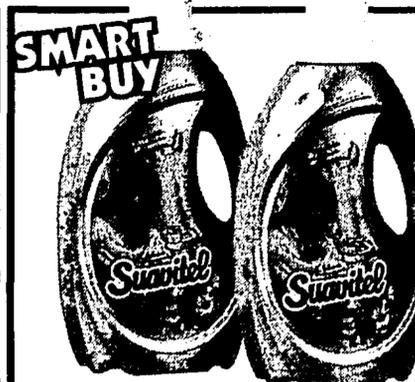
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30 CT. FREEZER QUART
23 CT. FREEZER GALLON
38 CT. QUART BONUS
30 CT. GALLON BONUS

Glad
Bags

1.59



Suavitel
Fabric Softener
ASSORTED
64 OZ.

2.99



Classico
Pasta Sauce
ASSORTED
16-26 OZ.

2.19



Hidden Valley Ranch
ASSORTED DRESSING
OR COLESLAW
16 OZ.

2.95
for



Valley Fresh
Chunk Chicken
10 OZ.

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3 Minute Oats
QUICK OR OLD FASHIONED
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8.5 OZ.

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Armour Vienna Sausage

5 OZ.

2\$1
For

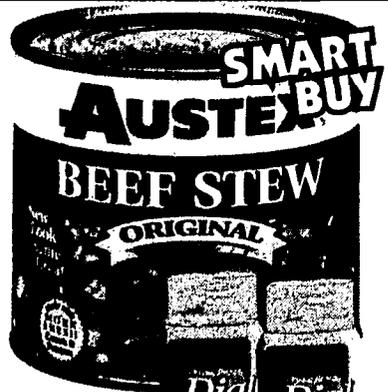


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Austex Beef Stew

24 OZ.

2\$3
For



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Austex Chili

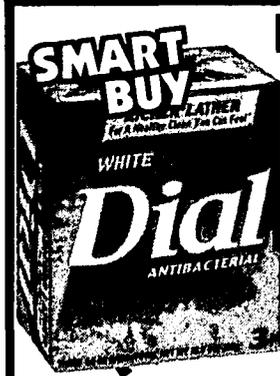
NO BEANS

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SMART BUY



Dial Bath Soap

GOLD OR WHITE
3 CT.

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Dial Body Wash
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Purex Detergent

ASSORTED LIQUID OR POWDER
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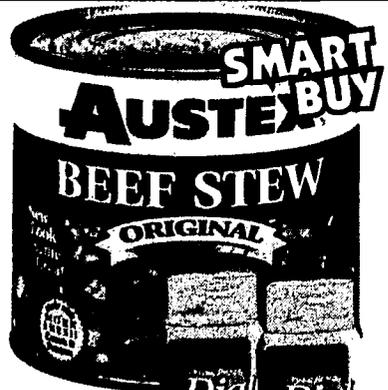


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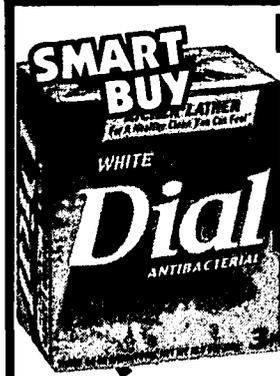
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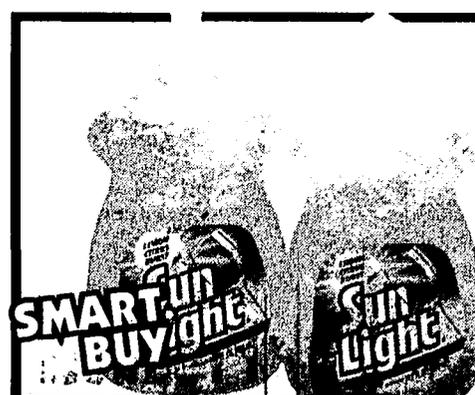
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4 Lb. Bag

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IGA Extra Fine GRANULATED Sugar

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Selected Varieties **BestYet Tomato Sauce**

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8 oz. Cans For

BEST TOMATO SAUCE

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Corn, Green Beans and **BestYet Vegetables**

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14.5-15.5 oz. Cans For

BEST CORN

BEST GREEN BEANS

BestYet Apple Juice or Cider

99¢

64 oz. Btl.

BEST APPLE JUICE

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Cello Wrapped Fresh Crisp Lettuce

2 \$1

For

BEST SINCE 1893

Selected Varieties BestYet Bleach

89¢

66 oz. Cntr.

BEST SINCE 1893

Fresh Asparagus

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BEST SINCE 1893

BestYet Chunk Tuna

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6 oz. Cans For

BEST SINCE 1893

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 Beef, Pork or Chicken Stir Fry 3.99 Lb.	 BestYet Sliced Beef Liver 1.39 Lb.	 Peyton's Pork Sausage 89¢ 16 oz. Pkg.	 4 x 6 Champ Cooked Ham 2.50 16 oz. Pkgs. For

 Selected Varieties BestYet Wafer Meats 2.89 2.5 oz. Pkgs. For	 Peyton's Meat Bologna 99¢ 12 oz. Pkg.	 4 x 6 American Chef Turkey Breast or Cooked Ham 1.89 10 oz. Pkg.	 4 x 6 American Chef Chopped Ham 2.30 10 oz. Pkgs. For
 Selected Varieties John Morrell Convenient Cuisine Entrees 6.49 24 oz. Pkg.	 Selected Varieties Oscar Mayer Mega Lunchable 2.50 16.9-19.96 oz. Pkgs. For	 Selected Varieties Oscar Mayer Lunchables 2.30 4.5 oz. Pkgs. For	 Eckrich Meat Bologna 4.50 4 x 5
 George Foreman Hot Links 1.99 16 oz. Pkg.	 State Fair 18 Ct. Pkg. Corn Dogs 5.79 3 Lb. Pkg.	 Captain's Cove Orange Roughy Fillets 6.59 12 oz. Pkg.	 Captain's Cove Halibut Steaks 6.79 12 oz. Pkg.

Dairy

Selected Varieties **Blue Bonnet Margarine**
79¢
 1 Lb. Pkg.

Regular or Reduced Fat **Pillsbury Crescent Rolls**
2.30
 8 oz. Rolls For

Selected Varieties **Hershey's Milk Bottles**
99¢
 14 oz. Btl.

Selected Varieties **Kraft Shreds**
2.40
 8 oz. Pkgs. For

Selected Varieties **Jell-O Pudding**
2.50
 6 Pack, 4 oz. or 24 oz. Cntrs. For

Salted or Unsalted **Challenge Dairy Butter**
2.39
 1 Lb. Pkg.

Citrus, Mango or Tropical Island **Tampico**
4.99
 Gal. Jug.

Frozen Foods

Selected Varieties **Jeno's Pizza**
99¢
 8.8-7.3 oz. Pkg.

Selected Varieties **Totino's Pizza Rolls**
2.30
 6-7.5 oz. Pkgs. For

Selected Varieties **Mrs. Paul's or Van de Kamp's Fish**
3.49
 19.1-26.4 oz. Pkg.

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89¢
 10 oz. Box

Country Charm **Ice Cream Sandwiches**
3.39
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Bakery

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8 Inch **Cherry or Peach Pie**
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 24 Oz. Pkg.

Jon Donaire, 8 Inch **Mud Pie or Cookies'n Cream Ice Cream Cakes**
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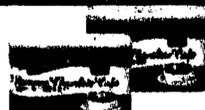
BIG BOWL
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2.95

Raisin Bran Crunch
Milk



Del Monte Ketchup
24 oz. Btl.
99¢



Selected Varieties
General Foods International Coffee
8-10 oz. Cnt.
2.99



Chili w/Beans
Armour Heatables
15 oz. Can
99¢



Selected Varieties
Nature Valley Granola Bars
7.4-8.9 oz. Pkg.
1.89



Selected Varieties
Xtreme Coolers & Hi-C
10 Packs or 128 oz. Btl.
2.99



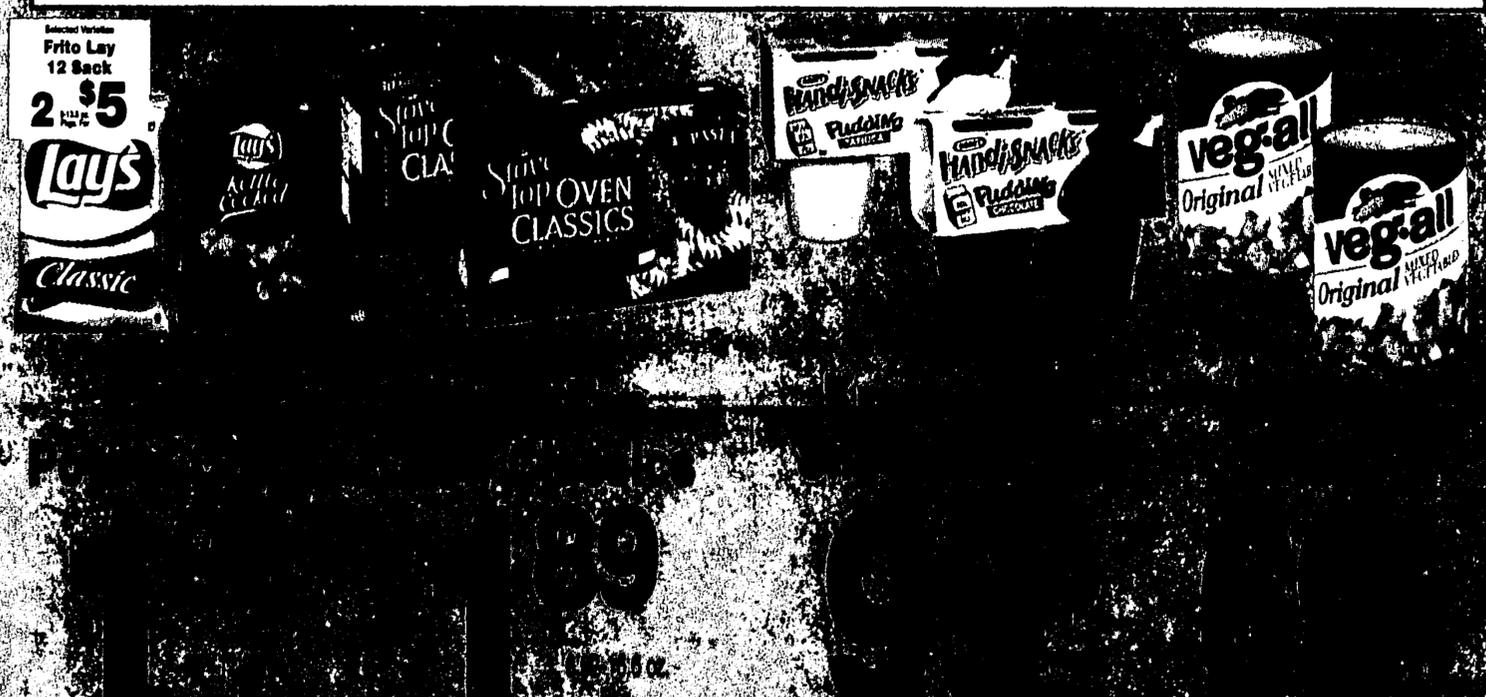
Ozarka Spring Water
Ea.
2.29



Selected Varieties
Campbell's Ready to Serve Soups
18.3-19 oz. Can
1.19



Selected Varieties
American Beauty Pasta
24 oz. Pkg.
99¢



Selected Varieties
Frito Lay 12 Pack
2.95

Lays Classic

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STOVE TOP OVEN CLASSICS

Handi Snacks Pudding

veg-all Original



Selected Varieties
Xtra or Nice 'n Fluffy Laundry Detergent
128 oz. Cnt.
2.99



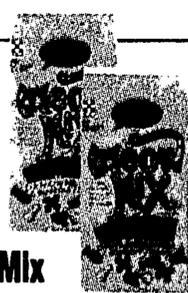
Hefty Waste Trash Bags
40 Ct. Pkgs. For
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Sparkle Print Towels
1 Ct. Roll
79¢



6 Ct. Double Roll or 12 Ct. Regular Roll
Angel Soft White Bath Tissue
Each For
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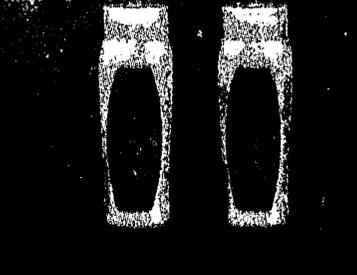
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IGA Fresh Produce



Artichokes

2 \$1
Each For

California Strawberries

1 99
1 Lb. Clamshell

Broccoli Crowns

99¢
Lb.

Cello Wrapped Sno White Cauliflower

99¢
Ea.



Fresh Crisp Celery

2 \$1
Each For



Red Ripe, Delicious Hot House Tomatoes

99¢
Lb.



Medium Size, All Purpose Yellow Onions

3 \$1
Lbs. For



Large Size Russet Baking Potatoes

3 \$1
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Fresh, Hot Jalapeño Peppers

79¢
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Pickling Cucumbers

8 \$1
Each For

IGA Deli

12 Piece Mixed Fried Chicken, 2 Lbs. Mashed Potatoes, 1 Lb. Gravy & 6 Rolls
Chester Fried Chicken Deal



8 99

American Favorite **Meat Bologna**

1 69
Lb.



Sliced **American Yellow Cheese**

2 99
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Reser's **1 Lb. Potato, Mustard Potato or Macaroni Salad**

2 \$3
For



Hot, Ready to Eat **Beef'n Bean Burritos**

2 \$1
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6 Pack, 24 oz. Bottles **Aquafina Water** **3 \$10**
2 \$5
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20 Pack, 12 oz. Bottles **Bud, Bud Light, Coors or Coors Light** **13 99**
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12 oz. Bottles **Miller Lite or MQD**..... 18 Pack

750 mL. 40% **Crystal Palace Vodka** **10 99**
750 mL. 40% **Baroness Wines** **2 99**
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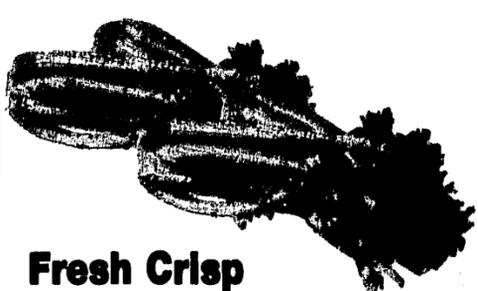
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