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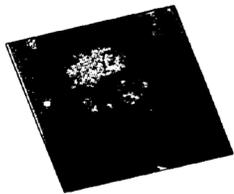


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Opposition puts hold on housing vote

Planners in no rush to rezone

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Bruce and Holly Bean drove all the way from Lubbock, Texas, with one day's notice about a zoning hearing that could change the nature of their neighborhood.

They arrived in time Tuesday to speak out against a proposed zoning change to accommodate a possible affordable housing project on village land near Grindstone Reservoir. Joined by about a dozen other neighbors who opposed the move and letters

from others, they persuaded members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission to table the application.

The planners didn't require much persuasion.

Early in the hearing, commission member Bill Hirschfeld asked why the application was being hurried through the process scheduled for village council review next week — when the board normally would demand much more information if the petition dealt with private land. Member Mike

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Chino to be sworn into office Friday

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Mark Chino is scheduled to take his oath of office as president of the Mescalero Apache tribe at 10 a.m. Friday at the Mescalero Apache School cafeteria.

The ceremony will be a return to the larger gatherings favored by his father, the late Wendell Chino, who led the tribe for more than 40 years before his death in November 1998. During the years under outgoing president Sara Misquez, the swearing-in of newly elected tribal officials was conducted in the council chambers at the administration office in Mescalero with only a few family members and friends present.

At the time of his election last November, Chino, a special agent with the law enforcement division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said he would like to

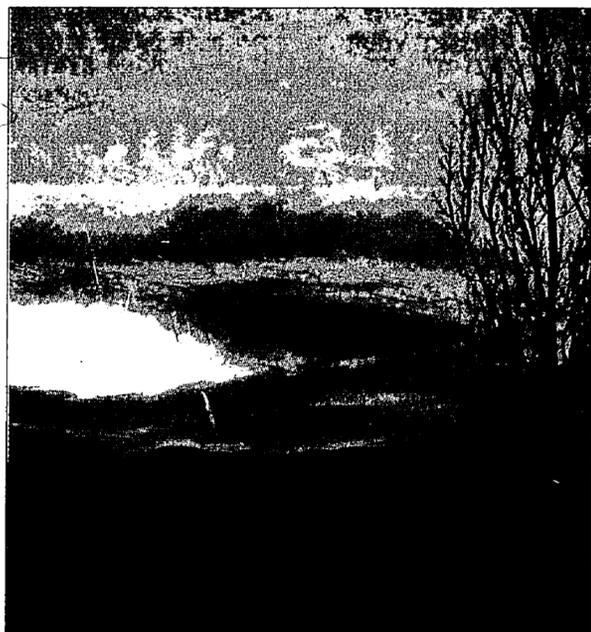
return to the previous practice of including all tribal members in the celebration.

Also taking the oath will be Ferris Palmer, who was re-elected as vice president, and new council members Alta May Branham, a former associate tribal judge, former council members Dorlynn Simmons and Berle Kanseah, and Frederick Chino Sr., who is a former vice president.

Mark Chino pulled 58.6 percent of the vote in the November election to defeat incumbent president Misquez. The election drew 306 more people to the polls than the October primary and delivered a 752 to 520 vote victory to Chino.

A two-day blessing feast is set for Friday and Saturday south of the old Mescalero High School and west of the community center. Evening meals will be served and dances are scheduled for both nights.

FIRE IN THE SKY



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

The sky above Ruidoso was set on fire Saturday as winds whipped up dust that produced a spectacular sunset over the mountain town.

NEW YEAR'S BABY



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Pamela Casares, 32, cuddles her new daughter Camryna, who was the first baby born in Lincoln County this year. She was delivered at the Lincoln County Medical Center at 6:58 a.m. New Year's Day, weighing in at 6 lbs., 1 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Pamela works for the law enforcement division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Mescalero. The father is Robert Casares. Camryn's siblings are Lori Morgan, 15, Bobbie Scott, 10, Jerrod Scott, 12, Vijay Scott, 4, and Clint Casares, 12, and Cole Casares, 11.

Anthrax 'joke' not funny to FBI

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The sender thought it was a joke, but postal employees and law enforcement agents weren't laughing Friday when a package containing a white powder surfaced at the Alto Post Office.

An FBI agent said Tuesday that the sender may face charges under the nation's new domestic terrorism laws and could be sued by the U.S. Postal Service or the county of Lincoln to recoup the cost of shutting down the post office and mobilizing law enforcement and rescue units.

State Police officers Jose Salazar and Gerard "Marty" Silva, a hazardous materials specialist, reported that a resident received a package at the post office containing a small plastic bag with white powder inside. The bag was labeled "anthrax" and a photograph of President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush was in the package with a holiday greeting.

"The return address was in Washington D.C., but it was postmarked Carlsbad," a state police spokesman said.

The recipient notified officials at the post office north of Ruidoso, which closed down briefly while the area and information was checked by the

state police and an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Members of the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department also responded.

Meanwhile, the recipient contacted a family member to let the person know his planned visit would be delayed.

"They (the family member) confirmed it was a gag," the state police spokesman said. "They were able to described the package and the contents. They said it was a joke, but I might add, not a very good one."

The names of the recipient and the sender are not being released by the agency.

The issue was referred to the FBI and the U.S. Postal Service for an investigation of possible charges.

FBI agent Joe McGill said Tuesday that the U.S. Attorney in Albuquerque will decide whether to pursue charges. Times have changed, he said.

"Fifteen years ago, you could get away with a 'joke' like this, but not in today's atmosphere," he said. "If the Postal Service or the county wanted to recover their costs, they could file a civil suit. They had to shut down the post office, fire and rescue responded, sheriff's deputies, the New Mexico State Police and federal agencies."

34 county residents seek election in March

■ Voters in towns across Lincoln County will head to the polls March 2.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The pay isn't great, but the prospect of serving as elected municipal officials apparently appealed to 34 Lincoln County residents who signed up as candidates for the March 2 nonpartisan elections in their five towns.

One race even drew ex-spouses. Ruidoso village clerk Irma Nava said four people will compete for three seats now occupied by village councilors Ron Anderson, Frank Cummins and Bob Sterchi, who serve on a seven-member board that is headed by Mayor Leon Eggleston.

Anderson and Cummins did not seek re-election. Those signing up to campaign were Angel C. Shaw, Donald A. Williams, Michele P. Rebstock and incumbent Bob Sterchi. The three who pull

the most votes will be elected.

Write-in candidates can qualify between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Jan. 20 with Nava at village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

New councilors elected March 2 must be sworn in by 7 p.m., March 8, for their four-year terms, and a special council organizational meeting usually is scheduled for that night, she said. Ruidoso councilors and the mayor are paid \$500 a month.

Ruidoso Downs voters will have the most decisions in the municipal elections. The positions of two city council members, the mayor and the municipal judge are up for election.

Judy Miller and Susan Garrett now sit on the city council with terms that will expire in March. Both are running for re-election. The other candidates for the two seats are Corinna M. Baca, Sally Turner, Thomas E. Chavez, Virginia A. Armstrong, George S. McCasland and L. Dale Perry.

Running for mayor are incumbent Bob A. See ELECTION, page 2A

Missing man found in UNM Hospital

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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While his daughter and friends searched for a Ruidoso man reported missing, he was hospitalized in the trauma unit of an Albuquerque hospital.

John Thompson McCleary of Lupine Loop in Ruidoso suffered head trauma when the air bag in his pickup truck deployed during a minor accident in Los Lunas, said his daughter, Brenda McCleary of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Speaking from her father's University of New Mexico Hospital room Friday, she said the accident occurred at a slow speed, but McCleary received a concussion and drifted in an out of consciousness at the hospital trauma unit for three days.

"These were the most horrifying days

of my life," she said. "I was worried that he was lying injured in a ditch. It was persistence and the help of friends that found him."

She set up a search coordination hub in her kitchen at home, calling law enforcement agencies in each New Mexico city and county along his route home, and contacting various state police jurisdictions.

"Apparently, they (the state, counties and cities) don't have cross communication," she said. "You have to contact each one individually."

When her father flew back to Albuquerque Dec. 28, after visiting her in Utah, he claimed his luggage at the airport and picked up his truck, then seemed to disappear. He failed to show for scheduled appointments Monday, Dec. 29, and Tuesday in Ruidoso, and

didn't call his daughter as promised.

She filed an "attempt to reach" request with the New Mexico State Police Dec. 29 and a missing person's report Dec. 30.

Friends Phil and Karen Davis from Ruidoso drove McCleary's route to Albuquerque along U.S. 380 and Interstate 25 and back, fearing he may have gone off the road and he might be injured in a ditch.

Brenda McCleary stayed on the telephone, calling area hospitals, and finally, connecting with the right person and place last Wednesday, Dec. 31.

McCleary was scheduled to be released late Friday. He and his daughter planned to stay over night in Albuquerque and then return to Ruidoso, where she will remain with him until he recovers.

HOUSING: Planners wait for more information

FROM PAGE 1A

Reveley said the board needs all of the information - a full presentation from the developer - before they consider rezoning.

Cleatus Richards, representing the village, explained that the developer who came to the village with the proposal is trying to secure a loan from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. He declined to name the company.

Giving background on the rezoning, Richards said 25,783 acres are proposed to be changed from single-family residential to residential planned use development, which would allow multiple family dwellings. The property was part of a failed private development that was acquired by the village from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to ensure access to the reservoir. The land lies across the street from a village-owned tract previously proposed for an affordable housing project that failed to find the right mix of rent numbers and that faced severe drainage problems into the lake, and was withdrawn.

"The area is now served with water, but not sewer," Richards said. "That would be part of the improvements that have to be made. The area is a top priority for the village to extend sewer

lines and to eliminate septic problems."

The developer is proposing from 200 to 220 units. Even with rezoning, the commission and council will have to approve the specifics of the development plan later before the project could move forward, he said. Neighbors will have plenty of time to review and comment on plans, he said.

"Why not break it up into smaller parcels?" Hirschfeld asked. "Why use the whole 26 acres?"

Richards said the development probably would take place in phases of 60 units each. The developer has built similar projects across the nation, he said, but has never previously appeared before the village.

Hirschfeld asked if other affordable housing projects are full. Richards said he thought they were, but one neighbor pointed out when multiple highway construction projects in the area are completed in the next two years, many people may leave the area.

Village manager Lorri McKnight said meetings and surveys dealing with the village's new comprehensive plan consistently cite the need for affordable housing. The tenants could be village employees and families with two incomes,

not subsidized low-income individuals, she said.

The developer receives tax benefits from allocating a number of lower-rent units in each phase, said village planning director Charles Rennick.

"This is not subsidized housing," Rennick said. "The renter has to pay and not a dime comes from the government. It is designed to cater to a particular socio-economic strata. It's based on a percentage of the median income in Lincoln County."

But Hirschfeld wasn't ready to be rushed.

"Other than the need for affordable housing, is there any reason we should run this through to the council by next week?" he asked. "We're talking about a zoning change with a major effect on 26 acres of public land."

Rennick said the board was under no obligation to approve the rezoning without more information. After listening to a few more neighbors, Reveley offered the motion to table the application, which passed with one negative vote from Rick Silva, who also is the assessor for Lincoln County.

One neighbor said she reads about the local water shortage and asked how the commission could consider a high-density project. The steep slopes could

cause drainage problems and the streets won't be able to handle the traffic, she contended.

"Water is one thing to consider, but we can't slam the door on everything," said Phillis Barnett, acting commission chairman.

Rennick said the projected population of the village in 20 years is 13,000, about 5,000 more than today's figure.

"I see no way to prevent that no matter what measures the village takes," he said. "If you restrict new construction, you will get more occupancy of now seasonable homes. I think the challenge is to figure how and where to put the growth."

Bean suggested the village consider selling individual homesites that could generate much more of a return.

Rod Pennington, who lives on Grant Street, said if the village sold 104 single family lots, many would only seasonally be occupied, but with apartments, occupancy is likely to be year-around.

A developer who planned to build several \$400,000 homes on Apache Drive, said he would sell all of his lots in the area if rezoning is approved, because they would no longer be prime sites.

POW-WOW WINNER



Wambli Little Spotted Horse (Bradford) of Mescalero took first place in the junior boys division at the Albuquerque New Year's Sobriety Pow-wow held at Bernalillo on Dec. 30 and 31.

Weekend winds cause damage to area homes

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Wind gusts unofficially reported as high as 61 mph tore through Ruidoso Friday and Saturday, but left towns at lower altitudes untouched.

Spokesmen for Greg Carey State Farm Insurance and High Country Insurance Agency each said at least a half-dozen wind damage cases were filed by clients, including a tree breaking through a roof, a storage shed blown over, a roof blown off a walkway and many dislodged shingles.

A National Weather Service meteorologist in Albuquerque said the fastest official gust from designated stations was 49 mph,

but added that the agency issued a wind advisory Saturday.

Some people reported that trees in their yards snapped during the two-day onslaught.

Just 50 miles south, Alamogordo residents enjoyed warm temperatures and only an occasional breeze. Even White Sands, where selenite deposits can be whipped up into a fine mist of particles that breach the Sacramento Mountains and coat cars and buildings in Ruidoso, appeared crystal clear and quiet from Mescalero.

The high wind was about all a winter storm moving through the area produced, but a front dropped two inches of snow on Ski Apache resort earlier in the week.

ELECTION: Voters head to polls March 2

FROM PAGE 1A

Miller, former mayor Joe M. Hayhurst and Rene Olivo.

The most interesting contest may turn out to be for municipal judge, where incumbent Harold R. Mansell faces his ex-wife, Camille Johnson, as well as Charlie J. Bagley and Edwin N. Cleckler.

The city's governing board consists of four councilors and a mayor. City councilors are paid \$200 per meeting and the mayor receives \$1,000 a month, according to city officials. Regular meetings are scheduled twice a month. The judge is paid \$1,000 per month.

In Corona at the northern edge of the county, village clerk Cathy Perez said three council seats are up on the four-member-and-mayor governing board. The two, 4-year-term seats now occupied by David E. Anderson and April Joy Bailey are up for grabs and the only people signing up were the incumbents, she said.

A two-year term seat also is open because of the resignation of Danny Luera. The position currently is vacant and no one

qualified to run. Someone may be appointed to serve out the term until the next election, if no write-in candidate applies, she said.

Corona elected officials serve without pay.

In Carrizozo, town clerk Leann Weibrecht said the at-large positions of Tommy Guevara and Wesley Lindsay on the four-member board of trustees headed by the mayor are up for election.

Both incumbents are seeking re-election. David LaFave is the third candidate.

C. O. Rominger is looking for a third term as Carrizozo municipal judge. He's opposed by LeeRoy Zamora.

Trustees are paid \$100 per

month. The mayor and judge each are paid \$400 per month.

In Capitan, village clerk Anna Gail Grassie said two incumbent trustees are running for re-election, Leroy Montes and John Whitaker. They face a huge field of opponents: John B. Egert, Donald L. Brothers, Michael R. O'Brien, Wilson "Ed" Davis, William M. Martin and former trustee Debra Ingle.

The governing board consists of four trustees and a mayor. Trustees are paid \$100 per month and the mayor receives \$500 per month.

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Fire claims house in Ruidoso Downs

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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The first big fire of the year resulted in the loss of an 8,000-square-foot home at 1027 North Lane in Ruidoso Downs Saturday — and a busy night for firefighters around the county.

Jim Badjar, assistant fire chief of the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department, said the fire was "fully involved" when firefighters arrived. At the same time, due to flying embers, a small grass fire and a fire at a house 150 yards away had started. Between 10:07 p.m. when the fire department was called and 4:51 a.m. Sunday when firefighters cleared the scene, they also had to deal with a smoke

detector going off at Ladera Apartments at 319 DiPaolo Hill St. and two EMS calls.

"The big house is totally gone," Badjar said. "It was totally gone when we got called out. Most of my guys could see it from their houses. You could see it from the Y in Ruidoso and from Agua Fria."

A man who works at the Billy the Kid Casino stepped out the back patio, saw the fire and called it in, he said.

Ruidoso, Bonito, Glencoe and Hondo fire departments were requested, as well as U.S. Forest Service, State Forestry and the Red Cross — with about 25 firefighters on the scene.

"With the size of the building and (the fact that) we were having 50- to 60-mph

winds, it was blowing embers all over the place," Badjar said.

Harlon Scrimshire, owner of the house, was not at the residence at the time of the fire.

The grass fire was about 150 yards from the main fire and was about 100 feet by 25 feet. The swamp cooler on the second building caught fire and firefighters were able to catch it and put it out before much damage was done, Badjar said. That house belongs to a couple from El Paso and no one was staying there at the time.

The State Fire Marshall arrived about 4 a.m. Sunday and has been investigating the fire since then, Badjar said. So far, no one knows the cause of the fire.

Police charge teens with ski shop theft

BY SANDY SUGGITT
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Two local 15-year-old males gave Ruidoso police officers a chase about midnight Dec. 19 after allegedly burglarizing Rush Ski Shop, 101 Mechem Drive.

Officers responded to an audible alarm at the ski shop and saw two male juveniles running from behind the store, carrying several items, the report states.

Additional units from the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs police departments arrived to set up a perimeter in the area and the Ruidoso Fire Department arrived with a Forward Looking Infrared unit. The two juveniles fled the officers for 13 minutes before being apprehended and arrested after an officer spotted one of them with a Forward Looking Infrared unit.

The juvenile from

Ruidoso was charged with burglary and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer. The juvenile from Alto was charged with burglary and two counts of resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, and was wearing an ankle bracelet placed on juveniles on probation by the Juvenile Probation Office.

That office was notified and authorized detention of the youths at the Lea County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Later, officers found three new skateboards, three pairs of goggles with price tags and several pairs of sunglasses with price tags where the juveniles had hidden in the trees, along with several pairs of sunglasses. At Rush Ski Shop, they found a window open and two pairs of sunglasses with price tags on the ground underneath.

BIA may transfer prisoners through Downs

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Mescalero's Bureau of Indian Affairs might soon ask Ruidoso Downs to act as a holding station for Mescalero prisoners.

That was the word from Mescalero Police Chief Troy Bolen Dec. 29 in an address to the Ruidoso Downs City Council.

The reason stems from Bolen's attempt to close down

the present jail at Mescalero. "It's in deplorable condition," he said. "It's unsafe for my inmates as well as my staff. Right now, the heating and the cooling, the water and sewage and all that is very inadequate. It's unsafe for everybody."

Bolen has found a potential jail in Spur, Texas, to take his convicts. "But I can only do so if I find an interim holding facility for up to five hours."

The Spur detention facility will take Mescalero prisoners,

both male and female, at a cost of \$40 per day, and it will pick them up here. "The problem is, it takes them four to five hours to get here," Bolen told the council, "and the only way I can feasibly close my jail is if I can find a holding facility that will hold (prisoners) safely and adequately in the four to five hours that it takes the van to get here."

Bolen has discussed the matter with Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Robert Logan.

Both indicated Monday they may make a formal request at a later date. Bolen added that the arrangement would hopefully be temporary, or for the length of time, up to 18 months, needed to build a new jail at Mescalero.

"My ultimate goal is to hopefully get (with) the new (Tribal) Council and the new President at Mescalero and convince them that the option for a new jail is in everybody's interest," Bolen said.

Blustery weekend at fault for missing channels

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Ruidoso resident paced back and forth most of the weekend, frustrated by the annoying static that broadcast from where his favorite channel used to be on the lineup for Charter Communications.

And over the weekend, the only response he received from the company was an answering service that acknowledged other callers also complained and Charter was

aware of the problem.

Barbara Mick, office manager for the Alamogordo and Ruidoso area, said seven channels were lost over the weekend in the Ruidoso area as a result of high winds.

"The reception depends on the satellite dishes at the (reception) location," she said Monday. "Evidently the high winds caused the problem and the dishes had to be realigned."

Although Mick initially said she didn't understand why the realignment didn't

occur Sunday after winds died down, after checking, she was told that the on-call person could not realign by himself. He waited until other employees returned Monday. The channels were restored by mid-morning.

"I apologize for the inconvenience," Mick said.

Channels affected were Fox News at 47, FX Network at 41, KLUZ at 32, Outdoor Life at 50, Golf Network at 53, the Game Show Network at 63 and ESPN Classic at 107.

Downs assumes ability to lower bills when needed

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The City of Ruidoso Downs will have a built-in authority to adjust water and sewer charges when merited.

The Council on Monday authorized City Administrator John Waters to make one-time adjustments of up to \$500 for individuals and businesses in the case of a water leak or other such occurrence in which the customer is not accountable.

Though an agenda item, the action Monday followed a bill adjustment granted to resident

Randy Cassingham, who appeared before the council to appeal his bill due to a blown water pipe at his residence following an interruption in service. The rupture, known as air hammering, can occur when a line is shut down.

"It could be considered the city's fault if we turned it off too quick," Waters said of Cassingham's water line, which was turned off to allow for work in the area.

Then, councilors approved City Attorney Dan Bryant's draft of the resolution, in effect sparing utility customers from

having to appear before the council to appeal extenuating circumstances. Now, they can deal with city staff.

The only question was the ceiling amount. "My thought was \$500," Councilor Margie Morales said. "I don't think we'll ever get up to \$500, but if it's a business it might be \$500, who knows? I think \$500 is a little bit high, but I think it's also safe ground."

Waters responded: "As a person who gets paid to think evil thoughts, I want to make sure there are actual protections built into this. One more

protection I would ask to put in there is that this be a one-year occurrence."

The annual stipulation was inserted into the resolution.

Rangers seek public comment on campgrounds

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Improvements planned for five campgrounds in the Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft are up for public comment.

The deadline to submit input is Jan. 30. The Sacramento District lies south of Ruidoso, which falls within the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

The U.S. Forest Service listed its capital improvement projects for the district as:

- Replacement and upgrade of toilets, with possible relocations for better user access
- Redesign of camp sites to accommodate tent campers, small families and large recreational vehicle units, and to best match the recreational use demographics

- Improvement of recreation safety by removing hardwood and conifers that may pose a risk to camping and day users out to a distance of 300 feet
- Upgrading and paving roads through campgrounds
- Clearly delineating campground perimeters with a fence constructed of natural material
- Developing handicap-accessible sites
- Upgrading barriers within campgrounds that are used to reduce resource damage.

In addition to those proposed changes, specific campground improvements proposed include:

- Deerhead Family Campground — constructing a pavilion or covered building, upgrading a host site to include a pad, telephone and electricity and a covered shelter
- Aspen Group Campground — constructing a pavilion or covered building
- Black Bear Group Campground — constructing a pavilion or covered building
- Sleepygrass Family Campground — constructing a pavilion or covered building, upgrading the host site with pad, telephone and electricity and a covered shelter, and reduction or elimination of the day-use picnic area.

Comments can be sent to Frank R. Martinez, Sacramento District Ranger, P.O. Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88817. Contact Ruth Esperance for oral comments at the district office, (505) 682-2551. Electronic comments may be sent to resperance@fs.fed.us.

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OUR OPINION

Over-appropriated water rights?

A regional water group thinks the state has done just that

Water problems just won't go away in our part of the Southwest desert — "our part" being Lincoln County and New Mexico.

After all, the whole state is a desert, a drought has been hammering the water supply for at least five years, and the weather experts say there's no end in sight.

Many at the state level have been trying to find a solution, and most of them come up with the same suggestions — meter domestic and irrigation wells, inventory existing water wells, measure surface and ground water uses.

But the president of the

Sacramento Mountains Watershed Restoration Corporation, a private group, thinks the state is missing the point all together.

Bill Warnock simply concludes that the state has over-appropriated water rights; more rights exist than the real thing — wet water.

That might be what the Interstate Stream Commission meant in a news release after receiving the state's water plan.

"What at first glance may appear to be a single issue often reveals a web of interrelated matters, which are in turn part of or affected by other issues."

Almost sounds like politics, doesn't it?

Legislators just might collect 'The Bill'

The Bill is in for a fight this time. He might as well try to pry raw steak from a rabid dog's mouth.

Bill Richardson is the best politician we've seen in New Mexico. Smooth as a Dairy Queen frosty and just about as cool.



LOOKING ASKANCE
 NED CANTWELL

Some call him Rapid Bill, that moniker clipped to his name plate when he raced at speeds over 100 mph between political receptions being held in Albuquerque for Democratic presidential candidates.

It was important for the New Mexico governor to show up promptly so that he could tell gathered media folks there is no truth at all to the rumor he might take the vice president slot on someone's ticket.

Rapid Bill is emphatic. Would he consider being Howard Dean's running mate? No. No. No. Definitely, no. In political speak, that means "maybe." I mean, he doesn't want to, but if "the people insist," what's a guy to do?

Some call him Big Bill. That could stem from a picture I saw where they were trying to strap the governor into a helicopter seat. It wasn't going well. His South Beach diet must include generous helpings of meat enchiladas. I'd recommend the Atkins diet to our governor, but my Lubbock cardiologist suggests the late Dr. Robert Atkins will kill more Jews than Hitler. Bill's not Jewish, of course, but you get the point.

I call him The Bill. The Bill, because, so far, he has been bigger than life. Look, here is a guy the *Albuquerque Journal*, in its flowery year-end review of the chief executive, called him "The Man of Enchantment."

Wow. The Man of Enchantment in the Land of Enchantment. It doesn't get much better. The bouquets pile up. On the excellent Website run by political operative Joe Monahan is this quote: "... we are watching a politician of major proportion reach full political

maturity. New Mexico seems barely big enough to contain him. It's like his personal clubhouse."

The Bill has done it all. He runs the political base paths with virtual impunity. And, guess what? He's about to get tagged out. If he stubbed his toe by calling a special session that was a dud, he's about to sprain his ankle in an attempt to wrest from legislators control of the public works money.

What The Bill wants is for his office to decide how to spend the money now divided up by ravenous legislators in a session-ending circus called the Christmas Tree Bill where everyone gets something.

"I'll trade you a senior citizens center for two food pantry vans and a skateboard recreation complex." This spending grab gets so crazy in the closing hours you have guys taking home little league parks to towns that don't have little leagues. Well, not that bad, but you get my drift.

The Bill thinks this is an irresponsible way to distribute money and he thinks if he had more control of the funds there would be more accountability and project qualification standards.

The governor may be right. But taking this pork from legislators, all of whom are up for reelection this year? He might as well try to take the championship trophy from one of those 300-pound tackles at LSU.

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YOUR OPINION

A church and 'simple neighborly courtesy'

To the editor:

Recent letters complaining about the curfew placed on the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church demonstrate why our neighborhood decided the curfew was important in the first place. The letters are either angry and aggressive, or preaching from the moral high ground.

This continues the tone of discussions inside and outside Planning and Zoning meetings.

The church has been a good neighbor. However, when their planned church camp wasn't approved by P&Z they became angry.

The angry discussions led our neighborhood to believe the church is no longer interested in extending simple courtesy to its neighbors. The curfew was born in the church's anger, a result I'm sure nobody thought possible when the process started.

I don't believe Lutheran doctrine requires outdoor worship after 9 p.m., so I don't see how the curfew limits Christian fulfillment. It does attempt to enforce simple neighborly courtesy that the church seems unwilling to extend on its own.

Dave Lincoln
 Ruidoso

the passing of the rate increase on to the business customer.

Controlling the usage of water by businesses can be a simple matter. Anyone interested?

J. A. "Al" Junge
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Distressing butts

To the editor:

It always distresses me to pick up cigarette butts in my yard which have been tossed by careless drivers passing by. Sunday, I was particularly distressed as I walked the trail around the Links Golf Course to see a smoldering cigarette, especially after recent high winds.

What are people thinking?
 Smokers, please think!

Evelyn Genta
 Ruidoso

Business water usage

To the editor:

A study of water usage by businesses is long overdue.

This matter is being considered by a water study committee. It appears that the answer to controlling water use by businesses will be a plan to adjust water rates.

This would be a serious mistake. An increase in rates would result in

GUEST COMMENTARY

A greater shame: No political interest

BY ROBERT ALLEN
 GREEN PARTY MEMBER

Propelled by the ongoing war in Iraq and the capture of Saddam Hussein, America's election-year bombast continues to exhibit the worst in our nation's politicians.

Religious-right Republicans fanatically proclaim that their God has won, and that U.S. aggression and occupation are justified.

Muddle-headed Democrats verbally attack one another, and continue to trumpet the inflated economic virtues of a morally bankrupt Clinton administration, perpetuating the party's existence as just another side of the corporate coin.

And my own Green party, particularly the New Mexico greens, dismantles itself with pernicious arguments among those who speak to Green idealism, those who advocate practical politics, and those who ambitiously promote themselves and their own personal agendas.

All three responses to the crucial moral and political questions which now face America are inadequate and dishonorable.

This coming election will decide the nation's future through grave questions of war and peace, empire or example, education or obedience, social welfare, free speech, and ultimately ... the meaning of justice.

Our choices are that stark.

In this momentous context, to their everlasting shame, political demagogues will rail on. Many will be elected.

Yet perhaps a greater shame is in the fact that the vast majority of our people, unlike party activists good or bad, do not even participate in the election process. Most of us in fact not only disregard, but consciously disdain, the essential obligations of a free society.

In 2002, during our last national election, over 60 percent of the voting public did not even take the time to cast a ballot.

There are, of course, many reasons Americans scorn contemporary politics.

It is much easier to live lives of self-delusion rather than to devote ourselves to a country which has given us so much. We see big money buy U.S. elections while corrupt politicians enhance themselves and their benefactors at our expense. Society's most privileged classes show their level of public ethics through recurrent business, banking, investment and religious scandals.

And for the rest of us, popular values of materialism, self-indulgence, and ignorance appear sufficient.

Lincoln County is itself an apt example of the current level of American civic commitment.

Earlier this year there was an attempt to form a non-partisan, political-education coalition among local Libertarians, Republicans, Independents and Greens. Together we would speak to county voters about the responsibilities of citizenship. (The Democrats were also invited, but declined to attend.)

The most common responses heard at the meeting were: "People up here don't care about politics," "They are too busy with their own lives," and "We can't even get enough help for our own party." Needless to say, this local political-education effort never moved beyond the discussion stage.

Sadly, truthfully, our country has lost its way. We have forgotten the incalculable sacrifices made for us by past generations and forsaken our founding principles in a nation which once prided itself in the practice of citizen politicians and its priority quest of "Liberty and Justice For All."

We must again change our ways. Each of us, no matter what age or condition, must accept the obligations of democracy or we will forsake the future of our own society, and perhaps the future of the world itself.

The United States has always had a

duality of being; a national schizophrenia of spiritual and practical incompatibilities. Bound to memory, tradition and myth, we exhibit a repeated history of misinterpreting or misusing our ideals. Even now we have not yet matured as a people psychologically or emotionally. We are at best a powerful adolescent, confused in our roles and responsibilities.

Often, we have also been our own worst adversary. Paraphrasing Pogo, who said it first: "I have seen the enemy, and it is us." Our lack of significant political participation is just one example of this circumstance.

Yet our current, overlying election-cycle once again calls the question. Will Yanks continue to immerse themselves in violent movies, idiotic television or obscene videos to eschew the political process, or will we accept our communal obligations and give time to meaningful political participation?

Despite our current proclivities, we still do have the opportunity to opt for a better way; to become worthier than we are.

But first we must re-learn our own history and accept the urgent responsibilities of this fading democracy.

Each of us must choose for ourselves and then authenticate our commitment by our deeds. It is not what we say, it is what we do.

Individually we can work for a cause. Collectively we should support a candidate.

Nationally we must become part of an active political process, not just this year and the next, but every year in every election.

The American chronicle may ultimately record our country as another failed, militarily inclined empire or, hopefully, inscribe a shared decision for the most humane and compassionate democracy the world has yet seen.

To either end, one way or another, we all will decide.

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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Tom Keck of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department unloads discarded Christmas trees at the village recycling area by the tennis courts off Sudderth Drive. The trees will be chipped into mulch Jan. 17, which will be offered free. Residents and visitors also can bring their trees to the site.

New law requires home sale records

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the past, Lincoln County Assessor Rick Silva depended on the cooperation of property buyers to accurately update tax rolls when land changed hands.

But a new state law requires home buyers and sellers to send affidavits to county assessors in New Mexico listing exact prices.

"The law that took effect Jan. 1, 2004, gives people 30 days after recording a deed to send the information to the assessor," said Doug Whittaker, chief deputy in Silva's office in the county seat of Carrizozo.

"We've never had a problem with retrieving sales. Sometimes we had to call to get it, but other counties pushed this hard. It will help us. It will keep us more accurate."

James Paxton, a Realtor with Century 21 on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, said the state Realtor's association didn't take a position on the issue because of the mixed opinions of its members.

"At this point, it's too early to tell how clients will react," he said Tuesday. "Historically, the county sent out forms asking for the information. Now the title company will present the paper at closing."

"It will give the assessor more accurate information. It's something he needed to have. Maybe different feelings will develop as time progresses, but I don't think they will be significant."

Walter Dollahon, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker on Mechem, said he has-

n't received any feedback from clients yet, but that his impression from Realtors in the state was that the industry was in opposition because the move, "was another infringement on private property rights."

The upside is that the law requires the price information to remain confidential, he said.

"I think it will make the assessor's job easier," Dollahon said. "It should be a cost-savings because no individual appraisals will be needed. The downside is that valuations will be more current and adjusted more often on individual properties."

However, the move probably was inevitable, he said, adding, "New Mexico was one of the few remaining states without disclosure."

Affidavits must be sent in by the buyer and the seller as a cross-check on the price, Whittaker said.

"A standard form will be used throughout the state for all counties," he said. "What's nice about it is that the form is self-explanatory. It tells people what they have to do. It mentions how the law came in effect and the penalties."

The form asks for detailed information about the type of property sold, such as square footage, number of rooms and utility service, as well as the year it was constructed and accessory buildings. Buyers and sellers also are asked about the type of financing used, the down payment and interest rate.

Intentionally refusing to comply or giving false information is considered a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

The data will be not be accessible to the

general public, Whittaker said. Illegally releasing the information also is considered a misdemeanor with the same possible \$1,000 fine.

Many years ago, New Mexico used a documentary stamp approach similar to Florida and many other states. By taking the value of the stamps issued, a person could calculate the selling price of a piece of property. When that system was abandoned because people objected to sharing private information, assessors were left trying to estimate value or asking buyers to help by disclosing the sale price.

Some instruction to buyers and sellers on the new forms include that:

- The full consideration must be listed, including money or any other things of value; paid or exchanged for the transfer.
- The value and description of personal property included in the sale price must be listed.

- That the assessor will keep the original affidavit

Affidavits won't be required for a deed that results from payment under forfeiture, for a lease of easement, for a quitclaim deed to quiet title or clear boundary disputes, to convey real property under a court order, for a deed to an unpatented mining claim, for an instrument solely to prove or release security for a debt or obligation, for an instrument between husband and wife or parent and child with only nominal actual consideration, for an instrument arising out of a sale for delinquent taxes or assessments, for an instrument to create a joint tenancy or for an instrument to establish a gift or a distribution from an estate of a decedent or trust.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Mervin Essary

A funeral Mass for Mervin Royce Essary, 39, of Tucson, Ariz., and formerly of Mescalero, will be at St. Joseph's Mission at 10 a.m. today, with burial to follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Mr. Essary died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, in Tucson.

He was born July 31, 1964, in Mescalero.

He moved from Mescalero 12 years ago and had lived in Tucson for the past seven years. He worked in the produce department at Wal-Mart in Tucson.

Survivors include his mother, Olivia Essary; brothers Robert Essary, John Essary, Derrick Smith and Dan Essary; sisters Carolyn Essary, Olivia Enjady, LuAnn Ruiz, Cathy Ferrera and Billy Jo Gruben.

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

Julia Penfield Reidy

Funeral services for Julia Penfield Reidy, 94, longtime resident of Albuquerque, will be by Episcopalian minister the Rev. Laren Winter at 1 p.m. today in the Lincoln Community Church, with burial following in Lincoln Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Reidy died on Jan. 2, 2004, in the presence of her daughters, from complications of a stroke.

She was born in the Territory of New Mexico, in Lincoln on June 26, 1909.

She began her education in a one-room school house in Lincoln. She graduated in one of the early graduating classes from El Paso High School in 1927 and immediately began

her college career at the University of New Mexico, finishing her first year before the onset of the Great Depression. She finished her bachelor of fine arts degree in 1943, studying with the painter Clinton Adams. She studied painting at the Harwood School of Art in Taos during the height of the Bohemian period, participating in the Taos Art Colony. She did additional graduate work in education for teaching certification at UNM.

She began her teaching career in Picacho, teaching various grade levels and in different communities, including the New Mexico School for the Blind in Alamogordo where she taught art. She retired as an Albuquerque Public School teacher in 1975 from Corrales Elementary School.

In the summer of 1975 she started Penfield Company in Old Town (now Penfield Gallery of Indian Arts). Penfield Company was an extension of the original Penfield store started by her parents in Lincoln. Her parents were pioneer merchants, owning and operating the general store, museum, and post office in the center of Lincoln from 1898 until 1959 when they sold it to the State of New Mexico. It remains a historical site and state museum.

Penfield Gallery of Indian Arts in Old Town is now a fine Native American business because of her strong relationships with the Pueblo and Navajo artists in New Mexico and Arizona. She was an Old Town merchant for more than 29 years, active in the Old Town Merchants Association.

She was a lifelong Democrat, active in Democratic Party politics from a young age in Lincoln

County. She was a member of the Lincoln County Historical Society, Pan American Round Table, and the New Mexico Education Association.

Survivors include daughters Dr. Ruth Reidy and Margaret (Meg) Reidy and her husband, John Tiwald; grandchildren Jay Reidy and Joanna Tiwald, all of Albuquerque; a nephew, Dr. Jon Amastae, and his wife, Sharon, of El Paso; their children Laura Amastae of Denver, Colo., and David Amastae of San Antonio, Texas; and her beloved dogs Harvard, Solsti, Husker, Buckeye, Nushka, and Rufus.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore F. Reidy, in 1988; her parents, John M. Penfield and Ruth Penfield Martin; and siblings Edward Penfield, Ruth Penfield and Joanna Amastae.

The family suggests contributions in her name to Las Lunquarias of the New Mexico Council of the Blind, 2119 Broadway Blvd., S.E., Albuquerque, NM 87102, or the Candy Kitchen Wolf Rescue, Star Rt. 2, Box 28, Ramah, NM 87321.

Laura King

Services for Laura King, 91, of Ruidoso and formerly of Dora, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Wheeler Mortuary in Portales, with Herbert Bergstrom and Scott P. Reeves officiating.

Mrs. King died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Ruidoso Care Center in Ruidoso.

She was born on Aug. 22, 1912, in March, Mo., to Lettie and B.F. Bennett.

Her family moved to the Dora area when she was 4. She married William H.

King on Sept. 3, 1927, in Dora. They farmed in the Dora community for more than 50 years, during which she also drove a school bus, cooked in the school cafeteria and served as the Dora postmaster.

In 2000, she moved to Ruidoso. Family members said she enjoyed fishing, playing dominoes, working with ceramics, horse races and the family cabin. She was a member of the Dora Baptist Church and the Dora Senior Center.

Survivors include a son, Wayne King, of Ruidoso; grandchildren Vaunda Stenzel and her husband, Mike, of Ruidoso, Lanny King of Carlsbad and Tena Johnson of Bovina; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Bernard and Revis Bennett; a sister, Avelyn Richards; a daughter, Connie Lynn King; and by her husband.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1700, Chicago IL 60601-7633.

Arrangements are by Wheeler Mortuary of Portales.

David LaMay

Graveside services for David Wayne LaMay, 37, of Carrizozo were Monday in the Angus

Cemetery with the Rev. Hayden Smith officiating.

Mr. LaMay died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, in Ruidoso.

He was born May 3, 1966, in Carrizozo, and lived in Lincoln County all of his life.

Survivors include his children Brittny LaMay, Courtney LaMay and Dana LaMay, all of Carrizozo; his mother, Maxine

LaMay, of Carrizozo; a brother, Billy LaMay, and his wife, Gloria, of Carrizozo; a sister, Kim LaMay, of Carrizozo; a niece, Chelsea LaMay; and numerous other nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Pretend that you are Thomas Jefferson writing your autobiography near the end of your life. In retrospect, you remember the Louisiana Purchase as the most significant event of your two-term presidency. Write a chapter for your autobiography, focusing on the importance of the Louisiana Purchase in your presidential career, and to your country as a whole.

Explain how and why the purchase came about, what exactly was purchased and who were the people and countries involved.

• Christopher Columbus Essay Contest: The topic is "A Day in the Life of Christopher Columbus the Explorer." Write a diary or journal entry that Christopher Columbus might have written during one of his early expeditions, or upon landing in the New World, describing the things he

observed and what he hoped to accomplish.

Submit essays to Nena Stratton, HCR 46, Box 1137, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Family Law workshop

A free Family Law Workshop will be at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso; in the Sierra Mall, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the Vowell Classroom.

The workshop includes a presentation by a volunteer attorney about family law issues, including divorce, child custody, child support, paternity, modification of existing orders and domestic violence. The attorney will provide information, explain options and available services and answer questions.

The workshop is sponsored by the State Bar of New Mexico's Lawyers Care program and the New Mexico Civil Legal Services Commission.

This working partnership helps educate the public on family law issues and on the resources available to meet legal needs.

For details, call (800) 878-6227 or (505) 797-6048.

Scientists linked world-wide

ARLINGTON, Va. - The U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), a broad consortium of Russian ministries and science organizations and the Chinese Academy of Sciences have announced the start of operations for the first round-the-world computer network ring, which will be used for joint scientific and educational projects.

Completing the ring includes increasing the bandwidth between the United States and China and making the first-ever fiber network connection across the Russia-China border.

The new network increases the bandwidth to 155 megabits per second (Mbps) between the United States and China and continues current 155-Mbps service levels between the United States and Russia. In addition, Russia and China are connecting their science networks at the border cities of Zabaykalsk and Manzhouli - completing a ring around the Northern Hemisphere. "As part of the international community of science, we share common concerns that reach across national borders," said NSF Director Rita Colwell. "As we aim to strengthen our nations' capabilities in research, we also aim to contribute to the cumulative knowledge that lifts the prospects of people everywhere. This new network serves as both a physical and symbolic reminder of our common goal of solving problems and building a world of peace and prosperity."

The new network will provide both increased reliability and flexibility for researchers as they address scientific issues, including joint responses to natural and man-made disasters, safeguards for nuclear materials, better understanding of the human genome, joint exploration of space, distributed monitoring of seismic events and environmental studies and simulations. The network will also enable cooperation on international fusion energy research and support the advanced requirements of high-energy physicists. The network will also enable collaborations between universities and local schools, such as shared seminars, distance-learning programs and multi-national science fairs.

Known as Little GLORIAD, the ring "begins" in Chicago at the NSF-supported StarLight facility, managed by the University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University. The network crosses the Atlantic Ocean to the NetherLight facility in Amsterdam, from which it continues to Moscow, then to the Russian science city of Novosibirsk, across Siberia to the border at Zabaykalsk. After crossing the border to Manzhouli, the network continues to Beijing, then Hong Kong and crosses the Pacific Ocean to complete the ring in Chicago.

"Little GLORIAD is a giant step in providing CAS scientists unique opportunities to cooperate with the researchers in the United States and Russia and will contribute significantly to the CAS initiative on knowledge innovation," said Dr. Yan Baoping, director of the Computer Network Information Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences. "The ring network is the foundation for the GLORIAD, which will be an integral part of the cyber-network for developing the China E-Science initiative scheduled to commence in 2006."

Little GLORIAD is being funded in part by a \$2.8 million NSF grant to the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Russian support for Little GLORIAD is provided through a consortium of government ministries and science organizations coordinated by the Russian Research Center "Kurchatov Institute" and the Russian Ministry of Industry, Science and Technology. Chinese support was finalized with an agreement signed Nov. 12, 2003, among CAS, the University of Illinois and Tyco Telecommunications, which is providing the U.S.-China and U.S.-Europe bandwidth across its Tyco Global Network.

As the name suggests, Little GLORIAD is a first step towards a higher-speed network-GLORIAD; shorthand for Global Ring Network for Advanced Application Development, that the three countries are jointly developing for a mid-2004 start.



Below-freezing temperatures didn't slow down White Mountain students when school started Monday. The same held on Tuesday morning.

After the holiday, school isn't so bad...

Reading, too, has its appeal

Pupils in Terri Flores' fourth-grade class at White Mountain Elementary School were caught reading Tuesday morning.

Flores said some students came back from the holidays ready to take Accelerated Reading tests on books they'd read. "It gives them a head start on the number of points they need for the semester," the teacher said.

— Sandy Suggitt



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Busy readers are marked by heads down and serious dispositions.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Sometimes what's being read across the table is more interesting.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Fourth graders get serious when they're earning points.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Reading can be a bit tiring, it appears, for some students. Or maybe it's total concentration on a fascinating story.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan Schools

Middle School, High School and adults choose one of two items listed for lunches; elementary students will be served the first item listed.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffins, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, chef salad with crackers, rolls, pasta salad, fruit

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Breakfast: French toast with peanut butter and syrup, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Baked ham with pineapple glaze, beef patty, white rice with gravy, green beans, fruit

Friday, Jan. 9 — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Hamburger, Chix patty sandwich, Tater tots, hamburger fixings, fruit

Mon., Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Hot cereal, toast, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Macaroni and cheese, tamale, mixed veggies, salad with dressing, peach crisp

Tues., Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Pork roast, chicken patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, green beans, fruit

Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, Jan. 7 —

Breakfast: Cheese toast, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Beef stew, crackers, veggie sticks, applesauce

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Breakfast: Quesadilla, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Frito pie, flour tortilla, corn, mixed fruit

Friday, Jan. 9 — Breakfast: English muffin, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Fried burrito, salad, carrot sticks, chilled fruit

Mon., Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Pancakes and syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Beef Macaroni, rolls, salad, pineapple

Tues., Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Sausage biscuits, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Chicken sandwich, fries, salad, Jell-O

Ruidoso Elementary schools

(Spike's Lunchable only at White Mountain Intermediate and White Mountain Elementary)

Wednesday, Jan. 7 — Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, apple

Lunch: Pizza, celery sticks with peanut butter, diced peaches

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, banana half

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, seasoned broccoli, rolls, fruit cup; Spike's Lunchable: Peanut

butter and jelly sandwich

Friday, Jan. 9 — Breakfast: Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge

Lunch: Warrior Burger, seasoned fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce

Mon., Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Egg and sausage hot pocket, diced peaches

Lunch: Spaghetti, corn, roll, mixed fruit

Tues., Jan. 13 — Breakfast: French toast sticks, yogurt, banana half

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn, tossed salad, Orange Smiles

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, Jan. 7 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, potato puffs, salad, apple halves

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Breakfast: Donut, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, roll, salad, fruit

Friday, Jan. 9 — Breakfast: Donut, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice

Lunch: Bean burrito, spicy fries, salad, fruit

Mon., Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice

Lunch: Dijon meatball, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, apple halves

Lunch: Taco salad, pinto beans, corn, salad, apple halves

Tues., Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, donut

Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle spear, fruit, Jell-O

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, Jan. 7 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, potato puffs, salad, apple halves

Thursday, Jan. 8 — Breakfast: Donut, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, roll, salad, fruit

Friday, Jan. 9 — Breakfast: Donut, scrambled eggs with toast, manager's choice

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, seasoned broccoli, roll, salad, fruit

Mon., Jan. 12 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice

Lunch: Dijon meatball, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, apple halves

Tues., Jan. 13 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, donut

Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, chips, pickle spear, fruit, Jell-O

Moderation is key in healthy dieting

Contrary to current eating fashion, most people, dieters included, should not focus on avoiding carbohydrates.

Yes, people should cut down on nutritionally marginal carbohydrate-containing foods, including cake, cookies, ice cream, potato chips, French fries, white bread and pasta (made from refined flour).

But carbohydrates are also contained in many healthful items, including fruits, vegetables, whole-grain breads and cereals, and dairy products — which is why it's reasonable to get as much as 60 percent of your calories from carbohydrates if you choose wisely.

Even most people with diabetes can safely eat as many as 50 percent of their calories from carbohydrates. The difference is that they do have to count them and work to spread them out evenly across the day.

If someone without diabetes goes overboard on carbs, it just means he or she has eaten too many calories. If someone with diabetes goes overboard, it could send blood sugar soaring, which, over time, paves the way for complications like impaired vision, kidney disease, and heart disease.

The bottom line on carbs and weight loss:

- Losing weight is all about calories. Fact is, any calories eaten beyond what your body burns are stored as body fat. Eating fewer carbs (or proteins or fats) lowers total calorie intake and leads to weight loss.

- While losing weight is good for your health, how you lose weight is just as important.

- Extreme diets that cut out all sorts of carbs don't provide lasting weight loss.

- Many carbs — including

vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and milk products — provide essential nutrients that are vital to good health.

- Carbs also play a fundamental role in living life to the fullest. They contribute to enjoying food, enhancing life, and providing eating satisfaction.

A word about fat:

While the debate about the optimal mix of fats continues to rage, here's some truth about fats you should know:

- No health organization recommends that you increase your intake of saturated fat because of the strong links this type of fat has with chronic diseases. Leaner and lower-fat versions of foods rich in saturated fat are a better choice.

- Severely reducing or eliminating carbs means that the percent of calories coming from fat increases.

- Reducing or eliminating your use of foods made with highly refined carbs also reduces trans fats. Trans fats act like saturated fat in the body and do not contribute to optimal health.

Healthy weight loss that lasts should focus on making healthy food choices that can last a lifetime. Very few people see themselves giving up their favorite, healthy foods forever — foods like fruit, grains, and milk. When it comes to eating satisfaction, it's not smart to take an "all or nothing" approach — in fact it is unhealthy.

Adapted from Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, and The Truth about Carbs, Weight Watchers.



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER
LINCOLN COUNTY
EXTENSION AGENT -
HOME ECONOMICS

BANK BASH



Local Wells Fargo Bank president Scott Shafer reminiscences over a photo album with two guests Friday at a celebration for his 30th anniversary in banking. The day was also his birthday, and about 65 people stopped by to wish him well.

PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

'Zozo chamber plans for new year

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

After a month off from membership meetings and details, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will hold its first 2004 meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13. The meeting will be held at noon at the Uptown Café at the Recreation Center.

New president Van Shamblin has been meeting with the 2004 chamber officers to formulate a plan of action for the

year. Officers working with Shamblin this year are: Vice President Scott Shafer, Secretary Korene Walker, Treasurer Donna Harkey, and Corresponding Secretary James Mack Jr.

The board has created a list of tentative programs and guest speakers for meetings during 2004. The emphasis for the year will be promotion of local businesses and "shopping locally."

Shamblin is strongly standing on a

teamwork approach for the chamber this year.

A letter from Shamblin went to all 2003 chamber members with a tentative schedule of programs and speakers, all to be discussed at the January meeting.

Also at the first meeting members will be asked to consider February as a membership drive month. Members are encouraged to bring guests to the February meeting.

Youth group on the grow with positive focus

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Reaching out to touch one life at a time, the program called Tic-Tac (Teens in Christ-Teens Accepting Christ) is growing slowly as it rolls into the second half of its second year in Carrizozo.

Each week on Wednesday night, the Tic-Tac volunteer leaders gather with youth in the sixth through eighth grades and recently added a high school age group. The curriculum is a non-denominational teen outreach program focused on teaching

basics of life-survival.

Program coordinator Welda Grider, who said she is simply a volunteer in charge of nothing, explained the concept of Tic-Tac. "I wanted first of all to not have any church bashing. All religious backgrounds are welcome. I want to mix fun with Bible learning and mix in some practical lessons for life."

Since classes started in September, the group has grown to approximately 20.

"Methodist minister Johanna Anderson tells a Bible story weekly that is simply mesmerizing," said Grider.

"She has a gift for telling a story out of the Bible, weaving history in with it, adding the suspense and the drama intended and the kids are enchanted as they learn."

The program takes place at the Trinity Methodist Church in Carrizozo. This year's highlight will be a trip for the group to the Lone Tree "High Adventure" retreat held in Lincoln County Feb. 13-15. The cost is \$65 for each child.

Grider hopes the kids earn as much of the amount as possible through upcoming money-making projects over the next few weeks. The Tic-Tac

youth will be holding a cookie bake, a spaghetti supper and will clean yards to earn their way to the retreat. Sponsorships and donations are also welcome.

Tic-Tac volunteers will be meeting at Trinity Methodist 5:30 p.m. today to discuss plans for the projects. Anyone with ideas and/or willing to volunteer is welcome to attend.

All youth of junior high or high school age are welcome to join Tic-Tac at any time. For more information, call Welda Grider at (505) 849-4631 or Barbara Culler at 648-2037.

Station to air report on cattle industry, Mad Cow

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

RFD-TV will carry a two-hour special program to provide producers, consumers and others with an update on all facets of the beef industry, as well as address consumer concerns of the current BSE or "Mad Cow Disease" situation.

This special program is being broadcast via satellite in conjunction with Iowa State University Extension. During the "live" broadcast, viewers can call in, e-mail, or fax questions to be answered by a panel of experts.

Topics scheduled to be included are:

- Review of TSEs (transmissible spongiform encephalopathies), BSE

(Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) and the food supply
• The BSE investigation to date and new USDA regulations
• Cow Culling Strategies
• Dead Animal Disposal and Composting
• Feed Ban Update and Strategies
• Market Strategies and Factors to Watch

This program will be broadcast live on Wednesday, Jan. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. RFD-TV will repeat this program later that day from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and again on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

RFD-TV will be heavily promoting this special program to audiences on DISH Network, DIRECTV, Mediacom and NCTC cable systems.

FFA, 4H kids get set for full slate of events in 2004

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

FFA advisors and members, 4-H leaders and youth are marking calendars with dates for their 2004 events.

4-H kicks off the year with a Senior Leadership Retreat. Lincoln County has nine youths going to this event.

Other 4-H dates for 4-H'ers to mark on calendars are:

April 16-18 - Teen Getaway

June 14-18 - Horse School
June 23-24 - District Contests in Portales
June 28 - July 2 - Livestock Schools

July 6 - County Fairgrounds cleanup at 5 p.m.
July 12-16 - State Conference

Aug. 9-14 - Lincoln County Fair (includes check-in day on Monday)

Aug. 17 - County Fairgrounds cleanup at 5 p.m.
Oct. 3-9 - National 4H

Week Oct. 3-9 - Eastern NM Fair
Dec. 5 - Awards Banquet

FFA kicks off its year with the "Made for Excellence" leadership training in Albuquerque Feb. 14-15. National FFA week is Feb. 21-28. Judging contests begin in February with the schedule as follows:

Feb. 21 - Hot Springs
Feb. 28 - Las Cruces

March 6 - Carrizozo and House

March 13 - Moriarty
March 15 - State Dairy Foods Contest, Portales

March 16-17 - ENMU, District 3, 4 and 5, Portales

March 19-20 - District 7, Socorro

March 20 - 4-H contest, Roswell

March 25-27 - District 6, Hatch

March 31-April 3 - State contest, Las Cruces

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Stolen vehicle found

Ruidoso police retrieved a stolen vehicle and arrested five people from Alamogordo and La Luz at 3:30 a.m. Dec. 14 at Sudderth Drive and Chase Street, Francisco Carbajal, 18, and Paul Moreno, 19, both of Alamogordo, were charged with receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Daniel Cordova, 19 and Melissa Ledesma, 25, were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and a 16-year-old La Luz male was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Drug arrest

Police arrested Sundae Elwell, 28, of Las Cruces, Dec. 29 at Mechem Drive and Evans Road, charging her with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana. She was stopped for driving 45 mph in a 30-mph zone, and an officer noticed a baggy with a green leafy substance.

Public intoxication

Police arrested Ronnie Leroy Randolph, 29, of Ruidoso Downs Dec. 13 at Eagle Drive and Rio Street, citing him to Magistrate Court for allegedly kicking and denting a vehicle and charging him with disorderly conduct/public intoxication.

Also arrested for public intoxication on Dec. 14 in the 2500 block of Sudderth Drive was Danny R. Kanseah, 26, of Mesalero.

ID concealed after fight

Jerome Gerald Greer, 21, of Ruidoso, was arrested and charged with concealing his identity at 2 a.m. Dec. 13 in front of The Quarters Bar, 2535 Sudderth Drive. An officer parked across from the bar saw three males exit and begin fighting, the report states. Three officers broke up the fight.

The person who turned out to be Greer said he was trying to break up the fight of the other two and they confirmed it. Asked for his ID, he told police

he did not have one on him and gave a false name. A pat-down revealed an ID.

Minor caught drinking

Police arrested Farrah Machel Starr, 19, of Albuquerque, Dec. 14 at Rio Street and Eagle Drive, charging her with minor allowing self to be served intoxicating beverages.

Motel owner robbed

The owner of the 29 Pines Motel, 1811 Sudderth Drive, reported that his home/office was burglarized between 1:30 and 7 a.m. Dec. 15. At 7 a.m., he found the bathroom window open and his wallet was not in his pants. In the wallet were \$350 in cash, three credit cards and an Immigration and Naturalization Service alien registration card. The owner reported that he had been a victim of other burglaries recently.

Santa clocked

Someone knocked Santa Claus' lights out next to a residence in the

100 block of Meander Drive between 5:30 a.m. Dec. 31, 2003, and 3:30 p.m. Jan. 1. Two Santa Claus figurines were knocked over, breaking the fluorescent light bulbs inside, valued at \$80.

Bank sign holder run over

Ruidoso police report that someone apparently struck the sign holder in front of Pioneer Bank, 1025 Mechem Drive, with a vehicle between 5 p.m. Dec. 29 and 7:56 a.m. Dec. 30.

The sign holder, valued at \$500 or \$1,000 (on two respective reports), was destroyed.

Apartment burglarized

A burglary at an apartment of Innsbrook Village on St. Moritz Street between 6:30 and 8:48 p.m. Dec. 29 resulted in the theft of a Compaq laptop Presario 1710 valued at \$3,000, a Sony digital camera valued at \$1,700, a 1-karat diamond necklace valued at \$2,500, a Motorola cell phone valued at \$99, a

Nokia cell phone (value unknown), a nylon DVD case with about 45 DVDs and \$300 in cash taken from a purse.

When the residents returned home, they found the door difficult to open and a 5-inch piece of wood from the door on the floor, "apparently from being kicked open," the report states. The rear sliding door frame latch was broken.

Car window broken

Someone shattered the rear window of a vehicle in the 100 block of Leon Ferrar Drive between 3 p.m. Dec. 27 and 3:30 a.m. Dec. 28, with what appeared to be a pellet, police reports state. Criminal damages were estimated to be \$750.

Trailer hauled away

A 6-foot by 8-foot hand-made utility trailer, valued at \$600, was reported missing or stolen during or after a yard sale at Calvary Chapel, 127 Vision Drive, between 8 a.m. Dec. 15 and 8 a.m. Dec. 25.

RELIGION CORNER

Teach facts and concepts for a well-rounded student

QUESTION: I assume that you favor a highly structured curriculum that emphasizes the memorization of facts, which I consider to be a very low level of learning. We need to teach concepts to our kids and help them learn how to think — not just fill their heads with a bunch of details.



Dr. James Dobson
FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
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DR. DOBSON: I agree that we want to teach concepts to students, but that does not occur in a vacuum. For example, we would like them to understand the concept of the solar system and how the planets are positioned in rotation around the sun. How is that done? One way is for them to learn the distances between the heavenly bodies, i.e., the sun is 93 million miles from Earth, but the moon is only 240,000. The concept of relative positions is then understood from the factual information. What I'm saying is that an understanding of the right factual information can, and should, lead to conceptual learning.

are on their own now, and my husband and I are free to do some of the traveling we always planned to do when we got them through college. But lately I feel too tired even to keep the house clean, and too depressed to care about planning or doing anything extra. I'm only 46, yet some days I can hardly get out of bed in the morning. I just want to put my head

under the pillow and cry — for no reason at all. So why do I feel so terrible? My husband is trying to be patient, but this morning he growled, "You have everything a woman could want. What do you have to be blue about?" Do you think I could be losing my mind?

DR. DOBSON: I doubt if there is anything wrong with your mind. The symptoms you describe sound as if you may be entering menopause, and if so, your discomfort may be caused by the hormonal imbalance that accompanies glandular upheaval. I suggest that you make an appointment to see a gynecologist or other physician in the next few days. A doctor

can help you.

QUESTION: I've talked and talked to my husband about how I'm different from him and how I need him to be sensitive to my needs. Somehow, he just doesn't "hear" it. I've also gotten mad at him about a hundred times. How can I get my feelings across to him?

DR. DOBSON: One very effective way to express your feelings is to paint a word picture. My good friends, Gary Smalley and Dr. John Trent, described this technique in their book, "The Language of Love." In it, Gary told a story about how his wife, Norma, was very frustrated with him. Gary would come home from work and clam up. He had nothing to say all evening. Finally, Norma told him a story about a man who went to breakfast with some friends. He ate a big meal and then he gathered up some crumbs and put them in a bag. Then he went to lunch with some business associates and ate a big steak. Again, he put a few crumbs in a doggie bag to take with him. When he came home that night, he handed his wife the little bag of leftovers.

"That's what you are doing to me," said Norma. "All day

the children and I wait to talk with you when you get home. But you don't share yourself with us. After being gone all day, you hand us a doggie bag and turn on the television set."

Gary said hearing that story was like being hit with a two-by-four. He apologized and began to work on opening him-

self to his wife and his family. Try creating a graphic word picture to communicate your needs to your husband. It is far more effective at getting masculine attention than a torrent of hostile comments.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the

Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers.

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Croc Hunter not thinking straight

One of my heroes has a tarnished halo... Steve Irwin, aka the Crocodile Hunter. Steve is a prime naturalist, protector of animals, and possessor of courage. "The Crocodile Hunter" is one of my favorite TV shows. But Steve went a little over the line in feeding a chicken to a crocodile at close range with his son, little, one-month-old Bobby in his arms.



Claryfications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Who knows whether this was a publicity stunt, a chance to show off, or just one of those times when a person goes into "stupid overdrive." Whatever the case, Steve needs to rethink his actions, or little Bobby may never grow up to be "Croc Hunter Jr."

Now, I know that Steve is an expert and is so knowledgeable about the creatures he deals with, that, in his mind, he covers every possibility. But, he has had a few misjudgments that were painful for him and would be deadly for a one-

month-old baby. So, I hope he uses his God-given intelligence to never put Bobby in harm's way again. Yes, I know that we can't protect our children from everything. We can't shelter them to the point that, later, the world eats them alive. But, we can control the situations and be there to see that they don't get out of hand. And we can teach them

that some things are better done with age, wisdom and controlled experiences to draw from.

I call it "moving the fences

back." Our daughters were free to operate within reasonable boundaries. If they messed up, the fences were moved in. If they operated responsibly, the boundaries were moved back. I hope that wife Terri "moves the fences in" for Steve and helps him realize that there is plenty of time for Bobby to grow up, learn, experience, and become "Croc Hunter Jr."

By the way, we need to be careful about the freedoms we give our children, because the world will eat them alive if we don't give them protection and time to learn.

God will give you help in raising your child today, so that your child will have hope for tomorrow.

Alcoholic spouse needs others' help

QUESTION: My husband promised he'd stop drinking if I'd marry him, and like a fool I believed him. Now he just laughs and says I should have known better. I'm sure he's an alcoholic, and it's going to destroy our marriage. Is it too late to get him to change? — Mrs. L.V.



Billy Graham
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ANSWER: If you love your husband, you'll do everything you can to try to get him to face his problem and find the help he needs to stop drinking.

After all, not only is your marriage in danger, but so is his life. The Bible warns, "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). If he is like most people in his situation, he thinks he can quit at any moment — but he probably can't. But unless he stops, alcohol will eventually destroy him.

Enlist help from others in his family, and together confront him with his need to get help. Your pastor or doctor should know what resources are available in your community to help him, and you should seek their advice. Don't give up — too much is at stake. Most of all, encourage your

husband to face his need of God, and to commit his life to Christ. God wants to help him — and He will, if your husband will turn to Him. The Bible says, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). As a footnote, one reason I wanted to reprint your letter is because it may help someone else who is

thinking about marrying someone who claims they will stop drinking later. If he (or she) loves you, they will stop now.

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

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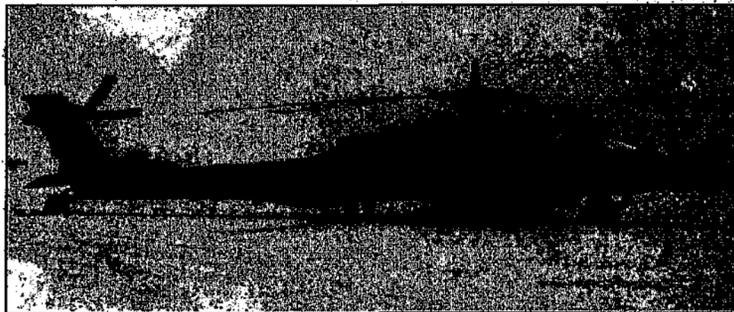
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Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart had a distinguished career in the U.S. Army before retiring and returning to New Mexico, where his career had started with ROTC at the university in Las Cruces.



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Manager Tom Stewart, Lincoln County

DOWN SIZED from hemisphere to county

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

You hear his name daily in reference to Lincoln County business and county decisions. Tom Stewart — in the six years he's been at the helm of Lincoln County as County Manager — has become a household name. But do you know Tom Stewart?

As a child in Kings Park, Long Island, N.Y., he found New Mexico on a family cross-country trip. As a college student, he came to New Mexico State University seeking a track scholarship. He didn't get the track scholarship but he did find what would

"Like then, I believe firmly in caring for those who work for me and those I work for. My job is still enforcing rules and policies, exercising common sense, fixing what is wrong and making it right."

Tom Stewart
Lincoln County manager

lead him to a lifetime career. An ROTC scholarship was the first card played in a hand that would last 26-plus years.

He won a spot on the ROTC's flight-training program and graduated in 1972 commissioned in Air Defense Artillery. He entered the Army and was soon thereafter in Fort Bragg, N.C.

Stewart originally had no intention of becoming a professional soldier, but once headed in that direction, he pursued the career with all that he was. He is a graduate of the Army's Airborne and Ranger Schools, the Command and General Staff College, and he received a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

His assignments included positions of increasing responsibility in the 82nd Airborne Division, the 2nd Infantry Division, the 9th Infantry Division, the 25th Infantry Division, and the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

In May of 1990, as a lieutenant colonel, he assumed command of the 1st Attack Battalion, 24th Aviation Regiment. The unit deployed to Saudi Arabia three months later as part of the 24th Infantry Division for Desert Shield and the subsequent invasion of Iraq.

Stewart says the pinnacle of his career, considering the assortment of awards he received, came when his battalion was awarded the prestigious Valorous Unit Citation. In a final engagement of the Gulf War, he led a devastating attack on the Iraqi Republican Guard's Hammurabi tank division. "This attack served as a battle warning to Iraqi generals and I believe had great impact on their decision to return our POWs," said Stewart.

In his book, "From Hot Air to Hellfire," Col. James W. Braden gives a historical narrative of the U.S.

Army's attack aviation forces. In the book, Braden outlines the role played by the Apache helicopters in the Gulf War, bringing Army aviation to an age of acceptance it had not seen before.

Tom Stewart was part of that history and his part was mentioned several times throughout the book. Today he has 26-plus years and more than 2,000 hours of flying time in a variety of helicopters.

On Christmas Eve, during the Desert Storm deployment, a windstorm blew across the Saudi desert and the tent city that housed Stewart's 24th Infantry was all but blown away. The worst loss was the mess tent, which at the time was about to serve Christmas dinner to 310 hungry, homesick soldiers. In an effort to rescue Christmas on the desert, Stewart scrambled an officer to a log base to retrieve replacement turkeys for the sand-blasted birds that were no longer edible.

The other side of leadership was magnified for Stewart when he was asked to lead the first memorial service for his unit. They had lost a pilot and an observer deep in Iraq and the service was for those soldiers. Stewart had been the last to speak to the two.

"My commanding general gave very wise counsel: Tom, be very careful. You can demoralize a unit so easily that any moment may be facing combat. You have to be extremely strong."

Rising to the occasion, Stewart eulogized the soldiers and gave the parting statement, "OK, gentlemen, time for paybacks. Now get back to work." With that he launched the unit on a combat operation.

Months later, Stewart made personal visits to the parents and families of the fallen soldiers, sharing with them the details of the mission their loved ones were lost on.

From 1995 to 1997, Stewart commanded the 17th Aviation Brigade in support of the United Nations Command, Combine Forces (U.S. and Republic of Korea), United States Forces Korea and the Eighth United States Army.

The brigade was composed of two AH-64 Apache attack helicopter battalions, a UH-60 Blackhawk command aviation battalion, a CH-47 Chinook medium lift helicopter battalion and an Air Traffic Services Group — a force totaling approximately 2,000 soldiers, 150 helicopters and eight airplanes in Korea and Japan.

He also served as the Combined Aviation Force Deputy Commander, Combined Forces Korea. In this position, as part of the United Nations effort, he worked with Korean and U.S. Army aviation forces in the defense of the Republic of Korea against the potential of renewed aggression from North Korea.

"I dearly loved my time with the soldiers," Stewart said. "As an aviator, I lost a lot of friends. Safety became a focus for me. It's one thing to lose fliers in

war time, but in peace time it's a travesty."

In 1996 Stewart and the 17th Aviation Brigade, Seoul, Korea, were awarded the Brigadier General Carl I. Hutton Memorial Award for Outstanding Professionalism in the advancement of Army aviation flight safety. The Brigade's 358 aviators flew 27,482 hours in an exposed high-risk environment sustaining a tenuous armistice along the world's most heavily armed and fortified border.

In April of 1997, Stewart received the Legion of Merit award "for exceptionally meritorious service as a commander, 17th Aviation Brigade and Deputy Commander, Republic of Korea/U.S. combined aviation force. Under Colonel Stewart's leadership, the 17th Aviation Brigade has developed into the most lethal, flexible, and responsive combat force in the theatre."

His final assignment in the military was Chief of Western Hemisphere Operations Division, Operations Directorate, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. In this capacity he coordinated military operations and advised the joint staff and the National Command Authority on counter-drug, domestic support, and conventional operations of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard in the Atlantic Ocean and North, South and Central America.

Concerning the current status of the U.S. military engaged in war in Iraq Stewart said, "This is such a great country and we have such great soldiers. Waves of them. What people need to understand is that this country can turn on a dime. On a dime! Systems are in place for such fast immediate world wide response there is nowhere safer."

Today, Stewart likes to say, "I downsized from a hemisphere to a county."

Stewart and his wife of 32 years, Annette, live in Alto. They have a daughter, Laura, 29, who is pursuing a Ph.D. at Purdue University and a son, Mark, 24, who is a computer technician with Comp USA in Mesa, Ariz. Annette is a New Mexico native and another one of those life-changing treasures Stewart "found" at NMSU all those years ago.

"My job now is basically the same ... as it was in the military. Like then, I believe firmly in caring for those who work for me and those I work for. My job is still enforcing rules and policies, exercising common sense, fixing what is wrong and making it right. I help the county monitor growth, provide services with available funds. I am proud of the citizens of this county for often doing without what people in metro areas take for granted."

A long distinguished military career fine-tuned a man who already had a heart for his men and for constantly striving to do what is the right thing for the greater good. Next time you see Tom Stewart, you perhaps will see more than you did before.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 8, 1954

Airmen parachute safely

Rescuers early Monday found Capt. Frederick M. Werth and Staff Sgt. Willie E. Woods in the rugged Sacramento Mountains after the two Holloman airmen had parachuted from their B-26 bomber Sunday night. The plane crashed about 10 miles southeast of Carrizozo. Ground fires and the parachutes, spotted from the air, led searchers to the airmen.

JAN. 10, 1964

Municipal gas defeated

Ruidoso defeated a proposal to allow the village to install, maintain and operate a natural gas system in an election Tuesday — the first time this city has ever voted against a revenue bond project. Votes cast showed 105 favoring the municipal gas system and 304 voting against it.

JAN. 11, 1974

Skeleton identified

New Mexico State Police Sgt. Jack Johnson said Tuesday that the skeleton found near Fort Stanton on New Year's Eve had been positively identified.

Jonson said the teeth found near the bones positively matched dental charts of Manuel B. Aragon, a Silver City resident who had spent about six weeks at the then-tuberculosis hospital before wandering off Sept. 13, 1964. He was 60 when he disappeared.

JAN. 12, 1984

Pesos accepted here

"Aceptamos Pesos" stickers have arrived at the Chamber of Commerce. The stickers are free, and there is no limit on how many can be taken by each business. Each sticker will be accompanied by a flyer explaining the handling of pesos and detailing a sample transaction. Also available at the Chamber are Spanish-language Ruidoso brochures.

JAN. 13, 1994

MainStreet modified

Village officials called for a halt to "overkill" on MainStreet designer Bohannan-Huston's construction specifications on an already costly project.

Deputy Manager Alan Briley told the council Tuesday that the contractor and specifications could lead to a projected \$150,000 cost overrun on the \$950,000 downtown reconstruction.

Of holidays, the blackout, and departed friends

Now we have to remember it is the new year and write 2004. The past year has really gone by fast.

One of the nicest things about the holidays is seeing old friends and making new ones. Although I missed many of the gatherings, I did make a couple.

Some families spent the holidays with their families, friends or just enjoyed being home. Others got together with friends and had a picnic on the Bosque.

The George Cronin family of Alto will have great memories of the Dec. 28 blackout. They had all their family home and were just sitting down for dinner. Most of the food was ready to be served when the blackout occurred. With candlelight, the family had a wonderful time with the quiet, no TV; they just talked. How long has it

been since families have done this?

George said it reminded him of the times when he grew up and his family didn't have TV, electricity and all the modern conveniences.

The Cronins had all their family — along with the unborn — and it was especially meaningful because all their children in the services were home. They have five sons in the armed forces who have been in the Middle East.

The Lincoln Preservation Board has two new members, Tom Mann and Cele Dickenson. Congratulations.

We have sad news again this week. Kenneth Reamy passed away after a long illness. Ken was one of the hard workers at the county fair and was a well driller among

many other things.

Julia Penfield Reidy passed away at her home in Albuquerque. Julia was a member of the Penfield family, who had a prominent part in Lincoln history. The Lincoln Community Church was a gift from the Penfield family. They owned the Tunstall Store from 1898 to 1958 when it was purchased by the state.

She was such a lady and one of the sweetest persons you could know...

If you have noticed that your trees are developing cracks on the trunk, they are suffering from lack of water. They need to be watered now.

Scott Shafer celebrated his 30 years of being associated with banking. It was a double celebration as he started working in the

bank on his birthday.

Many friends and co-workers from Albuquerque, Las Cruces and local banks were present.

Lucy Rickman did a wonderful job with an album and also a large display of photos of Scott and his bank activities.

A passing thought. This will take a lot of co-operation from former and present 4-H'ers. I think would be apropos to have a display of the 4-H'ers through the years. I would need photos and history, newspaper clippings, of which I think there may be enough. I do have a few, but from 1979 I don't have much.

If my readers are interested, I would appreciate any help you can give. But if you do send any information, do not send the originals.



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Warriors stuff Tularosa comeback

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

TULAROSA — For Ruidoso High junior post Dustin Prelo, Friday's varsity basketball game against Tularosa might have seemed pretty uneventful, if you only look at the raw stats.

Sure, Prelo had a good junior varsity game, scoring 19 points in a 52-31 victory, but in the varsity game, he didn't enter until late midway through the third quarter, and was only able to register one rebound and one blocked shot.

But that one blocked shot was the biggest difference in the game.

As the Warriors held on to a slim one-point lead and time was running out, Tularosa's Nick Pino had a look at the basket for what could have been the winning bucket.

But Prelo was there with the block, Ruidoso got the rebound, and a final free throw by Nick Page sealed the 52-50 win.

"I had to block it. I had to do all I could do to make him miss," Prelo said. "That's all that was going through my mind."

The possibility that Prelo could be called for the foul on the play was very real, as the Warriors had the majority of infractions in the game.

"I figured if I got him, I'd make sure he wouldn't make it (the shot)," Prelo said. "Then he'd go to the line and have all the pressure on him, and see how he'd do there. I had nothing to lose, and was happy to get the ball."

Warriors 52, Wildcats 50
Ruidoso (6-5)
Nick Page 11-23, Garrett Born 11-21, Maclean Enriquez 0-0-0, Jamie Uman 0-0-0, Jesse Sando 0-0-0, Wes Alaza 1-0-2, Austin Balar 7-9-15, Chance Hooper 2-12-7, Aaron Romero 0-12-17, Julian Serna 0-0-0, Cory Small 2-12-5, Pat Valliant 6-0-1, Dustin Prelo 0-0-0. Totals: 21 0-15 52
Tularosa (6-4)
Patrick Gonzales 0-0-0, Cisco Gomez 0-0-0, Matt Chavez 0-0-0, Jake Dier 2-22-6, Justin Capadilla 0-0-0, Aaron Chavez 3-8-11, Nick Pino 1-12-4, Gus Melendrez 2-0-6, Nash Kowatch 0-0-0, Bill Turner 3-2-4, Daniel Munoz 5-0-10, Aaron Marrujo 0-0-0, Waller Measer 1-0-1, William Skates 0-0-0, Hoyt Sapp 0-3-3. Totals: 17 19-23-50
Bullets — Rui 2 (Balar, Born), Tul 3 (Melendrez, Pino). Fouled out — Rui: Hooper (6:08 in 4th). Rebounds — Rui: 31 (Balar 5), Tul: 27 (Turner 5). Steals — Rui 6 (Balar 5), Tul 4 (Turner 2). Blocks — Rui 3 (Born, Valliant, Prelo), Turnovers — Rui 16, Tul 17. Total fouls — Rui 22, Tul 16.

In fact, the biggest reason Prelo was playing at all in the varsity contest was that starting center Chance Hooper had three fouls in the second quarter and fouled out of the game with 6:34 left.

"When he was in foul trouble, I started to panic a little bit," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "But Dustin Prelo did an outstanding job, coming in cold off the bench after sitting out the whole first half."

"Chance was hustling and got called for the hustle foul," he added. "I wasn't upset with that at all. I told him to keep working like that when he sat down."

Still, for all the fouls that were called, Ruidoso (5-5) still



Ruidoso's Patrick Valliant, right, looks for an opening against Tularosa's Nick Pino Friday during the Warriors' 52-50 victory Friday in Tularosa.

had control of the game, thanks to their ability to control the tempo.

That tempo was upbeat in the first quarter, as the two teams traded numerous leads throughout, eventually ending with a 23-17 Warrior advantage.

"You've got to match this team point-for-point," Page said. "Any time you turn the ball over and they score, you better take care of it the next possession."

"Especially against a team like Tularosa," he added. "If they start to pull away, you won't catch up. They're such

good ball handlers, every one of them."

Tularosa coach Johnny May said the first quarter showed the value of an experienced team.

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Capitan cagers split with solid Dexter squads over weekend

Return to basketball court after long lay-off produces mixed results for Tiger teams

Capitan girls overcome poor foul shooting

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CAPTAN — Capitan was determined to make a game out of their victory over Dexter Saturday.

The Lady Tigers missed 24 free-throws in shooting 45 percent from the line, keeping an otherwise one-sided contest close until they could pull away down the stretch for a 54-48 win.

The Lady Demons committed their share of sins at the stripe, missing 13 of 25 attempts.

"If we had hit some free-throws it probably wouldn't have been as close as it was," Capitan head coach Sherry Gowen said. "You can shoot yourself in the foot, and we did that from the line. Then we had to make a game of it on the court."

The Lady Tigers (6-2) opened and finished strong, running out to a 16-12 first quarter lead and compiling 21 points in the fourth quarter. The middle quarters belonged to Dexter.

"We didn't score well in the second and third quarter," Gowen noted. "We just need to be consistent in scoring across the board. Instead of needing that major fourth quarter, we can spread that scoring out and really run away with games."

Capitan rushed their shots at times, missing numerous chances in the transition game. Jessica Becker, as usual, led the Lady Tigers in scoring but required 26 shots from the floor to do so.

"Dexter likes to run, and we



Capitan Lady Tiger post Jessica Becker, foreground, grabs for the ball as Dexter's Jennifer Torres defends during Capitan's win Saturday in Capitan.

tried to do it, too, but they're pretty scrappy," Gowen said of the Lady Demons. "And it got a little rough there at the end."

Becker dominated inside when she needed to, hitting three key buckets in the fourth quarter when the Lady Tigers erased a three-point deficit. Alyx Sheehy and Kelsey Stierwalt,

also had good games. Stierwalt had 11 points, while Sheehy had four points in the final quarter despite missing a slew of free throws.

Gowen took some positives out of the game. "If we continue to run the court like that and hit our free-throws, we'll be OK," she said.

The Lady Tigers are not that bad of a free-throw shooting team. "We're just inconsistent," Gowen said. "Against Carrizozo (in their first game) we were unbelievable, almost 100 percent. It's hard to say. If I could pinpoint it, I'd probably be rich."

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Tough test turns into tough loss

BY MARTY RACINE
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

CAPTAN — Capitan head coach Royce Brown expected Dexter to provide the toughest test yet for his boys' basketball squad.

He was right. The Demons parlayed offensive rebounding in the first half and tenacious defense in the second into a road win at Capitan Saturday, 43-36.

The Tigers' inside game was hurt by the absence of 6-foot-5 sophomore Josh Castaneda, who was in Arizona for his sister's wedding but who missed at least one unexcused practice.

"That hurt," Brown said. "But overall I thought our guys played pretty well." Capitan (4-2) came out sluggishly, recovered in the second quarter and let the game slip away towards the end.

"The first quarter, we didn't come out of the locker room, we struggled to get going," Brown said of Dexter's 12-2 start. "Dexter was quicker, they were reacting better. We were stale defensively, and offensively we were standing around watching instead of really running anything."

With the quick, senior-led

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side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
Snowmaking continues on Smokey and Snowpark at Lincoln Chair 2. Road at report time: Clear. Midway depth: 8-16 inches. Surface conditions: All trails machine groomed. Trails open: Capitan (both sides), Deep Freeze, Top Knotch, Easy Street, Chair 6 Backcountry Slope and Kiddle Korral. Lifts open: Chairs 3-5 and two surface lifts. The Gondola is open for sightseers on Saturdays and Sundays. Trails groomed this morning: All open trails. Snowmaking past 24 hours: Yes. Forecast: Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday. The \$200 weekday season pass is back. New this season: Snow sports package. Learn to ski one day and snowboard the next, so you can get the experience for yourself which equipment is best for you. Ski school, ski rental shop, snowboard rental shop, sport shop, bar and restaurant are all open for the season. Lift tickets are reduced to \$37 for adults and \$25 for children.

Prep Results

Friday, Jan. 2
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso 52, Tularosa 50

Saturday, Jan. 3
Boys Basketball
Dexter 43, Capitan 36
Girls Basketball
Capitan 54, Dexter 48

Monday, Jan. 5
Boys Basketball
Hondo 53, Capitan JV 41
Girls Basketball
Hondo 55, Capitan JV 15

Preps on Tap

Thursday, Jan. 8
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso at Dexter, 7:30 p.m.
Corona vs. Alamo Navajo in BVC tournament at Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.

Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan
Mescalero vs. Eunice, 2 p.m. (Cummins gym)
Hagerman vs. Tatum, 3:45 p.m. (Traylor gym)
Carrizozo vs. Ramah, 5:30 p.m. (Traylor gym)
Capitan vs. Magdalena, 7:15 p.m. (Cummins gym)

Girls Basketball
Corona in BVC tournament at Mountainair, TBA

Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan
Hagerman vs. Tatum, 2 p.m. (Traylor gym)
Eunice vs. Magdalena, 3:45 p.m. (Cummins gym)
Capitan vs. Mescalero, 5:30 p.m. (Cummins gym)
Carrizozo vs. Ramah, 7:15 p.m. (Traylor gym)

Friday, Jan. 9
Boys Basketball
Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero in Smokey Bear Tourney at Capitan, TBA

Corona in BVC tournament at Mountainair, TBA

Girls Basketball
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero in Smokey Bear Tourney at Capitan, TBA

Corona in BVC tournament at Mountainair, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invite, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 10

Boys Basketball
Cobre at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero in Smokey Bear Tourney at Capitan, TBA
Corona in BVC tournament at Mountainair, TBA
Girls Basketball
Capitan, Carrizozo, Mescalero in Smokey Bear Tourney at Capitan, TBA
Corona in BVC tournament at Mountainair, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Invite, TBA

On Deck

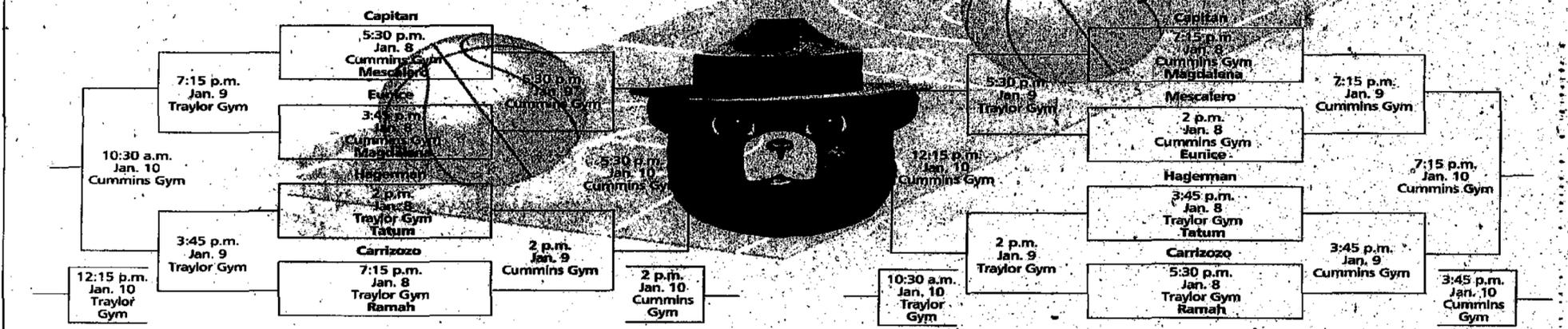
Youth hoops season to start
Sign ups for the upcoming 5th-8th-grade boys and girls basketball season are tentatively scheduled today from 6-8 p.m. Saturday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Sign-ups will be held at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. Cost is \$30 per player and \$10 for each additional sibling. Coaches, referees and volunteers are needed. For more information, call J.V. Cadena at 378-4576.

Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament

Jan. 8-10 at Capitan High School

Girls Division

Boys Division



Trio of Lincoln Co. schools back in action in Smokey Bear Tourney

BY TODD FIQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Basketball in Lincoln County returns with a vengeance with the annual Smokey Bear Tournament starting Thursday in Capitan.

Six county boys and girls teams — from Carrizozo, Mescalero and Capitan — tip off in the first round, with the Mescalero boys starting at 2 p.m. against Eunice.

The Carrizozo boys (3-9) face Ramah at 5:30 p.m. in Traylor Gym, while the Capitan girls (6-2) play Mescalero at the same time in Cummins Gym.

The Carrizozo girls (6-4) later play Ramah at 7:15 in Traylor, while the Capitan Tigers (4-2) concurrently take on Magdalena in Cummins.

Mescalero girls coach Roland Bradford thinks his teams' first game against Capitan may be the marquee event of the tournament, but was quick to point out the talent that exists throughout both brackets.

"This tournament will be really tough," Bradford said. "Tatum, Hagerman, Magdalena, Carrizozo —

these are all good teams."

Bradford feels his team — which is 9-2 and hasn't played since falling to Carrizozo in the championship of the Mescalero tournament Dec. 20 — needs to stop Lady Tiger Jessica Becker to win.

"They look for her inside and like to get the ball down the floor quickly," Bradford said. "Our defense is the key."

The tournament also marks the first action the Mescalero boys (4-6) have seen since defeating Hondo in the third place game of their tournament Dec. 20.

Chief coach Kenny Blazer said his team has been battling the flu over the Christmas break, and may find the going tough against Eunice.

"They're tough, but coaches have told me they're not very strong," Blazer said. "So this might be a pretty good game."

"I'm just trying to get the kids to understand what I'm trying to do," he added. "Our biggest problem has been turnovers. We play pretty good defense, but you have to have an offense to go with it."

CAPITAN: Free throws a struggle

FROM PAGE 1B

"You can work on free-throws too much and you can work on them not enough. We've got to find that mid-range, do little different things to see what works."

And the Lady Tigers will accept their 6-2 record. "They were a little bit psycho because they had about three weeks of practice before our first game," Gowen said of her players. "Now I think we have a total of 18 games in January, so here we go."

Dexter	12	11	13	12	—	48																																					
Capitan	18	8	9	21	—	64																																					
Dexter (48)																																											
Shyla Briney	2	0-1	4	Annals	Jan 7	2																																					
3-4	7	Andria Batista	1	4-9	6	Juanina Gutierrez	2	2-2	6	Stephanie Silva	0	1-5	18	Jennifer Torres	2	2-4	3	Denise Flores	0	0-0	0	Jessica Rodriguez	0	0-0	0	Arriella Campbell	0	0-0	0	Ravae Taylor	0	0-0	0	Totals:	17	12-25	48						
Capitan (54)																																											
Catherine Wood	3	2-3	8	Kelsey Campbell	0	1-2	1	Alyx Sheehy	3	0-7	8	Ashley Garcia	0	1-4	1	Raylyme Stanbrough	0	1-2	1	Brittany Jensen	1	1-2	3	Stacey Stanbrough	1	0-0	2	Jessica Becker	5	11-21	21	Kelsey Stierwalt	4	3-3	11	Ashley Lewis	0	0-0	0	Totals:	17	20-44	54

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Statehood—January 6, 1912, the 47th state
 State motto—Crescit Bundo (It Grows as It Goes)
 State song—O, Fair New Mexico, words and music by Elizabeth Garrett
 State animal—Black Bear
 State bird—Chaparral Bird, commonly called Roadrunner
 State cookie—Biscochito
 State fish—Cutthroat Trout
 State flag—A field of yellow containing the ancient Pueblo of Zia sun symbol of red in the center
 State flower—Yucca flower
 State fossil—Coelophysis
 State gem—Turquoise
 State grass—Blue Grama Grass (*bouteloua gracillis*)
 State insect—Tarantula Hawk Wasp (*pepsis formosa*)
 State question—"Red or green?"
 State tree—Pinon, or nut pine (*pinus edulis*)
 State vegetables—Chile (the Spanish adaptation of the chilli) and the pinto bean, or frijol
 Nicknames—Land of Enchantment; Sunshine State
 Largest cities—Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Roswell, South Valley, Farmington
 Celebrations—Albuquerque hosts the largest hot-air balloon event in the world the first weekend in October.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

During the 1870's a group of civilian merchants gained control over the economy of Lincoln County, New Mexico, southwest United States, including a monopoly on filling lucrative contracts from the military at Fort Stanton. This group who monopolized trade and their allies was called The House.

But in 1877, their control was challenged by an English entrepreneur, John Tunstall. Tunstall's employees and supporters were known as The Regulators, and followers of "The House" violently resisted them.

The battle was fought both in courtrooms and also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. Even the Army became involved. Eventually members of "The House" killed Mr. Tunstall.

And, as might be expected, "The Regulators" fervently vowed to take vengeance upon the House group responsible for killing Tunstall. Among the group of "Regulators" loyal to Mr. Tunstall was a young man who was known as Billy the Kid.

TEST: Capitan boys fail challenge presented by Demons

FROM PAGE 1B

Demons grabbing every loose ball, they pushed the margin to 17-6 before Capitan responded with a second-quarter 14-0 run that was not so much a blitz as it was a methodical stretch of fundamental halfcourt basketball.

The key to Capitan's comeback was reclaiming the defensive boards, Brown said. "We talked about that in the huddle, boxing out and getting rebounds where we could get out and go. We didn't score so much in transition, but we didn't give them second shots, so it cut down on their ability to put points on the board."

Sealed off from underneath, Dexter clanked a number of outside shots during their drought. The Demons also missed numerous free-throws. Only Emanuel Regalado's layup stopped the bleeding and brought Dexter to within 20-19 at the half.

Both teams' offensive woes continued in the second half, which saw several lead changes. Against Dexter's trapping full-court press Capitan could not muster a running game, and in the half-court set the Tigers worked hard to create any kind of shot, increasing the chances of an errant pass. Without Castaneda the Tigers had no low-post offense. Leading scorer Sheldon Moor managed only five attempts all night, and Stephen Silva's slashing drives to the bucket often resulted in missed shots.

"We didn't shoot the ball well from anywhere," Brown said.

Still, Brown welcomed Silva's aggressiveness. The senior guard had been out for three weeks recovering from a sore knee. "It's good to have him back," the coach said. "He plays at a different speed. He's explosive, and that definitely showed when he got to the hole. He's an offensive spark and can help us out down the road."

Down the stretch Saturday turnovers nullified any semblance of a Capitan offense. After Moor's scoop shot tied the game at 35, it was all Demons.

"We let the press get to us," Brown said. "We didn't reverse the ball a couple of times, made bad decisions."

Some of those turnovers were unforced. "It wasn't so much their pressure. It was our (lack

of) execution. Unforced errors — we had quite a few of them."

Missed free-throws also hurt the Tigers, who were 9 of 17 from the line.

Chance Huddleston, Elliott Taylor and Weston Richardson had their moments for the Tigers, but overall it was a sloppy, inconsistent performance.

Brown hopes that was merely the result of holiday rust. "We had an up-and-down week of practice, so the game might have reflected that. I always figured you play like you practice, and I think that was definitely the situation."

"And Dexter is one of the top 10 teams in the state in my opinion. I think they're the toughest team on our schedule, night in and night out. We wanted to see where we were. Now that we know we can gauge it from there and work on the things where we had some problems."



Dexter's Chris Burrola (44) and Ismael Huerta surround Tiger guard Sheldon Moor Saturday in Capitan.

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Christmas break ends for Hondo teams with wins over Capitan

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The return to the basketball court after a long holiday layoff can be challenging for most high school teams, but the Hondo Eagles — boys and girls — opened the new year in fine fashion with a pair of wins over the Capitan junior varsity Monday.

The boys won 59-41, while the Lady Eagles cruised to a 55-15 victory.

"We won, but not as easy as I thought we should," said Eagle boys coach Eddie Chavez. "We had a long vacation and hadn't played in a while, so it was kind of hard."

The Eagles' last action was a 60-52 loss to Mescalero in the third-place game of the Mescalero tournament Dec. 20, and Hondo (6-7) was without Eddi Valenzuela, Joseph Ontiveros, Benji Romero and Patrick Montoya.

Ontiveros, Romero and Montoya had missed practices over the holidays, but Valenzuela — usually the Eagles' leading scorer — was stranded in Kansas with car trouble.

Chavez expects all four to be available for next Tuesday's game at the Hagerman junior varsity.

In Valenzuela's stead, Derek McTigue put in 15 points to lead Hondo, while Humberto Lerma added

10, and Saul Acosta and Steven Chavez had nine points each.

Coach Chavez said Lerma's contributions went beyond the number of points scored.

"He had nine assists and 11 steals; he had a great game in the back court," Chavez said. "He's just a smart point guard and made some unbelievable passes."

Lerma might have had more assists — and the Eagles more points — had they been able to make a number of layups beneath the basket. Chavez said that's one thing he hopes to see remedied by the team District 8-1A play starts Jan. 20 at Gateway

Christian.

"We executed our plays real well, but we missed so many shots underneath, and got frustrated by that," Chavez said. "The hustle was certainly there, we were just a little rusty."

Hondo girls roll

Despite their landslide score, Lady Eagle coach Julie Montoya still found some things her team needs to work on before their district schedule begins.

"It was a good comeback from the break to see what kind of shape we're in," Montoya said. "We're looking to push the ball a lot more, and worked

on that over the break.

"We're still not where we need to be, we're just taking better shots," she added. "I'm happy with the better shot selections."

Hondo (4-6) also plays at the Hagerman junior varsity next Tuesday, but also have a pair of games against Vaughn and the Artesia JV.

The Lady Eagles played at Vaughn on Tuesday, and will be at Artesia next Monday at 5 p.m.

"These three games, all spread out, are a good thing to prepare us for district," Montoya said. "We put in a tweak to our offense over the holiday, and they're still getting it together."

STUFF: Warriors win nail-biter

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"We played a lot more experienced than in that first game," May said. "Except for a few turnovers and some missed free throws, it was a pretty even game for most of the night."

Evidence of the never-say-die attitude of the Wildcats (6-4) was presented near the end of the first half.

"With our size, we weren't able to stay with their quickness as we would like to," Page said. "We changed our defense in every quarter, and that helped us to keep them from going on a run."

Ruidoso had slowed the tempo down and played for the last shot in the final two minutes. They almost got that shot off, but Tularosa's Jude Otero got the steal with two seconds left, then drove the length of the floor for a shot at the buzzer to make it a one-point Warrior lead at the break.

"The second quarter was our bad quarter," Page said. "We tried to run and couldn't make our shots. We had a chance to pull away, but we would shoot the threes when we didn't need them. We had to run the offense and get the ball where we needed."

"We had to battle back, and we did, which shows a lot of character on our part," May said. "But when you have to battle back as much as we do, you get pretty tired."

The Wildcats took the lead early in the third quarter on a 3-pointer by Cris Melendrez, one of two treys he had in the game. It was Tularosa's outside shooting that kept them close in the second and third quarters, but the Warriors kept answering with patient offense and layups on the other end.

Things didn't really get interesting until the very end of the game, particularly the final minute.

Ruidoso had just gone on a modest 3-0 point run over three minutes to secure a 49-46 lead, but then Tularosa's Daniel Muñoz was fouled making a layup to pull the Wildcats to within one with 50 seconds left.

Muñoz missed the resulting free-throw, and the Warriors got the team rebound. Ruidoso gave the ball back just three seconds later on a turnover, however, and Tularosa later made the most of it on a pair of free throws by Turner with 25 seconds left to take a 50-49 lead.

The Warriors decided to hold for the last shot from then on, and forced Tularosa to foul and stop the clock. Austin Beier's two free throws with eight seconds left — and Prelo's block — eventually gave Ruidoso the win.

Beier had 18 points, five rebounds and five steals to lead the



Gody Small drives the lane for a Ruidoso layup Saturday against Tularosa.

TODD FUQUASTAFF

Warriors, while Valliant added 12 points. Aaron Chavez paced the Wildcats with 11 points, followed by Muñoz with 10.

"He's not a shot blocker, he was just in the right place at the right time," Page said of Prelo's big play. "They just played good defense and controlled the tempo. Both times, we caused them (the Wildcats) to panic and put up the poor shot."

May was still happy with his team's play, despite the close loss.

"Our kids played a lot better, and held their own on the boards. We didn't out-rebound them, but they held their own," May said. "They didn't dominate us. If we had hit the key shot at the right time, this could have been a different game."

"I've been at this school for 28 years, and every time these two schools battle each other, it's always been a classic," he added.

"This is the kind of team that won't ever quit," Page said of Tularosa. "It's good for us that we were able to play a team like this and come out with a 'W'."

Ruidoso hosted Socorro in a varsity contest on Tuesday, and will be in Dexter Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. start. They return home Saturday for a 7:30 p.m. tilt against Cobre.

Hounds continue their winning ways

PORTALES — The Eastern New Mexico University Greyhounds continued their run of good fortune Monday, ending their game against East Central University with a 12-0 run to seal a 50-41 Lone Star Conference victory.

Combined with their 86-73 victory over Southeastern Oklahoma on Saturday, the Hounds have improved to 9-3 on the season with their seventh straight win.

The Tigers (5-7) attempted to slow Eastern's high-powered offense down, and to give leading scorer Jason Wilkerson a rest with a rib injury.

The strategy almost worked, as the Hounds (9-3) were only leading by one at halftime, 25-24. The game was tied at 38-all with 6:05 left in the game after Wilkerson got two free throws, and East Central took the lead with a Nash free throw at 4:38.

But ENMU's Kennis Green sunk a trio of foul shots to begin the Hounds' scoring run which would put the game away. Green, who led Eastern with 13 points, also added a 3-pointer in the run, while Irshaun Pinkney had 10 points and was perfect from the foul line, going 6-for-6, including a 4-for-4 performance in the final two minutes.

Garland Coleman had 11 points for Eastern, while Darren Randall had 17 points for the Tigers to lead all scorers.

On Saturday, Jamal Washington sunk numerous shots from the outside — including a 3-for-3 performance in three pointers — to score 21 points and lead the Hounds to victory over Southeast Oklahoma State.

The Hounds were behind by as much as 14 points to start the game, but then went on a 20-0 run after a time-out to take a lead they would not relinquish.

The Savages were able to tie the game a 32-all with 1:25 left in the first half, but the Hounds scored the final six points to go into the locker room up 38-32, and led from then on.

Travazz Buckley added 19 points for Eastern, while Kennis Green had 18 and Jamaal Hunnicutt 10.

Maurice Gardner had 13 points for Southeast Oklahoma, followed by Jeremy Brown with 10.

Eastern hits the road for a pair of Oklahoma games at Cameron University on Thursday and Southwest Oklahoma on Saturday.

Monday, Jan. 5		SE Okla. (6-4 after Saturday)	
Eastern New Mexico 50, East Central Oklahoma 41	Jeremy Brown 5-12 0-1 10	Eric Babers 2-5 0-1 4	Bud Valerius 2-6 0-0 5
East Central (6-7)	Cedric Walker 3-7 0-0 9	Steheli Harrel 2-5 0-0 4	Clint Baker 2-3 6-7 10
Kale Simon 0-5 1-2 1, Darren Randall 8-11 1-1 17, Juan Avila 1-1 0-0 2, Karlin House 1-5 0-0 2, Jason Wilkerson 3-11 2-2 10, Greg Nash 1-3 1-2 4, Jason Schroeder 1-3 0-0 3, Antoine Benoit 0-3 0-0 0, Wayne Tucker 1-4 0-0 2. Totals: 18-46 5-7-41.	ENMU (9-3)	Kennis Green 7-14 0-0 18, Jamaal Hunnicutt 1-6 8-8 10, Travazz Buckley 8-13 3-5 19, Brent Cooper 2-4 0-1 4, Garland Coleman 2-9 1-2 5, David Hamilton 0-3 3-4 3, Jamal Washington 7-9 4-6 21, Irshaun Pinkney 0-1 0-0 0, Matt Carpenter 0-0 0-0 0, Edmond Elzy 1-3 3-4 8, Chad Dinnell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 28-62 22-30 86.	ENMU (8-3 after Saturday)
Halftime — ENMU 25, East Central 24, 3-pointers — East Central 4-13 (Wilkerson 2-9, Nash 1-2, Schroeder 1-3), ENMU 4-18 (Green 3-11, Elzy 1-1, Cooper 0-3, Washington 0-3).	Rebounds — East Central 27 (Wilkerson 6), ENMU 31 (Buckley 6), Assists — East Central 8 (Simon 3), ENMU 12 (Cooper 4). Total fouls — East Central 17, ENMU 16. A — 450.	Halftime — ENMU 38, Southeastern Oklahoma 32, 8-pointers — Stampley 4-7, Walker 3-5, Gardner 1-1, Valerius 1-4, Brown 0-1, ENMU 15-20.	Rebounds — Southeastern Oklahoma 27 (Babers 7), ENMU 46 (Buckley, Hunnicutt 9), Assists — Southeastern Oklahoma 13 (Baker 3), ENMU 21 (Coleman, Hamilton 5). Total fouls — Southeastern Oklahoma 26, ENMU 17. Fouled out — Brown, Baker. Flagrant foul — Pinkney (ejected). A — 400.
Saturday, Jan. 3		Eastern New Mexico 88, Southeastern Oklahoma 73	

Ruidoso gymnastic pair earns individual state championships

ALBUQUERQUE — The Ruidoso Gymnastics Level 5 and 6 Teams competed in the state championships Dec. 13, bringing back a pair of individual state titles.

In the Level 5 division, Amanda Willingham took top honors at age 10 with a combined score of 35.35, while Victoria Ramirez was the overall 13-and-older state champion in Level 6 division with a score of 36.325.

Also in the Level 5 division, Alaitia Enjady placed third with a combined score of 34.73, while Haley Griffin placed ninth. Enjady scored a 9.055 on vault.

Harley Bonnell, 7, competed a level above her age group

and placed fifth overall. Savanna Webb, 12, placed second with a score of 35.5, scoring a 9.3 on uneven bars. Laure Montes, 11-year-old division, finished fourth overall with a combined score of 34.525.

In the Level 6 division, Ramirez scored a 9.25 on vault and a 9.325 on uneven bars to secure her state title. Alex Weaver, 11-year-old division, finished fourth with a score of 34.75 and also earned a 9.05 on vault. In 12-year-old division, Atera Barnett placed 13th and Britney Marshall placed 16th.

The boys gymnastics team and girls levels 7 and up begin their competitive season this month.

Lobos fall to Wake Forest

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The University of New Mexico Lobos have always had problems winning away from their beloved "Pit," and Saturday's road game against Wake Forest didn't change their fortunes.

UNM did begin the game strong while the Demon Deacons (9-0) shot poorly, making just five of their first 22 shots in the game.

But Wake's Chris Paul scored 18 points and the Demon Deacons forced 19 Lobo turnovers to get the 70-61 win.

With the loss, UNM (7-4) now has a 19-game losing streak away from University Arena in Albuquerque.

Eric Williams also had 14 points for Wake Forest, followed by Taron Downey's 13 and 11 points from Justin Gray.

Danny Granger had 19 points for the Lobos, while Troy DeVries finished with 17.

The Lobos returned home Tuesday for a game against the University of San Diego, and play another home game against Cornell, Jan. 9.

ENMU women drop two games

PORTALES — It was the second tough loss in a row for the Eastern New Mexico University Zia basketball team, as they dropped a 71-66 decision to East Central Oklahoma Monday to fall to 4-7.

ENMU found themselves tied at 61-all after a three-pointer by Heather Brown with 2:30 left in the game, but the Lady Tigers (5-5) followed with a 10-5 run to seal the victory.

Brown was 4-8 in treys to lead the game with 22 points, followed by Elizabeth Richards with 16 points and Laci Lee with 14.

Eastern had a 29-23 lead at the half, but East Central countered with five players in double figures to roar ahead in the second half.

Kelli Donovan had 15 points to lead the Lady Tigers, followed by Lesli Shores (13), Stormy Griffith (12) and Rashaundra Singleton and

Lindsay Sutton with 10 each.

The Zias travel to Cameron University Thursday and Southwestern Oklahoma this Saturday, then play at West Texas A&M Jan. 13.

On Saturday, Eastern had a home game against a 1-7 team, but weren't able to take advantage of the situation in a 61-54 loss to Southeastern Oklahoma.

Randi Wilson was one of three Lady Savages in double figures with 14 points, and Southeastern finished the game with an 11-2 run to put the Zias away.

Richards was the leading scorer in the game with 22 points, but got little in the way of support around her. Jereena Bosket and Loren Scarlet each had 10 points, but the rest of the team combined for just 12 points and committed 17 turnovers.

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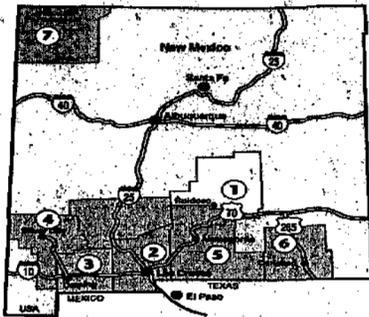
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A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE NO. 2003-07 REGULATING IMPROPER HANDLING OF WIRE AND OPEN BURNING

B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE INDECENT HEALTH CARE ORDINANCE NO. 2003-11

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

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	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
2 KASA	Kirby: Right	Sonic X 7	Shaman	Mutant	Ultimate	Sonic X	Under	Pet Keep-	Paid	Paid	Paid
3 KENW	Seabring's	Yankee	Yankee	American	Southwest	Yankee	School of	Painting	One Stroke	Quilt in a	Quilt in a
4 KOBR	Eyewitness News	Kenny the	Tulenstein	Woodshop	Trading	Endurance	Strange	Scout's	Paid	Paid	Paid
5 CNN	On the Story	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the	People in the
6 KOAT	(6:00) News	Home Show	Recess (N)	Fillmore	Proud	Lizelle	NHL Hockey	Regional	Coverage	Colorado, at	Dallas, Detroit
7 EI	Celebrities	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity	Celebrity
8 USA	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python	Monty Python
9 KBIM	Thornberry	Hay Arnold	ChalkZone	Lilo &	Dora the	Blue's	To Be	Announced	Primal	Quest (N)	
12 KASY	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
13 DSC	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
14 TNN	Inside	Reality of	Ride-	MotoWorld	Top Dead	Car and	Horsepow	Truckel (N)	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek
15 FAM	Signin'	Power	Power	Power	Power	Power	Power	Power	Power	Power	Power
17 HBO	"National	Pandemic	Inside the								
20 SHOW	(7:15) Love	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a	Walk Like a
21 MAX	(7:10) Star	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood
23 TNT	(7:00) As	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It	Good as It
24 AMC	(7:45) John	Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne	John Wayne
25 KRPV	Faithful	Young of	This								
27 COM	Dilbert	"Critic	Critic								
28 TLC	Trading	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep	Clean Sweep
29 TCM	"The	Outriders	The								
32 UNI	Furto	Locos y	Código								
33 DISN	Smart	Lilo &	Recess								
35 ANPL	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5	K-9 to 5
38 ESPN	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter
39 NICK	Rocket	Rocket	Rugrats								
40 SciFi	(7:00) Mystery	Science	"Octopus								
41 FX	Ally	McBeal	Ally								
42 H&G	Ground	Landscap-	Garden-								
43 CNN-FN	Dolans	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted
44 WTBS	Ripley's	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It	Believe It
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48 FSSW	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
49 ESPN2	Fishin'	Hole (N)	Bassemata								
50 OUTD	Hank	American	Fly Fishing								
51 HIST	Raise	the	Alabamians								
52 A&E	All	Year	Old								
53 GOLF	Big	Break	Big								
54 CNBC	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
55 TRAV	World's	Best	Top								

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		JANUARY 10, 2004									
	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
2 KASA	NFL	Programs	NFL	Football	NFL	Football	NFL	Football	NFL	Football	NFL
3 KENW	Creative	Living	On the	Brink: PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA
4 KOBR	PGA of	America	Year	On the	Brink: PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA	PGA
5 CNN	(2:00) Next	at CNN	CNN	Live	Saturday	People	in the	News	CNN	Live	Saturday
6 KOAT	NHL	Hockey	Figure	Skating	State	U.S.	Championships	Shattered	Natural	News	ABC
7 EI	Celebrities	Unplanned	Dr. Phil: The	El True	Hollywood	Story	El News	Weekend	Katie	Couric: The	El
8 USA	"Screwed"	(2000) Norm	Macdonalds	Days	Chappelle	Comedy	Woody	Comedy	Woody	Comedy	Woody
9 KBIM	(2:00) Palm	Quest (N)	Skating	Jeep	King of the	Mountain	To Be	Announced	CBS	Eva-	NFL
12 KASY	(12:00) Movie	College	Basketball	Oklahoma	State	at Texas	"Code	of Silence	(1995)	Adventure	Star
13 DSC	Blue	Planet	Blue	Planet	Blue	Planet	Blue	Planet	Blue	Planet	Blue
14 TNN	Star	Trek	Star	Trek	Star	Trek	Star	Trek	Star	Trek	Star
15 FAM	Full	House	Full	House	Full	House	Full	House	Full	House	Full
17 HBO	Elton	John	Elton	John	Elton	John	Elton	John	Elton	John	Elton
20 SHOW	(2:00) "The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
21 MAX	(12:45) "The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
23 TNT	(12:00) "The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
24 AMC	(2:00) "The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
25 KRPV	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design
27 COM	(12:30) "The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
28 TLC	Clean	Sweep	Clean	Sweep	Clean	Sweep	Clean	Sweep	Clean	Sweep	Clean
29 TCM	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
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41 FX	Ally	McBeal	Ally	Ally	Ally	Ally	Ally	Ally	Ally	Ally	Ally
42 H&G	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design	Challenge	Design
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48 FSSW	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
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50 OUTD	Hank	American	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing	Fly Fishing
51 HIST	Raise	the	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians	Alabamians
52 A&E	All	Year	Old	Old	Old	Old	Old	Old	Old	Old	Old
53 GOLF	Big	Break	Big	Big	Big	Big	Big	Big	Big	Big	Big
54 CNBC	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
55 TRAV	World's	Best	Top	Top	Top	Top	Top	Top	Top	Top	Top

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2 KASA	Cops (N)	Cops 7	America's	Most	Wanted-	Fights	Back	News	Mad TV	Nicola	Richie
3 KENW	Lawrence	Walk	Show	"Alto,	"Alto	"Alto	"Alto	"Alto	"Alto	"Alto	"Alto
4 KOBR	Average	Joe: Hawaii	(7-59)	Apprentice	"Meet	the	Billionaire	(8-59)	Law &	Order:	Special
5 CNN	Larry	King	Live	CNN	Saturday	Night	CNN	Saturday	Night	CNN	Saturday
6 KOAT	Figure	Skating	State	U.S.	Championships	Phillips	Arena	in	Atlanta	Women's	Final
7 EI	(6:00) Critic	Choice	Awards	(Live)	Love	Chain	Wild	On... An	island	hopping	adventure.
8 USA	Law &	Order: Special	Law &	Order: Special	Law &	Order: Special	Law &	Order: Special	Law &	Order: Special	Law &
9 KBIM	(6:00) NFL	Football	AFC	Divisional	Playoff	Teams	to Be	Announced	News	Powerball	Game
12 KASY	Angel	"The	Ring"	Angel	"Sleep	Tight"	Buffy	the	Vampire	Slay	"Hills"
13 DSC	Double	Agents	"Seven	Year	Itch"	New	Detectives:	Forensic	Science	WWE	Confidential
14 TNN	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall	SlamBall
15 FAM	"Stuart	Little"	(1999)	Geena	Davis:	Human	parents	adopt	a	mouse	into
17 HBO	"Just	Married"	(4:45)	"Don't	Say	a	Word"	(2001)	Michael	Douglas:	"I
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25 KRPV	Light	of the	Southwest	Cornerstone	Drawing	Men	to	Christ	Temple	Corner	Jimmy
27 COM	Mad	TV	OK	Go	Go	Go	Go	Go	Go	Go	Go
28 TLC	Trading	Spaces	Trading	Spaces	Trading	Spaces	Trading	Spaces	Trading	Spaces	Trading
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32 UNI	(8:00) Sábado	Gigante	Ricardo	Schiarri:	banda	Primer	Impacto	Noticiero	Univision	Otro	Rello
33 DISN	(8:00) "The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The	Movie	"The
35 ANPL	(8:00) PGA	Golf	Mercedes	Championships	SportsCenter	(Live)	NFL	Primetime	College	Game	Night
38 ESPN	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons
39 NICK	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons	Nicktoons
40 SciFi	"Dark	Waters"	(2004)	Lorenzo	Lamas:	Bio-	engineered	sharks	escape	to	the
41 FX	"The	Rats"	(2001)	Vincent	Spano:	Genetically	altered	rodents	threaten	to	over-
42 H&G	Designing	Sex	Designing	Sex	Designing	Sex	Designing	Sex	Designing	Sex	Designing
43 CNN-FN	Filipside	Lou	Dobbs	Tonight	Dolans	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted	Unscripted
44 WTBS	"True	Crime"	(1998)	(PA)	Clini	Eastwood:	A	reporter	tries	to	save
45 WGN	(

SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 11, 2004. Grid of TV programs for Sunday morning including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, USA, KBIM, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, SHOW, MAX, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, DISN, ANPL, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, GOLF, CNBC, TRAV.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS. Judith L. Christopher. Week of Jan. 7 - 13, 2004. CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) This is only the beginning! TAURUS: (Apr 20 - May 20) You'll be starting a new life... VIRGO: (Aug 23 - Sep 22) This year, you'll find yourself doing something that you haven't done in a long time... AQUARIUS: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Don't start a fight if you can't win... GEMINI: (May 21 - Jun 20) This could be a lot of fun... LIBRA: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) Paperwork is going to be your best friend... PISCES: (Feb 19 - Mar 20) If you have a secret, it might blow up... CANCER: (Jun 21 - Jul 22) The decision you're about to make can change not only your life... SCORPIO: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Love like you have never loved before... ARIES: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Once more with feelings... LEO: (Jul 23 - Aug 22) Others see you in a different light... SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Happiness is a state of mind...

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