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Sovereignty and unity

Mescalero's new leaders promise more teamwork at inauguration

Crowd cheers Chino

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

As Mark Chino entered the crowded Mescalero Apache School auditorium Friday to take the oath of office as the new tribal president, thunderous applause broke out from a standing audience.

The emotion of the moment for many of the usually reserved tribal members seemed close to euphoric as they prepared to watch the son of the man who led their tribe for 43 years step into his father's shoes.

Notably, out-going president Sara Misquez, although included on the agenda as a speaker, did not attend the ceremony.

In contrast to understated swearing-in ceremonies under her terms as president since 1999 that were conducted in the small council chamber meeting room, Chino and the newly elected four members of the eight-member tribal council and the vice president shared the moment with a packed house of about 600 people.

Before Chino began to speak, Mescalero singers drummed the beat of the Apache War Dance, but his message focused more on teamwork and reaching out, than battle.

His moral compass is anchored by four forces: His mother, the late Patricia Chino of Santa Clara, and his



Mark R. Chino takes his oath of office as president of the Mescalero Apache

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

father, the late Wendell Chino, "who taught me the things in life I needed to succeed and enabled me to stand here today," his uncle, Frank Chino, "who took over where my father left off and counseled me. When he gave the thumbs up, I knew everything was OK," and his father-in-law, Sterlen Kane, who he said was outspoken at

times, but to whom he was grateful "for allowing me to be part of his family."

"I dedicate this day to the memory of those four," he said.

Next, he singled out his wife, Selena Chino, who he said "stood by me, believed in me, and most importantly, put up with me."

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Council members address challenges

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The theme of standing together as a tribe to accomplish goals and to fight against outside forces that seek to undermine the concept of sovereignty repeatedly emerged Friday as outgoing and incoming Mescalero Apache Council members spoke during the new administration's inauguration ceremony.

Host John Shendo, who injected humor and warmth into the event, wasn't all smiles. He took a few jabs at efforts of "outsiders" to challenge the sovereignty of the Apache Nation and criticized a school district for not providing transportation for 75 students who attend off the reservation, although the district collects thousands of dollars for their attendance.

Other speakers said they want to see more Mescalero tribal enterprise and program top positions.

Challenges at home, including housing, unemployment and health care, demands strong leadership and a united effort, Shendo said.

Out-going council member Greg Mendez said he supports the new administration and he wished new President Mark R.

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Lake level 'alarming;' supply good for now

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Buoys normally bobbing on a rope in the water at Grindstone Lake Reservoir are suspended over the now exposed dry lake bed.

Birds of prey circle overhead or rest on tree limbs watching for the fish that remain in the lake from a fall restocking.

And Ruidoso residents hope that village consultants are right in their projections that the reservoir - without receiving another drop of water from its only source, the Ruidoso River - can supply the community with 1 million gallons a day for the next year.

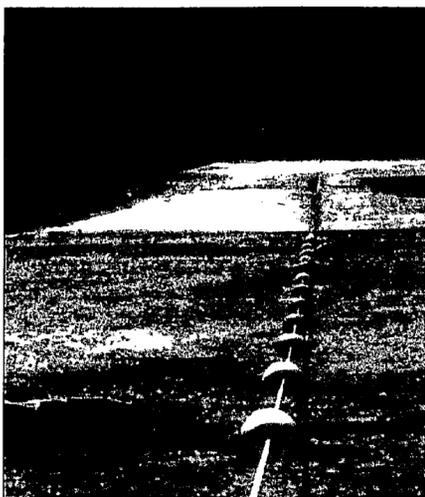
Residents who drive out to the reservoir come back wondering how

that projection can be accurate with exposed shoreline giving a measurement of the former depth of the lake.

"It is alarming," admitted Larry Grasmick, who heads the village's water department. "But on Jan. 9, we show the reservoir at 27 feet below the spillway. Normally, we bring it up to 10 feet below the spillway (during the usual spring run-off when the river runs high), so it is 17 feet below what we had at beginning of the season."

Area residents aren't using more water than average, he said. "Usage is almost flat from a year ago," Grasmick said. "(The reservoir level) is not falling any faster than we would expect. We're just not putting anything in it. We haven't put any

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Buoys are suspended in air above the exposed lake bed at Grindstone Reservoir as the water level dips to 27 feet below the spillway.

Downs to open police academy

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A new school is tentatively scheduled to open Feb. 3: The Ruidoso Downs Police Reserve Academy.

Students will learn the basics of law enforcement, including criminal law, handling hazardous materials, patrol procedures, court procedures, motor vehicle law, defensive tactics, investigation, first aid, booking process and fire arm use.

Reserve officers volunteer their time and are provided with uniforms, equipment, training and one-on-one mentoring, as each will partner with a certified police officer. Reserves will be trained to do everything a police officer does except make arrests.

The Hubbard Foundation donated \$10,000 for equipment, uniforms and training, and the city has authorized funds for

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TRIBE: Councilors urge end to infighting

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Chino and the council success in leading the tribe into the future and bringing unity to warring factions.

An emotional Michaelene Ahidley, who narrowly lost her bid for election to a second term, defended her two years on the council by saying, "I was there for my people," a statement greeted by heavy applause.

"We were accused of making everything personal, but when you are Mescalero Apache, we're one big family and when I see a fellow member down and out and dirty, it hurts me. I tried to better my people.

"How can I support someone who wasn't there for us?" she asked, apparently referring to outgoing president Sara Misquez, whose appointment and subsequent two terms in office were filled with divisive in-fighting on the council and among tribal factions. Ahidley said she has confident the new council and president will lead the tribe to unity.

Raymond Kirgan, another outgoing council member, said tribal members must help the council by telling it when they see something wrong.

"Help out and stick together," he implored.

After taking his oath of office, Ferris Palmer, former tribal administrator elected to his second consecutive term as vice president, said the past two years were difficult.

"We've done a lot," he said. "We've had our bad and our good days. I support the president and will work with the council."

As each new member of the council was sworn into office, Chino and Palmer greeted them with a hug and hand shake.

Alta May Branham, a former associate judge who opposed the Misquez administration when she was not reinstated at the end of an appointment period, said although many people may not have liked her years ago, "We can change our lives because we have hope."

She emphasized the need to abide by the Mescalero Constitution, as well as encouraging communication among tribal council members, the president and the people.

"There will no longer be a one-sided (council)," she said to loud applause. All tribal enterprises, the budget and problems such as unemployment will be examined, she said.

"I was voted into office to take care of tribal members and the reservation," Branham said. "I am not scared."

She urged people to start the new year by looking forward and "to stop fighting amongst ourselves."

Berle Kanseah, who has served multiple terms on the council, emphasized the need to respect the constitution and the language of the tribe. He urged the administration to listen to tribal elders and said the tribe can grow stronger "by protecting the ways of the Apache and (retaining) our own identity."

Becoming knowledgeable about technology and the dominant society, "doesn't mean we must become white," he said. "We will tend to it in our Apache ways. We are an important people, we have a strong background and we have a good story."

Dorlynn Simmons said she will strive to serve on the council with honor and dignity. Members must look to visions of the tribe in the future to determine what they have to do today, she said. Focus should be on outside threats "that could ruin our lives," Simmons said.

She particularly is concerned about the decrease in health care for tribal members, a decrease in members serving in key administration and operational positions and difficulties in developing a community-based economy.

The last new council member sworn-in, Frederick Chino Sr., a former vice president, said the tribe was split with the impeachment in 1998 of then-president Paul Ortega, who rose from vice president to president when Wendell Chino died.

"The healing should have begun long ago," he said. "I think the tribal council needs to take the first step in repairing the damage and to bring the tribe back together."

He suggested that first step could be to pardon Ortega and his former vice president, Oliver Enjady.

Frederick Chino also credited the tribal council before Wendell Chino's death with starting the push for a new Inn of the Mountain Gods, currently under construction with a new casino.

CHINO: President asks for teamwork

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"She has always been my first lady and now she's your first lady too," he told the crowd.

In listening to the problems of the 4,000 tribal members over his last two campaigns, Chino said four common themes emerged: Accountability, productivity, respect and communication.

"Everyone has a boss," he said. "In my case, I have more than one. I am accountable to all Mescalero Apache people and to the tribal council."

On the flip side, he expects accountability from tribal enterprises and their managers, tribal programs and their directors and from every tribal employee, Chino said.

He also expects accountability from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, from the Indian Health Services from the state of New Mexico, from neighboring communities and from every entity with whom the tribe does business.

"The credibility of the tribe depends on our willingness to be accountable for our actions as well," he said.

He expects a honest day's work for an honest day's pay, the new president said. He won't ask others to do something he wouldn't do himself.

The tribal government must pay attention to the needs of tribal mem-



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

New Mescalero Apache president Mark R. Chino receives a hug from a tribal member after his inauguration Friday.

"We share mutual interests, problems and concerns and we have information to share," he said. "We can all benefit."

He urged tribal members to be proud they are Mescalero Apache.

"If you are proud of your heritage, you will be good students and respectful sons and daughters. You will be productive employees and good parents and you will pass your knowledge on," he said. "Tribal administrations and councils will come and go, but the Mescalero Apache people will always be there."

"We will fail only if we allow ourselves to do so. If the tribe fails, we all fail and if we do, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

Pointing to a new direction, Chino said, his father told him that "Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people. All of us today begin writing the next chapter of the tribe. Let's hope (those in the future) read about great ideas from great Mescalero Apache minds that led to great things for the Mescalero Apache people."

Chino, an investigator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement, was scheduled to attend a ceremony Tuesday in Santa Fe marking the renaming of the state Department of Indian Affairs building for his father.

bers, but it must know those needs to meet them, he said. He promised general meetings, open council sessions and to be available to individual members as much as possible.

Better communication should follow with neighboring communities, the state and the federal government.

Post office pick-up times moving up in Ruidoso

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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the post office will be closed Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday.

If Ruidoso residents want their mail to start the trek to its destination the day it is dropped into a mailbox, they'll have to show up a little earlier starting Saturday.

Ruidoso Postmaster John Quemada said Tuesday changes in the transportation schedule locally should mean better service for residents.

Mail deposited at the Ruidoso Post Office on Mechem Drive by 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Hollywood Station by 2:20 p.m. will go out that day. The deadline for Saturday is 2:30 p.m. at the main office and 2:20 p.m. at Hollywood on U.S. 70.

"Our transportation dispatch was moved up by one hour," Quemada said. "This allows us to move mail that day instead of arriving in Albuquerque after midnight. We hope this reflects better services for our customers."

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POLICE: School to open in February

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insurance and training for up to 10 reserve police officers to be selected from those who pass the tests and are interested, said Robert Logan, Ruidoso Downs police chief.

In conjunction with this, the same classes — running from Feb through early May — will be offered for a Citizens' Police Academy, "to let the public know what we do," John Sims, reserve officer coordinator and code enforcement officer, said. Sims was a homicide investigator in California and moved to the area to retire, then offered to help establish and train reserves, who will report to him.

Officer Robert Denny, with a master's degree in forensic science, will serve as the reserve training coordinator. He said six credit hours of this academy will be offered through Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. He currently teaches at the college.

"New Mexico doesn't have a structured curriculum for reserve officers in the state," Denny said. "We're borrowing



SANDY SUBBITT/STAFF

No, it's not a local version of LAPD, it's the team putting together the Ruidoso Downs Police Reserve Academy and the Citizen's Police Academy. From left are Officer Robert Denny, training coordinator, John Sims, reserve coordinator, and Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Robert Logan. Applications are due by Jan. 20 and an orientation meeting for prospective students will be announced after that.

from the 800-hour curriculum for regular police officers and putting in the very basics."

Both Sims and Denny ran reserve programs in California. Although many may sign up for the classes, not all will make it through the tests, but a waiting list will be created of potential reserve officers.

For those who have always wanted to be police officers and couldn't afford to because of the pay, being a reserve officer might offer an opportunity for the experience, the academy organizers said.

"Many police departments have reserve programs, but not the training,"

Logan said. "We're going to put the horse before the cart. They'll get training before they get out on the street."

Those interested in the Reserve Police Academy or the Citizens' Police Academy are welcome to stop by the Ruidoso Downs Police Department, 122 Downs Drive, and pick up an application, or leave a message for Sims at 378-4001 and he will call back.

"As our department grows and we add more officers, we're hoping to have a pool of people with dedicated hours in service to the community as reserve officers," Logan said.

Applications must be submitted by Jan. 20.



PHOTO BY CONRAD KEYES/COURTESY DICK WISNER

Mrs. George Quillin, standing, and a friend walked the dry bottom of the Ruidoso River in 1928, one mile south of the Mesalero Apache Reservation in Upper Canyon, and behind a cabin owned by the Conrad Keyes family. Ruidoso River watchers fear a repeat of the phenomenon with no snowpack in the Sacramento Mountains. The river is the only source of water for Ruidoso's Grindstone Lake Reservoir.

WATER: Snow lack a threat to the river

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water in it for two or three months, because the river is barely trickling at 1 cubic foot per second."

Under an agreement with the Ruidoso River Association, the village does not divert to the reservoir if the river's flow falls under 6 cfs, although some exceptions have occurred

through mutual agreement. "Tell everyone to pray for rain or snow," Grasmick said.

They may receive an answer to that prayer before the end of the week as a subtropical system bringing more moisture than the last few storms is projected to arrive in Lincoln County late Wednesday and some forecasters are predicting snow on Friday.

Court grounds attempt to halt low-flying training

A judge cited research finding a lack of impact on area land.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

They've been fighting against German jet training flights over their homes and livestock since 1998.

Tuesday, members of the Paragon Foundation and other groups in Lincoln and Otero County lost their appeal in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals based in Denver, Colo., to stop German Air Force training flights.

"We lost it. We lost it on all counts," said Bob Jones, a rancher and Paragon president. "I just found out at noon. The judge ruled that whatever the military wanted, it got and the court would not put up any obstacles."

In March 1998, opponents from the two counties gathered to discuss strategy to block a proposal to use West Otero West on the McGregor Bombing Range, east and south of Alamogordo, as a new target complex. The issue drew together an unusual partnership of ranchers, rural residents, sportsmen and environ-

mentalists.

Complaints from low-flying jets included spooked livestock, often injured from running into barbed wire fences, damaged windmills and stampeded horses. But the U.S. Air Force supported the proposal and an Environmental Assessment concluded there was no significant impact.

"They went ahead and built the target area on the Otero Mesa," Jones said. "It's been a source of contention, although the flights have been minor since shortly before we filed suit. But now they will have carte blanche and we expect to have a lot of company."

Major John Bryan, chief of public affairs at Holloman Air Force Base, said the court decision "really doesn't change anything. It's business as usual for us. They've been training the last couple of years."

The court's ruling confirms the Air Force used the correct procedures and complied with all applicable federal laws before the German presence was increased, he said.

The current count is about 40 Tornado jets and about 800 German military personnel stationed there.

He couldn't comment specifically on whether the number

of flights per day will increase, Bryan said.

One of the arguments that still has Jones perplexed is the court's reasoning that no matter how many decibels of sound are generated at 100 feet above the ground by the Tornado jets, over the course of 24 hours, the impact averages out to very minor.

"We argued that reasoning was like having one hand in a bucket of hot water and the other in cold water," Jones said. "The shocking effect for seconds is what's so bad, but it averages to nothing and the judge said that was fair."

As to economic liability, the judge ruled that couldn't be determined because Paragon didn't have experts classified to testify, he said.

"The only way we could have gotten the experts recognized by the court was to have them at the first hearings before the suit to have standing," Jones said. "At that point, we didn't know what we were fighting. It was a stacked deck from the start."

One of the major worries is that one of the jets may crash and not only result in a pilot's death, but also spark a major forest fire in the dry Lincoln National Forest and surround-

ing land, Jones said.

"After they drop munitions on the target, the jets have to pull out over the mountains," he said. "If it happens, we'll be able to say we told you so, but it won't do us any good."

The federal judge would not allow into testimony some of the information Paragon's attorney thought was vital, Jones said. "We've about decided we can't take any issue to federal court; we have to keep it in a county or state court."

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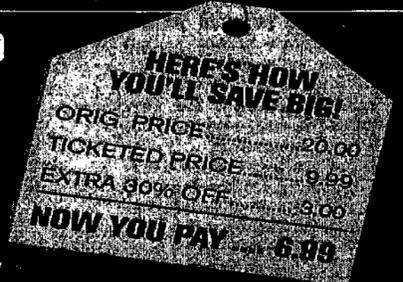
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OUR OPINION

Hey coach, we want to keep you

The RHS football boss is invited to look at Roswell

Consider it a pat on the back, or maybe a serious invitation — nevertheless, Ruidoso High's ace football coach, with a 3A state championship in his first year and a strong run this year, has applied for the top football job at Roswell High School.

He said his application was requested by the Roswell folks, that he hadn't really thought about it: "I figured they'd be looking for someone with a bit more experience as a head coach," RHS Coach Ridge Bowden said last week.

We hope so. Coach Bowden's run with the 2002

"Road Warriors" — who made their playoff run at opposing schools every step of the way, then won the championship in Portales — gave Ruidoso's sports fans a lift that will last as long as people talk high school football.

Sure, credit that team, but credit the coach, too. Bowden's experience since 1988, twice in Ruidoso and a long stretch in Artesia with Bulldogs coach Cooper Anderson, who himself had led the Ruidoso Warriors, makes him another Warrior we admire.

Please stay put, coach — at least until another championship comes along.

In the thick of the Demo battle — sort of

The presidential primary season consists of a series of political contests only a little less organized than the election to decide who will be junior class historian at Ruidoso High School.



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And New Mexico is right in the thick of it. Well, at least not at the rear of it, thanks to Gov. Bill Richardson, who pushed through the program to establish a February Democratic caucus to take the place of the June primary.

On Feb. 3, some 481,000 registered Democrats are eligible to let the world know which one of the eight candidates seeking favor in the Land of Enchantment should contest President George Bush in the November general election.

Seven of the eight Democratic candidates, just about all of whom have shown their great concern for our state by personally visiting our rich people in order to get more campaign funds, trumpet a strong, persuasive message.

The message is this: "Howard Dean is way out of step with America and he can't beat Bush, so you had better vote for me."

That message does not, as pedantic political pundits like to say, "resonate" with the unsophisticated voters of our state. We are so unsophisticated that we think these candidates ought to have more positive ideas of their own.

Howard Dean was a virtual political unknown as governor of the tiny state of Vermont and his stunning rise to political prominence has many in the nation considering their own political horizons, not the least of which is Governor Richardson of the tiny state of New Mexico, who does not start out as an unknown.

Mr. Dean's calling card is a certain brashness. He is the Howard Cosell of modern politics. Rather refreshing is his refusal to haul Mrs. Dean around the country as a political prop which, he infers, the others do.

The Vermont doctor's penchant for shooting from the hip more often than not provides ample fod-

der for his critics. A chorus of denunciations erupted when Dean proclaimed, following the capture of Saddam Hussein, that America was no safer from terrorists.

Those critics had plenty of time to respond to the Dean charge, grounded, as they were, at various airports after their flights had been cancelled because of suspected terrorist activity.

Richardson pushed the February caucus by arguing, with some logic, it makes little sense to have an election in June after other states had already voted and the national nominee was a foregone conclusion. It's kind of like deciding where to eat after all the restaurants are shut down for the night.

Not everyone believes this will give New Mexico a larger voice. Patricia Madrid, New Mexico attorney general, says the voice will be but a whisper. She calls the Richardson idea ill-conceived and predicts only 10 percent of Democrats, or about 48,000, will show up to vote. In the 2002 primary, she remembers, 30 percent of Demos took part.

This turns out to be a contest between Madrid, who, incidentally, may have her eye on the governor's job, and Richardson, who is not used to people challenging him. And that clash may be a lot more interesting than the caucus itself.

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YOUR OPINION

An instant cash cow right here at home

To the editor:

When I read the Jan. 9 news item, "Man sues for Cree Fire losses," I thought, "Oh, no — another frivolous lawsuit."

But, upon reflection, I came to the conclusion that Mr. Joe Williams must be a genius. He buys forested land adjacent to the National Forest in times of severe drought, there is a fire and, wahoo, instant cash cow. Just think of the possibilities. Taxpayer-funded natural disaster lawsuits.

Then I thought about the Albuquerque family who lost their expensive home in the recent bosque fire. They rebuilt with their own money and now they are raising money to restore the bosque.

What chumps. Just imagine, we could buy some land in Tornado Alley, pray for a storm, and then sue the BLM in Texas and Oklahoma for not doing something about all their flat land that encourages tornadoes.

Or, if that sounds like small potatoes, try for a big score. Build a house in the flood plain of a major river, say the Missouri, and when the spring thaw floods the place, sue all the upstream states for allowing too much snow accumulation in their mountains.

The possibilities are endless. Think drought, think the U.S. Weather Service, pick up that phone and call Mr. Williams's attorney.

There has to be a weatherman somewhere that is at fault.

Gary Harmon
Nogal

Appalling idea

To the editor:

The village of Ruidoso currently owns an undeveloped 26-acre tract of land southwest of Sudderth Drive in the Grindstone area. As noted in your Jan. 7 issue, this week the Village sought re-zoning of this tract from R-1 (single family residential) to R-PUD (multi-family, planned unit development). The reason for the rezoning request is that they plan to sell this land to an out-of-town developer planning to build a 220-unit multi-level,

multi-family "affordable housing" apartment-type project on the site.

The following are questions and concerns:

1) Why is the Village attempting to obtain the zoning change so quickly, lacking the normally required information?

2) Do we even know if this type of stacked housing is feasible on this land due to the terrain and infrastructure?

3) Has there been a comprehensive study to determine the immediate need for such a project?

4) Shouldn't a proposed development project be deemed necessary and feasible prior to requesting a zoning change? (Let's put the cart behind the horse!)

5) Is it correct to assume that Village-owned assets can be bought and sold without procedures in place to protect our interest?

6) Why would the Village itself promote on land it currently owns, a year-round, full-occupancy, multi-family 220-unit project, when in fact, projects by other businesses and developers have recently been deterred on privately owned land, citing the area water shortage issues and existing infrastructure stresses?

Appalling.
John Spradling
Ruidoso

Thank you, NASA

To the editor:

We in New Mexico, and especially in Lincoln County, should thank our God for helping NASA land the Mars exploration rover Spirit on Mars.

With the help of Gov. Bill Richardson and the office of the State Engineer, they will file on water rights for all of the planet Mars. Only 105 million miles of space between Earth and Mars, they will in 10 years have enough water to fill Elephant Butte in order to fulfill their obligation to the State of Texas, (under what is) known as the Rio Grande Water Compact.

Hopefully, NASA's Spirit rover will locate enough extra water to replenish the Sacramento mountain range, with

water to fill our obligation to Texas, on the Pecos River Compact, below Red Bluff Dam.

Our trust being in God, our faith in Him is well founded. This being an \$800 million project, it has got to work.
Conrad G. Keyes
Roswell and Ruidoso

The great Medicaid debate

To the editor:

Bring on the great Medicaid debate, and everybody put on their best tweekin' shoes.

I wonder how Mr. (Tom) Stewart would feel about getting a 3.5 percent cut in his take-home pay. It may not sound like much, but if Medicaid payments to healthcare providers are cut, that is exactly what will be happening to them.

As Friday's article noted, New Mexico does have a substantial Medicaid burden; therefore, so do the medical practitioners that serve these patients. It may be 3.5 percent this time around, then 4 percent next time, and who can say where it would end?

Finding medical providers who are still willing to accept Medicaid is difficult enough already. How many local businesses do you suppose would be willing to offer services (for) which they could only collect 23 cents on every dollar they bill, then have to watch that amount erode even further?

There is not nearly enough space in (a letter) to outline the rampant abuse and misuse within the Medicaid system. Healthcare providers with any reasonable amount of experience know this, and we have been lamenting that issue for decades.

But one constant that has endured for much longer is the manner in which politicians request an expert opinion, then make up their own policies anyway.

Laura L. Morgan, RN
Captain

LETTERS POLICY

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— A NEW WORLD TO CONQUER —

State Democrats move presidential vote to February

New caucus to take place of primary

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A change in procedure to vote for a Democratic presidential candidate may leave many New Mexicans scratching their heads next June when they discover they can't vote for their choices in the primary.

A spokesman for the state's Election Bureau said Tuesday she wants to emphasize that if Democrats don't show up for party caucus votes Feb. 3, they won't get a second chance. The Democratic presidential candidates will not appear on the regular June primary election ballot, she said. This is the first year for New Mexico Democrats to vote for their choice of president in a party-run caucus election.

Democrats who were registered to vote in Lincoln County by Dec. 30, 2003, are eligible to vote for a Democratic presidential candidate at the official caucus from noon to 7 p.m., Feb. 3, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Voting will be in secret on paper ballots. Voters will sign the official voter list and will receive a paper ballot with the names of individuals who filed for the state caucus. Private booths will be set up for secret voting. Voters will place their paper ballots in a locked ballot box that will be opened after the caucus site closes at 7 p.m. Caucus site workers, all volunteers from the local Democratic Party, will count the ballot votes.

The county tallies will be called into the state party headquarters and then the actual ballots will be transported to the headquarters in Albuquerque for a final canvass.

Candidates who filed to be on the New Mexico caucus ballot

are retired General Wesley Clark of Arkansas, former Vermont governor Howard Dean, U.S. Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, U.S. Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, and business consultant Fern Penna of New York.

The number of votes each candidate receives determines the number of delegates he will win from New Mexico at the Democratic National Convention in August in Boston, Mass.

The Second Congressional District that includes Lincoln and all the southern New Mexico counties, has six delegates who will be elected at regional conventions on April 17.

Democrats also can vote for their choice for the party's presidential nominee by mail or absentee ballots available from the Democratic party of New Mexico by sending a written and signed request by fax to (505) 830-3645 or from the state party Web site at www.nmdemocrats.org.

Application cards for the ballot are available at the office of Robert O. Goddard, CPA, at 1204 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso; at 409 Central Avenue in Carrizozo; and by calling Captain at (505) 354-2673.

Requests for absentee ballots must be received at the state party headquarters by Jan. 20. Completed and signed absentee ballots must be postmarked by Jan. 26 to be included in the caucus counts.

For more information about the caucus, call the Democratic Party state headquarters toll free at 1-800-624-2467, or go to the party Web site.

PARTY OF THREE



A trio of young deer stand at alert while stopping for a drink of water on a recent day.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Unseasonable weather not stopping ski area

Man-made snow will keep Ski Apache open, officials say.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With 13 trails open, Ski Apache officials hope to finish the traditional ski season no matter what the weather delivers.

Marketing director Riker Davis said rumors of an imminent closing are untrue.

"We've been hearing those rumors since before Christmas," he said Monday. "Ski Apache is open daily and

we are continuing to make snow," he said. "We're about ready to open a new trail off Chair Lift 8. We have 13 open now served by six of our eight chair lifts."

"I was skiing Sunday for the first time since the busy holiday season and the trails were great. Everything is open, the ski school, food service, the Kiddy Korral for ages 4 through 6, the snow board shop is renting snow boards and the ski rental shop is renting skis."

Resort officials are optimistic that Ski Apache will stay open through Spring Break, he said.

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EDUCATION

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Winterfest talent Show

Sierra Vista Primary School's Parent Advisory Council will have a fundraiser-talent show at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Ruidoso Middle School gymnasium. Participants will be from grades kindergarten through six.

Admission is \$5 for seventh grade students and up and adults. PAC will sell tickets for \$1 each for a leather chair and ottoman donated by M. Waldrop Furniture and a homemade quilt.

Now: a Virtual College

Eastern New Mexico-Ruidoso has joined 12 other colleges as New Mexico's newest member of the Web-based New Mexico Virtual College. The New Mexico Virtual College is a state-wide collaboration of colleges and universities offering course work and degrees over the World Wide Web. Through this site, students and educators can access a directory of distance education programs and a searchable database of online classes available from a variety of New Mexico institutions.

ENMU-Ruidoso Web courses will be available across New Mexico on the NMVC Web site. The new venture will assist ENMU-Ruidoso in attracting new students/revenue from other areas of the state.

For information, visit the New Mexico Virtual College site at nmvirtualcollege.org or contact the ENMU office at 257-2120, or toll free at (800) 934-3668.

Collegiate honors

Kayci Brunell of Ruidoso was named to the president's honor list for the fall 2003 semester at South Plains College. Students named to the president's honor list must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Elizabeth S. Hedrick and Sara L. Rockey Proctor of Alto, and Adam Henry Romero of San Patricio, were on the dean's list at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell for the 2003 fall semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must earn a 3.25 or higher grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

Bryce Perry of Glencoe was named to the Sul Ross State University dean's list for the 2003 fall semester. To be named to the dean's list, students must maintain an average 3.3 or higher while taking 12 or more semester hours.

Study grant given

Ruidoso Middle School teacher Megan Goza-Rabourn was awarded a PNM Earth Study Grant for use during the spring semester. "Exploring River Ecology," Goza-Rabourn's project, will allow students to build on their existing knowledge of river ecology by exploring the seasonal

changes in plant and animal life of the Rio Ruidoso.

To learn about the 50 PNM Earth Study Grants awarded statewide, visit PNM.com.

Applications for PNM Classroom Innovation Grants to be implemented during the 2004-2005 school year are being accepted. Teachers may apply for grants up to \$3,000. Applications, including a cover letter and grant proposal, must be postmarked no later than March 5. For more information on applying or to read past recipients' proposals, visit www.pnmfoundation.org.

Re-Leaf grant given

The Carrizozo Municipal School District received a \$2,991 Forest Re-Leaf grant to plant 25 trees on the school grounds from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Forestry Division.

The trees will be a new planting of deciduous trees and an extension of an existing windbreak funded by the Forestry Division grant and a 20-percent in-kind contribution from the school district.

Almost \$45,000, all from private and corporate donations, has been disbursed to 17 projects statewide for the 2003-2004 grant cycle. New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf was established in 1990 to provide a tree-planting grant program for public entities, such as public schools, cities, towns, counties, soil and water conservation districts, rural fire districts and others. Forest Re-Leaf fills a budgetary void for these entities that lack tree planting funds.

Donations can be made through a "Forest Re-Leaf" check-off box on the New Mexico Individual Income Tax Form, Schedule D. There is also a donation check-off box on the Forestry Seedling sales order form.

Teacher ranking up

New Mexico's teacher ranking jumped from 30th in the nation to 23rd, according to Quality Counts 2004. The report by Education Week/Pew Charitable Trusts cited New Mexico's incentives for teachers to earn National Board Certification and a new reform law that requires school districts to notify parents of teachers that are not certified in subjects they are teaching.

New Mexico continues to rank as one of the top states when it comes to the equity of its system for financing public education. New Mexico ranked fifth in the nation for equity, following Hawaii, Delaware, Minnesota, Nevada and Arkansas.

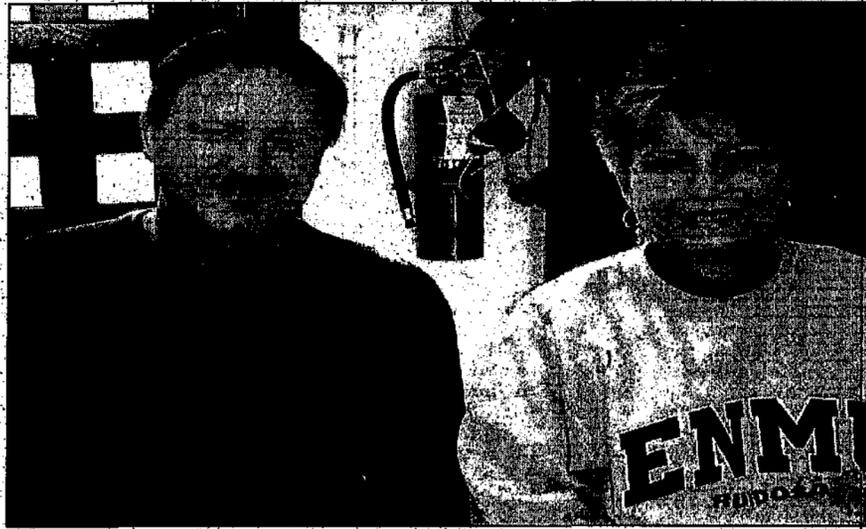
Art funding under gun

The Jan. 7 *Albuquerque Journal* reported that Gov. Bill Richardson is proposing to eliminate state financing for the Fine Arts Education Act passed by the Legislature in 2003. Last year the bill gave New Mexico schools \$4 million to help pay for fine arts education in the elementary schools.

Yorston and Peter Zagone.
9th Grade Honor Roll: Brittanie Ashcraft, Rocio Badaochi, Jara Berg, Bridget Busby, Emily Colvin, Andy Cowan, Brian Crow, Carolina DeLuca, Sarah DiPaolo, Zane Eckardt, Travis Elliott, Thea Evans, Belem Frisby, Jesus Gandarilla, Desire Garcia, Ian Grover, Kelly Hodges, Olivia Lee, Lisa Martinez, Nathaniel Maya, Adrianna Ordorica, Garrett Patton, Kriston Portant, Erica Ramirez, Nadia Ramirez, Stevie Reed, Ashley Rodriguez, Edson Valencia, Denver Weiss, Alisha Westmacott, John Whitehead and Odessa Winter.
10th Grade High Honor Roll, Vanessa Armendariz, David Barnett.

See STUDENT page 7A

John Hemphill, director of Adult Basic Education, and Vikke Johnson, daytime GED instructor, welcome everyone to their programs in Ruidoso at the Lincoln County Works Center.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

GED: It spells success

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The demand for GED classes locally is expanding. Nationwide, one of seven high school diplomas is a GED, according to New Mexico Adult Basic Education.

Last year, 60 area residents passed the GED test and received a high school diploma, and 41 of those prepared through classes in the Adult Basic Education program at Lincoln County Works Center in Ruidoso.

Just since July 2003, 170 people have participated or are currently in one or more of the free programs: GED, English as a Second Language and Life Skills, said John Hemphill, director of ABE in Ruidoso.

One incentive to attend at least 12 hours of classes and then take the tests for the GED comes in the form of the Kashmar Scholarship, which pays tuition, books and fees for two years, said Vikke Johnson, the daytime GED instructor. This scholarship started in 1999, but was named in 2000 after then-ABE director Sandy Kashmar.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship for two years, students must maintain a grade-point average of 2.5, but that hasn't been a problem for grads from the Lincoln County GED program, Hemphill and Johnson said. In fact, eight of those students were on the spring dean's list at

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

"Everyone that's in there is very successful. I don't think we have anyone who's not on the dean's list," Johnson said.

Besides receiving a New Mexico high school diploma and becoming eligible for the Kashmar Scholarship, those who graduate have their own private graduation exercise once a year, with caps, gowns and tassels they can keep — thanks to Zia Natural Gas. Last year's graduation exercise was standing-room only for the 41 graduates, Johnson said.

Most of the barriers to participating in the ABE programs — cost, time off from a job, child care and transportation — are surmountable or eliminated, Hemphill said.

Most employers will work with employees who want to get their high school diploma, improve their skills or learn English, and some even pay for some of the time spent in classes. The Mescalero fire chief pays for two hours a week of classes, and IGA and Wal-Mart work with the schedules of employees who wish to take classes, he said.

Those on public assistance receive help from New Mexico Works (in the State National Bank building in Sierra Mall, with the ABE Program) for child care and transportation. The \$40 fee to take the GED test is often paid by Aitrusa and other donors.

Another barrier for some people is the idea that it takes years to get a GED, but

Johnson said the majority of students take classes for four to six months before taking the test. Some need only a few classes to review or brush up on certain subject areas.

After a reduction of the ABE program when funds were cut a year ago, classes were cut in Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, and Hondo — leaving Ruidoso the only site for GED, ESL and Life Skills classes, Hemphill said.

Six students drive up from Carrizozo currently, as well as a couple from Hondo and Hondo Valley and several from Mescalero. But more students have been coming in — 15 new ones last week — so last year a Thursday evening GED class was added, and the daytime classes expanded from three to five days a week to meet the demand. An ESL class will start in Hondo in February; there are funds for a GED class if an instructor can be found, he said.

Last year, 284 people were in GED and ESL classes in Ruidoso, and Hemphill's goal is to have 350 by next July.

"We're open for everyone," he said.

GED classes are from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Life Skills classes are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. ESL classes are from 9 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, contact John Hemphill at 630-8181.

People's Law School soon to mark 10th year

Classes for the 10th Annual People's Law School at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso begin Jan. 22 and end March 11.

Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Students are encouraged to attend and participate in all sessions. No test will be required. The fee is \$20 for all sessions. The class may be taken for college credit, earning one credit hour, under the course CJ 268. Students must attend all sessions to earn college credit.

- Jan. 22: Your Court System, Jury Service and How It Works, The Honorable Karen L. Parsons and Jolene Biggs, district court clerk.
- Jan. 29: Municipal Regulations/Ordinances, J. Robert Beauvais.
- Feb. 5: Mediation/Alternate Dispute Resolution, Jerry Severson.
- Feb. 12: Real Estate Contracts and Landlord/Tenant Relations, Alan P. Morel.
- Feb. 19: Family and Domestic

- Relations, Richard Hawthorne.
 - Feb. 26: The Mescalero Judicial System, The Honorable Sharon Begay, chief justice, the Mescalero Tribe.
 - March 4: Living Wills and Estate Planning, Michael S. Line, municipal judge
 - March 11: Criminal Law and DWI Law, Pamela B. Dobbs, assistant district attorney, Michael Kwasniewski, assistant district attorney, and Adam Raffkin.
- For information on registering, contact ENMU-Ruidoso at 257-2120.

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. 14 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffins, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Frito chili pie, baked potato with chili and cheese, Spanish rice, salad with dressing, fruit

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Breakfast: Cheese quesadillas, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Green Chili Chex Chix enchiladas, crispy chicken tacos, corn, fruit with Jell-O

Friday, Jan. 16 — Breakfast: Coffeecake, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Pizza, corn dog, potato salad, fruit

Monday, Jan. 19 — Breakfast: Waffle with peanut butter and syrup, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Oven Baked Breaded Chix, beef patty, pasta salad, corn, fruit, no-bake cookies

Tuesday, Jan. 20 — Breakfast: Boiled egg with toast, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Pigs in the blanket, pork tamale, beans, celery sticks with peanut butter, fruit

Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Wheat toast with jelly, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Lasagna, rolls, green beans, pears

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Combination burritos, Spanish rice, corn, mixed fruit

Friday, Jan. 16 — Breakfast: Bagels with jelly, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Nachos, pinto beans, salad, chilled fruit

Monday, Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King Day - no school

Tuesday, Jan. 20 — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Hamburger, Tater Tots, salad, pipeapple

Ruidoso Elementary schools (Spikes' Lunchables only at White Mountain Intermediate and White Mountain Elementary)
Wednesday, Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit, apple half

Lunch: Pizza, corn, tossed salad, Orange Smiles

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Breakfast: Biscuit and peanut butter, diced fruit

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, Tater Tots, fruit, salad or Spike's Lunchables chef salad

Friday, Jan. 16 — Breakfast: Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge

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

Monday, Jan. 19 — Martin Luther King Day - no school

Tuesday, Jan. 20 — Breakfast: Biscuit and peanut butter, diced fruit

Lunch: Chicken tender strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, fruit cup

Ruidoso Middle School
Wednesday, Jan. 14 — Breakfast: Tots and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuit and gravy

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, tossed salad, fruit

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks

Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, tossed salad, fruit

Friday, Jan. 16 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, cheese quesadillas, scrambled eggs with toast

Lunch: Bean burrito, spicy fries, salad, fruit

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STUDENT HONORS

Fall RHS honor roll: High Honor Roll, 3.71-up GPA; Honor Roll, 3.3-3.7 GPA

9th Grade High Honor Roll: Joseph Baldonado, Samantha Bates, Wendy De la Torre, Michaela Francis, Amanda Gardner, Danielle Greer, Garrett Griffin, Morgan Ingram, Timothy Jones, Melody LaBrecque, Sean Lahey, Alayne Lee, Danielle Lichtenwalter, Danielle Lago, Joseph Lynch, Micaiah Marshall, Kendra Martin, Sierra Nelson, Chrissi Newsom, Monica Nunez, Marisa Olvera, Ceranne Osborne, Allison Rigby, Rosie Romero, Manuel Sanchez, Brianna Sherrill, Daniel Skaggs Ryan, Lauren Sportman, Chase Stroud, Josh Valacorel, Elle Vargas, Rachel Watts, Jennifer

DETECTIVE DOG



El Paso Fire Department arson dog Spider is shown above at the site of a Jan. 3 Ruidoso Downs house fire, which is still under investigation. With Spider are New Mexico State Fire Marshal James Maxon, left, and dog handler Lt. Larry Marquez, right. Ruidoso Downs Assistant Fire Chief Jim Badjar said the El Paso dog was used to sniff for accelerants because the Roswell fire officers would not give permission for their dog to investigate.

COURTESY RFDFO

Ex-village manager Briley heading highway project

Blasting planned State Road 48 widening, he says

BY DIANNE STALLINGS RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

If the name attached to information about the construction on State Highway 48 sounds familiar, check the news coming out of the village of Ruidoso from 1998 to 2002.

Alan Briley, who first joined the village as deputy manager in 1992 and later took over as manager for four years before resigning to move to Frisco, Colo., is back in Lincoln County.

He is senior engineer and the contact person for all project information from W.W. Construction, which is handling the 4.1 mile widening and realignment of the highway in the new phase from Ski Run Road to the Bonito Lake turnoff.

The New Mexico construction company is based in Albuquerque, with Ruidoso Paving as one of its divisions. The \$8.92 million New Mexico Transportation Department-funded project, which will expand the highway from two lanes by adding climbing/turning lanes, is being coordinated out of the Ruidoso office.

Work started in November and is scheduled to be completed by May 6, 2005.

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Briley said the project is broken down into seven phases and is under way on the first two phases, which cover clearing of brush and trees within the right of way slated for construction, and construction of a bridge over the Rio Bonito.

Phase Two consists of widening the road on Angus Hill. The current work on the east side of the road involves removal of the side hill and rocks to construct wider lanes. The contract allows for blasting of the rock, but WWC officials are confident only minimum blasting will be required, he said.

Highway lanes will be kept open as much as possible,

Briley said. However, from time to time, lanes will be closed. Pilot cars and flagmen will direct traffic around those closures and company officials will try to minimize any delays.

In areas where blasting is required on Angus Hill, longer road closures will be necessary. The contract allowed for blasting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., only on Monday through Thursday. Briley said a 48-hour notice of the times and dates will be issued. Closures will last two hours for safety reasons and to allow time for cleanup, he said.

Portable message boards located on the approaches to the project also will notify the traveling public of blast times and any potential delays.

WWC offices are located at 106 Close Road in Ruidoso. For more information, call (505) 257-2300. The office is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Briley

New Christian school site determined

BY SANDY SUGGITT RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The group forming a new Christian school and hoping to open next fall has found a building and will announce it at a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Calvary Chapel, 127 Vision Drive.

Devon Marshall, one of the

organizers of Sierra Blanca Christian Academy, a non-profit organization, said the location will house about 40 to 60 students between kindergarten and eighth grade, depending on registration.

Eight or nine certified teachers have sent resumes and organizers are actively working with those individuals,

Marshall said. About 30 people are working on the project.

The public is invited to the meeting Jan. 19.

For information on registering, volunteering to help with the school, or teaching, contact Marshall at dmarshall@valornet.com or call 257-2328.

STUDENT HONORS

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LINCOLN COUNTY

Fuchs promoted to NRCS area head

County office now main area location

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

In a statewide restructuring of the Natural Resources Conservation Service offices, Hollis Fuchs received a promotion and the Carrizozo offices became a main area location.

In a move aimed at improved efficiency, the six NRCS field offices housing "teams" across the state have been downsized to four area offices. Carrizozo will be one of those four, with Hollis Fuchs moving into the position of area conservationist for the southeast area.

It's a good thing for both Fuchs and the county. Because of a need for increased staffing, Fuchs is seeking larger office space in Carrizozo and will ultimately be employing more staff. His new position requires him to oversee and supervise nine offices in southeast New Mexico and 30 people, of which 12 individuals report directly to Fuchs.

Fuchs has 27 years' employment with government agencies, most of which have been with the NRCS, formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service. A lifetime resident of Lincoln County and a 1966 graduate of Ruidoso High School, Fuchs feels very blessed to still be located in the area in which he grew up. He received a dual bachelor of science degree in biology and agriculture from New Mexico State University.

After a five-year stint with Bureau of Land Management and eight years in business for himself as a finish carpenter and cabinet maker, Fuchs returned to the NRCS where he began while in college. He became a

rangeland management specialist out of the Carrizozo office about 15 years ago. From there he was promoted to team leader out of the Carrizozo office.

His job as team leader and now as area conservationist requires Fuchs to be traveling a great amount of the time.

"It's not a job I could have taken at any other time in my life," he said. "Men with families and home obligations couldn't afford to be gone as much as this position requires."

Fuchs's wife of 34 years, Linda, is one of the two English instructors at Capitan High School. They have two sons, Erik, 32, and Nathan, 31, both of whom have degrees in agriculture, and five grandchildren.

Eligible for retirement in three years, Fuchs says he doesn't think much about retirement at all. "I think the key to having any happiness in life is living each day the best you can and make the most of that day while you have it," Fuchs said. "I tell people who ask me about retirement that I might not, or I might the day I become eligible."

"You have to keep things in front of you at all times. There is so much to do yet and I think when the time comes, I'll know when it's time to step aside."

Until then, one of Fuchs's main responsibilities in his new position is to seek employees for the many positions in his area that will be coming available through personnel retirements. It's a job he takes to heart in his belief of the importance of not just knowledge, but an ability to maintain the spirit of service to the landowner the organization was originally founded on.

"I love the work I do," Fuchs said. "But what I love most is the people we work with out on the land; The ranchers and farmers who need our help and who I more often than not learn more from them than they do from me."



Fuchs

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Signs went up at the intersection of U.S. Highways 54 and 380 in Carrizozo just after 10 on Tuesday morning, making it a four-way stop. The light is now flashing red in all four directions and lighted warning signs on signal boards have been placed on the highways warning of the upcoming four-way stop.

Assisted living facility celebrates 25 years in 'Zozo

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

New Horizons Developmental Center is holding a celebration of its 25th anniversary on Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to commemorate the longevity and success of the business.

The public is invited to join New Horizons in sharing in the memories, special recognition awards and renewal of friendships among the long-term clients and caretakers.

New Horizons, a care center for adults who are developmentally disabled, provides 24-hour residential services in two group homes: Casa Linda and Casa del Sol. Training focuses on acquiring and maintaining self-help, independent and community living skills for residents. Residents range in age from 20 to 85. New Horizons has a capacity for 19 residents and currently has three openings available.

A well-kept employment secret in Carrizozo, New Horizons is one, if not the largest, of private employers in Carrizozo. The staff numbers 25 employees, two-thirds of which are direct caregivers, and are all Lincoln County residents. The anticipated budget for the upcoming year is \$768,000 with an

annual payroll of \$420,500.

Employee benefits are top-notch, with both health insurance and retirement plans. It is likely one of the reasons many of the staff members have logged 10, 15 or more years at New Horizons. New Horizons director Jenny Kelly has been on staff for 24 years, as has Mary Pieters. Angie Vega has 23 years with the facility.

Current members of the board of directors for the facility are president Rene Burton, vice president Sarah Gnatkowski, secretary Hayden Smith, treasurer Beth Hightower, and members Martha Guevara, Archie Witham and Dean Lollar.

Burton has been affiliated with New Horizons since its start in September 1979. She is the only member who was on the original board. All board members are volunteers. Sarah Gnatkowski has served for 20 years and Archie Witham has been on the board for 15 years.

New Horizons was first established in 1978 as a satellite of Zia Therapy Center of Alamogordo. The purpose was to provide work opportunities for residents living at Fort Stanton. The residents were bused over from the fort five days a week. New Horizons opened with five employees in a building that was originally the Carrizozo hospital.

The buildings that had been empty for many years were leased from Lincoln County. That agreement allows the New Horizons cost of operating to be significantly lower than programs that have to pay for housing.

In 1979 New Horizons was incorporated and no longer affiliated with the Zia Therapy Center. Bill Payne filed the original incorporation papers, as he served on the first board of directors. Other original board members were Mary Rich Adams, Rene Burton, Bettye Dean, Rev. David Lynch, The Rev. David Bergs, Robert Stearns, Delfina Vega, Howard Shanks, John A. Hightower, Lucy Wilson and Dr. Craig Nelson.

New Horizons is thankful to those businesses that provide employment opportunities for younger residents. Those local merchants are Roy's Gift Gallery, Carrizozo Joe's, Theresa's Beauty Salon, Sierra Blanca Brewery, Lincoln County News, and the Carrizozo Recreation Center. Residents earn minimum wage and then are trained and schooled at the center on how to manage and save their money.

Residents of Carrizozo have long supported New Horizons and have welcomed the residents into the community. It is a true picture of a community making itself a better place to live for everyone.

BEST OF THE BEE



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Jennifer Shafer, left, and Erin Hightower were the first- and second-place winners of the spelling bee held for grades 3-8 at Carrizozo Schools on Monday. This is Jennifer's second consecutive year to win the event, which she did by spelling "spectacles" correctly. Erin fell out of the running on the word "vindicate." Jennifer, seventh grade, is the daughter of Scott and Rosemary Shafer of Carrizozo. Erin, eighth grade, is the daughter of Bill and Susan Hightower of Ancho. These winners and several others who scored high in the event will compete in Ruidoso at the end of the month.

BRAVO, CARRIZOZO



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Carrizozo Schools Bravo award winners in grades 3-5 for December were, front row, left to right: Andrea Vigil, Brittany Simmons, Nikko Ryan, Timara Burd, Jenna Schartz, Katina Daughtery; second row: Shayna Zamora, Jade Roper, Arturo Najera, Joshua Vallejos, Tavi Nash, Patrick Ryan, Sergio Ramirez; third row: Joel Ferguson, Anallcia Beltran, Andrea Beltran, Catalena Vega, Brea Baca, Marriah Ventura, Victoria Ventura, Sara McNatt; back row: Troy Neiderstadt, Briana Ochoa, Fernando Najera, Stephanie Zamora, Lauren Smith, Kylie Gaines, Destiny Dutchover, Cori Gore, Josh Burd, Marshal Willson.



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Carrizozo Schools Bravo award winners in grades K-2 for December were, front row, left to right: Samantha Vermilion, Kadee Sedillo, Desirae Zamora, Veronica Ochoa, Miccah Hamilton, Jose Romero, Caleb Ventura; second row: Alexis Zamora, Cirsten Barela, Patience Anaya, Lindsay Chavez, Emily Cornstock; Leslie Ryan, Alex Randolph, Christian Najer, Dillion Walema; third row: Lisa Ventura, Isaac Vega, Clay Hogwood, Gene Gore, Jace Hill, Shaye Ventura, Zhane Vega, Branson Vega, Erick Culley, Shayna Gallacher; back row: Johnathan Smith, Zachary Zamora, Jeremiah Sedillo, Nicholas Chavez, Joshua Ventura, Devon Artoche, Tiffany Vega, Erica Vega, Mason Huston, Sarah Ferguson, Rylah Zamora.

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RUIDOSO POLICE

Aggravated battery

Ruidoso police arrested Ruben Miguel Romero, 35, of Ruidoso, Jan. 9, charging him with aggravated battery against a household member. One of the arresting officers used the Tazer because Romero was intoxicated, angry and refused to comply with orders, the report states.

Swerving car stopped

Police arrested Cindy Kaye Lynch, 22, of Ruidoso, Jan. 10, charging her with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, first offense, aggravated refusal, and one count of driving in the wrong lane on Mechem Drive. The officer had observed her vehicle swerving over the center line several times and into the center turn lane.

Stop sign run, DWI

Antonio Chavez, 35, of Dallas, Texas, was arrested Jan. 11 after he failed to stop at a stop sign and turned without a proper signal. Police charged him with first-offense driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, turning without giving an appropriate signal and stop sign violation.

DWI arrest

Police arrested Freddie Charlie Apache Sr., 40, of Mescalero, charging him with second-offense DWI, aggravated for registering .16 on the blood-alcohol test, driving with a suspended or revoked license and not using headlights at 11:45 p.m. Jan. 8.

Disorderly conduct

Johnny F. Mendez, 42, of Mescalero, was arrested Jan. 12 at Walgreen's, 138 Sudderth Drive, charged with disorderly conduct and refusing to obey a police officer. An employee had called reporting that an intoxicated man was passed out on the sidewalk. Officers tried to find him a ride home with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but no officer was available at the time, the report states. A struggle ensued when the officer tried to arrest Mendez, and while taking him to the ground, Mendez hit his head on the pavement. He was treated and released at Lincoln County Medical Center before being transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

Unwanted visitor

Police on Jan. 12 arrested Thomas Garcia, 47, of Mescalero, charging him

with disorderly conduct after employees of McDonald's, 144 Sudderth Drive, reported a man banging on the door outside the restaurant.

No free whiskey

Arnold Escalanti, 57, of Ruidoso, was charged on Jan. 9 with shoplifting a half-pint of whiskey off the shelf of Walgreen's, 138 Sudderth Drive, and putting it in his pocket.

Marijuana found

Police arrested Terry D. Martin, 39, of Ruidoso, Jan. 11, in the parking lot of Quarters Bar, 2535 Sudderth Drive. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. An officer had been dispatched to Quarters Bar about a man passed out in a running vehicle. The officer found a marijuana pipe on the driver's seat next to the sleeping suspect, who awoke after the officer made several attempts to wake him.

Don't fence me out

A resident in the 100 block of University Drive reported damage to the yard fence between 5 p.m. Jan. 9 and 7 p.m. Jan. 10. The incident report states that it appeared as if someone tried to pry off boards in the fence in an attempt to enter the back yard. Damage to the fence was estimated at \$100.

Power tools stolen

An estimated \$600 of tools were taken from a residence in the 100 block of Coconino Drive between 2:30 and 4 p.m. Jan. 8, according to police report. Included in the missing tools were a Makita cordless circular saw with case and a Makita cordless drill with case.

Window shot

Someone shot out the rear window of a truck, apparently with a BB gun, in the 1800 block of Sudderth Drive between 4 p.m. Jan. 9 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 11. Replacement of the window was estimated at \$200.

Old reports recently found:

Homemade stun gun at school

On Nov. 4, 2002, police were called to Ruidoso High School, 125 Warrior Drive,

about a homemade stun gun, or Tazer, that a student brought to school and used against several other students, according to the report. The student had recently transferred from California and "dis-enrolled" from Ruidoso High School two days later, the report states. The victims, who received abrasions from the weapon's exposed prong wires, did not wish to file criminal charges and Principal Paul Wirth, who reported the incident, told police he "wanted to handle it internally," the report states.

Robbery foiled

A report on an attempted robbery June 25, 2003, at Executive Inn, 307 Highway 70, appeared Tuesday. The suspect, described as 5 feet 10 inches, weighing about 165 pounds and wearing a long black coat and a black hat, walked in and handed the manager a note reading "Give me your money." The manager told the suspect he didn't have money. The suspect replied, "I have a gun." The manager said, "I have cameras," and walked to a rear room, locked the door and called 911. The suspect left with the note and without any money.

Jewelry taken

Between July 7 and 8, 2003, a gold and diamond tennis bracelet valued at \$7,000 and a gold and diamond necklace of the same value were reported stolen from a residence in the 300 block of Barcus Road.

Chain saws missing

A resident of the 500 block of Second Street reported two Homelite chain saws, valued at \$150 each, were stolen from the residence between Aug. 2 and 6, 2003. Police had attempted unsuccessfully to contact a handyman from Albuquerque who worked for the resident and disappeared after she loaned him \$1,000. The suspect had also been working for White Mountain Masonry and hadn't been seen there since he had "taken off with some of their property," the report states.

Garage broken into

Between Sept. 17 and 22, 2003, mechanical tools and carpentry tools valued at \$2,500 were taken from the garage and the toolbox of a truck in White Mountain Meadows. The garage door was pried open, damaging the door.

Restaurant burgled

A break-in at Arby's, 633 Sudderth Drive, between Dec. 8 and 9, 2003, resulted in the theft of \$450 in small bills and change and a fireproof safe valued at \$200. The safe was later recovered, accorded to Det. Jim Biggs.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Lattie A. Ingram Kilpatrick

Funeral services for Lattie A. Ingram Kilpatrick, 81, of Nogal were Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Corona, with burial following at the Corona Cemetery and with the Rev. Cal West officiating.

Mrs. Kilpatrick died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, in Ruidoso.

She was a member of Rebekah's Lodge and the Baptist Church. She lived most of her life in and around Lincoln County, except when she lived California from 1961 until 1978. She was a homemaker.

She married Henry Franklin Kilpatrick on May 13, 1939, in Carrizozo.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Franklin Kilpatrick, of Nogal; children

Willis F. Kilpatrick and his wife, Carol, of Overland, Kan.; Brenda L. Kilpatrick Zumwalt and her husband, Lloyd, of Nogal, and Neva Jacquelin Kilpatrick of Oxnard, Calif.; foster children Frank A. Hughes and his wife, Sheila, of Arkansas City, Kan., and Nancy L. Hughes Buller and her husband, Lonnie, of Mississippi; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a sister, Joveta Hamilton, and her husband, Paul, of Bosque Farms; a brother, Mike Ingram, and his wife, Genevieve Ingram, of California; and a sister-in-law, Elaine Ingram, of Boise, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by a son at birth, Ronald Wayne Kilpatrick.

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

DOWN POLICE

Wal-Mart arrests

On Jan. 7, Ruidoso Downs police arrested three employees of Wal-Mart, charging them with embezzlement.

According to police reports, Tashina Herrera, 21, of Ruidoso Downs, admitted to taking \$700 worth of merchandise. Magistrate Court Judge William Butts released her to her mother for the night and brought her back to court the following morning at 10 a.m.

Jacob Samaniego, 20, of Ruidoso Downs, admitted to taking approximately \$385 of

merchandise, and was held overnight for court the next morning.

A 17-year-old female admitted to taking \$387 worth of merchandise. She was turned over to her parents and a referral was made to the Juvenile Probation Office.

Cell phone missing

A shopper reported to Ruidoso Downs police that someone stole her cell phone from her vehicle in the Wal-Mart parking lot about 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 7.

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Nature calls: State park permits on sale for 2004

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Annual day-use and camping permits for all 81 New Mexico state parks are available at parks statewide. They give frequent visitors a chance to save money while enjoying the state's natural treasures, say officials with the

state park system. The permits are good through Dec. 31, 2004. They may be purchased at any park visitor center or at the New Mexico State Parks Division office at 1220 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe. The prices, unchanged from last year, are \$20 for one vehicle and \$10 for an additional vehi-

cle, available to state residents and nonresidents. Without a permit, the day-use fee is \$4 per vehicle. Camping permits are \$90 for New Mexico residents age 62 or older and to disabled residents. Without a permit, basic camping fees are \$10 a day in a developed site. Some of the state parks near-

er to Lincoln County are Bottomless Lakes, Brantley Lake and the Living Desert, east in the Roswell area; Oliver Lee, south of Alamogordo; Percha Dam and Leasburg Dam north of Las Cruces; Elephant Butte, southwest of Carrizozo; and for rock hunters, City of Rocks near Silver City and Rock Hound west of Las Cruces.

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RELIGION CORNER

Keeping privacy in the digital age

Well, 1984 has come and gone and the specter of "Big Brother" still exists. But, for most of us, the reality of "Little Brother" or "Little Sister" armed with one of the new camera phones is really scary. Almost every newspaper and magazine has ads touting the usability of those tiny digital camera phones.

There are good uses for those high tech gadgets. One of our granddaughters was selected to be one of the four children on the touring "Barney Show." We enjoy getting the pictures of where they have been and of the show, too. Families separated by war, illness, or business can receive pictures of the families and friends in seconds.

But, there are certainly wrong uses for those little digital marvels. It is against the

law to record phone conversations without the "recordee's" knowledge and permission. It follows that it should be against the law to record pictures "without the picturee's" knowledge and permission. Now I am no expert on communication law, but this is different from a camera with film or even a digital camera. This is instant transmission of images without knowledge or permission. And, while I am not a fan of big, controlling government, something must be done to protect the innocent and unknowing from the invasion of their privacy. Some health and exercise clubs have already banned the use of cell phones on the premises and most schools have done the same. While the camera/cell phone is a legitimate boon to some, they are a bane to others.



Charles Clary
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Can you imagine "little brother" snapping and sending out pictures of scantily clad "big sister" for all his buds to see? Can you imagine dressing room pictures from gyms, restroom pictures from anywhere, and — I think you get the idea — being sent to everyone on someone's phone and e-mail address book? Such is the cost of advancing technology.

And, while there are good uses, there are also bad uses for that technology. And, when we won't police ourselves, it remains the responsibility of government to do so. I don't like it, but that is the way it is.

If everyone operated on the principles of Jesus Christ, we wouldn't need to worry. We would do what is right in God's sight. Even in this high tech day, Jesus gives help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Charles Clary can be reached at helpandhope@zianet.com.

Foresters to study butterfly habitat

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

To determine how different handling of the habitat of the Sacramento Mountains Checkerspot Butterfly might impact the survival of the species, federal forestry officials are considering setting up four monitoring areas.

The public may send comments, ideas and concerns about the proposal by Jan. 15.

Frank Martinez, Sacramento District ranger in the Lincoln National Forest around Cloudcroft and south of Ruidoso, said the Checkerspot is proposed for protection as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act.

"It is known what plants the butterfly uses to perform life functions," he said. "It is unknown how different activities within their habitat will affect the butterfly. By establishing (four different treatment activity plots), we can monitor how different activities, both naturally occurring and human-caused, affect the butterfly and its habitat."

"The goal of these treatments is to monitor not only butterfly use of the treated plots, but also the plant composition of the treated plots and how host plants of the butterfly are affected."

About 855 acres of occupied butterfly meadow habitat exists on U.S. Forest Service land near Cloudcroft, along with 1,795 acres of suitable habitat on Forest Service land not currently occupied by the butterflies, Martinez said. Host plants for both the adult butterfly and the larvae are present

throughout the occupied and unoccupied suitable habitat, he said.

The proposed action is to establish monitoring plots within proposed critical habitat of the butterfly species in occupied meadow areas. Canyons with occupied habitat will be selected randomly for plots. In each monitoring plot, three treatments and one control will be established to monitor plant and butterfly trends. The three treatments proposed are aerating the soil, burning vegetation and mowing or clipping the vegetation. Each plot will cover about one acre.

Factors involved in the project design include the concurrence of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, avoiding adverse impacts on heritage resources, monitoring of vegetation, and consistency with the purposes stated in the Lincoln National Forest Land and Resource Plan.

Comments can be sent to Martinez at P.O. Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88317. Oral comments can be directed to Ruth Esperance at the Sacramento District Office, Highway 82 and Curlew Place in Cloudcroft or by calling (505) 682-2551. Electronic comments may be sent to resperance@fs.fed.us.

A Categorical Exclusion will be prepared covering issues and concerns raised during the scoping process and will be available for public review and comment. If the CE determines that the proposed project requires further environmental analysis, an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared. The district rangers will be the deciding officers.

'Discovery' leads to parents' discomfort

QUESTION: My 4-year-old has recently "discovered" his penis and seems rather preoccupied with it. Do you think it's unusual or sinful for him to fondle himself so much?



Dr. James Dobson
FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
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DR. DOBSON: The answer to both of your questions is an emphatic "no!" Unintentional (or even intentional) self-arousal in young children, specifically boys, is neither unusual nor sinful. Your little guy is simply showing that he is "properly wired." There are no long-term consequences to this kind of innocent childish behavior, and it will soon resolve itself.

The only significance to early fondling activity is in how you as a parent deal with it. I've received letters from mothers who say they have spanked their preschoolers for touching themselves. Some have described great concerns about this behavior, seeing it as evidence of an immoral nature that had to be crushed. That is a very dangerous posture to take. I suggest that you not make a big deal over it.

QUESTION: That's easy for you to say. My 4-year-old daughter doesn't just fondle herself at home, where we can ignore it. She rubs herself whenever we are in public.

such as at church or at a restaurant. How should I deal with that?

DR. DOBSON: You should respond as a teacher, not a disciplinarian. Take your daughter aside and talk about your concern. Explain that there are some things that we don't do in public — not because they are wrong, but because they are impolite. Just as you wouldn't urinate in front of other people, you should not be touching yourself when others can see you. If she continues to fondle herself, other people will think she is strange and some may laugh at her — something you're sure she wouldn't like. Your purpose in speaking this way is to sensitize her to the social implications involved in what she's doing. Show yourself to be firm and confident, not shocked or embarrassed.

The key to your approach is the avoidance of any suggestion that her body is dirty or "wrong" or evil. Such an implication might raise a whole host of other problems for your child that could carry over into adolescence and even adulthood.

QUESTION: What immediate changes would you make

in junior and senior high schools to improve the learning environment there?

DR. DOBSON: Most important, we must make schools safer for students and teachers. Guns, drugs and adolescence make a deadly cocktail. It is unbelievable what we have permitted to happen on our campuses. No wonder some kids can't think about their studies. Their lives are in danger! Yes, we can reduce the violence if we're committed to the task. Armed guards? Maybe Metal detectors? If necessary, more expulsions? Probably. No-nonsense administrators? Definitely. When schools are blessed by strong leadership, like the legendary Joe Clark at Eastside High School in Paterson, N.J., they make dramatic progress academically. Above all, we must do what is required to pacify the combat zones in junior and senior high schools.

We will not solve our pervasive problems, however, with the present generation of secondary school students. Our best hope for the future is to start over with the youngsters just coming into elementary school. We can rewrite the rules with these wide-eyed kids. Let's redesign the primary grades to include a greater measure of discipline. I'm not talking merely about more difficult assignments and additional homework. I'm recommending more structure and

How to become a true child of God

QUESTION: I'm not sure I understand what you mean when you say that we become children of God when we give our lives to Christ. Aren't we all God's children, and isn't He our Heavenly Father, whether we believe in Him or not? After all, He created us, didn't He? — G.B.



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ANSWER: Yes, God did create us, and in fact everything in the entire universe came from Him. As the Bible says, "Through him all things were made" (John 1:3). In that sense, therefore, you are right — God is the Father (or originator) of everything, including us.

But God becomes our Father in a special sense when we come by faith to Christ, because at that point we become members of His family. You see, before we commit our lives to Christ, we are separated and alienated from God because of our sins. We aren't part of His family because we have turned away from Him. As the Bible says, "at that time you were separate from Christ... without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12).

When we come to Christ, however, God forgives all our sins and makes us part of His

family forever. In fact, the Bible says God adopts us and makes us His children. The Bible says, "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

Think of it: When you know Christ, you have a Heavenly Father to whom you can go at any moment. And far greater than

any earthly father, He watches over you with a parent's loving care. Are you a child of God? You can become one today, by asking Christ to come into your life.

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

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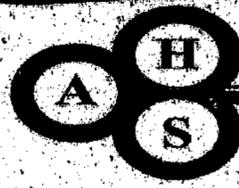
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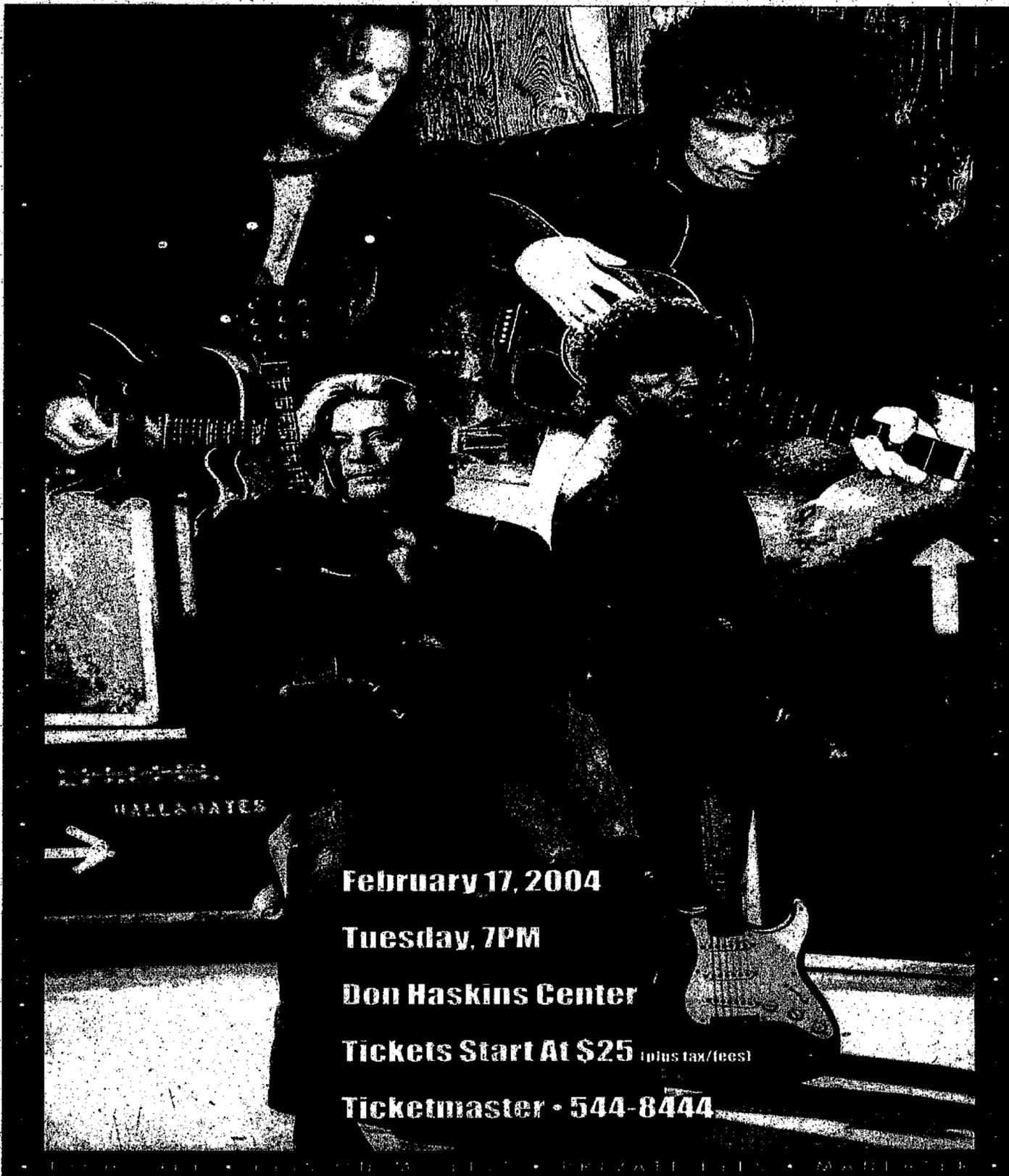
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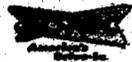
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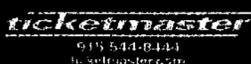






















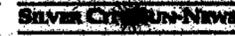












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HOME & FAMILY

Up close and very personal, here's

GORDON SNIDOW



COURTESY THE SNIDOWS

BY JUDY HARDIN
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Nestled under the tall pines of Ruidoso is the home of Gordon and Grace Snidow, brimming with memories in the form of antiques and artwork. Gordon is an unpretentious, quiet man of charm and manners — "Most times a listener... some a talker."

"I asked if he ever wanted to be a lawyer or a fireman, a doctor or anything like that," says Grace, obviously his biggest fan. "He said he's never wanted to be anything else but an artist — never."

Gordon Snidow and his work cannot be separated, for to meet one is to see the other. Said to be an historian who records his time in pictures rather than words, he is a chronicler of the contemporary cowboy. For more than 40 years, he has preserved on canvas a way of life that is slowly vanishing. His paintings are his story and each painting is a story.

He travels to ranches from Montana to Texas to experience the Western culture he loves so much, and to gather material for his work. "Last year a little girl in a classroom in Missouri was given an assignment to write a letter to someone she considered famous. When I received the letter, I wrote her and included 'I Don't

Do Windows,' a poster from my American Woman Series. She wrote me a descriptive thank-you letter. In the letter, she said, 'I'm most times a tomboy...some a girl.' I thought, Now that would make a great title for a painting! Then I promptly forgot. This spring I visited my friend Ron, on a ranch in southern Montana. They were receiving cattle for their summer range. In the late afternoon, as we worked shoeing the horses, I spotted Ron's daughter sneaking through the barn, hiding behind the door to spy on us. That is the moment my search for new cowboy material ended and 'Most Times A Tomboy...Some A Girl' popped into my head."

In front of the Snidow's home is a life-size sculpture of his painting "Crazy Quilt" that comes directly from his own personal history. "My heritage is the farm country of Missouri. My mother's family was numerous. They were all farmers. In the days of no electricity or indoor bathrooms, quilts were made by the farm women to warm and beautify beds. Nothing was wasted. Recycling was a necessity. My aunt made a quilt for me in the late 1970s. I thought it was one of the most beautiful art objects I had ever seen. After creating the painting, I visited Missouri. I found the quilt was made from many pieces of material taken from the worn-out clothes of my cousins, aunts, and uncles. It became a quilt of memories for them and a quilt of family history for me."

He was born in Paris, Mo., but grew up in Oklahoma and Texas. He graduated from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles and worked as a technical commercial illustrator for Sandia Labs in Albuquerque. He is a charter member of the Cowboy Artists of America. When he retired after 25 years to become a member emeritus, he was the Cowboy Artists of America top medal winner. Snidow had won 27 gold and silver medals, including three for Best of Show. His work can be found in the permanent collection of the leading Western art museums. Some of these are Thomas Gilcrease Museum, The National Cowboy Hall of Fame, The Cowboy Artists of America Museum, The Cody Museum, and The Phoenix Art Museum.

In 1998 he created the cover for recording star Michael Martin Murphy's newest CD release "Cowboy Songs IV." In September 1998, he was awarded the New Mexico Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. Annually he participates in several shows, including the Prix de West Show at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, and The Cowboy Artists of America at the Phoenix Art Museum.

Snidow is the creator of the notable

Coors Cowboy Collectors Series. His work has received international critical acclaim with shows in France, China, Taiwan, Russia, England, Germany and Canada. He has been the subject of two books and a British documentary film.

A one-man retrospective show of Snidow's work was organized by the Hubbard Museum of the American West and featured more than 120 art works covering over six decades of his life. The exhibit opened in 2002 at the Hubbard, then moved to the National Museum of Western Art in Kerrville, Texas, and ended in 2003 at the Smithsonian Museum, Arts and Industries Building in Washington, D.C.

The painting titled "The Last Star Mill" seems to reflect the essence of Snidow's life and work. The Red Star mill was the second most popular solid-wheel windmill on the Great Plains from the 1880s through the 1920s.

It was invented by David C. Walling in 1878 and marketed by Flint. The windmill was from 10 to 25 feet in diameter with each blade tipped in red. The tail of the windmill was bordered in red with a red and blue star in the center. Snidow carried the idea for this painting in his head for eight years, attempting to find an original Red Star for the piece. He finally found it in the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas — only one of two that survived to modern times. In his painting, a weathered cowboy wearing a worn cowboy hat, fringed chaps and leather vest is perched on the platform beneath the mill.

"Tattered and torn, these aging symbols of settlement of the Great Plains are fast disappearing. The wind tears at their remains and as their wooden mills wear out, pumps replace them," he said. "There are few ranches where preservation of our Western heritage is important — where they still take the wagon out, where cowboying is still done the traditional way, by dragging calves to the fire. Where the effort is made to keep the Star Mill working, not because it is the best or the easiest way to draw water but because it is a part of history. Too soon, the sun will set on the last Star Mill, and not long after that, the last cowboy. A way of life will end. If you don't take care of your heritage, it will go like the last Star Mill."

Gordon Snidow has captured the heart of contemporary Western life for four decades. As the contemporary fades into the historic, he will be remembered more and more as an historian as well as an artist. Snidow and artists like him still take the time to sit for hours with brush in hand and let their experiences and memories flow down their arm onto canvas, one stroke at a time. As computer graphics and special effects play a larger part in our culture, he may well be one of the "Last Star Mills" of the art world.

Judy Hardin is a local business owner and freelance writer. If you have interesting stories or people in your life, write judyh@zianet.com.



COURTESY THE SNIDOWS

Snidow's "10 a.m. and Done a Days' Work"

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JAN. 14, 1954

Hawkins moves on

Joseph S. Hawkins, manager of Sacra Bros. Co. here for several years, resigned that position recently ... to devote his full time to the operation of Ruidoso Gas Company, an independent concern he has been operating in connection with his work at Sacra Bros.

No manager has been announced yet for the Sacra position, although efforts are being made to hire a local man for the position.

JAN. 17, 1964

Village studies water

In a special called meeting Tuesday, Ruidoso village officials met head-on the problem of what to do to assure Ruidoso will have sufficient water during the summer of 1964 if the drought that has gripped all of New Mexico continues.

Mayor Warren Tucker asked Tom Jones, Eagle Creek Water Supply Association board member, to report on progress on a dam on Eagle Creek — a project Ruidoso has been looking toward for several months that could provide additional raw water storage...

JAN. 18, 1974

Deputies appointed

Lincoln County Sheriff Leandro Vega this week announced the appointment of two new deputies to serve the Ruidoso and Capitan areas.

They are Orlando S. Montes and Dennis R. Cleaver. Vega has announced that he will create a civil division and appoint Montes to head it. Cleaver will be assigned to replace Jerry Russell, who transferred to Ruidoso in December.

JAN. 19, 1984

Hawkins moves on

Two Ruidoso P&Z members came back with positive reports after visiting garbage transfer/compactor systems in El Paso and Dallas.

Tom Kelham and Ray Bishop said the systems they saw operated odorlessly and almost completely noiselessly. They also said they believe the systems are safe.

JAN. 20, 1994

Persistence pays off

Persistence paid off last week for Lincoln County Sheriff James McSwane. After several unsuccessful attempts over the past year, the sheriff convinced the Lincoln County Commission to approve additional money for a second full-time assistant.

The addition will cost the county \$7,257 for the next six months.

GOP learns disclosure of property value isn't in the regulations

The Republican First Tuesday group held their meeting at K-Bob's Tuesday evening.

Rick Silva gave an very informative talk on the new law that requires disclosure of property sales.

The sales information will be kept confidential, Silva said.

You can contact him at the County Assessor's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo for further information.

Aren't you glad that we aren't having the cold temperatures that the East is having?

We talked to our son, Wayne,

Saturday night and it was already minus-3 degrees.

Shawna Shreengost has moved back to Lincoln, while she does her student teaching with the ag classes in the Carrizozo Schools.

She will graduate from Eastern New Mexico University in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stilwell attended the basketball tournament held in Roswell Saturday.

Their grandson, Brandon Jones of Berrando Middle School eighth grade, made 24 points.

Congratulations.

Julia Penfield Reidy was laid to rest in the Lincoln cemetery Wednesday. Her services were held in the Lincoln Community Church.

The Rev. Laren Winter officiated at the service.

Family members present were John and Margaret Tiwald, children Joanna and John, and Ruth Reidy of Albuquerque and Jon and Sharon Amastae of El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Brooky of Las Cruces and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap spent dinner in Ruidoso Monday night.

The new museum building is finally

getting the roof put on.

Carol Wilson, Ancho, was a quick visitor at the Dunlaps Friday. She told me to look close, and you can see a few snowflakes on their beef spot on TV.

That was all they got.

It is so dry that the ranchers are having so many problems with wells, equipment and trying to keep a basic herd. Weather predictions are not too encouraging for the next three months.

Correction:

The Cronin boys at the home of George and Nancy Cronin home during the holidays were their nephews.



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Never-say-die Warriors come back vs. Cobre

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

If one looks at Ruidoso's basketball game Saturday night against Cobre, it would seem the Indians won. Cobre led in just about every category — rebounds, 3-point goals and blocks; they had fewer fouls and led for most of the game. But the one stat they were unable to win out on — the one that is the most important — was the score. In that department, the Warriors were triumphant, taking a 60-55 come-from-behind victory. Coupled with their 60-44 win over Dexter on Thursday, Ruidoso has won five games in a row and six of its last seven.

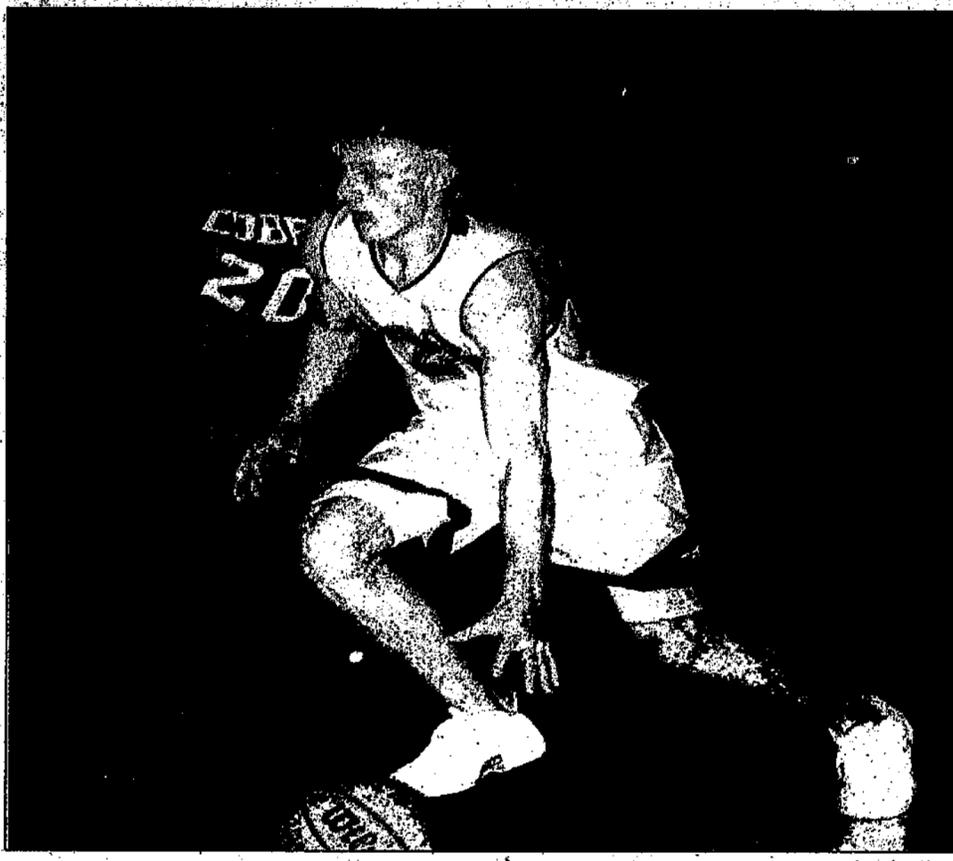
"The real difference, in the fourth quarter we started making our easy shots," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "The kids executed our offense beautifully — we were just missing the gimmies." Cobre (5-7) opened up an 18-9 lead in the first quarter and kept the Warriors at bay, thanks mainly to rebounds. The Indians had 42 boards to Ruidoso's 36, and were led by Steven Perea with 14 rebounds.

Perea led Cobre in other ways as well. He didn't look like much more than a big, lumbering player, but surprised Ruidoso (8-5) with some strong moves in the paint for 11 points in the game. Perea also had two blocks. "Coach told us in practice we'd have to win this game with rebounds, and we weren't doing that in the first half," said Warrior forward Auston Beier. "He told us that again at

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Blocks	Fouls
Kyle Botts	10	1	1	0	1
Nick Page	10	1	1	0	1
Auston Beier	10	1	1	0	1
Pat Leyba	10	1	1	0	1
Steven Perea	11	14	1	2	1
Patrick Valliant	9	1	1	0	1
Dustin Perea	7	1	1	0	1
Cobre	55	42	12	1	15
Ruidoso	60	36	12	2	15

halftime, and we came out in the second half and did it." A great deal of Cobre's scoring came from outside, as Indian Pat Leyba led the way with three 3-pointers and 20 points. Kyle Botts added 10 points and one trey.

Given Cobre's dominance on the boards, it's fortunate Ruidoso was only down by four points at the break. They made it a close game with a 4-0 run in the final two minutes, including some clutch free-throws. "We started playing from behind on the big kid," Page said of Perea's dominance inside. "We don't normally play that way; we like to keep the ball out of the post's hands. We had to play from behind, which gave him a better position to rebound." Cobre was able to regain an eight-point advantage by the end of the third quarter, but then the Ruidoso comeback



Ruidoso forward Auston Beier, right, drives past Cobre's Ramon Boruoca during the Warriors' 60-55 victory Saturday at RHS.

machine got into gear. The Warriors went on a 10-2 run to open the final period, tying the game at 44-all on a pair of three-pointers by Nick Page and Beier. It was a dog-fight from then on, as Cobre fended their hosts off as long as

they could until a layup by Patrick Valliant gave Ruidoso the lead for good with 2:40 left in the game. Valliant had 19 points to lead the Warriors, while Beier put in 17 points and hauled in eight rebounds before fouling

out. The real difference in the end was turnovers. Every time Cobre started to pull away, a Warrior would come up with a

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Ruidoso girls survive Lady Wildcat comeback

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

For three quarters on Friday, the Ruidoso Lady Warriors seemed in control of their basketball game against Tularosa. They may not have put the game away — leading by only four points after three quarters — but they had never trailed in the game and looked well on their way to their third straight victory of the season. But Tularosa rallied in the final quarter to make the game much closer than it probably should have been before the Lady Warriors were able to settle

down and take the 43-36 victory. "I'm disappointed we played good defense, then slacked off in the third quarter," said Ruidoso coach Greg Marez. "I say 'we' because I made a mistake putting us in the zone defense. We can pick that up in the future." The game started in slow fashion, with neither team able to score until an Allison Rigsby jumper for the Lady Warriors with just over two minutes gone in the first quarter. Tularosa's Christina Syling responded with a shot of her own to tie the game, and Rigsby again got a shot to put Ruidoso in the lead.

While they never had a commanding lead, the Lady Warriors (7-7) didn't lose that lead until Tularosa started shooting the threes and went ahead in the fourth quarter, 32-28, following a trey by Rachel Chino and free throws from Christa Wohlgenuth. Along the way, Ruidoso battled a determined Lady Wildcat team and their own impatience on offense. "We still rushed our shots

near the end," Marez said. "We were perfectly fine, leading in the first, but we can still be more methodical." As the Lady Warriors took ill-advised shots, Tularosa (6-5) made the most of theirs, going on a 12-7 run to close out the third quarter and set up the exciting final period. In that fourth quarter, the lead changed three times before another bucket by Rigsby — this one a

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Lady Warrior guard Clarissa Silva, right, puts up a shot after driving past Tularosa's Casey Blazer Friday during Ruidoso's 43-36 win.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Blocks	Fouls
Christina Syling	3	0	0	0	0
Megann Baca	2	2	2	0	1
Erica Walters	0	0	0	0	0
Rachel Chino	3	0	0	0	0
Allesia Allen	0	0	0	0	0
Corina Gonzales	0	0	0	0	0
Casey Blazer	1	0	0	2	0
Kyndra Hooper	3	0	0	0	0
Tasha Romero	1	1	2	0	0
Sarah Khega	0	0	0	0	0
Christa Wohlgenuth	0	3	4	0	0
Ellen Chavez	0	0	0	0	0
Sarah Vigil	0	0	0	0	0
Tularosa	36	13	15	6	9
Ruidoso	43	15	23	4	3

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists	Blocks	Fouls
Allison Rigsby	3	2	2	1	1
Lynette Woodward	0	0	0	0	0
Samantha Serna	1	0	0	0	0
Clarissa Silva	2	0	3	5	0
Jessica Gibson	1	0	0	2	0
Katie Coronado	0	0	0	0	0
Vickie Celusniak	0	0	0	0	0
Christine Brown	2	10	13	14	2
Dusti Franklin	2	2	3	6	0
Eliisa Vigil	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Robinson	1	1	2	3	0
Ruidoso	43	15	23	4	3
Tularosa	36	13	15	6	9

Ruidoso grapplers struggle

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

No, the Ruidoso wrestling team didn't do so well at the Carlsbad Invitational over the weekend, but coach Brian Brown isn't too concerned. He's more worried about his district showing, and all these meets the Warriors have been in are just preparation, anyway. Still, it would have been nice to have placed higher than ninth out of 13 teams. "We had an off meet," Brown said. "Maybe we were a little slow coming back from the holiday. The kids weren't quite up for it this time." The only Ruidoso wrestler to have a good meet was Dayne Hall, who went 3-1 at 130 pounds and finished third overall. While Hall may have had the best tournament in terms of finish, Brown was careful to point out other Warrior grapplers that had pretty good matches, they just kept coming up on the wrong end of the score. "Cipi (Cipriano Sandoval at 135) did well in his four matches," Brown said. "He only lost by three or four points each time. (Joseph) Godines (at 140) also had good matches, they just couldn't pull out the wins." Sandoval and Homero Romero at 119 each went 2-2, at the Tournament, while Godines, Chase Stroud and Greg Crow all went 1-2.

Ten wins in all for the entire team. Brown was hoping for something better in his teams' triangular meet against New Mexico Military Institute and Goddard at RHS on Tuesday. Ruidoso's next tournament is the Rio Hondo in Roswell this weekend. A good showing Tuesday would propel the Warriors into that tournament on a positive note. "That triangular should be a good booster for us," Brown said. "It should be good for morale; we haven't had a chance to wrestle at home much this year."

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
Ski Apache is open daily. Lifts operate from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Expect to find great conditions on all open trails. Elk Ridge Quad Chair No. 8 is now open. Snowmaking continues — Elk Liftline and Chair will open soon. Weather at report time: Mostly clear. Road at report time: Clear. Midway depth: 12-20 inches on open trails. Surface conditions: Machine groomed. Trails open: Capitan, Deep Freeze, Top Knotch, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Lower Sierra Blanca Trail, Lower Moonshine, Easy Street, Chair Five Beginning Slope and Kiddie Korral. Lifts open: Chairs 2-5; 7-8 and two surface lifts. The Gondola is open for sightseers on Saturdays and Sundays. Snowmaking past 24 hours: Yes. Forecast: Increasing cloudiness. First time beginners on skis or on a snowboard receive a free lift ticket with their lesson for \$47. The \$200 weekend season pass is back. Lots of new skis and snowboards are available at Ski Apache.

Prep Results

- Thursday, Jan. 8**
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso 60, Dexter 44
Bean Valley Conference Tourney
Alamo Navajo 52, Corona 30
Smokey Bear Tournament
Magdalena, Capitan
Eunice, Mescalero
Ramah 70, Carrizozo 48
Girls Basketball
Smokey Bear Tournament
Capitan 55, Mescalero 44
Ramah 68, Carrizozo 43
- Friday, Jan. 9**
Boys Basketball
Bean Valley Conference Tourney
Corona 52, Vaughn 42
Smokey Bear Tourney
Capitan 65, Mescalero 41
Hagerman 48, Carrizozo 42
Girls Basketball
Ruidoso 43, Tularosa 36
Smokey Bear Tournament
Eunice 58, Capitan 44
Magdalena 49, Mescalero 44
Hagerman 53, Carrizozo 36
- Saturday, Jan. 10**
Boys Basketball
Ruidoso 60, Cobre 55
Bean Valley Conference Tourney
Menaul 71, Corona 28
Smokey Bear Tournament
Fifth Place
Capitan 45, Hagerman 27
Seventh Place
Carrizozo 48, Mescalero 46
Girls Basketball
Smokey Bear Tournament
Third Place
Tatum 59, Capitan 37
Seventh Place
Mescalero 52, Carrizozo 48
- Monday, Jan. 12**
Girls Basketball
Hondp 63, Artesia JV 22

Preps on Tap

- Thursday, Jan. 15**
Boys Basketball
Temple Baptist at Corona, 7 p.m.
Carrizozo at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Temple Baptist at Corona, 5 p.m.
Carrizozo at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 16**
Boys Basketball
Vaughn at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.
Mescalero at Cloudercroft, 7 p.m.
Tulosa at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.
Ruidoso at West Las Vegas, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Vaughn at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.
Mescalero at Cloudercroft, 5 p.m.
Tulosa at Capitan, 6 p.m.
Socorro at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Rio Hondo Tournament, TBA
- Saturday, Jan. 17**
Boys Basketball
Corona at Mescalero, 4 p.m.
Carrizozo at Mountainair, 6 p.m.
Capitan at Tatum, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Corona at Mescalero, 2 p.m.
Carrizozo at Mountainair, 4 p.m.
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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. 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.

Aggie men beat Mean Green to open conference play

BY JAMES STALEY
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

DENTON, Texas — On the floor they have the pizzazz of a clothes hanger and average athleticism, but in New Mexico State's conference opener against North Texas, James Felder and Kelsey Crooks showed the way.

Felder and Crooks each notched a double-double, splitting 24 points and 22 rebounds as the Aggies outlasted UNT 70-67 Saturday night at the Super Pit. NMSU climbed to 7-5 overall and 1-0 in Sun Belt play, while the Mean Green (5-3, 0-1) absorbed their fifth loss of their last six contests.

Crooks had a career-high 12 rebounds — the Aggies are now 5-0 when Crooks leads them in rebounding — to go with 10 points. Felder hit six of nine from the floor for 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"The difference was rebounding," said NMSU coach Lou Henson, who watched as his team gathered 14 more boards than North Texas on the night. "We did a tremendous job against a very big ball club."

Most of the hype for the Mean Green comes in the form of center Shawnon Johnson. The 6-foot-9, 250-pound transfer from Louisiana State spent most of his night dunking on the Aggies — he hit 8-10 field goals and scored a game-high 20

points — and yanking nine rebounds despite being double-teamed most of the game.

But Johnson's teammates couldn't follow his lead. No other North Texas player pulled more than three boards. NMSU got solid rebounding performances from James Moore (nine) and Gary Jackson (four).

In the first half each team corralled 13 rebounds and North Texas took a 36-34 lead into the locker room.

"We felt pretty good (after the first half). We were only down two and they had shot 65 percent from the floor. We felt we could pick up our defense," Henson said.

NMSU did. The Mean Green's shooting cooled to start the half and NMSU snared its first lead of the night, 39-38 when Moore scored a put back. Thanks to a sudden burst by a previously quiet Duane John, the Aggies unfurled a 13-3 run and their lead ballooned to 11 points.

John, who finished the night with a team-high 19 points, scored 11 consecutive points during the NMSU run.

"Early on I twisted my ankle and I couldn't move laterally," John said. "But this game is about toughness and I picked it up in the second half."

But UNT pounded the ball into Johnson and the Aggies kept sending him to the line. Johnson missed several free throws

but hit enough (and a few dunks) to chip the Mean Green to within four, 57-53 late.

Free throws seemed to keep UNT in the contest. North Texas made more from the charity stripe (17) than the Aggies shot (13). But hitting just 60 percent didn't help them.

The missed free throws stung but clutch NMSU baskets were agonizing for the Mean Green. Trailing by four, UNT's defensive pressure forced the Aggies to shoot with less than five seconds on the shot clock, but twice the Aggies connected.

Detruis Roberson and Felder hit the crucial shots for NMSU and a big chunk of the sparse (2,037) crowd was delighted. Felder, a native of nearby Dallas, had a lot of supporters in the stands and he made sure their tonsils got a work out.

"They energized me a little bit," Felder said with a grin that almost didn't fit on his face.

With his family behind him, Felder scored as many points Saturday (13) as he had all season and nearly tripled his total rebounds. The senior missed the first five games while healing from a knee surgery.

"It's feeling better and better every day," he said.

James Staley is a writer for the Las Cruces Sun-News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

Hondo girls win third straight

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Hondo Lady Eagles can view the new year as a pretty good one so far, as they've opened up the second half of the basketball season with three straight wins.

Their latest was a 63-22 win over the Artesia junior varsity Monday, a win which put them at 6-6 on the year.

"The competition may not be as high as we'd like," said Hondo coach Julie Montoya. "We need some challenge to get us ready for district."

The Hondo boys and girls teams traveled to Hagerman Tuesday for a pair of games against the Bobcat junior varsity

squads, and get started on District 8-1A Jan. 20 against Gateway Christian in Roswell. As for Monday's game, Montoya was happy for the work her team got in on the offense.

"We started with the press, and went up 19-2 in the first, then just worked on our half-court offense," Montoya said. "We were sluggish in the third quarter, and I don't like to do that coming out of halftime."

Sluggish or no, the Lady Eagles did win, and were paced by Josephine Gutierrez with 25 points, and Angelica Chavez's 18 points, including a 6-for-6 performance at the free-throw line.

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three pointer — gave Ruidoso the lead for good at 36-34 with 2:58 left.

Rigsby only had three field goals in the game, but they all came when her team needed them the most as she finished with 11 points. Christine Brown led the game with 14.

Chino joined Kyndra Hooper with two 3-pointers and eight points each to lead the Lady Wildcats.

"We can have more control of our destiny when we're patient," Marez said. "We always want the uncontested shot, and that's what we got with the extra pass."

The Lady Warriors were on the road Tuesday for a game against Santa Teresa, and host Socorro Friday at 6 p.m.

Junior varsity wins

Fans were treated to a preview of the varsity contest with a game that came down to a clutch free-throw by Katie Coronado which gave the Ruidoso junior varsity a 32-31 victory.

Coronado, who sank her foul shot with nine seconds left, finished with seven points, while Elisa Vigil led the team with 11. It was Vigil's free throw with 15 seconds left that put the Lady Warriors ahead 31-30 with 15 seconds left.

beat her team by 20 points, but that the Lady Mustangs might find the going a bit tougher the next time around, and she was confident they can beat Temple Baptist in the District 7-1A opener on Thursday.

Saturday's final against Vaughn was a good chance for the Lady Cardinals to perfect their offense.

"The maturity and confidence have increased," Martin said. "They're playing better together and passing the ball really good."

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Corona teams return to court in BVC Tourney

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona boys and girls basketball teams returned to the hardwood over the weekend with mixed results.

Each team went 1-2 in three games, with the boys finishing sixth and girls taking seventh.

The Cardinal boys (2-7) opened with a 52-30 loss at the hands of Alamo Navajo, hammered by an atrocious first quarter, which saw Corona go scoreless.

"We played better after that, but it was too late," said Corona coach Tommy Mulkey. "Being down 16-0, it's hard to come back from that."

Mulkey isn't one to make

excuses, but he had to admit that the Cardinals' lack of practice time over the holidays got the better of them in this game.

Taos Muncy had 11 points in the contest, while Keith Shafer — normally a commanding presence in the middle — had only six.

The pair had a better game the next day against Vaughn, a rematch between the two teams from the Hondo Tournament at the beginning of the season.

Muncy had 17 points in this one, while Shafer paired with brother J.R. for 26 points total. Corona parlayed all that scoring into a 52-42 victory.

"J.R. sparked us in the second half to let us pull away,

that gave us a lift," Mulkey said. "He probably had the best tournament of all of us, although Keith was the one named to the all tournament team."

Keith Shafer made the all-tourney team thanks mostly to his defensive play. The Cardinal center recorded several blocks in all three games.

For Vaughn, Chris Matson scored 22 points, while Richie Guerrero added 11.

"Matson still scored a lot of points, but most of those came in the fourth quarter," Mulkey said. "We held him in check the rest of the way — we didn't let him come untracked on us."

Now playing for fifth place, Corona met up against a strong

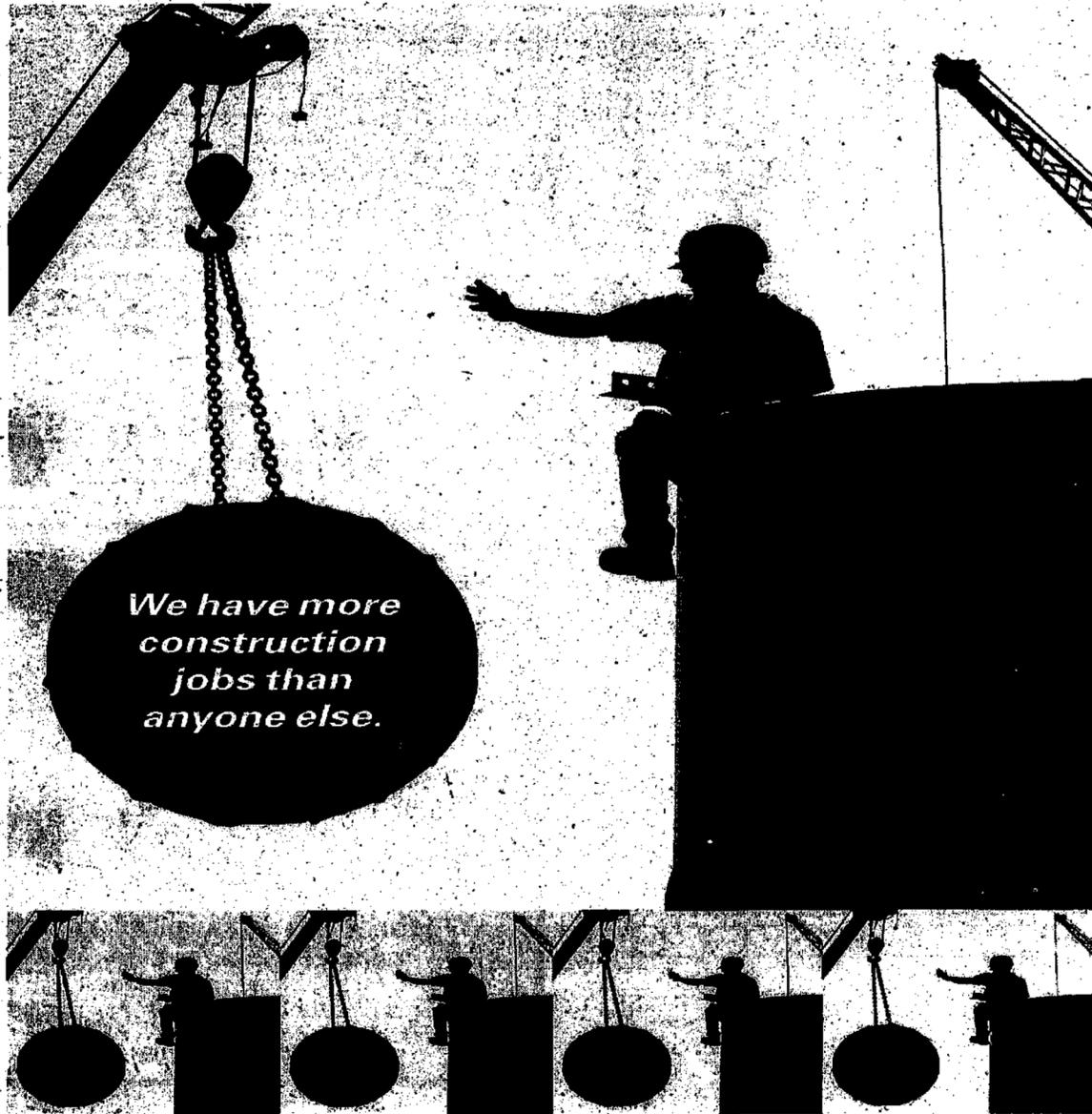
Menaul team which handed the Cardinals a 71-28 loss. Muncy had 14 points for the Cardinals, while Keith Shafer scored 10.

Girls keep improving

The Corona girls (3-5) played District 7-1A opponents in their first two games, falling to Mountainair and Temple Baptist, then turning around and defeating Vaughn in the seventh place game. Scores for these games were unavailable at press time.

"They're doing better every game," said Corona coach Denise Martin. "My girls didn't quit, and it was a good experience for them."

Martin said Mountainair



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Medicaid proposal passes committee

BY WALTER RUBEK
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — The House Appropriations Committee on Monday recommended passage of a Medicaid budget that would reduce benefits, increase co-payments and cut rates for medical providers.

The proposal would also include a \$6-a-day surcharge per each occupied bed for nursing homes, a \$2-a-day surcharge per occupied bed for hospitals and a 1 percent increase on the health insurance premium tax.

"I don't think anybody wants to do any of these things," Human Services Secretary Pamela Hyde said. "The fact is, there are only so many dollars to go around."

Hyde stressed that even with the cuts, state spending on Medicaid would increase. But she said to keep services at the current level it would require an increase of \$110.5 million.

Part of the reason for the huge increase is that a one-time bonus from the federal government that helped keep costs down in fiscal years 2003 and 2004 is no longer available, Hyde said. And, because the state's economy has improved, its rate for federal reimbursement has declined.

Hyde said the one area they did not change was eligibility for the program.

"We think that would be wrong," she said.

But several legislators said the changes would have the same effect because the increased co-pays would result in fewer people utilizing the services and the decreased rates to medical providers would result in fewer of them taking Medicaid patients.

"I have a great concern, particularly for the people I work with who are the most fragile and will have to deal with this," Rep. J. Paul Taylor, D-Mesilla, said. "There are cases where people cannot afford to co-pay."

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees met in joint session to consider two budget proposals — one drafted by the Legislative Finance Committee and the other by the governor's office. The House committee voted to recommend the LFC budget, while also instructing budget analysts from both offices to narrow the differences between the two.

The Senate committee took no action.

Along with the cuts, the proposal also includes administrative changes, such as conducting eligibility recertification every six months instead of once a year and eliminating all but emergency services for undocumented immigrants. Hyde described emergency services as those "posing a

threat to life and limb" as well as delivering babies.

Those are the only services the federal government will reimburse. The state had been providing other services and absorbing the entire cost, she said.

Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, questioned how eliminating Medicaid payments for those services will impact border communities, especially in light of federal policies that he said seem to be encouraging more immigration.

"I'm trying to watch out for the infrastructure of my health-care providers," he said.

Proposed reductions in benefits include eliminating transportation costs for pharmacy visits and reducing payments for eye glasses, hearing aids and prosthetics.

It would also cut all but emergency dental care for adults.

Rep. John Heaton, D-Carlsbad, questioned cutting dental services at the same time the state has an aggressive program aimed at improving dental health.

"It doesn't make any sense to give it with one hand and take it away with the other," Heaton said.

Increases in co-pays include a \$25 enrollment fee per family and payments for prescription drugs, doctor's visits and hospital visits. The co-pays would not apply to American Indians or to the poorest of the poor, Hyde said.

Proposed cuts to providers include a 3.5 percent across-the-board reduction.

Heaton said when co-payments were increased in the past, they ended up being absorbed by the providers. He said the proposed \$3 co-pay for prescription drugs will put pharmacies out of business.

"You are destroying the rural pharmacy business. I'm going to tell you, it's not going to exist," he said.

Rep. Donald Bratton, R-Hobbs, said the combination of increased co-pays and reduced rates would result in rural New Mexico losing doctors.

Heaton also questioned the proposed hospital bed tax, saying that it would shift the burden to the private sector. And Sen. Carroll Leavell, R-Jalisco, said the proposed increase on insurance premiums would make New Mexico's rate one of the highest in the nation, and would hurt efforts to lure new business to the state.

But Hyde said without the proposed tax increases, they would have to make even deeper cuts in services and reduce rates to providers by 6 percent.

The Legislature will consider the proposal when it meets, beginning next week.

FEET FIRST



Gabriella Partida, of El Paso, Texas, slides backward down the tubing hill at Ski Cloudcroft Sunday, Jan. 4, in Cloudcroft.

ELLIS NEEL/ALAMOGORDO DAILY NEWS

State to test effect of meth on housing

Lt. Governor Diane Denish and New Mexico State Police will unveil a unique methamphetamine research project in Albuquerque at a press conference at 10 a.m. Thursday at 428 Tennessee N.E. (corner of Tennessee and Copper). They will also release specifics of new meth legislation to be introduced during the legislative session beginning Jan. 20 at the Capitol.

National Jewish Pulmonary Research will begin an experiment to cook meth inside two abandoned apartment buildings to determine the levels of toxic chemicals a building absorbs during the manufacturing of meth. The organization will use its findings as part of a national study on the environmental hazards of meth manufacturing.

Details of new meth legislation will be presented by sponsors, Rep. Tom Swisstack and Sen. Richard Romero, and State Police. The governor's crime advisor, Bob Schwartz, will speak at the event in Albuquerque.



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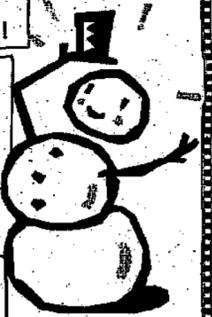
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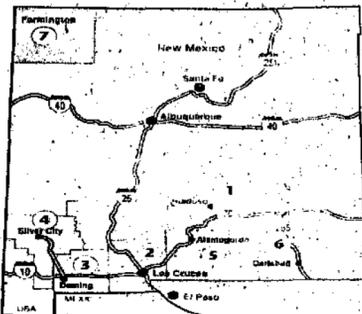
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PART TIME contract medical examiner needed to do mobile insurance physicals in Ruidoso and surrounding areas. Must have blood draw experience & fax machine. Fax resume to 505-883-8595 or E-mail to phis01mrg@portamedic.net

PART TIME help needed, must be able to lift 40lbs. Hours are 6:00AM-12:00PM. \$8.50/hr hour. Please leave message at 336-9630.

200 HELP WANTED

MESCALERO

P.O. Box 230, 249 White Mountain Dr. Mescalero, New Mexico 88340 Phone: (505) 464-4441 Fax: (505) 464-4822

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT COORDINATOR

Position available immediately for a full time experienced, licensed educator (minimum B.A., M.A. preferred) to coordinate/direct new grant awarded to the Mescalero Apache School. Job requirements include:

- advanced computer skills
- knowledge and experience with Windows 2000 environment
- excellent work record
- coordinating all grant activities
- maintaining integrity of project
- maintaining project fiscal responsibility

POSITION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Submit job application (available at the front desk of the MAS administration building). Those persons selected for an interview will be contacted.

200 HELP WANTED

PART TIME - Home health aides or CNA's. Must have reliable transportation and telephone. Must also pass criminal background check. Call Gilmore Owah Home Care. 257-2415

PART-TIME LAUNDRY help. Apply in Beckers Mountain Laundry 721 mechem.

RHIT Medical Records Consultant

RHIT Medical Records Consultant needed for contract work at Ruidoso Care Center. Position is approximately 4 hrs. per month. Contact Human Resources at 257-9077 for more information or submit resume at 200 Resort Dr.

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THE MESCALERO Care Center is seeking qualified applicants for the following positions:

Business Office Manager Successful candidates must have a high school diploma with strong accounting skills and experience in a health care facility.

200 HELP WANTED

MESILLA VALLEY HOSPITAL

Home Base Counselor is needed in Ruidoso. This person will be responsible for providing psycho educational and case management functions for clients, which will assist them in achieving their optimal level of emotional health. This includes consultation, teaching, individuals and group processes. The successful candidate will have a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following: family science, counseling, psychology, social work or a related field.

Mescalero Valley Hospital Attn: Linda N. Moya, Director Human Resources 3751 Del Rey Blvd. - Las Cruces, NM 88012 Fax: (505) 382-3521 Email: Linda.moya@ardenthealth.com EOE

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These skills include A/R, A/P, Payroll, medical insurance, billing, and collections.

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Interested applicants should contact the Mescalero Care Center to obtain an application and return it to:

Mescalero Care Center P O Box 359 Mescalero, NM 88340 Phone: 505-464-4802 Fax: 464-4808

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH
The Board of Regents of Diné College invites applications for the position of President. Diné College is the tribal college of the Navajo Nation. Applications are being accepted through January 16, 2004. Requirements, preferences, and application process are online at: www.dinecollege.edu/psc or call (928) 724-6901
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601 AUTOS FOR SALE

600 LEGAL NOTICES

#5914 TT (11)4 LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Joint Lincoln County Village of Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission for three (3) members to serve on the Commission. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner and must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Joint Lincoln County Village of Ruidoso Downs Extraterritorial Zoning Commission. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the body appointing them and shall be appointed for terms of one (1) year and shall administer the zoning ordinance adopted by the Joint Municipal-county Zoning Authority. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., January 20, 2004.

/S/MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

600 LEGAL NOTICES

#5913 TT (11)4 LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for one (1) member to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations or letters of interest shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, in making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations or letters of interest will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 11:00 AM., January 20, 2004.

/S/MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

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WEEKDAY MORNING											
	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00
2 KASA	Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	Crossing Over	Crossing Over	Good Day Live	The Sharon Osbourne Show	Drew Carey	Divorce Court	Family Feud		
3 KENW	Walter Ruggano	Between the Lions	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Instructional Programming		Shirley & Bob	Varied Programs	Dragon Tales		
4 KOBR	(7:00) Today				Living It Up! With All & Jack	Martha Stewart Living	News	News	Days of Our Lives		
5 CNN	CNN Live Today				News From CNN	Live From...					
7 KOAT	(7:00) Good Morning America	Live With Regie and Kelly			The View	All My Children	News		One Life to Live		
8 EI	Varied Programs				El News	It's Good to Be	Varied Programs				
9 USA	(7:00) Movie	Varied Programs									
10 KBIM	(7:00) Early Show	Ellen DeGeneres Show			As the World Turns	Price is Right	News	Beautiful	Young Restless		
12 KASY	Recipe TV	Texas Justice	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery	Jerry Springer	Jerry Springer		Rip'd Lake		
13 DSC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Assignment Discovery	Christopher Lowell	It's Christopher-Lowell		Rally Round		
14 TNN	Miami Vice	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	7 Days	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Highlander		Highlander		
15 FAN	Digimon	Boyz n the City	Power Rangers	Digimon	Growing Pains	700 Club		7th Heaven			
17 HBO	(6:30) Movie	Movie	Varied Programs		(16) Movie		Varied Programs				
20 SHOW	(7:25) Movie	Movie	Varied Programs				(05) Movie	Varied Programs			
21 MAX	(1:15) Movie	Varied Programs						Movie	Varied Programs		
23 TNT	ER	ER	Judging Amy	Judging Amy	Law & Order	NYPD Blue	NYPD Blue		NYPD Blue		
24 AMC	(6:35) Movie	Varied Programs									
25 KRPV	Varied Programs	Believer's Voice of Truth	Duane Swartz	Varied Programs	John Hagge Today	Update/ser	Make Your Day Count	Varied Programs	Light-Southwest		
27 COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Second Chance	Perfect Proposal	Wedding Story	Wedding Story	Baby Story		
28 TLC	Wedding Story	Wedding Story	Dating Story	Dating Story	Makeover Story	Makeover Story	Second Chance	Perfect Proposal	Wedding Story		
29 TCM	Movie	Varied Programs									
32 UNI	Marta Susana	Mujer... Casos de la Vida Real	Mujer de Lorenzo	Luciana y Nicolás					Clase 400		
33 DISN	Rolls Polle	Rolls Polle	PBB&J	Other	Wiggles	JoJo's Circus	Stanley	Rolls Polle	Winnie-Pooh	House of Mouse	House of Mouse
34 ANPL	That's My Baby	That's My Baby	Pet Story	Pet Story	Emergency	Emergency	Wild Rescues	That's My Baby	That's My Baby	Pet Story	Pet Story
35 ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Varied Programs	NFL Live	Varied Programs				
37 NICK	Oddparent's	Rocked Power	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Max & Ruby	Rubbadubbers	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	Little Bill
40 SciFi	Sliders	Varied Programs									
41 FX	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Beverly Hills, 90210	Extreme Dating	Extreme Dating	Practice	Extreme Dating	Practice	Design on a Dime		
42 H&G	Designers' Challenge	Designers' Challenge	Room by Room	Room by Room	Home to Go	This Small Space	Decorating Cents	Smashville	Design on a Dime		
43 CNN-FN	Dolans Unscripted	Dolans Unscripted	Pilipside	Pilipside			Money Gang		Street Sweep		
44 WTBS	Dawson's Creek	Dawson's Creek	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Cosby	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince		
45 WGN	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Rockford Files	Rockford Files	News	In the Heat of the Night		Street Smarts	Street Smarts		
46 LIFE	Golden Girls	Nanny	Mad About You	Mad About You	Golden Girls	Nanny	Varied Programs		Any Day Now		
48 FSSW	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs						
49 ESPN2	(7:00) Cold Pizza	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	SportsCenter	Varied Programs	NFL Live	Varied Programs			
50 OUTD	Photo Safari	Nature's Best	Skiers World	Skiers World	Varied Programs	High Five	High Five	Warren Miller TV	Warren Miller TV	Paid Program	
51 HIST	Varied Programs					Modern Marvels	Varied Programs				
52 A&E	Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote	City Confidential	City Confidential	American Justice	Movie					
53 GOLF	(6:00) Paid Program	Wonderful World of Golf	Varied Programs	Golf Academy	Varied Programs						
54 CNBC	Morning Call	Varied Programs	Power Lunch	Power Lunch			Street Signs	Closing Bell			
58 TRAV	Varied Programs	Great Hotels	Great Hotels	Get Packing!	Get Packing!	Epicurious	Great Chefs	Varied Programs	Great Hotels		

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON											
	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
2 KASA	Pyramid	Hollywood Squares	Big Millionaire	Extra	Inside Edition	Home Improvement	Dr. Oz	10 To Be Announced	Simpsons	Friends	
3 KENW	Sagwa-the Cat	Arthur	Reading Rainbow	Varied Programs	Zoboomatoo	Liberty's Kids	Zoom	Headline News	Business NBC	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	
4 KOBR	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Montel Williams	Wolf Blitzer Reports	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now				
5 CNN	Inside Politics	Crossfire	Wolf Blitzer Reports	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now					
7 KOAT	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Meury	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC 4th News	News	Ent. Tonight			
8 EI	Varied Programs			Saturday Night Live	Varied Programs	El News	Varied Programs				
9 USA	(00) Movie	Varied Programs			Walker, Texas Ranger	JAG		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
10 KBIM	Young Restless	Guiding Light	Dr. Phil	News	News	CBS Evening News	News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune		
12 KASY	(00) Ricki Lake	Extreme Dating	Extreme Dating	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	King of Queens	Every- Raymond	Every- Raymond	
13 DSC	Rally Round	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation		
14 TNN	Highlander	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation		
15 FAM	Full House	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	So Little Time	Full House	7th Heaven	Switched! Knock First		
17 HBO	(4:45) Movie	Varied Programs									
20 SHOW	(4:45) Movie	Varied Programs									
21 MAX	(08) Movie	Varied Programs				(4:45) Movie	Varied Programs				
23 TNT	NYPD Blue	Judging Amy	Angel	Charmed	Law & Order	Varied Programs					
24 AMC	(12:15) Movie	Varied Programs									
25 KRPV	(00) Light of the Southwest	Varied Programs						John Hagge Today	Update/ser	Varied Programs	
27 COM	(00) Late Night	Mad TV	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Movie			Mad TV			
28 TLC	Baby Story	Trading Spaces	While You Were Out	Clean Sweep	Varied Programs						
29 TCM	Movie	Varied Programs									
32 UNI	(00) Class 400	El Gordy y la Fiesta	Primer Impacto	Viviana	Noticiero Univision	Amor Otra Vez					
33 DISN	Recess	Lilo & Stich	Recess	Kim Possible	Proud Family	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie McGuire	Movie	
34 ANPL	Pet Story	Emergency	Emergency	Animal Videos	Animal Videos	Crocodile Hunter	Funnies Animals	Funnies Animals	Varied Programs		
35 ESPN	Tennis	Varied Programs	Around the Horn	SportsCenter	Varied Programs	College Basketball					
37 NICK	Varied Programs	Bob the Builder	Dora the Explorer	Rugrats	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Yakkity Yak	Oddparent's	U-Pick	SpongeBob	Amanda
40 SciFi	Varied Programs	X-Files	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	Stargate SG-1	Varied Programs						
41 FX	(00) Movie	Cops	Cops	Married... With	Married... With	Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Buffy the Vampire Slayer				
42 H&G	Designers' Challenge	Landscapes	Designing-Box	Across America	If Walls Could	Before & After	Building Character	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Varied Programs	
43 CNN-FN	Street Sweep	Money & Markets	Your Money	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Your Money	Dolans Unscripted					
44 WTBS	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Home Improvement	Selmafield	Friends	Movie	Varied Programs		
45 WGN	Happy Days	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Home Improvement	Will & Grace	Becker	Home Improvement	Movie		
46 LIFE	(00) Any Day Now	Division	Strong Medicine	Unsolved Mysteries	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Nanny	Nanny			
48 FSSW	Varied Programs			54321	You Gotta See This!	Football Today	Varied Programs				
49 ESPN2	Varied Programs	Billiards	Varied Programs								
50 OUTD	Hunting With Hank	Sports Jml.	North to Alaska	Varied Programs							
51 HIST	Varied Programs					Modern Marvels	Varied Programs				
52 A&E	(12:00) Movie	Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote	City Confidential	American Justice	Biography					
53 GOLF	Varied Programs	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Golf Central	Varied Programs				
54 CNBC	(00) Closing Bell	Closing Bell	Kudlow & Cramer	Bullseye	The News on CNBC	Varied Programs					
58 TRAV	Get Packing!	Varied Programs				World's Best	Varied Programs				

THURSDAY EVENING											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00
2 KASA	Tru Calling: Murder in the Morgue	Simple Life	News	News	Simpsons	Friends	Backer	Blind Date	6th Wheel		
3 KENW	Frontline: China With Love	Just Add Water: New Mexico	Natural Title	Red Green	Conan O'Brien	Conan O'Brien	Frontline: China With Love	Frontline: China With Love	News-Less		
4 KOBR	Friends (N)	Good Morning	(7:55) Will & Grace	Scrubs (N)	(8:55) ER	(9:00) ER	(9:35) Tonight Show	(10:35) Tonight Show	(12:07) Paula Zahn		
5 CNN	Larry King Live	News/Night With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Larry King Live	News	(3:55) Will & Grace	Ent. Tonight	(3:55) Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel		
7 KOAT	Threat Matrix "PPX" (N)	Extreme Makeover	Primetime Thursday	News	(3:55) Will & Grace	Ent. Tonight	(3:55) Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel			
8 EI	101 Most Unforgettable Sitcom Moments	101 Most Unforgettable Sitcom Moments	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Saturday Night Live	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern			
9 USA	Frontline: China With Love	Just Add Water: New Mexico	Natural Title	Red Green	Conan O'Brien	Conan O'Brien	Frontline: China With Love	Frontline: China With Love	News-Less		
10 KBIM	Cold Case: Church-going People	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Without a Trace	Without a Trace	News	(3:55) Late Show	(10:35) Late Show	(12:07) Paula Zahn			
12 KASY	WWE SmackDown	Married... With	Coach	Coach	Eliminate	Eliminate	M*A*S*H	Cops	Cops		
13 DSC	Digital Cool	New Detectives: Forensic Science	Bunkers: Buried History	Bunkers: Buried History	Covert Action "Operation Rescate"	Blind Date	Blind Date	Highlander	Cheers		
14 TNN	Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Blind Date	Blind Date	Highlander	Cheers		
15 FAM	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	7th Heaven	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	700 Club	700 Club			
17 HBO	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
20 SHOW	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
21 MAX	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
23 TNT	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
24 AMC	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
25 KRPV	Light of the Southwest	Hour of Healing	Rev. J. Hansen	Rev. J. Hansen	Update/ser	Dark Prince	Light-Southwest				
27 COM	Late Night w/ Conan O'Brien	Daily Show	Mad TV	Mad TV	Crunk Yankers	Crunk Yankers	Man Show	Man Show	Daily Show		
28 TLC	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends	Against the Law: A Family Torn Apart	Secrets of Forensic Science	Secrets of Forensic Science	Mostly True Stories: Urban Legends	Against the Law: A Family Torn Apart					
29 TCM	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
32 UNI	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
33 DISN	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
34 ANPL	24: The Negotiator	24: The Negotiator	L Word	L Word	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak	Chris Isaak		
35 ESPN	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche	College Basketball Washington at Oregon	College Basketball Louisville at East Carolina	College Basketball Louisville at East Carolina	NFL Live	NFL Live	NFL Live	NFL Live	NFL Live		
37 NICK	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Sabrina-Witch	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne	
40 SciFi	Dark Waters	Dark Waters	Blind Date	Blind Date	Eliminate	Eliminate	Crossing Over	Crossing Over	X-Files		
41 FX	Married... With	Married... With	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
42 H&G	Designers' Challenge	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Extreme Homes	Weekend Warriors	Landscapes	Designers' Challenge	Designers' Challenge		
43 CNN-FN	Pilipside	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Dolans Unscripted	Dolans Unscripted	Biznews (Live)						
44 WTBS	(6:30) 24: The Negotiator	(7:00) 24: The Negotiator	(7:30) 24: The Negotiator	(8:00) 24: The Negotiator	(8:30) 24: The Negotiator	(9:00) 24: The Negotiator	(9:30) 24: The Negotiator	(10:00) 24: The Negotiator	(10:30) 24: The Negotiator	(11:00) 24: The Negotiator	(11:30) 24: The Negotiator
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POOP SCOOP BY DIANNE STALLINGS. Article discussing the dangers of plastic containers for animals, specifically focusing on how they can become entangled in plastic rings and cause injury or death. Includes advice on proper disposal and alternatives.

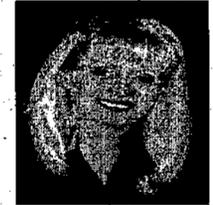
Pet Corner advertisement for Lincoln County Humane Society. Features photos of two dogs, Lois & Clark and Twin, and provides adoption information, hours, and contact details (257-9841).

SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 18, 2004. Grid of TV programs from 8:00 to 1:00 AM across various channels like KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, etc.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS



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Week of Jan. 14 - 20, 2004

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) You're looking for the right thing, but in the wrong place. What you want is not the same as where you want it. Start with your brain, then your heart.
Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) The fight is over. You can win because you are about to start a better life. One that doesn't include fighting. Why? You're going stop fighting. Be happy.
Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sep 22) You can do the same old things, or start a real exciting life. Don't go inside for too long, or you'll find that you'll get too comfortable. Walk on.
Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Don't worry about money! You have a great idea on how to make more. Fear is your greatest enemy. Faith will see you through. A great time to start.
Gemini: (May 21 - Jun 20) Stop, drop and roll. Is there a fire? There should be. A burning desire to go out there and do what you have never done before. Go now.
Libra: (Sept 23 - Oct 22) You may feel like you're getting behind, you're not. Look to the sun, because you're about to do something without your permission. Love and let go of control.
Pisces: (Feb 19 - Mar 20) There is something that someone has, that you need. You can ask, and get it, or you can go out and do it yourself, and not have to ask any more questions.
Cancer: (Jun 21 - Jul 22) Quit it. Don't think another doubtful thought. What you think is what you'll get, so think about what you want, and when you want it. It's your time to shine.
Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Make a list of what you need to do, because you're about to take on some more good things. You have control of what you want to do. So say so.
Aries: (Mar 21 - Apr 19) One plus one just doesn't cut it for you. You want it the hard way. Stop. What you need will come to you, once you quit putting out negative energy. Be Happy.
Leo: (Jul 23 - Aug 22) It's not the money that's getting to you. It's you getting to you. You know what to do, and can't lie to yourself. Get off you assets and do it right. NOW.
Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) When you realize that what your heart desires, is just waiting for you to make up your mind, then everything will fall into place. You can do this.

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 19, 2004. Grid of TV programs for Monday evening, including channels like KASA, KENW, KOB, CNN, KOAT, etc.

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 20, 2004. Grid of TV programs for Tuesday evening, including channels like KASA, KENW, KOB, CNN, KOAT, etc.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 21, 2004. Grid of TV programs for Wednesday evening, including channels like KASA, KENW, KOB, CNN, KOAT, etc.

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