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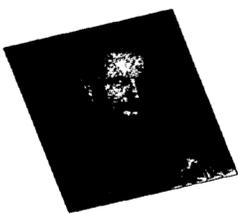
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## Tests say plant pollution not high

Nuisance algae mostly coming from other sources, officials say

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Nearly a year of testing sites along the Ruidoso River shows that high levels of phosphorous would remain in the stream even if a sewage treatment plant shared by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs didn't

exist. While that's good news for officials from those two municipalities for the performance of the plant, they still face the problem of backtracking the pollution sources and eliminating or reducing them under the watchful eye of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Presenting charts to members of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Board Thursday, consultant Eddie Livingston said they give a snapshot of what sample takers have seen through the year. The tests concentrated on nitrates and phosphorous, which both

encourage the growth of nuisance algae, the source of complaints about the stream for several years. The EPA called for the strictest phosphorous removal standards in the country as part of the plant's last operational permit. The plant changes were due last month.

But municipal officials convinced state and federal environmental agency representatives to allow them time to prove that much of the problem comes from sources not related to the plant. They hope to avoid unnecessarily spending millions of dollars to complete expensive changes at the plant east of Ruidoso

Downs. Livingston pointed out on the charts that during an April sampling, 10 pounds of phosphorous per day passed through the area monitored at the Mescalero Apache Reservation boundary in Upper Canyon. The amount tapers off as it comes down stream, but then spikes at Station 14, which is significantly below the plant. He concluded that 20 pounds comes through the plant, but another 30 pounds originates from other sources within the river or draining to it. "That's a lot," said Ruidoso Downs city

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## Still no FEMA decision after hot meeting

BY MARTY RACINE AND DAVE PRICE  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has postponed action on a flood plain ordinance that would meet Federal Emergency Management Agency standards for the national flood insurance program.

Heated verbal sparring, invitations to "step outside" and a visit from several of Ruidoso's finest marked a contentious meeting of the Lincoln County Commission, held Thursday at village hall, where the ordinance was discussed.

In June of 2003, the New Mexico Legislature passed a law requiring government entities within the state to enact FEMA-approved flood plain mapping. The Village of Ruidoso, among other New Mexico communities, has already adopted such regulations.

After the public hearing, the board in effect said it wanted additional time to draft an ordinance that meets minimum FEMA requirements. The board also indicated its reluctance to add another bureaucratic layer of regulations and police powers to flood insurance or to the mortgage lending process.

The conclusion came when Commissioner Leo Martinez's motion to approve any county ordinance acceptable to FEMA - county attorney Alan Morel has drafted three ordinances - died for lack of a second.

Though Martinez expressed frustration that the commission was suffering from a lack of "gumption," other commissioners disagreed.

After the meeting, Maury St. John said she and the commission learned valuable new information from some guests at Thursday's meeting, and from a FEMA official who joined the discussion via a speakerphone and frequently offered clarifying information from the government's standpoint.

"From that information," St. John said, "we should be able to come up with an ordinance that will prove acceptable by FEMA. I can't speak for all of the commissioners, whether or not they'll be ready then to approve it once that happens, but we all know that we have to have a flood plain

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HELLO, DAHLINGS!



PHOTO BY YVONNE LANELLI

An entrant at the Cross Your Heart Cup benefit race and pageant at Ski Apache Wednesday waves to the crowd. This year's theme was "Hooray for Hollywood," bringing out countless colorful costumes and characters

FROSTY TABLEAU



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Snow drifts from the heavens to fall on a running, and certainly quite chilly, Rio Ruidoso as it winds its way past the Sierra Blanca Cabins on Cree Meadows Drive Thursday afternoon.

## Agents say drug demand rising

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
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Increasing demand for illegal drugs keeps agents busy in the area.

The Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit has seen a reduction in methamphetamine labs in the last four to six months.

"We're not having them anymore," said Frank Hooper, commander of the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit. "We're doing about two a month. Transporting it in from other states is way up."

Hooper said "pure ice" has pretty much taken the place of manufacturing methamphetamines in Lincoln County, and because it's "purer" than manufactured meth, "for awhile it was really kicking people's butts," he said. "There were quite a few medical emergencies."

Hooper said he prefers this trend because the meth labs are so toxic. A miscalculation could easily take out two or three rooms around it in a motel, he said, and children are often around during the manufacturing process.

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## Protests halt new Grindstone pump-back

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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Protests filed with the State Engineer's Office shut down a new pump-back system at Grindstone Dam shortly after the system was put into operation.

Larry Grasmick, director of water and wastewater operations for the village of Ruidoso, said the old pump-back system is being used until issues are resolved.

"I understand the initial assessment took a year, but this might take one or two months," he said

Thursday. "The quicker the better for us."

The state has asked the department to provide more data, Grasmick said. Apparently, the protests are tied to the "remote possibility" that a spring exists somewhere between the old and new pump-back system, he said. Both were installed to try to capture water lost from leaks at the dam at the village's reservoir.

In a report he prepared for village councilors at their meeting Tuesday, Grasmick wrote that because of low flow in the Ruidoso

River, diversions from the river to refill Grindstone only occur during brief periods when the amount is sufficient to stay within the guidelines agreed upon with the Ruidoso River Association. That regulation was signed by former mayor Robert Donaldson about four years ago.

"Grindstone Lake is tracking approximately where the consultants told us it would be in December," Grasmick wrote.

Water production for January 2004 indicates about 30 acre feet from Grindstone and 60 acre feet

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# DRUGS: 'Purer' form of meth is more prevalent now

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In 2003, six meth labs were busted in Lincoln County, according to the annual statistics of the Region VI Drug Task Force, which includes Lincoln, Otero, Lea and Chaves counties.

Teams from the State Police Meth Lab come from Albuquerque when a meth lab is suspected because of the danger. In the old days, Hooper said, agents busted the labs and ended up with upper respiratory problems and cancer, and there is always the danger of flammability.

"Just inhaling it, you can drop dead," he said.

But for those addicted to meth ice — the latest drug fad — there's no rehabilitation possible, Hooper said.

"In my opinion, meth is the worst of them all. We've never seen anybody cured from meth addiction," he said.

Marijuana is found the

most often locally, followed by methamphetamine. Cocaine is the third most commonly found drug, and heroin the fourth.

Hooper said people were "knocking over dead" from the heroin, so samples were sent in to the lab, but it tested as no different from other heroin.

"They're just taking too much, and you run the risk of dying if you're not acclimated, like kids," he said.

Because Ruidoso is a resort town, drugs come into the area from all over, but the drug agents have seen the demand for drugs go up steadily since the 1960s.

"Meth was a biker drug way back; now it's in epidemic proportions," one agent said.

The drug task force works on 20-30 long-term investigations at any given time, going after distributors of drugs.

A couple of agents at the task force talk about the endless supply of distributors for



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

This is one of 10 small balloons containing cocaine from a bust on Paradise Canyon Jan. 30. Cocaine and drug paraphernalia were also found in the residence.

all kinds of drugs.

"There's a lot more people out there," one said. "If we arrest somebody, five more will take his spot. A lot of our people have been busted before, but there's always a lot of new ones."

They've gotten some tips from pharmacists and grocers they've educated about home-druggists buying excess amounts of allergy pills, but most of them steal their ingre-

dients, one agent said.

All the agents complained that there is no drug rehabilitation in New Mexico.

"New Mexico will not address the issue," a young agent said. "You've got a kid strung out on meth and nobody'll take them — no hospital. Sometimes I've had to release a 12- or 13-year-old back to his parents."

Another agent added that Children Youth and Families Department will take the kids away after their parents have been busted for operating a meth lab or distributing drugs, and then after the hearing, they'll put them back with the parents. Children grow up thinking this is normal life.

House Bill 112, introduced to the New Mexico Legislature this year, adds manufacturing controlled substances in a motor vehicle building or other premises to the child abuse statute (Section 30-6-1 NMSA 1978). Hooper and other agents are in favor of this, as they said children are present in most of their busts of meth labs.

A lot of people are hooked on prescription drugs, the agents said. Some steal from relatives who hold prescriptions and a couple were writing their own.

The agents don't believe they're winning the drug war.

"We're busting the same ones over and over and over. I'd like to send them to New

York and have them send us theirs," one agent said. "Our problem is New Mexico needs to get tougher laws and jail sentences."

Then there's the problem of not enough jails and no rehabilitation.

The U.S. has the largest documented prison population in the world currently, according to the International Centre for Prison studies at King's College London. With 2.03 million people in prison, or 701 per 100,000 people, the U.S. is followed by China and Russia, while most industrialized countries have rates under 200.

"We're going to have job security until we retire," one of the task force agents said.

## Growth options on public display

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
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For just one more week, residents or visitors to Ruidoso are being offered a chance to influence the future development of the village.

Officials with Design Workshop, who are handling the compilation of a Comprehensive Plan for Ruidoso, have posted four growth scenarios — including one that promotes more of a "no growth" approach — on the walls of the entrance to the village's administration center on Cree Meadows Drive.

Survey sheets are available nearby to be filled out indicating which scenario is preferred and why, and with room for comments on features those submitting the sheets found the most and least appealing.

Some of the issues include

protection of slopes of 30 percent or more, and development of trails limited to the Grindstone and Country Club Drive areas or along the river or throughout the entire village. Other features deal with concentration of commercial development, new parks, environmental protection, the use of property in the Camelot subdivision off U.S. 70 and community transportation.

The type of growth pre-

ferred, the site of village "centers," annexation approaches and the designation of Upper Canyon as a historical district also are open for public input.

The scenarios can be viewed on the village's official Web site by clicking onto the Comprehensive Plan and rolling to the bottom. This is a chance to tell officials what type of community Ruidoso should become in the next 20 years.

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# FEMA: Ordinance 'inevitable'

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ordinance, whether we like it or not. "We're not against these people that can't get mortgages because we don't have FEMA insurance backing," St. John continued, "but we also don't want it to be this invasive ordinance that it started out as. That's what we're concerned about — personal property rights. I don't want to give a group the authority to come out and tell me what to do with my land. I think we're a lot closer to a resolution to it than we were back in the summer."

A fourth draft of the county's ordinance, ensuing from further consultations among Morel, FEMA officials and flood plain managers, will require a second public hearing, possibly in March.

Thursday's decision was a victory for neither opponents nor supporters of a FEMA-compliant county ordinance. Commissioners Earl Hobbs and St. John, while decrying an unfunded federal mandate, both recognized the inevitability of having such an ordinance.

Hobbs even called Martinez's motion "appropriate," but said he could not support it as it would mean the commission would not get prior review of the final ordinance before it was enacted.

The two-hour hearing turned contentious during an address by Alto's Lorri McKnight, also the Village of Ruidoso manager, who was speaking on behalf of the ordinance. She requested that Jerry Carroll, a private-property-rights activist who was filming the proceedings, not aim the camera in her direction. Claiming this was his right at a public hearing, Carroll refused to turn his camera off. Two men then shielded McKnight from Carroll. Frustrated, Carroll set down his camera and asked one of the men to follow him out of the room. "Don't stoop to his level," shouted one

member of the audience, as others told Carroll to "sit down."

Carroll was eventually instructed by Board Chairman Rex Wilson to shoot from the back of the room.

Three police officers appeared on the premises shortly afterward. By then, tempers had cooled, and McKnight continued her address.

In addition to McKnight and Carroll, the hearing brought to the microphone local mortgage lender Linda Flack, flood plain national consultant Les Bond and Chaves County flood plain manager Grant Pinkerton.

Pinkerton helped ease commissioners' concerns that management of a FEMA-approved ordinance would place an undue burden on county staff. Pinkerton said he processes "five to 10 flood plain permits per year."

The National Flood Insurance Program is not mandated by the federal government, nor is it enforced by the Code of Federal Regulations. Still, mortgage lenders foresee it as a necessity, as testimony from Allstate Insurance agent John Crunk and State National Bank's Greg Cory, among others, made clear.

Wealthy county residents can buy a piece of property for cash anywhere they like, one speaker noted. But, for those who require bank loans to buy a home, the inability of the county to provide a flood certification — something for which FEMA mapping is required — can make providing flood insurance impossible, which can lead to the rejection of a loan application.

There is no deadline for a governmental entity to implement a compliant ordinance. Any implementation might take some time; among other preliminaries, Lincoln County flood plain maps would have to be redrawn.

Should an ordinance be eventually adopted, it is expected its administration would add a county employee to the rolls.

**"I don't want to give a group the authority to come out and tell me what to do with my land."**

Maury St. John  
county commissioner

# County won't back center

Instead, community center supporters will look to Capitan

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BY DAVE PRICE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Though the lion's share of Thursday's special Ruidoso meeting of the Lincoln County Commission was dominated by talk of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and flood-plain mapping, staff managed to shoehorn other business into the agenda.

The commission held a public hearing on a request from the Community Center of Lincoln County Task Force. The group, chaired by Ron Hardeman and consisting of volunteers including several appointed by various county communities' governing bodies, asked the commission to serve as fiscal agent on a grant application for \$25,000 in federal funds, dollars which would be channeled through the Southeast New Mexico Council of Governments. County Manager Tom Stewart recommended the commission refuse the request, noting "to date (the commission) has not been supportive" of the effort to explore the viability of a community center in the county.

Stewart also said Tony Elias, a paid lobbyist who represents the county via the Southeast New Mexico Council of Governments, told him the type of grant the group was requesting would not be available for the purpose, as such grants are normally "meant for master plans" and not more specific projects like a community center. Messages left for Elias after business hours Thursday went unanswered.

Ruidoso Downs city administrator John Waters rose to challenge Stewart's assertion, noting that Ruidoso Downs recent-

ly used a similar grant to study proposed work on its senior citizens center.

Tony Seno, a local Libertarian party activist, was among those testifying against the center. He told commissioners he opposed government involvement in recreation, a business best "left to private business."

Jim Capper, a member of the YES Committee, which supports the effort to build a community center in Lincoln County, disagreed. The president for whom Lincoln County is named, Capper noted, "said the function of government is to do for its citizens that which they cannot do for themselves."

In the end, the commission instructed Stewart to explore with Elias and others if there is indeed a grant that could apply to the center's feasibility study. The motion, made by Maury St. John, that included those instructions for Stewart stopped short of committing the county to serving as fiscal agent, even if he were to discover such a grant could be applied to the community center's proposal.

After the meeting, Martinez said the commission's action

was indicative of the distaste for the community center idea held by his fellow commissioners and their manager. "Stewart doesn't want this," Martinez said, "so it's not going anywhere. That's why they supported that motion."

According to a report from Marty Racine, included in today's edition of the *Ruidoso News*, the commission's discussion of the community center task force's request may have been all for naught. Earlier this week, the Capitan council voted to approve that body's serving as fiscal agent for the grant application. "I would be tickled for them to do it," St. John said Thursday. "I don't think a planning grant is indicated in this situation. They're (not suited) to an individual project like this."

In other business during Thursday's special meeting, the commission heard testimony from Bill Pippin, a local real estate broker who spoke on behalf of property owner Ted Stallings. Stallings, who owns property off Airport Road, was granted a utility easement by a unanimous vote of the four commissioners present on a motion made by Martinez and seconded by St. John.

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# New step toward desalination taken

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An application to the State Engineer by the Regents of New Mexico State University signals movement in the study of how to treat brackish water in the Tularosa Basin and create a new source of potable water in Otero County.

Money toward the goal of building a desalination plant effective enough to help supply water to civilian and military populations in the area already received funding from several sources.

A corrective notice of application was filed recently noting that on Sept. 17, Ben Woods, vice president for Human and Physical Resources on behalf of the university regents in Las Cruces filed an application to permit the appropriation of underground waters in the basin.

The application proposes that five production wells be drilled on land owned by the city of Alamogordo for a total

diversion of 600 acre feet of water per year. An acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

The water is to be used for research purposed at the future Tularosa Basin

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**OUR OPINION**

**It's time to push that indigent bill**

Taxpayers have a stake in the outcome — money

Sometimes the good guys will win one — if only our friendly legislators in the state House of Representatives go along.

The Senate without opposition a week ago passed Sen. Tim Jennings' SB109, which kicked out language slipped in by a lobbyist last year eliminating the key provision — allowing counties to decide where indigent health care should be given, at a lower cost.

As of Wednesday, the bill sat in the House committee dealing with consumer affairs. Assuming something more than thick molasses to crawl through, Jennings' bill should get a "do pass" from the committee and

get on the floor for a vote before the Legislature adjourns (or doesn't, depending on the governor) next week.

Hopefully, that sneaky lobbyist for the state hospital association got the message, and will let the will of the public prevail. If he wasn't present for that chewing out by the governor last week, he should have been. Or fired. Interestingly, the lobbyist's name never has been made public. It should be.

Meanwhile, a few calls to your favorite representative at (505) 986-4600 from Lincoln County (where the indigent legislation originated) might help those public representatives make up their minds.

**Look for the 'humint' aspect in every encounter**

"Humint." What a word.

That, apparently, is what the CIA and President Bush and the Brits didn't have enough of when they charged off to invade Iraq,



MOUNTAIN ASIDES  
 KEITH GREEN

seen by most people now (especially Democrats) as something of a grandstanding follow up to Afghanistan and to what happened on Sept. 11, 2001.

Not enough of it, the CIA boss said last

week, as he tried to explain why the WMD hunters didn't find a thing except a couple of trucks that had something to do with the weather.

Not enough of what "humint" means these days — "human intelligence," gathered by James Bond types sneaking around in a foreign country, overhearing conversations, following scientists, seducing nationals of that country to pass along information for money (or whatever).

As the CIA put it, what was needed was more boots on the ground, not satellites in the sky with long lenses and sharp sensors trying to figure out from vestigial clues just what was happening 200 miles down below.

But from my view, "humint" simply means the application of whatever brains God gave us to anticipate such problems as come along, whether having to do with Al-Qaida or Iraqi terrorists or lobbyists in the Santa Fe Round House who, by the way, don't much like taking the heat from a governor whose agenda is too long and keeps getting longer.

Those lobbyists, generally well-meaning hired hands who're there as much to deliver specialized information to beleaguered legislators as to influence the passage or defeat of pet legislation, are practitioners of humint; they dig around to figure out which legislator they can influence, who might be amenable to their pet project, or not. If that's not spying, or humint, what would one call it?

And in this blisteringly cold, or hot, political winter, there's no question that both Democrats and Republicans are relying on

humint provided by their own operatives, opposite-party turncoats, or your plain old dependable press, to try to get the goods on the other guys.

The fact is, neither spies nor lobbyists have a particularly savory reputation — which, naturally, will vary with your own predilections.

As the other guys have said for centuries, "your terrorist is my freedom fighter." One Revolution freedom fighter, Nathan Hale, was hanged by the British, leaving the ringing (if a bit doubtful) remark that "I only regret I have but one life to lose for my country."

Presumably the humint-gatherers in Iraq are out there in force now, poking around caves and sand dunes to see if they can save their boss's political career by getting the goods — any kind of goods — on Saddam. Certainly the Democrats are out there tuning in on whatever gets uncovered by their own operatives (and maybe the "left-wing-liberal" press).

Personally, I wouldn't mind a spy in the White House and the Democratic National Committee, so I could get a balanced humint view on what those diverse folks are thinking about our future.

It will make a difference, whatever it is.

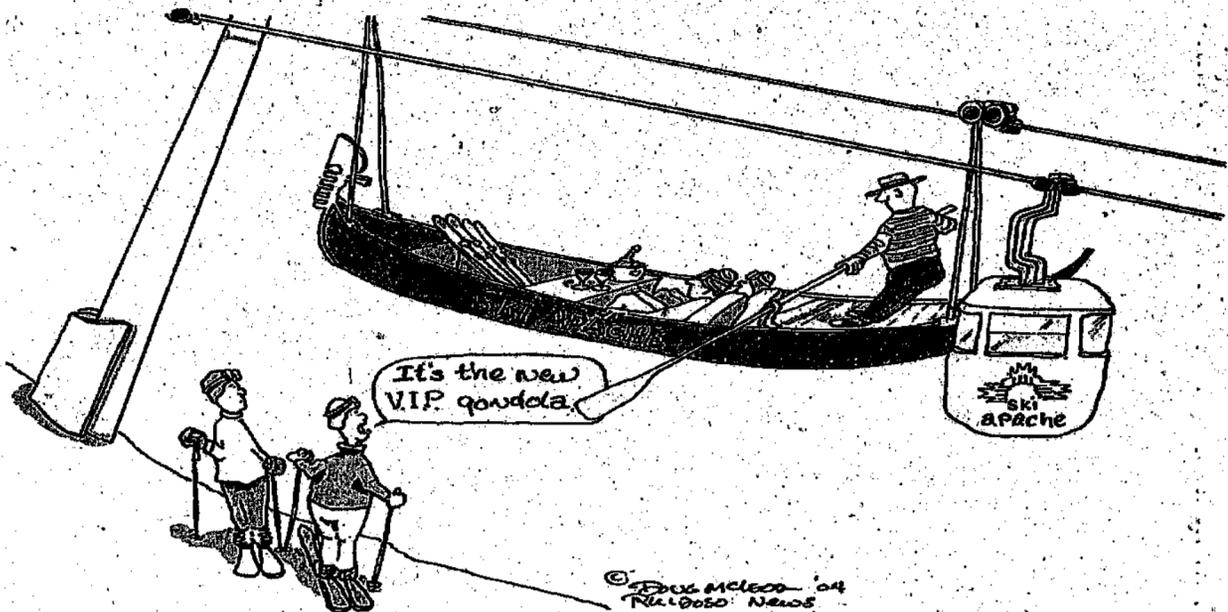
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**YOUR OPINION**

**Iraq invasion founded on 'manipulation'**

To the editor:

The Bush administration based the legality of its attack and invasion of Iraq on Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction. With the release of inspector David Kay's report that there were no stockpiles of WMDs and "no reasonable expectation" of finding any later, that excuse has been refuted by the administration's own man.

As it stands now, every claim, piece of information, and public statement used to push for war has been shown to be exaggerated, distorted, or, for the most part, entirely untrue.

Time and again, Bush administration figures have made claims known to be untrue. The latest was V.P. Cheney's resurrection of the "mobile biological labs" canard. This claim was refuted by the British government months ago through the serial numbers on the equipment. They are mobile weather stations.

This has been typical of the Bush administration's manipulation of the truth to inflame the fear of the American people. This deliberate campaign was successful in stampeding Americans into supporting a "preventive war," unjustified by the acts and illegal by treaty and law.

Saddam being beastly to his own people, while certainly true, was insufficient to legalize war and invasion.

So far, the price of Bush's foibles has been 525 young Americans dead, over 3,500 wounded, and over \$170 billion spent. The size of the mistake we've made is enormous, and, as of yet, there is no visible way out of the growing Iraqi nightmare.

Millions of people warned us of these things, but we would not hear. Perhaps the next time the politicians seek to use and manipulate us through fear, which they will, we will remember this; remember and resist being stampeded again.

If we don't, we will have squandered our inheritance of freedom.

Ray Wilson  
 Alto

wearing coveralls and wants you to work too.

Paul van Gulick  
 Ruidoso Downs

**Get information first**

To the editor:

I would like to comment on the *Ruidoso News* opinion page letter titled "Conspicuous absence" (Feb. 4). More specifically, the last sentence of the second paragraph which reads, "And where were the current candidates for village council?"

As a candidate for the village council, I would like the writer to know that to the best of my knowledge all of the candidates have agreed to attend all forums to which they have been invited. Being new to campaigning, and not yet elected, it is difficult for this candidate to know what forums I should attend without being invited.

It is unfair to criticize the candidates for not attending gatherings without inviting them. All candidates' names, addresses, and telephone numbers are public knowledge and are available through the village offices.

In the future, the writer could better serve his and the public's interest by making a few positive telephone calls, before hand, rather than writing letters to the editor, after the fact.

Donald A. Williams  
 Ruidoso

**'Diatribe comments'**

To the editor:

The Jan. 30 *Ruidoso News* (commentary) by a member of the Ruidoso River Association on the subject of Grindstone Lake is very interesting, and has possibly set a new high in diatribe comments.

I don't intend to debate the issues here, but will offer a few comments and

move on.

Over 40 years ago, I began to address letters to the newspaper in the town in which I lived. Where individuals were involved, personal names were always omitted as it served no purpose to do otherwise.

In the article of Jan. 30, my name was shown 10 times along with a negative remark in each case. This fact reminded me of a similar situation in May 2000, where I had written a letter ... on the subject of the Grindstone Lake being dry.

The Ruidoso River Association answered with a paid ad ... (similar) to their letter of Jan. 30. The paid ad was 8 1/2 by 22 inches in size and cost in excess of \$750. The ad was signed by the directors of the Ruidoso River Association. As a dues-paying member, I stopped my membership, as I did not want to aid in my own lynching.

I made no effort to answer the paid ad. Possibly I should have, and the apparent misunderstanding with the River Association might have been solved. The Grindstone Lake is dry. When the filtration plant cannot filter water due to a low lake level, the lake is dry.

Criticism is a poor substitute for communication and discourse.

J. A. "Al" Junge/E.&O.E.  
 Ruidoso

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**QUESTION: How are you celebrating Valentine's Day?**



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"Going to cook at home for the family."

Marlan Taylor  
 Ruidoso Downs

# Capitan to pursue grant for community center

BY MARY RAGINE FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The assumption that the proposed Community Center of Lincoln County will be placed in Ruidoso has not dampened discussion of the project outside the village.

Though sentiment for a Ruidoso-based center remains divided in Capitan, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to make Capitan the fiscal agent for the center's planning grant within the Community Block Development Grant program.

Approval followed Trustee Bobbi Shearer's suggestion that "Capitan take the lead and put in for the planning grant."

Trustee George Tippin, who sits on the Community Center of Lincoln County Task Force, agreed. "It pains me, because I've been trying to get planning grants for months, and we haven't been moving on it," he said. "So why not go ahead and (apply) and maybe that will get us moving on it, get us motivated."

Capitan can pursue a CBDG planning grant for the center because other potential agents such as Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs already have CBDG

planning grants in the works. Should the center be located in Ruidoso - a location on White Mountain Dr. has emerged as a possibility - there appears to be burgeoning support in other communities for the establishment of satellite centers hooked into a countywide system.

"There's a lot of interest out here," said Shearer, "and one of the things being discussed is that even if the center is put into Ruidoso that we establish satellite facilities in each municipality."

Capitan already has been considering its own community center and has prioritized for one in its capital outlay request to the state. The feeling is that such a center could also tie into a countywide system, and Shearer voiced support for an arrangement similar to one in San Juan County.

"They put in a huge aquatic center in Farmington," she said. "There was a similar issue. Aztec and Bloomfield weren't sure how they wanted to (participate). They ended up doing a tri-city bond. Aztec and Bloomfield got baseball fields and soccer fields in their towns, and the big aquatic center went into Farmington."

"Everybody in the county

goes to (Farmington). It's a neat facility. It's gorgeous. It's beautiful."

Farmington's model, Tippin added, is "being brought down here."

Shearer cited the potential for other Lincoln County communities to participate in a larger system. "Carrizozo has a bowling alley; Carrizozo has some things to offer that nobody else in the county does. We would have something that nobody else has."

"We're talking about setting up some sort of transit system and a single pass for all community centers. You could pick which community center you would go to, and we'd try not to have the community centers competing with each other, so that we're all coordinating as part of a single system."

"That's where a planning grant would come in."

Regardless, Shearer said, a main community center in Ruidoso would be close enough for most county residents.

"That's something that everybody in the county could go to. It wouldn't be that big of a deal to drive to Ruidoso for something you can't get anywhere in the county."

## PUMP: Village council keeps current water restrictions

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from other sources were used. An acre foot equates to 325,800 gallons of water.

Stream flow gauges were installed above and below Grindstone Lake on Jan. 23.

Other accomplishments he listed included that: • Construction of the laboratory building at the Alto Water Treatment Plant is complete.

• The contractor for the Eagle Creek pipeline crossing State Route 48 is coordinating with the highway contractor working on that road. The survey for the Eagle Creek Bypass Pipeline is completed and the design is underway. Construction of

the pipeline will allow high turbidity raw water to bypass the water treatment plant and flow directly to Alto Lake or a related duck pond.

• The design of decant basins at Treatment Plant 3 is nearing completion. Recycling of backwash water will save about 9 million gallons of water annually and ensure compliance with federal Environmental Protection Agency discharge standards.

The council Tuesday also agreed to stay under Phase III water-use restrictions in Ruidoso as recommended by village manager Lorri McKnight. That phase prohibits all outdoor irrigation, but allows hand watering of flower beds and tree wells.

## Lincoln County Medical Center's Charges are Lowest in Region

Most things almost always come down to cost, and health care is no different. Everyone wants the best available care for the lowest possible price. With regard to Lincoln County Medical Center, that is not just a desire - it has been, is and will be a daily practice.

LCMC's pricing strategy is a simple two-pronged approach: first, price services as low as possible to maintain a minimum operating margin; and second, stay at or below the New Mexico hospital mid-point of patient charges. This pricing strategy is set by the very local, very autonomous hospital board and is reviewed on a regular basis. For example, the LCMC board has decided NOT to increase prices for 2004 because of the efficiency of hospital operations, validated by consistently excellent patient satisfaction ratings.

In addition to staying at or below the mid-point of New Mexico hospital charges, LCMC keeps track of how our prices compare to facilities in our market. An independent study by KPMG conducted in 2002 found that LCMC's 2001 prices were lower than prices at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center in Alamogordo and Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell. KPMG is a Big 4 accounting firm with offices throughout the United States and services performed worldwide. One of the many services KPMG offers is Assurance and Advisory or, plainly speaking, the conversion of business information into insights to improve a business' efficiency and performance. This independent study identified that Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center's prices are 10.72% higher than LCMC's and Eastern New Mexico Medical Center's prices are 47.82% higher than LCMC's.

Lower cost and higher quality are not mutually exclusive, rather higher quality translates to lower cost. Next week, we'll detail how LCMC rates in terms of quality. An independent study conducted by the New Mexico Health Policy Commission finds that LCMC re-admission rates are lower than at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center and Eastern New Mexico Medical Center.

Keeping prices as low as possible and quality high are part of LCMC's commitment to provide incredible value for the healthcare dollar by stretching it further and creating a more cost-efficient operation.

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## Health care rules change

This and next week's columns will provide information to small business owners and managers about a very important issue for employees, healthcare and a recent development in this issue.

On June 26, 2003, the U.S. House passed H.R. 2596, the Health Savings and Affordability Act of 2003. It passed by a 237 - 191 vote (Roll No. 328). After passage, H.R. 2596 was appended to H.R. 1, the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act.

H.R. 2596 creates new personal savings accounts to help pay unreimbursed medical expenses on a tax-preferred basis. There are two types of accounts: Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) and Health Savings Security Accounts (HSSAs).

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) may be established by any individual who is covered by a health plan with an annual deductible of at least \$1,000 for self-coverage and \$2,000 for family coverage. HSAs may be established by any individual who is either uninsured or is covered by a health plan with an annual deductible of at least

\$500 for self coverage and \$1,000 for family coverage.

Annual contribution limits for HSAs is 100 percent of the deductible under the health plan. This may be between \$1,000 - \$2,500 (self-coverage policies) and \$3,350 - \$6,150 (family policies). Contributions can be received from individuals, employers and rollovers from flexible spending accounts (up to \$500 annually) and family members (for HSSAs only).

The annual contribution limit for HSSAs for individuals with self-coverage policies and uninsured individuals without dependents is \$2,000 (this amount phases down if the individual's income exceeds \$75,000). For individuals with family-coverage policies and uninsured individuals with dependents, the annual contribution limit is \$4,000 (this phases down if the individual's income exceeds \$150,000). Individuals age 55 and older can make additional "catch-up contributions" to an HSSA. The additional contribution is \$500 in 2004 and will gradually increase to \$1,000 by 2009.

Next week, I discuss the tax treatment of the two accounts and define qualified medical expenses as it relates to these accounts.

Next week's column: "HSAs and HSSAs tax treatment."

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Chamber Chatter  
BY BRAD TREPTOW  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RUIDOSO VALLEY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Business seminar Tuesday at chamber

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will host a business seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the chamber office. Gene Simmons, of the ENMU Small Business Development Center in Roswell, will lead the business seminar.

The seminar will provide a financial check-up and provide tips and information on business reporting for the small-business owner or manager.

"This seminar is the product of member feedback on one of the cham-

ber's goals for this fiscal year," said Brad Treptow, chamber executive director. "Chamber members replied to an inquiry last fall about the types of seminars that the chamber should provide and one of topics included this seminar," added Treptow.

The seminar is being offered through a partnership between the chamber, ENMU-Ruidoso and the SBDC in Roswell.

"We're very fortunate to lay the foundation for this seminar for the chamber," said Jim Miller, dean of the Ruidoso Instruction Center. "We've

already produced seminars for the chamber in the past few months, and we look forward to coordinating more in the future for the benefit of chamber members," Miller said.

The cost for the seminar is \$5 for chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations will be limited to the first 20 attendees, with the deadline for registration of Monday at 5 p.m. Interested business owners or managers can reserve their attendance with Lillie Erives-Manson at the chamber by e-mail at [lillie@ruidoso.net](mailto:lillie@ruidoso.net) or by phone at 257-7395.

## SNOWY MOUNTAIN



PHOTO BY JEANIE CLANCY COFFEY

Jeanie Clancy Coffey is a fledgling photographer and writer who has opened a business in Ruidoso. She now specializes in landscape photography (an example above), and may be reached for more information at 257-1006, or by e-mail at [jeanieclancy@zianet.com](mailto:jeanieclancy@zianet.com). See her work at the Christian Book Store or the RAC now.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Credit board complete

Doug Reid, a Clovis-area farmer, has been retained in his position on the board of directors of Farm Credit of New Mexico. He was elected to a three-year term following service in filling the unexpired term of Lyle Hutchins.

The association board includes eight members, chairman Joe Clavel of Roy; vice-chairman Kevin Penn, of Deming; Harold "Sonny" Houghtaling Jr., of Lake Arthur; Allen W. "Wess" Wells, of Mountainair; Tyson "Ty" Achen, of Las Cruces; Mack Bell, of Corona; Tom Drake, of Clovis, and Reid.

Farm Credit of New Mexico is the state's full-service lender to farm and ranch enterprises.

## Economy and the Markets

### Disinflation going out

BY SUNG WON SOHN  
CHIEF ECONOMIST, WELLS FARGO & COMPANY

Global economic developments point to the end of disinflation. Globally, economic rebound, which is shrinking excess capacity, and very expansionary monetary policy are the reasons.

The U.S., the Eurozone and Japan have sizable surplus capacity, but the English-speaking world outside of the U.S., including U.K., Australia, etc. and parts of Europe, such as Italy and Spain, have seen their output gap narrow, raising inflation concerns. After years of sizzling economic growth, China has run into production bottlenecks. In addition, central banks around the world have created massive amounts of liquidity in order to support economic growth and combat deflationary pressures. Soon, central banks will get what they want — Inflation.

Asia, a major source of disinflation so far, could become a prime source of future inflation. The Bank of Japan has flooded the economy with liquidity, monetizing about 40 percent of government debts. Also the bank has purchased stocks and asset-backed securities in order to kick-start the economy.

While these steps are necessary to beat deflation in Japan, it will contribute to global inflation eventually. Beijing is limiting land use and permits for factory construction.

Since the Chinese currency is pegged to the dollar, the dollar depreciation has raised import prices into China. For a manufacturing-focused country like China, the recent jump in commodity prices has a significant impact on inflation. In short, excess capacity in some parts of the world will keep inflation low this year.

However, global economic recovery and the declining output gap combined with the surge in money supply around the world will lead to higher

inflation beginning in 2005.

### Bonds: Be patient

The December minutes of the committee, which was released after the January FOMC meeting, showed that the Federal Reserve discussed dropping the words "for a considerable period" in order to gain flexibility. It was a wakeup call to investors who had assumed that risk-taking behavior was supported by the central bank. Bond yields won't spike in the near future. Investors are sitting on a mountain of cash. The Federal Reserve will stand pat for now.

It is tough to excel in bonds, but corporates are relatively attractive. The economy and earnings are improving. Soon, the rating agencies will report more upgrades than downgrades. The corporate bond supply calendar is relatively small. In fact, internal cash flows exceed capital spending needs.

### Stocks: Go defensive?

The wakeup call from the central bank was instrumental in changing investors' appetite for risk. Earlier, economically sensitive small-caps, NASDAQ, emerging markets, etc. outperformed the market based on easy monetary policy. Now, investors have become more cautious. Less cyclical, low beta, large-cap and dividend-paying stocks may be in vogue.

Is it too early to turn defensive? Historically, sectors like food, drug, utilities, energy, etc. outperformed cyclical sectors, such as technology, materials and industrials, when the index peaked and started to decline. Recently, the manufacturing index reached a 20-month high and further increases are expected; it is too early to be defensive.

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## Jobs the key to continued housing strength

WASHINGTON — With mortgage interest rates remaining historically low, continued strength in the housing market will depend more on improvement in the labor markets, according to the National Association of Realtors.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage will move modestly higher this year. "Fixed-rate loans currently are around 5.7 percent, but we project a gradual rise to 6.5 percent in the fourth quarter," he said. "As interest rates move up, the strength of the housing market will depend largely on job growth — which we expect to accelerate and drive demand for homes as the year progresses."

Lereah said the unemployment rate should decline to 5.5 percent by the fourth quarter. "The economy is solid, and job gains in the second quarter should lead to increased spending in the second half of the year."

Growth in the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) is forecast at 4.6 percent this year. "Business spending is accelerating and record profits will help to stimulate additional activity," Lereah said. "The GDP also will benefit from rising exports in the second half of the year."

Existing-home sales are expected to total 5.89 million in 2004, second only to 6.10 million last year.

New homes also should have

their second-best year with 1.03 million sales. Housing starts are projected at 1.78 million units this year, off from a 25-year peak of 1.85 million in 2003.

The national median existing-home price should rise 4.9 percent to \$178,200 this year, following a 7.5 percent increase in 2003. The median new-home price is expected to grow by 4.4 percent in 2004 to \$201,800.

Inflation is likely to be very low this year, with the consumer price index increasing only 1.3 percent.

Inflation-adjusted disposable personal income should rise by 3.9 percent in 2004, while the consumer confidence index is seen to rise to 100 by the fourth quarter.

## Focus on Agriculture

### All about farmers, politics and apple pie

BY TRACY TAYLOR GRONDINE  
AMERICAN FARM BUREAU

It's that time again...baby kissing, arm gripping and handing out customer orders at the local donut drive-through. Ah, yes, the presidential primaries. And if they haven't yet swept through your state, be on the look out—a presidential hopeful will be showing up in your area soon.

A wise voter once contended that saying the presidential primaries don't have much impact is like saying you don't believe in Mom or apple pie. Sharing the same sentiment, millions of Americans every four years pour into their local churches, community centers and schools to cast their ballots. Such a tradition gives Americans a chance to vote for or against presidential candidates. In essence, it is a system of weeding out those contenders who we don't want to see in America's top spot. It has been only several

weeks since the commencement of the pre-election cycle and a handful of hopefuls have already packed their bags and headed home.

Americans saw the fingernails come out as early as the first showing — the Iowa caucus — when farm country learned that one presidential hopeful had once proposed to dismantle part of the Agriculture Department because there were "more agriculture bureaucrats than there are farmers in this country." Later on, Southern voters were baffled when another contender declared to be the candidate for "guys with Confederate flags in their pick-up trucks." With only nine primaries down as of Monday and 35 to go, what should rural America expect next?

Agriculture has always had a place at the table during the primary season — some years farming issues are more

prominent than others. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in 1952 ran on a platform largely comprised of agricultural issues that enabled him to overtake the primaries and win the Republican nomination.

During the 1960 Wisconsin primary, Sens. John Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey battled over farm districts. As one historian notes, Kennedy's run in the state's farm districts was successful enough to show he had some farmer appeal, but he lost by enough to prove that he was vulnerable to Humphrey's hammering at his agricultural record. In the end, Kennedy won only one farm district in the state.

Presidential primaries offer voters a vehicle of getting to know the candidates and the issues. And whether or not your party affiliation is tied with the current primaries, each contest is an opportunity for farmers to

advocate for issues such as renewable fuels, country-of-origin labeling and a fair market price.

Visit any of the current Democratic contenders' web sites and you'll find a separate section telling voters how each candidate will help farmers. Many of them may just mean it. It is up to the voter to crack open all the eggs and determine which ones smell.

"It certainly does elevate agricultural issues to the national level," recently contended Neil Harl, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University. "Every candidate has to know something about agricultural policy."

And for the farming sector during an election year, that's almost as good as Mom's apple pie.

Tracy Taylor Grondine is director of news services for American Farm Bureau Federation.

# Mayor optimistic about fort money

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The effort to preserve and develop historic Fort Stanton could be pumped up by more than a half million dollars, if expectations of Ruidoso and Lincoln County officials are realized.

After meeting with Gov. Bill Richardson, Mayor Leon Eggleston said Tuesday, he was assured by the governor that the 1855 fort would receive \$500,000 this year.

While he was in Santa Fe two weeks ago for the state legislative session, Eggleston said he was impressed watching a presentation by members of Fort Stanton Inc., a private advocacy group for the fort. Members included Nisha Hoffman, who also is secretary to the Fort Stanton Development Commission appointed by the governor. She received special recognition because she showed up in period dress.

Then last week, he and his wife met with Richardson, along with members of Leadership Lincoln, and asked the state leader to support the Fort Stanton appropriations bill. The governor initially said he would put \$100,000 in his budget, but when

told that wasn't enough, he came back with \$517,000, the mayor said.

The development commission had asked for nearly \$1 million, but member Maury St. John, a county commissioner and member of the fort commission, said she's happy with this as a start.

She thanked village councilors for allowing the mayor and the village's lobbyist, H. John Underwood, to spend their time pushing the Fort Stanton project.

"They laid the groundwork for the governor to approve this on his budget, not the whole amount (requested), but enough to cover the roofs and stabilize the buildings," she said.

Once developed into a living museum, educational center, convention place or a combination of those and other uses, the fort is sure to be an asset for the state, she said.

Eggleston said, "A lot of people were there fighting for Fort Stanton."

Even after that big score, Richardson asked the mayor and village manager Lorri McKnight if the village had other projects, particularly water and sewer-related, that needed money. By the next morning a list

was on his desk that included sewer line extensions to bring homes in key areas off septic tanks that could pollute the river.

Eggleston reminded the audience that Richardson already gave half a million each to Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant they share and which is under the gun to improve the quality of effluent released into the river.

State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, carried a bill for \$75,000 to create an operating budget for the fort development commission, Eggleston said. Williams is optimistic it will be approved.

The mayor said at a legislative hearing on capital outlay requests, the village asked for money to build a new main fire station at School House Park, to extend a sewer line in the Grindstone area and for dollars to improve the intersection at Sudderth Drive and Carrizozo Canyon Road.

He said while in the state capital, he found the House side to be "quite structured," but the Senate to be less predictable.

The next meeting of the fort development commission is set for 10 a.m., Feb. 28 at the fort 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso.

# RIVER: Drought not helping phosphorous levels

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manager John Waters. "There's something out there."

"There still would be a nuisance algae problem even if you pulled out the plant," Livingston said. The phosphorous could be migrating through shallow ground water before it enters the stream, he said.

Possible sources of contamination include septic tanks, ash flows from recent forest fires, animal waste, fertilizers, dish washing soap and improperly handled chemicals, members said.

Waters said his city is preparing a survey for businesses to determine what chemicals are being handled and how.

Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez, who represents the county on the wastewater board, said if the time comes when restrictions must be imposed on ranchers and farmers in reference to animal waste and fertilizer, an education process should precede the regulations to help people understand.

"They've been doing it one way all of their lives," he said.

Members said they may want to hire a hydrologist to trace the different sources back to their origins and asked Livingston to come up with a job scope if a hydrologist is added to the team. But for now, they approved a \$6,500 study to determine the source at a specific testing site where spikes of phosphorous were detected downstream of the plant's outflow. They also extended Livingston's multiple site sampling contract for another year at a cost of about \$8,000 a year.

Waters said as pollution points are firmed up, some of the testing sites can be cut, but he emphasized that the municipalities need plenty of data to show federal officials they are on track to reduce the pollution.

The extended drought and lower flow in the river adds to the problem, Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston said. A good flood or at least, a stronger flow, would clean out the algae, he said.

At some point in the future, the board may want to hire someone to determine the amount of phosphorous consumed by the algae, but Ruidoso village manager Lorri McKnight said there's no pot of gold or time to do everything now. Resources should be focused on the answers being sought by the EPA, the Water Quality Control Commission and the state Environment Department, she and village planning director Charles Rennick said.

Both towns are striving to remove homes from septic tanks and to tie them into the sewer system as one of the first steps of controlling contamination.

Earlier in the meeting, members were told that an administrative order outlining what is expected of the two municipalities by the EPA should be in the hands of their attorneys by next week. Because the village was to have instituted improvements at the treatment plant by last month as part of the issuance of the last permit, which has not been done, the possibility of fines remain. However, they will be held in abeyance until the end of the administrative process and will take into consideration the

response of the two towns in curing the problem, McKnight said.

A representative from the EPA said the situation is different in that usually the federal agency's relationship with a permit holder is more adversarial.

"But we have come to them and are working with them. We're breaking new ground."

In other action, the wastewater treatment plant board:

- Approved an engineering contract of Molzin Corbins & Associates to assist in the

preparation of the next permit for the plant due in 2005 and to amend the firm's contract to allow work to eliminate inflow and infiltration on the main sewer interceptor line.

- Voted to wrap \$119,106 of accrued interest on a loan for wastewater improvements over five years into the loan payoff, which will increase the total amount of the loan from \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million, and annual payments from \$84,985 to \$92,109. The option is to pay off the interest by Feb. 29.

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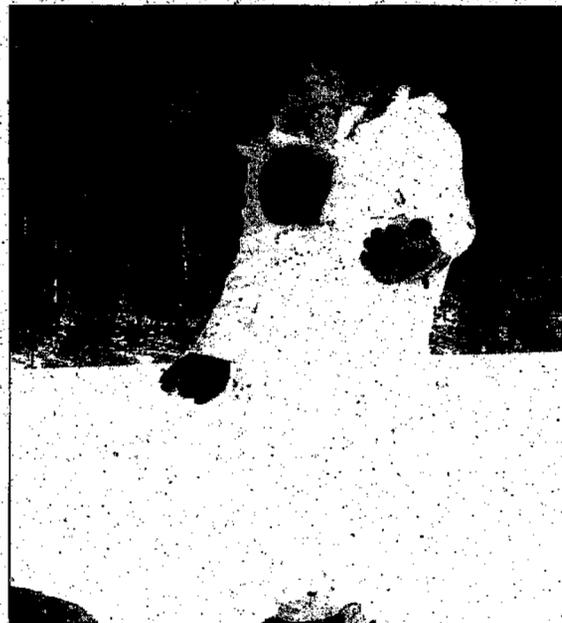


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# Official says local byway group not breaking away

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A member of the local Billy the Kid Scenic Byways committee represented the state byways system recently in asking for money to convert a part-time position into a full time byways coordinator.

Bill Hirschfeld from Ruidoso said he asked the State Highway Commission, which administers the program, to consider ending an arrangement under which the current coordinator splits her time between the byways and being a regional planner.

"I represented the state byways group, not just Billy the Kid," he said Tuesday. The change, if approved, won't affect the state byways group's accountability and wouldn't have any effect of breaking the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways off as a separate entity, he said.

Ken Nosker, a Hondo Valley resident who opposed the byway, previously said restrictions associated with the byways

designation prevent him from putting up billboards on his land. He indicated to county commissioners during a recent meeting that the local byways group was trying to hire an administrator to break apart as a separate entity, county manager Tom Stewart said.

Based on a conversation with Hirschfeld Tuesday, Stewart said the assumption apparently was incorrect and as far as he's concerned, the issue is closed.

However, when the byways subject was brought up during the commission meeting, old arguments were raised by Oscura resident Jerry Carroll and Nosker that the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway never was approved by the commission.

The issue was presented, but in the face of at least one negative vote when a majority was required, it never was pursued through the commission, Carroll insisted. The designation took effect several years ago and an official visitors center was built next to the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

# Capitan library to hold art workshops

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Adult art workshops through the Capitan Public Library's grant from the McCune Charitable Foundation of Santa Fe resume Feb. 28 with Judy Pekelama teaching card weaving.

The Capitan artist, weaver and instructor at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, will introduce a skill that dates back to ancient Egypt, China and Russia. Participants will weave beautiful and complex fabric bands with some lengths of yarn and weaving cards, and learn something of the history of this ingenious system.

The workshop will be at the Capitan Public Library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Pearl Tippin at 354-7021 to reserve a space (there's only room for eight people). Supplies will be provided. Bring lunch and wear work clothes.

Other workshops coming up include:

March 27 and April 10: Capitan potter Susan Burke will lead a two-day workshop; the first day students will hand-build masks and/or slab figurines with clay. Burke will dry them and fire them and students will return April 10 to glaze, paint and finish them. The workshop is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at her studio on Highway 48 in Capitan.

April 24, sculptor Pam Topper will give a workshop on figurative sculpture with oil-based clay. Students will make table-top size sculptures (8-12 inches in height) and learn about posture and body language to convey a message and how to build an armature to put the clay on. Times will be announced.

May 22, Cheryl Sullivan will lead a workshop on canvas floor clothes at her straw-bale home in Lincoln, which she and her husband built. Time will be announced.

The Capitan Public Library received a grant for the fourth-Saturday monthly workshops that started in July 2003.

"They're filling up rapidly because the maximum we can do is 10 people, and some of the artists are not too happy about working with 10 and would prefer eight," Tippin said.

Kay Finkelstein and Dodie Miller, volunteers at the library, wrote the grant and Tippin coordinates the workshops.

"The beauty of this is that

these are free," she said. "We are paying the artists for supplies and time and expertise."

The workshops are free, but reservations are required as space is limited in all of them, Tippin said.

To reserve a space, call Tippin at 354-7021 or e-mail her at pgtips@zianet.com, or mail to P.O. Box 1324, Capitan, NM 88316, stating name, mail address, telephone, e-mail address (if available) and number of adults.

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### Maureen Sullivan

Services in Omaha, Neb., are pending for Maureen Sullivan, 93, formerly of Capitan.

Mrs. Sullivan passed away Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Gretna Nursing Home in Gretna, Neb.

She was born Dec. 14, 1910, in Woodward, Iowa.

She married Paul Sullivan on Jan. 30, 1937. She moved to Capitan from Iowa City, Iowa, in 1980. For many years she wrote a column for the Lincoln County News called "My House by the Side of the Road." She moved to Omaha in 1999 where she resided with her daughter.

She is survived by a son, Tom Sullivan, and his wife, Pat, of Capitan; a daughter, Patricia Sullivan and her husband Jace of Omaha; grandsons, Mike Sullivan of Houston, Brian Sullivan of Denver, and Paul Sullivan of Dallas; and a granddaughter, Katie Sullivan, of Omaha. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Paul, preceded her in death in 1978.

### Lois Daugherty

Funeral services for Lois Hodgkin Daugherty, 92, of Ruidoso, will be at 1 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church of Eunice, with Pastor David Bonnell officiating. Burial will follow in the Eunice Cemetery.

Mrs. Daugherty died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, in Alamogordo.

### Clorinda Gutierrez

She was born Nov. 26, 1911, in Chicota, Texas.

She received a B.A. from East Central Oklahoma College and an M.A. in education from New Mexico State University, where she also did work on her doctoral.

She began teaching in 1933 and retired in 1977. She taught and was a counselor in the Eunice High School and taught in the elementary grades in Hobbs.

She lived in Eunice from 1942 until 1977, when she moved to Ruidoso.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Eunice, played bridge, enjoyed and taught square dancing and loved her students.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Lee Daugherty-Moon and her husband, Matthew, of Santa Fe; nieces, Beckie Lindley of Seattle, Wash., and Sherry Thomas of Houston, Texas; a nephew, Rob Lindley, of Fairfax Station, Va.; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin D. Daugherty, in 1967; a son, Mike Daugherty; a daughter, Kerry Johnson; her parents Louis Randolph and Viola (Teems) Hodgkin; a brother, Homer Hodgkin; and a sister, Nell Lindley.

To send a tribute to the family, please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

Services are under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home in Alamogordo.

### Clorinda Gutierrez

A memorial Mass for Clorinda "Clorie" Gutierrez, 77, of Ruidoso, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Sacred Heart Church in Capitan, with Father David Berg officiating.

Mrs. Gutierrez died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2004, at the Ruidoso Care Center.

She was born Clorinda Ramona Garcia to Jose I. Lucero and Natividad Garcia Lucero on Dec. 30, 1926, in Florence, Colo.

She loved to go fishing and camping and play bingo. She could sit for hours doing puzzles and playing cards. She was a homemaker and a caregiver in Albuquerque and Capitan.

Survivors include daughters Ruby Montes of Capitan and Roswell and Priscilla Garcia and her husband, Richard of Albuquerque; a son, Johnny Ray Gutierrez, of Las Cruces; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters Ursula Santillana of Albuquerque, Martha Gonzales of Moriarty, Mary Salazar and Georgia Trujillo of Grants; a brother, John Lucero, of Las Vegas; several nieces and nephews; and a close friend, Lucy Padilla, of Capitan.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter; a son, Domingo; her parents; a son-in-law, Efrin Montes; and a sister, Viola Martinez.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Ruidoso care Center for the loving care they gave her.

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# County recognizes historic Jicarilla Mining District

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Jicarilla mining district was officially recognized by the Lincoln County Commission last month. But Chairman Rex Wilson amended the motion to emphasize the county is not taking sides in an on-going lawsuit over the future of the district.

"As commissioners, we need to be very careful not to taint the legal proceeding," he said. "I feel it's beyond us."

The board's intent is to coordinate with all efforts to protect the history of the county, he said.

The motion to approve a resolution offered by Commissioner Leo Martinez, and seconded by Commissioner Earl Hobbs and passed 4-0 with Commissioner Rick Simpson absent.

Jicarilla lies north of Carrizozo on a road leading from White Oaks through Ancho. The post office was established in 1887, according to the resolution. It was classified as School District Number One in the New Mexico Territory.

The boundaries were established at a meeting of the Boundary Committee on Nov. 19, 1892, and the documents were recorded in county records Jan. 23, 1893.

The boundaries are described as beginning near the northeast end of Jack's Mountain, then west to a point near where Ancho Gulch and Rico Gulch come together, then south to a point near Coyote Springs, the east to a point known as old Negro Ranch, then north to the beginning point.

Buck Sanchez, Smokey Bear District Ranger in the Lincoln National Forest for the past eight months, said he was limited on what he could say because of a U.S. Forest Service lawsuit apparently aimed at removing individuals from the district.

He suggested the commission delay taking action on the resolution until he has time to meet with state and national historic preservation officials to determine what in the district has historic value and proper preservation steps, or to find other avenues of protection for the district.

"I believe there are adequate policies in place to protect historical integrity," he said.

Jerry Carroll, an Oscura resident and former alternate on the county Public Lands and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, said the commission needs to protect the Jicarilla Mining District from the government. Agency officials have never produced any

documentation to show the district ever belonged to the Forest Service, he said.

Some Forest Service officials tried twice to remove Jicarilla resident Jerry Fennell from the district, but haven't, Carroll said.

"Why delay?" he asked. "The resolution does nothing but recognize the custom and culture of a pre-existing town, mining and water district."

Hobbs said he doesn't doubt Sanchez' motivation, but the issue is a very emotional in the county and the resolution appeared to be harmless.

"I think it pretty much states facts and I see no reason not to pass it," he said. "Nor do I see that it does any good. It's unfortunate, but I guess we have to pick sides and I have to come down on recognizing and supporting the preservation of the Jicarilla mining district."

He still would like to see the Forest Service work with historical preservation agencies on the issue, Hobbs said.

Commissioner Maury St. John asked how the district is

defined, who owns it, and questioned if the commission should get involved in a legal action.

County attorney Alan Morel, who wrote the resolution, said it not does little either way. A person doesn't have to own land in a mining district to have rights, he said. From the documents he reviewed, "I believe one (district) was created there," the attorney said.

"I do believe in avoiding pending litigation and I always hesitate to get you involved in that, but I don't know if (the resolution) helps or hurts somebody," Morel said. "I can't tell you. It doesn't create anything, but recognizes what happened."

Martinez said he could understand the government wanting more time to research, "but I see no reason not to pass this. It might even get the feds off dead center and take the guy to court. I think it's up to you guys to prove he shouldn't be there. I understand the agency at one time was going to knock the buildings down because they're a fire hazard. But they have historic value."

**"They think if it's not on computer, it doesn't exist. I'm not asking you to take sides, just recognize its value..."**

Susan White  
Jicarilla resident

Sanchez said he guaranteed it was not his intent to destroy any of the buildings. Fennell countered that the agency wanted him to destroy the structures after he leaves.

Susan White, who said she lives in Jicarilla. The resolution acknowledges what the district was and that it may have value again. As long as there is one miner still there, it will remain a mining district, she said.

The Forest Service wasn't formed until 17 years after the mining district, she said. The agency had no authority to include mineral lands in the national forest, she contended.

"The Forest Service is to manage our lands for us," White

said. "It doesn't belong to them." She contended agency officials destroyed 28 antique cabins in the area. She fears they will allow the rest to deteriorate, then destroy them as being hazardous to the public.

"You can take your grandkids there and tell them about the times," she said. "They think if it's not on computer, it doesn't exist. I'm not asking you to take sides, just recognize its value for what it already has given us."

Wilson said he was raised in the area and was watched by a babysitter in the old school house, but he feared the resolution would have impact coming at the same time as the lawsuit.

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## Parks department wants public input on dog park

BY DAVE PRICE  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Dog lovers will have their day in Ruidoso Wednesday, Feb. 18.

The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 6:30 that evening. According to Parks and Recreation Department director Rifle Salas, the agenda will include public input about a proposed dog park in Ruidoso.

Salas said the park, initially the suggestion of a Ruidoso resident who approached

the commission about the idea last year, might be located south of White Mountain Recreational Complex, at the Two Rivers Park (west of the chamber of commerce on Sudderth), at Schoolhouse Park (site of the senior citizens center and community pool) or east of Grindstone Reservoir.

A rough estimate that has been provided to commission members estimates the cost of the park at about \$2,400, including construction and other materials such as fencing, gates, benches, signs, pet waste bags, and a water fountain.

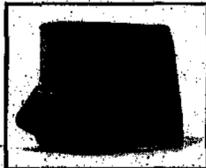
The estimate notes that the El Paso Dog Park cost \$20,000 for a 100-foot by 100-foot area built in an existing neighborhood park. Ruidoso Parks and Recreation spent \$1,120 last fiscal year on pet waste bags placed in dispensers along the Links walking trail.

In other business, the commission will discuss and possibly take action on allocating public park areas for "Arts in the Parks."

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# Capitan bird park sees visitors from near, far

BY DIANNE STALLINGS  
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Visitors to the Helen Hinck Memorial Bird Park in Capitan from August through December listed home bases as close as Alto and as distant as Puerto Rico and Belgium.

The park, situated along U.S. 380 on the east side of Capitan by the artificial wetlands, was constructed for the village by members of the Lincoln County Bird Club and some of the juvenile offenders from Camp Sierra Blanca, with donations from merchants in town.

The site was chosen because it attracts water birds as well as the usual migratory and resident varieties.

"We know there were several visitors who did not sign the register," said Jack Johnson, Capitan municipal judge and a club member. "But we had 72 who did."

Of that number, 37 were from New Mexico, including Sandia Park, Ruidoso, Tijeras and Carlsbad, and 17 were from other states, as far away as Connecticut and New Jersey, and two were international.

The park observation plat-

form was finished in June, but the sign-up box wasn't in place until the first of August, Johnson said.

"Yesterday, we saw 30 different kinds of duck, a lot of song birds and some red winged blackbirds," he said. "What we're just starting on now is landscaping. We plan to do a lot

of it and of course, we will need money for that. We hope to get water in (soon) to take care of the plants. It's going to be a show place when get everything in. We have nice benches to sit on"

The park is open from daylight until dark, seven days a week.

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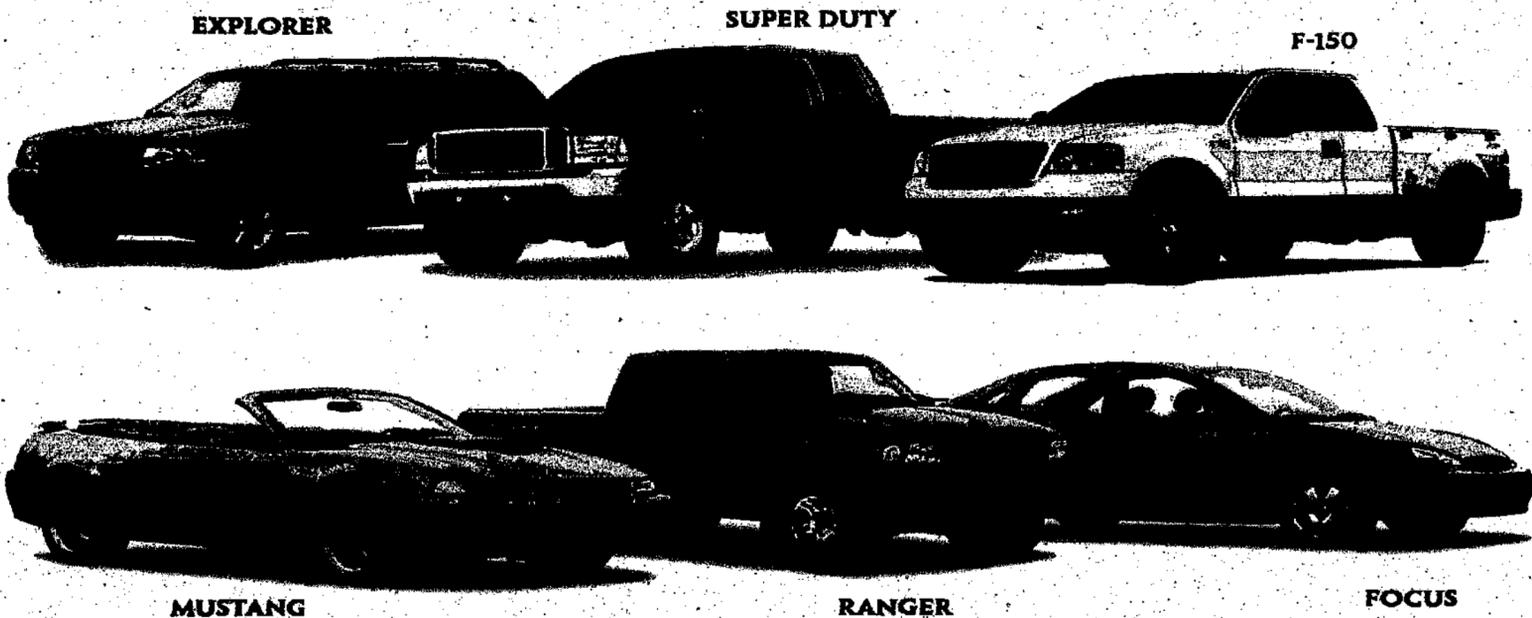
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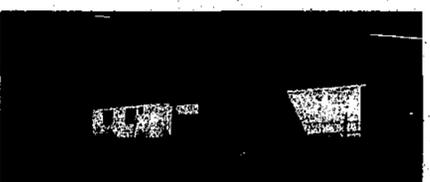
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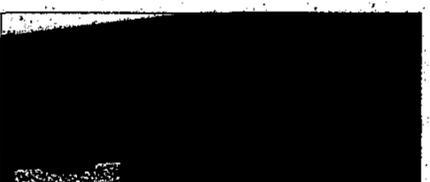
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## Warriors play flat, lose big to Portales

But coach Billy Page still believes in team

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Ruidoso boys basketball team may be the best winless team in District 4-3A — to paraphrase coach Billy Page — but it's safe to say that Page and the Warriors are getting pretty tired of their futile search for that first district win.

The search got more futile Tuesday, as Ruidoso dropped a 46-28 decision at Portales.

The win was a shocking one, given that the Warriors (11-9, 0-4 in district) had lost their first three district games by a total of 11 points — including a 74-71 overtime win to top-ranked Lovington and a two-point loss to these same Rams in Ruidoso.

"It was a lack of execution on our part," Page said. "We never could get in a rhythm and forced a lot of shots."

Page said Portales (7-13, 2-2) played tough, straight-up defense on the Warriors, taking away the Warriors' outside shooters. With that defense, the Rams were able to open up a 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Ruidoso responded with a good quarter of its own, outscoring the Rams 14-9 in

the second period and heading into the locker room down by only three points.

But when the game started up again in the second half, it was as though the Warriors never came back out. Ruidoso was only able to score a single point in the third period on an Austin Beier free throw, and the Rams coasted to the win from there.

Beier, usually a team leader in scoring, had only one other free throw for two points in the rest of the game before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Garrett Born was the only Warrior in double figures with 11 points.

Seth Clabaugh had 16 points to lead the Rams, while Chris Carter had 11 points.

Page isn't at all happy with the loss, but an 18-point loss to the Rams hurts much more than a two-point one.

"This is harder to take than the close ones," Page said. "We had good looks and opportunities, we just didn't make the shots and shut ourselves down."

Next up for the Warriors is New Mexico Military Institute at home tonight at 7:30 p.m. It's a game Page knows his team can win, it's just a question of whether the team knows it.

Rams vs. Warriors	
Ruidoso (11-9, 0-4 District 4-3A)	Portales (7-13, 2-2)
Nick Page 11-14, Garrett Born 4-0-0	11, Jamie Urban 0-0-0, Jason Karpis 0-2-2, Jessa Sillido 0-0-0
Austin Beier 0-2-3, Aaron Romero 0-0-0	0-0-0, Julian Serna 0-0-0, Kyle Snowden 0-0-0, Cody Small 2-0-0
Dustin Pardo 8-0-0, Totals: 105-112	
Portales (7-13, 2-2)	
Nathan Brown 12-24, Seth Clabaugh 5-4-10, JC Daniel Aranda 1-0-0	3, Russell Knudson 3-2-8, Austin Puker 1-2-4, Chris Kirchner 0-0-0, Bo Gabriel 0-0-0, Trevor Ferguson 0-0-0
0, Chris Adams 0-0-0, Johnathan Garcia 0-0-0, Chris Carter 5-12-11	Jack Hale 0-0-0, Daniel Boan 0-0-0, Donovan Clark 0-0-0, Totals: 17-11-18
46	
Ruidoso 4 14 1 0 — 28	Portales 12 9 19 10 — 46
3-point goals — Rui 3 (Born 3), Por 1 (Aranda 1), Fouled out — Rui (Galer), Turnovers — Rui 21, Por 17, Total fouls — Rui 20, Por 14, Technical fouls — Por (Coach Mark Gallegos).	

Ruidoso will finally be a full team tonight, as Patrick Valliant, Chance Hooper and Wes Adaza will be back from suspensions.

"The fist is closing now, and we're coming together as a team. Hopefully we'll be ready to deliver a knockout blow in the district tournament," Page said. "Even at 0-4, I still think we're one of the top two teams in the district."

"My belief in these kids is so great, I'd bet the farm on them," he added. "If I can get them to believe it, teams won't want to play us."



Ruidoso center Cody Small, right, goes up for an attempted block against Portales' Bo Gabriel during the teams' game Jan. 27 at RHS.

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache:** The ski area is 100 percent open with all 11 lifts and all 55 trails open. Expect conditions to get better with a forecast for more fresh snow through Friday. New snow next 24 hours: Trace. New snow past 48 hours: 1/2 inch. New snow past week: 3 inches. Weather at report time: Snowing lightly. Road at report time: Plowed, chains needed on 2-wheel-drive vehicles. Midway depth: 41 inches. Surface conditions: Machine groomed and packed powder. Skiing conditions: Good to excellent on all open trails. Trails open: 55 of 55. Lifts open: 11 of 11. Snowmaking past 24 hours: No. Forecast: Chance of snow. The Ski Apache brochure states that "peak" pricing will be in effect for the coming holiday weekend, Feb. 14-15. This will not be the case. Ski Apache will remain at regular pricing for the rest of the season.

### Prep Results

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**  
Boys Basketball: Bosque Prep 63, Corona 55; Immanuel Baptist 72, Mesalero 51; Tularosa 53, Capitan 44; Portales 46, Ruidoso 28.  
Girls Basketball: Bosque Prep 57, Corona 46; Tularosa 62, Capitan 41; Lovington 56, Ruidoso 35.

### Preps on Tap

**Friday, Feb. 13**  
Boys Basketball: Temple Baptist at Carrizozo, 7:30 p.m.; Mesalero at Gateway Christian, 7:30 p.m.; NMA/1 at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls Basketball: Temple Baptist at Carrizozo, 5:30 p.m.; Mesalero at Gateway Christian, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 14**  
Boys Basketball: Hatch at Capitan, 8 p.m.  
Girls Basketball: Hatch at Capitan, 4 p.m.  
Wrestling: Ruidoso in District 4-3A/1A tournament at Coora, TBA.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17**  
Boys Basketball: Carrizozo at Corona, 7 p.m.; Hondo at Mesalero, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls Basketball: Carrizozo at Corona, 5:30 p.m.; Hondo at Mesalero, 6 p.m.; Ruidoso at Portales, 7 p.m.

### On Deck

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## Tularosa boys win district rematch with Capitan cagers

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

**CAPITAN** — There was a great deal of similarity between the Capitan-Tularosa showdown Tuesday and the last time these two teams met.

The only difference is, the Wildcats were the ones able to close things out with a win.

"Capitan outplayed us in the last game, and it was vice-versa here," said Tularosa coach Johnny May. "That's the way the breaks go. You get a rebound here or a turnover there, and you could end up winning the game."

Breaks are just what Tularosa got Tuesday in its 53-44 District 5-2A victory. Capitan didn't turn the ball over much in the game, but when it did, it came at a time the Wildcats really needed them.

Tularosa (14-9, 4-1 in district) held a 24-18 advantage at halftime, but that lead had shrunk to three points at the end of the third quarter. The Wildcats only had that margin thanks to a layup by Walter Messer with one second left in the period.

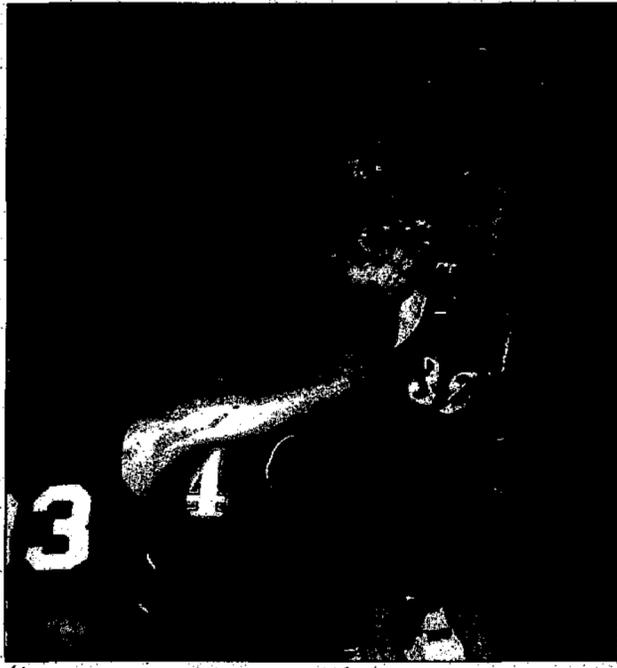
The Tigers (13-7, 4-2) got back into the game with an 11-3 run that covered almost four minutes and featured a key 3-pointer by Elliott Taylor and strong play inside by Weston Richardson.

Capitan might have made it a closer game — or had the lead — in the first half had Taylor not been riding the bench early on with three fouls.

"Elliott never had a chance to get in the flow," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "But Weston had a great game off the bench. We need to pound the ball inside like that. We've got the size."

Richardson had 10 hard-earned points inside, with Sheldon Moor leading the way with 12 points for the Tigers.

May was quick to agree about Capitan's size advantage over most teams.



Capitan forward Weston Richardson, back, passes the ball to teammate Josh Castañeda as Tularosa's Bill Turner (32) and Daniel Muñoz Tuesday in Capitan.

**Poor shooting slays Lady Tigers at Tularosa**  
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"Capitan is so much bigger, but we're a little quicker," May said. "It all evens out sooner or later. Our press was very effective for us."

The Wildcats' speed came in handy on offense as well, particularly near the end of the game. Tularosa — normally a running team — was content to hold on to the ball near the end of the game and needed its speed to play keep-away from the Tigers.

"They were the aggressor on offense at first," Brown said. "And we were a little uptight. We had 16 turnovers in the first half, and were fortunate to be down just six points at halftime."

Capitan — after taking a brief 40-39 lead on a Richardson layup with 5:48 left in the game

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## Disastrous first half sinks Ruidoso girls

BY TODD FUQUA  
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Don't ask Ruidoso Lady Warrior basketball coach Greg Marez why his team had such an awful night Tuesday at Lovington, he's just as baffled as anybody else.

"I don't know what accounts for that," Marez said of the Lady Warriors' 56-35 defeat. "We need top work on getting faster and shooting more."

"We haven't been shooting as much as in games we win," he added. "We did take a lot of shots, but they weren't falling."

Ruidoso (10-10, 1-3 District 4-3A) spotted the Lady Wildcats a 6-0 lead to start the game and found itself down 11-4 after the first quarter. By halftime, the Lady Warriors had scored just six points.

It's not that Lovington (14-8, 1-3) was particularly tenacious on defense, the Lady Wildcats didn't press that much at all, in fact.

But Ruidoso kept throwing the ball away and couldn't make any shots at all on offense. They got plenty of rebounds, but no scores.

The Lady Warriors also didn't play very good defense. Genevieve Olivas and Jesilka Jamison had 16 points each for Lovington, while Kimberly Choate added 10 points.

Olivas and Choate also had two 3-pointers each for the Lady Wildcats.

"They shot the lights out, and we played awful defense," Marez said. "We just didn't get the breaks."

Free throws were also a big problem for the Lady Warriors, as they only went to the line 19 times and made seven.

"We didn't have many free throws, and missed the ones we had," Marez said.

Despite being down 24-6 at halftime, the Lady Warriors didn't quit, and actually cut the lead to nine points in the sec-

Lady Wildcats 56, Lady Warriors 35	
Ruidoso (10-10, 1-3 District 4-3A)	Lovington (14-8, 1-3)
Allison Rigby 1-2-2, Lynette Woodward 0-0-1, Samantha Serna 0-1-3, Clarissa Silva 3-0-2, Jessica Gibson 2-1-2, Katie Coronado 0-0-0, Vicki Celusniak 0-0-0, Christine Brown 2-2-5, Dusti Franklin 3-1-3, Elisa Vigil 0-0-0, Beth Robinson 2-0-1, Totals: 13-7-19-35	Crystal Marquez 2-1-2, Jenna Compton 1-0-0, Kimberly Choate 3-2-2, Melinda Enriquez 0-0-0, Monique Perez 0-2-2, Whitney Choate 0-0-0, Tiffany Hartley 0-0-0, Genevieve Olivas 5-4-4, Jazmine Hernandez 0-0-0, Bridgett Gonzalez 0-0-0, Lily Borunda 0-0-0, Jesilka Jamison 7-2-4, Jenna Domzalski 2-1-5, Totals: 20-12-15-58
Ruidoso 4 2 15 14 — 35	Lovington 11 13 16 16 — 56
3-point goals — Rui 2 (Silva 1, Rigby 1), Lov 4 (K. Choate 2, Olivas 2), Total fouls — Rui 17, Lov 17.	

ond half.

They played evenly with Lovington throughout the last two quarters, but that first-half deficit was too much to overcome.

"It's not that they (the Lady Wildcats) are 20 points better than us, we just didn't do well," Marez said.

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# Corona boys, girls have tough-luck losses to Bosque Prep

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

The Corona Cardinals didn't have a single win yet in District 7-1A when they hosted Bosque Prep on Tuesday, but coach Tommy Mulkey felt this might be his team's chance.

The Bobcats had lost to Mountainair by just five points last Friday, but Mulkey knew his team had improved enough through the year to give Bosque quite a game.

He was proved right through the first three quarters — at times building up as much as a 12 point lead — but free throws proved to be the Cardinals' downfall in a 63-55 loss.

"We shot our free throws well until the end, but couldn't get a bucket to fall in the fourth quarter," Mulkey said. "They (the Bobcats) made theirs at the right time."

What really hurt the Cardinals (4-14, 0-6 in district) was the loss of three starting players to fouls. By the end of the game, Taos Muncy, Keith Shafer and Omar Martinez were all sitting on the bench.

Muncy had Shafer combined for 39 points total, while Martinez has proven a valuable asset in rebounding and defense.

"We still had our chances to win near the end," Mulkey said. "We were only down five points with just over a minute left, but our shots didn't go in."

Bosque (3-13, 1-4) rebounded the ball and scored at the other end to put the game out of reach. From then on, the Cardinals had to foul to stop the clock and the Bobcats put

**Bobcats 55, Corona 55**  
 Bosque Prep (3-13, 1-4 District 7-1A)  
 J.R. Shafer 18, Keith Shafer 18, Dylan Manzanarez 23, Taos Muncy 2-5 10, Roland Shaw 6 0-2 10, Grady 0 0-0 0, Nick Tost 5 0-1 10, Manzanarez 0 1-2 2, Chris Merritt 1 0-0 2, Hall 0 0-0 0, Robert Pantoja 0 0-0 0, Schramm 1 0-0 2, Totals: 28 15-32 63

**Corona (4-14, 0-6)**  
 Taos Muncy 5 2-5 18, Keith Shafer 4-8 12 16, J.R. Shafer 3 2-2 14, Logan Sherwood 0 0-0 0, Frankie Sanchez 3 2-2 8, Ross Davis 0 0-0 0, Patrick Pantoja 1 0-0 2, Jared Arnold 0 0-0 0, Omar Martinez 2 0-1 10, Clay Posey 0 0-0 0, Luke Pritchard 0 0-0 0, Totals: 19 13-27 55

**Bosque 10 11 18 24 — 63**  
 Corona 14 20 16 15 — 55

2-point goals — Corona (Muncy) 11, Shafer 1, Sanchez 1, Pantoja 1, Sherwood 1, Tost 1, Hall 1, Merritt 1, Posey 1, Ross 1, Davis 1, Arnold 1, Pritchard 1, Totals fouls — BP 25, Corona 20.

**Lady Bobcats 57, Lady Cardinals 46**  
 Bosque Prep (5-9, 1-4 District 7-1A)  
 Emily Black 0 0-0 0, Kate Fuller 4 0-0 8, Helen Eisenberg 6 1-6 14, Emily Rogers 1 1-4 3, Susan Hovey 0 0-0 0, Rachel Pfler 0 0-0 0, Shannon Unser 2 2-4 6, Katy Thayer 7 3-10 17, Melissa Chavez 4 0-2 8, Totals: 24 7-26 57

**Corona (4-13, 0-6)**  
 Ana Ramos 4 2-6 10, Jordan Muncy 3 0-0 6, Stacey Merritt 5 3-2 12, Alexandra Stewart 2 2-5 7, Janet Torres 3 5-6 11, Tys Davidson 0 0-0 0, Marisela Noriega 0 0-0 0, Margarita Ortiz 0 0-0 0, Meghan Proctor 0 0-0 0, Totals: 17 11-20 46

**Bosque 11 11 15 20 — 57**  
 Corona 11 12 4 19 — 46

3-point goals — BP 2 (Eisenberg 1, Chavez 1), Cor 1 (Stewart 1). Fouled out — BP (Chavez), Cor (Merritt), Total fouls — BP 20, Cor 17.

made their foul shots. Jaren Trost was the top player for Bosque with 18 points, while brother Nick Trost added 10 points.

J.R. Shafer scored 14 points and Frankie Sanchez nine for a Cardinals team that found itself in the unaccustomed position of owning a big lead in the game early on.

"When they (Bosque) cut the lead to four, I called a time out and told them they had to start playing smart ball again," Mulkey said. "They were excited about being up on a pretty decent Bosque team, but we started making fouls we didn't have to and putting them on the line."

It's not that the Bobcats' free throw shooting was all that stellar, they just made their foul shots when they were needed.

The Cardinals host Carrizozo next Tuesday and finish the regular season with a rematch against Bosque in

Albuquerque Feb. 19. Mulkey believes his team can beat either one of those teams — indeed, he feels the Cardinals might be able to upset Mountainair — and stay out of the 7-1A cellar heading into the district tournament.

"We'll be on the road, no matter who we play," Mulkey said. "But a couple of wins can help us in the tournament."

The Corona girls also lost their game against Bosque, dropping a 57-46 decision. It was a game the Lady Cardinals (4-13, 0-6) led by a point at half-time, but a 15-4 quarter by Bosque (5-9, 1-4) put the contest out of reach.

Stacey Merritt led the Lady Cardinals with 12 points, while Janet Torres had 11 points and Ana Ramos 10. Katy Thayer had 17 points and Helen Eisenberg 14 for the Lady Bobcats.

## FREE THROW CHAMPS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Ruidoso chapter of Knights of Columbus recently crowned 10 local youths in its annual free throw contest at Ruidoso Middle School. They attend the regional championship Sunday in Lake Arthur beginning at 1 p.m. Champions crowned at that tournament, will move on to the state championship in March at Albuquerque. Back row (left to right): Knights of Columbus members Dan Rivas, Gilbert Bauman, Dave Tetreault, and Ruben Sandoval. Middle row (left to right): Lindi Herd, 11-year-old girl's champ; Christine Breecher, 12-year-old girl's champ; Julie Breecher, 13-year-old girl's champ; Ashley Brooks, 14-year-old girl's champ; Paul Chamberlain, 13-year-old boy's champ; Brett McInnes, 14-year-old boy's champ. Front row (left to right): Luis Montano, 10-year-old boy's champ; Paul Sanchez, 11-year-old boy's champ; Jake Ordorica, 12-year-old boy's champ. Not pictured is Delaney Quintana, 10-year-old girl's champ.

## RUIDOSO: Lady Warriors fall to Lovington

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Ruidoso plays again Feb. 17 at district-leading Portales, then hosts Lovington Feb. 20 in the regular-season finale.

Marez still likes his team's chances of hosting at least a first-round district playoff game, given that the Lady Wildcats have to travel to Ruidoso — site of an earlier 49-42 win by the Lady Warriors — and that it's highly improbable that Lovington will be able to beat Portales.

"We will decide our own seeding here," Marez said. "If we stand up like the last time they (Lovington) played here, they won't beat us. I always knew it would come down to this game."

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# Hooper, Lady Wildcats run away from Capitan in District 5-2A showdown

BY JEREMIAH WOOD AND TODD FREQU FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Kyndra Hooper and the Tularosa Lady Wildcats used a barrage of 3-pointers to start the second quarter and a terrible shooting night by Capitan to roll to a 62-41 win over the Lady Tigers Tuesday night at home.

With the Lady Wildcats (11-8, 3-2 District 5-2A) clinging to a two-point lead to start the second quarter, Hooper hit three consecutive threes with a Tiger basket sandwiched in between and Rachel Chino hit another to push the lead to 26-14. From there on out the Tigers would get no closer than nine.

Part of the problem was Capitan's shooting.

"We were terrible from the field," said Lady Tiger coach Sherry Gowen. "I don't want to give you any statistics on it, it was so bad, it was just unbelievable."

The Lady Tigers (11-9, 3-3) scored only five points in the third quarter as Tularosa pushed its lead up to 19. They would stretch the lead to as much as 24 points in the fourth quarter.

Christian Syling led Tularosa with 15 points and 10 rebounds, and also blocked four shots, grabbed four steals and passed out three assists.

"Everything she threw up went in," Gowen said. "You can't hate them for having a great shooting night. It just didn't happen for us."

Hooper and Tasha Romero each added 11 points for the Lady Wildcats, while Casey Blazer was a perfect 4-of-4 from the field for nine points.



PHOTO BY THERON JMLAY

Capitan Lady Tiger Catherine Wood (3) attempts a move against Lady Wildcat Tasha Romero (33) Tuesday in Tularosa. Capitan fell to the 'Cats, 41-62.

After a bad practice Monday night, coach Scott Saldevar held a private meeting with his eight seniors to discuss the importance of the game, and they responded.

"We showed great senior leadership," Saldevar said. "They stepped up and did a great job. They took over the game."

For the Lady Tigers, Jessica Becker scored 13 points, but was only 3-of-19

from the field, including an 0-for-10 start. Melissa Becker scored nine of her 11 points in the first half, while Catherine Wood scored 10 points despite some foul trouble.

After Capitan jumped out to a 5-2 lead early behind the play of Wood, Tularosa responded with a 12-2 run of their own. Syling and Romero combined to score eight of those points.

Melissa Becker got Capitan

back in the game before the end of the quarter, though, hitting the Lady Tigers' lone three-pointer and two free throws to cut the lead to two points after one period.

In the third quarter,

## CAPITAN: Hatch looms Saturday

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— was forced to foul and stop the clock once the Wildcats retook the lead, and Tularosa sealed the deal with its free throws.

Ironically, free throws are an aspect of the game May was not at all happy with, as the Wildcats were only 9-of-20 from the foul line.

"Those are junior high stats," May said. "If you're shooting 20 free throws, you should be making 15 or 16 to be a good high school team."

"We also have to continue doing the little things well — blocking out, hitting the open man with the pass — things that don't show up in the statistics," he added. "Those are things that help us win."

The Tigers need a win versus Hatch Saturday to remain in the hunt for at least second place in the district, and will cheer on Cloudfcroft in their game against Tularosa tonight.

For Brown, winning against Hatch depends on some pretty simple things.

"We just have to execute and get back to fundamental, solid basketball," Brown said. "We have to focus on the mental aspect of the game. We play mostly seniors out there, so there's no reason for a lapse."

Romero led the Lady Wildcats on a quarter-ending 11-2 run by scoring seven points, several coming off steals, and Tularosa was never really threatened the rest of the way.

Now the Lady Tigers need a win against district-leading Hatch on Saturday in Capitan to solidify their quest for a home game in the first round of the district tournament.

Gowen isn't too nervous about the prospect of facing the Lady Bears (15-8, 5-1), pointing out that everyone has lost to everyone else at

least once in 5-2A.

"When teams are just scooting along through the district like they are, they're prime for the picking," Gowen said. "We're ready to pick them up and get after it. It can be scary if you're on top of this district."

"This district is so unpredictable," she added. "Come the tournament, we'll see what happens."

Jeremiah Wood is a sports writer for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

# Lobos travel to league-leading Air Force Saturday

The University of New Mexico begins a demanding three-game road haul Saturday by visiting league-leading Air Force. The Lobos and Falcons tip at 12 noon from Clune Arena at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Playing four of its final six league games of the road, UNM visits BYU and Utah next week. The final two home games are against San Diego State (Feb. 28) and UNLV (March 1).

New Mexico is 13-8 overall and 4-4 in the Mountain West after outscoring Wyoming, 87-75. The Lobos are tied with BYU for third place in the league. Air Force leads at 7-1 followed by Utah at 6-2. New Mexico is 11-5 after a 2-3 start.

New Mexico will try to end a road losing streak that has reached 22 straight games overall, 23 consecutive including neutral sites, and

15 MWC games in a row. The last win away from Albuquerque was Jan. 28, 2002, a 70-64 decision at Colorado State. It's UNM's longest losing skid away from home in more than 40 years. New Mexico has lost three in a row at the Academy.

Air Force, 17-3 in all games, was picked to finish last in the MWC preseason poll, but sits atop the league standings with a 7-1 record. The Falcons have won 16 of 17 since a 2-2 start and currently possess an 11-game winning streak at Clune Arena. That streak started last March against the Lobos.

Air Force is still the nation's best defensive team, allowing a scant 48.8 points a game. UNM is averaging 72.3 points in all games, 66.8 ppg in five road games.

## State G&F confirms new wasting disease case

LAS CRUCES — One more deer has tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD), bringing the total number of confirmed cases in New Mexico to seven.

Colorado Veterinary Services sent confirmation of the disease to the state Department of Game and Fish Feb. 2 after testing a sample from a dead female deer found at White Sands Missile Range.

"I noticed the deer was very emaciated with obvious protruding ribs and vertebrae," said Doug Burkett of BAE Systems, the environmental contractor for the missile range.

Tissue samples from the doe were collected Nov. 14 and sent to the department. The samples were forwarded in January to Colorado State University's veterinary diagnostic lab for testing.

"The case was not earth-shattering, we were expecting it," said Kerry Mower, wildlife disease specialist for the department. "Of our seven total positive samples, two came from hunters in the Organ Mountains and the rest from the post area of White Sands Missile Range."

All positive samples have been found in deer, but elk, oryx and bighorn sheep are being tested as well. The G&F department continues to monitor the status of chronic wasting dis-

ease in the state, focusing on the Organ Mountains, San Andres and White Sands Missile Range post, where the disease first was documented in 2001. A new cooperative research project began in December in the Organ/San Andres mountain complex to determine movement patterns and the prevalence of CWD in mule deer in that area.

"We darted 34 deer from helicopters and fit them with radio collars, took blood samples, tonsil biopsies and measured fat

content," Mower said. "All samples from those animals have returned negative for CWD."

New Mexico Game and Fish is the only state agency currently using non-lethal tonsil biopsy as a CWD surveillance method.

Mower expressed concern about hunter participation in the sampling effort.

"Hunters have not participated this year like last year," Mower said. "We're not going to get anywhere near 700 samples from hunters like we did last year."

AREA PREP STANDINGS			
Area Basketball Standings As of games played Feb. 10			
<b>Boys</b>		<b>Girls</b>	
<b>District 4-3A</b>		<b>District 8-1A</b>	
Overall	District	Overall	District
Lovington 19-4	3-1	Tatum 19-8	5-1
UNM 17-15	2-2	Gates/Christian 19-8	5-1
Portales 11-9	0-4	Lake Arthur 9-10	2-4
		Hondo 7-12	1-4
		Mescalero 7-17	1-4
<b>District 5-2A</b>		<b>District 4-3A</b>	
Overall	District	Overall	District
Tularosa 14-9	4-1	Portales 16-4	3-0
Capitan 13-7	4-2	Lovington 14-8	1-3
Hatch 10-11	3-3	Ruidoso 10-10	1-3
Lordsburg 8-12	2-4		
Cloudfcroft 5-14	1-4		
<b>District 7-1A</b>		<b>District 5-2A</b>	
Overall	District	Overall	District
Temple Baptist 22-0	6-0	Hatch 15-8	5-1
Mountainair 14-6	6-3		
<b>District 6-1A</b>		<b>District 7-1A</b>	
Overall	District	Overall	District
Tularosa 11-8	3-2	Capitan 11-8	3-3
Capitan 11-8	3-3	Cloudfcroft 11-8	2-3
Cloudfcroft 9-12	1-5	Lordsburg 9-12	1-5
<b>District 7-1A</b>		<b>District 8-1A</b>	
Overall	District	Overall	District
Cartago 12-5	3-0	Mountainair 12-5	3-0
Mountainair 12-5	3-0	Temple Baptist 7-11	3-2
Temple Baptist 7-11	3-2	Boque Prep 5-9	1-4
Boque Prep 5-9	1-4	Corona 4-13	0-8
<b>District 8-1A</b>		<b>District 6-1A</b>	
Overall	District	Overall	District
Tatum 15-6	4-0	Mescalero 15-7	4-1
Mescalero 15-7	4-1	Hondo 8-9	3-2
Hondo 8-9	3-2	Lake Arthur 9-6	2-4
Lake Arthur 9-6	2-4	Gateway Christian 0-15	0-6

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Dr. William Pollard recently joined Dr. Gregory Richardson at Alamogordo Surgical Associates. Dr. Pollard is certified by the American Board of Surgery. He completed his residency in General Surgery at Oregon Health Science University, Portland, Oregon in 2000. Dr. Pollard was a member of the surgical staff at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland and a Clinical Instructor at Oregon Health Science University. Dr. Pollard states that he chose Alamogordo to continue his surgical practice because of the beautiful weather and his desire to live in a smaller community. Dr. Pollard enjoys spending time with his patients. He believes it is his role as their physician to assist them in making the best decision for a healthy life.

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George Washington, our first President, was revered for his honesty, simply stating, "I cannot tell a lie." Certainly, it is this legacy that is the basis for all effective relationships in our world.

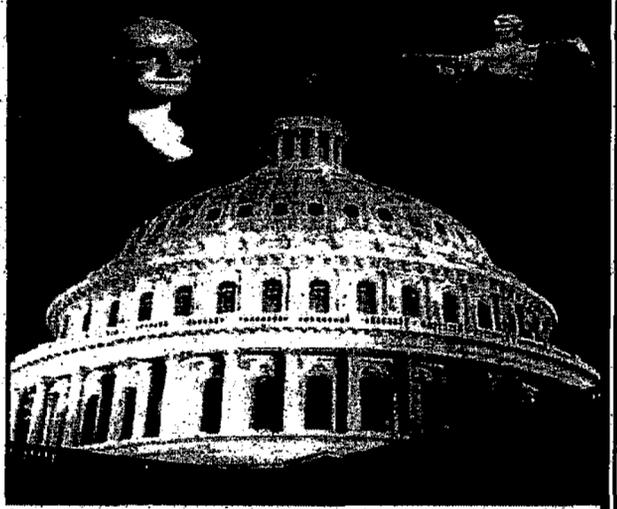
John F. Kennedy exhibited courage and nerve with his handling the Cuban Missile Crisis and great vision by encouraging our space program.

Lyndon Johnson, who grew up in humble surroundings, contributed compassion, an innate understanding that those in poverty could rise to impressive heights in spite of their beginnings.

Ronald Reagan gave us the strength of optimism and the positive effectiveness of humor in his communication with the American people, incorporating the best qualities of both of his careers.

Finally, we think of Franklin Roosevelt's candor with the people. He was warmly reassuring in his "fireside chats." With his guidance, this country endured the Great Depression and the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor.

Won't you take a few moments to thank God for these and all of our Presidents' contributions to our nation as we celebrate Presidents' Day?



## Remembering OUR Presidents

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Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.

**Mountain Baptist Church**  
Independent-Fundamental Pastor - W.G. Carter. Sunday School-10 AM, Sunday Worship - 11 AM& 6 PM, Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 7:15 PM (Next to BBQ Place on Hwy 380) Capitan, NM (505) 378-6134

**CATHOLIC**  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Capitan, 354-9102. Saturday Mass: 3 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Capitan - Highway 48, Lea Barwood, Minister. Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.; 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 6 p.m.

**EPISCOPAL**  
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln - Sunday: Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

**FOURSQUARE**  
Capitan Foursquare Church Highway 48, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor. Sunday

School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.

**METHODIST**  
Capitan United Methodist Church  
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 303-648-2846.

**NAZARENE**  
Angus Church of the Nazarene, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hatchison, Pastor, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Worship, 6:00 p.m.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458, Ed Vinton, Pastor, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.

**QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP** - Lincoln, Religious Society of Friends, silent meeting, Old Lincoln Church, Lincoln, 10 am, 505-653-4951

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First Baptist Church  
Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday

**CATHOLIC**  
Santa Rita Catholic Church  
648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Perry Zumwalt, minister, Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm.

**EPISCOPAL**  
St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel  
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street. Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

**METHODIST**  
United Methodist Church Parish  
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo, Johanna Anderson, pastor. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tues.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.

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## HAY, BUDDY!



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

This young horse seems more interested in mugging for the camera than enjoying his lunch.

## Resident's concern moves LCSWA trash transfer site

Committee to search for new location in Carrizozo

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The audience participation portion of the Carrizozo Town council meeting on Tuesday night epitomized the influence a citizen can have on decisions made by the council.

Gary Joe Lovelace addressed the council with his concerns for the location of the Lincoln County Solid Waste transfer site just off 8th Avenue. Lovelace lives with in viewing distance of the site and was not pleased with the idea of a trash facility near by.

He canvassed the neighborhood and presented the council with a letter and list of names of residents who also did not want the site in their living area.

"There has got to be some place that the city has where they can put it at least out of sight and off of the main road," Lovelace said. "The people out there feel like we are being the dumping zone of the city. We are really strongly against this location for this activity."

After considerable discussion with LCSW representative Ray Dean and the council, rehashing not only the requirements for the site but the reasons why that particular location was chosen, the council agreed to put the site construction on hold and look for a better location.

Lovelace agreed to head a committee to search out a location that would be less visible, inoffensive to residents, and yet accessible. The new location will also need to be a place where illegal dumping can be kept at a minimum.

Chief of Police Angelo Vega was given approval by the council to hire Richard Alvarez as a full-time police officer. Alvarez comes certified with the Department of Public Safety, 20 years of military experience, and three years with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

In other business the council:

- Approved 21 business registrations for David Arteche Jr., Sam Smith and Mrs. Leandro Vega Jr.

- Approved the purchase of a truck and chassis for the Carrizozo Fire Department for a service vehicle

- Approved plans for a public hearing at the next regular meeting to amend the water contingency plan

- Approved the final airport action plan for the Carrizozo Airport

The council told guests that Verizon is still planning on having the new tower up in February or March. Holiday and weather delays have kept it from earlier completion.

The next regular meeting will be March 9 at 6 p.m.

## Council honors three residents

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Town Council, in its regular meeting Tuesday night, recognized three residents for upholding their positions and responsibilities above and beyond the call of duty.

Ted Zamora, Steve Barron and Ernie Gonzales were given a public thank you and a certificate of appreciation from Mayor Manny Hernandez and the trustees. Gonzales was not present for the presentation.

Hernandez announced the names and gave a short explanation of their duties and reasons for their recognition.

Zamora was recognized for his hard work and dedication as animal control and code enforcement officer. Hernandez said, "Ted has demonstrated



Zamora



Barron

work at the school, maintaining and improving standards. Hernandez added, "The students and staff of Carrizozo Schools can be proud of Mr. Barron, as he exemplifies the spirit that is the foundation for the academic and athletic successes that Carrizozo Schools has enjoyed."

Ernie Gonzales was commended for his dedication as a physician's assistant, to the clinic, its employees and the patients who rely on his expertise and are. "The elderly of our community especially can rest assured that Ernie will be there for them in a moment of need," said Hernandez.

conscientious and persistent behavior in these positions. We recognize him for his contribution toward the beautification of Carrizozo and taking great strides in over seeing the handling of stray animals and the construction of the new animal shelter."

Barron was credited for his

## Cattle workshop in Clayton next week

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

NMSU and Texas A&M University are co-sponsoring the Ranch to Rail workshop Feb. 19 in Clayton. The field day begins at 9:30 a.m. at the air park, located at 1 Chestnut St.

The Ranch to Rail program allows producers to track their cattle through the feedlot to the packing plant. The free, day-long event is designed for producers who currently have cattle in the program and for ranchers who simply want to learn more about the program.

"Participants at this year's field day can learn more about feed yard operations, marketing out of the feedlot and carcass characteristics of the cattle that they put into the program," said Clay Mathis, coordinator of the New Mexico Ranch-to-Rail Program and a livestock specialist with New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service.

Richard McDonald, CEO of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, will present an animal identification policy update, as well as discussion of policy changes resulting from the recent Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) case in Washington state.

Ted McCollum, Extension beef specialist with Texas A&M University, will present an overview of the Ranch-to-Rail program and how it provides cattle producers with detailed information about their steers' performance.

Technical sessions will feature livestock authorities on cattle management and performance, and a demonstration using ultrasound to determine when cattle are ready for market. A visit to view Ranch-to-Rail cattle at Double A Feeders, a nearby commercial feedlot, will conclude the program.

For more information or a registration form contact Mathis at (505) 646-8022 or cpmathis@nmsu.edu.

## Those romantic Rednecks celebrate Valentine's Day

*"Put another log on the fire, cook me up some bacon and some beans. Now don't I let you wash the car on Sunday? Don't I warn you when you're gettin' fat?"*

Those lines are from the old favorite cowboy song sung by Tompall Glaser on an album, "Outlaws," by the Outlaw band. In their own endearing way, rural men really do believe the basics of life are measures of love.

My dad took my mom on their honeymoon to a high mountain lake camping and fishing. They packed in horseback in the beauty of summer in the Sangre de Cristos. Only damper on the event is a couple of other relatives went along with them.

The Outlaw song continues: *"Ain't I a gonna take you fishin' with me someday? Well, a man can't love a woman more than that."*

A ranch wife will be tickled plumb pink to get a new vacuum cleaner for Valentine's Day. A big heart crafted from baling wire is about as tender as the moment will ever get.

I know a gal who books herself and her husband in for a teeth cleaning every Valentine's Day. "Nothing says 'I love you' like a plaque-less kiss," she says.

Ranch marriages that survive that 50 year mark have a unique sense of romance to them. One old rancher had to have new rings made for his wife. She had worn out two sets already. It was important to her, but not a big deal to him.

His daughter begged him to be "sweet" when he presented her with the new set, since she was going to be sad that her old ones couldn't be fixed. The jeweler boxed up the rings in a pretty box and the rancher took them to his beloved along with a little poem he wrote:

*Maggie, with this ring, I, thee wed...  
But I wouldn't have...  
If I hadn't of...  
Already have...*

"There," he said, "that was romantic wasn't it?"

The long lists of "you might be a redneck

if" one-liners are hilarious only because they are so very true. Occasionally one will refer to Redneck Romance and even come with a poem with stanzas so sincerely endearing:

*"Yore hair is like corn silk  
a-flapping in the breeze  
Softer than Blue's  
and without all them fleas."*

It's been said that the perfect romantic redneck card says it all by simply saying, "Honey, I love you more than beer." This is for that set of the romantic guys that define quality entertainment as having a six pack and a bug zapper and consider *Outdoor Life* or *The Farmer's Almanac* deep reading.

As the Outlaw song continues: *"So, put another log on the fire. Cook me up some bacon and some beans. And go out to the car, lift it up and change the tire. Wash my socks and sew my old blue jeans."*

A man can't love a woman more than that!

Julie can be reached for comment at [jcarter@tularosa.net](mailto:jcarter@tularosa.net)



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BY JULIE CARTER

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# Parental calmness is important

BY GENEVIEVE PHELAN  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Years ago, the comedian Bill Cosby did a comedy routine where, in anger at his son's misbehavior, the father yelled, "I brought you in, and I can take you out! I'll tear your arm off!"

Many parents can identify with those intense feelings when, for example, a teenage child comes home hours after curfew. The parent has been up, pacing the floor, the imagination uncontrollable and conjuring up every possible terrifying scenario.

And what happens when the youth finally appears? At first, joy and intense relief leave the parent weak-kneed. But with lightning speed, that changes to rage — "Where have you been? You are irresponsible! You're grounded for the next six months!" The teen responds with defensiveness and/or rebellion and the war is on.

Happily, there is an easier way. Families can get together to discuss the household rules and consequences (positive and negative) for following or breaking those rules. If young people can participate in this process, they are far more likely to adhere to parental guidelines.

Regularly scheduled family meetings are an excellent way to open lines of communication. They shouldn't all be serious discussions — they can also be opportunities to plan family outings or vacations, or just to participate in recreational activities the whole family enjoys. With busy schedules, perhaps a special Sunday brunch is the only time to meet regularly. Be creative in finding a time to come together on a regular basis.

If an anger-provoking behavior occurs, parents can use a strategy to avoid saying things they will regret and that

will weaken family bonds. Unless the child has been injured or ingested a life-threatening substance and needs medical attention, postpone discussing the situation. It's perfectly OK to say, "I'm too angry to discuss this now. We'll talk about it in the morning." Then take healthy measures to calm down: a warm bath or brisk walk.

At the appropriate time, calmly (takes practice!) review the rules and the previously agreed upon consequences with the child. H. Steven Glenn in the book, *Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World* gives a wonderful example; "I'm sorry you decided to handle it this way, but I have to respect your decision to cancel your plans for the rest of the month."

If a child breaks a rule, knowing the consequences, it is a choice — a personal decision. Understanding that their own choices and the resulting consequences (and not arbitrary authority) determine the course of their lives is the most

valuable lesson a child can receive.

Follow through on the consequences. Always! Invariably! If parents aren't consistent in enforcing consequences, the child learns to manipulate and repeatedly test the rules. And don't forget to set positive consequences for following rules: more privileges, special outings, summer camp, etc.

Another tip: pick your battles — let go of the unimportant. Will a behavior have serious, long-term effects? Or is it merely a temporary annoyance? And remember, arguing with a child puts the adult at the child's emotional level.

For more information, consider the following resources:

Parents as Teachers: 257-3157

Guiding Good Choices: The Counseling Center — 257-0520  
Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families: Presbyterian Medical Services — 258-2893

Anger Management Group: The Counseling Center — 257-5038.

Genevieve Phelan works with the Counseling Center.

## Health and Wellness

# Small businesses get investment tips at 'Zozo chamber meeting

BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce welcomed a guest speaker at its regular meeting Tuesday at the Four Winds restaurant.

George Selters, from Wells Fargo Investments, shared his passion for and knowledge of various investment possibilities, particularly targeted at small business owners. Selters made himself available after the meeting to answer questions and provide a packet of information to those interested.

The chamber will host a "meet the candidates" night for the March 2 municipal election on Feb. 23 in the commission chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse. The program will begin at 7 p.m. and will be facilitated by Dean Lollar.

Committee reports revealed 86 inquiries in January at the Caboose. Webmaster Dirk Norris reported 900 hits to the Carrizozo website for the month. He also made it clear that

businesses did not have to be a chamber member to link from the town website to their business website.

Currently, the Carrizozo website is paid for with lodger's tax funds. The motion was made, and passed for the chamber to pay half of the website monthly cost, making its share \$50 a month. The site's address is <http://www.townof-carrizozo.org>.

Janet Lynn, Pat Voss, Gay Speirbain and Marie Martin were named to the new Carrizozo Ambassador Committee. The committee will organize events to welcome new businesses to town. Lynn reports the planned welcoming for the new Chapparal Motel will be in March.

The New Mexico Veterans Moving Wall will be in Los Lunas on May 8-14. A letter to the chamber asked for community financial support for the wall. The letter requested all contributions could be made to any Wells Fargo Bank.

The chamber will meet again at noon on March 9 at the Uptown Café.

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# House OKs contractor registration

## \$200 annual fee may be charged to bid on public works contracts

BY JIM SNYDER  
SANTA FE BUREAU

SANTA FE — A bipartisan group of representatives cried foul Wednesday at a House bill requiring contractors and subcontractors to pay the state an annual \$200 registration fee to bid on public works projects within New Mexico.

Others supported it. The registration fee would go to the state's Department of Labor to hire additional inspectors to enforce the Public Works Minimum Wage Act. There are currently eight inspectors statewide.

"The New Mexico Labor Department doesn't have the money to enforce the laws on the books," said Rep. Brian Moore, R-Clayton. He added, however, that small contractors with one or two people would be forced out of bidding for public work jobs because they could not afford the fee.

The bill, which passed 41-28 following a heated two-hour debate, now goes to the Senate.

House members tried several times, unsuccessfully, to pass floor amendments to lower the fee to as low as \$5. The amendments were all tabled before they had a chance to be voted on.

The fee, which makes no distinction between large contractors or small mom-and-pop subcontractors, is not refundable if they fail to win a contract. It does allow them, however, to bid on as many public works projects as they wish during each

one-year registration period. The fee applies to public projects only — in a state with hundreds of state and federal construction projects — and not to projects in the private sector. The fee would also apply to hundreds of out-of-state contractors and subcontractors who do business in New Mexico, in addition to those in state.

Some representatives said the bill placed an unjust burden on small subcontractors who may only bid on one or two public works contracts a year.

**"This is one more nail in the coffin of contractors in rural New Mexico."**

Rep. Donald Bratton  
R-Hobbs

"It would put a cloud on contractors, especially in rural areas," said Rep. Bengie Regensberg, D-Cleveland, breaking ranks with Democrats to agree with Republicans leading the opposition.

"This bill would limit the pool of subcontractors and contractors to maybe 100 for the state. This bill is not good for construction," he said.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. James Taylor, D-Albuquerque, said the bill was necessary because the Department of Labor cannot afford an adequate number of job-site inspectors to see if subcontractors and contractors are paying their employees wages in compliance with the act.

"There is no specific (Labor Department budget) line-item for enforcement," Taylor said. He added revenue raised from the fees would be used to hire additional inspectors, who would make approximately \$30,000 a year plus benefits.

Contractors submit wage records to the Department of Labor but subcontractors do

not, he added. Rep. Richard Cheney, R-Farmington, said he saw no reason for the bill.

"This is nothing more than a tax increase and an effort to control subcontractors. This is a 'bypass of the regular appropriations budget. I think it is a poor way to circumvent the process," Cheney said.

Rep. Don Tripp, R-Socorro, agreed. "This is a tax for a department that doesn't want to go out and get its own revenues," he said.

Rep. Donald Bratton, R-Hobbs, who also opposed the bill, called it "troublesome" and "unfortunate."

"This is one more nail in the coffin of contractors in rural New Mexico," he said.

Taylor, who did not waiver during the long debate, disagreed, stating the contractors themselves had asked for the legislation to police their industry.

"What we have here is the industry itself willing to pay without going through the general fund," he said. "This isn't about rural and urban. The industry got tired of waiting and decided to pay for it itself."

Regensberg took issue with that claim, saying he had not been able to find a single contractor or subcontractor from his district who supported the bill.

Rep. Henry "Kiki" Saavedra, D-Albuquerque, said he favored the bill.

"What this comes down to is we don't want anyone to inspect our jobs because, lo and behold, we have illegal aliens from Mexico working for \$2 an hour," Saavedra said, adding, "What this bill is all about is to stop the contractors from using these people as slaves."

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# Senate considers its version of budget

## Bill similar to House budget that Gov. Richardson blasted

BY WALTER RUBEK  
SANTA FE BUREAU CHIEF

SANTA FE — The Senate Finance Committee gave a "do pass" recommendation Tuesday to a \$4.3 billion budget that is very similar to the budget that was passed earlier in the session by the House.

Gov. Bill Richardson has blasted the House budget as being unbalanced. But Sen. Finance Committee Chairman Ben Altamirano explained that the budget assumes that revenue enhancements will be passed to bring the budget into balance.

One of those enhancements — a surcharge on nursing home beds — was given a do-pass in the Finance Committee, and a second — which would increase the tax on health insurance premiums — was debated in the committee, but could not be voted on because the final bill had yet to be prepared.

"We've overspent by about \$30 to \$40 million as we go into this bill," Altamirano said. "If the enhancements don't pass, then we're going to have to go in there and find another \$42 million. That's what we're up against."

The Senate budget increases spending by \$19.7 million over the House budget. The

majority of those increases are in the education budget.

"The House spent 99 1/2 percent of the budget," Sen. Timothy Jennings, D-Roswell, said. "There's nothing left for us, not even crumbs. A lot of things we wanted to fund, the money is just not there."

Altamirano said what usually happens is the Senate will pass its budget, and then a conference committee made up of representatives from both chambers will reach a compromise on the final budget.

Human Services Secretary Pamela Hyde said the Legislature will be asked to pass five revenue-enhancement bills dealing with the Medicaid budget.

On Tuesday the Finance Committee gave its approval to a bill that would place an \$8.82 surcharge on each occupied nursing home bed. Hyde explained that the surcharge would be made up by increasing the reimbursement to nursing homes for each Medicaid patient. Nursing home residents who are not on Medicaid would get a tax rebate.

Because the federal government pays \$3 for every \$1 spent on Medicaid, the state stands to make approximately \$17 million a year on the surcharge, while nursing homes would not lose any revenue, Hyde said.

Hyde said the nursing home lobbyists who had originally opposed the bill did not fully understand it, and are now in support. Jody Knox

from the New Mexico Health Care Association said her group does, indeed, support the bill.

But Sen. Joseph Carraro, R-Albuquerque, called it a "scam" on the federal government.

"This seems like a scam, or at least a scheme," he said. "We're fooling the federal government, and eventually they're going to come back and close that loophole."

"When you look at the laws governing Medicaid, they're full of schemes," Jennings replied.

Sen. Carroll Leavell, R-Jal, said the bill would force those not on Medicaid to leave the state. They would have to pay nearly \$300 a month, which they would not get back until filing their taxes at the end of the year, he said.

"People can't afford to wait for the tax refund," he said.

State Medicaid Director Carolyn Ingram responded that private payers would be reimbursed by about \$30 a month more than the original surcharge to make up for the interest lost.

The bill to increase health insurance premiums by 1 percent is expected to raise \$28 million a year, which could mean an additional \$60 million when you include the federal match, Hyde said.

"In all honesty, it's an increase on the tax. If we don't increase the tax on that, the Medicaid money will dwindle," Jennings said. "By doing this, we will maintain where we are in the marketplace and

reduce cost shifting. If we do not do this, there could be more significant cuts to (health care) providers across the board."

But Senate Minority Whip Lee Rawson, R-Las Cruces, said the bill would result in fewer employers offering health insurance to their employees.

"It seems to me that the goal should be to make health insurance more affordable," Rawson said. "It just seems that we're going exactly in the wrong direction. What this will lead to is more uninsured. There is no room for an increase in the private sector. The solution has got to be to get more people insured."

Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, said because the federal government has short-changed the state on the Medicare program, the state is forced to make tough choices on Medicaid. He said if the revenue enhancements are not approved, the state will have to make further cuts to Medicaid providers.

"If we lose providers, we're going to lose some access in the outlying areas," Smith said. "I believe of all the options we have, this one is the least onerous."

Sen. Carraro said the enhancements and cost containment are just a "Band Aid" and are not doing anything to "fix" Medicaid.

"One thing I've learned over the years is that you don't fix Medicaid," Hyde replied. "You just try to manage it on a day-to-day basis."

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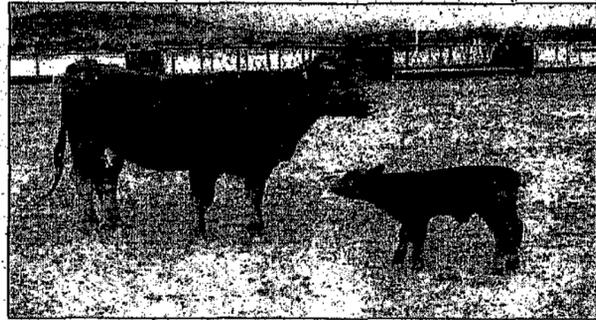


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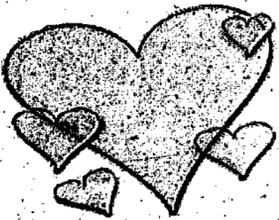
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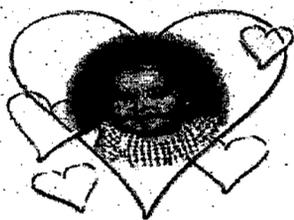
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From your wife, "Big Girl"



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Happy Valentine's Day  
With All My Love.  
Mom



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Happy Valentine's Day  
Love,  
Aunt Val



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Happy Valentine's Day  
with love and affection,  
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Happy Valentine's Day  
to the two Best Skiers!  
Love, Dad



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to Our Sweetheart!  
Love, Mom & Dad



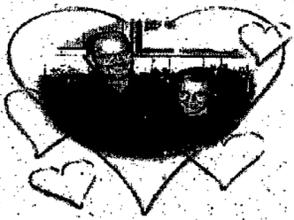
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I miss you so much.  
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I mean EVERYTHING.  
— Todd



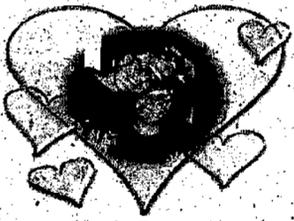
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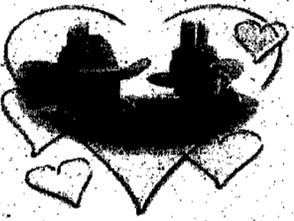
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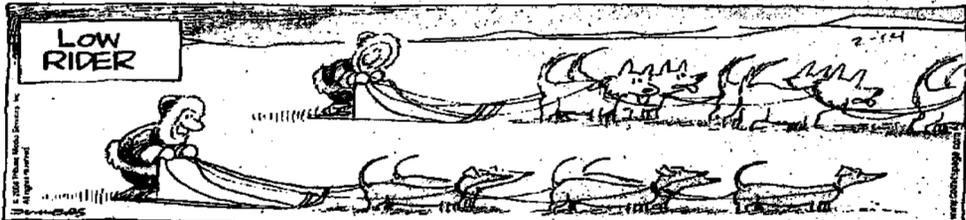
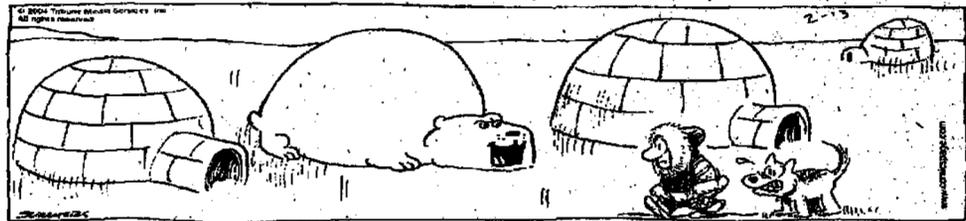
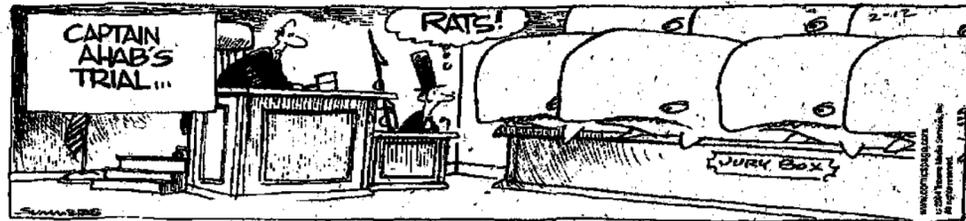


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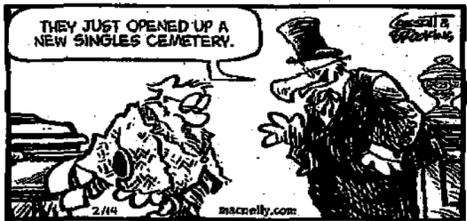


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**PAINTER NEEDS WORK** - House burned in November. Please call 257-9278. Leave message.

**270 WORK WANTED**  
 Jace Taylor  
 Commercial Residential  
 License # 08040  
 257-3675

**272 ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**SPECIAL HORSE SALE!**  
 Rio Grande Classic, 11870 Gateway East, El Paso, Thursday 02/19, at 2PM. Performance horses will be shown @ noon. Expecting great selection! For more info 800-879-0590, 915-858-0590

**273 PERSONALS**  
**FREE PREGNANCY** Test, Caring & Confidential, Assistance. 258-1800  
**HUNGRY NEED FOOD.** We will help you in Jesus Christ name. Also Biblical/Spiritual counseling. 336-9116

**274 LOST & FOUND**  
**FOUND - YOUNG** gray tiger striped cat. Found at 1708 Wood Lane, Ruidoso Downs. Call Murphy 378-4213

**REWARD - LOST** very small 11/2lb. black poodle. Old & extremely sick. Needs constant medical attention. Lost at Redwood & Maple. Much loved and missed. Please call Lubbock, TX. 806-794-3089 or 806-441-4199

**TWO DOGS** Lost in Cedar Creek - Muskiet area, Christmas Day. 1 Airleade, 1 Red Heeler. Both have tags & microchips. Reward! El Paso 915-594-8900

**295 LIVESTOCK**  
**COME TO** the Sundance Stud Farm for the finest Lineage, "Man o' war, Seabiscuit, etc. Also for sale Percheron Mare, Golden Dappled, Palomino stallion + others." 378-8163

**304 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
**LOOKING FOR** a business? Call me for several profitable businesses for sale in Ruidoso. Jennie Dorgan @ Stevens 915-505-8300 or 1-888-558-1349

**GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY**  
 for sale to the right couple. Very successful outer wear manufacture, servicing Western stores. Groups/Clubs, Corporate Business & Schools. Established 1983. Also Direct Embroidery for business promotional and awards. Strong current customer base already in place. This business is "Turn Key Ready" and prime for some serious growth this coming year. Priced for a quick sale. Owner is forced to retire. \$290,000. Call for appointment 505-420-9774. Serious inquirers will be requested to provide personal financial documents.

**401 ANTIQUES/ART**  
**Rachelle's Mini Mall**  
 10,000 sq. ft., over 20 vendors; arts, crafts, collectibles, new and used furniture, antiques and more. Use Sun City Furniture main entrance. Hwy 54 South Alamogordo 437-5379

**16FT. BOAT** and trailer in board motor, needs seats. \$500. Call 808-1246

**35FT. RV** \$1200. 84 Shadow motorcycle. \$1000. 257-9276. Custom Honda 750, 900. 378-4418

**7500 WATT** Vertical Generator, electric start/ portable, ran less than 2hrs. \$1800. Call 354-0350

**ALL TOOLS** Triller, 3 cable rags, signs, selling info, business name, & more. For Rotor Router Business. \$2000, 808-1246

**CAR TRAILER** for sale, \$800. Call 808-1246

**FLOWER POTS**, shelves, light wood, dresser hutch, end tables, oak desk, chair floor mat, beautiful love seat, lamps, two microwave stands, rugs, misc. 378-7091

**FOR SALE** - 100 gallon auxiliary gas tank for full size pickup. \$75. OBO. 378-6662

**GENERATOR SETS** for sale, 4KW-55KW, low hours, trailer mounted. Will Deliver. 915-491-4522

**NEW KINETICO R60**  
 Water softener, paid \$2,400. Asking \$1,900. OBO. Call 257-4748

**PIANOS FOR sale** - Two beautiful Spinets. We buy used pianos. We tune pianos & give piano lessons. Call 257-5284

**Rustic Southwest** furniture. Call 336-4444

**SAVE UP TO 50%** on short term, acute care medications, antibiotics, & pain killers. Call 354-2066 for info.

**SMALL WOOD** stove for sale, \$100. Call 258-3179.

**La-Z-Boy** recliners -- lowest prices at Sun City Furniture. Hwy 54 South in Alamogordo 437-5379

**TORO SNOW** Thrower, new in the box, 6.5 hp, single stage, sells for \$815. Will sell for \$400. Call 915-845-7125

**WATER SOFTENER** 2 years old Northstar Model NSC25ED. Electronic demand 29,000 grain softener with integrated by-pass valve, excellent condition. \$375. 354-0085

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**WOOD CHIPPER** - 2003 Vermeer BC1000XL, low hours, \$23,500 OBO. 336-2508

**420 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**  
**BALDWIN ACROSONIC** Piano, Mahogany finish. Call 258-4128 or 258-4361

**402 APPLIANCES**  
**APARTMENT SIZE** stackable washer & dryer set, \$200. Call 378-8080

**406 BUILDING MATERIALS**  
**RAILROAD TIES** - 1000 Railroad ties in Deming, NM. Grade 1 9ft., \$6.00 each. Grade 2 \$4.00/each. Picked up at track. Delivery available. 1-800-358-4107 or 505-259-3368

**407 FIREWOOD/FUEL**  
**AFFORDABLE SPLIT** seasoned. Various types, lengths, amounts. Delivered/stacked. Also, cut and split your firewood. Chimney Sweep Services. Ruidoso Since '83. 257-5808

**FREE WOOD** in burn off area, pre-cut. Call after 8pm. 378-4800

**PINON - JUNIPER** - Pine mix, \$135/per cord, picked up. \$185 delivered. Half cord \$75 & \$110. (No Carrying). 336-4524

**SPLIT PINE**, \$85. cord. Pinon/ Juniper mix \$140. corc. Slabwood \$25 truck load. El Molino Sawmill, Airport Rd. 336-1297

**413 FURNITURE**  
**BUNK BED**, White metal full size bottom, twin top. \$100. 258-4967

**CORNER DINETTE** Set, 2 benches w/cushions, 1 chair w/casters, table 47x35, portable, kerosene heater. 378-1885 or 937-2270

**HEAVY OAK** entertainment center for sale, \$250. Call 378-4800

**Mansfield Furniture**  
**NEW & USED FURNITURE & MATTRESSES. WE BUY SELL & TRADE**  
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 40,000 sq. ft., "longer than a football field showroom" Big city selection without the drive. Hwy 54 South in Alamogordo 437-5379

**416 MACHINERY TOOLS & EQUIPMENT**  
**NEW CRAFTSMAN** 21 in. auger, propelled snow thrower, 5-hp, electric start. \$325. OBO. 257-5642

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**KAWAI UPRIGHT** piano in excellent condition with humidity control system. \$1200 OBO. 882-2540 or 491-8723

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**452 YARD & GARAGE SALES**  
**GARAGE SALE** - Art & Craft materials, ceramic glazes low & high fire, stained glass, bright Mosaic, clay extruder, & banding wheels. Down Town Lincoln. Earthly Greens. 850-4219, Friday & Saturday, 9-5.

**INSIDE YARD** Sale - 524 East Hwy. 70, next to Scarlett's Nest Furniture. Chrome bar stools, pictures, grid attachments records 33's, 45's, & 78's. Jewelry, & jewelry parts, ropes for basketry, scented candle wax, earring displays, wood display crates, many items. Friday & Saturday, 9-4.

**YARD SALE** - All kinds of items. 112 McCarty, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 8:30-7

**601 SERVICES**  
**A-1 HANDY** Man Services. Hauling, moving, decks, painting, drywall, plumbing, misc. repairs. Firewood, chimney cleaning. And computer repair! No job too small 808-1391

**AFFORDABLE WINTER** rates for cleaning, honest dependable, excellent references. Please call 354-3168

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**CARPET INSTALLATION** Service. We install your carpet, repairs on carpet, vinyl, wood and tile. 937-4487 or 336-1272

**CLASSIC CARE** Providing excellent yard service, fire brakes & prevention in accordance with Ruidoso's regulations. Call Matt 808-0186

**CUSTOM HOMES** built on your lot, \$59 sq.ft. Finished on the outside only, \$39 sq.ft. (shell). 30-years experience building in Ruidoso. 336-9116

**CLEANING LADY 354-0372**  
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**Ruidoso Municipal School District**  
**Notice Of Vacancy: Superintendent of Schools**  
 Date: January 27, 2004  
 Position: Superintendent of Schools  
 District Enrollment - 2,400 Students  
 300 staff Members/6 Campuses.  
 Qualifications: Three (3) years as a successful Superintendent or Central Office Administrator, New Mexico State Department of Education Administrative License or Eligibility  
 Contract Period: 2004-2005 School year  
 Start date: July 1, 2004  
 Salary: Negotiable, based on Ruidoso Municipal School Board of Education determination.  
 Application Process: For an application packet, send letter of interest and resume to:  
 Judy Jones or Marsha Sowder  
 Ruidoso Municipal School District  
 200 Horton Circle  
 Ruidoso NM 88345  
 Or call: 505-257-4051  
 Application Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2004. Initial screening of applicants will be completed by March 12, 2004.  
 Selection Process: Selected applicants will be interviewed following initial screening of application materials submitted.  
 Ruidoso Municipal School district is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, or disability in compliance with federal and state laws.

In Next Week's American Profile...

A community's winning pride

Through good times and bad, Centralia, Ill., has managed to hold onto a constant source of community pride, its high school basketball team. The Centralia Orphans are the winningest high school team in the country. Plus, getting kids to read and pork and bean bread.

**American Profile**  
 Celebrating Hometown Life

**601 SERVICES**  
**HANDYMAN SERVICE:** maintenance and repair, carpentry, tile, power washing, sealing or painting. Free Estimates. References available. 267-0649. 808-0414

**HOME & Deck repairs,** also painting power washing, sealing. References available. Call 258-3703

**HOME REPAIR Service.** All phases of home repair, reasonable. 336-8464 or 808-1329. Ask for Bob

**HUNGRY PAINTER** needs work. 30 year experience in Ruidoso, dry wall repairs, carpentry, doors hung and moved. Licensed, insured. Please call 378-7112

**J & M Construction**  
 Metal Roofs, Additions, Decks, Remodeling  
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**Free Delivery to Ruidoso and surrounding areas.**  
**Sun City Furniture**  
 Hwy 54 South in Alamogordo 437-5379

**601 AUTOS FOR SALE**  
 1990 JAGUAR XJ6, good original condition, low miles, runs & drives great, \$3800 OBO. Call Richard 258-1433

1996 BRONCO Eddy Bauer, teal/tan, 105k miles, loaded, extras, \$8,995. 336-2508

**CarCorp**  
 Auto Wholesale Group, Inc.  
**ACTING ALERT: On eBay NOW!**  
 1998 Jeep Wrangler  
 6 cylinder, new top  
 288-4408  
 www.carcorpauto.com

**'02 CORVETTE Z06**  
 405 hp, only 14k miles  
 Electron blue, mint condition. One owner, garage kept. Fully loaded, listing \$42,000. Call 937-3080

**HONDA ODYSSEY LX**  
 Mini Van, 2000 model, low miles, 1 owner, new Michellins, price reduced to \$16,500. 354-2600

**605 FOUR WHEEL**  
 1973 FORD Bronco, 4WD, V-8, automatic, original paint & interior, excellent condition, less than 60,000 original miles. Call 258-9291 or 257-3540

1998 GMC Jimmy, 4WD, fully loaded, power everything, clean inside & out, \$5,800 OBO. 258-3069

**NONE NICERI 1994**  
 Honda Passport, 4WD auto, V-6 engine, white, \$5200. 257-6590

**678 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**  
 04' IMPERIAL 5th Wheel, 37ft. 3 slide outs, tri-axle, basement model, 2 AC, W/D, D/W, hardwood floors, all upgrades, perfect condition. \$35,900. 432-413-0394

1992 28' Fourwinds Class C, good condition. Generator & awning. \$17,500. OBO 378-4384

1995 JAYCO Designer Series 5th Wheel, 35.5 ft., slide-out, excellent condition. \$15,000. OBO Call 937-2898

38FT. FLEET WOOD Wilderness 5th Wheel, good price at \$5500. Can haul. Call 937-4894 or 937-0567

**MUST SELL!** 2003 Pilgrim Open Road 5th wheel, 35ft. Fully loaded w/3 slide outs. Call Tripp or Arnee @ 258-8811

**606 LEGAL NOTICES**  
 #5984 1T (2)13  
 LEGAL NOTICE  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN

INVITATION TO SUBMIT BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids for the following equipment will be received by the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave (P.O. Box 71), Carrizozo, NM 88301 until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at

**606 LEGAL NOTICES**  
 which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

SEALED BID NO. 03-04-011

"Chassis and 10-12 CY Dump Body, Complete"

Complete specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or by calling Jane Williams, 505-848-2385 ext. 105. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during the County Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2004 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

/s/ Jane Williams  
 Purchasing Agent

#5943 4T (2)6,13,20,27  
 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
 COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
 TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
 No. CV-03-268

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB

**605 LEGAL NOTICES**  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 THE ESTATE OF GREGORY BRAM NUNNALLY aka GREGORY B. NUNNALLY, Deceased, TRINA NUNNALLY, as mother and guardian of the minor child, Skyler Nunnally, DONA R. NUNNALLY, JEFFREY R. NUNNALLY, individually and as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Gregory Bram Nunnally, Deceased, SANDIE NUNNALLY, AMBER D. SHAFFER, individually and as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Gregory Bram Nunnally, Deceased, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF GREGORY BRAM NUNNALLY, Deceased, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,  
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants.  
 GREETINGS:  
 You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 109 Course View Drive, in the City of Ruidoso, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, more particularly

described in the Complaint in said cause.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 19, 2004, judgment by default will be entered against you. Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509.

WITNESS the Honorable JERRY H. RITTER, JR., District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 30th day of January, 2004.

/s/ JAN PERRY  
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
 By Mickie Vega  
 (COURT SEAL)  
 Deputy

#5947 2T (2)6,13  
 LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK M. ROMERO, Sr., deceased.  
 PB 04-06  
 Div. III

**605 LEGAL NOTICES**  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

DATED: February 2, 2004.

John J. Romero  
 Personal Representative  
 Attorney for the Personal Representative: RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A.

Richard A. Hawthorne  
 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 2 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
 (505) 258-9483

#5961 1T (2)13  
 LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS  
 Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico calls for sealed bids on Bid #03-011.

**605 LEGAL NOTICES**  
 The Village of Ruidoso is Accepting Bids for Thinning, Hand Piling and Beetle Habitat Reduction of 75.81 Acres at Eagle Creek Unit "C"

Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso. 505-257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Office, if hand delivered, to the Ruidoso Purchasing Warehouse at 421 Wingfield St., Ruidoso, or if mailed, to Purchasing Department, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Bids will be received until Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. local time, then publicly opened and read aloud at the Village of Ruidoso Annex Building, 421 Wingfield, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive all informalties and technical irregularities as allowed by the State of

**606 LEGAL NOTICES**  
 New Mexico Procurement Code.  
 By the Order of the Governing Body.  
 /s/ Fernin Herrera  
 Purchasing Agent  
 Village of Ruidoso

#5982 1T (2)13  
 LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SERPO)

Technical and Policy and Committee

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Program (STIP) to use Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Title 23 program funds. Applicants for enhancement projects will also make presentations followed by review and prioritization by the SERPO Policy Committee for potential inclusion in the RTIPR Enhancement Project Listing. The SERPO will appoint a representative to attend a March 4, 2004 meeting in Santa Fe relative to the State's FY 2005 Application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to fund Rural Public Transportation, Elderly and Disabled transportation and Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) transportation projects. SERPO members will elect new officers for both the Policy and Technical Committees

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2004

LOCATION: New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Training Academy Building 17-795 Earl Cummings Loop Roswell, New Mexico

TIME: 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you need assistance, contact Dan Stover, SERPO Planner at (505) 827-0050 three (3) days prior to the meeting.

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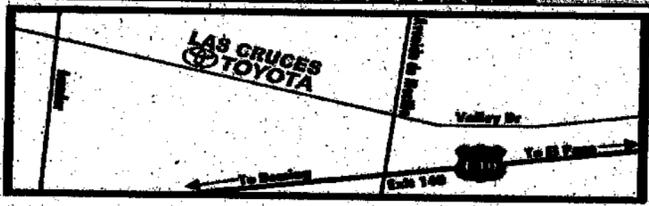
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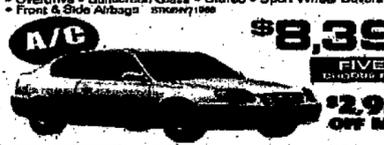
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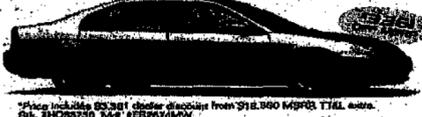
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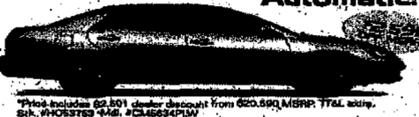


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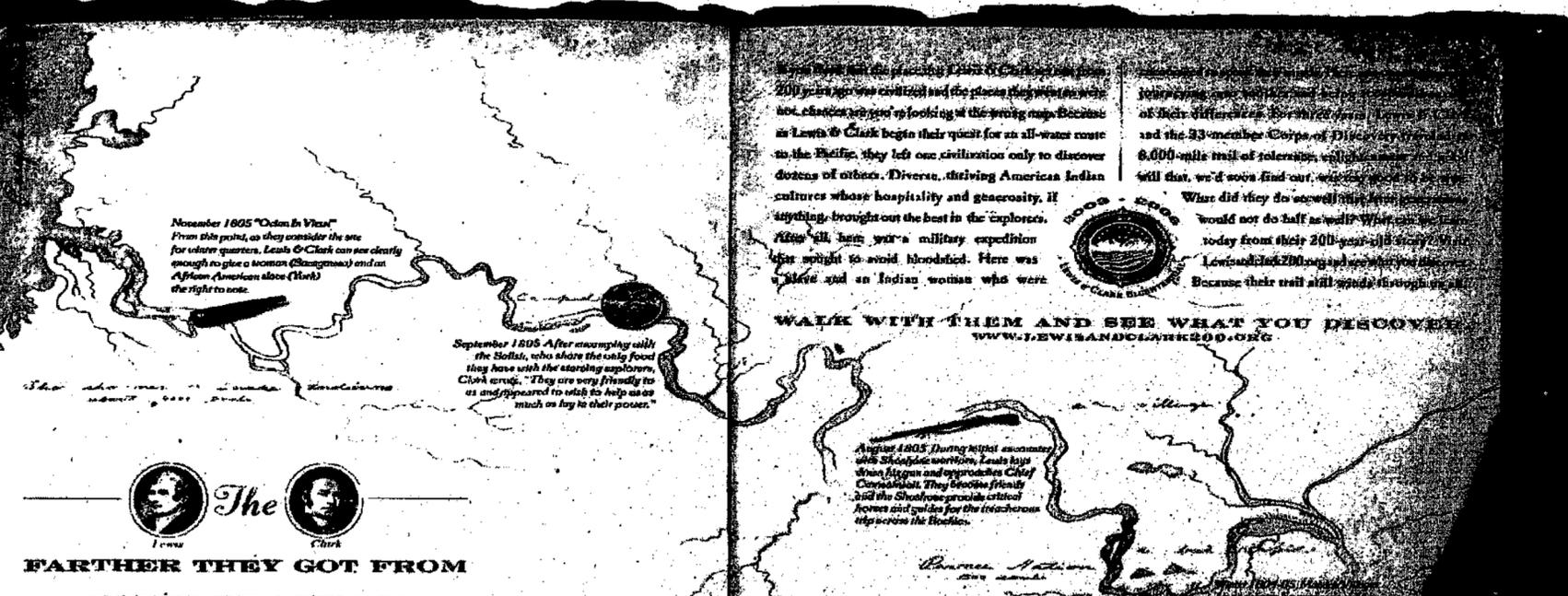
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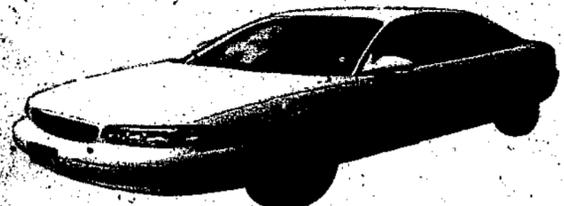
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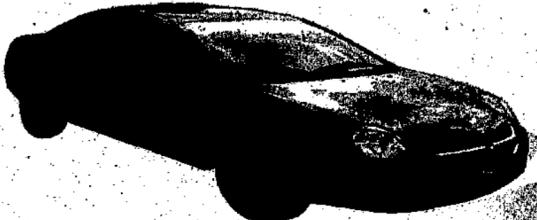
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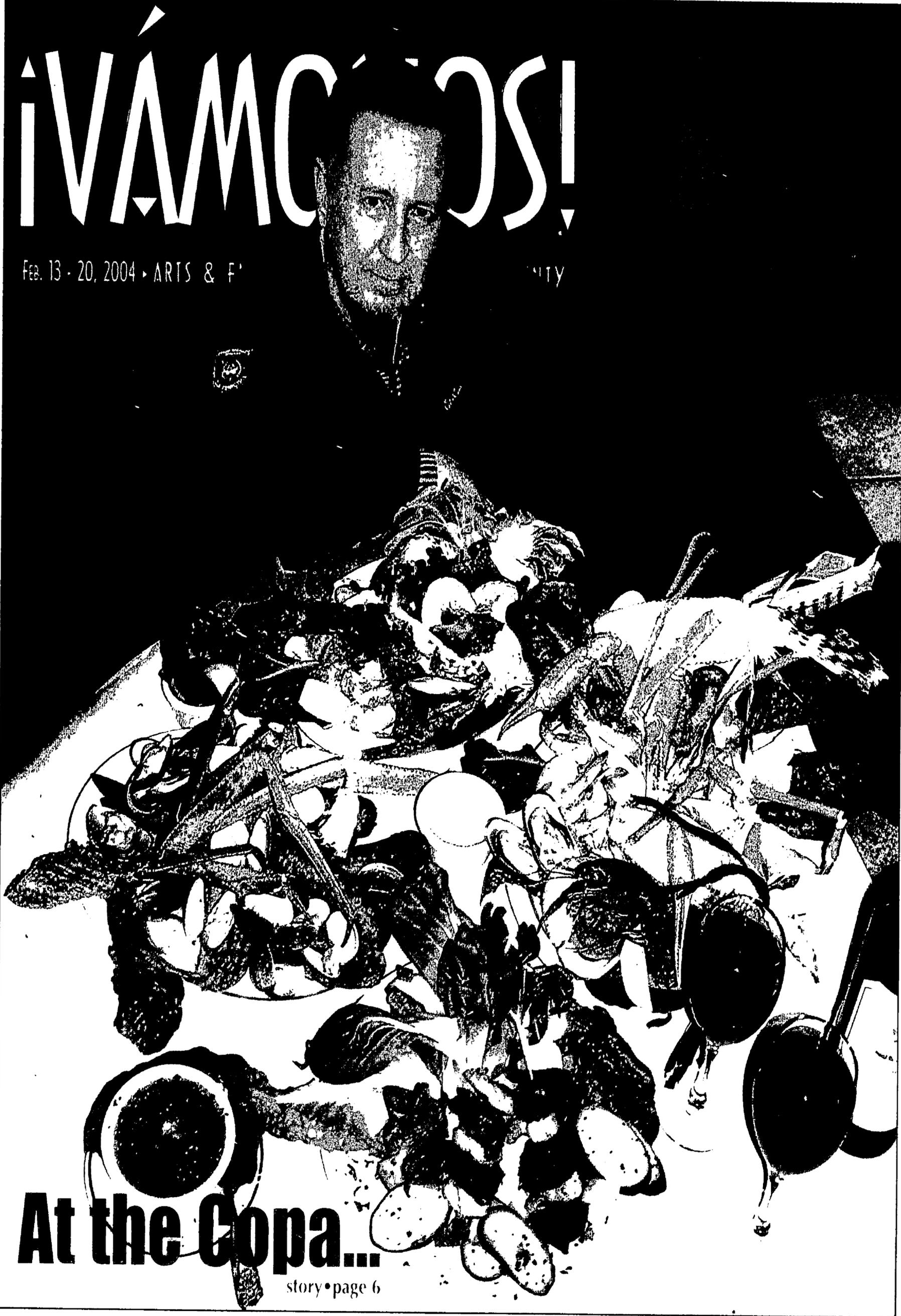
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*Rodney Fiddler, chef extraordinaire, has dedicated February to the celebration of Mardi Gras at Rodney's Copa Cabana, although every day exotic foods are served with panache at this unusual eatery in the heart of Capitan. For the next course, turn to page 6.*

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## If you go

**what: 'Cat Tails'**

**when: 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20**

**where: Spencer Theater on Airport Road in Alto**

**cost: \$60; also includes ticket to 'Vanities' performance. Call 336-4800.**

"Cat Tail" fundraising party with the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

Starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 20, the Cat Tail cocktail party at

Hawthorn Suites kicks off the HSLC's 2004 Spay and Neuter Campaign and its goal of raising \$100,000. Linda will address the crowd regarding the Humane Society and her non-profit World Heart Foundation.

Event tickets are \$60 and are available at the Spencer and at the Humane Society shelter at 430 Gavilan Canyon Road. The ticket provides access to the Cat Tail party and a seat at the 8 p.m. February 21 performance of "Vanities," the dramatic comedy about childhood friends. The poignant, coming-of-age tale co-stars Blair (best known from the box office sensation "The Exorcist"), Erin Moran ("Happy Days") and Jill Whelan ("The Love Boat"). Both Erin and Jill have been invited to attend the Cat Tail party, too.

"This is just so neat! We thank the Spencer Theater so much for doing this and helping with this campaign," said HSLC board member Ellen Lucas.

According to shelter officials, nearly 5,000 animals (mostly cats and dogs) in Lincoln County will be treated and housed by the HSLC this year alone.

Though some of their services help pets with homes, the majority are for strays. That's a lot of unwanted animals. But, there's good news regarding the strays: ever since the organization began its unlimited Spay and Neuter outreach services in 2002 (issuing \$20 and \$30 vouchers for veterinarian treatment for anyone seeking to spay or neuter their pet) the number of stray or unwanted pets seen by the shelter folks has dropped by 10 percent. That marks the campaign as being an effective prevention against the lot of unwanted cats and dogs and their becoming nuisances.

"We want to curb those numbers more," said HSLC director Keith Adkins. "Our spay and neuter campaign seeks to provide an unlimited number of spay and neuter vouchers to pet owners throughout the year." Previously, the vouchers were issued first-come, first-serve because of the fixed number (40 per month) allowed by the budget.

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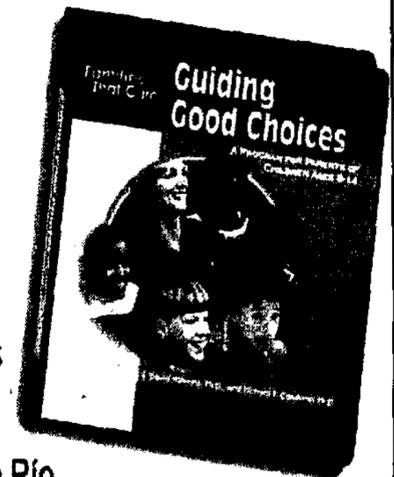
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## AND DIRECTIONS

**Friday, Feb. 13****Line dancing**

Line dancing at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Valentine's dance**

Valentine Dance with snack potluck at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Drive, 6-9 p.m., eating from 6-6:30 p.m. and dancing until 9 p.m. to the tunes of Kerry Northover.

**Dinner dance**

The community is invited to a Valentine's Dinner Dance sponsored by the First Christian Church from 6:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, at Cree Meadows Country Club. Dinner will be between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., and the Graham Brothers will provide music for dancing and listening from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Door-prizes will be given away throughout the evening. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$20 each and are available at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. For information, call the church at 258-4250.

**Saturday, Feb. 14****Healing at High Mesa**

Hands-on Healing Day and Get Touched at High Mesa Healing Center in Alto, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 336-7777 for more information.

**Valentine's dinner**

Valentine's dinner at Rodney's Copa Cabana, 321 Smokey Bear Blvd.

**Dinner and dancing**

Valentine's Day dinner and dancing at Cree Meadows; entree choices: Beef Oscar, Trout Almandine, Chicken Santa Fe, dinner at 7 p.m., \$24.95, reservations recommended. Call 257-9186 or stop by the office at Cree Meadows, 301 Country Club Drive.

**Sunday, Feb. 15****Leahy at Spencer**

Leahy at the Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., tickets are \$42 and \$45, wait-list only. For information, call 336-4800.

**Monday, Feb. 16****Line dancing**

Line dancing at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center,

9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 18****Drum session**

Drumming and toning circle at High Mesa Healing Center in Alto, 6-8 p.m. Please bring a percussion instrument if you can. For more information, call 336-7777.

**Thursday, Feb. 19****Shuffleboard**

Shuffleboard tournament at Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 1-4 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 20****Line dancing**

Line dancing at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Humane Society benefit**

Join screen star Linda Blair and friends for "Cat Tails," a special cocktail party at the Hawthorne Suites, 6 p.m. for the Humane Society of Lincoln County's 2004 Spay & Neuter Campaign. The society's goal is to help 5,000 animals this year alone.

Tickets are \$60 and include a ticket to attend the coming-of-age comedy "Vanities" starring Linda Blair, Erin Moran ("Happy Days") and Jill Whelan ("The Love Boat") at the Spencer Theater Saturday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.

**Hebrew conference**

Uri Harel, founder of the Center for Biblical Hebrew in Israel, will present a conference on secrets of the Hebrew Bible at Hosanna's Glassworks, 2204 Sudderth Drive. Events start at 7 p.m. today with Sabbath dinner; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, seminar, with potluck noon-1 p.m.; 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Havdalah service (closing ceremony).

Cost of conference is \$45 for individuals, \$75 for couples, includes workbook and CD.

Make reservations by today by calling Sonia Loya at 257-0122.

**Roswell theater**

Roswell Community Little Theatre presents "An Evening of Culture," a comedy directed by Louise Montague. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28 (call 622-1982 for reservations);

Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 and 29. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for full-time students. The theater is at 12th and Virginia Streets in Roswell.

**Mardi Gras**

Mardi Gras descends on Cloudcroft Feb. 20-22 when village and local businesses are hosts to the annual Family Style Mardi Gras without the risqué atmosphere of the New Orleans carnival. Festivities kick off at 2 p.m. Friday with a mask parade and umbrella judging, a teen dance 6-10 p.m., and for adults, the Fais Do-Do Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Lodge. Saturday events begin at 10 a.m. with shop celebrations and vendors in the big tent on Burro-bon Street, the Mardi Gras Parade at 2 p.m., an after-parade party in the tent to pay tribute to the king and queen and a country dance at 6 p.m. At 9 a.m. on Sunday, Mardi Gras wraps up with Beignets and coffee at the lodge and a scavenger hunt at 10 a.m.

**Coming soon****Social workers luncheon**

Social Workers Luncheon at The Counseling Center, 127 Horton Circle, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 26; from 9 a.m.-noon, Gary Kincaid, LPC, presenter, "Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency" (3 CEU's); from noon-1 p.m., presenter noon-1 p.m., Marsha Keown, B.A., "Dreams: Bridging the Conscious and Unconscious Worlds" (1 CEU). Lunch is provided. Please R.S.V.P. by Feb. 24 at 257-0491.

**Alcohol server training**

Alcohol Server Training will be offered through the Ruidoso Instruction Center of Eastern New Mexico University on Fridays, Feb. 27, March 26, April 30, May 21, June 25 and July 30, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Pre-registration at least one day prior to class is required at the university office, 709 Mechem Drive. Students must be 19 years of age with a valid photo ID and pass a test with a score of 80 percent or better to receive certification.

For more information, call 257-2120.

**Smokey party needs volunteers**

The planning committee for Smokey's 60th Anniversary of Vigilance, sponsored by the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chamber of Commerce building on Second Street in Capitan. Volunteers are urgently needed to help make this May 7-9 celebration a success. For more information, call Sue Harkness at 630-0044 or visit [www.villageofcapitan.com](http://www.villageofcapitan.com).

**Library amnesty continues**

Amnesty continues through February at the Ruidoso Public Library. Bring back library materials and no fines will be charged.

**Hubbard group to award grants**

The R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation's 2004 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program will award about \$125,000 in total grants to qualifying applicants from Lincoln, Chavez, Curry, Eddy, Léa, Otero and Roosevelt counties.

Grant proposals will be accepted from counties, municipalities, public schools and all 501-c-3 non-profit organizations. Deadline for proposals is May 1, and they should explain how each project can improve the quality of life in a particular area. Contact the Hubbard Foundation for further information and an application form at P.O. Box 2498, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or by calling 258-5919.

**Art in Public Places**

Art in Public Places exhibits for February: at Village Hall, Ruidoso High School art students' two-dimensional work; at Ruidoso Public Library, Cheryl Sullivan from Lincoln with photographs and floor cloths; and three-dimensional work of RHS art students; in the Children's Library, photographs of third-through sixth-graders from a photography workshop taught by the Photographic Society of Lincoln County at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in October.

**Brunell show**

A photographic display of the work of local photographer Herb Brunell, "Some Things I've

Seen and Places I've Been," will be at Brunell's, 2316 Sudderth Drive.

**Schuetz show in Capitan**

The featured artist at the Capitan Public Library for January and February is landscape and seascape artist David Schuetz of Ruidoso.

**Johnson at Hubbard Museum**

Timberon artist Michael Chesley Johnson's solo exhibition of pastel paintings continues at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs through February 22. All paintings are for sale and 25 percent of the price goes to support the non-profit museum. For more information, call the museum at (505) 378-4142 or visit [www.HubbardMuseum.org](http://www.HubbardMuseum.org).

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# Some sayings are crazier than a goat

## Art, Craft and Such

Practical, creative ways to include fun in everyday living  
by Polly E. Chavez



An idiom is the specific grammatical, syntactical, and structural character of a given language. (That is a mouthful!) My dictionary goes on to say that an idiom is a style of artistic expression characteristic of a group

of people. You have heard the idiom: "Birds of feather fly together."

Colorful Spanish idioms, *dichos*, are part of the Spanish language. The older Hispanic population seldom speaks a sentence without sprinkling his/her talk with some relevant proverb or adage. My parents, my *abuelos*, *tios* and *tias* reinforced whatever he/she said with a *dicho*. These idioms were guidelines for behavior. *Dichos* instruct but they also point out in a gentle manner a wisdom that comes from experience.

Here are a few of such Spanish *dichos*, followed by a close translation. By learning a new language you are beginning to learn a new culture and a new point of view. Welcome to my culture.

- *A quien madruga, Dios le ayuda.* (Who rises early, God helps.)
- *El que por su gusto corre, nunca se cansa.* (Who for his pleasure runs, never tires.)
- *Si quieres el perro, acepta las pulgas.*

(If you want the dog, accept the fleas.)

- *El que quiere baile, que pague música.* (Who wants to dance, should pay the musician.)
- *Perro que no camina, no encuentra hueso.* (Dog who doesn't walk, doesn't find a bone.)

• *Se pescan más moscas con miel que con hiel.* (More flies can be caught with honey than with gall.)

• *Más vale acabar bien que acabar pronto.* (It's better to come out well than to finish in a hurry.)

• *Lo que volando viene volando se va.* (What ever comes easy disappears the same way.)

• *Pájaros de la misma pluma vuelan juntos.* (Birds of the same feather fly together.)

• *El dinero es nuestra bendición o nuestra maldición.* (Money can be a blessing or a curse.)

• *A buen hambre no hay pan duro.* (For good hunger there is no hard bread.)

• *El perico dice lo que sabe, pero no sabe lo que dice.* (The parrot says what he knows, but doesn't know what he says.)

• *Ser más listo que un coyote.* (To be more alert than a coyote.)

• *Más loco que una cabra.* (Crazier than a goat.)

Most *dichos* have a second meaning.

For example: *Yo tengo una Tía que toca la guitarra.* (I have an aunt who plays the guitar.) This would be in response to someone who contributes something of no value to the conversation. What you really want to say is "What does that have to do with the price of eggs in China?"

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

### 50 First Dates

Comedy and Romance, 1 hr. 46 min.

Rated PG-13 for crude sexual humor and drug references. Henry Roth (Sandler), a veterinarian at an aquarium in Hawaii, falls in love with a girl, Lucy (Barrymore), with short-term memory loss, but he has to keep getting her to fall in love with him every time they meet in order for them to have a relationship, since she never remembers the last time she met him.

Starring: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Sean Astin, Missi Pyle, Rob Schneider

Directed by: Peter Segal

Produced by: Jack Giarruputo, Daniel Lupi, Jack Giarruputo, Steve Golin, Nancy Juvonen, Larry Kennar, Adam Sandler

Showtimes: 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:25 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

\*Saturday and Sunday only

\*\*Friday through Sunday only

### Calendar Girls

Comedy, 1 hr. 48 min.

Rated PG-13 for nudity, some language and drug-related material.

This film tells the true (but slightly fictionalized) story of 11 middle-aged women, ages 45 to 60, from the small village of Rylstone in Yorkshire, England who posed naked for the annual calendar of local branch of the Women's Institute, to raise money for medical research, after the husband, John Baker, of one of the members, Angela Baker (Walters), becomes terminally ill from leukemia.

Starring: Julie Walters, Helen Mirren, Penelope Wilton, Annette Crosbie, John Alderton

Directed by: Nigel Cole

Produced by: Suzanne Mackie, Nick Barton

Showtimes: 5 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

### Miracle

Drama, 2 hrs. 15 min.

Rated PG for language and some



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Eddie Cahill in Disney's *Miracle*.

rough sports action.

This is the true story of coach Herb Brooks (Russell), who in 1980 had the distinction of having been the last player cut from the U.S. hockey team the last time the team won the Gold at the Olympics (in 1960). Brooks got his chance at being part of a medal-winning team, however, when he led the U.S. hockey team to victory over the Soviets (who had won the medal the last four times: 1976, 1972, 1968, and 1964 since that 1960 U.S. win) at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid despite overwhelming odds. For a country still entangled in a decades-long "Cold War" with the U.S.S.R., the sports victory was seen as patriotic and symbolic of "our side" beating "their side."

Starring: Kurt Russell, Eddie Cahill, Patricia Clarkson, Noah Emmerich, Patrick O'Brien Demsey

Directed by: Gavin O'Connor

Produced by: Debra Martin Chase, Mark Ciardi, Gordon Gray

Showtimes: Noon\*, 3 p.m., 6:10 p.m., 9 p.m.

\*Saturday and Sunday only

\*\*Friday through Sunday only

### Catch That Kid

Action/Adventure, Comedy and Crime/Gangster, 1 hr. 42 min.

Rated PG for some language, thematic elements and rude humor. 12-year-old Maddy (Stewart) and her father (Robards) have always shared a love for mountain climbing. Their hobby, however, has a disastrous effect when an accident on Mount Everest injures his spine, paralyzing him forever unless he gets a very expensive operation. Determined to raise the money to pay for it, Maddy decides to recruit two of her friends to help her break into the super-high-tech bank (which includes a vault suspended 30 feet off the floor) that her mother (Beals) works at as the security chief, in an attempt to rob the funds her father needs using the amazing climbing abilities he taught her...

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu, Jennifer Beals, Max Thelriot, Sam Robards

Directed by: Bart Freundlich

Produced by: Andrew Lazar

Showtimes: 12:35 p.m., 2:50 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

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Some of the crew at Rodney's Copa Cabana making Mardi Gras: from left, Marsha Nickerson, Rodney Fiddler, Jan Kennedy and Dennis Trujillo.

# Mardi Gras comes to Capitan

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
VAMONOS EDITOR

Welcome to Mardi Gras in the classic Creole town of Capitan: Shrimp étouffée, Jumbalaya, Cajun pot boil, clams, mussels, rabbit, pheasant, oyster gumbo, crawfish all over the place (pineapples, mangos and little green apples)...

That's Rodney's Copa Cabana, at 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., operated by Rodney Fiddler and Jan Kennedy — of Spanky's ilk.

Housed in what was the Buckhorn Bar in the '50s, the unusual decor and cuisine is reminiscent of the

beach, the islands, narrow streets — anywhere in the world except a small ranching town in southern New Mexico. Right now the menu is Arcadian: southern Louisiana-style cooking with the Fiddler flair, which includes elements of Europe, Africa, Brazil, Mexico and the Caribbean.

No American food served here, and nothing from a can: Everything is fresh and made from scratch in the kitchen at Rod's.

"We've expanded on classic sauces to what's happening today; we're not emulating," Fiddler said. "We're putting the effort into the adventure of food, so we're dealing with a lot of different international tastes."

Experience, effort and originality seem to be the key to his creations. He changes his menus weekly — sometimes twice a week — and he fixes potatoes in 14 different ways. And every dish has its own very special sauce.

Formerly an abstract expressionist, he studied art at New York State University and the Rochester Institute of Technology and worked in that field. He then studied at the Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts, receiving a chef's honors. This was a return for Fiddler, who started cooking at age 14. The art background shows up in the decor and the presentation of the food. As one customer put it, "It's a party on the plate!"

"The creative action keeps me interested, pursuing

THE ARTS



PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

*Above: Chef Dennis Trujillo preps in the kitchen of Rodney's Copa Cabana in Capitan. He's cooked in Santa Cruz and other places but says he's not a "food prostitute."*

*Right: Island Tilapia the Rod Fiddler way: a party on a plate.*

*Below right: Skewered sirloin and grilled shrimp.*



the 5,000 taste buds," Fiddler said. "The kitchen is full of herbs and spices, dry and fresh. The steak is pre-spiced, rubbed with olive oil and I use a lot of wines, rums and tequila ... I get involved with finding the marriage of these flavors and tantalizing the taste buds."

The restaurant does its own demi glazes, taking two days for the stock reduction, instead of three minutes out of a can. After the original reduction with ruby port and cabernet, he works with the sauce.

"We're not a ma and pa place," Kennedy said. "We're a white table cloth without the white table cloth."

Actually it's butcher paper on the tables, and jars of crayons are available for those who wish to share in the creativity of the place.

The decor is jazzy with an international flair, warmed by fireplaces in the main dining room as well as the Stilletto Bar. Fiddlers' creativity went into renovating the old stucco building to suit his palette; just as it goes into his culinary creations to suit his customers' palates.

Rodney's Copa Cabana is open Tuesday through Saturday. Lunch is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and includes eight kinds of burgers, as well as more exotic fare, all \$7 or less, and Spanky's Original Pizza from the Pizza Bar.

Dinner is from 5-9 p.m., offers frog legs, oysters on the half shell and shrimp cocktail for appetizers, and entrees with intriguing names and descriptions: Cajun Pot Boil (weekends only): Crab legs, green lip mussels, crawfish, clams, shrimp, oysters, red stripe chicken, andouille sausage, fresh corn on the cob on your table, not your plate! (\$21); Ziggy Marley Chicken and Shrimp: Chargrilled chicken and skewered shrimp with a dark rum chili sauce (\$15); Under pastas is "El Cid": Rabbit, duck game hens, or pheasant with a signature demi-glaze and wild mushrooms over fettucini (\$16). There's also pork tenderloin Havana style, rib eye, salmon, sirloin and shrimp kabobs and anything Fiddler dreams up before press time.

Reservations are recommended for large parties, by calling 354-RODS.



# Luckily, this Phenix never rose again

## Post Tense

by Drew Comber  
Historian, The Hubbard Museum of the  
American West



By the 1890s, the wild towns of the Wild West were becoming fewer and fewer. El Paso was one of the last, and is justifiably remembered as such. But there was a place over in New Mexico, near modern

Carlsbad, that pretty much put all of the other wild places to shame. It was called "Phenix" and existed for only three years. But what a three-year period it was!

Located about a mile south of the town of Eddy, Phenix came into being because Eddy was a "dry" town. In the Old West, where many were drunk much of the time, this was something of an outrage. The saloon men, not about to stand for such puritanical behavior, simply relocated down the road and created Phenix, considered to be the "answer" to Eddy.

Many wild towns in the Old West — Dodge City, Tombstone, etc. — had, despite their vice industry, all of the normal businesses one would expect to find in any town — hardware and mercantile stores, etc., etc. Not so with Phenix. It had exactly three industries: liquor, gambling and prostitution.

The first saloon in Phenix opened on May 3, 1892. It was an immediate success and was followed closely by a number of other similar establishments. The town was so wild that there is a story, undocumented but handed down so universally there has to be *something* to it, of Phenix having a parade that consisted entirely of naked prostitutes. Keeping in mind that this was the Victorian era, this would have been quite an event.

And violence was everywhere. There are numerous reports of unidentified "Mexicans" killing each other in gunfights; others, such as Martin Barias, who killed Trofilo Trejo, gambler and sometime deputy sheriff, in a gunfight, were not so anonymous; three construction workers were "horribly beaten up by about seven men with six-shooters;" a local deputy sheriff named Williamson, in trying to break up a fight between two

men, got into a gunfight with them, killing one and wounding the other so severely that his arm had to be amputated (well, I guess you could say that he at least stopped the fight, right?). One homicide even involved an enraged hooker braining someone — fatally — with a rock.

Local man Dee Harkey, in his unbelievably self-serving book, "Mean as Hell," tells a story where a man brandishing a revolver came gunning for him, but Dee would not shoot at the fellow for fear of "hitting some children sleeping outside." Huh??

What *really* happened was a little different. It seems that Harkey, apparently not the most even-tempered of men, physically ejected a 16-year-old black girl from his butcher shop, who he admitted to kneeling in the rump as she exited the place. He said she had been "annoying him with a purchase." Huh? again...

The young lady went directly to her employer, a gambler named George High, who was not pleased with Harkey's actions. Pocketing a pistol, he headed off in search of Harkey. Entering the butcher's shop, High announced that he did not think that Harkey had the guts to speak outside the shop the way he did inside. Harkey asserted that he did, and High turned and Harkey followed him out the door. When High got to the sidewalk, turned and saw the cleaver in Harkey's hand, he panicked. High fired four times and missed every one. Harkey busied himself leaping and contorting and running, trying to avoid the bullets whistling around him. Both men, as one can easily imagine, were arrested. Harkey was charged with assault — but only on the girl — charged \$5 court costs and released. High claimed that "the butcher was going to chop him up" and the Grand Jury never indicted him.

One of the fatalities was actually due to the well-known Miller-Frazer feud that had gone on in and around Pecos and ended with "Killin' Jim" Miller literally blowing off Bud Frazer's head as the latter sat, unaware of Miller's presence in the doorway behind him, innocently playing cards. Considering the numerous gunfights that the pair had with each other in the past, Miller was never punished for this killing, although he should have been. (Miller was eventually lynched in Oklahoma in 1909).

Con Gibson and John Denson had been at each other's throats over this feud for some time and it was common knowledge that something had to give —

and soon. So, as one might expect, something did.

June 1st, 1894, had barely gotten started at two o'clock in the morning in Phenix when the two men met for the last time. Walking up to Denson, who was at the bar, Gibson told him to "take your last drink."

Denson didn't need to have Gibson's meaning explained to him and instantly went for his pistol. Gibson's weapon, which he had tried to draw first, caught on a "suspender fastening" and Denson shot him once — which was enough — in the head. Denson was described as a "special officer" of dubious repute, so technically, at least, he was a lawman at the time of the shooting. One of the local newspapers, the *Eddy Argus*, couldn't resist a little frontier humor. "Phenix might be a pretty safe place for a man to visit," they announced, "if there were no armed officers there."

### Les Dow

There are a lot of Dows in New Mexico, not necessarily related. This *particular* Dow — James Leslie, known as "Les" — was the third sheriff of Eddy County. In those days, unlike today, most lawmen took the job as just that — a job. There were no police academies or any such thing. All the lawmen really had to be was tough — and that, they were.

Before becoming Sheriff, Dow, a Texas cowboy from DeWitt County who had come up with the Slaughter outfit, had been an Inspector for the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board. Acting in that capacity, Les had arrested a man named Dave Kemp for the theft of a yearling calf. Charges were ultimately dismissed, but not before Kemp had filed charges (also dropped) against Dow for the theft of 23 cattle. It began a feud between the two men that would have lethal results.

On February 18, 1897, the feud erupted in violence. That night, W.H. Smith, a former constable, stated that he was standing in a doorway speaking with Kemp and another man. Dow walked up and, when he saw Kemp, began cussing a blue streak. Verbal abuse was not enough to satisfy Les, according to Smith, and he reached for his gun. However, as he attempted to draw the weapon, it caught on something, leaving Dow struggling to free it.

He was still struggling to free it when Dave Kemp drew clean and opened fire. His first bullet missed, but his second didn't. Kemp had been told that Dow

wore a steel breastplate under his coat, so he went for a head shot. The bullet slammed into Dow's face.

Miles Cicero "Cis" Stewart, destined to be Eddy County Sheriff himself, heard the shots and stepped outside to see what was up. He beheld Dow staggering around with a gun in one hand and wiping blood from his face with the other. According to Stewart, Dow was shouting "Oh, I'm shot. Somebody get me a doctor." The bullet had shattered Dow's jaw bone and exited through his neck.

In a twist that can only be described as bizarre, Dow was taken to his home, where he was attended by a doctor and dentist. For some reason, they elected to have the dentist fix his teeth first, causing the victim to lose even more blood than he would have otherwise. Dow died the next morning and it was generally concluded that the dentist, not Kemp, had killed him.

But it was Kemp who was charged — and acquitted on grounds of self-defense

### Dee Harkey... again

In "Mean as Hell," Dee Harkey thrills the reader with his tale of how he, the brave Dee Harkey, has a meeting with "three hundred prostitutes, three hundred gamblers, the saloon men of the town, and Dave Kemp, who was then the high sheriff of the county." The way that Harkey describes the scene, he basically stares down and intimidates this swarm of criminals, bringing the lawlessness in Phenix to a close.

Errrr..... not quite. What *really* happened was that Harkey left for Socorro with a signed petition condemning the vice of Phenix. Harkey also tells a story of how John Wesley Hardin, the West's deadliest gunfighter, came to Phenix and supposedly bullied the crowd in a saloon going so far as to simply scoop up money from the tables that wasn't even his before local tough guy Lon Bass stuck a six-shooter in his face, causing him to cease and desist and in fact, head back to El Paso with his tail between his legs.

And for once, Harkey's story is actually true! Well, almost... Everything happened as Dee claimed, except that the Hardin involved was not John Wesley, it was his cousin, Martin Q. Hardin, which makes a bit of a difference, I think. If it had been John Wesley, Lon Bass, Dee Harkey, and anyone else who might have objected would have been dead.

In the end, a number of things

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# GOMBER: Times change, Phenix dies

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destroyed Phenix. There had been a bad fire that destroyed a number of businesses, but more than anything else, it was the times that were a-changing. The work force had always consisted primarily of single men, as did most boomtowns. But when family men – responsible types – began moving in, it was the death knell for the sin-town of Phenix. It was observed that "a party of about 16 females left last Thursday afternoon for

Globe..." It is not stated exactly what these young ladies did for a living, but I seriously doubt they belonged to a girl's choir.

And that was that. "Two saloons ran along for a time," but it was only a short time, and Phenix, just like the Wild West that spawned it, vanished into the mists of time and history.

Which is just as well.

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# From the dentist's chair to the Red Plane

## Dave's World

by Dave Barry  
Tribune Media Services



Should we go to Mars?

I don't mean PERSONALLY, of course. I, for one, am unable to go to Mars because of a dental appointment. But should humans, in general, go to Mars?

As you know, the idea of a Mars

mission was proposed recently by President George "W" Bush. What happened was, one evening he and his staff were sitting around the Oval Office, trying to think of something for the nation to do, and they got to looking out the window at the vastness of the night sky, and the president suddenly said: "Hey, we should go to ... to ... whaddyacallit!"

The president actually was thinking of a Chinese restaurant on Wisconsin Avenue, but before he could clarify this, his staff had worked out this whole big Mars mission. So he figured, what the hey.

This is not a new dream. As long as humanity has been human, it has looked toward the heavens and dreamed that some day, some way, there would be giant federal contracts involved. And there has always been a particular fascination with Mars, the fourth planet from the Sun, unless we count Marlon Brando.

Mars — sometimes called "The Red Planet," because it appears, to the naked eye, to be orange — gets its name from the ancient Greek or Roman name "Mars," meaning "Mars." The planet has long captured the popular imagination, because for many years, people believed that Martians might live there, based on the fact that there are canals, which suggests the presence of boats, and, in the words of the late Carl Sagan: "If there are boats, then there would have to be somebody to fix them."

In 1938, Orson Welles did a radio "news" broadcast, based on "The War of the Worlds," about invading Martians landing in the town of Groves Mill, N.J. The broadcast created a nationwide panic, although it was, of course, a hoax: The Martians actually landed in Philadelphia, where many still reside, as evidenced by U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter.

Today we are pretty sure that nobody lives on Mars, at least not year-round. We

base this on the fact that NASA has spent hundreds of millions of dollars sending unmanned probes up there, and they have sent back thousands of pictures, all of them showing: rocks. Granted, there was one picture where, if you magnified the background, you could just make out a sign that said "PALM SPRINGS 47 MILES." But a NASA spokesperson quickly explained that this was "an optical illusion, caused by, um, hydrogen."

As I write these words, we have yet another probe scooting around on Mars, and it has been sending back exquisitely detailed photographs of: rocks. At this point, I, for one, am willing to stipulate that Mars is, basically, covered with rocks, but our space scientists apparently do not intend to stop until they obtain photographs of every last one of them.

Which leads us to the president's plan for getting to Mars, which consists of four stages:

**STAGE ONE** — We set up a base on the Moon, which has less gravity than Earth, because it is farther away.

**STAGE TWO** — We build a rocket up there, using cheap local labor.

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**STAGE FOUR** — They blast off again and, after a difficult, tedious and extremely dangerous six-month space voyage, arrive if all goes well — on Mars, where they find rocks. So the benefits are obvious. But what about the costs? The Bush administration says the Mars mission can be accomplished for only 143.8 zillion dollars, but critics claim that the true cost is likely to be much more like 687 billion billion dollars. (These numbers are imaginary, but trust me, they are as accurate as any other cost estimates you see about the Mars mission.)

The question is, could this money be better spent? We have many urgent needs right here on Earth. What about the elderly? What about the young people? Could we maybe kill two birds with one stone here and send the elderly and young people to Mars? What if the young people want special "low-rider astronaut pants with the waist at roughly knee level?"

These are indeed complex issues, and clearly what we need, if we are to resolve them, is a serious and sustained national dialogue on our priorities and our goals. You start! I'll be at the dentist.

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# AP classes keep art students motivated

BY CHARLI KRAUSE  
VAMOS CORRESPONDENT

During the academic lull between winter break and spring break, staying motivated can be a difficult task. This lull is no joke for the advanced placement art students, who must finish their portfolios by April. The portfolios will be judged to earn college credit in art. Whether or not the students earn the credit they wanted (portfolios are rated on a scale of 1-5), they will all take with them a valuable lesson from their art classes — procrastination works in mysterious ways.

"Sometimes, my best work comes when I have to turn it in in a matter of days. I'm inspired by different moods I'm in and how much time I have left to do the project," said junior Chris Kluthe. This is his first year to take an advanced placement art class and he is enrolled in three-dimensional design. His recent creation is

**"...I thought it would be cool to find a drawer inside a tape dispenser instead of a tape dispenser inside of a drawer."**

Chris Kluthe  
AP art student

a larger-than-life rendition of a tape dispenser with a drawer placed inside of it. It was formed from wax paper, cardboard and a plastic drop cloth.

"We had to do a project where we looked at something from the inside out, so I thought it would be cool to find a drawer inside a tape dispenser instead of a tape dispenser inside of a drawer," Kluthe said. This project received many positive reactions.

"People have called it weird, but if it surprises them, I'm happy," Kluthe said. "I like to take things that people see and use everyday and portray them in a new light so that people think about them."

As many of the students do, Kluthe spent a great deal of time and effort on his project.

"I spent a very long time on this. Countless hours. More time than I've spent on any other project. The hardest part was actually making it look like a tape dispenser," Kluthe said.

He enjoys the amicable atmosphere in his art class, and has learned much from it.

"So far, it has taught me that I shouldn't procrastinate. Also, the idea that art doesn't have to be technical and it doesn't have to please everyone," he said.

Senior Teeatta Layher has taken art throughout high school and also in middle school. She hopes to attend the College of Santa Fe and pursue graphic and media studio design. She received a "3" on her two-dimensional portfolio as a junior.

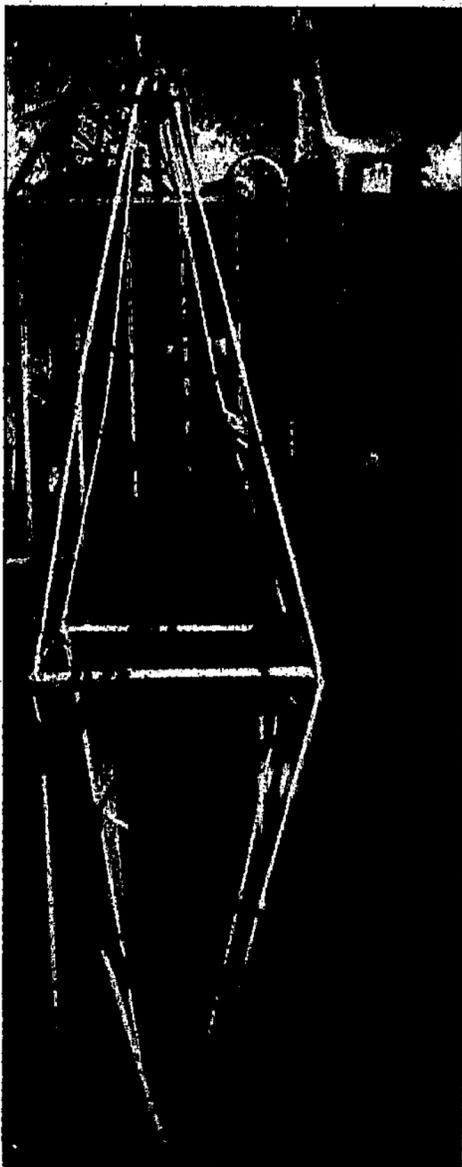
"The best thing about art for me is seeing it in my head and picturing it in form," Layher said. "This class is cool because he (instructor Barry Lucy) shows us a different way of doing things and looking at things."

An interesting project that Layher created this year is three-dimensional design was a piece constructed of pantyhose, curtain rods and dining ware — a piece she



CHARLI KRAUSE PHOTO

Katelynne Winner, a sophomore, holds her drawing titled "Alone.."



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Senior Teeatta Layher stands next to her piece, "Diamond Plating."

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## LOCAL ARTS

# A display with heart

BY SANDY SUGGITT  
VAMONOS EDITOR

Local artist Maureen Quemada has been playing the heart strings lately as a winter break from painting. This series of romantic and whimsical hearts is made of papier maché and vintage costume jewelry, allowing her to play with some of her favorite items.

Her favorite decade of jewelry: the 1950s.

Her favorite source of materials: East Coast estate sales.

Quemada's collection of Valentine hearts, which she calls "Con Corazón" are displayed at Duran Duran/Hair We Are, but going fast. Stop by at 1007 Mechem Drive or call 258-1315.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

"Con Corazón," a series of papier maché and vintage costume jewelry for Valentine's Day by Ruidoso artist Maureen Quemada, is on display at Duran Duran/Hair We Are. At right is a closeup of a few of Quemada's romantic hearts.



CHARLI KRAUSE PHOTO

RHS junior Chris Kluthe holds up his unusual creation, an oversized tape dispenser.

## RHS: Procrastination causing art creativity

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calls "Diamond Plating."

The project was to create something by placing objects into pantyhose to see what shape the pantyhose took. Layher had the idea to place a plate, various pieces of silverware and coffee mugs into the pantyhose and hang them from a large diamond constructed from curtain rods painted yellow.

"I'm usually half awake when I think up these things," she said.

Her portfolio concentration doesn't have a title, but it involves scrap matting.

"It's pretty much a whole bunch of scrap matting that I cut and stuck together in abstract form. It came out of sheer laziness, but it works," she said.

Layher claims that she formulates her most creative projects by taking full advantage of the "artistic process," which is a period of time to "reflect" upon what she will create next.

Katelynne Winner is a sophomore in

advanced-placement drawing class. Her concentration features a faceless girl and insects. Her piece titled, "Alone," is a red and black picture of the girl and a rhinoceros beetle.

"It took me about a day to draw. Art entertains me. For hours," Winner said.

Out of the 12 pieces that are required for the portfolio, Winner has completed six drawings.

"I just like drawing figures and insects and it came together. I'm taking a figure drawing class at the college here and it's teaching me how to draw more freely," Winner said.

She plans on having art as a minor in college and wants to make a career of it. Until then, she has two more years of high school art to take. She claims that the class has "taught me to be much more surreal than usual."

For now, the students will continue to work diligently on their portfolios, hopefully getting some sleep while they are in the process.



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This beautiful home w/ white pine interior is tucked amidst the tall pines in the heart of town. Impeccable condition. Adjacent lot available. Fabulous setting. Great room can be converted back to lap pool, easily. Unique & desirable. \$299,500. #98267



**QUALITY, PRESTIGIOUS CUSTOM-BUILT HOME**  
You'll love this one-level stucco beauty on a picture-perfect lot. Tile roof and professional landscaping complete this wonderful home. Great patios. 2 fireplaces and Sierra Blanca view, too! \$419,500. #98862



**GREAT 3 BR. IN THE DOWNS**  
You'll love the fantastic view of Ruidoso Downs from this home. 3 baths are a bonus. Proximity to track is an excellent feature for horse enthusiasts, but you don't have to be one to love this house! \$118,500. #10095



**SECLUSION IN THE HEART OF TOWN!**  
Great views from this one level with spacious living and dining area! Situated on approx 1 ac. featuring an English brick and beamed kitchen. 3 bay windows for watching the deer. Large deck and carport too! \$169,500. #99924



**4 BR. IN THE TALL, COOL PINES!**  
A corner lot is the perfect place for this great 4 br. plan w/ living & family room. Garage and furnished too! Just bring your suitcase and start to enjoy mountain living. \$249,000. #99421



**OUTSTANDING SIERRA BLANCA VIEW HOME**  
This well-arranged 4 br. home is situated on a great corner lot, and has 2 master suites. Wonderful decks. Living and den areas. Partially fenced. A very appealing home! \$395,000. #99821



**A REAL BARGAIN AND SB VIEWS TOO!**  
Value and views are both yours in this spacious 5 Br. 3 Ba contemporary beauty. Upstairs den, 2 car garage, and additional workshop make this a spacious plan you'll love. Check out the \$ per sq ft! \$275,000. #98356



**SIERRA BLANCA VIEW!**  
Charming 1 level, stucco, 4 bedroom home. Corner lot, water well. Covered patio for entertaining & sunroom too! A must see! \$234,000. #99222



**SECLUDED ALTO HOME ON CUL-DE-SAC**  
What a beautiful location for this 3 br. home! This well-kept home has multiple decks for enjoying the mt. air. Full membership and great hot tub room too! \$285,000. #99615



**CHARMING ONE LEVEL ON CORNER LOT!**  
Practicality and charm are yours in this 4 Br. home located in a nice neighborhood close to town. Living room w/ fireplace insert, and den w/ wet bar. Convenient one level. Carport too! \$168,500. #99683



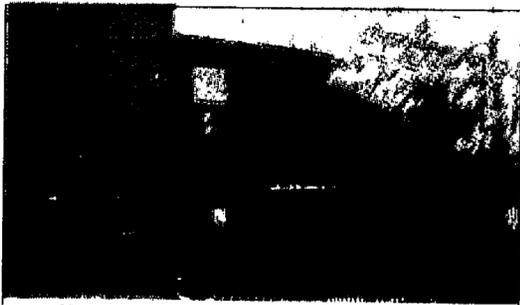
**GREAT ONE LEVEL HOME UNDER \$110,000!**  
Fabulous trees and beautiful French doors highlight this open concept home with great porches. Nice plan... and located near The Links golf course. Garage too! \$106,900. #10183

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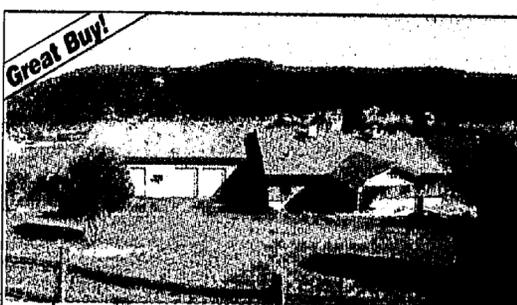
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**Great Buy!**

**HORSE RANCH WITH SPACIOUS HOME ON 6.3 ACRES!**

This sprawling Rancho Ruidoso home has beautiful mountain views, and is only 30 minutes to track! Has great facilities to breed, foal, and raise your winners! Apartment for guests or help. Adjacent acreage available too! **\$675,000. #92024**



**5 Acres**

**EXCEPTIONAL STUCCO HOME ON ACREAGE**

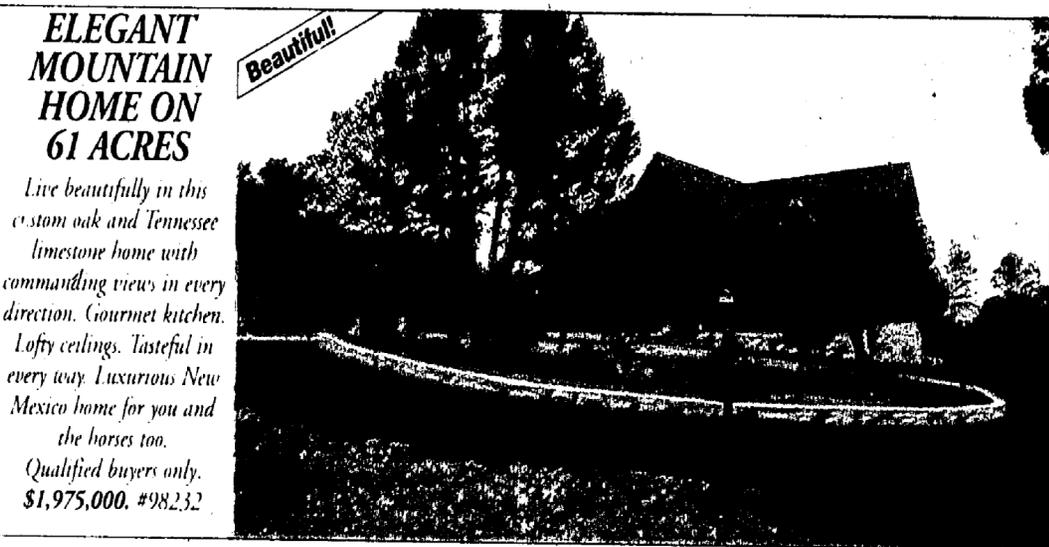
This attractive one-level home on approx. 5.13 acres in Shangria has it all... a serene setting and a great floor plan! 4th bedroom can be a study. Lusciously large master suite is the perfect retreat after a long day. This home is a must see! **\$389,000. #97590**



**5 Acres!**

**SPECTACULAR CUSTOM HOME IN SONTERRA!**

Over 5000 sq. ft. of luxury and style. 3 fireplaces, big views, and fully furnished too! Upscaled kitchen of course! 3 car garage. On over 5 acres! **\$799,950. #99380**



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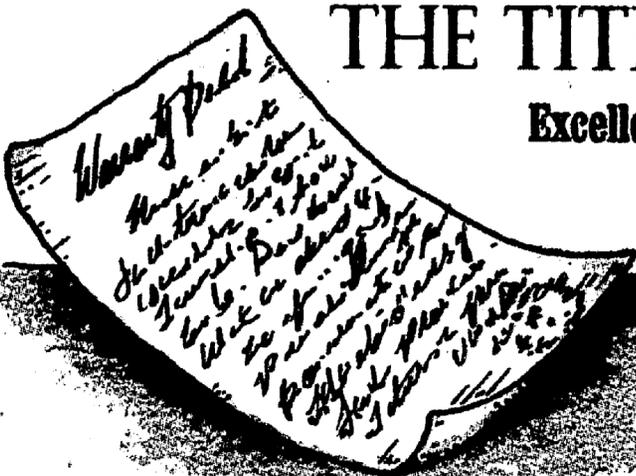
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