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Murder-suicide in Mescalero



Christian Aldava

Police say son killed mother

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

An argument over a handgun apparently led to the murder of a mother and the suicide of a son

at a Mescalero residence Feb. 29. Agnes Pauline Aldava, 47, was found stabbed to death after a 911 call made at 7:18 p.m. was forwarded from the Ruidoso Police Department to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement. The caller said "a juvenile male was assaulting his mother at the Pena Housing Area," states a release by M.

Troy Bolen, chief of police for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Law Enforcement on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. An eyewitness said that at about 7 p.m., the mother and her son, Christian Aldava, argued about a handgun she had found and removed when her son was not present. "Apparently this enraged him

and he attacked his mother with a knife, killing her," the release states. When BIA officers arrived at the residence at 282 Penn Scott Drive, her son had already left the scene. BIA Law Enforcement, the FBI, the Ruidoso Police Department, the New Mexico State

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Ruidoso picks 3 new councilors

■ A tie vote in Ruidoso Downs left the council up in the air, while mayor Bob Miller retained his seat.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tuesday's election put two more women on the Ruidoso Village Council, bringing the total to three on the seven-member board. The voter turnout in the five Lincoln County municipalities ranged from a low of 12 percent in Ruidoso to 39 percent in Capitan.

Unofficial results in Ruidoso showed Michele Rebstock leading the pack with 385 votes, followed by Don Williams with 377 and Angel Shaw with 370 to fill the three seats up for election on the village council. Incumbent Bob Sterchi pulled 361 votes and write-in Gregg Kotila received 159.

Village clerk Irma Nava said 5,418 voters were eligible for the election and 644 cast their ballots.

Debra Marcum-Byars was elected to the council two years ago and has two years left to serve on her term. Jerry Shaw was the first woman elected to the council and later became mayor.

In Capitan, unofficial figures showed the top winner of the night was county emergency services coordinator Bill Martin with 201 votes. Football and track coach Ed Davis claimed the second seat on the board of trustees with 140 votes.

The other candidates were incumbent Leroy Montes with 102 votes, John Egert with 122, Michael O'Brien with 34, Don Brothers with 39, Debra Ingle with 52 and incumbent John Whitaker with 135.

The village showed 1,055 registered voters and a turnout of about 39 percent, according to village clerk Anna Gail Grassie.

In Ruidoso Downs, Mayor Bob Miller retained his office with 181 votes compared to challenger and former mayor Joe Hayhurst with 127 votes, Rene Olivo with 97 votes and write-in candidate Mya with three votes.

But city officials face a dilemma in the race for two seats on the city council. Susan Garrett won her bid for re-election with 145 votes, but E. Dale Perry and incumbent Judy Miller tied with 122 votes each for the second seat up for

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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Madison Blanton digs in the sand while teacher Linda Brillante organizes some play in the background.

Learning experience

Parents' effort to keep day care running picks up steam

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Little whirlwinds skip across the room, shifting their attention from a play kitchen to a chalk board, from a unicorn to action figures.

But teacher Linda Brillante at the Early Years Childhood Center in Ruidoso Downs doesn't mind. She's just happy to see the

children playing happily, unaware of how close their parents came to being forced to find new day care arrangements for them.

The center, formerly known as My Child First, reopened Tuesday after many of the parents of the 31 children who attend banded together to avert seeing the facility closed.

Tiffany Thompson, chairman

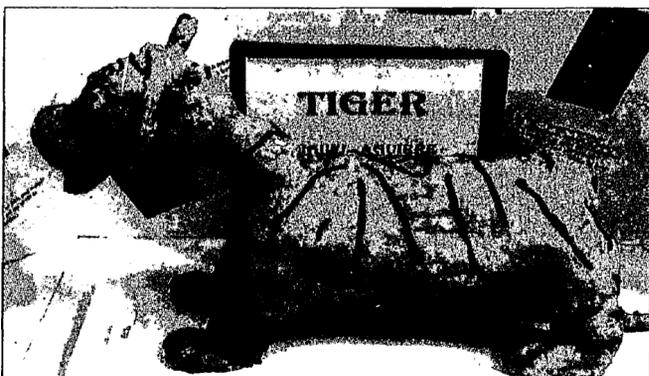
of the seven-member board that now heads the center, said they mobilized after being given just seven days' notice by the former owner that she was closing the business.

"We raised \$3,000 in one week thanks to the community," she said. "We were able to keep the center open for another month."

The center on U.S. 70 next to

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EYE OF THE TIGER



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Miguel Aguirre's tiger made the top 10 in a judging by Ruidoso Middle School faculty on about 100 science models students have been working on since October. To see more models made by seventh-graders, turn to page 6A.

Miller asking for ENMU branch

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Dean Jim Miller is making the rounds of local governments and civic organizations in the area, making a case for Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso to become a branch college.

Going from an off-campus instructional center to branch status, Miller said, would increase academic program and degree offerings, expand occupational/technical training, give access to federal post-secondary funds and make the college eligible to go after bonds for construction.

Taos and Ruidoso were the only sites of state off-campus centers, Miller said, but Taos achieved branch status in July 2003 after its second application. That left Ruidoso as the only off-campus center in New Mexico.

"I called Taos and I have the two plans — preliminary and final plans," he said.

"You have to show community support and have resolutions from different bodies."

Miller has to submit the plan with documents showing community support by summer to the Commission of Higher Education, he said.

Branch status would mean more classes and degrees, more instructors and classrooms — and, Miller added, it fits into the Village of Ruidoso's new master plan making Ruidoso a college town.

The 13-year-old Ruidoso Instruction Center is one of the fastest growing campuses and is located in the fifth-fastest growing community, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, and 15 percent of its undergrad enrollment is Mescalero Apache.

More than 1,500 students utilize ENMU-Ruidoso's services each semester from Sun Spot to Corona, with undergraduate and graduate programs on-site, online or by way of instructional televi-

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CARE: Local parents come through

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the post office closed Monday as an in-service day for teachers, she said, "and now here we are open."

Other members of the board are vice president Daniel Nunez, Kim Baker, Marla Romero, Stephanie Hoover, Stephanie Kobaly and Lincoln County Commissioner Leo Martinez.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of the community and many business owners, who stepped up to help," Thompson said. "We formed the board, we incorporated and we've filed for our (nonprofit) tax status. We're about four kids shy of the full enrollment of 35 and we retained most of the teachers."

Icela Romero stepped up as the new director.

"We started with nothing," Thompson said. "Dads and moms showed up over the weekend to build shelves and to paint," which included dinosaur stencils in the boys' bathroom and butterflies for the girls.

"We probably have enough toys for now, but we will need more as they wear out," Thompson said. "We also need donations for outside equipment. We're still down \$5,000 for that."

But the board anticipates tuition at the center will cover the operation costs once the equipment is in place, she said. The biggest hit came with the health code requirement for a new commercial kitchen. The previous owner was grandfathered in and didn't have to meet the new standards. The kitchen equipment cost \$7,000, which accounted for a significant por-



Teachers at the center include from left, Lupita Beltran, Betty Ramirez, director Icela Romero and Linda Brillante.

tion of the start-up money covered by a loan, she said.

Thompson said her son, Austin, has attended the center on and off for two years. This will be his first year full-time. She didn't dream she'd be there to see him much of the time while pulling elements of the operation together.

"The curriculum is structured," she said, adding that it follows the direction charted by the previous owner. "This is not just daycare. It's also a learning center. They're taught their A-B-Cs in English and Spanish.

"We couldn't see sending 35 chil-

dren to other places who have grown up here. We didn't want to change the environment for all of them and tried to make it feel like new things, but with most of the same staff, so the transition was easy."

Contributions to the effort can be sent to the Early Years Childhood Center Donations Fund at First National Bank, or call Thompson for more information at 937-2545.

A wall with hand prints of all the children will eventually contain plaques with the names of all those donors who supported the center, Thompson said.

Weekend storm blankets mountain, frosts village

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Following a pattern locals are used to seeing this winter, a weekend snow storm that lingered over the Sacramento Mountains dropped more than 10 inches of snow on Ski Apache, but only a inch or two in Ruidoso.

Total snowfall reported at the ski resort operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe over the past two weeks hit 24 inches. All 55 trails were open Tuesday and the midway depth was four feet.

Twenty-three trails were groomed Tuesday and the weather on the mountain was reported as cloudy with occasional snow flakes. More snow was forecast through Wednesday evening.

Denny Grover, resort manager, said Ski Run Road became a problem during the height of the storm.

"The state worked real hard but it was blowing in behind them and then those people who don't have chains slid into one another," he said. "The Sheriff's

(Office) had us close the road for about an hour and a half to get them untangled."

The gondola was knocked out of commission on Feb. 19, during a big wind storm, he said.

"We had about five big trees fall on tower 7," Grover said. "It bent some of the wheel frames and damaged the cable. All (of that) can be rebuilt or repaired."

The repairs will wait until cranes can be moved in later instead of closing off any skiing trails, he said. All the trails can be skied off chair lifts 1 and 2, he said.

"Our attendance has been real good for the last month," Grover said. "We're gearing up now for the spring breaks. We are getting inquiries about staying open until Easter. I would like to be able to give everyone an answer, but at this point I can't. We are at about 60 percent of our last year's snowfall at this date and it sure can get warm and sunny in March. If we continue to get snow and cold weather through out the month we might have a chance."

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Train ran stop signal before collision in Carrizozo

Recorders show that the eastbound train did not brake before the wreck.

BY DAVID CROWDER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The El Paso engineer and conductor who died in a train collision near Carrizozo Feb. 21 failed to obey a stop signal before the crash, the National Transportation Safety Board reported Friday.

The safety board's investigation update cited readings from the eastbound train's event recorder that indicated the Union Pacific train did not respond at all to two slow-down signals and a stop signal on the tracks as it approached a mile-long westbound train moving onto a side track.

"The event recorder from that (eastbound) train recorded a speed at impact of 36 mph, with no input from the crew for several miles before the collision, including no braking action before impact," the report states.

The report also states that the event recorder, which operates like an airliner's "black box," aboard the westbound Union Pacific train shows "numerous short whistle blasts just before the collision."

The engineer of the 7,564-foot-long eastbound train, Anthony Rodella, and conductor Jeffrey Bohler died in the collision.

Both were in the cab operating a 4,211-ton train with 78 empty auto carriers that broadsided a 93-car, 12,269-ton train loaded with grain.

The chief of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department, LeeRoy Zamora, said

one of his men reported hearing the engineer of the westbound train say he saw the other train's engineer slumped over the controls before the collision that derailed 20 cars and two engines about 8:30 a.m. last Saturday.

"I don't know which one of the men it was who told me that right now," Zamora said Friday. "We were running all over the place that day."

Zamora said the eastbound train would have had plenty of time to see the long westbound train in the morning sun.

"You can see where it was switching probably two miles back because it's all downhill there," he said.

The newly hired lawyer for Rodella's family, Bryan Cartall of Austin, said Zamora's secondhand account of Rodella being slumped over the controls is not true.

"I spoke personally to the engineer of the westbound train," Cartall said, "and he said he didn't see anything. He said he wasn't even looking at the other train."

Rodella was 57 and about to retire. His companion in the cab, Bohler, was 32.

"I can tell you it would be very unusual, incredibly unusual, to have a 31-year locomotive engineer asleep at the controls of a locomotive," Cartall said.

In recent days, union representatives and the protesting wives of engineers and conductors have charged that Union Pacific is operating unsafely by forcing employees to work 12-hour shifts with eight hours off in continuous cycles.

"That is precisely what leads to fatigue, and the carriers acknowledge

that going to work tired is like going to work drunk, and that is what has to stop," United Transportation Union spokesman Frank Wilner said.

Rodella and Bohler were members of the smaller Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers union, whose chairman, D.W. Hannah, has written letter after letter to Union Pacific in recent years complaining about work schedules.

But Union Pacific's spokesman, John Bromley, said the company is operating by the book.

Before last Saturday's collision, he said, Rodella had been off for 24 hours and Bohler had been off for 12 hours when they went to work at midnight Saturday.

David Crowder is a reporter for the El Paso Times, a sister paper of the Ruidoso News.

P&Z recommends rezoning location for affordable housing

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A recommendation for approval of rezoning for a smaller cluster of acres owned by the village of Ruidoso in the Grindstone area may open up the land for purchase by a developer of a proposed affordable housing project.

The application submitted by village deputy manager Cleatus Richards was tabled from a January meeting when members of the village Planning and Zoning Commission and neighbors asked for more information and better notice of the hearing. Since then, Richards cut 10 acres from the rezoning petition. That acreage lies between the proposed affordable housing development and existing home and lot owners in the Apache Hills Subdivision.

Tuesday, planning board members apparently thought they received enough information and, despite objections from several neighbors, approved rezoning from single-family residential to Residential Planned Unit Development. That recommendation will be heard April 14 by the village council.

Village planning director Charles Rennick explained that when contractor Glenn Remington initially consulted the village about the proposal to buy the land and construct affordable housing with a partner, Capital Housing, he was guided by information on a map that showed the land was already zoned RPUD. That designation allows a mixture of residential uses and up to 30 percent neighborhood commercial. He contacted the village about possibly buying the land and started the steps necessary to consummate a deal. He later learned the map was inaccurate and that rezoning was required, Rennick said.

The time pressure under which Remington was working to secure financial help from the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority no longer is an issue. When zoning was not approved earlier, he missed the deadline for 2004 and now will aim for 2005, Rennick explained. If the project moves

ahead, the contractor will come with a detailed site plan for approval by the planning and zoning commission and the village council.

Planning commissioner Bill Hirschfeld, a Realtor, asked if the village owns the land and if it is for sale. He or some others might be interested, he said.

Rennick said it's not for sale, but because of the council's interest in developing affordable housing, it could be sold for its appraised value to a private developer, or put it up for the highest bid.

Village attorney H. John Underwood explained that if voters disagreed with a private sale, they could mount a petition, and if sufficient numbers signed, a referendum would be scheduled on the issue. Nothing has been negotiated on the land at this point, he said.

The council could include stipulations about the use of the land, the design and specific restrictions in the sales contract, he said.

Several neighbors questioned the need for affordable housing, but Rennick said every community survey recently conducted came back with that item on the list of needs.

Neighbors also wanted assurances that units wouldn't be overcrowded, that people who live there would be employed and would not be convicted felons. One woman encouraged planners not to accept an apartment-type complex and go for cottages with yards that would give people more of a "home" feeling. But planning board member Tim Hoyt said the steep topography doesn't suit duplexes and triplexes.

Neighbor Bruce Bean agreed that topography could be a problem, contributing sediment and other pollutants from erosion into the stream from which the water is pumped back to Grindstone Reservoir, a water supply source for the village.

Remington said the finance authority will only fund 60 units

at a time. He anticipates that even with fewer acres, 180 units could be built in three phases. Each phase would require village approval.

"When a neighbor said he hoped the green space, the 10 acres cut from the project, would remain open and unused, planning commission chairman Glen Barrow said he has long wished the village had green space zoning, but that's not the situation. Village officials could decide to use the land, he said."

Rennick stressed that Remington is proposing 100 percent of the development be reserved for people earning 60 percent or less of the median income of Lincoln County, estimated at \$42,000 two years ago. That works out to about \$25,200 a year or \$10.22 per hour.

"This is not subsidized low-income rental or rent-free," he said.

Remington said the highest monthly rent would be \$515 and no structure is planned in excess of two floors.

Neighbor Steve Carri questioned why a more suitable site couldn't be chosen instead of increasing traffic on small residential roads. He also asked if the developer will pay impact fees, if planners considered the impact on people who own other rental housing in the area and questioned if a need really exists. He consistently sees advertisements in the newspaper about units for rent between \$500 to \$600 a month.

"Are any incentives being given by the village to the developer?" he asked. "I hope none. It should stand on its own."

Rennick said affordable housing projects are exempt from impact fees. Other housing that's affordable exist, but many units are not very desirable, he said.

"This is not subsidized low-income rental or rent-free."

Charles Rennick
planning director

ENMU: College is on the grow

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sion, graduating 25-32 students per semester. Other services include GED, ESL, community education classes, conferences and contract training and Lincoln County One-Stop Center services.

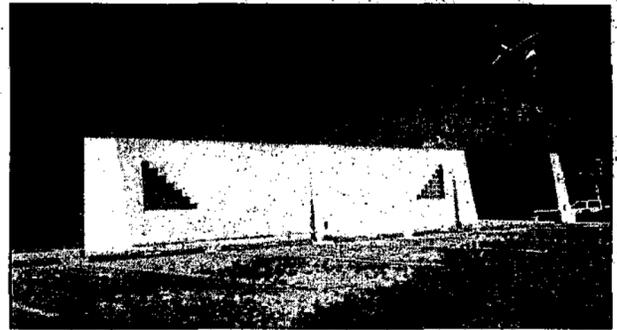
In his presentations to government entities and civic organizations, Miller points out that Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso and Capitan are the fourth, fifth and sixth fastest growing communities in New Mexico, and the demand for classes and degrees will continue to grow. When ENMU-Ruidoso opened in August 1991, 320 students attended classes. Now more than 1,500 students are served each semester.

Miller predicts that by fall 2007, ENMU-Ruidoso as a branch campus could expect 1,000 lower-division students.

"Branch status would allow us to go to the voters to pass a bond issue like school boards do if we want to build more college facilities," he said. "We need the authority because as we keep growing we'll need more facilities, and that's in part how we're going to get them."

Miller said progressive schools across the country are following the San Juan College model — offering bachelor and master's degree programs through contractual agreements with multiple universities.

"ENMU-Roswell is now discussing with the University of New Mexico offering a bachelor's degree in physical and occupational therapy," he said. "Highlands for two years has offered a social work bachelor's



Officials from ENMU-Ruidoso say their college is growing with its region.

degree in Roswell. The cost of building new universities is immense. As a branch college, you become a broker. You find out what students and the community needs are and then invite in other universities to offer programs and lease space."

Responding to a recent editorial in the Albuquerque Journal critiquing two-year colleges for offering four-year degrees, Miller said, "We want to continue to do two-year things, but we would host four-year things, and those degrees would be awarded by the four-year institutions, not the two-year."

He said ENMU would be foremost among those, but others could be invited.

The Board of Regents of ENMU scheduled its March meeting in Ruidoso, with the intention of adopting a resolution in support of branch status.

The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. March 31 at the Ruidoso Convention Center and is open to the public.

CORRECTION

A headline in the Friday, Feb. 27, edition gave the wrong vote total on approval of the Rainmakers subdivision. The village council voted 4-2 to approve.

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OUR OPINION

Focus now shifts from villages to county

The primary election filing date for candidates is near

Now that incorporated communities have elected their council members for another four years, the political focus will shift toward county offices: two open commission seats, assessor, sheriff and probate judge. The filing deadline is March 16; the primary, June 1. Neither Sheriff Tom Sullivan nor District 1 Commissioner Rex Wilson can run again. The other commission open seat is District 3 in Ruidoso, now occupied by Leo Martinez. Banker (and LCMC Foundation board member) Tom Battin has announced he will oppose Martinez, who's running again, in the Republican primary.

Dean Lollar of Carrizozo

plans to seek Wilson's commission seat, as does Eileen Lovelace of Carrizozo.

Deputy Ricky Virden is circulating cards supporting his run for sheriff, but nothing formal has been announced.

Rick Silva will be seeking a second term as assessor. Stirling Spencer is at his two-term limit as probate judge. His wife, Carrie, will run for the job.

It's still three months until the primary and nine months to the general election, so — considering the fact that we've got Presidential, Congressional and state offices opening up — you can count on lots of political talk for a long time to come. Listen, and maybe even enjoy.

After 70 years, Governor Bill gets rid of a bad tax

It took just over 70 years to get rid of it.

Since New Mexico enacted the law, there have been a World War, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam imbroglio. The year New Mexico Legislature first imposed this on her citizens, television was a hazy concept, remote control not yet even a fantasy. The rage that year was Sally Rand's fan dance, hit of Chicago's World Fair. And she didn't even flash a breast.



LOOKING ASKANCE
NED CANTWELL

We're talking about the food tax. Arthur Seligman was the governor who signed it into law. Seventeen different governors served at various times since then. The current one, Bill Richardson, got it abolished.

It seemed like a good idea at the time, back in 1933. That's when the state, and country, was reeling from the Great Depression. Just a little boost for the state coffers, was the theory. Trouble is, taxation is the opium of the elected class. The depression ended, but over the years, the tax, a bad idea to start with, more than doubled. Taxing food is never smart. Most of the nation figured that out long before we did. Now that New Mexico came to her senses, just seven states still levy a food tax.

The tax is regressive. The single mom of two struggling to make ends meet pays the same tax as the guy driving the Lexus. Makes no sense.

This is a tough one for right wingers. On the one hand, they have to applaud getting rid of any tax. On the other, this idea of giving a break to the poor chafes their hide.

The theory says that if you extend help to the poor they just sit around waiting for more hand-outs. Forget the fact most of the 35 million poor in this country work, but still suffer the indignities of not being able to provide adequately for their families.

Getting rid of the food tax in New Mexico helps all of us, but it is more meaningful to the impoverished. There is the argument

that eliminating the food tax by raising the tax on other goods actually hurts those on food stamps because they do not pay for food and now will have to pay more tax on other stuff.

That one does not hold up under scrutiny. Fred Nathan, whose 'Think New Mexico' for many years has been in the front lines of the battle to get rid of the food tax, makes the following argument: The food stamp program is a supplement, not a substitute, for a family's food budget. According to the USDA Food Stamp Program, the average benefit per person in our state is about \$75 a month, or about \$2.50 a day. "Try feeding yourself on that," Nathan challenges.

The other rather startling fact about food stamps is that roughly half of the people in New Mexico who are eligible to receive the federal benefit actually get food stamp assistance. We need to close that gap.

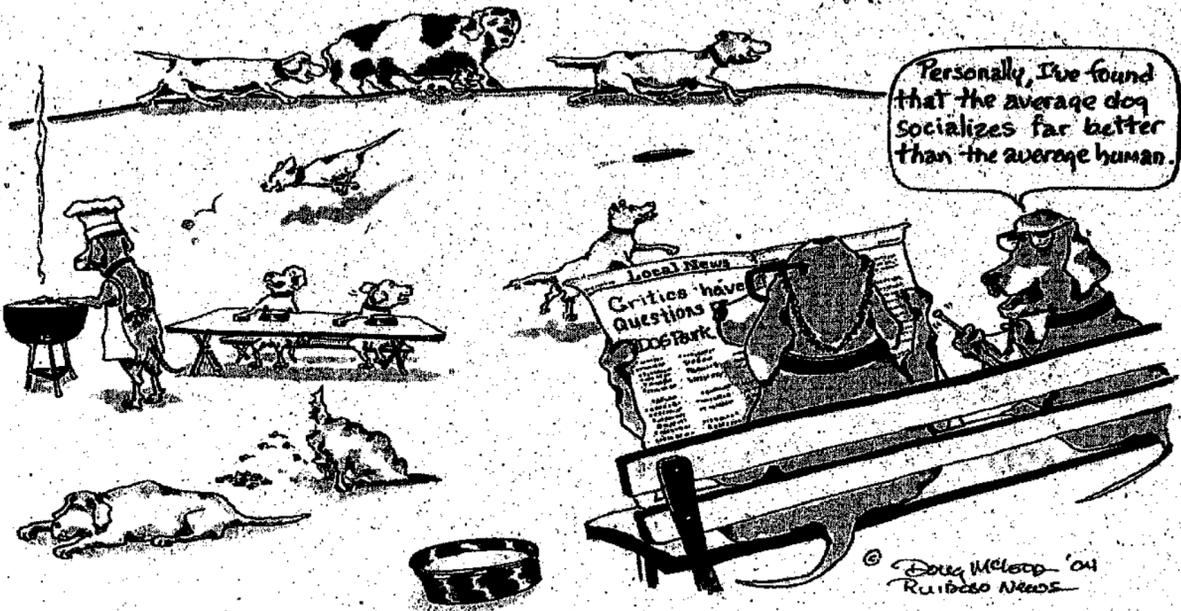
In the meantime, score one for Gov. Bill Richardson, who called the play, and House Speaker Ben Lujan who did the heavy lifting to get the food tax abolished. New Mexico is actually starting to look a little smart, except we still allow cockfighting.

Ned Cantwell is a syndicated columnist living in Ruidoso. He welcomes response at ncantwell@charter.net.

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YOUR OPINION

New Lincoln board can make a difference

To the editor:

Ms. (Pam) McArthur's comments ("The evil in this valley" on 2/25) clearly demonstrate what has gone wrong in the Lincoln Historical District — the unfair, almost schizophrenic treatment different residents have received under the (historical district) ordinance. Ms. McArthur has apparently experienced cozy, neighborly relations with the Board, whereas other of us have been subjected to illegal surveillance, unneighborly oppression and unfounded gossip, all because we don't "cozy up" to the Board or because we don't match up to their own personal idcas and expectations.

As the one who made the original "evil in this valley" statement at the public meeting on Aug. 7, 2003 (which Ms. McArthur slightly misquotes and substantially alters the meaning of), I believe a certain amount of context is necessary. Fire, for example, when it burns down a house, a forest or a village and destroys people's lives, is an evil thing. But if the fire is kept in its firebox, it can be beneficial.

The evil in the Lincoln valley is that in the past the Board has exceeded its role and authority. The ... revision process under way by the county commissioners is a very welcome opportunity to install a more fire-wise firebox. But it will always require vigilance on the part of the residents to be sure the fire doesn't get loose again. Those resident, and county officials, who have not experienced this oppressive side of the District, have difficulty understanding the problem. But that doesn't make it any the less real.

Being placed under surveillance by people in unmarked cars (most with tinted windows) simply because your house is not "just so" is not the American way of justice. It is not the existence of the Board to which we object but the excesses. The value of our land is savagely decreased and our inalienable Constitutional rights severely infringed upon when the Board has two-county-wide reputation for arbitrarily oppressing those whom (it doesn't) like.

As of January 2004, there is a new Board with a new chairman. These new players may be able to restore a measure of peace and cooperation between the Board and the residents. But anyone who thinks that the Board cannot or will not ever again slip off its restraints has lost touch with reality. It is still true that all evil needs to win the day is for good people to do nothing.

We're hoping the new Board will prove to be good people doing something constructive about the District's problems and not simply be one of the largest problems in the District — as has been true in the past.

We indeed hope the commissioners are in touch with the desires and needs of the oppressed homeowners, and not just listening to those who have enjoyed cozy relations with the Board. We live here too.

Neil Gurrard
Lincoln Captain

More LCMC questions

To the editor:

(Last) week's ad from Lincoln County Medical Center presents a dizzying array of numbers and facts that leave the average person overwhelmed. The first problem is that it is hard to substantiate or verify mere percentage claims without access to the methods or data used in compiling these numbers. It is equally hard to understand these claims unless they are (in context). In order to better understand them, I was forced to turn to the Internet to research the presented statistics.

It is a Healthcare Industry practice to purchase information that provides breakdowns of local, regional and national charges, payments and statistical distribution. Like any product, the quality — i.e., accuracy and intent — varies from source to source. Usually these reports compare more than just charges, and they are detailed rather than gross comparisons of numbers. While I am not suggesting that the LCMC board would use select data to confuse Lincoln County residents, I had a lot of trouble verifying the claims LCMC put forth. In addition, I was shocked to discover that KPMO and Ernst & Young have been accused of promoting, structuring and selling illegal tax shelters. This is doubly troubling because Ernst & Young is the firm that audits the hospital accounts.

Although I do not have access to the KPMO information, the data quoted from the New Mexico Health Policy Commission is public. The first part of the Commissioners' comparison guide is full of caveats like; "it would be unwise to decide a hospital's performance on just these two illnesses..." or "Keep in mind ... these measures are just some of the factors to consider when choosing a hospital." The most significant disclaimer is "check how the numbers reported for the hospital(s) you would go to... to compare hospitals of the same size and N.M. hospitals overall." The current ad attempts to take medium and large hospital data and apply that to small hospitals like LCMC. When compared to hospitals of the same size, LCMC does not appear in such a stellar light. Simple attempts to verify the data LCMC presents brings forth all the problems in LCMC data collection. This distortion, however, gives insight into how the hospital board functions and thinks.

(Two weeks ago) I addressed the myth that charge comparisons are a significant factor in hospital economics, and this false advertising seems to be becoming routine. Mac Bell, from Corona, is a member of the board and one of the most honest men I know. I urge you to call Mac and ask why the hospital board would try to mislead us with distorted data. If the public doesn't respond, the commissioner and the board will think that this false advertising is acceptable Lincoln County behavior.

Paul Vordermann
Ruidoso

Multiple thanks

To the editor:

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks. We would like to give a very big thanks to the Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4x4 club members, and all others that put on the breakfast at the Log Cabin Restaurant and donated money and checks toward my cancer treatments and bills.

It's hard to accept money from family and friends, but in times like these it really helps out. We've collected for a couple of others in our time, but never thought we would be on the receiving end.

A very big thanks also goes to Richard Ebener and Barbara Downs, who arranged the deal. Richard, who lives in Ruidoso and has a house in El Paso, has allowed us to use his home there.

As we sit in El Paso and look back toward the beautiful White Mountain, we know there are many prayers being said for my recovery. Again, thanks to everyone. God bless each and every one of you.

Carl "Buster" and Viola Jackson
Ruidoso Downs

Presidential 'contempt'

To the editor:

Mr. Bush has once again shown his contempt for that sacred document we call the U.S. Constitution. Once again he will attempt to use it to take rights away from American citizens. He has also shown that he lacks the mental capacity to understand, or (perhaps worse) endorses the notion of a tyranny of the majority.

He also cannot explain how two Americans, who happen to be of the same sex, making a legal and binding commitment to one another will effect his marriage to the First Lady or anyone else's. I can answer that one — IT WON'T!

The hypocrisy of the right wing is also on display here. Bush decries "Activist Judges" when it comes to same-sex marriages, but it is perfectly alright for "Activist Judges" to install a president in the White House.

Glenn Remington
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New town square parking concerns board members

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Members of a task force charged with submitting recommendations on the design and use of a 9-acre town square being developed by the village of Ruidoso, broke into separate groups Tuesday during their sixth meeting.

The subcommittees will tackle historical research on the land and how the project may tie in with the greater mid-town area. The members will research similar projects in other communities regarding funding, community issues and uses. Another subcommittee will work on the actual layout and improvements, such as a stage, amphitheater, vendor area, trails and parking. Subgroups also were formed for public relations and to raise funding for the project.

Differences of opinion surfaced immediately on how to handle parking for large special events on the land, cornered by Grindstone Canyon and Wingfield roads. Members Margaret Lahey and Doug Fuqua objected to using any of the valuable property for parking. They proposed looking at additional parking on nearby village land, including a multiple-level approach, as well as shuttles from a proposed parking garage as part of a condominium project further south on Sudderth Drive.

Scott Muhn and a few other members said without planning ahead for adequate and easily accessible parking, the use of the land could be negatively impacted.

James Mason, information officer for the

Ruidoso Fire Department, was asked to conduct a parking inventory in the mid-town area and on Wingfield to determine the number of spaces currently available.

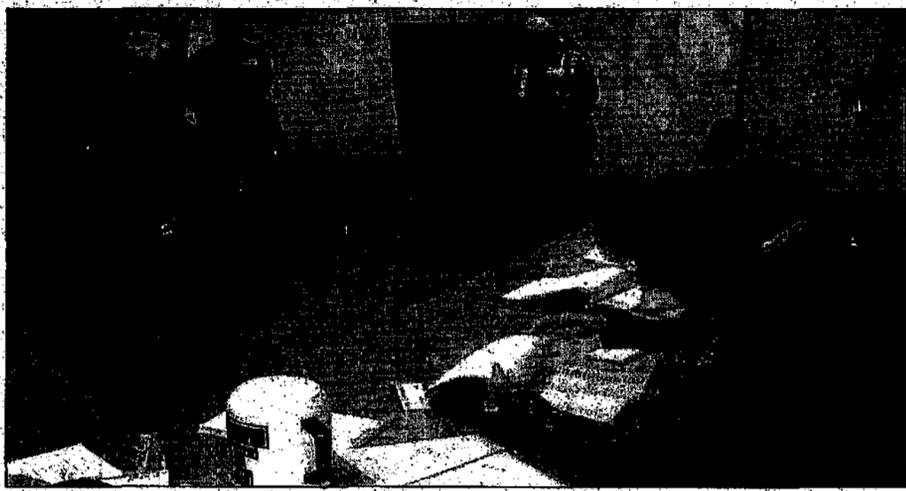
The subcommittee members were asked by task force chairman Dean Fowler to meet as often as necessary over the next week and be ready to report back on the next task force session at 5:30 p.m. March 15 at village hall.

Meanwhile, Fowler asked Mayor Leon Eggleston and parks and recreation director Rafael Salas to work with village forestry department director Rick Defaco on reduction and removal of some vegetation and the creation of walking trails to be used immediately.

Fuqua and village planning director Charles Rennick said it's important for residents to see improvements to the land, which was purchased for \$800,000. The village took out a low-interest loan that included some development money. Eggleston said he already has received positive responses from others who want to contribute to the effort.

A professional design company will have to be hired to come up with final plans, said Bruce Timson with the Hawthorn Suites.

In previous meetings, infrastructure needs were listed as water, power, fencing, a permanent playground and quadrant fencing for events. Historic points of interest that could be developed included a boulder at the entrance with a plaque, a bridge over Wingfield ditch, possibly with some recycled flowing water. Permanent and temporary performance structures also were discussed.



KEITH GREEN/STAFF

Dorothy King was voter No. 51 in Ruidoso's municipal election Tuesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Two rooms were set up for the election. Susan Lutterman is checking the register list. Turnout was steady during the morning, but nobody was predicting the final turnout.

VOTE: New councilors in Ruidoso

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election. At press time, a village spokesman said no one was sure exactly how the situation will be decided.

Other candidates in the field of eight were Virginia Armstrong with 79 votes, Corinna Bacá with 40, Thomas Chavez with 84, Sally Turner with 110 and George McCasland with 35.

In the race for municipal judge, incumbent Harrold Mansell won re-election with 210 votes compared to 109 for challenger Edwin Cleckler, 38 for the judge's ex-wife, Camille Johnson,

and 38 for Charlie Bagley.

With 1,240 registered voters, the turnout was estimated at 34 percent.

In the county seat of Carrizozo, C. O. Rominger won a third term as municipal judge with 155 votes to opponent LeeRoy Zamora's 121 votes.

For two seats on the board of trustees, incumbent Wesley Lindsay held onto his position with 157 votes, but newcomer David LaFave took the second seat away from incumbent Tommy Guevara with 160 votes to 140.

Out of 789 registered voters, 284 showed up at the

polls.

In Corona, where incumbents David E. Anderson and April Joy Bailey faced no opponents for re-election, the turnout was light with 35 voters out of 138 on the rolls, although village clerk Cathy Nunez said she thought that number was high. She saw 50 names of people who were deceased or have moved away, she said.

Anderson was elected to a two-year term with 16 votes, Bailey to four years with 19 votes, and write-in candidate Sherrill Perkins Bradford pulled 21 votes for the third seat and four-year term up for election on the board.

Battin to run for County Commission

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Tom Battin, State National Bank of Ruidoso chairman, announced his intention to run for the District 3 seat on the Lincoln County Commission, his first attempt to win a public office.



Battin

A Republican, he will face in the June primary incumbent Commissioner Leo Martinez, who said last week he will seek re-election.

Battin said his past experience, which includes finance, serving on state boards, local arts and civic groups, and a close association with the neighboring Mescalero Apache Tribe, would enable him to promote a regional approach to solving problems facing the county.

"I believe my background, experience and love for this area can help to bring focus, harmony and coordination to address the challenges facing Lincoln County and our communities," Battin said.

With the election of Mark Chino as Mescalero president and his inauguration pledge to reach out to tackle mutual problems, the county has "a

window of opportunity" to forge a closer relationship with the tribe, Battin said.

"Our overriding problem is water and the best solution is a regional approach," he said. "Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs on their own can't be nearly as effective."

He recently asked members of a civic organization to prioritize issues facing the county and water topped the list, he said. It was followed by forest health, affordable housing, better coordination between the county and the Mescalero, and the preservation and development of Fort Stanton.

Battin, who has a long-time association with the county-owned and Presbyterian Healthcare Services-managed Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, said he has no agenda in reference to the hospital.

"I don't think the hospital is an issue," he said. "I think we have the most affordable

and quality medical care a community can get."

Battin was president and chief executive officer for 11 years of Ruidoso State Bank, which was merged with State National. He is a member of the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry, the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, the Lincoln County Medical Center Foundation, the board of Camp Sierra Blanca juvenile rehabilitation center and the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club governing board. He also sits on the economic development committee of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

A U.S. Navy veteran, Battin earned a degree in finance from Texas Tech.

He and wife, Juanice, have been married 45 years and are the parents of two grown children.

MURDER: Mother, son found dead

FROM PAGE 1A

Police, the Mescalero Tribal Conservation Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, searched for the juvenile throughout the night.

Early Monday morning it was learned that a BIA Forestry vehicle had been stolen between 8 p.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday. The vehicle was located in Alamogordo at the residence of Juan Aldava, and after a search warrant was obtained, Christian F. Aldava was found dead from what appeared to be a self-inflicted hanging.

"I know this school is going to miss (Aldava), ... we're all going to miss him."

Roland Bradford
MHS athletic director

The incident is classified as a murder/suicide pending results from the Office of the Medical Investigator.

Bolen said he is aware of "some prior domestic calls" at the residence of the Aldavas.

Christian Aldava was a junior at Mescalero High

School, participated in football and track and was the only boy from Mescalero to go to the state track meet last year.

Mescalero High School athletic director Roland Bradford said the tragedy is hard to understand and make sense of and that Christian Aldava was a "good kid."

"I know this school is going to miss him, these students are going to miss him, we're all going to miss him," Bradford said. "For whatever reason, Christian wanted to take his own life and the tragedy that led up to it, I just hope he's in a better place."

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EDUCATION

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Student honored

Denny Ward of Mescalero was accepted for publication in Who's Who Among American High School Students for 2002-2003 and for three years before that.

Tryouts slated

Tryouts for the Ruidoso High School Junior Class Talent Show are at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the main gym. The entry fee is \$5 and the show is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10. Dress rehearsal will be Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the main gym. Prizes are: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, \$25 for third place, and three honorable mention prizes of \$10 each. Tickets for the show are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

Wellness conference

Mescalero Hospital will have a Wellness Conference at Mescalero School Auditorium from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. Registration is at 7:45 a.m.

Mark Chino, president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, will open the Wellness Related to Adolescents and Parents Conference. Sessions include: diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome, alcohol and other drugs, behavior modification, money management, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, mind and body, health and fitness.

Snacks, refreshments and lunch will be provided, as well as door prizes and T-shirts. Sponsors are ABQ Indian Health Board and M.Y.W.A.Y. Coalition members. The conference is free and the public is invited.

Cantare fundraiser

Café Cantare, a fundraiser for the Ruidoso High School Choral Department, will offer two shows this year, one at 6 p.m. and one at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 6, at the RHS Cafeteria.

This is a dessert café with singing and Broadway-costumed waiters and waitresses serving pie, cheese cake and four kinds of flavored coffees that guests will be able to sample and then purchase and take home or order later from students. Spritzers made of ginger ale and cranberry juice or white grape juice will also be available.

The cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and includes a 1 1/2-hour program as well as desserts and beverages. Tickets are available from RHS Choir members, or call the RHS Choral Department at 258-4910.

Christian academy

Sierra Blanca Christian Academy has begun pre-registering students and seeks teachers and volunteers for the newly forming school. To pre-register, go to www.sbchristianacademy.org or contact by e-mail at sbchrist@sbchristianacademy.org or by mail at P.O. Box 2349, Ruidoso NM 88355. The next community awareness meeting will be at the Nazarene Church at the bottom of Angus Hill - the site of the school - at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29.

Nursing assistants

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso graduated 11 local students in its first nursing assistant class on Feb. 29.

Instructor Millie Aroda and Jim Miller, ENMU-Ruidoso dean, presented certificates of completion and pins to 11 of the 12 students who started the

program.

Graduates included Sonya Annala, Miriam Antoine, Brande Broom, Liduvina Chavarria, Yolanda Duran, Richard Fuentes, Jean Gurule, Anthony Montes, Regina Scott, Isela Sedillo, April Hoffer and Angela Suttle.

Students, trained in classroom and clinical settings, are now prepared to take the State Nursing Assistant Examination.

The Ruidoso program is a satellite of the Allied Health Division program of ENMU-Roswell. A certified nursing-assistant license is a new requirement for entry into Registered Nurse programs.

The next nursing-assistant class will be offered in August with registration starting July 5. For more information, contact Miller at the ENMU office, 257-2120, or (800) 934-3668, or Millie Aroda at 258-3252.

All-Academic team

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso students Lisa Wright of Capitan and Diana Dawn Tillman of Ruidoso have been named to the New Mexico All-State Academic Second Team. The teams are sponsored by USA Today, the American Association of Community Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Thirty-one students from two-year colleges from across the state were recognized on Feb. 2 by the New Mexico Legislature and honored at a reception hosted by the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges and New Mexico business and industry.

Students received a \$100 to \$300 cash award and the promise of a full-tuition scholarship at any of the four-year universities in New Mexico. Academic All-Staters were recognized for their scholarly achievements in community, technical and junior colleges across New Mexico.

Members of the team must excel academically, demonstrate intellectual rigor in their course of study, and use their two-year college education to better themselves, their schools and their community.

Wright will receive her associate of arts degree from ENMU in May. She is active in her community, working with disabled elderly adults, animals and as a Sunday school teacher. She earned a GPA of 3.83 and plans to study occupational therapy following graduation. Wright plans to return to practice as an occupational therapist in rural New Mexico.

Tillman will complete associate degrees in both psychology and general studies in May. She is a volunteer with the Ruidoso Municipal Schools, the Lincoln County Youth Soccer Association and Ruidoso Little League Cheerleading Association. Tillman noted "community college has given me the opportunity to enrich my life and the lives of my children." Tillman is majoring in psychology with GPA of 3.89 and plans to earn a masters in counseling in order to become a marriage and family counselor.

New Mexico's 31 students are eligible to become part of the 60 students who will make up the first, second and third national team finalists and will be announced in USA Today in April. Finalists will receive trophies and cash awards of \$2,500 from USA Today at the annual AACC convention in Minneapolis.

For more information, contact Jim Miller or Sue Kluthe at the ENMU office, 257-2120, or (800) 934-3668.

Ruidoso Middle School science teacher Russell Wilcox presented awards to students whose models were judged as the top 10 out of about 100 models. From-left, they are: Jare Allen, Whitney Rue, Atera Seeley-Barnett, Monica Moreno, Courtney Kessler, Monica Sanchez, Haley Williams, Rhett Romack and J.R. Tarvin. Not pictured is Miguel Aguirre.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

RMS kids get a science jump-start

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Ten budding scientists at Ruidoso Middle School received framed certificates and a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card for their science models on Feb. 25.

Seventh-grade students of Russell Wilcox's science classes made models for a science fair, and teachers and administrators picked the top 10 models - with difficulty, Wilcox said, because many of the models were exceptional.

"This year's models were excellent, excellent over-all," he said. "The kids spent a lot of time and effort working on their projects."

All his science classes visited the 100 or so models, set up in the gymnasium, and were excited about seeing all the other projects, Wilcox said.

The assignment was given in October to give students time to work on their models - and it shows. Wilcox brought in models from years past - he's been doing this for 15 years - so students knew the level of quality he expected. Students were required to research their topic and give videotaped presentations. Most of these were of four to 10 minutes, but Skylar Evans' presentation on alpacas was 25 minutes, the teacher said. One of the students served as cameraman for videotaping.

Monica Sanchez's project was a science fair experiment using the scientific method to come up with data and charts for her project, "What Happened to Our Piñon Trees?" This was started last year, and she won honorable mention and \$75

cash from the Native Plant Society and a \$50 savings bond for fourth place from the Northwest New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and first place at state in the botany division of the New Mexico Science and Engineering Fair. She added Capitan this year and two more categories: live-dead-fading and old or dead longer than eight months.

"Me and my dad took 10 plots in a

study area and charted data on the number of dead and live trees, the diameter and density of trees and took the precipitation," Monica said.

Plots in El Rito and Gallinas received the most precipitation but also had the most dead piñons, Monica discovered.

Courtney Kessler made a model of the pulmonary system enclosed in a box with a viewing lens, with the help of her parents: "It's like you're looking inside the body, like the Magic School Bus," she said. "I made it of balloons for the shape of the lungs and heart, cut holes to put tubing for the trachea, rolled up newspaper and used hot glue for cartilage rings, and caulking outside for texture, and painted it all."

Rhett Romack made a tornado with cotton balls and chicken wire, setting it on a lazy-Susan to spin like a real tornado.

Jane Allen made a waterfall; Haley Williams made a hummingbird with a vitamin bottle and papier mache, hot-gluing peacock and other bird feathers; J.R. Tarvin made a dragon from poster-board and included a map of where dragons existed; and Miguel Aguirre made a tiger with papier mache and clay over a foam ball.

Next year the science classes taught by another teacher will be included.

"A lot of these kids are donating their projects to me so next year I can show the new kids what's expected," Wilcox said. "I'm very impressed with the quality of work; so were the faculty members who judged them."

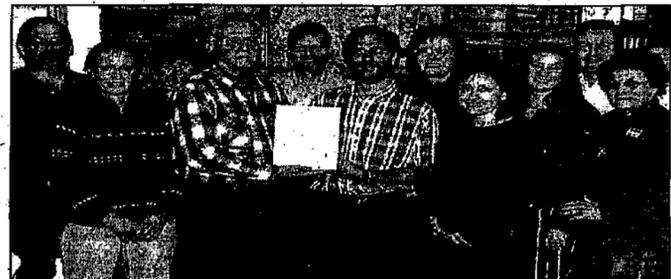


SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Atera Barnett made this model cave with chickenwire over rods for stalagmites and stalactites, plaster and papier mache, poking holes for trees, which were branches off aspens. Bushes were made of papier mache and thrown onto wet spray adhesive.

Chamber scholarship presented

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board members present a \$725 scholarship to Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso student Collin Leslie. From left are Chuck Duncan, Casteel Martel, Jean Stoddard, Paul Ragland, Steve Tally, Collin Leslie, Laura Reynolds, Demaris Howell, Tracey Jeffers, Brian Parrish and Betty Blair.



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

Wednesday, March 3 - Breakfast: Ham bar, muffin, fruit or fruit juice
Lunch: Pork roast, oven baked breaded chick, whole wheat bread, French fries, fruit

Thursday, March 4 - Breakfast: French toast with syrup, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Cheeseburger, barbecue over baked potato, Tater Tots, burger fixings, salad, fruit with Jell-O

Friday, March 5 - Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich, beef burrito, French fries, sandwich fixings, salad, fruit

Monday, March 8 - Breakfast: Cheese toast and cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Frito pie, beef tacos, Spanish rice, salad with dressing, fruit

Tuesday, March 9 - Breakfast: Pancakes and sausage on a stick with syrup

Lunch: Baked ham with pineapple glaze, steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, fruit

Wednesday, March 3 - Breakfast: Egg burrito, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Chicken nuggets, fries, rolls, chilled fruit

Thursday, March 4 - Breakfast: Wheat toast with syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Beef macaroni, rolls, peas, chilled fruit

Friday, March 5 - Breakfast: Pancakes with syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Hamburger, Tater Tots, salad, pineapple

Monday, March 8 - Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Chicken sandwich, salad, fries, mixed fruit

Tuesday, March 9 - Breakfast: Lemon carrot cake, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Beef stew, cracker, veggie stick, applesauce

Ruidoso Elementary schools

Spills' Lunchable only at White Mountain Intermediate and White Mountain Elementary

Wednesday, March 3 - Breakfast: Muffin, yogurt, apple, cold cereal

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

Thursday, March 4 - Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, banana half, cold cereal

Lunch: Turkey pot pie, seasoned broccoli, roll, fruit cup, or Spikes Lunchable - peanut butter and jelly sandwich

Friday, March 5 - Breakfast:

Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge

Lunch: Hot dog cookout WMES/WMIS, hot dog, chips, fruit

Monday, March 8 - Breakfast: Captain's Choice cereal, graham cracker, orange wedge

Lunch: Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, melon wedge

Tuesday, March 9 - Breakfast: Miniature beef pancakes, banana half

Lunch: Breaded chicken patty, gravy, green peas, roll, fruit, chocolate cake

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, March 3 - Breakfast: Donut, scrambled eggs with toast, Manager's Choice, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, roll, fruit, fruited Jell-O cup

Thursday, March 4 - Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, Manager's Choice, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, potato puffs, fruit, peanut butter cookie

Friday, March 5 - Breakfast: Cheese quesadillas, donut, cinnamon toast, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Green chili bean burrito, seasoned fries, salad, fruit

Monday, March 8 - Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, donut, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

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

Tuesday, March 9 - Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, French toast sticks, Manager's Choice, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Dijon meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, peanut butter bars

Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, March 3 - Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, Manager's Choice, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, potato puffs, fruit, peanut butter cookie

Thursday, March 4 - Breakfast: Donut, scrambled eggs with toast, Manager's Choice, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, roll, fruit, fruited Jell-O cup

Friday, March 5 - Breakfast: Cheese quesadillas, donut, cinnamon toast, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Mac and cheese, green beans, roll, fruit

Monday, March 8 - Breakfast: Scrambled eggs and toast, cheese quesadillas, donut, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

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

Tuesday, March 9 - Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, French toast sticks, Manager's Choice, fruit, cold cereal, graham cracker

Lunch: Dijon meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, peanut butter bars

LINCOLN COUNTY

Parents join forces to back Barron

More than 50 people met Monday to organize an attempt to keep the Carrizozo principal.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A coalition of Carrizozo community members met on Monday evening at the Carrizozo Fire Station to further plan their campaign to see Carrizozo school principal Steve Barron retained for the coming school year.

Barron's contract with the school was not renewed by Superintendent Sergio Castañon, based on evaluations done this year and recommendations from last year. A faction of Barron supporters crowded the February school board meeting with demands to see the evaluations as well as for the board to supercede Castañon's decision.

The crowd at Monday's meeting was downsized in numbers somewhat from the 70 that attended the school board meeting. With 50-plus, including approximately 12 students, present, the meeting was administered by Deborah Ventura and John Tate.

"What needs to happen now is we've got to keep up the political pressure," said Ventura. "One thing that we have to show the board is that we are cohesive. We are joined as a community. First and foremost, we want our principal."

Ventura continued, "There is a contempt that certain individuals on that board have for this community. We as a community, and they as a board, have the right to have their integrity questioned. It's done every day."

The other intention of this group was

identified as facilitating the termination of the Superintendent Castañon. Discussion was given to the possibility that Castañon would be leaving anyway to take a position at Mesalero Schools.

In a call to Mesalero Superintendent Ray Swinney, he said, "I have a contract for this position through 2005." Castañon categorically denies any intention to leave Carrizozo schools prior to the three to five years he agreed to when he was hired by the school board. Superintendent contracts are renewed on a yearly basis.

The audience was told that there had been a possible illegal school board meeting held on Friday. The inference was that the superintendent met with three of the board members and left two members unnotified. Looking for grounds for board recall, Tate said the situation was being looked into.

Tate ignited interest in the project at hand with these words, "If you do not keep up the pressure, you will prove them right. You will prove to them that you can get kicked and you'll turn over, go back to your life. There are certain people in this community, people (who) think that is what you will do and what you should do."

Advised by the State Education Commission, Tate said, "Everything needs to be legal and respectable. Here's my first suggestion to you: It's whenever you see one of the school board or whenever you see Mr. Castañon, wave at him and say, 'I'm watching you. You aren't going to pull this crap off like you did

Friday morning. You aren't going to have your secret meetings and get away with it because we are going to watch you."

Castañon did in fact ask to meet with the board president Steve Harkey and vice president Jim Grider in his office. The superintendent was reportedly informing the executive officers of the board of developments in the situation.

Without three members present, a quorum is not met and it would not be classified as a "meeting," nor would it be illegal. Board members Matt Ferguson, LeeRoy Zamora and Lisa Crenshaw were not called, nor were they present.

A legal picket in support of Barron had been organized by students at the school on Monday at lunch time, but only a handful of students showed up. The

consensus was there was a small group because that students feel threatened and intimidated even though no actual acts of either could be cited.

Ventura informed the crowd at Monday's meeting that Steve Barron had agreed to make his records public.

The coalition agreed on a system for meeting notification. Committees were formed to compose a petition to present to school district voters. The intention is to have an impressive number of voters sign the petition and then present it to the school board at the March 30 meeting.

Castañon said Tuesday, "I hate for the community to have to go through this and I hate this especially for the children."

"One thing that we have to show the board is that we are cohesive. We are joined as a community."

Deborah Ventura
Barron supporter



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Janie Brewer, who works in the county assessor's office, has worked for Lincoln County for 30 years.

Brewer recognized for service to county

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lincoln County employee recognition program for February rewarded Janie Brewer of the county assessor's office.

Brewer has been a Lincoln County employee for 30 years, 24 of those in the assessor's office. She began work in the county clerk's office one week after her high school graduation. She worked there five years, spent one year working for the county manager's office and then moved to the assessor's office when an opening became available.

Chief Deputy Assessor Doug Whitaker shared why Janie Brewer was chosen for this award. "She is totally reliable. Her 30 years of dedicated service prove that. She is polite, courteous and goes above and beyond the call of duty in all that she does."

Whitaker continued, "There are 12 employees in this office and she can sit at any desk and do the job well. She is knowledgeable in every area."

When Brewer started to work in the assessor's office, she worked for Marian Schlarb. "She was a wonderful person and a wonderful boss," Brewer said. "She taught me to be very careful in all that I did."

She always told me it was important because everything would come back. I am meticulous in my work and, in this job, you need to be."

Brewer now tries to be that same kind of mentor and teacher to new employees as they arrive. She is a product of patient on-the-job training and tries to pass that on.

In her spare time, Brewer likes to quilt. It's a hobby she inherited from her grandmother and she loves to spend her time creating.

Janie and Steve Brewer have three children. Their son, Alfonso, is married and lives in La Luz. Stella is a psychology major at UNM and Stephanie is a junior at Carrizozo High School.

Arrowsmith relatives offer two scholarships

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

For the second year, Murray Arrowsmith and his children, Cody and Mandy, are offering two \$250 scholarships in memory of Judy Arrowsmith.

Judy Arrowsmith was a Lincoln resident since 1994, and died unexpectedly in November 2002. The Arrowsmith family honored two Lincoln County youths last year with scholarships. They intend to continue making this an annual event.

The scholarships are available to qualifying graduating high school seniors or for college upper classmen. Requirements are that the

students must be majoring in a Christian field of study, including missionary work, or a field that could benefit the beef cattle industry.

Candidates must be Lincoln County residents and must currently have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better.

To apply, write a paragraph defining needs, goals and qualifications for the scholarship. The application paragraph and grade point verification is due by June 7.

Submit the applications to Kathleen Phillips-Hellman, P.O. Box 809, Capitan, NM 88316. The scholarships will be awarded at the Corriente CowBelles Roping in Capitan on June 26.

ANOTHER REASON TO VOTE

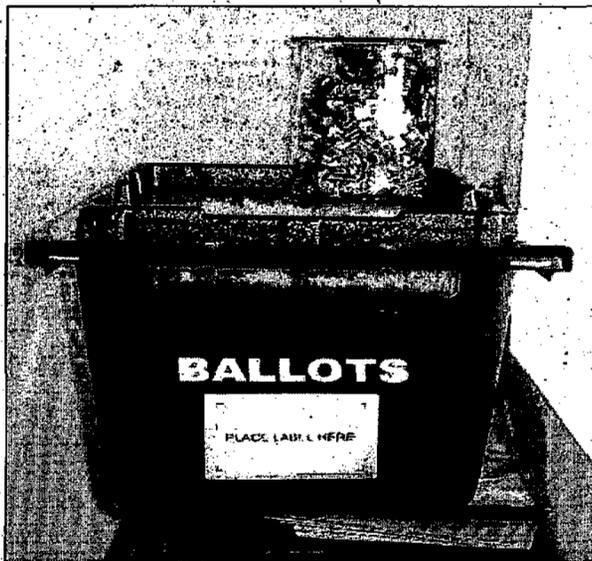


PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Early voters in Carrizozo got a sweet reward for casting their ballots last month.

'Zozo, Hondo shine at CDE

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

FFA teams from Hondo and Carrizozo Schools traveled to Las Cruces on Feb. 28 for the second of the season's Career Development Events (CDE). Corona and Capitan did not compete, but all four schools expect to be present this Saturday for Carrizozo's 18th Annual Invitational CDE. Carrizozo is expecting more than 35 schools to attend.

Las Cruces CDE results:
Forestry: 1) Carrizozo - Sam Ungaro, Jake Riddle, Nathan New; 3) Hondo - E.J. Sanchez, Derek McTelgue, J.C. Vocum; high-point individuals: 1) Sam Ungaro; 2) Jake Riddle; 4) Nathan New
Wildlife: 2) Hondo - E.J. Sanchez, Samantha Gomez, Alicia Gallegos, Derek McTelgue; 7) Carrizozo - Casey Barela, Eric Korsic, Nathan New, Kevin Gore, Jake Ventura
Ag. Mechanics: 2) Carrizozo Team No. 1

Ryan Gaines, Junior Corley, KC Hendricks, Matt Barela
5) Carrizozo Team No. 2 - Jacé Ventura, Eric Korsic, Kevin Gore, Jessica Ward, Andy Garcia; high-point individuals: 4) Junior Corley; 5) Ryan Gaines; 7) KC Hendricks
Entomology: 2) Carrizozo - Erin Hightower, Hannah Corley, Stacia Calvert
Farm Business Management: 2) Carrizozo Team No. 1 - Sam Ungaro, KC Hendricks, Ariel Vallejos, Hannah Corley; 5) Carrizozo Team No. 2 - Jake Riddle; high-point individuals: 3) Hannah Corley
Livestock: 5) Carrizozo - Brent Dixon, Kaitlyn Vega, Kendal Wilson, Justus Wilson
Meats: 3) Carrizozo - Ryan Gaines, Junior Corley, Justus Wilson; high-point individuals: 3) Ryan Gaines
Wool: 4) Carrizozo - Kaitlyn Vega, Kendal Wilson, Andy Garcia
Land: 2) Carrizozo - Whitney Whittaker, Brent Dixon, Ariel Vallejos, Josh Calvert, Stacia Calvert
Horse: 5) Carrizozo - Casey Barela, Erin Hightower, Jessica Ward
4-H Results - Livestock: Lincoln County 4-H, Kylie Gaines first place individual

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Fort board seeks independent status

FORT STANTON - The Fort Stanton Development Commission, the group established to plan a future for the 149-year-old facility northeast of Ruidoso, has opted to seek independent status, rather than trying to operate under a state agency.

The 5 to 2 vote Saturday during a regular meeting at the fort came after representatives of the two agencies with seats on the commission - State Parks director Dave Simon, and Ken Earle representing Cultural Affairs - said they believe the fort would fare better with financing as a separate entity rather than as a "line item" in an agency budget.

They cited the operating structure of the State Fair and the Cumbres & Toltec Railway as examples of successful independent state operations.

Commissioners Chay Rennick and Lynda Sanchez wanted more information before a vote was taken. Favoring independent status as soon as possible were Commissioners Simon, Earle, Leon Eggleston, Maury St. John and Keith Green.

State Rep. Dub Williams of Glencoe, pre-

sented at the meeting, pledged help in drafting legislation to establish the "Fort Stanton Heritage Park" as an independent state unit. He noted that such a status also would give more flexibility in writing contracts and seeking grants.

Fort Stanton Inc., the non-profit corporation operating a small museum at the fort, has offered help in grant-writing and other efforts. An early project for the commission is renovation of the former administration building for use as an enlarged museum.

The effort gained impetus with some \$900,000 in funding provided by the Legislature. The fort over the years has served as a tuberculosis hospital and a developmentally handicapped facility. It now is partially used by the state Corrections Department as a drug rehabilitation facility for a few inmates.

More than \$500,000 of the state funding will go toward new roofs for most of the key buildings at the fort, to prevent further deterioration. Funding will become available (barring a gubernatorial veto) after July 1, with money from state general obligation bonds most likely available in

October.

Also a key element for Fort Stanton is continued cooperation by the Bureau of Land Management, which controls thousands of acres surrounding the 1,200-acre fort complex. Ed Roberson, who heads the Roswell district BLM office, will be transferring to Las Cruces soon, but has pledged continued cooperation. The "Boots and Saddles" BLM project, initiated years ago by Sen. Pete Domenici, would link seven forts in southern New Mexico as a tourist attraction. "Fort Stanton," Roberson said, "will be the crown jewel in the program."

Commissioner Sanchez delivered a "surprise" during the meeting, showing a compass that once had belonged to a Fort Stanton soldier in the Ninth Cavalry, F-Troop, between 1875 and 1884. The compass came from Fred Tully. She said it had been given to the museum by Roberta Haldane, who received it from Fred Tully, who died at the age of 103.

In a drawing, the three governor's appointees determined staggered terms they would serve: Sanchez, two years; Green, four years; and Rennick, six years.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS



Lyndsi Caddell and Randall White

Caddell-White

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Caddell of Muleshoe, Texas, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsi Samantha Caddell, to Randall Corey White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles White of Ruidoso.

The wedding is planned for Aug. 7, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Muleshoe.

Lyndsi is a graduate of Winsboro High School in Texas and is a member of Tridelta Sorority at Texas Tech University. She is pursuing a doctorate of pharmacy at Texas Tech Health and Science Center in Amarillo, Texas, where she will graduate in May 2006.

Randall graduated from Carlsbad High School and received a B.S. in biology from Lubbock Christian University. He is also pursuing a doctorate of pharmacy at Texas Tech Health and Science Center with



Joshua Jensen and Tara Cluff

Cluff-Jensen

Scott and Carol Cluff are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Tara Lynn, to Joshua Lee Jensen, son of Mel and Lacie Jensen.

The wedding took place Jan. 31, 2004, in the Albuquerque Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Ruidoso High School and attended Utah State University for three years. She will complete her studies in elementary education through Eastern New Mexico University.

The groom served a two-year mission for his church in the Tulsa, Okla., area. He has recently completed his schooling at the Pennsylvania Institute of Taxidermy and is currently working for Jensen Contracting.

The couple will reside in the Ruidoso area.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Berly Ann Bigmouth

A funeral Mass for Berly Ann Bigmouth, 59, of Mesalero will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial following at the Elk Cemetery.

Mrs. Bigmouth died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, in Alamogordo.

She was born Jan. 4, 1945, in Three Rivers.

She lived on the Mesalero Apache Reservation all of her life, was a member and volunteer at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was a homemaker.

She married Donovan Bigmouth on June 2, 1965, at Bent; he preceded her in death on May 16, 1997.

Survivors include her children, Agnes Bigmouth, Roxanne Starr, Donathan Bigmouth, Demetrius Bigmouth, Ernest Bigmouth, Paschal Bigmouth, Patricia Bigmouth, Eileen Bigmouth, Raymond Railback and

Christopher Bigmouth; a brother, Joseph Shanta Jr.; a sister, Mary Shanta; 19 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

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

Joy Brown

Funeral services for Joy Brown, 53, of Tularosa, will be at 11 a.m. March 6 at the First Baptist Church on Granada Street in Tularosa.

Ms. Brown died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

She was born Nov. 20, 1951.

She was a joyous rush of fun and happiness to everyone who knew her before her illness, and a profound inspiration to everyone who knew her after.

Survivors include sons Benjamin and Andrew of Ruidoso; their father, Roy; a sister, Scarlett Breeding, of

Annapolis, Md.; siblings Ransome, Benny, Harriett and Annette of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews in her beloved Hurricane Creek Valley, Va., birthplace.

Ray Bishop

Services for Ray Bishop, 77, of Ruidoso, were March 1 in Carlsbad, with Stacy Brankel of First Assembly of God of Ruidoso officiating.

Mr. Bishop died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at Lincoln County Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 5, 1926, in Pattonville, Texas.

In his youth, he moved to Bisbee, Ariz., where he met his wife-to-be, Patricia Brooks. During World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines under General McArthur. At the end of the war, he returned home and married his wife in Douglas, Ariz.

They settled in Carlsbad, where he worked in the mines and in service stations. In 1969, they moved to Ruidoso, where they started Tom's Distributorship, which they owned and operated until December 2003.

His hobby was working and being with his family. He enjoyed fishing, but it got in the way of work.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Bishop, of the family home; daughters Susan Spall and her husband, Steve, and Brenda Cosgrove, all of Ruidoso; a son, Donald Ray Bishop, of Hobbs; a sister, Kitty Secrest and her husband, J.R., of Alamogordo; grandchildren Raean Rodriguez and her husband, Joe, of Houston, Texas, and Michell Cosgrove of Las Cruces; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Aaron Ray Bishop.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY



George and Barbara Mader today.

Mader 50th

George and Barbara Mader will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with an open house at their home in Alto on April 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

They were married on April 4, 1954, in Sidney, Ill., and have lived in Syracuse, N.Y., El Paso, Texas, and Alto.

They have four children: Theresa and her husband,



... and in 1954

David Suter, of Delanco, N.J.; Julie and her husband, Richard Cintron, of Los Angeles, Calif.; David and his wife, Mandy, of Ruidoso; and George and his wife, Jenny, of Dallas, Texas.

They also have four grandchildren. In July, the extended family will enjoy a sea cruise. George was an electronics engineer at White Sands Missile Range and Barbara was a public health nurse in El Paso and presently is the owner of High Mesa Healing Center in Alto.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Tussle follows arrest

Ruidoso police arrested Russell L. Waide, 39, of Truth or Consequences, Feb. 21, charging him with fourth-offense driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, no insurance, assault on a peace officer, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Waide passed a patrol vehicle from behind on a motorcycle while driving east on Sudderth Drive, driving an estimated 45 mph in a 35 mph zone, the report states. After the officer activated the vehicle's emergency lights, Waide turned left into Taco Bell instead of pulling off to the right shoulder.

The report states that two officers were unable to control him while standing and took him to the ground, causing abrasions on his face that were treated by emergency medical personnel. Waide refused to be tested for blood-alcohol content, and while the officer was preparing a search warrant for blood to be drawn, the suspect was transferred to Gerald Champion Medical Center for what turned out to be a broken leg. The District Attorney's Office approved a search warrant for a blood draw at that hospital.

Drug possession

Police arrested Gabriella

Camacho-Sanders, 31, of Ruidoso, Feb. 26, charging her with two counts of trafficking controlled substances - heroin and cocaine - and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers had conducted a house search with Adult Probation and Parole officers. She was also charged with probation violation and was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

River bed disturbed

Police responded to a call about a man wearing a white sweatshirt lying in the river in the 600 block of Paradise Canyon Drive found and arrested James Slatton, 34, of Ruidoso, Feb. 25. He was charged with public intoxication/disorderly conduct.

Drug charges

William C. Surratt, 40, of Hondo, was arrested Feb. 28 on a warrant and subsequently charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bus break-in

Someone vandalized a school bus belonging to Region IX Education Cooperative between 2:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and 7:40 a.m. March 1. The 2004 International Handy hand-capped school bus's fire extinguisher was dispensed in the interior, requiring about \$100

to clean, and the first aid kit was rummaged through, requiring about \$100 in replacements, according to the police report. The fire extinguisher was not found.

Horn hijacked

A Vito 7131 Alto saxophone was reported missing from White Mountain Intermediate School about 2 p.m. Feb. 27. The sax is valued at \$1,554.

Camcorders stolen

A Ruidoso High School teacher reported two Sony camcorders valued at \$1,400 were missing between 2 p.m. Dec. 19 and 1 p.m. Feb. 26, according to police reports. The teacher had put the cameras in the coaches' office in the gym, which is locked every day. Several other teachers have keys to the office, the report states, and there was no sign of forced entry.

Where's the winch?

Unknown suspects removed a silver winch valued at \$2,000 from the front bumper of a vehicle in the 100 block of Terrace Drive between 10 p.m. Feb. 19 and 8 a.m. Feb. 20.

Beer taken

A cashier of Allsup's Convenience Store, 2820

Sudderth Drive, reported that about midnight, Feb. 25, a Hispanic male wearing a dark shirt shoplifted two 30-pack cases of beer valued at \$19.99 each and drove east on Sudderth Drive in a red Jeep Cherokee.

Gas not paid for

A clerk of Allsup's Convenience Store, 725 Mechem Drive, reported that an older man gassed up, went into the store, paid for beer and drove away without paying for the fuel in a red 2003 or 2004 Ford F350 pickup. The report states that the clerk forgot the fuel. The man is described as 6 feet tall, with gray hair and weighing about 200 pounds.

Needles found

A nurse found a brown paper bag in the emergency room parking lot at Lincoln County Medical Center about 9 a.m. Feb. 28 containing three syringes, a knife and a pill bottle.

Egging does damage

Paint was damaged on a vehicle after someone in a maroon car threw an egg at the vehicle on Hull Road at Royal Drive between 1:45 and 2 p.m. Feb. 27. The victim told police juveniles were in the car.

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'Passion' shares truth of sacrifice

"The Passion of the Christ" is upon us — movies, newspapers, television, radio, talk shows, advertising, and promotion by churches. Criticisms have come from every corner: atheists, Jews, sociologists, psychologists, liberal Christians, conservative Christians — nearly everyone seems to think that Mel Gibson's production has something wrong with it. With the big box office weekend — \$117.5 million — many folks are going to accuse Gibson of making money riding the coattails of Jesus Christ. Others will say that he is riding the back of "reality TV" and "shock and awe." Others will say that producing something rated and Christian is the come-on.



Claryfications
By CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

who has given his best (money, talent and time) to reveal the truth of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins. Our sins, so hideous in God's sight, require a hideous, cleansing sacrifice, the tortured, broken, crucified body of the Son of God. There is something not to like about the concept of the substitution of Jesus in our place on the cross. Some say, "I'll take my own punishment, thank you!" Others say, "I do not deserve that. My sins are not so bad." Still others say, "It's just a story, a legend, cooked up to make us feel guilty." On and on go the explanations, excuses, and reasons why "The Passion of the Christ" is unacceptable.

But, who killed Jesus? A. Pilate; B. the Jews; C. the Romans; D. God, the Father; E.

You and me; F. All of the above. Pilate was a coward and afraid of the mob. The Jewish leaders hated Jesus because of His judgment of their sins. The Romans could tolerate no king but Caesar. God, the Father, knew that Jesus' sacrificial death was man's only hope for cleansing from sin. Our sins required that Jesus take our sins upon Himself and pay the penalty for them. We all had a part in Jesus' death.

Yes, there are arguments already forming in your mind ... "I didn't ask Him to do it." "He put Himself in the position." "I am not so bad." "I had nothing to do with it." "I wasn't even born." "It is their fault." And on and on.

Just remember ... with Jesus and all that He did for us, we can have forgiveness and cleansing from our sin and receive eternal life. He gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

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

Faith can offer hope for the future

QUESTION: Do you think there is any hope for the future? I look at the world my grandchildren are growing up in, and frankly I get very discouraged because of all the problems they're going to have to face. — Mrs. A.C.

ANSWER: If we looked only at the headlines every day, we would have reason to be pessimistic, because you're right: Our problems seem to be getting greater.

But don't forget two very important truths. First, the future is in God's hands, and nothing takes Him by surprise. He is sovereign, and behind the scenes He is still at work to accomplish His purposes. The Bible reminds us that "The Lord reigns forever" (Psalm 146:10).

Even when the future seems dark, we can turn to God and trust the future (and our lives) into His hands.

Yes, Satan is also at work, and sometimes it looks as if he might win. But he won't! His power is limited, and some day Christ will come again to destroy all evil. Satan is real, and we need to take his deceptive schemes seriously —



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but Christ is just as real, and some day "he will reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

Second, never forget that even when the future is unclear, God is with us and helps us when we know Christ. The Apostle Paul faced great danger and uncertainty, but he could still say, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). No matter what the future holds, we do not face it alone if we know Christ.

Is your confidence in Him? And are you praying for your grandchildren, and urging them to live for Christ as well? It could be your greatest legacy.

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

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Nagging wife and overworked husband often equal troubled marriage

QUESTION: What do you consider to be the greatest threat to the stability of families today?

DR. DOBSON: It would be a phenomenon that every marriage counselor deals with regularly. The scenario involves a vulnerable woman who depends on her husband to meet her emotional needs, and a workaholic man who has little time for family responsibilities. Year after year she reaches for him and finds he's not there. She nags, complains, cries and attacks him for his failures — to no avail.

He is carrying the load of three men in his business or profession and can't figure out how to keep that enterprise going while providing what his wife needs. As time goes by, she becomes increasingly angry, which drives him even further into his workaday world. He is respected and successful there.



Dr. James Dobson
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And thereafter he is even less accessible to her.

Then one day, to her husband's shock, this woman reaches a breaking point and either leaves him for someone else or files for divorce. It is a decision she may live to regret and one that often devastates her children — although by then, the marriage is long-gone. It's such a preventable disaster, but one that millions of other families will be victimized by in coming months.

QUESTION: Are there productive ways older people can remain mentally alert as their bodies age? Is mental decline inevitable in the golden years?

DR. DOBSON: If you live long enough, there will be some loss of intellectual acuity. There is, however, much that a person can do to postpone that

deterioration. An article in Family Circle magazine suggested five ways to maintain healthy minds through the aging process.

The first rule is to "use it or lose it." The human brain isn't like a calculator that you can plug in and leave idle for a year and find it working just as well when we return. It must have constant use and regular input of sensory information.

Second, proper brain function is dependent on a balanced diet with ample supplies of all the essential nutrients.

Third is exercise. Every organ of the body benefits from physical activity, including the package of neural matter with which we think.

Fourth is regular physical examinations and good health care. Untreated diseases can affect us physically and mentally.

Finally, the fifth way to keep our brains healthy is by having an active social life. Being sick, isolated and alone is a prescription for rapid mental

decline. Unfortunately, many older citizens are unable to implement these five suggestions for one reason or another. Some are alone and have no one to talk to. Others lack the resources for good medical care and healthy nutrition.

That's why those of us in the younger generation owe today's seniors our time and attention. They cared for us when we were frail and helpless. Now it's our time to return the favor.

QUESTION: Our 14-year-old recently came to my husband and me to say, "I'm pregnant." Nothing has ever upset us more than hearing those words. What should our attitude toward her be now?

DR. DOBSON: Responding to a teenage pregnancy is one of the most difficult trials parents are ever asked to face. When the news breaks, it's reasonable to feel anger at the girl who has brought this humiliation and pain into her life. How dare this kid do some-

thing so stupid and hurtful to herself and the entire family!

Once you have caught your breath, however, a more rational and loving response is appropriate. This is no time for recrimination. Your daughter needs your understanding and wisdom now more than ever. She'll face many important decisions in the next few months, and you can't afford to alienate yourselves from her.

If you can summon a measure of strength and love at this stressful time, you should be able to create the bond that often develops between those who have survived a crisis together.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers.

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Skunks make loving pets, but not for the smell of them, a county couple have learned. They have three, and counting.



Favorite spot: An evening ritual after dinner is for the trio to crawl up on Suzi and nap with her.

COURTESY THE WOLFES

MAKING A HOME WITH SKUNKS

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

*"Said the lonely little skunk.
My, it takes a lot of spunk!
To be brave when you know darn well,
No one loves me 'cause I smell."*

Singing that song as a child in kindergarten, Suzi Wolfe had no idea 50 years later she'd be a surrogate mother to several of the black and white darlings.

Almost two years ago, Suzi and her husband, Peter, rescued a baby skunk from a back yard in the middle of the night. He appeared to be between three and five days old and his eyes were not yet open. Little did the Wolfes know what an eye-opening experience it would be for them.

Skotty, named in honor of their friends the Scotts, whose yard he was found in, is now 21 months old. He has been joined by rescued twins, Skipper and Clipper, now 10 months old. The trio has become loving and entertaining pets for the Wolfes.

While the neighboring states of Arizona, Colorado and Texas make it illegal for pet ownership of skunks, New Mexico allows it. Skunks are kept as pets in literally thousands of homes across the United States, and they have become so popular as pets that they are now being brought into other countries to be sold as pets. They are raised domestically for that purpose.

Skunks aren't always black and white. Often bred for color, you will find them in different shades of beige, chocolate, smoke, and even a shade of lavender. Owners can groom them as they would most pets, with the occasional bath and toenail clipping. They can be litter-box trained, so in-home living is not a problem.

The Wolfes feed their trio diced fruits and vegetables. They like zucchini, yellow squash, celery and red and orange peppers. "For some reason they don't like green peppers. They can be kind of finicky," explains Suzi. "Skunks' livers don't metabolize protein very well, so cat food is a no-no. They can't eat pork, iceberg lettuce, chocolate or oily and greasy foods."

Peter and Suzi are clear about their love for the little striped animals, but will say they aren't good pets for everyone. "They are pretty demanding animals and take dedicated time and caring," they said. "When they want to eat, they want to eat now! When they want to play, they want to play now!"

Veterinary care for skunks is much like that for a dog or cat. Besides the de-scenting, which the Wolfes have had done, skunks get both feline and canine immunizations. Skunks are susceptible to diseases common to both dogs and cats.

Currently, a study is being done for a rabies vaccination for skunks, but is not available at this time in the U.S. Often misunderstood, skunks are not carriers of rabies, but can get rabies just like any other animal.

Winter is the hibernation period for skunks, so the Wolfes know that those lumps in their bed are the three "kits" hunkered down under the quilts for a long nap that lasts all day and into the night.

Come late evening, they wake the trio up, feed them supper, and spend some time playing and loving them. Then everyone goes to bed and sleeps all night.

"They are highly sensitive and very affectionate animals. They love to be held and loved. The more you handle them, the better they like it," Suzi said. "We want to help people become aware of how wonderful they are for pets and to think about that instead of killing them."

"There is a high demand for skunks as pets," she added. "We have a waiting list right now of six people who want to adopt a baby skunk. We want another one as well. We eventually hope to give classes that are an orientation to pet skunk ownership." A skunk's life span in the wild is only two to three years, but with proper care and diet, skunks can live to be as old as domesticated cats.

Two recommended websites for information about skunks as pets are: www.skunk-info.org, owned and operated by OOPS, (Owners Of Pet Skunks), and www.aspenskunk.org.

For people having a problem with skunks, the Wolfes ask that they please consider a humane way for control. Contact John Hall Pest Control at 258-5434 in Ruidoso or Suzi Wolfe at 638-2351 in Carrizozo. Wolfe can be reached evenings and weekends at 648-5595.



Tailgate Party: The Wolfes say the skunks travel quite well. They crawl under the seat and go to sleep the entire trip. Here they stop for a picnic.

COURTESY THE WOLFES



Hugs: Suzi gets hugs from Skipper and Clipper.

COURTESY THE WOLFES

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

MARCH 5, 1954

Chamber future in peril

The hour of decision for the future of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce is two o'clock this afternoon at the Pueblo Theatre.

Every member of the chamber, every merchant and resident of Ruidoso MUST be present to hear the facts which have brought about the closing of the office on March 1.

The C of C now is practically non-existent. Its budget for 1953-54 was only half raised, and that half has been spent, with still four months to go.

MARCH 5, 1964

Construction reported

Building permits issued by the Village of Ruidoso for the month of February totaled \$31,295, according to the records of village building inspector Bert Rice.

This added to the permits issued in January brings the 1964 figure for the two-month period to \$104,045.

MARCH 8, 1974

Record voter turnout

A total of 1,034 voters from both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs went to the polls Tuesday to elect former mayors from both villages back into office.

Lloyd L. Davis Jr., who had served two consecutive terms as mayor of Ruidoso ... was chosen by a margin of 86 votes over village trustee Earl W. Allison to serve Ruidoso's first four-year mayoral term.

The new mayor of Ruidoso Downs, J.J. DiPaolo, was voted in by a slim nine-vote margin over first-time candidate Norman Wheeler.

MARCH 9, 1984

First woman on council

Ruidoso voters Tuesday elected a completely new village council that includes a woman for the first time in Ruidoso history.

Bill Karn was the most popular candidate, receiving 700 votes from the 1,170 people who cast ballots. John Underwood received 607 votes, Sherman Atwood 568, Ray Dean Carpenter 567, Jerry G. Shaw 431, and Rick Evans, 418. All won council seats.

MARCH 10, 1994

Glencoe center cleared

Gov. Bruce King signed House Bill 19 and Senate Bill 372 Wednesday morning, guaranteeing Lincoln County \$290,000 toward the purchase and operation of the proposed rural events center in Glencoe.

Commissioners will seek other avenues than taxes to fund operations.

Some good news in old Lincoln town: muddy yards

Another month gone by and another Leap Year month has come and gone. Time does fly.

Wasn't it nice to have mud for a change? The last snow was so wet. Who would think we would be glad to see muddy yards?

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McArthur journeyed to Socorro to see their grandson, Aaron Hooper, participate in the Science Olympics. The activities were held at New Mexico Tech Saturday, Feb. 21.

Aaron won first place in State for

Robotics. Aaron designed and built his remote-control robot, similar to the rover Spirit; it executed designated tasks in the shortest period of time among the competitors. Aaron's team, from Sydney Gutierrez Middle School in Roswell, came in third in overall competition. There were 26 schools participating in the "18th Olympics of the Mind."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunlap met friends from Las Cruces in Ruidoso Saturday. They were part of the Gideon group who gathered to prepare for their annual meeting. One of

those present was the former Elaine Lassiter.

The Lassiter family were employees of the New Mexico State Monument of Lincoln and lived in the Watson House.

She kept all of us entertained with stories of the escapades of the youngsters.

The Ed Heiman barn and corrals are really coming along.

In some ways they remind me of the old photo showing the large wool warehouse that was in Old Lincoln town.

The new walls are going up on the Dr. Woods Annex. They are now putting up the adobe walls inside the frame.

A moving, beautiful story was read to the church members at coffee time Sunday. It is a story of a mother's and father's struggle with a daughter's fight against anorexia. It was a hard won battle, with God's and friends' help.

Several area residents have gone to Roswell and see the movie, "The Passion of the Christ."



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Lady Grizzlies breeze past Mountainair

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

CARRIZOZO — The Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies have dominated the volleyball and basketball courts the past two years, having gone 29-3 in both sports in regular season District 7-1A play, winning the district tournament, then emerging as that district's sole representative at the subsequent state tournament.

Carrizozo's only three losses in that span all came in volleyball, and all three came at the hands of Mountainair. Interestingly enough, the Lady Grizzlies beat Mountainair Friday, 65-38, in the district's championship basketball game, but it wasn't as easy as the score indicates.

Oh sure, Carrizozo (17-6) had a commanding 20-6 lead after the first quarter, but it was close early on as the Lady Mustangs (16-10) used their superior size to dominate the inside.

Mountainair made things a little uncomfortable again in the third quarter — going on a 7-0 run to get to within ten points and get the Mustang fans pretty rowdy — but the Lady Grizzlies responded with an 18-0 run of their own and held Mountainair to just four points in the final period to seal the win.

"This may be the best defensive team I've ever had," said Carrizozo coach Mel Holland. "We also shot well in the first half, although there were some spots in the second half where we didn't play as well defensively and gave up some easy baskets."



Carrizozo guard Tierney Burd, right, goes up for a layup ahead of Mountainair's Phylicia Nunez (10) and Dawn Luna during the Lady Grizzlies' 65-38 win Friday in the District 7-1A championship in Carrizozo.

In the end, it was Carrizozo's superior ball-handling and quickness that got them the win. Mountainair may have had the height — Lady Mustang Chanel Flores had four blocks in the game — but the Lady Grizzlies had speed and sure-handedness on the perimeter, which gave them the advantage.

"We have better skills at handling the ball, and they had trouble with our pressure," Holland said. "We're so short,

we have to make them play every inch of the court."

Carrizozo was also able to spread the wealth in scoring, as three Lady Grizzlies put in double digits on the night. Adrienne Zamora led the way with 18 points, while Kaitlyn Vega had 15 points and Stephanie Brewer 14.

By contrast, Mountainair's Deanna Fulfer had 21 points as the only Lady Mustang with more than nine points.

Despite the Lady Mustangs'

overall size, they were actually out-rebounded in the game by a Carrizozo team that was just quicker to the ball and the boards.

Another seeming advantage for Mountainair was its numbers. The Lady Mustangs boasted 12 players on their roster for the night, while Carrizozo had but eight.

It wasn't just the small numbers of players for Carrizozo that was the concern, but also who was missing, as Whitney

Lady Grizzlies 65, Lady Mustangs 38
Mountainair (16-10)

Phylicia Nunez 0-0-0, Stacey McCoy 0-0-0, Dawn Luna 0-0-1, Carmen Padilla 4-1-2, Vanessa Zamora 1-1-2, Michelle Flores 0-0-0, Deanna Fulfer 9-3-9, Chanel Flores 0-0-0, Jennifer Roberts 0-0-0, Joanna Paez 1-0-0-2, Melissa Blea 0-1-2-1, Katherine Forbes 1-0-1-2. Totals: 16-6-17-38.

Carrizozo (17-6)

Tierney Burd 2-3-4-7, Stephanie Brewer 6-0-0-14, Kaitlyn Vega 5-5-7-15, Adrienne Zamora 6-6-6-18, Sonya Vega 0-1-2-1, Sarah White 0-0-0-0, Ariel Burd 3-1-3-7, Ariel Vallejos 1-1-0-3. Totals: 23-17-25-65.

Mountainair 6-15-13-4 — 38

Carrizozo 20-14-12-19 — 65

3-point goals — Car 2 (Brewer 2),

Rebounds — Mou 45 (Blea 11), Car 49

(Vallejos 9). Steals — Mou 2 (Padilla,

Blea), Car 5 (Brewer 4), Blocks — Mou

5 (Flores 4), Car 3 (Brewer 2).

Turnovers — Mou 27, Car 20.

Technical fouls — Mou (Fulfer, 3); 16 in

(4th). Total Fouls — Mou 20, Car 20.

Whittaker — the only player with any kind of size for the Lady Grizzlies — is gone for the season with an injury.

The Lady Grizzlies were whittled for 20 fouls on the night — just as many as Mountainair — but they were able to spread the fouls out among all players and didn't lose a single one to fouls.

"We'd been at seven players for a while now; we lost Whitney against Corona (on Jan. 20)," Holland said. "We just had to play smarter. If the referees call it tight, we just have to adjust to it. We'd been working on not getting into foul trouble."

With the victory, the Lady Grizzlies will play District 8-1A runner-up Mesalero in the first round of the Region D tournament this Friday at 6 p.m. in Tatum. Mesalero lost to Tatum in the 8-1A championship.

Early exit mars District 4-3A playoff game

Page clears court in tense final minute

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

It was an odd way to end a basketball game, and anyone that was at Thursday's District 4-3A playoff between Ruidoso and New Mexico Military Institute won't soon forget the circumstances surrounding it, but the fact remains — the Warriors lost 61-42 and saw their frustrating season come to a close.

What made the game particularly frustrating for Ruidoso fans was the way the game ended. Following a hard foul, technical and ejection and a pair of free throws, Warrior coach Billy Page made the decision to take his team off the floor with just over a minute left in the game due to a situation he felt was "out of hand."

Ruidoso (12-12) was in dire straits in the first quarter, going behind 24-4 and scoring their only points on four free throws by Jaime Urban and Dustin Prelo.

"We dug ourselves a hole we

Colts 61, Warriors 42
Ruidoso (12-12)
Nick Page 1-4-6-8, Garrett Born 0-0-4
0, Macdon Enriquez 0-0-0-0, Jaime
Urban 0-4-5-4, Wes Adaza 0-0-0-0,
Austin Beier 3-7-9-13, Chance Hooper
1-0-0-2, Aaron Romero 0-1-2-1, Julian
Serna 0-0-0-0, Cody Small 1-2-2-4,
Patrick Valliant 1-0-2-2, Dustin Prelo 4-
2-4-10. Totals: 11-20-34-42.
NMMI (10-13)
Carlos Padres 0-2-4-2, Stefano Padilla
0-0-0-0, Gabe Sippy 0-3-4-3, Justin
Richter 0-2-2-2, Waige Turzeka 3-4-6-11,
Kelly Mann 0-0-0-0, Bryan Casella 5-2-3-12,
Brid Marley 3-2-7-8, Jacob
Johnson 0-0-0-0, Casey Williamson 3-0-0-6,
Jarrod Long 7-3-5-17, Jarryd
Conley 0-0-0-0. Totals: 21-18-31-61.
Ruidoso 4-12-13-13 — 42
NMMI 24-12-10-15 — 61
3-point goals — NMMI 1 (Turzeka).
Fouled out — Rui. (Hooper, Valliant);
NMMI (Richter). Ejected — NMMI
(Johnson). Turnovers — Rui 11, NMMI 25.
Total fouls — Rui 26, NMMI 28.
Technical fouls — NMMI (Johnson).

couldn't get out of," Page said. "The boys played really well in the last three quarters, it's just that every time we'd get a run, something would stop it."

After that, the game was pretty evenly played. Indeed, with the exception of the first quarter, Ruidoso was actually one point better than the Colts (10-13 after Thursday) the rest of the way.

The Warriors only had two players in double figures —

Austin Beier with 13 points and Prelo with 10 — and had a pair of players, Chance Hooper and Patrick Valliant, foul out of the game.

Actually, fouls were the biggest concern for both teams — fouls called and not called.

"I hate to knock on officials, but it was inconsistent," Page said. "I'm not going to tell you we weren't fouling. A lot of the fouls we were called on were definitely fouls."

"It just wasn't consistent on both sides of the ball. They (NMMI) had a lot of fouls called on them as well."

It was fouls that pretty much kept Ruidoso in the game. After scoring their four points on free throws in the first quarter, the Warriors put in eight more foul shots in the second quarter. Their first field goal wasn't good, until just before the first half came to a close.

Things got particularly nasty in the fourth quarter, as the officials crew apparently tried to get things under control following a hard foul on

Bradford said. "I'm still not sure how to handle this."

Mescalero made it a close game early last week, thanks to the quick scoring of Augusta Lang, who joined Sasha Enjady in leading the team with nine points, despite having to sit on the bench for most of the first half thanks to foul trouble.

Even with Lang on the bench, the Lady Chiefs (19-9) still played fairly well, even coming back from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter

Two sides (and three, and four, and five) to every story

As the former sports editor for the Roswell Daily Record, I can attest to some pretty loud and rowdy behavior exhibited by the corps of cadets at New Mexico Military Institute's Cahoon Armory during a basketball or volleyball game.

That's why — when I heard stories of the cadets' actions at Thursday's District 4-3A playoff against Ruidoso, as well as Warrior coach Billy Page's decision to leave the game early — I wasn't that surprised.

However, a few comments from parents prompted me to try and figure out exactly what *did* happen in those heated moments near the end of the game. A game that sent Ruidoso to the end of its basketball season.

Considering I wasn't there, I couldn't rely on my own memory or judgment, and thus had to contact as many different sources as possible. Sources like Page, Ruidoso Athletic Director Ron Wall, NMMI AD Richard "Lefty" Stecklein, and an account of the game in Friday's edition of the *Roswell Daily Record*.

None of this paints a complete picture, I know. But it's the best I could do without actually having seen the events with my own eyes.

As far as I could tell, the Warriors were battling back from a 20-point deficit they'd brought on themselves in the first quarter, and found it to be a difficult proposition. Page has

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Lady Chiefs battle Tatum, tragedy to get to regional playoff game

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Another game against Tatum, another loss for the Mesalero Lady Chiefs.

It's been that way for Mesalero's girls basketball team this season, although their last few losses have been pretty close.

"We had a good game, probably one of the best we've played so far," said Mesalero coach Roland Bradford of his team's 46-38 loss Friday in the District

8-1A championship against the Lady Coyotes. "It was a good, close battle all the way through."

Mescalero is still in the Region D tournament, and will face Carrizozo Friday at 6 p.m. in Tatum, but Bradford now has to contend with the tragedy unfolding the entire school concerning Christian Aldava — the quarterback for the school's football team and an athlete that just about everyone knew.

"I have a counselor coming in to talk to them and help them move on,"

Bradford said. "I'm still not sure how to handle this."

Mescalero made it a close game early last week, thanks to the quick scoring of Augusta Lang, who joined Sasha Enjady in leading the team with nine points, despite having to sit on the bench for most of the first half thanks to foul trouble.

Even with Lang on the bench, the Lady Chiefs (19-9) still played fairly well, even coming back from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter

thanks to a pair of 3-pointers by Lataya Neiche.

"In that fourth quarter, we really pressured the ball," Bradford said. "We got the turnovers, but weren't able to capitalize. Then they went to a stall game and we had to foul them to put them on the line."

From then, Tatum (21-6) made their foul shots and pulled away for the victory.

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side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache

Perfect slope conditions this week. Cruise the soft groomed trails, attack the chop and "mashed potatoes" or seek out those still undisturbed powder stashes. More fresh snow is expected through Thursday. New snow past 72 hours: 3 inches. New snow past week: 13 1/2 inches. Weather at report time: Mostly cloudy. Road at report time: Clear. Midway depth: Four feet. Surface conditions: Powder and packed powder. Siding conditions: Excellent. Trails open: 55 of 55. Lifts open: 10 of 11. The gondola was damaged by falling trees in a wind storm Feb. 19 and will not be fully repaired until summer. The remaining chairlifts still provide access to all 55 trails. Snowmaking past 24 hours: No. Forecast: Chance of snow Wednesday.

Prep Results

Thursday, Feb. 26

Boys Basketball
District 4-3A Tournament
NMMI 61, Ruidoso 42
District 5-2A Tournament
Lordsburg 67, Captain 38
District 7-1A Tournament
Mountainair 51, Carrizozo 42
District 8-1A Tournament
Tatum 72, Mesalero 36
Girls Basketball
District 5-2A Tournament
Hatch 53, Captain 35

Friday, Feb. 27

Girls Basketball
District 7-1A Championship
Carrizozo 65, Mountainair 38
District 8-1A Championship
Tatum 46, Mesalero 36

Preps on Tap

Thursday, March 4

Baseball
Ruidoso at Valley Christian (2), 4 p.m.

Friday, March 5

Girls Basketball
Region D Tournament at Tatum
Carrizozo vs. Mesalero, 6 p.m.
Tatum vs. Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.
Track
Ruidoso at El Paso Ysleta Invite, 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Girls Basketball
Region D Tournament at Tatum
Championship, 6 p.m.
Track
Ruidoso at El Paso Ysleta Invite, 1 p.m.

On Deck

Little League Tryouts

Tryouts for the Minor (9 and 10-year-old) and Major (11 and 12-year-old) leagues in Ruidoso Little League will be held at Gavilan Canyon Baseball Field Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. and Noon, respectively. For more information, call Ruidoso Little League president Pam Cleecker at 257-9282.

NAYS tourney

North American Youth Sports will host its annual spring youth basketball tournament in Albuquerque at Del Norte High School April 2-4. The tournament will feature 10 brackets for boys and girls from fifth through twelfth grades. Entry fee is \$95 per team for a minimum of two games. Entry deadline is March 12. For additional information or an entry form, call 1-800-787-3265 or tournament director Susan Kabala at (505)-989-0969.

Golf-A-Thon at Cree

The Bonita Park Camp and Conference Center will host a Golf-A-Thon 101 to benefit the mission of Bonita Park. Golfers, sponsored by friends and family, will each play 101 holes of golf at Cree Meadows golf course April 15 in order to help raise money for the Christian Camp north of Ruidoso. Sponsorships range from 10 cents to \$10 per hole. For those unable to participate on the day of the event, there is a special "Phantom Golfer" option, in which golfers can still raise funds per hole, even if they aren't there to play them. All donations are tax deductible. For more information on playing or sponsoring, contact Diane Robbins at 336-4404 or by e-mail at diane@bonitapark.com.

Capitan basketball teams' season end in major losses

BY TODD FIQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

These games were certainly a surprise for Capitan fans.

Both the Tiger boys and girls basketball teams knew they could lose their games Thursday against Lordsburg and Hatch, respectively, in the District 5-2A tournament.

Both coaches acknowledge just how tough a district this is.

But to lose their games by an average of 24 points?

"It was like all four wheels came off at once," said boys coach Royce Brown of his team's 67-38 loss to Lordsburg at Capitan. "They (Lordsburg) had the talent all year long, they just hadn't used it all year long."

"We should have pushed it a little more, but it just didn't happen. Every loose ball, they (the Mavericks) got," he added.

"We didn't run our offense or anything," said Lady Tiger coach Sherry Gowen of her team's 53-35 loss at Hatch. "We

only had two points in the entire second quarter."

The Tigers — who ended their season at 15-8 after finishing second in the district with a 6-2 record — were unable to do anything defensively against a hot-shooting Maverick team. Lordsburg (10-13 after Thursday) put in 49 percent of its shots in the contest.

While the Mavericks couldn't miss, Capitan couldn't score. Normal high scorers Elliott Taylor and Sheldon Moor were unable to find the basket, and something always came up to keep the Tigers from going on a scoring run.

"They had good defensive pressure on Elliott," Brown said. "They made him put it on the floor a lot more than he was used to. He didn't force it and tried to work through it, but nothing went our way."

One Tiger who did have a good game was Weston Richardson, who scored eight

points and hauled in six rebounds. Those number may not seem like much individually, but two or three more performances like that for Capitan might have made the difference in this game.

Of course, the Tigers might not have been pressured so much on offense if they had been able to hold Lordsburg.

"Our philosophy is defense first, and we didn't have a good defensive game," Brown said. "That forced us to push the offense."

Gowen baffled

As for the Capitan girls, Gowen was at a loss for words as to why her team — seemingly on a roll after three straight wins, plus an overtime win over the Lady Bears in overtime — would do so poorly against Hatch this time around.

"I don't know what happened, it's hard to put my finger on it," Gowen said. "They

were fired up, but then tried to dribble it inside when we should have worked it around.

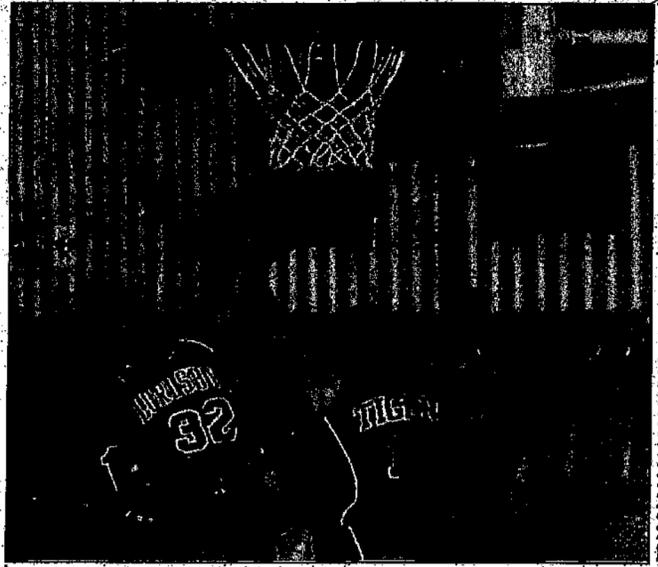
"We played even with them in the second half, it was just the first half that blew us away."

Capitan (14-10) got 10 points each from centers Jessica Becker and Kelsey Stierwalt inside, while guard Catherine Wood had eight points from the perimeter.

What really hurt the Lady Tigers was a lack of scoring from players like Melissa Becker and Alyx Sheehy.

Capitan did see its man-to-man defense work on the Lady Bears (16-10), just like the last game. However, the Lady Tigers were unable to convert on all the turnovers they were getting.

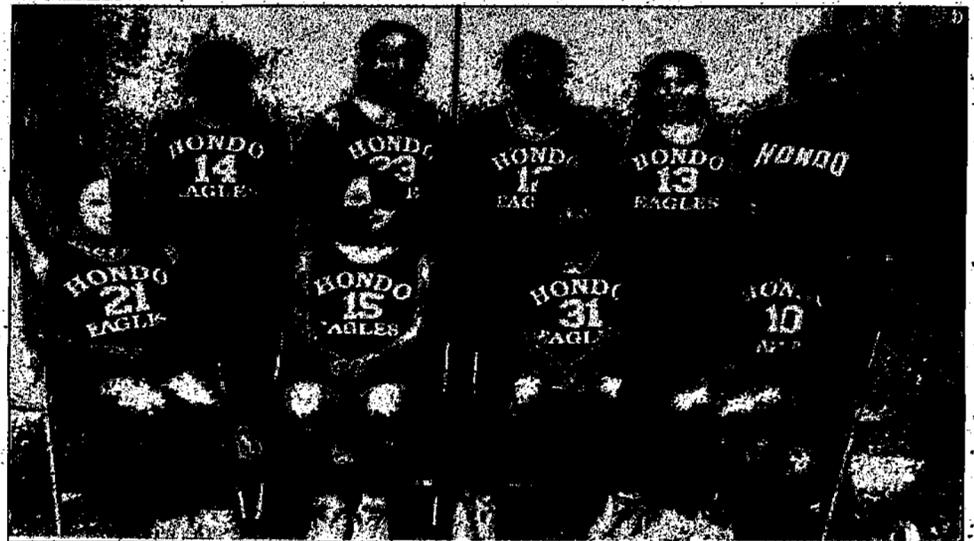
"If you can get half your points off of steals, the score will show it," Gowen said. "But we kept turning it back over. You can't win the district like that."



Lordsburg's Michael Ruiz (32) fights Capitan's Sheldon Moor for the rebound in Capitan's District 5-2A loss Thursday at CHS.

PHOTO BY PATSY BAISA

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Hondo Junior High basketball teams finished successful seasons recently, boys and girls. The junior high Eagles finished with a record of 10-4, while the Lady Eagles were 11-3. At left, members of the boys team were (front, L-R) Ralph Miranda, Patrick Gonzales, Tito Montoya and Rico Lopez. (Back, L-R) Jesus Medina, Patrick Chavez, Kyle Klecka, Brian Aragon, Lawrence Gonzales and coach Henry Lopez. At right, the girls team were (front, L-R) Janis Gonzales, Esther Gonzales, Camille Sandoval and Jazmine Candelaria. (Back, L-R) Angela Prudencio, D'edra Romero, Aránada Gomez, Toney Montoya and coach Dottie MacVeigh.

Local longshot comes from behind to win at Borderland Derby

Horses owners, trainer hail from Ruidoso area

BY FELIX CHAVEZ
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

SUNLAND PARK — Much of the talk entering Sunday's one-mile Borderland Derby at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino revolved around the likes of New Mexico bred Rocky Gulch, Hi Teck Man or Korbyn Gold.

Instead, it was a maiden that stole the show in the race for 3-year-olds who were aspiring to earn a spot in the \$500,000 WinStar Derby on March 28.

Let go in the betting at 24-1, Go Kitty Go won his first race in nine career starts with a bolt of energy down the stretch to beat the heavy favorite Rocky Gulch.

"We knew this horse could do it," said trainer Mac Millar, who hails from Alto. "He'd shown in his last race that he had potential. He raced here at Sunland on February 10 and finished second behind High Teck Man and he gave a great effort in that race."

"Since then he has been working out really well and we were confident."

Jockey Miguel Fuentes asked Go Kitty Go for a final push at the quarter pole and the duo passed Rocky Gulch in the deep stretch.

The Tale of the Cat colt seemed to gain momentum as the race progressed and was timed in 1:37.87 in windy conditions.

"We ran the race we wanted," Fuentes said. "We stayed steady and finished strong."

Go Kitty Go returned \$50.40 on a \$2 win ticket and earned over \$63,270 for owners Vernon and Sylvia Hauschild.

"We're very proud of our horse and what he's accomplished in the past couple of months," said Sylvia Hauschild, who said the couple bought the horse just 2 1/2 months ago. "Mac is a good trainer and Miguel is an excellent jockey. The horse was well prepared for today's race."

Millar said the horse was bought for \$100,000.

The pace of the race was pressed early on by Rocky Gulch and Hi Teck Man. Rocky Gulch was ahead of the pack until the upper stretch with jockey Mike Clark aboard. Multiple stakes champ Hi Teck Man made a solid move around the far turn, but he tired down the stretch, losing by three lengths.

Rocky Gulch, who had won five of six in his career, earned \$21,617 for owner Larry Teague.

"This was a tough race, but we felt like this horse had really been improving in each race," Millar said. "We've really worked as a team to get ready for this race."

Said Sylvia Hauschild: "Miguel has worked with the horse before and he said this was a good one. He had a good feeling about this horse and what it could do."

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FOUL SHOT CHAMPIONS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Knights of Columbus regional free throw championship was held Feb. 15 in Lake Arthur, and 10 players from Ruidoso qualified for this year's state championship. The state playoffs will be held March 20 at Del Norte High School in Albuquerque. Back row (left to right): Delaney Quintana, 10-year-old girls; Lindi Herd, 11-year-old girls; Christine Brecher, 12-year-old girls; Ashley Brooks, 14-year-old girls; Julie Brecher, 13-year-old girls; Luis Montano, 10-year-old boys; Paul Chamberlain, 13-year-old boys; Brett McInnes, 14-year-old boys. Front row kneeling (left to right): Jake Ordorica, 12-year-old boys; Sabien Gabaldon, 11-year-old boys.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

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

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

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

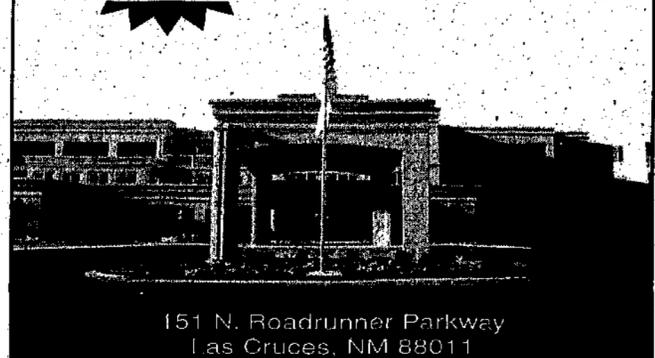
And, as might be expected, "The Regulators" fervently vowed to take vengeance upon the House group responsible for killing Tunstall. Among the group of "Regulators" loyal to Mr. Tunstall was a young man who was known as Billy the Kid.



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New coach, new attitude infuses Ruidoso baseball

BY TODD FUQUA

RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Futility has been the watchword for the Ruidoso High School baseball team the past few years.

Last season looked to be the breakout year for the Warrior nine, as they started with a 6-3 record and a second-place finish in the Eunice Tournament.

In that tourney's championship game, Ruidoso lost to District 4-3A rival Lovington by just two runs, and seemed poised to challenge for its first-ever berth at the state tournament.

But then the Warriors lost the next 13 games in a row, including their first 10 district games, and finished in the district cellar.

This year, the Warriors have a new face leading the way when they take the field Thursday at Valley Christian in Roswell. Coach Jim Varnadore takes over from Mike Morris, and is excited about leading Ruidoso into battle on the baseball diamond.

This will be Varnadore's first head-coaching job for baseball, although he did serve as Morris' assistant last year and has played semi-pro ball in service leagues in Texas. He's also served as assistant football, boys junior varsity and freshman basketball and girls varsity basketball coach — all at RHS.

Still, coaching can only take a team so far. The true strength of a baseball team — any team — is the talent and determination of its players.

Initially, the Warriors look kind of thin in that respect, returning only four starters



Ruidoso shortstop Nick Page, left, throws the ball to teammate Auston Beier during Ruidoso High baseball practice Monday at the White Mountain Athletic Complex. The two are part of a quartet of players returning to the diamond this season for RHS.

from last year's team — Jaime Urban at shortstop, Auston Beier at catcher ("The best catcher in the district, if not the state," according to Varnadore), Nick Page in center field and Julian Serna at third base.

But they'll be bolstered by several players returning

from last year's JV team.

"If we have a few things go right for us and we have some senior leadership step up, we should be in good shape. We should have a good chance," Varnadore said. "We should have done it last year, and we just had some things not go our way."

Pitching is always a constant need in baseball at any level. It's especially crucial in high school, where games are usually compressed into doubleheaders and tournaments played during the weekends.

That means just one or two dominant pitchers can give your team the edge it needs to

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 4	Valley Christian (2)	Away	4:00 p.m.
March 5	Alamogordo	Away	3:00 p.m.
March 6	Corral Gordo (2)	Away	3:00 p.m.
March 15	Doña Ana (2)	Home	3:00 p.m.
March 18-20	Doña Ana (2)	Home	10 a.m.
March 23	Hot Springs (2)	Home	3:00 p.m.
March 30	St. Michael's (2)	Home	3:00 p.m.
April 6	NMMI (2)	Away	11 a.m.
April 10	Portales (2)	Home	11 a.m.
April 13	Lovington (2)	Away	3:00 p.m.
April 20	NMMI (2)	Home	6 p.m.
April 24	Portales (2)	Away	11 a.m.
April 27	Lovington (2)	Home	10 a.m.
District 4-3A			

win quite a few games. For the Warriors, the rotation will be anchored by Jake Tetrault, back from last season, as well as former junior varsity players Will Wilson and Justin Sergeant.

"All three have worked hard the last three weeks in practice, so we'll find out," Varnadore said. "Will pitched half the JV game at Alamogordo."

That's right, the junior varsity has already begun its season, playing a doubleheader Saturday in Alamogordo. The Warriors lost the game

in which Will pitched, but only by the score of 5-4, and only after missing an opportunity to score the go-ahead run in the top of the final inning.

The pre-district schedule for the Warriors includes 1A/2A powerhouse Tularosa, defending Class 3A state champion St. Michael's and a spot in the Dexter tournament.

In that tournament — the

only one in which the Warriors are entered — Ruidoso plays Class 1A/2A champion Lovington in the first round, and would likely face 1A/2A runner-up Lordsburg in the next.

All this is to prepare the Warriors for a district schedule that is usually the toughest in the state.

Varnadore said Lovington and Portales will likely be the

teams to beat. Although two-time Class 3A champion New Mexico Military Institute is in a rebuilding year, the Colts have always been

known to harbor a few surprises come district time.

To get out of district and into state, the Warriors will have to have a blue-collar mentality about the game, according to Varnadore.

"We're trying to put in a work ethic where it's going to be a two-hour job every day," Varnadore said. "They're going to put in the time to make themselves better."

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Missed opportunity: NMSU men's hoops season ends in OT

BY FELIX CHAVEZ

FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The New Mexico State men's basketball season is over.

Arkansas State outscored New Mexico State 11-2 in overtime to beat the Aggies, 82-73, Saturday at the Pan American Center.

The Indians earned a spot in the eight-team Sun Belt Tournament, while NMSU finishes 13-14 and 6-9 in league play. New Mexico State entered its final two-game homestand with a chance to make the league tournament, but lost 58-55 on Thursday to Arkansas-Little Rock.

Indians guard Dewarick Spencer led the charge for ASU with seven points in the OT period. He finished

with a game-high 32 points.

The Aggies scored the first two points in overtime on a James Moore jumper, but didn't score the final 4:30 of the game.

"We switched to a zone defense and that made a big difference," ASU coach Dickey Nutt said. "We made a committed effort and came up with big stops. And we were eight for eight at the free throw line."

New Mexico State managed to tie the game to send it into overtime. Moore, who was playing in his final collegiate game, was fouled right before the final buzzer under the basket and hit two free throws to tie it.

The Indians made 15 of 27 from

the field in the second half and shot 49.1 percent for the game. Spencer scored 23 second half points and five of six 3-pointers to lead ASU's win.

"It's still a game of skills," NMSU coach Lou Henson said. "We made six treys as a team and they had one guy that made six treys. We played hard all season, but we ran into teams that had a little more skill."

"It's disappointing we lost, but our kids gave a great effort tonight. We kept ourselves in the race all season with some good wins. We had a chance and that's what we wanted."

Arkansas State trailed 37-34 at the break, but scored the first 10 points of the second half to go up 44-37. The two teams then traded

points for much of the second half.

Moore scored 19 of his team-high 31 points in the second half to keep the Ags in the game. No other Aggie scored in double figures.

The Aggies shot just 33.9 percent for the game and 32.1 percent in the second half. New Mexico State made just 6 of 23 from 3-point range, while Arkansas State was 8 of 18.

"I wanted to win tonight, I wanted to leave it out on the court," Moore said.

Andre-King Holland added 14 points for the Indians, while J.J. Montgomery had 10.

New Mexico State won the battle at the free throw line, outscoring ASU 25-18, and also won the

rebounding battle 42-35.

The Aggies built their 3-point lead at halftime behind 12 points from Moore.

New Mexico State finished just 2-6 at home in league play and 8-7 all season.

"It's a tough way to go out," Moore said. "We had chances to win and we lost some real close battles. We gave a great effort, but we just came up short."

Kelsey Crooks, playing in final game as well, led NMSU with 15 rebounds.

Felix Chavez is a sports writer for the Las Cruces Sun-News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

AIN'T THEY CUTE?



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Lady Cuties basketball team pose with the trophy they won at the Hospital Open, held Feb. 26-28 at Ruidoso Middle School. The Lady Cuties team, which went 6-1 in the tournament, featured (back row, l-r), Samantha Serna, Tara Jones, Gina Chee and Michelle Sago. (Front row, l-r), Mandi Lewallen and Christy Pearson. Not pictured are Angel Gonzales and Marlene Gonzales.

Lobos lose close one in final game at the Pit

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico hadn't made its reputation as a road team this basketball season, so it was looking for a good showing at home Monday against UNLV.

The Running Rebels made sure the Lobos didn't play much as a home team either, handing UNM a 78-75 loss at the pit.

Odartey Blankson led the way for UNLV, scoring a career-high 28 points for the Running Rebels, including 11 straight in the second half to seal the win for his team (16-10, 7-6 Mountain West Conference).

This was a fast-paced game all through, with the teams combining for 18 3-pointers in the contest.

The Lobos (14-12, 5-8) got 23 points from Danny Granger, while Javin Tindall had 17. The pair did all they could to give their team the win in the final seconds of the game.

Tindall put in a 3-pointer with 18.7 seconds left, followed by a pair of free throws by UNLV's Demetrius Hunter with 17.9 seconds left.

Those were the last points of the game, but Tindall, Granger and Troy DeVries' all

put up 3-pointers in the final seconds, only to see them miss.

Rebels center J.K. Edwards fouled out of the game with 5:56 left, followed by a great deal of protest from the UNLV bench. Officials assessed a technical to the Rebels and Tindall hit the two foul shots and Granger — fouled by Edwards — hit both his foul shots to give the Lobos a 64-62 lead.

Then Blankson took control of the game with a short jumper, layup, 3-pointer and 15-foot shot to put UNLV up 71-68 with 3:41 left.

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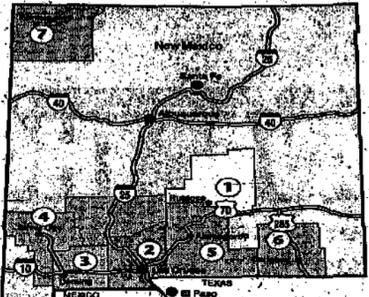
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. (USA),
Plaintiff,

CONSTANTINO RANGEL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent, 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 for Debt and Money Due.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 31st day of March, 2004, judgment by default will be entered against you; Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney(s):

Elvin Kanter, Esquire
Elvin Kanter, P.A.
P.O. Box 25483
Albuquerque, NM 87125
(505) 247-1541

WITNESS the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, Jr. District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 2nd day of February, 2004.

(Seal)
s/JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Mickey L. Vega
Deputy

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

CACV OF COLORADO, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
No. CV-03-171
ALEC R. ROMERO
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Respondent

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 for Debt and Money Due.

That unless you enter your appearance in said cause within 20 days of the last date of publication, judgment by default will be entered against you; Name and address of Plaintiff's attorney(s):

Elvin Kanter, Esquire
Elvin Kanter, P.A.
P.O. Box 25483
Albuquerque, NM 87125
(505) 247-1541

WITNESS the Honorable Jerry H. Ritter, Jr. District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Bernalillo County, this 9th day of February, 2004.

s/JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has received the following road review request:

1. Request to vacate County Road B018, off SR 247 MM 23. Petitioner is Richard Wavler, represented by Attorney Adam D. Rafkin.

2. Request to abandon (approximately 800 feet) of Willow Street in the townsite of White Oaks. Petitioner is Lincoln County for the White Oaks Fire Department.

Pursuant Section 67-6-9, N.M.S.A., the Board of Commissioners has appointed a Road Review Committee which will meet at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 11, 2004. The Road Review Committee will meet at the White Oaks Fire Department in White Oaks, and then proceed to the LC Road B018.

The report of the Road Review Committee will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on March 16, 2004.

Anyone wishing to make comments or recommendations may do so at any of the above mentioned meetings.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO Bid No. ITB040315 ROOFING OF SANDSTONE MANOR APARTMENTS ROSWELL, CAPITAN, AND CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO

Region VI Housing Authority will be accepting written on sealed bids from responsible vendors to replace the roofing of the Sandstone Manor Apartments. Roofing is proposed on 55 buildings at three Sandstone Manor locations: 36 buildings in Roswell, 7 buildings in Capitan, and 12 buildings in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Bid documents may be obtained by contacting free McNeil at (505) 622-0881 EXT. 212 at the Region VI Housing Authority office in Roswell, A ft. of \$50 in the form of a Cashier's Check or Money order will be required to obtain a bid packet which is refundable provided bid packets are returned to Region VI Housing Authority on or before the bid opening date of March 15, 2004.

Prebid Conference: March 4, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Region VI Housing Authority Office, 108 E. Reed St., Roswell, New Mexico

Bid Deadline: March 15, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

Any bid received after the deadline will be returned unopened. Region VI Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive technicalities; and to accept the bid determined to be the "best value" for the Housing Authority

Bids must be sealed and the outside of the envelope must indicate the vendor/contractor name and reference the bid number and description. i.e. "VEN DOR NAME & ADDRESS SEALED BID NO ITB040315 ROOFING SANDSTONE MANOR APARTMENTS." Sealed bids should be mailed or delivered in person to:

Dee McNeil
Region VI Housing Authority, P.O. Drawer 2057
108 E. Reed Street
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DALE A. WOODS and DOROTHY S. WOODS, husband and wife,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

LAKESIDE CORPORATION, a New Mexico corporation, Joseph F. Steinhart and CONCHA M. STEINHART, husband and wife, and ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation, living, or if deceased, their heirs; and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiffs,

Defendants.

CV-04-25 Division III

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Lakeside Corporation

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Dale and Dorothy Woods are the plaintiffs and you are one of the defendants, the same being Cause No. CV-04-25, Division III.

The object and purpose of the said suit is to quiet the title of the following described real property in the name of the plaintiff:

Lot 170, DEER PARK VALLEY, Unit 6, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on April 17, 1981, in Cabinet D, Side No.7 to 10 both inclusive.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance or file pleadings herein on or before April 2, 2004, the plaintiffs will make application to the Court for a Decree by Default, and Decree by Default will be rendered against you as prayed for in the complaint.

The name of the plaintiff's attorney is RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A., Richard A. Hawthorne, and whose address is 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 6th day of Feb., 2004.

/s/ JAN PERRY DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By: Elizabeth Yaasi

#5979 2T (2)25(3)3 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANDREW L. BRODE, DECEASED.

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 (2) 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 the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Dated: Feb. 20, 2004.

Personal Representative: Lucille Marie Brode 124 Apache Hills Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88355 257-5842

#5991 2T (3)3.5 LEGAL NOTICE

HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Pursuant to New Mexico statute 22-8-12, 1978, The Hondo Valley Public Schools Board of Education will hold a public hearing on March 15, 2004 at 7:00 PM in the multipurpose room for the purpose of:

Increasing the budget of the Hondo Valley Public School District.

This hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled board meeting at the same time and place.

FACT In 1941 Texas sold its land in New Mexico and claim all land east of the Rio Grande. Efforts thwarted by Governor Manuel Lujan.

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#5988 2T (3)3.10 LEGAL NOTICE

SECOND AMENDED PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of New Mexico, I, Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby amend the January 28, 2004 Primary Election Proclamation as follows:

That the Primary Election be, and the same is hereby called to be, held throughout the State of New Mexico in the County of Lincoln and precincts thereof, on the 1st day of June 2004.

STATE, DISTRICT AND METROPOLITAN OFFICES

THE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

FOUR-YEAR TERM District 8: De Baca, Lincoln, Sierra and Torrance counties and those precincts of Chaves, Guadalupe, Otero and Santa Fe counties as copied from House Voters and Elections Substitute for House Bill 10, 45th Legislature, 1st Special Session which was adopted by reference in the Final Judgment and Order in Sanchez v. Vigil-Giron, D-0101-CV-2001-

2225D.

DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox Lincoln County Clerk #5990 2T (3)3.10 LEGAL NOTICE

SEGUNDA PROCLAMACION ENMENDADA DE LA ELECCION PRIMARIA

Conforme a la Ley de Eleccion del Estado de Nuevo Mexico, Yo, Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln, en virtud de la autoridad que la ley me otorga, por la presente enmendado

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FOUR-YEAR TERM District 8: Curry, Eddy, Lea, Quay, and Roosevelt counties and those precincts of Chaves county as copied from House Voters and Elections Substitute for House Bill 10, 45th Legislature, 1st Special Session which was adopted by reference in the Final Judgment and Order in Sanchez v. Vigil-Giron, D-0101-CV-2001-0225D

ALL OTHER OFFICES TO BE FILED AS PROVIDED IN THE "PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION"

DONE AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

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la proclamacion de la eleccion primaria del 28 de enero del 2004.

Que la Eleccion es, y la misma por la presente se llevara convocada para que se lleve a cabo en todas partes del Estado de Nuevo Mexico y en cada condado y recinto electoral de los condados el dia primero de Junio 2004.

CARGOS DEL ESTADO, DISTRITO, Y METROPOLITANOS

LA COMISION DE EDUCACION

PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

Districto 8: Condados de DeBaca, Lincoln, Sierra y Torrance y aquellos recintos electorales del condado de Chaves, Guadalupe, Otero y Santa Fe segun se copieron Del sustituto de Elecciones y Votantes del Proyecto de Ley 10 de la Camara de Representantes, Decimo Quinta Legislatura, Primera Sesion Extraordinaria que fue adoptado por referencia en la Decision y Orden Definitiva en Sanchez v. Vigil-Giron D-0101-CV-2001-0225D.

PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

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TODOS LOS OTROS CARGOS DEBEN SER ARCHIVADOS PROCLAMADOS EN LA APROCLAMACION DE LA ELECCION PRIMARIA@

LLEVADO A CABO EN LA OFICINA DEL ESCRIBANO DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN ESTE VIENDE CINCO DIA FEBRERO DE 2004. ATESTIGUA ME MANO Y EL GRAN SELLO DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN.

/STAMMIE J. MADDOX ESCRIBANA DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN

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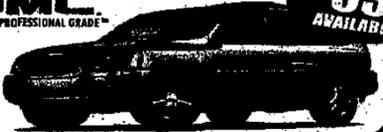
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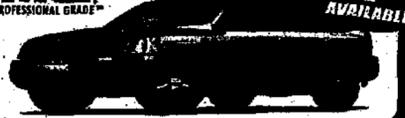
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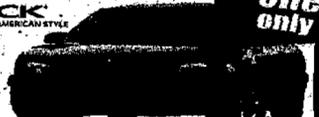
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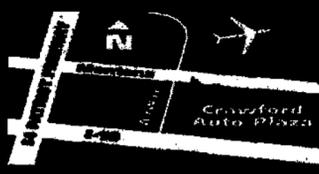
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