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French: I did not rig drawing

IMG head officer says he had knowledge of incident but did not report it right away

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The two men who head the casino operation of the Mescalero Apache Tribe left the Venetian Casino Resort in Nevada after an investigation was launched amid accusations that a promotional give-away was rigged in 2002.

That casino may end up paying \$1 million in fines and investigation costs.

But Michael French, chief operating officer for the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino south of Ruidoso, said Tuesday that he was not involved in the rigging incident.

"I just happened to be in there the night it occurred," he said. "Sometimes, players have to buy in to participate, but this was different, no money changed hands."

The promotion was staged by an Asian marketing group, he said.

"They didn't report to me. I was in no way involved," said French, who was senior vice president of operations for the Venetian before leaving in June 2002. "No charges or regulatory action resulted against me or Brian Parrish (director of marketing at the Mescalero casino and former vice president of marketing at the Venetian). I cooperated fully. My role was

that I had knowledge as it occurred, but didn't report it in a timely manner."

The Nevada investigation dealt with about a dozen different alleged violations at the Venetian, he said.

"The drawing was only one and the rest had nothing to do with me," he said. "I'm very proud of the exciting project we have underway here (in Mescalero), which should be a showcase resort and casino when completed next year."

French said he disclosed the incident when applying for the job as director of casino operations at Mescalero and the tribe's Gaming Board, which is independent from the tribal council or president,

investigated.

While he said an extensive investigation of the promotion incident and his entire work history was conducted by the Mescalero Gaming Board before he was licensed by that board, apparently tribal officials failed to pass along the background information to the New Mexico Gaming Control Board.

Brett Woods, executive director of the state board, said Tuesday that under the state gaming compacts, Mescalero representatives agreed to provide background checks on key casino employees to the board.

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SLICK CELEBRATION



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Reagan Lowrance, in red, celebrating her seventh birthday with a sledding party at the end of Cedar Creek, walks back up the hillside with friend Amber Crow. At right, the birthday girl warms her cheeks between traps down Cedar Creek slide.



Water right protest date this month

■ People who have filed complaints against the appropriation of water near Carrizozo must pay a fee by March 18.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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With about 75 protests filed against the village of Ruidoso's proposal to develop wells in the Tularosa Basin north of Carrizozo, officials with the State Engineer's Office face the possibility of some lengthy hearings.

A spokesman for the department said each protester has until March 18 to pay a \$25 hearing fee if they want to continue their standing. A meeting is set for 2 p.m. March 25 in the old Senate chambers in Santa Fe to set the schedule on the application protests.

When Ruidoso officials applied to acquire unappropriated water north of Carrizozo early last year, that municipality was the first to protest.

Ruidoso village manager Lorri McKnight explained previously that the village undertook an evaluation of its water supply and surrounding watersheds. Planning for the future requires investigation of possible additional water sources, she said.

"The acquisition of existing water rights has always been the first choice and the village stands ready to continue to do so," she said. "To date, however, that has not been enough."

Anticipated growth and persistent drought are two factors that affect water planning, she said, as well as regional needs and cost.

"But the limited number of possible additional sources of water is the most important factor," she said. "There just are not many

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Man lives after truck falls 40 feet

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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A Colorado Springs man was cited for DWI, but walked away without injuries after his Jeep plunged 40 feet off Ski Run Road at the eight-mile marker.

New Mexico State Police Officer Jose Salazar reported that Sterling Lee Fie'd, 22, was driving down the steep grade that's punctuated with sharp switch-backs about 3:10 p.m., when he apparently picked up too much speed, misjudged a curve and left the roadway.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense, and cited for roadways laned for traffic.

Sobel: Security vital in small towns, too

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Although Lincoln County may not face the same threats as large metropolitan areas near major scientific laboratories or military bases, New Mexico's Homeland Security chief says plenty of work is needed to protect vital infrastructure in smaller communities as well as the nation's food supply on ranches.

Brigadier Gen. Annette L. Sobel of the Air National Guard was in Ruidoso Monday for an appearance on the "New Mexico in the Morning" radio show and a meeting with Region IX Education Cooperative officials before flying to sites such as the Navajo Refining Plant in Farmington.

Sobel isn't accustomed to sitting in an office. She's a hands-on administrator, whose job includes coordinating with a plethora of state agencies and departments to create a cohesive approach to homeland security whether the threat is terrorism or natural disaster.

Sobel's experience prepared her for the job, one she did not seek.

"No, I didn't ask for it," she said during an interview Monday. "The governor had someone do a search statewide. He had specific criteria."

That included a military connection because of the necessary partnership in any security effort. Sobel already amassed an international reputation in that area, "so it narrowed the field," she said.

She worked with the Secretary of Defense as Guard Assistant for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Civil Support to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, traveling all over the world, but concentrating



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Brigadier Gen. Annette L. Sobel, New Mexico's Homeland Security chief, is interviewed Monday by Tim Keithley on his New Mexico in the Morning radio show on station KRUI. She was in town to meet with education officials

on the former Soviet Union. She still travels extensively in the Middle East, where she lectures on counter-terrorism. She is Director of Intelligence, National Guard Bureau Support to the Chief, is a surgeon

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SOBEL: Security chief visits

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and holds a master of science degree in human factors and aerospace medicine.

Born in New Jersey, Sobel moved to New Mexico 14 years ago after students at her Air Force Pararescue unit in North Carolina recommended the state as a great place to live and retire. She worked at the Sandia Scientific Laboratories on the medical staff, but soon moved over to the technology side.

Monday she was on the road with Tim Manning, director of the state Office of Emergency Management, an agency already gearing up for an early spring wildfire season; Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski, Homeland Security Office operations and grant director; and a contingent of New Mexico State Police officers.

Sobel's first task after being appointed last summer was to acquire a baseline understanding of the critical infrastructure in the state and to assess its vulnerability. Currently, she is developing partnerships with other agencies and government entities on homeland security and ensuring that people understand their ability to participate in local action. Homeland security is a local as well as federal issue, she said.

For instance, when the level of threat was raised to orange over the New Year's holiday, the message from Washington D.C. was to protect aviation assets. Sobel met immediately in Albuquerque with airport security administration officials and "went through concerns throughout the state." Officers were dispatched to different places as extra security and to check aviation facilities.

"We can't do it from Santa Fe," she said. "This is an extended network partnership."

Examples include:
• Kozlowski is organizing a Citizens Corps through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help



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Sobel contemplates a response to a question during a radio program Monday on KRUI.

communities organize volunteer programs.

"After 911, we had lots of volunteers and didn't know what to do with some of them," Sobel said. "This way, we create a local response team."

Gov. Bill Richardson wants the state to work on securing its borders. A good relationship was developed with the state of Chihuahua and officials routinely share information on indicators of potential terrorism attacks, Sobel said. One initiative called Radios for Ranchers aims to create a communication network between ranchers and law officers on the border, so they can report suspect activity.

"We hope to start implementation by early May," Sobel said.

Working with New Mexico State University and the state Secretary of Agriculture to create a facility to develop new testing techniques for the nation's food supply and to monitor ports of entry.

Sobel's meeting with Region IX officials Monday centered around a model program for disaster response, including school bus driver education.

Assessing the vulnerability and then protecting infrastructure is a major goal in all communities. In Lincoln County, oil and gas is critical as well as power, communication, comput-

er networks, the water supply "and all the things that provide day-to-day service and potentially are at risk," she said.

Based on the initial homeland security formula, New Mexico is receiving its fair share of the allocated money, Sobel said.

"We're very proactive to get the money out quickly, to make sure entities have information so they can apply for equipment," she said.

Requests are prioritized by the department according to the most urgent need, Kozlowski said. County and city emergency managers are kept in the loop, she said.

Federal homeland security funding for 2004 in New Mexico is budgeted for about \$24 million in the fiscal year starting in October. Requests from Lincoln County center on communications in two requests, one for \$7,400 and the other for \$218,000, Sobel said.

As with any new program, officials are learning as the agency matures and are personalizing a program for the state, Kozlowski said.

"A lot still needs to be looked at," Sobel said. "But I think we're further along than a couple of years ago. You never obtain 100 percent of anything."

Ruidoso's proximity to Holloman Air Force Base should be viewed as a plus, Sobel contended.

"We look at bases as a resource for technology," such as developing joint emergency exercises planned for August, she said. "They are a tremendous resource for us. On the firefighting side, they can provide early aerial surveillance throughout most of state."

A JOB WELD DONE



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Students from 32 schools participated in the Carrizozo FFA Invitational recently, showing off their skills in a wide variety of events, including Ag Mech, which is just as popular with the girls as with the boys.

Mountains get 12 inches from storm

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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The mountains around Ruidoso reaped the most benefit from a storm late last week that left about 12 new inches of snow on the slopes at Ski Apache Resort.

In town, about three inches

fell. The snow held Friday, but the sun was too much to fight over the weekend and most of the evidence of precipitation was sucked into the ground or evaporated.

A meteorologist with the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service reported precipitation for the

village from Jan. 1 through March 7 as 1.12 inches compared to the normal 3.61 inches, which leaves Ruidoso at less than a third of average.

Forecasters are talking about the possibility of more snow starting late today and ending Friday, but with the best conditions on Thursday.

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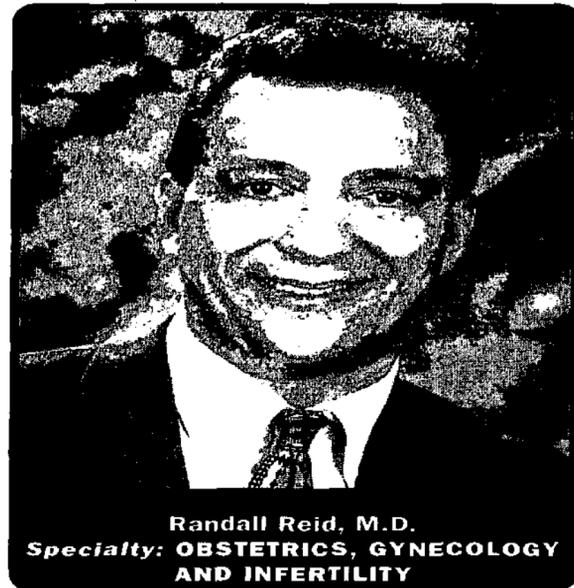
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Skier suffers serious injuries

A 45-year-old man from LaPorte, Texas, hit a tree on the Ambush Run at Ski Apache about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 7, suffering closed-head injuries.

Cliff Chadick was taken by LifeFlight to the trauma unit at Thomason General Hospital in El Paso.

Chadick was skiing with his brother and nephew when the accident happened.

Thomason General Hospital could not provide any information on the patient's condition on Tuesday afternoon.

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Water rights, conservation suggested in village's plan

This is the second in a series of three articles on the 40 Year Water Plan adopted by the Ruidoso Village Council. The plan is needed to support future applications to the New Mexico State Engineer for water rights acquisition, transfer and other related actions.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Future plans for a sustainable water supply in Ruidoso must solve the disparity between the village's standing in the Eagle Creek and Rio Ruidoso basins.

The village owns ample rights in Eagle Creek, but can't pump enough water from that source, while a more ample supply is found in the Rio Ruidoso, where water rights are limited.

That's one of the observations in the 40-Year Water Plan recently adopted by the Ruidoso Village Council, and put together by consultants Dennis Brand and Roger Peery.

Under a section dealing with proposed strategies, the consultants note that water supplies in both basins should be fully developed by deepening existing wells and drilling supplemental wells, but only as part of an overall strategy that includes locating supplies for periods of drought, for spreading out well pumping effects, for balancing water rights daily with usage, and by reducing water leakage and losses.

The 10 elements of the strategy were listed as:

- Reducing unaccounted for or leaking water to 15 percent by continuing to replace aging water lines, instituting new monitoring systems and repairing residential water meters.
- Developing Eagle Creek groundwater and deepening existing wells for drought relief.
- Spreading out the pumping schedule of Eagle Creek wells to allow recovery in the aquifer.
- Exploring and adding groundwater in the Rio Ruidoso Basin for drought relief. The village council authorized the drilling of three new wells toward that goal.
- Adding water rights in the Rio Ruidoso Basin to enable flexibility in the water supply. The village has been working on this goal for several years.
- Pursuing issues with the State Engineer such as water rights banking and improving the village's standing in case of a priority call on rights by the State Engineer to satisfy New Mexico's water compact with Texas.
- Investigating and pursuing regional efforts for supply and conservation, such as the possibility of a basin transfer of water from Bonito Lake with the city of Alamogordo, which owns the reservoir in Lincoln County; water development and transfer from the Tularosa Basin north and east of Carrizozo; transferring, buying or otherwise developing an additional supply from the Mescalero Apache Reservation;

investigating other water facilities and working on common water supply issues with neighboring Ruidoso Downs, Alto and other users. The council has been working on all of those options.

- Formalizing a facilities operations schedule to allow specified down time for ground-water wells to "rest" and for the aquifer to recover.
- Achieving a 15 percent improvement in conservation in public use of water.
- Investigating and pursuing local and regional efforts to use the treated effluent from wastewater treatment plants, possibly installing satellite treatment facilities close to parks and The Links Golf Course, which sits on public land.

Village officials can boast a bit about the strides in conservation of water, which range from repairing leaking water lines to instituting outside irrigation restrictions.

If future conservation goals are met, the projected need for water by the village in 2044 is estimated in the study at 5,973.1 acre-feet per year compared to the current 2,243.6 acre-feet. An acre-foot equates to 325,800 gallons of water.

The study notes that the village started in 1996 to systematically replace old water lines and non-billed water dropped from 58 percent in 1998 to 30.3 percent in 2003.

A village water task force currently is working with village officials on a proposed revision to water base rates and commodity rates for residential and commercial users, aimed at encouraging conservation.

A chart in the study showed Ruidoso trails behind Santa Fe in water rates, is close to Rio Rancho and significantly ahead of Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

Other conservation measures listed include that:

- The operators of The Links Golf Course, which is on village land, have agreed to minimize water usage as much as possible. Village officials also are considering a satellite wastewater treatment and re-use facility at the golf course, and they are reviewing the terms of the water-supply agreement with the course.

- Discussions of pumping treated effluent to the Links are in progress, but officials have to balance the impact of losing flow credits that are needed to fully use water in Grindstone Reservoir.
- The village has completed or has under design improvements aimed at reducing water use, such as backwash decanting and recycling basins at the Grindstone water treatment plant, a similar system at the Alto plant, a raw water pump-back at Grindstone Dam to return leakage water, and new pipelines at Alto Lake to allow turbid raw water to bypass the treatment plant.
- Forest-thinning projects on public and private land near and within the village should decrease water demand by vegetation. In Eagle Creek, 172 acres of 438 have been thinned. In Grindstone, 185 acres of 212 were thinned.

The authors of the study wrote that significant progress to reduce water needs was accomplished from 1996 to 2003, but they can't attribute precisely how much is tied to conservation or the on-going drought.

"But the trend is obvious and substantial," they wrote. Total production declined 9.2 percent from 2000 to 2003 despite an estimated population increase of 8.5 percent to 8,350 residents measured by meters.

The loss measured between production water and metered water also went down 23.7 percent. Unaccounted water declined from 30.4 percent in 1997 to 14 percent in 2003, more than 50 percent, representing better accounting of water uses as well as an actual reduction, the consultants concluded.

Since 1996, 32 percent of leaking or undersized water lines have been replaced, about 15 miles out of a targeted 46 miles.

"Ruidoso's efforts from 1996 to date, including both institutional water reductions and customer reduction in water use, have resulted in an estimated conservation of about 5 percent to 10 percent of water use since 1998," the consultants wrote. The village aims for a continued goal of 15 percent more.

No retirement date set for Maddox

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

After reappointing Lanny Maddox as Ruidoso police chief, Mayor Leon Eggleston announced Monday that he understood Maddox plans to retire on Oct. 1.

Maddox clarified Tuesday that he is eligible to retire on that date and that he expects to run for the elected position of Lincoln County Sheriff, but he has set no definite last day on his village job.



Angel Shaw was one of three new Ruidoso councilors sworn in at a ceremony Monday.

During the Monday meeting, three new councilors took their oaths of office, Michele Rebstock, Angel Shaw and Don Williams.

Councilor Ron Hardeman remained the mayor pro tem by acclamation of board members and by recommendation from Eggleston.

Lorri McKnight was reappointed as village manager and Elaine Beltran as village finance director, among other department action by the mayor, who didn't change any assignments.

CASINO: Gaming board to hear case

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No information was submitted on French and Parrish, he said. The federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 prohibits tribes from hiring administration employees whose backgrounds might pose a threat to the public interest or effective regulation of gaming.

Woods said he will present the situation to the Gaming Control Board at its April meeting.

"It's up to the board," he said about possible action. "They could direct us to go to arbitration. We need to follow up and do more inquiries."

In general, the Mescalero and other Indian gaming entities have complied well with the background check submission requirement, he said.

As a result of a two-year investigation, the Nevada Gaming Control Board is recommending that state's Gaming Commission at its March 18 meeting approve a stipulation to impose a \$663,000 fine on the Venetian, as well as a payment of \$337,000 to cover costs incurred in the investigation.

The Las Vegas Sun identified French and Parrish as two of the casino executives fired by the Venetian for involvement in the rigged drawing.

According to the complaint filed before the Nevada Gaming Commission Feb. 25, brought by the State Gaming Control Board against the Las Vegas Sands Inc., doing business as the Venetian Casino Resort, an employee contacted the Venetian general counsel with an allegation that a Chinese New Year drawing was rigged to assure that a high-profit patron won the top prize.

The drawings were conducted for patrons who had credit lines at the Venetian and patrons were

given tickets in an amount corresponding to their credit line, the complaint states. The prizes for the drawings were promotional chip-certificates ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The event concluded Feb. 15, 2002, with a drawing for a grand prize of a Mercedes-Benz sports utility vehicle valued at \$48,000.

The complaint states that when the Venetian executive conducted the drawing, he had preselected and hidden the winning ticket in his shirt sleeve.

"A Venetian high-roller patron, who had lost a substantial sum during the Chinese New Year celebration, was the declared winner," the complaint reads.

"The Venetian executive enlisted another Venetian executive to rig the drawing," which violated Nevada Gaming Commission regulations and gave the board grounds for disciplinary action, the complaint states.

The revelations outlined in the complaint and proposed stipulation come at a time when the Mescalero have obligated the tribe to repay a \$200 million debt covering the reconstruction of the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino on the reservation that abuts Ruidoso.

French was hired in December 2002 by the Mescalero Apache Tribe to head its casino operations. His annual salary is listed in tribal documents as \$225,000, a housing allowance and a bonus based on one-quarter of 1 percent of the adjusted net profits of the tribe's resort operations.

Brian Parrish was hired by the tribe as director of marketing for the inn and casino at a salary of \$175,072 and a bonus based on one-quarter of 1 percent of the adjusted net profits of the resort operation.

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OUR OPINION

A small change with major merit

The village is considering utility bills in envelopes

Not terribly important, most people would say. But then, paying a utility bill to the Village of Ruidoso every month is about as close as most citizens get to their municipal government.

For the past decade, when that postcard utility bill came in the mail, the first inclination for most people was to toss it aside (maybe under a stack of bills) until they can find an envelope and stamp to mail the bill and check back to 313 Cree Meadows Drive — Village Hall.

We have no doubt that the postcards were initiated in the first place to cut down the vil-

lage's postage bill. First-class postage on envelopes is fairly steep for a mass mailing.

But a letter-size bill has space for lots of information, agrees village manager Lori McKnight. She didn't say an addressed return envelope would be part of the package, but we would suggest that be given some consideration.

In the big mailing game, it's important to get the money back, deposited, and earning interest for the village. Return envelopes, with postage or not, would speed up the process. Citizens would save a bit of time, and the village would profit.

It is different in the 'City Different'

Go up to your ordinary guy on the street in say, Hobbs, and tell him he looks like a space cadet, he's liable to deck you.

Try the same thing in Clovis, but first make sure the rifle is still hanging on the rack inside the pickup.

Say it in Santa Fe and there's a good chance you might be right.

There was a story recently that surprised just about everyone in the country except New Mexicans.

The *Albuquerque Journal's* Wren Propp wrote a piece about a film maker who traveled to the Santa Fe Film Festival to show her film, "Touched." The movie is a documentary about people who say they have experienced alien abduction and contact.

After the movie, the director held a seminar where she said she was "blown away" when someone asked if anyone in the room had ever experienced personal interaction with aliens from other worlds.

This is in Santa Fe, mind you. About half of a standing-room-only audience said, sure, they once had some contact with beings from outer space. I would venture that 30 of them were members of the New Mexico State Legislature, but that is not only untrue, but a cheap shot as well.

The movie director told the reporter, "I would guess that the people in Santa Fe would be different from those in New York. They might be more open spirited instead of digging in their heels."

New Mexicans differ from New Yorkers, but they also, refreshingly, differ from one another in how they think, the values they hold, how they perceive themselves and how others perceive them. Look around.

Artesia will forever be proud of her mighty football team, the Hornets. Just kidding! Who is New Mexico has not heard of the Bulldogs? Artesia has, to my knowledge, no city slogan, but I may be wrong. And if I am, I will hear about it. Artesians are not a bashful bunch.

Hobbs says, "It's The People That Make a Difference," and

since she likes to think of herself as "Hobbs, New Mexico, U.S.A.," the hint is those people are perhaps more patriotic than the rest of us.

Over in Deming, the community brags she is the "southwestern corner rich with history, atmosphere and sunshine, all in great abundance." To be honest, lots of places have history, atmosphere and sunshine, but they don't by golly have a World-Famous Duck Race.

One of the things I like about Lordsburg is that her newspaper, the *Lordsburg Liberal*, lays claim to be the oldest newspaper in the state. The other thing I like about Lordsburg is that I have never experienced traffic gridlock in that community.

Carlsbad is famous for her Caverns, and during a newspaper career spanning a quarter century in that community I tried to promote Carlsbad as the "City on the Grow," a slogan that turned out to be neither particularly clever nor prophetic.

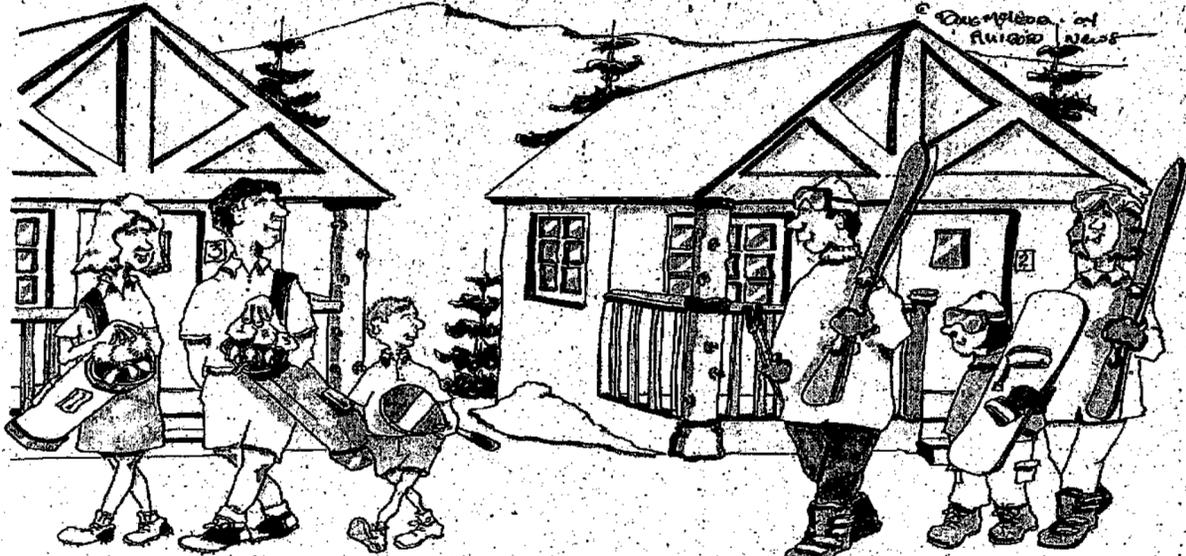
Home is now Ruidoso that bills herself the "Playground of the Southwest," but in reality is filled with Texans, none of whom, to my knowledge, travels by spaceship.

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - does not believe in outer space people but thinks New Mexico is out of this world.

LETTERS POLICY

The Ruidoso News encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length, of public interest, and free of libel; editing will be for length, grammar or spelling. Shorter letters are preferred and generally receive greater readership. The Ruidoso News reserves the right to reject any letter. Longer by-lined "Guest Commentary" articles will be considered; call the editor at (505) 257-4001.

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Ruidoso Spring Break

YOUR OPINION

Some confusion reigns about gay marriages

To the editor:

Boy oh Boy, Man oh Man, I do believe in civil rights but this same-sex marriage thing has me confused. So just for the sake of argument, let's assume that all of these Blue state know-it-alls are correct. If so, I need some answers. Please help me out here.

When two humans of the same gender marry each other, who changes their last name?

If they solve this problem and they are considered to man and whatever or woman and something, and they are legally married, can they adopt children?

Which parent will the child call Daddy?

Then, if the happy couple's relationship comes to that dreaded "D" word, who gets custody of the children? Will the other one pay child support?

If they have no children, which one will pay alimony?

The children will also have questions. Picture this scene. Two lovely little sisters are playing dolls. One says, "Let's let Barbie marry a girl today." "OK, but when we grow up, will we marry girls or boys?" "I don't know. Who will we ask?" "I don't know either, but let's not ask Mommy Alfred or Mommy George."

But don't despair. Just think of the great opportunities that will open up in the country music field. Such as:

I wanted that boy to marry my daughter, but instead he married my son.

And you should have heard what they told me, how my grandkids would become.

They said that they would adopt 'em, and the laws would be all the same.

But the thing that I can't figure out is, what'll be their last name?

You do the second verse yourself. I am sure that you can.

Lordy, lordy, spare us the details. Us poor old rednecks can't even learn the correct terminology. And please, when your rebuttals come, don't confuse us with facts. Our minds are already made up.

Can I marry my horse?

Joe Karnes
Capitan

Kudos for fort help

To the editor:

Regarding Fort Stanton funding and preservation...

The Fort Stanton Development Commission would like to express its heartfelt thank-you to the hundreds of individuals, volunteers and organizations throughout Lincoln County and the state of New Mexico who have thrown their support behind the effort to preserve and maintain Fort Stanton.

We would especially like to thank the members of the Fort Stanton partnership (Fort Stanton Inc., the Bureau of Land Management, the Lincoln County Historical Society, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, our dedicated and hard working state legislators, our governor

and his staff, members of the New Mexico Congressional delegation, and Rural Economic Development proponents, our county commissioners and county manager, as well as the hard-working maintenance staff at the fort. All have been steadfast in their enthusiasm, energy and suggestions.

Last year, through their combined efforts, the Fort Stanton Development Commission was established. This year we went back to the Legislature requesting funding for roof and building repair and maintenance, equipment, a public restroom and other money to assist the museum, run by Fort Stanton Inc., in expanding their educational, interpretive and curatorial efforts.

We have, to date, been allocated approximately \$950,000. With this funding we will be able to move forward in our quest to preserve Fort Stanton as a viable resource for the entire region.

Our meetings at the fort are the fourth Saturday morning of every month, and we invite the public to attend. We welcome your input and continued support.

Leon Eggleston, chairman;
Lynda A. Sanchez, vice chairman;
Charles Rennick, Keith Green, Maury St. John, Ken Earle and Dave Simon, members

Improving future elections

To the editor:

As one of the few voters who bothered to make the effort Tuesday, March 2, I have two suggestions for future municipal elections.

I voted early the first time I participated in a municipal election in the village of Ruidoso.

I was disturbed by the fact that I had to sit and wait until then-village clerk Tammie Maddox could find the time to allow me to use the voting machine, which was in a room accessed through her office.

The practice of having the early voting machine in the village clerk's office seems to invite tampering, since there is no impartial poll watcher present as there is during early elections when the machines are placed in the Senior Center. I no longer vote early.

Weeks before the election I became aware that Gregg Kotila was a "write-in" candidate, and he seemed to be the only one willing to spend money for advertising signs in order to get his name before the public. And he was present at all the forums for the candidates that I attended.

Tuesday I was baffled by the write-in feature of the voting machine and felt that could have been a significant deterrent for voters who either couldn't figure it out or made errors in using it.

I suspect it cost Kotila votes for that reason.

I think it's a shame that a write-in candidate, when known so far in advance, can't have their name on the main ballot, leaving the write-in feature for last-minute write-in choices.

J.L. Schuller
Ruidoso

A joyous Cantare evening

To the editor:

I have never before written a letter to the editor, but Saturday night's Café Cantare at Ruidoso High School certainly motivates me to do so now. What a fantastic evening!

When I entered the cafeteria, a spiffy young man in tuxedo came rushing over to make me welcome and to take my order for dessert and coffee — which were absolutely delicious. He promptly brought the treats, then courteously assured me he'd be back regularly to see if I might want some of the "unlimited refills."

His warmth and charm and openness were totally enchanting. He not only answered all our questions, but also pointed out the (artistic) gifts and names of his fellow servers-performers, and even praised and credited his own mother — repeatedly — for her involvement in his interests.

All of the high school students there that night took their turns waiting tables between dashes out to change costumes, or to set up for the next number, or to carry empty trays and cups back to the kitchen, or to do their own amazing performances of numerous Broadway hits.

They had obviously gone to great lengths to successfully create an ambience in the cafeteria.

Our server never forgot to come back to check on us before dashing out again for his next duty, and he was so obviously and demonstrably delighted with our own enjoyment of the show that he just added immeasurably to the fun of the evening.

We have some fantastic talent at our local high school — not only among several truly memorable teens with incredible singing voices and stage personalities, but also in the few teachers who were there and also clearly delighted with the kids. It was an outstanding evening that I will not forget, and I have every intention of following the careers of a few of those wonderful young talents who so thoroughly impressed me.

My most sincere compliments and respects to the parents of those kids; their values are strong and obvious! Heartiest kudos to the teachers who have clearly opened their own hearts and dreams to the kids, as well. And, finally, cheers and ovations to you teens — way to go! Encore, encore!

Gina Langley
Ruidoso Downs

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Parents, schools discuss drug use

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Some Ruidoso Middle School parents and staff met in the library late Monday afternoon to discuss drug and alcohol use among students.

By the meeting's end, about half a dozen parents volunteered to help monitor students on the playground and to walk halls before and after school and during the lunch hour, to assist the two staff members inside the building and two on the grounds outside.

Acting Superintendent of Schools Paul Wirth presided over the meeting, with input from Ron Bennett, middle school principal, William DeMent, a campus liaison hired in early February to help monitor activities before and after school and between classes, and concerned parents.

Wirth opened the meeting by saying that drug and alcohol use are community-wide issues, not

youth issues. He said several students came to a dance two or three weeks ago under the influence of alcohol or drugs. They were sent to his office, parents were called to pick them up and the students were to return later to be suspended based on school policy. Parent responses were that the students weren't parking at or in school; they weren't "that under the influence," or "What about the other kids?" Wirth said.

"The point is, this is a community issue and a parent issue," he said.

Later, State Police Officer Sal Beltran said if students show up intoxicated, "I would rather have you call law enforcement instead of parents. It's illegal and parents may be part of the problem," he said. "You might be just handing them back to where they got the alcohol."

Bennett said the middle school staff watches and listens and tries to follow up on reports, searches lockers, brings in drug

dogs, intervenes with counselors and has a Region IX prevention program. It also has liaisons with police, and Juvenile Probation Office, and hired DeMent, a former New York City police lieutenant who worked in narcotics.

Wirth and Bennett said work on drugs and alcohol is incorporated into health classes, language arts classes and social studies classes.

"You try to slide it in every way you can so they don't feel they're being hit over the head with it," Bennett said.

DeMent told parents that students give him leads about fights, drugs and ditching classes that he follows up. Several parents said their children came home with good things to say about DeMent, whose approach is casual and friendly.

Kelly Shaw, coordinator of the prevention program, said drug awareness programs begin in fourth grade in the Ruidoso schools, and Project Alert was

implemented for sixth-graders last year, teaching decision-making, peer pressure and standing up for one's beliefs, with a three-session booster in seventh grade.

One parent asked if surveys on drug use and drug awareness had been given to students, and Wirth said none had been given since the Benson Asset Survey five or six years ago. He said surveys interrupt classes and he questions the validity of student responses.

"We get better results when we talk to the kids individually," he said.

One parent said she knows her children's friends and their parents and their telephone numbers, and she and her children talk.

Several parents said they had heard that there were drugs on campus and at the last dance. Bennett said he checks out what is reported to him, and did check out reports of marijuana at the last dance, but found nothing.

WATER: Deadlines near for applicants, protesters

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places to investigate additional sources."

One possibility is the upper Tularosa Basin, north and east of the county seat of Carrizozo, she said. "Hydrological studies estimate that a significant amount of recharge is generated in this area. The amount of recharge is greater than the relatively small amount of current use. This difference is unappropriated water. Ruidoso is proposing to do a hydrological analysis in this area to determine just how much difference in water use and availability this really is."

To defend the process against potential speculation

— which could drive up prices — the village filed an application for the unappropriated water.

"As part of the application process, the village must show it will protect the existing water users. It must determine if water actually is available for municipal use and how much can be utilized on an ongoing basis," McKnight said.

Some advocates of the withdrawal from the upper Tularosa Basin have proposed trading water from any wells developed north of Carrizozo for water in the Bonito Lake reservoir in Lincoln County owned by and pumped southwest to the city of Alamogordo and Holloman Air Force Base.

Village to fund part of affordable housing prep

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Acknowledging their part in trying to put together an affordable housing project that failed to gain rezoning approval in time to work out financial details this year, Ruidoso Village councilors voted to foot part of the preparation bill.

During their last meeting in February, councilors came out of a closed-door executive session and L. Ray Nunley offered the

motion to pay half of the bill for appraisal and surveying the land, which passed unopposed.

The councilor worked in prior closed sessions with contractor Glen Remington on the project that might involve the sale of about 26 acres of village property near Grindstone Reservoir. However, when rezoning stalled, Remington said he would have to wait until the next annual consideration of projects by the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority.

The bill from Denton Colvin and Associates, including tax, totaled \$3,644.38, with the village paying 50 percent, according to a village official.

Rezoning for the project land was approved for only 16 acres Tuesday during a village Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Opponents have argued against the intensive use of the property, the impact on neighboring property values and rezoning without details of construction.

State senator Jennings to run for another term

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Timothy Z. Jennings, a Democrat from Roswell, announced Monday he will run for re-election as State Senator from District 32, representing Chaves, Eddy, Otero and with this year's election, Lincoln County.

"I have been honored to represent the people of this district and want to continue to introduce solutions in health care, education, water and economic development," he said.

Jennings, who has the fifth highest seniority in the legislature, first was elected in 1979. Senators serve four-year terms.

The New Mexico Legislature will have a new face next January, he said. Many senators will not return and new leadership will be elected, which is key in determining how the Senate and state is run.

Jennings, who manages the Penasco River Ranch in southern Chaves County, said the future of the state's children depends on the Legislature

spending responsibly and funding government "as we go."

He listed some of his accomplishments as:

- Creating a high-risk health insurance pool to allow residents to purchase health insurance when the private market turns them down, and helping to keep them off state Medicaid.

- Last year, establishing a pharmacy benefit program for seniors older than 65 to purchase drug coverage. Policies should be available in May. Funding for the programs comes from insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, the state, and from premiums and co-pays by the individual. New Mexico is the first state in the nation to create a senior drug plan of this type.

- Promoting, as former chairman of the Senate Education Committee, smaller class sizes and lower pupil-teacher ratios. He was Senate sponsor of the legislation that lowered school age to three for children with disabilities.

- In the mid-1992, he passed the first salt cedar eradication bill to save water. He

will continue to seek other solutions to solve the water crisis in New Mexico.

- Fighting to save the 505 area code for rural New Mexico. He pledged to continue to fight for expanded local calling areas that encompass the economic regions throughout his district. Jennings said he will seek the same Internet services, cellular benefits and calling plans available in larger communities for rural residents in the state.

- Continuing to work for the expansion of jobs and transportation improvements, which are tied to economic growth. A major program to create four-laned highways is under way in his district.

"Tourism is important to this area and the Mesalero are improving their convention services and accommodations, which will attract additional people," Jennings said. "The industrial air center (in Roswell) has unlimited possibilities with the longest runway in the world, especially with Eastern New Mexico-Roswell right there." He added that Artesia is "a rock solid

community."

Jennings and his wife, Patty, have five children. The oldest finished college and works in Roswell. The youngest is six years old.

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Ruidoso News @ 257-4001
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There will be a short program beginning at approximately 9:15 a.m. so we are asking that everyone be at the breakfast by 9:00 so we can serve before the program starts.

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EDUCATION

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Planning for HS

Parents and guardians of eighth grade students are invited to a student-parent planning meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, in the Ruidoso High School cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to assist students in planning and pre-registering for high school classes next year. Attendance is strongly encouraged by the schools.

Ensor listed

Kristi Ensor of Ruidoso is among the 980 Harding University students included on the school's dean's list for grades during the fall semester. To be eligible, a student must carry 12 or more hours and have an average scholarship level of 3.65 minimum. Ensor is a senior majoring in psychology.

C of C scholarship

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce awarded Carrizozo resident and Ruidoso High School graduate Collin Leslie with a \$725 scholarship at the monthly board meeting Feb. 25.

"We're glad to award this scholarship to someone of his caliber," said Pat Martin, board president. "Collin has shown a commitment to seeking his degree."

Leslie has completed 13 hours at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso since graduating from Ruidoso High School in May 2003, and is currently enrolled with six hours for the spring semester.

ENMU-Ruidoso Dean Jim Miller said Leslie was an outstanding dual credit student at Ruidoso High School, taking classes through the high school and the college.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce offers additional scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year. Those interested in finding out more may stop by the chamber of commerce at 720 Sudderth Drive to pick up a scholarship application and informational letter on the scholarships.

DAR workshop set

Sierra Blanca Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution Genealogy Workshop will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at the lower level classroom of the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road.

Anyone interested in researching family history is welcome; no charge. For information and preregistration, call June Rawley at 257-7186.

'Good Choices' series

The Counseling Center invites parents, grandparents and guardians of school-age children to enjoy an evening out and participate in the five-session workshop, "Guiding Good Choices." These sessions are based on a review of more than 30 years of research on the factors that contribute to children's decisions about whether or not to use drugs. They cover:

- Getting Started: How to prevent drug use in your family.
- Setting Guidelines: How to develop healthy beliefs and clear standards.
- Avoiding Trouble: How to say no to drugs.
- Managing Conflict: How to control and express your anger constructively.
- Involving Everyone: How to strengthen family bonds.

Because most families have heavy work schedules and limited time for evening events, local restaurants and civic groups are providing a no-cost evening meal. In addition to dinner, evening series partici-

pants receive \$50 (if attending all five sessions), a chance to win a door prize, free childcare, transportation (if necessary and within a 15 mile radius of the "Y" in Ruidoso), and a "Guiding Good Choices" parent guide.

Two new evening series will begin March 18 and April 13 at the Community United Methodist Church education building. Pre-registration is required. For more information and registration, call Genevieve Phelan at 257-0520.

Science for the best

For New Mexico high school juniors and exceptional sophomores: The application deadline for one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious research programs for academically gifted teenagers — the Summer Science Program — is March 19. The six-week residential enrichment program is held on campuses in Southern California and at New Mexico Tech in Socorro. Students spend their days learning about astronomy and their nights performing hands-on astronomical research. Since 1959, the Summer Science Program has provided gifted juniors and sophomores selected from high schools across the nation and abroad with a program on a campus in Ojai, Calif. Last summer, the program opened its second operating site on the New Mexico Tech campus.

The program's hands-on curriculum combines classroom lectures in college-level math, physics, astronomy and computer programming with team research projects in which participants determine the orbits of asteroids, using their own observations, measurements and software.

Students, parents and teachers interested in obtaining an online application or who wish to obtain further information are encouraged to visit the program's Web site at www.summer-science.org.

Family Law session

A free Family Law Workshop will be held in the Vowell Classroom at ENMU-Ruidoso in the Sierra Mall from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24. The workshop includes a presentation by a volunteer attorney about family law issues, including divorce, child custody, child support, paternity, modification of existing orders and domestic violence. The attorney will provide information, explain options and available services and answer questions.

The State Bar of New Mexico Lawyers Care program and the New Mexico Civil Legal Services commission sponsor this program. For information, call (800) 876-6227 or (505) 797-6048 for details.

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso received \$1,030,000 in capital outlay from the just-completed annual legislative session in Santa Fe.

The allocation will fund four major projects designed to expand the local ENMU campus. ENMU President Steve Gamble and State Representative Dub Williams delivered the news.

Tutors requested

The Ruidoso Middle School seeks pre-algebra and algebra tutors during the lunch hour, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call Michelle Perry at 257-7324 and RSVP at 257-4565 to have Terry or Sandee place you on the volunteer placement list of the Ruidoso Senior Center.

FUN classes

Teachers at White Mountain Intermediate School volunteer to help make critical tests palatable, and it works.

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The tests over, White Mountain Intermediate School students chose fun classes with which to end each of three school days last week.

Principal Dave Bishop said the teachers got together and volunteered to teach special classes from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, after students had completed their California Achievement Tests.

"We figured this would go along with career education and as an incentive for students to be here this week for testing," Bishop said. "We had 97 percent attendance, got more kids here on a regular basis."

Normally attendance is between 92 and 94 percent, he said. Besides the classes, the school featured a "CAT Pajama" day March 1, and would have had a "fun awards" ceremony in the gym on Friday if school had not been canceled for snow.

The testing really isn't as grueling as it sounds, Bishop explained: two 40-minute sessions with a 20-minute break between. Students chose their top three choices



Taryn McAllister, a fifth-grader at White Mountain Intermediate School, chose the quilting class so she can teach her mom and, eventually, her own grandchildren.

for the special after-test classes, and quilting in Kim Gibson's class was one of the popular choices.

Fifth-grader Taralynn Largo said this was her first time to try quilting, and she likes it.

Students in Jessica Trujillo's classroom made slide shows on laptops from the wireless lab from digital photographs they took. They import pictures with music and add text and clip art, Trujillo said.

The most creative slide show will be converted to VCR and shown to the whole school over the wireless Internet system.

Another popular class was a "heatless" cooking class. Students made strawberry butter, Chinese noodle candy and shortcakes with strawberries and pineapples, topped with powdered sugar.

Stephanie DiPaolo, a sixth-grader, said she chose that class "because we can eat the food." Danielle Bruggink, also a sixth-grader, said the noodle candy was the best because it has chocolate in it.

A Spanish class was jointly taught by Maxine Anchondo and Melissa Penado, with Anchondo teaching the verbal part in one room and Penado teaching the hands-on arts and crafts part. There students made *Ojos de Dios*, *piñatas* and *papeles picados*.

Audrina Ward, a fifth-grader, said she chose this class because she thinks Spanish is fun.

"I learned vowels and we learned how to greet people," she said.

"It made it a lot nicer for the kids after testing," Penado said. "They've worked so hard that we need to give them a break."

Financing for expansion of ENMU-Ruidoso in the works

The ENMU-Ruidoso campus received \$190,000 from the state for roof repair and replacement, according to Dean Jim Miller. Of that, \$65,000 comes from the general fund capital outlay for the roof project, which will start later this spring. Another \$25,000 for the roof will come

from the sale of state severance tax bond proceeds, and \$100,000 will be voted on by Lincoln County and by all New Mexico voters on the Nov. 2 general election ballot. ENMU has also applied for an additional \$100,000 from the Governor's emergency fund. The biggest share of ENMU

capital outlay, \$750,000, will go toward a 10,000-square-foot expansion of the mall space at 709 Mechem in Ruidoso. Lincoln County voters will again join other New Mexico voters in supporting the project on the Nov. 2 ballot. Voter approval on the entire capital outlay bond

question involving New Mexico colleges and universities must take place before local construction can begin. The expansion will involve addition of several classrooms, a computer lab, new library and faculty offices.

Miller said that the capital outlay results culminated several years of work by a number of individuals including area legislators seeking to secure the capital investment necessary to expand the 13-year-old Ruidoso campus, "hard work by the faculty and staff, support from countless citizens across Lincoln County and Mesalero, and influence by numerous community leaders contributed to our success," Miller noted.

He said, "Our greatest surprise in the four project capital outlay package was an additional \$100,000, also from State Severance Tax Bond sale proceeds, to assist ENMU in purchasing more building space in the Sierra Mall." These projects now await the governor's approval and signature.

For more information, contact Miller at the ENMU office at 257-2120, and toll free at (800) 934-3668.

NOB HILL GOOD CITIZENS FOR FEBRUARY



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Good Citizens, from left, back row, O.J. Herrera, Juziah Ortiz, Alexis Tucker, Jake Harrelson, Jakob Cordova, Jesus Balderama and Chanterri Mendez; second row from back, Morgan Lynskey, Stormee Keaton, Mia Baker, Raquel Carreon, Dylan Nutter, Parker Morrow and Andi Harrelson; second row from front, Hayden Frierson, Drew Jarvis, Devon Hernandez, Andrea Kelly and Robert Robinson; front row, Cheyenne Roller, Benito Mercado, Tehya Chee, Cross Shando-Sanchez, Kayler Enjady and Nichole Nieto.

SCHOOL MENUS

Capitan Schools

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

Wednesday, March 10 — Breakfast: Ham bar, muffin, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Pigs in a Blanket, Chix patty sandwich, French fries, fruit with Jell-O

Thursday, March 11 — Breakfast: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, cereal, fruit or fruit juice

Lunch: Sub sandwich, beef patty with gravy and roll, carrot and cranberry salad, fruit

Friday, March 12 — District in-service, no meal service

Spring break: March 15-19

Carrizozo Schools

Wednesday, March 10 — Breakfast: Quesadilla, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Tacos, salad, pinty beans, biscochitos

Thursday, March 11 — Breakfast: Waffles with syrup, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Pizza, salad, peaches

Friday, March 12 — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cold cereal, fruit juice

Lunch: Hot dogs, wedge fries, relish, oranges

Spring break: March 15-19

March 8-15 is National School Breakfast Month. Ruidoso Schools has goals and programs to celebrate.

Ruidoso

Elementary schools

(Spikes' Lunchable only at White Mountain Intermediate and White Mountain Elementary)

Wednesday, March 10 — Breakfast: Chart the Way Toast and Go Cart Grapes, cold cereal

Lunch: Warrior Burger, seasoned fries, hamburger fixings, applesauce, peanut butter bar

Thursday, March 11 — Breakfast: Barnacle Biscuit and peanut butter, diced fruit, cold cereal

Lunch: Barbecue sandwich, Tator Tots, fruit, salad or Spike's Lunchable -chef salad

Friday, March 12 — Breakfast: Captain's Cheerios, graham cracker, orange wedge

Lunch: Bean burrito, nacho chips, salad, applesauce

Monday, March 15 — Breakfast: Cereal, graham cracker, orange wedges

Lunch: Crunchy tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad, fruit

Tuesday, March 16 — Breakfast: Biscuit and peanut butter, diced fruit

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

Ruidoso Middle School

Wednesday, March 10 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuits and gravy, cold cereal

Lunch: Chef salad, Saltine crackers, fruit, chocolate cake

Thursday, March 11 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks, cold cereal

Lunch: Pork stir fry over white rice, fruit, fortune cookie

Friday, March 12 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and -gravy, manager's choice

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

Monday, March 15 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks

Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich with soup, salad, fruit

Tuesday, March 16 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice

Lunch: Breaded chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, fruit, peanut butter cookie

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Ruidoso High School

Wednesday, March 10 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, egg and potato burrito, biscuits and -gravy, cold cereal

Lunch: Chef salad, Saltine crackers, fruit, chocolate cake

Thursday, March 11 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks, cold cereal

Lunch: Pork stir fry over white rice, fruit, fortune cookie

Friday, March 12 — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, biscuit and -gravy, manager's choice

Lunch: Stuffed baked potato, salad, fruit

Monday, March 15 — Breakfast: Toast and peanut butter, manager's choice, French toast sticks

Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich with soup, salad, fruit

Tuesday, March 16 — Breakfast: Egg and cheese biscuit, French toast sticks, manager's choice

Lunch: Breaded chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes with cheddar and chives, fruit, peanut butter cookie

FUNERALS DEATHS

Bryan Crews

A private memorial will be held at Conchas Lake at a future date for Bryan Millen Crews, 34, of Las Vegas, N.M. Mr. Crews died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004.

He was born June 19, 1969. He had a life of opportunity attending school in Scottsdale, Ariz., at the famous Judson School, enjoying the pleasures of ranching and cattle on the family Crews Ranch, snow skiing at Angel Fire, and the beauty and water of Conchas Lake. He loved hunting in Northern New Mexico and fishing with his father on Eagle Nest Lake. He was a gold medal snow skier on the Red River Racing Team, champion water skier and an artist of metal arts.

Many fond memories were created with the friends he made and kept through the Blue Ribbon Wranglers 4-H Club, and his participation in

the San Miguel County Fairs and the New Mexico State Fairs in Albuquerque.

Survivors include his mother, Trudie Jo Jordan, of Pottsboro, Texas; and a brother, Charles E. Crews IV (Chas) of Pottsboro, Texas, and Ruidoso; a son, Michael; and daughters Brione of Lubbock, Texas, and Raven of Lubbock; grandmothers Frances Helen Crews of Lubbock, and Fannie G. Jordan of Willis, Texas; a companion, Barbara Cabrera; a dear friend, Tasha Vigil; and an aunt, Carol Crews Covington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charlie E. Crews, III.

A lifetime memorial will be available soon at www.mem.com.

Services are under the direction of Sunrise Funeral Options, 7601 Wyoming NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 821-0010.

Village may follow state runoff policy

Keeping water from bringing too much sediment to river is a major concern.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Village requirements for the handling of runoff by new developments should mirror the approach of the state Transportation Department, Ruidoso's planning director says.

In a departure from previous legal opinions from former assistant village attorney Bill Brogan, Charles Rennick told members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission last week that after much research and consultations with the state, a different interpretation should be adopted.

"Their standard is to control the rate of runoff to historic levels and release the water

within 72 hours," he said. "Since most of the new development fronts state highways, we thought that should be what we recommend you do. However, in any given case, you could do what you think best. If you don't think that's adequate, you could be more restrictive."

Commission chairman Glen Barrow said with a written rule, the issue shouldn't even come to the commission. It could be handled administratively as part of the construction permit or initial plan review. With a written rule, applicants would know up

front exactly what they have to do, he said.

"It shouldn't come to us. ... There should be a consistent answer."

Glen Barrow
P&Z commission chairman

straight to the river, it will bring more sediment with the water.

Barrow said the transportation department won't allow drainage directly to the river. The department requires detention ponds. Highway officials want the runoff detained and released slowly to flow to the river. Before so much of the village was paved, the water was sponged up as it moved, but conditions have changed, he said.

If that's the case, runoff from a recent application for a restaurant should drain to the street, not the river, Hoyt said.

But Commissioner Mike Reveley said under that plan, the village will end up with a proliferation of unsightly ponds that breed insects.

Rennick said if an applicant doesn't increase the historic runoff flow, he is operating within the law. The restaurant wasn't a new development and didn't increase the runoff.

Barrow noted that the board often takes the opportunity when the use of a site changes to require that everything is brought up to code.

Silva to seek re-election as county assessor

The Republican says he wants a second term and will officially sign up for the election on March 16.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Rick Silva says instituting positive changes for Lincoln County taxpayers has dominated his first term as county assessor.

He announced his intention Tuesday to sign up on March 16 to run for his second four years on the Republican ticket.

His background includes a total of 18 years as an appraiser with the assessor's office before becoming its elected head in 2000. He sits on the Blue Ribbon State Legislative Committee and is chairman of the New Mexico Association of Assessing Officers.

Silva listed some of his accomplishments while in office as:



Silva

- Installed appraisal software for efficient and accurate appraisals.

- Developed a trained, knowledgeable staff, keeping them current on legislative issues and providing continuing education.

- Installed a modern map filing method allowing easy access to hard copy maps.

- Executed an internal reorganization resulting in up-to-date deed changes and records maintenance.

- Assigned appraisers designated areas to prevent places from being overlooked. The result was a 19 percent

increase in four years.

- Applied performance monitoring to track appraisal work.

- Installed a sophisticated filing system to protect vital documents and records.

Silva said he also paid attention to working conditions for his employees and instituted several improvements, as well as encouraging self-empowerment and a team structure to tackle troubleshooting, assessments practices and legislative issues.

He also replaced pickup trucks in the department with sports utility vehicles to provide better access to property, and remodeled the office on his own initiative by taking out a low-interest loan through the state, with the aim of providing privacy for taxpayers during their visits.

Silva and wife Lisa have two grown children and one senior in high school.

RUIDOSO POLICE

Gun, drugs found

Ruidoso police arrested Robert C. Servantez, 19, of Ruidoso, and Chad Botello, 23, of Roswell, March 2, charging them with possession of a controlled substance, and charging Servantez additionally with no driver's license and no insurance. State Police assisted local police in searching the vehicle with the driver's consent and found a .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun on the floorboard and two baggies with white powder that the defendants admitted was methamphetamine.

Drug possession

Police arrested Tommy Wood, 32, of Ruidoso, March 7, charging him with possession of methamphetamines, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The officer was driving west on Highway 70 and saw Wood and a female in the parking lot of Allsup's Convenience Store, 127 West Highway 70, having an argument. The officer stopped to check and when Wood kept his back toward the officer and his hands in his pockets, he asked him to empty his pockets.

Pot discovered

Darin P. Pino, 35, of Ruidoso, was arrested March 5 and charged with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Officers had gone to the residence to serve a magistrate court warrant on an occupant and saw a baggy with dark substance in Pino's hand

and a pipe on the table.

Public intoxication

Police arrested Juanita Astor Fair, 43, Ruidoso, charging her with disorderly conduct/public intoxication on March 8 after a caller said she drove into the porch of a residence in the 200 block of Grove Drive, trying to kill a dog, then backed up and ran into the house. Investigation revealed that there was damage to the porch and house.

Arrest at traffic stop

Police cited Adolph L. Herrera, 34, of Ruidoso Downs, and Arthur Rojas Jr., 26, of Corpus Christi, Texas, on March 5, charging them with possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop due to expired vehicle registration. Also stopped the same day due to expired vehicle registration was a 17-year-old Ruidoso female.

Juvenile beaten

A 13-year-old male Ruidoso Middle School student reported to police that he was jumped by four or five Hispanic male juveniles while walking home after basketball practice between 8 and 8:15 p.m. March 8. The boy said a male Hispanic wearing black clothes and gang writing on the sleeves walked toward him quickly with fists clenched and the victim began to run. The male caught him, hit him in the ear and then four or more other males began kicking him while he was on the ground, the report states. A

white male arrived and the suspects fled. The victim told police he was kicked in the stomach.

The boy "was unable to give a good description of the individuals and I felt he was not giving me all the information for fear of repercussions at school and school activities by these subjects," the officer wrote in his report.

Rifle stolen

A break-in and aggravated burglary at a residence in the 100 block of San Juan Drive between 2 and 4:15 p.m. March 4 resulted in damage to the door and door jamb and the theft of a .32 Winchester Special lever-action rifle and six rounds of 170 grain bullets.

Window broken

Someone smashed the back window of a vehicle in the 100 block of Coronado Drive between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 6. The window cost \$575

to replace, reports state.

Cameras stolen

Taken from an unlocked vehicle parked on Vienna Terrace were a Canon 35 mm camera valued at \$650, an Advantex camera valued at \$40, a silver digital camera valued at \$150, a lens filter valued at \$40, a radar detector valued at \$100, 30 CDs valued at \$500 and a CD case valued at \$20.

Bricks out of the wall

Ten blocks were knocked out of a cinderblock wall of a carport in the 100 block of Pippin Street between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. March 7.

Burglary reported

The rear door of a residence in the 300 block of North Hemlock Circle was kicked in and a blue pellet gun valued at \$125 was stolen, along with a utility tool valued at \$65 and a knife valued at \$20.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Meeting canceled

The March 11 meeting of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use

Board is canceled. The meetings are open to the public at Ruidoso Village Hall. No substitute date was set. Call 258-4343 for more information.

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RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

She moves a little slower and doesn't like hauling around an oxygen line, but at 100, Ruie Lucas still shows her sense of independence and can come up quickly with a name or date.

The former school teacher, basketball coach and golf player attributes her longevity and overall good health to never smoking, to not shying away from physical work, and to setting and meeting goals throughout her life.

Lucas, a widow for the past four years, celebrated her birthday with two parties put together by family members and friends at Cree Meadows Country Club and by members of the Ruidoso Woman's Club at their clubhouse on Evergreen Street. She received cards from all over the country and flower bouquets that still retain their color after two weeks.

Her special longevity vibes must rub off.

Born Feb. 21, 1904, in Dacoma, Okla., a small community that "hasn't grown a bit," Lucas said her father farmed and her mother took care of the family of three girls and one boy.

"I attended a rural school," she said. "Daddy took me the first day, but after that I walked the two miles alone for the next eight years."

At the age of 12, her mother mentioned that she was thinking of a nursing career for their daughter, but Lucas said she already decided to become a teacher. The family lived about 15 miles from Alva, Okla., which boasted a teachers' college.

"I knew what I wanted to be from second or third grade," Lucas said. "I always had it in my mind."

College costs were more reasonable then. She bought or traded for her books, and sometimes paid a class fee.

"Think how different that is today," she said.

After two years, she received a certificate and taught sixth grade for two more years in Woodward, Okla., where she handled 42 children in her class; that was the norm. She then returned to Alva to finish her

last two years of college and earned a bachelor of science degree.

Her first assignment after college was in Logan, N.M., where she taught high school courses equivalent to American history and coached the girls basketball team. She lettered for three years in high school and enjoyed the physical outlet.

By that time, she was dating her future husband, Emmett, who she met in Woodward. They were married after a four-year courtship.

"It was the Depression and no one had any money," she said.

He was working for an oil company in Border, Texas, but when it collapsed in 1929, they moved back to Woodward. He farmed for a year and then went into the nursery business with her brother. She taught in rural schools for three years and then sixth grade in Woodward.

Her husband shifted employment to the Rock Island Ice Station, which serviced trains. But in 1947, half of Woodward was blown away by a tornado. One hundred and three people died, including some of their friends.

"We were at home and my daughter had gone to



Ruie Lucas, at home, is getting used to being on oxygen.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

play practice," Lucas said. "It was raining all day. We knew there was a storm and the lights went out, but we didn't have advance warning like today."

"Our daughter said she had trouble getting home and that a lot of people were taken to the hospital. There were so many, they were lying on the floor. She left with a ladder and came back for candles, lamps and sheets. It was pitiful."

The Salvation Army and American Red Cross were on the scene within two hours and for the rest of the year, Lucas worked for the Red Cross in whatever capacity was needed.

The family left the area in 1948 and moved to Durango, Colo. Her husband worked at various jobs and then found a key position setting up the books for five oil companies that had merged.

By then, the couple had three children: Evan Lucas now of Ruidoso, Elaine Lucas Slade of Durango, Colo. and Nelda Lucas Fletcher, of Alto and the Los Angeles area of California.

The family lived in Durango 20 years, and Lucas finished her 31 years as a teacher there — time she feels was well worthwhile.

"I taught sixth grade and the children at that age were mostly eager to learn," she said.

Lucas resigned when her mother needed some care and went back to Alva. Later, during the couple's retirement years, she played golf every winter in California. But eventually, they decided they wanted a warmer climate year around and moved to Miami, Okla., 90 miles from Tulsa.

"We stayed there until the kids decided they needed us here to look after us in our 90s," Lucas said.

She's frustrated that her former daily walking routine has been curtailed, but she still plays bridge weekly with friends either at her home or theirs or at the woman's group clubhouse. She's thankful that she can handle many of the daily demands of life on her own, especially when many younger friends in their 80s and 90s suffer from debilitating conditions.

Lucas didn't skate through life without any medical problems, but she takes them in stride, enjoying an occasional slice of peach pie and lots of vegetables. The company of friends also helps, as do visits from an interdenominational woman's group. But most of all, the love and attention of her children continues to enrich her life, she said.

"Evan looked after us," she said of her son. "I couldn't get along without him. We had three great kids."



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Happy Birthday — Ruie Lucas, center with her centennial cake, is surrounded by members of the Ruidoso Woman's Club, who helped celebrate her birthday.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

MARCH 12, 1954

New high school coming

A meeting of school patrons and others interested is called for Monday at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria, during which the proposed \$225,000 new high school will be outlined in full.

Ruidoso's school board ... last weekend completed a sale contract with Ben Roy for the purchase of a 10-acre tract in the Palmer Gateway area as the site for the new school.

Supt. J. H. Morris and board members Ralph Bonnell, W.D. Horton, J. B. Gazaway, Ralph Brown and board president Warren Tucker will be at the meeting to talk over the project.

MARCH 13, 1964

New courthouse planned

Lincoln County commissioners negotiated with Cee Bee Construction Company, apparent low bidder for the new county courthouse, to whittle construction costs to approximately \$475,000.

Commissioners negotiated until 4 p.m. Friday before being able to come up with a workable figure, a spokesman said.

Estimated completion date for the new courthouse if bids are let today is Nov. 25.

MARCH 15, 1974

Burglars strike Culligan

The Culligan Water Softener business in the Gateway area of Ruidoso was burglarized over the weekend, with the thieves getting about \$600 in cash and checks.

Owner Ross Schwarz ... noted that a major portion of the loss was recoverable, as the checks had already been stamped for deposit to the business' account.

MARCH 15, 1984

Henderson new coach

Football is in Cooper Hederson's blood. He takes it seriously, just like some of the fans he knows in Texas.

Ruidoso school board members tabbed him to become Ruidoso High football coach and athletic director at their meeting Tuesday.

"I'm really excited about it, really looking forward to it," Henderson said of his first head coaching job.

MARCH 17, 1994

Trustees double pay

The Village of Ruidoso Downs trustees voted 3 to 1 Monday to increase the pay of the governing body.

As of the March election, trustees Margie Morales and Ray Hayhurst will receive \$100 per meeting, twice what they receive now. The mayor and judge will receive \$550 a month.

County's Episcopal chapels to gather Sunday in Lincoln

The three Lincoln County chapels of the Episcopal Church will meet in Lincoln Sunday, March 14. The Ruidoso church choir and other special music will be part of the service. A pot-luck dinner will follow the services. The services begin at 10:30 a.m.

We keep getting the wet snow. It is so good to have it. Maybe we will have water in the Bonito River this spring.

Evelyn Miranda and daughter, Melanie, attended a Hair Show in El Paso recently. Melanie is thinking about

becoming a beautician after she graduates from high school this spring.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Maureen Sullivan. Everyone enjoyed her so much and her news column. She not only kept everyone up on the Capitan doings and the Senior Center but also stories of her family.

Pat Ward informed me that Bill Ward's daughter, Linda, passed away recently after a short illness.

Ralph Dunlap held his first spinning

class this year. The group will meet for the four Saturdays of March. He is keeping his class limited, as the class is for beginners.

Dick Kuns spent a couple of days in Lincoln on his way to his home in Scottsdale, Ariz.

It is almost time for the schools to take their spring breaks. The Hondo Schools are getting ready for their annual Hondo Fiesta. Then it will be graduation time for the all seniors of Lincoln County.

It was nice to have nearly everyone on

the well list.

We have had so many with health problems. Maybe it is because spring is around the corner.

Those with allergies are just beginning the season of the cedars blooming. When you see the trees looking brown they are in bloom.

A surprise birthday party was given for Bunty Richardson Sunday afternoon at the Carrizozo Country Club. We ended up being unable to attend. We wish her many more.



LINCOLN TRAILS

ROSALIE DUNLAP

Ruidoso skiers bring home medals

BY LAURA DOTH
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Skiing in Taos is always challenging. Renowned not only for its steeps, Taos is also known for its cold temperatures and heavy snows.

Its reputation did not let down the Ruidoso Ski Team as they headed to Taos on Feb. 28-29 for the Southern Series Championship.

Temperatures dipped below zero on the first day, and the snow fell hard. At times, racers faced white-out conditions as they raced down the course on Lower Stauffenberg. Course conditions were officially listed as "packed powder."

The first day of racing featured two Giant Slalom races. A total of 31 gates covered the course, demanding 30 different direction changes from the junior racers. As the youngest racer on the team, Lexie Doth was the first out of the gate for Ruidoso. Doth braved the cold and covered the course in 1:11.31 — good enough for

a 5th place finish in the J5 division for the morning run.

The snow lifted a little for the afternoon run. After officials reset the course, Doth again posted a good time of 1:12.36 for a 6th place finish. Competing against 27 racers aged 7 through 12, Lexie Doth posted top-10 finishes in both Giant Slalom races.

Ruidoso had four racers in the Ability Class for older skiers. Ability Class racers combine the morning and afternoon runs for the final finish times.

Leading the team on Saturday was Stefan Seigmann, a J2 racer. Seigmann had two solid runs, posting a 55.18 in the morning run and a 55.28 in the afternoon for a combined time of 1:50.46. His aggressive skiing earned him a bronze medal in the J2 division, and a 4th place finish overall.

Teammate Travis Ingels, carrying a lot of speed, had difficulty with the second run and did not finish.

Casey Cultreri and Kermit Baumann, both J3 racers, also competed in the Ability Class. Cultreri negotiated the course in 1:02.83 and 1:02.62 for a combined time of 2:05.45. Baumann was right on his heels with times of 1:03.61 and 1:05.09 for a combined time of 2:08.70. Cultreri finished 14th in the J3 division and Baumann landed in 16th place.

Sunday brought more snow to the mountain as the Ruidoso Ski Team prepared for a Slalom race. The snow lifted, but temperatures plummeted under cloudy skies as the races began at 10 a.m.

Doth again started the team off. While slalom racing is not one of Doth's favorite disciplines, she negotiated the 41 gates in 1:01.64, still good enough for 8th place and a top-10 posting. She raced consistently in the afternoon, posting a 1:01.55. She placed just out of the top ten, with an eleventh place finish in the afternoon slalom.



FILE PHOTO
Peter Zagone files through the slalom course at Taos during the Southern Series Championship Feb. 29. Zagone was fast enough in the event to earn a bronze medal for the Ruidoso ski team.

Fresh off a winning effort at the state chess tournament in Los Alamos, Ruidoso skier Peter Zagone joined his teammates for the slalom races on Sunday. Also an Ability Class skier, Zagone posted the fourth-fastest time of the morning run with a 39.57.

In the afternoon race, he blew by a gate and had to hike, but still posted a time of 47.24. His combined time of 1:26.81 was still fast enough to earn him a bronze medal in the J3 division, and a top-10 posting overall.

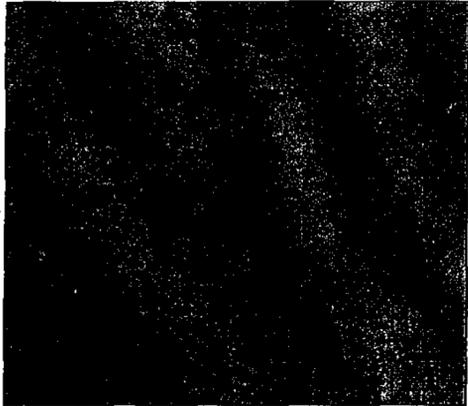
Seigmann also posted a good time in the first race with a 40.83. He too had some difficulties in the afternoon heat, finishing with a 49.20 for a combined time of 1:30.03. This landed him in 5th place behind Zagone. Ingels again had trouble

with the course and did not finish the first race.

In the J3 division, Baumann felt a little more comfortable with the steep terrain and posted solid times of 50.44 and 51.06 for a combined time of 1:41.50. This placed him in 12th place, just out of reach of a top ten finish. Cultreri skied into 15th place with times of 52.07 and 55.01 for a combined time of 1:47.08.

"The weather was a significant factor in this race," said ski team coach, Hubert Seigmann. "These kids really toughed it out and skied hard in adverse conditions."

The Ruidoso Ski Team will continue to compete throughout Colorado and Arizona in the next few weeks.



STATE: Lady Chiefs beat Carrizozo, fall to Tatum in Region D tournament

FROM PAGE 1B

two middle quarters, they just couldn't take advantage of scoring opportunities when they had them.

That was most evident at one point in the final quarter, when at least two Lady Chiefs had their hands on the ball underneath the Lady Coyote's basket after knocking it loose from Tatum, but were unable to take the ball up for the score.

That missed opportunity was one too many for Bradford, who turned around and pounded both fists into the Mescalero bench.

Frustration abounded for Lady Chief players and fans alike. At one point, a game official called Tatum athletic director Jay Nelson over to try and get one particularly unruly Mescalero fan to settle down.

It was all too much for Lang, who fouled out of the game with just over two minutes left in the game, and having scored no points whatsoever. She reacted badly to the call, and was immediately assessed a technical foul.

In Lang's stead, Sasha Enjady had 13 points and 11 rebounds to lead Mescalero as the only Lady Chief in double figures in any category.

Tatum got 14 points from Amanda Parks and 13 from Tina Burnett.

Even with all the emotional activity and spotty play, Tatum coach Mike Majors was quick to point out just how difficult an opponent the Lady Chiefs had become.

"Mescalero is probably the most improved basketball program I've ever witnessed," Majors said. "Coach Bradford and those girls have worked their tails off, and they've got nothing to be ashamed of."

Mescalero state-bound

Before the Lady Chiefs could even play for the regional championship, they had to get past area rival Carrizozo in the first round on Friday.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF
Mescalero center Augusta Lang, left, puts the ball on the floor against Carrizozo's Kaitlyn Vega during the Lady Chiefs' 37-24 victory in the Region D tournament Friday in Tatum.

This was a low-scoring affair from the beginning, with the Lady Grizzlies (17-9) taking an initial 11-6 lead after the first quarter thanks to fairly solid offense.

Carrizozo coach Mel Holland would call it "fairly" solid, because the Lady Grizzlies' shooting abandoned them for the rest of the game, while Mescalero made use of its superior size inside to control the paint and haul in the rebounds.

"We couldn't shoot anything. We shot very poorly," Holland said. "We were our greatest enemy, because we didn't keep our emotions under control."

Lang had a much better game on Friday, leading the team with 12 points, while Enjady put in 11 points and

grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

This might have been a very different game had Carrizozo just been able to make its free throws. The Lady Grizzlies were a miserable 4-for-15 at the foul line for the game.

"We didn't keep our concentration and get back to better shooting," Holland said. "We're not a very good shooting team anyway, but we're usually better than that."

Mescalero had its share of troubles as well, trying for the fast break off of defensive rebounds and throwing the ball away time and again.

"This was actually the first game we had our break going," Bradford said. "We wanted to push the ball up, we just didn't make good passes to complete



TODD FUQUA/STAFF
Mescalero's Rachelle John, center, is surrounded by Tatum defenders Sage Jones (22) and Amanda Lopez during the Region D championship Saturday at Tatum.

it."

That kept the game close — something that fans following this rivalry have come to expect. In three previous games, no more than five points ever separated the two teams.

"That's the way it's always been," Holland said. "Usually, when we hold a team to less than 40 points, we end up winning."

As it was, the Lady Chiefs held Carrizozo to just six points in all of the second half on their way to the state berth.

NOTABLE NEW MEXICANS
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Mescalero track team hopes to move on

BY TODD FOUQU
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

As the Mescalero track teams prepare for another season of running, jumping and throwing, there's one name that no one associated with the Chiefs can escape.

Christian Aldava. The Mescalero junior was the only boy representing the Chiefs at last year's state tournament, having competed in the 100-meter dash. But now he's gone, taken by tragic incidents that have rocked the entire community.

To be sure, Aldava wasn't the only Mescalero athlete at last year's Class 1A state meet — Augusta Lang brought home the school's first medal in any event with a third-place finish in the girls 100-meter dash. But Aldava meant so much more to the team than raw athletic ability. "He was a great person, a good student and great athlete," said Mescalero track coach Doug Byers. "You'll miss a guy like that just because of his attitude. He brought a lot to the board. "We had a tough week with the kids because of the service, but we still had a lot of kids coming out for practice," he added. "They understand that life goes on and it's up to them to step up and fill that gap."



Byers had also filled a gap of sorts, having been named the new track coach at Mescalero High School. However, no sooner had he been tabbed than prior coach Rodney Wright asked back into the program.

As it stands, there are three track coaches at Mescalero — Wright as head coach, Byers as assistant, and Tom Roth as mid-school coach.

But Byers said these are little more than titles.

"In reality, we're all working together," Byers said. "We've had practice now for three weeks, and we can work individually or together. If one coach has a meeting or something, the other two can pick it up."

Wright will be in charge of pole vaulting and most sprinting, Roth on most of the throwing events, and Byers with all jumping and distance running.

Byers is a natural for the distance events, having coached the Mescalero cross country team for the past two years. In the fall, he took both the boys and girls teams to the state tournament in Gallup, and has all his runners out for track this spring.

"This will be interesting; switching from three miles over hill and dale to two miles just going round and round," Byers said, referring to the difference between cross country and track racing. "We'll be working a lot on speed and conditioning now."

Other returners from last year's track

Table with columns: Date, Meet, Location, Coach, Time. Lists track meet results for Mescalero.

team include Tyrone Cervantes in sprinting and throwing events and Donnel McFadden and Quisbo Enjady in sprinting. Gifford Valdez, Freeman Cochise and Alan Scott will anchor a solid contingent of distance runners.

For the girls, Leslie Bigmouth returns as a strong contender in throwing events, while Lang will return to try and better her showing at last year's state meet.

The only problem for Mescalero is that those two girls — as well as several other promising athletes — are still busy with basketball. The team won its first-ever berth at the state tournament with a win over Carrizozo in the Region D playoffs this past weekend.

Until those girls are ready for spring sports, Byers said he'll be looking to get the younger kids a lot of experience.

"In these first few meets, we just want to get experience for the younger kids," Byers said. "Those that didn't play basketball are just conditioning now and learning their events."

The season gets started this Saturday with the Roswell Invitational at the Wool Bowl in Roswell, starting at 10 a.m.

Other meets on tap include the Demon Relays in Dexter March 19, the Henry Sanchez Relays March 23 at Capitan, and the Rose Relays April 3 at Tularosa.

The rest of the schedule is still subject to change.

Lobos fall to Colorado State

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Colorado State got 25 points from 7-foot center Matt Nelson as the Rams knocked off New Mexico 76-66 in the final game of the regular season for both teams.

The Lobos fell to 14-13 overall and they finished 5-9 in Mountain West Conference play. UNM has lost five of six heading into next week's conference tournament in Denver. Colorado State improved to 12-15 and 4-10 in the league.

With the loss, New Mexico has dropped 26 straight road games and 27 consecutive including neutral sites. The last win away from Albuquerque was Jan. 28, 2002, a 70-64 decision at Colorado State.

New Mexico took a 17-13 lead as freshman Lenny Miles tossed down three 3-pointers to start the game. The Rams countered with an 8-0 run for a 21-17 advan-

tage. Two free throws by Javin Tindall and a trey by Danny Granger provided UNM with its final lead of the afternoon at 22-21.

Granger led the Lobos with 19 points and 11 rebounds. David Chiotti added 15 while Miles put in 10 in his first starting nod since Dec. 8.

Lobos to face UNLV

UNM will take on Nevada-Las Vegas Thursday at 10 p.m. in the first round of the MWC tournament at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

The Lobos finished in a tie for fifth place in the loop with San Diego State. UNM was picked to finish seventh in the MWC preseason poll.

UNLV is 16-11 overall and ended 7-7 in the MWC after falling at home to BYU Saturday, 89-88. Interim head coach Jay Spoonhour is 4-2 after taking over for his father, Charlie, who stepped down last month.

ZIA PARK: Long time coming

FROM PAGE 1B

"It's really exciting. It's been such a long time, and we're happy to see it end," said Ruidoso Downs President Bruce Rimbo. "We were always confident we had the best team to open the track, but there were days I'd wonder if we'd be here today."

Since the prospects of a new track in Hobbs first surfaced more than five years ago, those involved with Ruidoso Downs fought hard to gain control of a track that would likely compete for many of the same horse owners and trainers that currently set up shop in Lincoln County every summer.

A different owner wouldn't have any qualms about running a summer meet in Hobbs, thus taking away potential tenants at Ruidoso Downs.

Any similar concerns about running a winter meet concurrent with that of Sunland Park were unfounded, according to racing commissioner Arnold Rael.

"There was a need for a track here," Rael said. "There's a glut of horses at Sunland that could be racing elsewhere. There won't be a drain at all with the overflow that's at Sunland now."

The prospect of \$200,000 purses, according to Rimbo, will likely draw horsemen to Hobbs as well. The location — directly across the street from the Lea County Events Center, can't hurt.

"This is a great location, it makes those coming to the track from Texas travel through Hobbs. We could have been selfish and built the track right on the state line — and probably made more money. But we knew this would benefit Hobbs a great deal."

Hobbs city councilors and Lea County Commissioners were already aware of this, and Rimbo said his experience with those officials has been very good indeed.

"Everyone here is so excited to get this going," Rimbo said. "I've been involved with the opening of several tracks, but the response to this track is the most enthusiastic I've ever seen."

The casino is scheduled to open in November, with the mile-long track to be completed a year later. By that point, purses from the casino's operation should have multiplied to the levels Rimbo is wanting.

Eastern New Mexico secures NCAA Div. II berth

Despite losing in the first round of the Lone Star Conference tournament, the Eastern New Mexico University Greyhound basketball team has been selected to play in the NCAA Division II Tournament, beginning Saturday at Stephenville, Texas.

The Hounds (20-8) are seeded sixth in the south central region of the tournament, and will take on Northwest Missouri (26-4)

at 11 a.m. on the campus of Tarleton State. The Bearcats streaked to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association title with a 78-71 win over regular season champion Washburn University.

This won't be the first time the teams have met, as NWMSU defeated the Greyhounds in the championship of the Ryland Milner Classic in Missouri, 90-82,

on Nov. 22.

ENMU is entering the NCAA tournament for only the second time in school history, having appeared in 1993. The Hounds beat Missouri Southern in the first round of that tournament, before losing to Washburn in the regional final.

Eastern's most successful season was in 1989, when the Hounds won the NAIA National Championship.

RHS: First track meet all about experience for Ruidoso runners

FROM PAGE 1B

the El Paso meet already had two or three relays under their belts. Maskew knew his team didn't have a realistic chance of winning, anyway.

Not that it mattered, the Ysleta meet wasn't a state qualifying meet, anyway. Thusly, Maskew decided to split his junior varsity and varsity squads up, in order to maximize the amount of time each athlete had to compete.

The goal was experience, not points. "A lot of our younger kids performed well, and with

experience, they should help us out down the road," Maskew said. "It will take some time, and we'll have to be patient as coaches, but the kids will progress well if they work like they have."

Another obstacle to the Warriors' point total was cold wind prevalent on the first day of the meet. Maskew was concerned it could cause undue cramping in his runners, and pulled most of the sprinters from competition.

None of Ruidoso's relay teams competed at the event. "If it had been the district or state championships, we

would have kept them in there," Maskew said. "But this was just the first meet of the year, and there was no need to risk injury."

There were some individual highlights to crow about, however. David Barnett took second in the high jump competition, and scored a mark of 38 feet, seven inches in the triple jump.

For the girls, Katie Coronado was second in discus, third in the long jump and sixth overall in the 200-meter dash.

Coronado was unable to shine in her premier event —

the javelin — as that is not allowed in track competitions in Texas.

The Warriors' next meet is at the Carlsbad Invitational this Saturday, and this one is a state qualifying meet.

Maskew expects to compete a lot better at this one, and has had no complaints over the work ethic exhibited by his team.

"So far, this has been one of the better groups I've coached," Maskew said. "They haven't complained much at all, and always have done what we've asked of them out on the track."

FACT

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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 were called "The House."
But in 1877, their control was challenged by an English entrepreneur, John Tunstall. Tunstall's employees and supporters were known as "The Regulators," and followers of "The House" violently resisted them.
The battle was fought both in courtrooms and also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. Even the Army became involved. Eventually members of "The House" killed Mr. Tunstall.
And, as might be expected, "The Regulators" fervently vowed to take vengeance upon the House group responsible for killing Tunstall. Among the group of "Regulators" loyal to Mr. Tunstall was a young man who was known as Billy the Kid.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

New 'Zozo officials take oaths

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

During the regularly scheduled town council meeting Tuesday, Carrizozo's newly elected municipal judge and two new trustees were sworn in and took their seats on the council.

C.O. Rominger was sworn in as municipal judge and David LaFave and Wes Lindsay as council members. Mayor Manny Hernandez appointed Wes Lindsay Mayor Pro-tem, a position he has held for the past eight years.

Leann Weihbrecht will fill the appointed office of town clerk and treasurer, Angelo Vega as chief of police and David Stevens as town attorney.

Monthly reports were given by Vega, Rominger, maintenance foreman Jim Payne and airport manager Bill Hayes.

The swimming pool upgrade will soon be complete with a fill and test set for the second week in May.

Use of the McBride property as a dump site will be limited to brush only.

Vega thanked and complimented Barbara Culler on her volunteer help to get pets adopted from the animal shelter. Culler photographs the animals and circulates posters offering the adoptions. Vega reported a 100 percent adoption rate to date.

Amendments to the water contingency plan ordinance were approved by the council. The plan outlines a three-phase water conservation plan ranging from normal conditions to drought conditions to severe drought conditions. Town councilors will mandate by vote a change in phases when data shows the necessity.

John Hemphill, representing Eastern New Mexico University, presented the council with a resolution of support for the transfer of the Ruidoso off-campus center to a new Ruidoso branch college. The council agreed



New Carrizozo town trustee David LaFave takes his oath of office before Judge C.O. Rominger.

unanimously to adopt the resolution.

In general business, the council:

- Approved the reappointment of Angelo Vega to the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Board.

- Approved a new wine-grower's license for Sierra Blanca Brewery.

- Denied a request by Carol Blodgett for the placement of an outhouse on her property.

- Approved business registrations for Guevara Tax Services, Carrizozo Joe's, Carrizozo Animal Clinic, Insurance Exchange Inc., Rocking

Horse Day Care, Monte Vista Auto, and Ned's Plumbing and Remodeling.

- Approved a livestock permit for Richard Vega.

- And learned that Tommy Guevara will complete his term (March 2005) on the gas board.

Bid openings for the airport improvements will be March 24 at 10 a.m. and the bid openings for the new city hall will be April 2 at 4 p.m. Both will take place at city hall.

The next regular meeting will be April 13 at 6 p.m.

PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Water protesters discuss next step

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo town council met Thursday in a special meeting to discuss various applications to appropriate underground water in the Tularosa Basin.

Answering a call to action mailed to all 75 protesting basin residents, 36 people were present to learn what the next step was for them. Carrizozo's attorney David Stephens gave an overview of the water filing and protest process and outlined who had to prove what to whom.

The pre-hearing scheduling conferences for the five applications will be held in early April in Santa Fe. Protestants must file an entry of appearance and pay a \$25 fee to attend. Deadlines for those are the end of March.

There are five applications for the adjudicated water in

the Tularosa basin. Those applicants are Ruidoso, Goe Sawyer, Duggar, Crenshaw and Carrizozo, Carrizozo file in a response to Ruidoso when it first filed for the water.

Stirling Spencer, one of the protesting basin residents, provided sample templates for making applications to the pre-hearing scheduling conference. He also encouraged everyone including those who could not attend, to write to the office of the state engineer, requesting the hearings be held in Carrizozo.

To those who were disgruntled with the \$25 fee to participate in the hearings, both Stevens and Spencer agreed it didn't seem like a good law, but for the time being it was a rule that had to be followed.

They both said that in the long run, \$25 was a small amount in contrast to the ramifications of a possible loss of underground water.

FFA meet sees good weather, competition

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

For the first time in years, the weather for the 2003 Carrizozo FFA Invitational was perfect.

This year saw 650 kids from 32 schools across the state arrive by 8 a.m. to get to their respective areas of judging. Fifty-two 4-H members also participated, representing four counties.

Carrizozo FFA students did not compete, but worked the event throughout the day. Capitan, Hondo and Corona all sent teams. Corona was the only Lincoln County team to make the top five in any event. Team members Rachel Lueras, Keith Shafer, Randa Hutcheson and Dulcie Sultemeier were third in the wool contest.

4-H Livestock team placings:
1st Place: Lincoln County - Carrizozo Team No. 1; team members: Tanner Huston, Shandy Grider, Marshal Wilson, Kylie Gaines, Joel Ferguson
2nd Place: Socorro County; team members: Matthew Harris, Cody Benavidez, Geraldo Romero, Phillip Zuni
3rd Place: Catron County; team members: Laisel Jones, Katy Jones, Nikki Robbins
4th Place: Lincoln County - Carrizozo Team No. 2; team members: Lane

Carter, Zachary Butler, Roper Webb, Andrea Vigil, Jade Roper, Corina Beltran
5th Place: Otero County; team members: Lyla Danly, Raasha Bridge, Shayella Smotherman, Amanda Whitehead
4-H Livestock High Individuals:
1) Tanner Huston, Lincoln County; 2) Matthew Harris, Socorro County; 3) Shandy Grider, Lincoln County; 4) Zachary Butler, Lincoln County; 5) Marshal Wilson, Lincoln County

4-H Wool Team Placings:
1st Place: Lincoln County Team No. 1 - Carrizozo; team members: Jennifer Shafer, Lauren Smith, Kyla King
2nd Place: Lincoln County Team No. 2 - Capitan; team members: Wade Sultemeier, Keith Sultemeier

4-H Wool High Individuals:
1) Jennifer Shafer, Lincoln County; 2) Wade Sultemeier; 3) Keith Sultemeier; 4) Kyla King; 5) Lauren Smith

4-H Horse Team Placings:
1st Place: Socorro County; team members: Catherine Blythe, Monica Benal, Jack Ramzal
2nd Place: Catron County; team members: Katy Jones, Laisel Jones, Nikki Robbins
3rd Place: Lincoln County - Carrizozo Team 1; team members: Zachary Butler, Corina Beltran, Lauren Smith, Jade Roper, Andrea Vigil, Sarah McMatt
4th Place: Lincoln County - Carrizozo Team 2; team members: Ryan Guevara, Joel Ferguson, Kyla King, Roper Webb, Marshal Wilson, Kenny Vega
5th Place: Otero County; team members: Travis Virden, Tyrel Virden

4-H Horse High Individuals:
1) Katy Jones, Catron County; 2) Catherine Blythe, Socorro County; 3) Tyrel Virden, Otero County; 4) Zachary Butler, Lincoln County; 5) Travis Virden, Otero County; 6) Ryan Guevara, Lincoln County

Baker's scenic works on display at schools

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

"I like to paint pictures and I like bright colors," says Pat Baker, the latest artist to be featured at the Carrizozo Schools Boardroom.

Baker's talent was something she discovered a short 12 years ago when her mentor, Dorothy Leslie, encouraged her to try it. "I had an older sister who drew, but I didn't think I could," said Baker. Soon the talent was uncovered and today Baker paints daily for her relaxation.

Working in oils, Baker has done about 20 paintings over the 12 years. She gives them to her children and grandchildren for

gifts. She likes to take scenery pictures she finds on calendars and books and recreate them on canvas.

A Carrizozo native, Baker was born in 1930, the third of five children. She was a 1948 graduate of Carrizozo High School. She worked for the telephone company in El Paso and again in Carrizozo through 1959. After an eight-year stint of farming in Arkansas, she came back to New Mexico and worked for the Sheriff's office in Lincoln County.

Widowed twice, Baker spends her days at the Zia Senior Center. Since 1994 she works four hours on the payroll and volunteers another four



This oil painting by Pat Baker shows her love of color and using it in a contrasting and eye-catching way. It's currently on display at the Carrizozo Schools Boardroom.

hours helping in the office and driving the van for the center. "I like working with the seniors. I get very attached to them." Baker has two daughters,

five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. With that number of family to receive the paintings, Baker has many years of creating yet ahead.

PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Emphasizing dinner time as a family time

Overall it seems that most American families suffer from the same problems: not enough time in the day and not enough time spent sitting down to dinner as a family.

In households where mom works outside of the home, finding the time to prepare dinner can be especially difficult, since meal preparation typically falls to her. But after an already-packed day of car-pools, work and after-school activities, many moms are burned out and the last thing they're looking forward to is making dinner. Every family member should, and can, do his or her part.

Here are some suggestions designed to not only create a

chance for family bonding, but also to spread the responsibility and chance for creativity:

- All hands on deck: Get everyone in the kitchen on a weekend afternoon and make meal preparation a family affair. Before you know it, dinner is ready, you've had a chance to bond and you get to sit down to a great meal.

- "Make Your Own" night: Each family member makes exactly what he or she wants.

This eases the burden from one person preparing the entire meal while still allowing the family to sit down together. You can also take this opportunity to instill healthy eating habits in your kids by including fresh salads and vegetables with the meals you prepare for

yourself, and making it a requirement for all family members to make meals that include fresh vegetables.

- Everyone takes a turn: Older kids can help with dinner preparation by taking one night a week to make their own signature dish. Whether it's spaghetti and meatballs, Caesar salad, or hamburgers, let your designated chef take responsibility for dinner one night a week. Keep foods simple and varied. Chances are you won't get tired of it if you don't have to make it.

- Turn the TV off: Try meal-times without television. If your family usually watches TV during dinner, decrease the habit slowly, by having one or two TV-free meals per week. Dinnertime is one of the best times for families to reconnect, share daily events, and continue to bond. So turn off the TV and try some soothing music in the background.

Remember, your kids are watching you! By role modeling positive nutrition and activity habits, you are sure to improve your family's health.



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Commission to change way agenda is distributed

Technology will play a bigger role in sending out the schedule for the county's monthly meeting.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Increasing numbers of requests for the Lincoln County Commission agenda and backup documentation on each item prompted a change in county manager Tom Stewart's approach.

The manager said last week that possibly starting in April, he will have a device to scan the supporting documentation and he can e-mail the packet to people who want to read or print out the information.

The change will save the county wear and tear on its printer and the cost of paper. The scanning device will not be ready for the March meeting, he said.

Last month, Stewart told county commissioners he has provided full agenda packets to the two local newspapers but not to the radio stations. Then he received a request from KEDU Community Radio for a full packet.

County attorney Alan Morel said the county only is obligated to provide the one- to three-page agenda, not the supporting documents. However, it cannot treat one news organization differently than another. Commissioners discussed the possibility of only providing the agenda pages or charging for each printed page.

But Commission Chairman Rex Wilson suggested scanning, which received support from other commissioners. Stewart said agenda information requests have been increasing from residents as well as news organizations and the scanning process should solve the problem.

RELIGION CORNER

Hypocrisy becoming a widespread infection in this society



Clary fictions
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Hypocrisy, hypocrite, and hypocritical are words with ugly meanings and connotations in today's society. Yet they are so expressive of the character of folks in today's society.

The root word, hypocrisy, is a transliteration from the Greek, meaning, hypo (under) and kreinen (decision). A hypocrite is one who affects virtues or qualities he does not have. And in classical Greek, the word came to mean an actor who plays the

part of what he is not or claims to believe what he does not.

Isn't it strange today that so many folks are actors — from Hollywood, actors say they will leave the country if some one is elected president, and then they don't leave. And actors are not just confined to Hollywood — from Santa Fe, legislators take a stand against drunk driving and within hours, are arrested for drunk driving. And from the Oval Office, we hear... "no new

taxes," "I did not have sexual relations..." and on and on.

The word came to mean "under the mask" as classical Greek comedies and tragedies were acted out. And today in business, claims are made for products and services that are nothing but scams. Folks who perpetrate the scams really do not want you to know who they are and what they are up to. Identity thefts are everywhere. The truth is that hypocrites

are out for material gain from you, or they want to exercise power over you, or they just want to be accepted by you. And they think that if they reveal who they are to you, they won't be able to take advantage of you or will be rejected by you. This is really not a day of "What you see is what you get." "He (or she) is so transparent" is not a statement used in describing folks today. So many of us are living lies, thinking that we will convince others and feel better about ourselves.

Some of this is funny (like Greek comedies) and some of this is sad (like Greek tragedies). Why don't we just be who we are and let the chips fall where they may. A word from Jesus, "Beware of hypocrisy." That advice will give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

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Trend toward early puberty may be changing course, studies indicate

QUESTION: Are there limits to this trend toward younger and younger sexual development? If not, the kids of the future may enter puberty in the middle of childhood. That could create enormous problems if sexual awareness precedes emotional maturity by a decade or more.



Dr. James Dobson
FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
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DR. DOBSON: It could happen, but that isn't likely. Actually, studies now indicate that a leveling-off and perhaps a reversal of this trend are occurring. In 1988, the

average age of the menarche reached a low point of 12.5. By 1993, however, a study by Dann and Roberts found that the curve had begun to swing back in the other direction. Puberty appears to be arriving slightly later again. Why? Well, just as better nutrition and health care caused the average age to drop in the recent past, the present emphasis on ultra-thin bodies and intense exercise is apparently delaying development somewhat.

Many physicians are concerned about today's obsession with what used to be called "skinniness." Extremes, they say, are rarely beneficial to human beings — whether they be manifested in grossly overweight bodies or those that are bone thin.

A famous biochemist at the University of Southern California, Dr. Sam Bessman, once told me, "Remember that the body never stops eating. If you don't feed it properly, it will begin to consume itself." That is precisely what happens in the girl who consumes too few calories; she may have no periods for years at a time.

early 20s and trying to figure out a career path and general direction for my life. Do you have any suggestions?

DR. DOBSON: First, you need information. You might begin by going to an occupational psychologist or another knowledgeable counselor who can assess your skills and interests. There are excellent psychometric tests available today that will acquaint you with your own abilities. Computers will analyze your responses and correlate them with those of people who are successful and contented in given professions. You might be surprised at what you can learn about yourself from an occupational inventory.

is a big difference between healthy and unhealthy combat in marriage. In an unstable marriage, hostility is aimed at the partner's soft underbelly with comments like: "You never do anything right!" and "Why did I marry you in the first place?" and "You're getting more like your mother every day!" These offensive remarks strike at the very heart of the mate's self-worth.

Healthy conflict, by contrast, is focused on the issues that cause disagreement. For example: "It upsets me when you don't tell me you're going to be late for dinner." Or: "I was embarrassed when you made me look foolish at the party last night."

Can you hear the difference in these two sets of examples? The first approach assaults the dignity of the partner while the second is addressed to the source of conflict. When couples learn this important distinction, they can work through their disagreements without wounding and insulting each other.

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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Prayer for brother is not hopeless

Q: I've prayed for over 30 years that my brother will come to believe in Christ, but he still has no interest in spiritual things. Is he hopeless? Sometimes I wonder why I keep praying. — Mrs. L.D.



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A: I suspect you keep praying for him because you love him, and you care deeply about what will happen to his soul. You also know he's missing out on life's greatest joy, which comes from walking every day with Christ in our hearts.

When we pray, we need to remember that God's ways and God's timing aren't always the same as ours. Don't stop praying for your brother. Almost every week I get at least one letter from someone who's been praying for years for someone who doesn't know Christ — a spouse, a relative, a friend. In many cases, the person prayed for has eventually turned to Christ, and their life has been changed. What if they had stopped praying?

do. Only He can convict your brother of his sins, and only He can convince Him of the truth of the Gospel. That's why no one is hopeless, for God can break through even the hardest heart. The Bible says, "Is not my word... like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29).

Do not only pray for your brother, however. As God gives you opportunity, also speak to him about your concern for his spiritual condition. The Bible says, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have... with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).

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

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Remember, God is able to do what we can't

QUESTION: I'm in my

Second, you should begin an energetic exploration of eight or nine occupations that you might find exciting. Visit people who are working in those fields and ask them for advice and counsel. Attack this problem like a private investigator who is determined to unravel a mystery. Leave no stone unturned.

Third, when you've identified the area of greatest interest, commit to it. Beyond that point there's no looking back. Even if there might be a more attractive goal out there somewhere, there comes a point where you have to get on with life. Take your best shot and stay with it until you have a more secure and certain alternative to chase. Millions of others have been where you are now. They eventually got the rockets to fire. I believe you will too.

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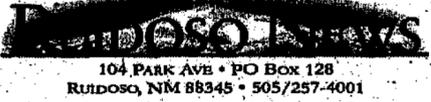
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116 REAL ESTATE

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 2004-2005 School Year

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 Minimum Requirements:
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 Current Resume
 Three (3) current references Application.

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 PO Box 55
 Hondo, NM 88336
 Or call: Main Office (505)653-4411

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For more information, contact
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 505.257-2120 or 1.800.934-3668

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 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
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Duties include performing field technical work, service customer problems, troubleshooting, repair and maintenance of the system and other activities to ensure customer satisfaction.

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4x4, \$1,750. Also 1988
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camper shell, needs trans-
mission work, \$1,000. Call
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1988 2-71, 4x4, ext. cab,
94,000 miles, 3rd door,
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tires, freshly detailed, new
battery/brakes, \$11,500,
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Turbo diesel, 45 mpg, 76,000
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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO ADOPT**

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-01

Notice is hereby given that
the Governing Body of the
City of Ruidoso Downs
shall conduct a Public
Hearing in conjunction with
the regular meeting sched-
uled for Thursday, March
25, 2004 to commence at
5:30 pm., City Hall Hub-
bard Room, 122 Downs
Drive, Ruidoso Downs for
adopting the following Or-
dinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-
01

AN ORDINANCE ENACT-
ING A NEW ARTICLE 4
UNDER CHAPTER 2 AR-
TICLE 1, SECTION 1, TI-
TLED "CREATION" (B)
TITLED "LOCAL ECO-
NOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ACT"

WITNESS the Hono-
rable Jerry H. Riffer, Jr.
District Judge of the
Twelfth Judicial District of
the New Mexico, and the

500 LEGAL NOTICES

Article 4 Local Economic
Development Act

2-4-1 General
2-4-2 Appointment
2-4-3 Organization
2-4-4 Duties
2-4-5 Fiscal Responsi-
bilities

Copies of Ordinance No.
2004-01 are on file in the
office of the City Clerk and
are available for public re-
view Monday through Fri-
day between the hours of
8:00 am. And 5:00 pm.

/s/ Carol Virden, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer
#5998 1T (2)18,25(3)3,10
LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT 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 fir Debt and
Money Due.

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

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

WITNESS the Hono-
rable Jerry H. Riffer, Jr.
District Judge of the
Twelfth Judicial District of
the New Mexico, and the

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Seal of the District Court of
Bernalillo County, this 9th
day of February, 2004.

/s/JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE DIS-
TRICT COURT
#5998 1T (3)10
LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that
the Village of Ruidoso, Lin-
coln County, New Mexico
calls for sealed bids on Bid
#03-012

The Village of Ruidoso is
Accepting Bids for General
Construction of Skylight
and Door Replacements at
Ruidoso Senior Center

Interested bidders may se-
cure a copy of the speci-
fications from the Purchas-
ing Department at the Vil-
lage of Ruidoso Central-
ized Purchasing Ware-
house, 421 Wingfield St. in
Ruidoso. 505-257-2721
(mailing address: 313
Cree Meadows Drive, Rui-
doso, NM 88345).

Sealed bids must be re-
ceived by the Purchasing
Office, if hand delivered, to
the Ruidoso Purchasing
Warehouse at 421 Wing-
field St., Ruidoso, or if
mailed, to Purchasing De-
partment, 313 Cree Mead-
ows Drive, Ruidoso, NM
88345. Bids will be re-
ceived until Tuesday,
March 23, 2004 at 2:00
p.m. local time, then pub-
licly opened and read
aloud at the Village of Rui-
doso Annex Building, 421
Wingfield, Ruidoso, New
Mexico. Any bid received
after closing time will be
returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso re-
serves the right to reject
any and/or all bids and to
waive all informalities and
technical irregularities as
allowed by the State of
New Mexico Procurement
Code.

By the Order of the Gov-
erning Body

/s/Fermin Herrera
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso
#5971 4T (2)18,25(3)3,10
LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DIS-
TRICT COURT COUNTY

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OF LINCOLN,

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

Plaintiffs,
vs.
LAKESIDE CORPORA-
TION, a New Mexico cor-
poration, Joseph F. Stein-
hardt and CONCHA M.
STEINHARDT, husband
and wife, and ALTO
LAKES GOLF & COUN-
TRY 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 NO-
TIFIED 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 de-
fendants, the same being
Cause No. CV-04-25, Divi-
sion III.

The object and purpose
of the said suit is to quiet
the title of the following de-
scribed 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-offi-
cio Recorder of Lincoln
County, New Mexico on
April 17, 1981, in Cabinet
D, Slide No.7 to 10 both
inclusive.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that
unless you enter your ap-
pearance or file pleadings
herein on or before April 2,
2004, the plaintiffs will
make application to the
Court for a Decree by De-
fault, and Decree by De-
fault will be rendered
against you as prayed for

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in the complaint.

The name of the plaintiffs'
attorney is RICHARD A.
HAWTHORNE, P.A., Ri-
chard A. Hawthorne, and
whose address is 1221
Mechern, Suite 2, Ruidoso,
New Mexico, 88345.

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

/s/JAN PERRY
DISTRICT COURT
CLERK

By: Elizabeth Yeasi
#5998 2T (3)3,10
LEGAL NOTICE

SECOND AMENDED PRI-
MARY ELECTION PRO-
CLAMATION

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 here-
by 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 OFFI-
CES

THE PUBLIC EDUCA-
TION COMMISSION

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FOUR-YEAR TERM
District 9: Curry, Eddy,
Lea Quay, and Roosevelt
counties and those pre-
cincts of Chaves, Guada-
lupe, Otero and Santa Fe
counties as copied from
House Voters and Elec-
tions 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.

FOUR-YEAR TERM
District 9: Curry, Eddy,
Lea Quay, and Roosevelt
counties and those pre-
cincts of Chaves county as
copied from House Voters
and Elections Substitute
for House Bill 10, 45th
Legislature, 1st Special
Session which was adopt-
ed by reference in the Fi-
nal Judgment and Order in
Sanchez v. Vigil-Giron, D-
0101-CV-2001-0225D.

ALL OTHER OFFICES TO
BE FILED AS PROVIDED
IN THE PRIMARY ELEC-
TION PROCLAMATION

DONE AT THE LINCOLN
COUNTY CLERK'S OF-
FICE THIS 25TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY, 2004. WIT-
NESS MY HAND AND
THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE COUNTY OF LIN-
COLN.

/s/Tammie J. Maddox
Lincoln County Clerk

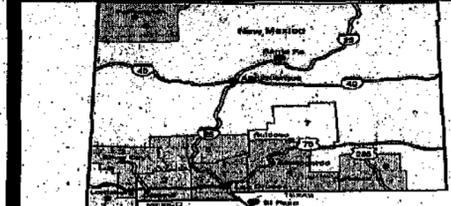
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San Juan College is one of the fastest growing community colleges in New Mexico. SJC is located in San Juan County, population 100,000, located in the heart of the beautiful Four Corners area. The area boasts of having all four seasons with a mild year-round climate. Located on a 600-acre site in Farmington, the college serves students in the county as well as other four-corner students of Colorado, Arizona, and Utah. The college is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a degree-granting institution. See our web Page at www.sanjuancollege.com/HR.

San Juan College is accepting applications for the following positions. Instructional faculty positions are 9-month contracts for the academic year commencing on August 2004. Faculty will be required to teach 15-16 credit hours per semester and applicants must have secondary and/or college level teaching experience to be considered. 9-month faculty salaries are based on education and experience. The application deadline is April 1, 2004. A detailed position description and required qualifications can be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Office as noted below. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Psychology Instructor: A Master's degree in Psychology and a minimum of three years college level teaching experience required; a PhD. is preferred. Position will teach a variety of course within the Psychology department including but not limited to Introduction to Psychology, Human Development, Social Psychology and Human Sexuality. Day evening classes may be expected.

Early Childhood Education Instructor: A Master's degree in Education or a related field with a strong background and emphasis in Early Childhood education is required. The position will teach a variety of courses within the Early Childhood education program including Introduction to Reading, Infant Growth and Development. Position will also be responsible for supervision of practicum students.

Coordinator Renewable Energy Program: (10-month position) A Bachelor's degree in the program area or a related field required and a minimum of three years related work experience in the energy field with teaching and training experience. A Master's degree preferred. Position will coordinate the Occupational degree program of Renewable Energy Technologies as well as teach a variety of course within the programs. Salary: \$41,000-\$46,000.

Aviation Ground Instructor: (12-month position) Bachelor's degree preferred; 1500 hours total time with 500 hours dual given. Candidate must possess CFI, CFII and MEI and systems knowledge of advanced airline aircraft highly desirable. Position will teach ground instruction for private, instrument, commercial and multi-engine ratings and will also conduct flight stage checks. Salary: \$45,000-\$50,000 Start Date: April 2004. Additional application materials required from those listed below.

Physical Therapy Assistant Instructor: (12-month position) A Bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy required; Master's degree and teaching experienced preferred. Position will teach all course work in the degree program including Anatomy and Physiology. Salary: \$50,000-\$55,000 Start Date: April 2004.

Interested applicants must submit a San Juan College application for employment, cover letter, current resume, copy of college transcripts, and three current letters of reference. Please contact San Juan College Human Resources Office, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, NM 87402 (505) 566-3215 Fax # (505) 566-3521, www.sanjuancollege.edu/HR. San Juan College is committed to policies of equal employment opportunity.

**LEGAL NOTICE
COUNTY CLERK'S APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT
BOARD MEMBERS**

Pursuant to (1-2-9A), not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date for appointing members of precinct boards, the county clerk shall publish a notice once in a newspaper of precincts, stating the number of persons composing each board and that applications for the standby list will be accepted at the County Clerk's Office.

The following locations have been designated according to Resolution No. 2003-11 as the polling locations for the precincts:

Precincts No:	Polling Location:	Number of Board Members:
#1	Corona Senior Citizens Center	4 members
#2A	Lincoln County Courthouse	4 members
#2B	Nogal Volunteer Fire Station	4 members
#3A	Lincoln County Fair Building	5 members
#3B	Lincoln County Fair Building	5 members
#4	Angus Church of the Nazarene	5 members
#5	Bonito Volunteer Fire Station	5 members
#6	Ruidoso Convention Center	6 members
#7A	Ruidoso Convention Center	6 members
#7B	Ruidoso Convention Center	4 members
#8A	Ruidoso Convention Center	6 members
#8B	Ruidoso Convention Center	4 members
#9	Ruidoso Convention Center	6 members
#10	Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center	4 members
#11	Ruidoso Downs Senior Citizens Center	5 members
#12A	San Patricio Senior Citizens Center	4 members
#12B	Tinnie Volunteer Fire Station	4 members
#12C	Capitan Volunteer Fire Station	4 members
#13	Carrizozo Municipal Schools	5 members
AB/EV	Lincoln County Clerk's Office	5 members
AB/EV-Satellite	Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center	5 members

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PRIMARY ELECTION: June 1, 2004, and the;
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If you are interested, call the Lincoln County Clerk's Office
At (505)648-2394.
Or return the following application to:
Tammie J. Maddox
Lincoln County Clerk
Post Office Box 338
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(Cut Application out and Mail Today)

APPLICATION FOR POLL WORKER

Yes, I would like to serve as an Official Poll Worker for the upcoming 2004 elections. I am a resident of the United States and a current registered voter of the State of New Mexico, County of Lincoln.

X _____
Applicants Registered Name (Please Print all information)
Applicants Physical Address: _____
Applicants Mailing Address: _____
Applicants Telephone Numbers: Home: _____
Work: _____

**LEGAL NOTICE
#5880 2T (3)10,12,18
LEGAL NOTICE**

SEGUNDA PROCLAMACION ENMENDADO DE LA ELECCION PRIMARIA.

Conforme a la Ley de Elección del Estado de Nuevo México, Yo, Tammie J. Maddox, Escribana del Condado de Lincoln, del Estado de Nuevo México, en virtud de la autoridad que la ley me otorga, por la presente anuncio la proclamación de la elección primaria del 26 de enero del 2004.

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

CARGOS DEL ESTADO, DISTRITO, Y METROPOLITANOS

LA COMISION DE EDUCACION

PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

Distrito 8: Condados de DeBaca, Lincoln, Sierra y Torrance y aquellos recintos electorales del condado de Chaves, Guadalupe, Otero y Santa Fe segun se copiaron Del sustituto de Elecciones y Votantes del Proyecto de Ley 10 de la Cámara de Representantes, Décimo Quinta Legislatura, Primera Sesión Extraordinaria que fue Adoptado por referencia en la Decisión y Orden Definitiva en Sánchez y Vigil-Giron D-0101-CV-2001-0225D.

PLAZO DE CUATRO AÑOS

Distrito 9: Condados de Curry, Eddy, Lea, Quay y Roosevelt y aquellos recintos electorales del condado de Chaves segun se copiaron del sustituto de Elecciones y Votantes del Proyecto de Ley 10 de la Cámara de Representantes, Décimo Quinta Legislatura, Primera Sesión Extraordinaria que fue adoptado por referencia en la Decisión y Orden Definitiva en Sánchez y Vigil-Giron D-0101-CV-2001-0225D.

TODOS LOS OTROS CARGOS DEBEN SER ARCHIVADOS PROPONICIONADOS EN LA PROCLAMACION DE LA ELECCION PRIMARIA@.

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

/S/TAMMIE J. MADDOX
ESCRIBANA DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN

**LEGAL NOTICE
#5886 3T (3)10,12,18
LEGAL NOTICE**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Carrizozo City Hall Building will be received for the Town of Carrizozo (as Owner); until 4:00pm MST April 2, 2004, by Leann Welbrecht, Procurement Manager Town of Carrizozo, 105 Sixth Street, (Carrizozo Recreation Center) Carrizozo, NM. Bids received after this time will not be opened and publicly read aloud at bid opening. The Bidding and Contract Documents will be available on Monday, February 16, 2004 and may be examined at:

**LEGAL NOTICE
F.W. Dodge Co.
1616 University Blvd., NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 243-2817**

Construction Reporter
1607 Second, NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 243-9793

Builder's News
3435 Princeton Dr., NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 884-1752

Copies of the above documents may be obtained at:

Albuquerque Reprographics
4716 McLeod NE Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 884-0862

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, and upon depositing the sum of \$150.00 for each set of documents, prospective bidders may obtain a copy

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of the bidding and construction documents. Any prospective bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within (10) days, following the bid opening, will be returned that deposit. General Contractors may receive up to 3 sets of the bidding and construction documents. All other prospective bidders may receive only 1 set.

The bidder's attention is directed to the requirements of the Contract Documents for adherence to applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, payment of minimum wages, and payment of taxes. Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The successful bidder shall provide a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract. Minimum wage rates and benefits shall be paid as determined by the State of New Mexico Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Labor. The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject Bids. Bids shall be good for 30 days following the opening of the bids and may be withdrawn pending Owner action.

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Refer to the instructions to Bidders, contained in the bidding and construction documents, for instructions related to clarifications and addenda regarding the bidding and construction documents.

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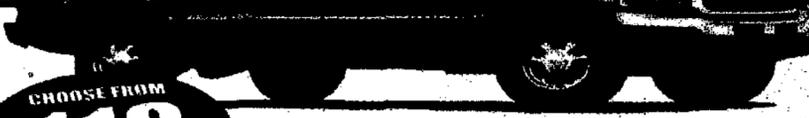
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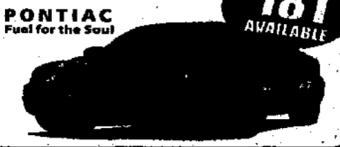
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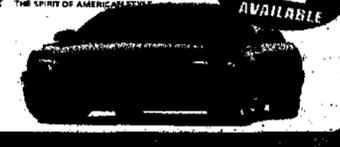


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	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00		
KASA	Kirby: Right	Mutant Turtles	Sonic X King	Shaman King	Ultimate Musella	Kirby: Right	Pat - Keeping	Guthy-Ranker	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	Teams to Be Announced		
KENW	(7:00) America's Home and Covered Dishes	Cooking: Casseroles			Southwest Yrd	Victory Garden	School of Fine Art	Joy of Painting	One Stroke/Quilt in a Day	Love of Quilting			
KOBR	Eyewitness News Weekend Edition	Kenny the Shark	Tutenstein (DVS)		Trading Spaces	Endurance (DVS)	Strange Days	Scout's Safari	Curling From Grand Forks, N.D. (Taped)	PGA Golf			
CNN	On the Story	People in the News	LaC Peterson		CNN Live Saturday		In the Money		CNN Live Saturday				
KOAT	(6:00) Home Show	Access TV	Fillmore		The Proud Family	Lizelle McGuire	Wild Moments	Mercury Media	K8 Homes	Mercury Media			
EI	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled (Part 1 of 5)	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled (Part 2 of 5)	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled (Part 3 of 5)	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled (Part 4 of 5)	101 Reasons the '90s Ruled (Part 5 of 5)					Baywatch: TBS			
USA	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy	Monk: Mr. Monk and the Paperboy				
KBIM	Hey Arnold!	ChalkZone	All Grown Up	The Brothers Garcia	Dora the Explorer	Blue's Clues	College Basketball	(40) College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
KASY	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program				
DSC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program				
TNN	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed	Reality of Speed				
FAM	Medabots	Digimon	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Power Rangers
HBO	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager				
SHOW	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara				
MAX	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max	Max
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AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC	AMC
KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV	KRPV
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SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI
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CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN
WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS
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LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE
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GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF
CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC	CNBC
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON		MARCH 13, 2004											
	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30		
KASA	HS Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball
KENW	Key-Quilting	Creative Living	Ned Arts Studio	Dare to Repair: A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Home Improvement	To My Studio								
KOBR	(6:00) PGA Golf Honda Classic - Third Round, From the Country Club at Miraval in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.												
CNN	Next at CNN	CNN Live Saturday	Dollar Signs	People in the News	CNN Live Saturday								
KOAT	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage - Stars at Red Wings, Devils at Flyers of Kings at Sharks												
EI	(6:00) Baywatch: The Elite True Hollywood Story												
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent
KBIM	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal	College Basketball: Big 12 Semifinal
DSC	Poisonous Women	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod	American Hot Rod
TNN	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Star Trek: The Next Generation
FAM	Full House	7th Heaven	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices	Choices
HBO	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager
SHOW	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara
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SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI	SciFI
FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX	FX
H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G	H&G
CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN	CNN-FN
WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS	WTBS
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LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE	LIFE
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GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF	GOLF
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SATURDAY EVENING		MARCH 13, 2004											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00		
KASA	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted-Fights Back		High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball	High School Basketball
KENW	From Lawrence Wolf: To America With Love				Andre Rieu in Concert: The North America I Love				Squirrel Wars... And How to Win Them				
KOBR	Billy Graham Special	Frasier	Happy Family		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				Saturday Night Live				
CNN	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night			CNN Presents: Dean Campaign				CNN Saturday Night				
KOAT	Dr. Dolittle	Eddie Murphy: A surgeon regains his ability to talk to animals			America's Funniest Home Videos				(35) Will & Grace	(35) The Practice	(12:30) She Spies		
EI	Goldie & Kate: The El True Hollywood Story	Lara Flynn Boyle: Hollywood Story			Wild On... 'Chile'				Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern		
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Nashville Star "Number Ones"			Law & Order: Criminal Intent				Nashville Star "Number Ones"	Whoopi Goldberg	Whoopi Goldberg		
KBIM	Star Search (Same-day)	Hack - Reckoning (N)			The District				News	Powerball	Powerball		
KASY	Angel First Impressions	Angel: The House Always Wins			Buffy the Vampire Slayer				Buffy the Vampire Slayer	Jerry Springer	Jerry Springer		
DSC	Double Agents	New Detectives: Forensic Science			New Detectives: Forensic Science				The FBI Files "Silent Strike"	The FBI Files "Dark Woods"	New Detectives		
TNN	WrestleMania's Great Matches	WWE Velocity (N)			WWE Confidential (N)				Ext Elimination	Ext Elimination	Highlander		
FAM	Summer Catch (2001, Comedy-Drama)	Freddie Prinze Jr., Jessica Biel			The Facts of Life Reunion (2001, Comedy) Lisa Wheeler				I Want to Marry Ryan Banks (2004) Jason Priestley	Faerie Tale	Faerie Tale		
HBO	A Mighty Boxing Shane Mosley vs. Ronald Wright				The Sopranos "Two Toms"				Faerie Tale	Faerie Tale	Faerie Tale		
SHOW	Surviving Sara	Surviving Sara			Star Trek: Voyager				Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager		
MAX	Max	Max			Star Trek: Voyager				Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager		
TNT	TNT	TNT			Star Trek: Voyager								

SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 14, 2004. Grid of TV programs from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM across various channels including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, SHOW, MAX, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, DISN, ANPL, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, GOLF, CNBC, TRAV.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 14, 2004. Grid of TV programs from 1:30 PM to 6:30 PM across various channels including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, SHOW, MAX, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, DISN, ANPL, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, GOLF, CNBC, TRAV.

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 14, 2004. Grid of TV programs from 7:00 PM to 12:00 AM across various channels including KASA, KENW, KOBR, CNN, KOAT, EI, USA, KBIM, KASY, DSC, TNN, FAM, HBO, SHOW, MAX, TNT, AMC, KRPV, COM, TLC, TCM, UNI, DISN, ANPL, ESPN, NICK, SciFi, FX, H&G, CNN-FN, WTBS, WGN, LIFE, FSSW, ESPN2, OUTD, HIST, A&E, GOLF, CNBC, TRAV.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS. Week of March 10 - 16, 2004. Includes a photo of Judith L. Christopher and detailed horoscope predictions for Pisces, Cancer, Scorpio, Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn, Gemini, and Libra.

MONDAY EVENING		MARCH 15, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	
2	KASA	That '70s Show	Cracking Up	Forever Eden	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
3	KENW	Truth About Beauty	Jerry Baker's Gardening Wisdom	News	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
4	KOBR	Fear Factor	Las Vegas Nevada State	Average Joe: Adam Returns	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
5	CNN	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Paula Zahn Now	
6	COAT	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Extreme Makeover	Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital	News	News	News	News	News	News	
7	COAT	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Extreme Makeover	Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital	News	News	News	News	News	News	
8	EL	Brat Pack: The El True Hollywood Story	Teen Idols of the '80s	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Celebrities Uncensored	Celebrities Uncensored	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern	
9	USA	Brat Pack: The El True Hollywood Story	Teen Idols of the '80s	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Celebrities Uncensored	Celebrities Uncensored	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern	
10	KBIM	Yes, Dear	Still Standing	Every- Raymond	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami	Witness to Murder	News	News	News	News	
11	KASY	The Parkers	Eve	Girlfriends	Half and Half	Married... With Children	Coach	Elimidate	Elimidate	M*A*S*H	Cops	
12	DSC	The Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice	MythBusters	Hosts test urban legends	Monster House	Monster Garage	Roman House	American Chopper	Mike's Bike 2	Monster House	Monster House	
13	TNN	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	Breaking Up is Hard to Do	News	News	News	News	News	News	
14	FAM	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	Breaking Up is Hard to Do	News	News	News	News	News	News	
15	HBO	Breakout	Enough	Dead Men Talking: An Autopsy Special	News							
16	SHOW	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	
17	TNT	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	
18	AMC	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	
19	KRPV	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	
20	COM	Late Night	The Daily Show	Mad TV	Crunk Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	Chappelle's Show	The Daily Show	The Daily Show	The Daily Show	
21	TLC	The Residents: The Limits of Medicine	Now Who's Boss?	Amazing Medical Stories	Never Give Up	The Residents: The Limits of Medicine	Now Who's Boss?	Amazing Medical Stories	Never Give Up	The Residents: The Limits of Medicine	Now Who's Boss?	
22	TCM	6:00 ***Pocketful of Miracles*** (1981, Comedy)	6:00 ***Family Plot*** (1976, Mystery)	6:00 ***Solomon and Sheba*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	6:00 ***The Untouchables*** (1959, Drama)	
23	UNI	Bajo la Misma Piel	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univision	Hasta en las Mejores Familias	Rencor Apasionado	Gente Bien	Gente Bien	Gente Bien	Gente Bien	
24	DISN	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Double Teamed*** (2002, Live)	
25	ANPL	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	
26	ESPN	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	
27	NICK	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparent	Nicktoons	Full House	Full House	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	
28	SciFi	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	
29	FX	Married... With Children	Married... With Children	Cops								
30	H&G	Mission: Orgz	Designers	Design on a Dime								
31	CNN-FN	The Filipside	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Dolans Unscripted	CNN Today							
32	WTBS	Austin Powers: Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery	
33	WGN	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	6:00 ***Trading Places*** (1983)	
34	LIFE	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	6:00 ***Decel*** (2004)	
35	QFSE	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	The Best Damn Sports Show	
36	ESPN2	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey	
37	OUTD	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	Lumberjack	
38	HIST	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	Iraq War: Year	
39	A&E	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	Beauty Under the Knife	
40	GOLF	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	Golf Academy Live	
41	CNBC	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	
42	TRAV	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	Eye of the Beholder	

TUESDAY EVENING		MARCH 16, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	
2	KASA	American Idol	Twelve Finalists compete in front of a studio audience	News	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
3	KENW	The Medical Godfather	The Renaissance Giovanni de Medici returns from exile and seizes Florence	News	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
4	KOBR	Whoopi	Happy Family	Fraser	Scrubs	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	News	News	News	News	
5	CNN	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Paula Zahn Now	
6	COAT	8 Simple Rules	I'm With Her	According to Jim	Less Than Perfect	NYPD Blue	Coloher Knowledge	News	News	News	News	
7	COAT	8 Simple Rules	I'm With Her	According to Jim	Less Than Perfect	NYPD Blue	Coloher Knowledge	News	News	News	News	
8	EL	Goldie & Kate: The El True Hollywood Story	Donald Trump: The El True Hollywood Story	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Celebrities Uncensored	Celebrities Uncensored	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern	
9	USA	Goldie & Kate: The El True Hollywood Story	Donald Trump: The El True Hollywood Story	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Celebrities Uncensored	Celebrities Uncensored	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern	
10	KBIM	Yes, Dear	Still Standing	Every- Raymond	Two and a Half Men	CSI: Miami	Witness to Murder	News	News	News	News	
11	KASY	The Parkers	Eve	Girlfriends	Half and Half	Married... With Children	Coach	Elimidate	Elimidate	M*A*S*H	Cops	
12	DSC	The Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice	MythBusters	Hosts test urban legends	Monster House	Monster Garage	Roman House	American Chopper	Mike's Bike 2	Monster House	Monster House	
13	TNN	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	Breaking Up is Hard to Do	News	News	News	News	News	News	
14	FAM	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven	Breaking Up is Hard to Do	News	News	News	News	News	News	
15	HBO	Breakout	Enough	Dead Men Talking: An Autopsy Special	News							
16	SHOW	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	Analyze That	
17	TNT	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	NBA Basketball: Suns at Rockets	
18	AMC	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	Bug	
19	KRPV	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	Light of the Southwest	
20	COM	Late Night	The Daily Show	Mad TV	Crunk Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	Chappelle's Show	The Daily Show	The Daily Show	The Daily Show	
21	TLC	The Residents: The Limits of Medicine	Now Who's Boss?	Amazing Medical Stories	Never Give Up	The Residents: The Limits of Medicine	Now Who's Boss?	Amazing Medical Stories	Never Give Up	The Residents: The Limits of Medicine	Now Who's Boss?	
22	TCM	6:00 ***Dial M for Murder*** (1954)	6:00 ***Ministry of Fear*** (1944)	6:00 ***The Man Who Sued God*** (1956)								
23	UNI	Bajo la Misma Piel	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univision	Hasta en las Mejores Familias	Rencor Apasionado	Gente Bien	Gente Bien	Gente Bien	Gente Bien	
24	DISN	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	6:00 ***Gotta Kick It Up*** (2002, Live)	
25	ANPL	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	Cell Dogs	
26	ESPN	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	College Basketball NIT Be Announced	
27	NICK	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparent	Nicktoons	Full House	Full House	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	
28	SciFi	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	
29	FX	Married... With Children	Married... With Children	Cops								
30	H&G	Mission: Orgz	Designers	Design on a Dime								
31	CNN-FN	The Filipside	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Dolans Unscripted	CNN Today							
32	WTBS	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	6:00 ***One in Sixty Seconds*** (2000)	
33	WGN	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	6:00 ***The Birdcage*** (1996)	
34	LIFE	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	6:00 ***Murder at 75 Birch*** (1999, Mystery)	
35	FSSW	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	6:30 NHL Hockey	
36	ESPN2	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	NBA Fastbreak Tuesday	
37	OUTD	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	American Idol	
38	HIST	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	The Iraq War: One Year Later	
39	A&E	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	
40	GOLF	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	Masters 1995	
41	CNBC	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	
42	TRAV	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	Made in America	

WEDNESDAY EVENING		MARCH 17, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	
2	KASA	That '70s Show	American Idol	Arrested Dev.	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
3	KENW	Frank Patterson: God Bless America	Irish Tenors: Live in Belfast	Denyce Graves: Breaking the Rules	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
4	KOBR	The Apprentice	Law & Order: "Floater"	Law & Order: "Conceived"	News	News	The Simpsons	Becker	Drew Carey	Blind Date	The 5th Wheel	
5	CNN	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Paula Zahn Now	
6	COAT	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Extreme Makeover	Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital	News	News	News	News	News	News	
7	COAT	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Extreme Makeover	Stephen King's Kingdom Hospital	News	News	News	News	News	News	
8	EL	6:00 Briny Spears	Celebrities Uncensored	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Celebrities Uncensored	Celebrities Uncensored	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern	
9	USA	6:00 Briny Spears	Celebrities Uncensored	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Celebrities Uncensored	Celebrities Uncensored	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Wild On... Party Central	Howard Stern	
10	KBIM	Survivor: All-Stars	The King of Queens	Stones								