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Downs unhappy with mid school site

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In its bid to obtain community support for funding for the construction of a new school facility in Ruidoso, school board members have raised the ire of some residents of Ruidoso Downs.

Residents say they cannot understand that as the district already owns land in the Downs why that land is not to be utilized for the new middle school, the *Ruidoso News* was told Monday.

"It was my understanding that when the school board bought that land in the Downs it was sold for the expressed purpose of building a school here," said Downs resident Jeffrey Dean Holman.

"We are taxpayers, too, in Ruidoso

Some residents, officials feel school district should utilize land it already owns in Ruidoso Downs

Downs and we should have at least one school in Ruidoso Downs," he said referring to the acreage the school district owns on the north side of U.S. 70 across from the Aqua Fria subdivision.

According to Holman, the last time the Ruidoso Municipal School District had a school located in the Downs was back in the mid-'50s when the Stetson building was used as a grade school for children living in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs (then called Green Tree), Mescalero and Glencoe.

"Schools more than any other building project or factor can pull a community together or it can divide it. This school board has had a chance to help make Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs feel like one community, unlike any other school board before it, and it chose not to take that chance."

Holman, who is running for a seat on the Ruidoso Downs City Council, points to the mega-campus in Carlsbad which combines what could be two high schools into one.

"The principal who was there at the time that school was built was very proud that whether a student was from the poorest part of town or the wealthiest, they were one student body. He always said one campus helped build a stronger sense of community in Carlsbad.

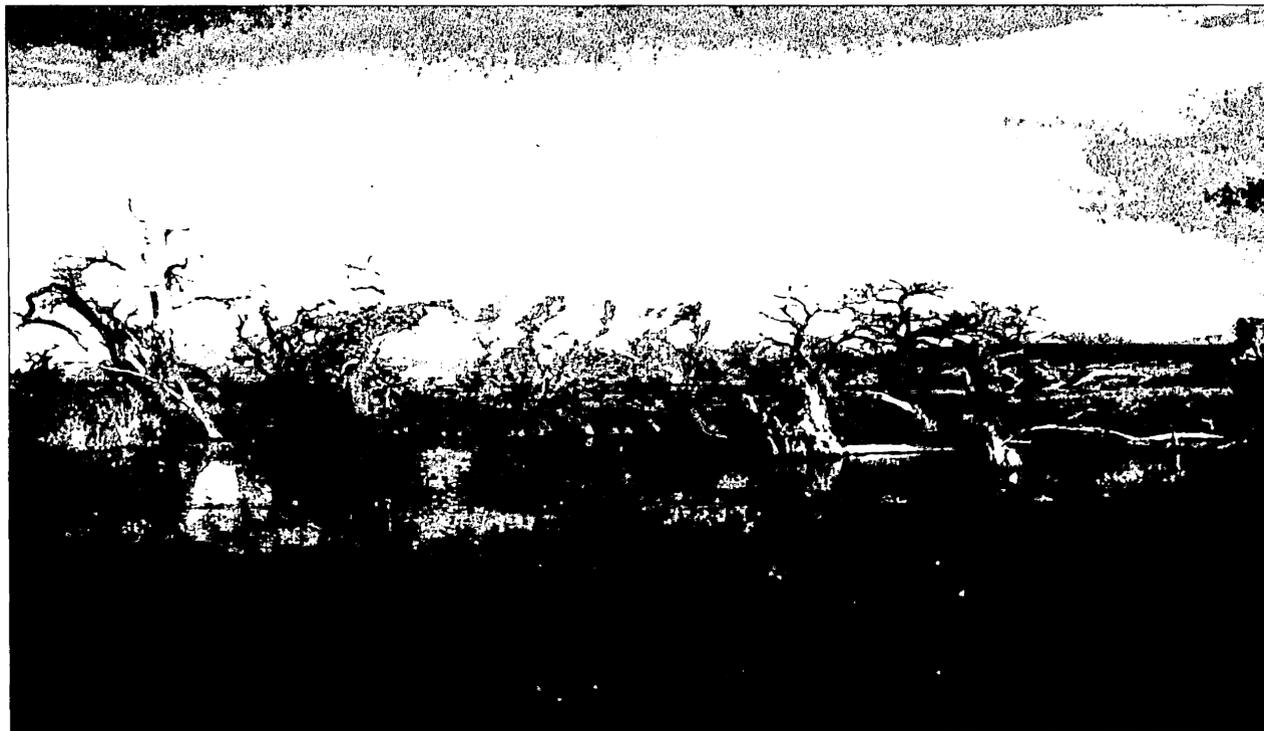
"I would liked to have seen that here."

Holman said he represented Ruidoso Downs' interests in public forums hosted by the Ruidoso Municipal School District's Blue Ribbon Committee in 2004 and 2005.

"I had a feeling that they were listening to me out of courtesy but had no

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DESERT OASIS



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Carrizo Springs north of Carrizozo has been a key source of water for man, livestock and wildlife since before recorded time. At one point it served as a water stop to the stagecoach lines through the area. Recorded on 1845 maps of Texas, it was one of the few places in New Mexico documented on those maps, indicating its importance as a good water source. Water levels have receded over the past decade.

Trapper charged

■ Caleb Townley accused of improper placement

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One charge was filed in Magistrate Court in Carrizozo Monday against a trapper who is accused of placing eight leg hold traps too close to a roadway.

Caleb A. Townley, 19, of Ruidoso, was cited by State Game Warden Mike Matthews because according to court documents the officer contends traps were found last week an average of five to eight yards off the road, instead of the mandatory 25 yards.

Townley, who listed a Ruidoso address, but no telephone number, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

The charge stemmed from an encounter with a trap by a hiker and her dog, and a subsequent check of the area around the Upper Rio Bonito. The land is owned by the Bureau of Land Management and is popular with hikers and horseback rid-

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Touched by gentleness

Lincoln County Bird Club offers book honoring rescuer

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A book touched by the gentleness of its author, Dr. Shirl Brunell, *I Hear Bluebirds*, chronicles the fight for survival of two orphaned bluebirds and the bond formed with their human rescuer.

Through the generosity of her brother, Herb Brunell, a photographer who uses the camera as his method of recording nature and the impact of changing times on Ruidoso, the Lincoln County Bird Club will be able to offer copies from the last printing of the book before the author's death on Dec. 18.

"I thought what better way to preserve her memory than to raise money for birding, to help wildlife," Brunell said.

Club president Anita Powell said the story is worth sharing with all ages, especially children, and focuses on the relationship between the author and a bluebird named Samson, who with Baby Sister survived an attack on his nest by house sparrows, and suffered a broken beak.

"This book makes a wonderful gift for bird enthusiasts, lovers of nature and young people," Powell said. The

book won the Arkansas Press Women's Book of the Year Award.

Speaking about his sister recently, Brunell said they grew up in Alamogordo, but spent their summers

in Ruidoso, where their father built Brunell's department store in 1946.

After his death, their mother, Nellie, married former Alamogordo mayor Walter Mullins.



COURTESY HERB BRUNELL

Dr. Shirl Brunell stands by a sign in her honor in Louisiana

Shirl graduated from Alamogordo High School in 1952, a year after Brunell's graduation, and went on to earn a doctorate in psychology.

"She was dyslexic and worked very hard at becoming a doctor of psychology," Brunell said. "She had her own practice in Texarkana. She spent a lot of time working on legislation in Texas and Arkansas to protect children."

She created a Juvenile Services Project for Model Cities for Texarkana, Ark., and became the first female chief psychologist at the Northeast Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.

Shirl always was interested in animals and would pick up any dog that needed a home, Brunell said. But her focus on bluebirds began when she raised the two babies from their shells.

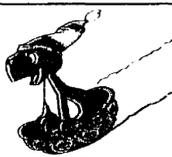
"After she released them, the male returned one year later to introduce his family," he said.

He recalled going to see his sister, who took him to the aviary and then seemed to disappear into the story of her unique and rewarding interaction with the birds.

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Ongoing

Al-Anon Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H, Ruidoso: 257-9397.

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily 613 Sudderth, Suite H, 257-9397.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower; 258-4185.

Duplicate Bridge Club 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous Meets 7:15 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Drive at Highway 70.

The Party Bridge Group 1 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808

Stretch & Tone Class For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Terry Center, 501 Sudderth, RSVP: Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas Company Final regular meeting, 6 p.m. in the CCNG office, 217 Lincoln Ave in

Capitan. Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade; 257-2081, or on the Web at www.fbcruuidoso.com

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth) Noon every Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Pine Top Road and Custom Car Club Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group Meeting 10 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lincoln County Chess Club 5 p.m. every Thursday at Arby's, 633 Sudderth Dr. All experience levels welcome. Bring your own equipment; Bob Moeller, 354-8036

Thursday, Feb. 2

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; 257-2607.

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club Meets every 5 p.m. Thursdays at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave., in Capitan. For information, please call Kitty or Bob Callender at 258-1345.

Carrizozo Roundtable "A Vision of Carrizozo," with speaker Warren Malkerson, 7 p.m. Thursday at Otero Electric Coop Community Room, 12th Street, Carrizozo.

Democratic Party of Lincoln County Meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at K-Bob's, Highway 70 West; Joyce, 336-4501.

Gov. Richardson's office hours Andrew Morales from Gov. Bill Richardson's Southern New Mexico

office will hold office hours in Lincoln County on Thursday. Constituents interested in meeting with Morales should bring documentation regarding cases or issues. For more information, call the governor's Southern New Mexico office, 505-541-0087. •Capitan, 9-10 a.m. at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Ave. (Meeting Room). •Ruidoso, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. (Conference Room).

Lincoln County Adult Singles Meets every first and third Thursday at various locations. Other meeting or event times will vary during the month. For details and meeting times, see the planned activities. For further information, please contact Darrell (354-2635) or Sharon (585-8535). The Lincoln County Adult Singles Group welcomes all adult singles. The Web site is: http://www.highcountryeng.com/LCASG.

Lincoln County Chess Club 5 p.m. every Thursday at Arby's, 633 Sudderth Dr. All experience levels welcome. Bring your own equipment; Bob Moeller, 354-8036

Republican Party of Lincoln County 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Weber's Grill; 336-4490.

Sierra Blanca Swingers 7:30 p.m. at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808.

Friday, Feb. 3

Charity Fish Fry Sponsored by BPQE #2086, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Elks Lodge on Highway 70 West; Ruth Ann, 257-2607 or 257-6142.

Senior Line Dancing 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; 378-4659.

Weight Watchers 9:30 a.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Monday at Community United Methodist Church, 2200 Junction Rd.; Marcia, 258-8879

Saturday, Feb. 4

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club 9 a.m. every Saturday. Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146 920 MHz after 8 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 6

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H, 378-8391.

Angus Wood Carvers 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarena Church Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37; 336-9161.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Women's Club game day 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Women's Clubhouse, 116 S. Evergreen, behind the Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch followed by Bridge and other card games.

DFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary 6 p.m. in the winter the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Alto Women's Association 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every month.

Altrusa Club 7 p.m., first Tuesday of every month, for program; Noon, third Tuesday of every month for lunch, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Beth, 258-4244.

Community Public Meeting A meeting to discuss the water feasibility study, 6:30 p.m. in the Capitan High School Cafeteria.

Kiwanis Tuesdays at noon at K-Bob's, Todd, 257-4033.

Meet the Candidates: Carrizozo candidates appear in a forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 7 p.m. at the County Commissioners Chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Planning & Zoning Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission meets at 2 p.m. in Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.; 258-4343

Prepared Childbirth Classes Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; 257-7381 (ask for OB dept).

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club, except on the first Tuesday of the month during the school year. Those meetings are at 11:45 a.m. at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Call Barbara, 258-5445, Phyllis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Evening Lions Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook, Bill Speagle, 378-4151.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; 257-0363.

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Downs' Parker honored

Longtime resident Florence Parker was named 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary. Florence is founder of the auxiliary, started in March 1982, and is the wife of former Downs mayor and councilman Jake Harris.

The honor came last month during the 25-year old Auxiliary's end of the year Christmas banquet.

"I was completely surprised by this," Parker said. "No one said anything. It was a very nice thing for them to do."

In accepting the award, Parker credits co-charter member Ida Dale for the auxiliary's success as well as all members who have come and gone over the years.

"It's a good organization. We have good, hard working officers and members and we welcome new members," she said. Present from the beginning,

Parker is able to recall the auxiliary's many accomplishments.

"Our first project was to raise money to help the police department. We raised it through donations, bake sales and a gun raffle. With the money we painted the police station and put drapes and carpet in. We also bought radios," she remembers.

The Ruidoso Downs city offices, fire department, All American Park and community/senior center also were aided by the auxiliary in the early years, as today, while community projects have run the gamut from highway cleanups to the availability of educational scholarships.

Parker said she is looking forward to helping her community further through continued involvement with the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary and with the formation of a youth component to the auxiliary.

Second forum set

People reluctant to drive at night but who want to hear candidates in the March 7 election for Ruidoso will be given that chance Feb. 13.

Members of the Ruidoso Women's Club will offer a 9:30 a.m. candidate forum at the clubhouse, 116 South Evergreen St.

"It's important to hear each candidate's ideas on how to improve the village," said Ann Gordon, who can be contacted at 378-5354. Or call Anndy Patterson at 257-5596.

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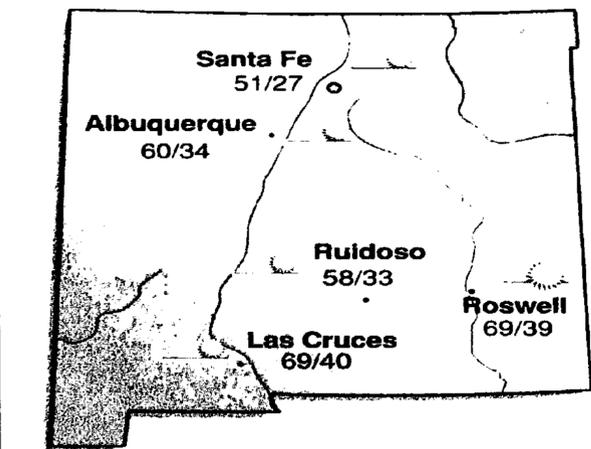
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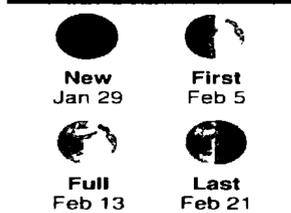
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UV Index

Table showing UV Index for Wed 2/1, Thu 2/2, and Fri 2/3, all at a level of 4 (Moderate).

Area Cities

Table listing weather for area cities: Alamogordo, Albuquerque, Carlsbad, Chama, Clovis, Deming, El Paso TX, Espanola, Farmington, Gallup, Grants, Guyton OK, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Lordsburg, Lubbock TX, Odessa TX, Raton, Roswell, Santa Fe, Santa Rosa, Silver City, Socorro, St Johns, AZ, Taos, Trinidad, CO, Truth or Consq, Tucson, AZ, Tucumcari.

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Sinking roadway, flooded homes recall work crews to Highway 70

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The all-too-familiar signs indicating 'men at work' and rows of orange barrels re-directing traffic along U.S. 70 are returned to the Hondo Valley corridor.

In January, Hayward-Baker, a specialty company hired by corridor contractor Sierra Blanca Constructors (SBC), began pulling up an 800-foot stretch of asphalt near mile post 268 and burrowing some seven feet into the ground there. The work site is considered the most extensive of several "corrective projects" since the New Mexico Department of Transportation announced in August that the reconstruction of U.S. 70 was "finished."

It also follows a series of complaints filed by county commissioners to NMDOT regarding eroding roadways and retaining walls experienced by homeowners in the area, as well as concern over the lack of turn lanes.

"We've filed a formal complaint with the highway department and will continue to do so periodically until we are satisfied that all the problems we've outlined have been fixed," County Manager Tom Stewart said this week.

"I'll communicate the problems with the district office but if we're not seeing things being taken care of then we'll take them to the transportation secretary [Rhonda Faught]. They won't cease to hear from us until the problems cease to exist."

Ralph Meeks, District II Maintenance Engineer with DOT, said he is in receipt of the letter from Stewart and commissioners, dated Sept. 20, outlining concerns and does not disagree with some of the issues that were brought up.

"We've had to take a second look at a few spots but that's

part of the process," Meeks said of the design-as-you-go method used in the 38-mile widening of U.S. 70. "We had design and construction work going on concurrently during the three-year project and are dealing with the results now. We're dealing with problems as we become aware of them."

Big deal

At mile post 268, Meeks said a wall there has settled adversely following heavy rains.

"The settling caused some cables to shear. It got our attention when we started noticing movement, not because anyone had to tell us there was a problem. The pavement was sinking so we're fixing it."

Meeks said SBC contractors have dug deep into the ground underneath the wall and roadway at MM268 to perform some geo-technical studies and this week will begin jet-grouting in the area, or pouring concrete deep into the rock and clay settlements.

The reinforcement work is expected to be completed by the end of March at the expense of the contractor, said SBC Project Manager Pat Kalisz.

"The work is progressive but time-consuming," he said. "Motorists won't see a return to four lanes along this stretch of the highway for at least two months."

Flooded homes

In his letter of response to Stewart, dated Dec. 19, Meeks acknowledged that a retaining wall near MM279 is in "non-compliance" with plans approved by NMDOT but said it is the responsibility of the contractor to make repairs.

"To date, we have not accepted this wall," Meeks wrote without elaborating on what plans, if any, have been made to repair the wall.

Meeks said DOT will continue to address concerns as they

arise but described some claims made by homeowners that their homes are at risk or are experiencing flooding due to the wall's design as unfounded.

"The drainage that has come out was always there," he said. "Any homeowner who can show that their home was not previously susceptible to flooding can file a written complaint with SBC."

Becky Sanchez, a fourth-generation resident of San Patricio, said the sinking of streets and erosion of walls along U.S. 70 shows "lack of planning for water runoff" in the Valley.

"The retaining wall by my home (milepost 279) was filled in with concrete so now the water has no place to go but into my house. I don't know what they were thinking would happen when they built the wall the way they did," she said. Sanchez said SBC's insurance company has issued her a check for carpet that was ruined after it rained a few months ago but said the agent could not tell her if the contractors had fixed the wall.

"He just said I would have to go to the highway department if the problem continues but they (DOT) told me I have to go to the contractor," she said, citing frustration with what she feels is "the run-a-round."

"It looks like I'll just have to wait until the next rainfall to see what will happen."

Frontage roads, turn lanes

Meeks said that many post-construction roadway complaints filed in his office are unfounded and therefore do not merit further consideration by DOT, particularly regarding turn lanes constructed onto frontage roads.

He said that turn lanes were possible where there was either a minimum of five residences in need of immediate access, or a business located at that point.

He said that certain environmental approvals also had to be given.

"We held a lot of meetings before we started construction to let the public know what we were doing and to get their input," Meeks said. "A lot of the people who are complaining now were not at the meetings or they were there and did not speak up. Now, they want us to come back."

Stewart said he wrote the transportation department following a number of complaints he had received about turning lanes at mileposts 269.3, 269.8, 272.2, 272.9, 276, 277, 279.1, 281.1, 283, 277.5, and alleged erosion of retaining walls at 277, 278 and 279.

Meeks points out that improvements to the roadway and signage located at the U.S. 70/380 junction were made in response to Stewart's letter.

When the county informed the department of transportation that the junction was the cause of several recent traffic accidents, Meeks said no time was wasted in adding a second stop sign in the area as well as three sets of rumble strips in order to better attract the attention of motorists and direct traffic. The department



Workers dig for a trench for jet-grouting at mileposts 268.

also relocated signs approaching the intersection, he said.

Meeks said he feels confident that DOT has satisfactorily addressed all "legitimate" concerns and said any further problems with recent U.S. 70 roadway remains to be seen.

For his part, Stewart said that while "there is nothing we can do about the structure of the highway itself," the areas that put homeowners and motorists at risk will never be a low priority. He said he does "not accept bureaucratic answers" to real problems. "It's about safety," he said. "When you've got walls washing out, at the very least you monitor them."

The widening of U.S. 70 from Riverside (milepost 302) to Ruidoso (milepost 264) is one of 12 priority corridors targeted by the state. Roadwork began in August 2002 at a projected cost of \$130 million and was completed in August 2005 at a cost of \$162 million.

Some 3,960 to 6,580 vehicles per day access the roadway.

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L. Ray Nunley for Mayor



Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past four years on the Ruidoso Village Council. I've taken this job seriously, listened to you and accomplished some important tasks. However, there is much more to do, and that's why I'm asking for your help. I want to continue to serve Ruidoso and its citizens as we go boldly into the future, and am asking for your vote for mayor.

On Tuesday, March 7, the voters of Ruidoso will have a chance to throw open the doors on an open, responsive and positive Village government and say no to the contentious path of the last two years. The choice is clear, and it's up to you.

I have a plan, and with your help and your vote, we'll join forces March 7, to set Ruidoso on a successful course:

1. As your mayor, I will return civility to the council, working together with elected officials, village staff, other governmental agencies and you, the citizens, for the good of the community.
2. Water and growth issues continue to be a problem and priority for this village and the surrounding area. I support the development of a 10-year plan that takes into consideration the history and reality of our 10-year flow pattern. We can't sit and wait - we must be active in melding water availability and manage the growth of our village to the benefit of the citizenry, the business community and the overall economy.
3. Have you lost anything in a pothole lately? Yes, our streets are deteriorating, and in my administration we'll establish a priority plan for paving, repairing and filling potholes.
4. At the heart of village government, is its responsibility to maintain an adequate infrastructure for its citizens. My administration will be tasked with assessing water and sanitation services to make improvements to meet current needs.
5. Like other parts of any municipal infrastructure, the sewer system does not last forever. Our wastewater treatment plant is on the brink, and we must prepare to join our partners in maintaining an adequate, up-to-date system. I'm prepared to cooperate with our neighbors and deal with this problem.
6. I know who my constituents are and I do my best to serve them well.
7. Because of my experience in county government, I will work with the Lincoln County Commission and other councils concerning growth, ETZ, water, zoning and planning.

As you can see, I intend to get back to the basics of village government in my administration, taking care of the business of government and staying out of those issues that are NOT the business of government. In order to set priorities, I'll be asking you to join me as we

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OUR OPINION

Like cockfighting, trapping is vile throwback

We don't need the meat or the fur, anymore

There are no tender traps, but the State of New Mexico can go a long way towards reducing the collateral damage done by the trapping industry.

We submit that trapping is a barbaric "sport" that has a great margin of error for maiming or killing unintended prey. Unlike hunting, it has the potential to create needless suffering. Recreational trapping - not that employed by ranchers - has no place in a civilized society that no longer depends on sustenance and clothing from the practice.

Toward a more humane sys-

tem, short of outlawing trapping itself, the state should:

- Limit the number of traps one trapper can set
- Reduce the number of species that can be trapped
- Increase oversight of trapping procedures and enforcement
- Ban trapping on public land
- Ban the use of snares, which strangle slowly, and conibear traps, which break the neck of an animal
- Require padded or laminated traps in New Mexico
- Require trap-checking on a more frequent basis.



A deer caught in a trap

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Of Dollar Bill Richardson and Johnny's cash

They are spending a lot of money in Santa Fe these days and that is a good thing.

It is a good thing because our State of New Mexico is flush. We are swimming in deep green pools of dollar bills. Whee! Fun, fun, fun!

Our legislators, those folks we send to Santa Fe to roll around in piles of dough, are doing a good job. They are throwing money around like a crazed lottery winner.

NED CANTWELL

Press, the junior budget bill would also give Governor Bill and House members money to spend on their favorite projects. Hot, diggity dog, let's put widescreen plasma TVs in all state office break rooms.

One good thing to come out of Governor Bill Richardson's budget proposal was the idea to spend \$533 million on programs for the "Year of the Child." Actually, the year last-

ed about a week when, says the *Albuquerque Journal*, "money for failing schools, physical education and breakfast for elementary school children was cut back" by a House committee.

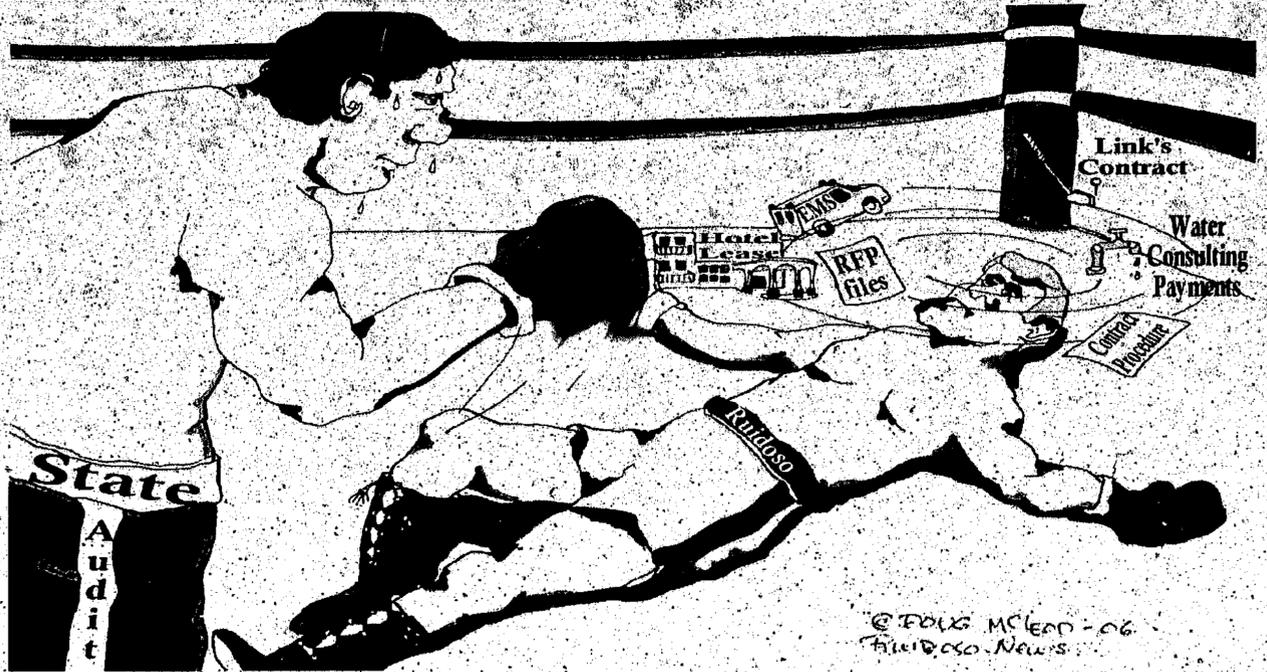
Richardson wanted \$20 million for those items, but the committee pared it down to less than \$9 million. But have no fear, you can count on the Tax Excess Special to keep rollin' on like a sad Johnny Cash song.

Another good thing we are spending money on right here at the edge of space is a \$225 million Spaceport in Uplham. That's Uplham, N.M. Save up \$200,000 for a round trip ticket and take the 32 off Interstate 25 to grab your flight. It will be a few years before we get this baby cranked up, and only about \$100 million of the total would be state money.

So let's review. The Year of the Child lasted a week, the Spaceport is on the horizon and...

"I saw the train a-comin',
 "Comin' down the track,
 "Rolled on into Santa Fe,
 "Haulin' tax-dollar money sacks,
 "Ridin' Bill's Tax Excess Special,
 "And we're gettin' screw-hoed again."

Ned Cantwell - ncanwell@charter.net - has submitted his ditty to Music Czar Nancy Laflin.



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 Ruidoso News

YOUR

'Gang of four' displayed cavalier, arrogant attitude

To the editor:

Special thanks to the *Ruidoso News* staff for their excellent reporting on 'The Audit' and the succinct editorial in the Jan. 25 newspaper. Therefore there's no point for me to enumerate further on the audit.

It was obvious from all the shenanigans in the Village council meetings that something was amiss.

The "gang of four" - Mayor Eggleston, council members Hardeman, Nunley and Shaw were the obstructionists in their divisiveness. We also have their associates and supporters - Village Manager [Lorri] McKnight, former Mayor [Robert] Donaldson, and former Village attorney [H. John] Underwood somewhat implicated or at least tainted, or worse, by the audit.

Their paradigm must be Washington D.C.-based. They display a cavalier, arrogant attitude, an 'inbred' group mentality that has to be eliminated from any future fiduciary role in the Village's government.

They can squeal away to their protagonists, pundits, associates and us voters, but there doesn't appear to be much wiggle room. They can save their breath for the courts.

A vote for Eggleston, Hardeman, or Nunley would have to come from a biased supporter or someone naive.

I give special thanks to Councilors Marcum, Rebstock, and Williams for their grit and efforts to bring this mess into the open. Also Al Jungo's poignant remarks and letters and former Village planning director and assistant attorney [Charles] Rennick for his past service. I regret Marcum's and Rennick's loss to the Village and wish them the best.

Walt Nowak
 Ruidoso

More singing, less squealing

To the editor:

Regarding village manager [Lorri] McKnight's assertion that the (un)timely release to the public of the results of the state audit of Ruidoso's (sorry) state of affairs was "wrong, wrong, wrong," I must disagree with Ms. McKnight on all three points. It was right, right, right; right on time, right on the mark, and right on the money.

She asked, "What service will be provided if this (audit) is posted (now)?" May I suggest that early is better than late in horses and the public's right to know, and we've waited long enough for this horse to show.

There's nothing like a small grass fire to burn a few buns and I wish to thank 'The Three Musketeers' for starting this little blaze. If you look at the money

involved here - and the money is always a nice place to look first - it appears our good ol' boy/girl local government has gone beyond a few minor small-town favors and conflicts of interest and set up shop with the big boys.

Village taxpayers understand that to get and keep good help you've got to pay them well, so we pay our village employees well, uhh...the directors, attorneys, and consultants I mean, not the real employees.

It's a matter of public record what village management employees make, and it's certainly adequate, but Lord only knows the real dollar amount we've paid to attorneys and consultants. With our village's system of "checks and balances" you'd be hard pressed to nail that figure to the wall.

The bill payers in this town have a right to expect better than this.

When a pig gets caught under the gate it's going to squeal and all I've heard so far is a lot of squealing. That and a noisy crowd of pigs feeding at the taxpayer's trough.

Let it be known that any candidate in the March election who actually expects to be elected would be wise to sing along with 'The Three Musketeers'. We need more singing and less squealing.

Homer Peters
 Ruidoso

GUEST

Releasing audit to public denies due process

LEON EGLESTON
 Mayor, Village of Ruidoso

The time has come that I feel I need to offer my opinion regarding some of the proposed allegations that have been leveled against members of Village Council, past and present, members of our staff and business associates within our community.

This council received a Confidential Draft Preliminary Special Audit from the office of the State Auditor on Jan. 19, 2006, listing their findings that was released and reported to the *Ruidoso News*. The release of the preliminary audit was a violation of Section 12-6-5 NMSA 1978.

It is unfortunate that actions at the special [council] meeting regarding this preliminary document continue to color discussions without proper procedure being followed. The appearance is that others are taking this preliminary draft document as gospel and painting everyone who is mentioned in this preliminary document as guilty; therefore circumventing the basic right of due process under law. The State Auditor has given us until Feb. 15, 2006 to respond to these preliminary findings and we will do so.

The precarious nature of canceling contracts and leases without allowing entities to respond to these preliminary findings would place the Village at considerable risk. If the findings were



MAYOR EGLESTON IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION IN MARCH

addressed in a final Special Audit, most certainly corrective action must take place.

The Village of Ruidoso will respond to these findings and will receive a final document from the state Auditor. There may be a distinct possibility that some of these items may be addressed in a court of law based on the illegal release of the preliminary audit and there is also the probability that the State Auditor most certainly will remove some of the findings after receiving all the information.

Many of these issues could have been addressed through communication with the rest of the council. I have said many times to all the members of the council, "If you have a concern, let's get it on the table and discuss it so we can move on. In my opinion, circumvention of the

process only leads to further allegations and open acts of misconduct.

I'm not sure that there have been mistakes that have been made over the past 15 years, but proactive stances are established on the final findings, not on preliminary findings. Any action beforehand places the Village and the taxpayers in a very precarious situation. I still feel this is America and a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Being an elected official does not make you superior to anyone, nor does it set you above the law. Nor does it give you the right to overstep law, procedure and process.

In a democracy you don't always get your way. We don't always agree with what our legislative lawmakers decide, but it is a system that has been in place for centuries and should be respected.

Remember, this is a preliminary draft document. It is not a legal, final and binding document, and the process will most certainly get us there, the right way.

Editor's note: According to a letter from the Office of the State Auditor to Mayor Eggleston and Members of the Council, the audit document is called a "draft special audit." There is no use of the word "preliminary." Also, the Village cannot respond to the 30 items referred for possible criminal prosecution except in a court of law.

CAMPUS

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intention of really considering placing a school in Ruidoso Downs," he said of that occasion.

"It is funny now that the school administrator is saying that by consolidating the high school and middle school in one place, it will make everything better for parents dropping off their children at one school or the other," he continued. "At the meeting I spoke at he answered someone in the audience who suggested just that very thing saying 'That would not be a good idea because it would cause too much congestion for school buses' and what not."

Holman said he fears that by placing several different age level campuses close together the district is inviting problems.

"You'll get bullying of older kids with the younger ones," he said. "And kids trying to run back and forth between campuses - a very bad situation," he said.

Holman said he may be a resident of Ruidoso Downs but he is as much a Ruidosoan as any other person who lives in the village and so is not influenced in his opinion by a sense of misguided loyalty.

Holman, 75, is a former Ruidoso High School teacher and coach. In his 30-year career as an educator he also worked as an athletic director and assistant high school principal in Roswell.

"When they talk about how consolidating the high school and middle school close to each other will make it easier for parents dropping off their children, 'I ask easier for which parents? Which students? Certainly not those living in Ruidoso Downs,' he said.

Jackie Branum, 60, said she



Jeffrey Dean Holman says proposed site would create problems.

concur wholeheartedly with Holman.

"They keep saying that putting the high school and middle school together is a good idea but I can't agree," she said. "I know how the traffic is around the schools (on White Mountain Drive and Warrior Drive) and it is a lot worse than coming in and out of Highway 70."

Branum, a former middle school teacher (Ruidoso) and school board member, said she does not feel that Ruidoso Downs is adequately represented on the Ruidoso Municipal School Board of Education and so will always end up on the short end of decisions.

"I don't want to see districting but we have to do something to make sure there is better representation in the future," she said.

Ruidoso Downs City Manager John Waters said he accepts the decision that was made by the governing board but said he too favored more of an effort into utilizing land owned in Ruidoso Downs.

"They have said they cannot use the 21 acres they own there because it does not allow for expansion but I don't know that they ever talked to the people who owned the land adjacent to that acreage to see if they could

purchase more," he said.

Dr. Charles Harrison, superintendent of schools, said that by his recollection Waters had offered to the district to "act as a sort of ombudsman and talk to landowners for us to see if they would be interested in selling at a price we could afford."

"The last thing we heard on the subject was that they were not interested," he said. "When the Blue Ribbon Committee started out all we had was the land in Ruidoso Downs. We started a land search only after Ruidoso Downs was ruled out."

Waters said the school district announced its intentions to relocate the middle school to Warrior Drive before all discussion was concluded.

According to the RMSD, roughly 24.8 percent of the current student body is residents of Ruidoso Downs.

In December the district placed 21 acres up for bid in Ruidoso Downs at a minimum bid of \$1 million as well as water rights it owns in the Hondo Basin for another \$200,000. District administrators said money earned in the sale of the land and water rights will be pooled with state funds and monies it hopes to get from a general obligation bond it is floating in a Feb. 7 special election.

BIRD

FROM PAGE 1A

She went on to become active in bluebird organizations such as the North American Bluebird Society and the Texas Audubon Society, and efforts to protect the species, placing more than 40 nesting boxes outside of Shreveport, La. and speaking at meetings.

According to an article on Shirr after her death, she also turned the story into a real life example for her patients who were overcoming challenges. She preached taking life's risks to reap life's rewards.

She was assembling a book on things children say when

she died after a lengthy illness.

"When we were children, she formed clubs specifically with the intent of keeping me out," Brunell said. But before she died, she gave her brother the gift of a lifelong membership in her personal club of life, although reflecting on her battle against a neuromuscular disease that progressively destroys muscles, she pointed out that some of the activities were not that much fun.

In the book, Shirr's reluctance to kill any living thing is tested when she must slice worms for the baby birds. One passage illustrates her angst at the destruction caused by needless hunting, even by neighborhood boys with BB guns.

This afternoon at the hard-

ware store, I heard two men loudly bragging about the number of squirrel and doves they had killed on their last hunt, she wrote. "Later, I saw them drive away in their expensive cars. Had they learned to kill, or never learned not to kill? Surely, they did not need those little animals for food. I wondered if those men could be taught to feel the greater exuberance of knowing the love of a playful squirrel or a dove... than killing them. A hopeless goal, I suspect."

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EDUCATION

School officials hold optimistic outlook on bond election

Architects: School building not conducive to renovation

DEANNA CHENEY
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In less than one week, voters residing in the Ruidoso Municipal School District will head to the polls to decide whether or not to approve a \$26 million bond request.

The district has said it needs the money to construct a new middle school here and to expand that campus to include new classrooms for fifth and sixth graders. Monies also are needed to help fund six broad capital outlay projects in the district including the re-roofing of two existing schools and to conduct technology upgrades to others, District Administrator Charles Harrison said.

"This is about providing for the future of our kids. The state has told us we are not meeting adequacy standards, with regard to our middle school, and last year gave us \$5.53 million towards the construction of a new school.

"We need voters to approve the rest of it so that we can do what we've determined we need to do as documented in our Master Facilities Plan."

Tom Rigsby, chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee which helped facilitate dialogues between the community and the school board over the past year, said he is optimistic voters will approve the bond request on Feb. 7.

"I'm positive the bond will carry," Rigsby said Monday. "Voters have always been supportive of our children. The building we are in now is old and needs to be replaced for our kids."

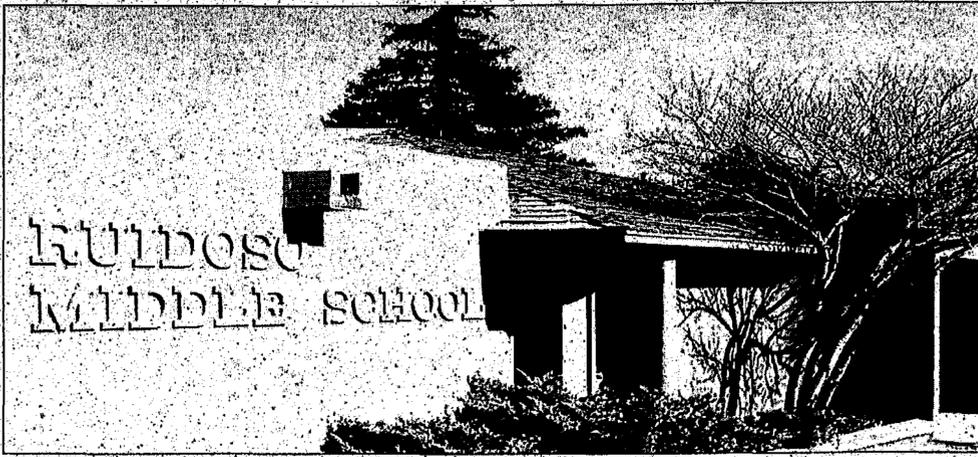
Built in 1955 as a high school, but commandeered in 1985 as a middle school, the facility at Horton and Reese Streets would cost the district \$14.5 million to renovate to meet standards set by the Public School Facility Authority and the Public School Capital Outlay Council, Harrison said.

"We have studied this issue thoroughly and what we've been told by an architect is it would cost just under \$15 million to bring it up to standards and to provide for expansion. Why would we spend that on a renovation when for \$4 to \$5 million more we can get a new school?" he said.

Harrison said the two most frequent question administrators and board members are hearing from the public, when talking about the need for a new middle school, are "Why can't the school we're in be renovated to meet needs?" and "What will you do with the existing campus if you move?"

Harrison and Frank Sayner, president of the school board, said a relocation of the school would mean a win-win for everyone.

"Ideally we'd like to see the upper gymnasium where we are now used as a community or youth center," Sayner has said. "There is a nice wood floor in there and a stage that can be used for many purposes as well as plenty of parking."



DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

The current middle school facility at Reese and Horton Streets was built in 1955.

Sayner said the lower gymnasium, the newer of the two, and the football field would remain intact for use by the district for school activities.

The Ruidoso Municipal School District last called for a special election in February 1996. Turnout for that election was at about 10 percent of registered voters in the school district, County

Clerk Tammie Maddox said.

All registered voters are encouraged to turnout for the election, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501-A Spudderth Dr.

Early absentee voting, which began Jan. 13, will continue through this Friday.

Career Day at Mescalero Schools

The public is invited to attend the Third Annual Transition/Career Fair sponsored by Mescalero Apache Schools Wednesday, Feb. 8. The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 249 White Mountain Dr. in Mescalero.

According to Jessalyn Saenz, the fair is designed to provide information on voca-

tional opportunities, employment, post-secondary education, job training, recreational and leisure activities, independent living and summer job opportunities for youth.

For more information, interested persons can contact Dolores Herrera-Martinez at 464-4431 or dmartinez@mescaleroas.org.

Junk food out of public schools, governor says

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson last week finalized tough new anti-junk food rules designed to keep New Mexico students ready to learn and out of the doctor's office.

Richardson announced his new rules Friday from Cleveland Middle School in Albuquerque, a school hailed as a statewide model for healthy

snacks.

"The rules we have signed today will get all junk food vending out of our elementary schools and will put the snacks in our middle and high schools on a diet. I am proud that New Mexico's anti-junk food rules are among the toughest in the nation," he said.

The proposed rules would:

- Ban all junk food vending from elementary schools and only allowing healthy beverages, like 2-percent milk, soy milk and water after the last lunch period.

- Eliminate all carbonated drinks from middle schools and require that middle and high school vending machines have healthy snacks and beverages

that meet health requirements. New Mexico also has established rules for a la carte items in schools. A la carte food in New Mexico schools are limited to no more than 16 grams of fat, 30 grams of sugar and 400 calories. These rules were developed by the state Department of Health and Action for Healthy Kids.

EDUCATION NEWS

Board of Education

The Capitan Board of Education will be attending the New Mexico School Board of Association board member meeting in Santa Fe Feb. 10-11. No action by the Capitan Board of Education will be taken.

ENMU-Roswell grads

Ruidoso area student Jessica J. Reed is among the students graduated from Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell in the fall semester of 2005. Reed earned a certificate in Occupational Training, and Nursing Assisting.

Funding for Center

U.S. Senator Pete Domenici this week announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has released the funding he secured to help Eastern New Mexico University-Portales equip its new communications center. HUD is issuing a \$496,000 Economic Development Initiative grant to ENMU to purchase state of the art equipment for a new communications facility. Domenici, the only member of the New Mexico congressional delegation to serve on a congressional appropriations committee, gained the earmark in 2004 as part of the FY 2005 VA-HUD Appropriations Bill.

Monte Montgomery

ENMU-Portales and the

Office of Student Activities and Organizations will host blues/rock acoustic guitarist Monte Montgomery in a free concert at 7 p.m., Friday in the Campus Union Ballroom in Portales.

The younger songwriter is one of the hottest draws on the talent-packed Austin, Texas, music scene and is well known throughout the U.S. for his electrifying performances. Monte Montgomery was awarded Best Acoustic Guitar Player during the 2004 South by Southwest Music Conference.

ENMU-Portales is the parent campus of ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College.

Graduate scholarships

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is now accepting nominations from undergraduate institutions for its Graduate Scholarship Program, one of the largest and most competitive scholarship programs in the country. College seniors at more than 2,000 accredited institutions in America and alumni who have graduated from these institutions since May 2001 may compete for the scholarship, which can total as much as \$50,000 per year for up to six years.

The nominations process at Eastern begins by submitting the application and supporting materials by March 1, 2006 to Dr. Steven Palmer, ENMU scholarship representative, Station 49, 1800 South Ave. K., Portales, NM, 88310. Application materials are available at:

www.jackkentcookefoundation.org, or by calling 1-800-498-6478.

1976 reunion

The Ruidoso High School Class of 1976 is searching for classmates. The 30-year class reunion is set for Aug. 4-6. Persons with information or addresses on the following are encouraged to contact the reunion committee at cec@valornet.com or ritter@valornet.com or 258-5552.

Classmates sought: Tim Achuff, Bobbi Adams, Tresa Anderson, Clint Baker, Barbara Bradley, Stoney Brewer, Jan Brewer, Barbara Britte, Freida Campbell, Tony Carrillo, Cheryl Chestain, Jay Chubb, Murdell Coho, Pansy Craig, Tom Dillon, Paul Easter, Danny Frances, Johnny Frew, Bobby Grimmer, Mike Hansen, Ruby Hanson, Charles Jurney, Susan Kent, Dale Moore, Wayne Perry, Gina Petroni, Matt Pietsch, Jennifer Quinn, Levoy Randolph, Bob Richardson, Eloy Sanchez, David Shira, Robin Stark, Terri Tafoya, Allen Temple, Robert Todd, Scott Walizer, Karen Wallace, Gary Wheeler, Richard Wheelock, Jordan Zink.

Dean's List

Jake Tetreault of Ruidoso was named to the Dean's List at NMSU in Las Cruces Dec. 10 for the Fall 2005 semester. Tetreault is pursuing a degree in Hotel/Restaurant and

Tourism Management.

To make the Dean's List, a student must have a grade-point level in the top 15 percent of the College during each semester and complete at least 12 semester hours. He successfully completed 14 hours and ended the semester with a 4.0 grade point average.

His parents are David "T-Bone" and Kathy Tetreault, long-time residents of Ruidoso. They contribute his achievements to diligence in his studies and a vision of success for the future.

Hispanic Scholarships

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Inc. in Washington is now accepting applications for its 2006 scholarships and fellowship placements program in Washington.

The scholarships are offered to Hispanic students who have a history of performing public and/or community service activities.

The scholarships are not based on GPA and all are awarded to full-time community college, undergraduate, and graduate students of all majors. Applications can be accessed online at: www.chciyouth.org<http://www.chciyouth.org> and must be postmarked by March 1, 2006.

Send education announcements to: dchene@ruidosonews.com

REAL TROOPERS

JUNIOR TROOP 5 COURTESY PHOTO

Just before Christmas Junior Girl Scout Troop 5 donated much-needed tents to the Humane Society of Lincoln County and also took a tour of the facility. The Troop will continue to support the shelter throughout 2006 by volunteering to bathe, feed and walk the dogs. Co-Troop Leader A-dal Cory said:

Troop 5 - Catherine Cory, Vivian Wilson Kind, Alex Clark, Ali Moore, Kate Robinson, Kristine Clark, Jesse Madkiff, Julia Robinson, Sara Rue and Miranda Madkiff. Not pictured Adrienne Crow and Amber Crow.

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CHARGE

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Townley has until Feb. 4 to enter a plea to the charge, which could carry a \$500 fine and up to 60 days in jail on conviction.

Apparently, trapping on public land is evolving into a major issue for the Rio Grande chapter of the Sierra Club, which joined with Animal Protection of New Mexico to push for a prohibition against leg hold traps, snares and lethal traps on federal land in New Mexico.

Mary Katherine Ray, a chapter member and someone who stepped into a trap and wasn't strong enough to release it, said Arizona passed a ban on lethal and leg-hold traps on public land in 1994. Chapter members fear the decimation of small fur-bearing populations and exposure to possible injury of public land users.

They are compiling information about incidents on public land, which probably will be presented to the state legislature in 2007. Trying to prompt change through the State Game Commission was unsuccessful, Ray said.

Local residents also are mobilizing.

"A lot of people are coming together out here," said one woman whose dog was caught in a trap apparently placed illegally. "We are writing different tourist publications, especially those focused on outdoor activities because it isn't fair to visitors to be out there hiking when traps may be hidden. We intend also to contact the state Tourism Department."

According to wildlife related recreation data from the U.S.

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Pete Gnatkowski
Lincoln County extension service

Fish and Wildlife Service, while \$671,000 is generated through trapping licenses, equipment and pelt sales in New Mexico, 387,000 tourists visit the state to watch wildlife, 449,000 New Mexico participate in that activity, and together they generate \$931.5 million for the state.

Attempts were unsuccessful Tuesday to reach the president and vice president of the New Mexico Trappers Association and former National Trappers Association director. But Pete Gnatkowski with the extension service in Carrizozo said banning traps on public land could negatively impact ranchers, unless they were excluded.

"The livestock industry because they are made up of private and public lands intermingled, and you limit their ability to practice any kind of control on those lands other than private, would be a total disaster," he said.

Ranchers pay a per head assessment to cover the cost of predator control, where trapping focuses on larger predators such as mountain lions and coyote.

"They need to have the ability to control these animals," Gnatkowski said. "As far as recreational fur trappers, it is akin to hunting and for some folks, it represents a considerable source of income. In defense of what they do, they keep the numbers down. We have major problems with predation on livestock in years

when food sources such as rabbits and rodents, are not there. I'm not condoning a situation where they catch people's pets."

A survey of 533 registered voters in New Mexico conducted last August by Research & Polling Inc., showed that 33 percent believed trapping was illegal on public land. Overall, 63 percent either strongly support or somewhat support placing a ban on the leg hold, snare and lethal traps on public land.

As far as impact on hunting, many states that outlawed trapping on public land allow regulated hunting to continue, trapping opponents point out.

Jon Schwedler, wildlife projects manager for APNM, said no one knows if healthy populations of foxes, raccoons and many small fur-bearers exist because the state doesn't monitor their numbers.

A current study on bobcats, whose pelts bring the highest dollar, seems to indicate their numbers are dropping because of drought and possibly trapping, he said.

He also contended that most trappers do not shoot their catch because a hole in the pelt would lower its value. They are clubbed or strangled to death, he said. Serious damage occurs to up to an estimated 20 percent of animals caught in leg hold traps.

Persons who experienced run-ins with traps on public land can contact the Rio Grande chapter by e-mailing notrapnm@yahoo.com.

About 300 trappers operate in the state

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In their research of state data about trapping, members of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club found the following information:

• 1,500 people bought fur-bearer licenses in 2004, but about 300 trappers operate in the state.

The number doesn't include those who trap skunks or coyotes, because no license is required.

• No limit is set for the number of traps a single trapper can place. A trapper is required to check each trap every 24 hours, but little oversight exists. They often set five or six traps in a line. If one animal is caught and another comes to investigate, it also may be trapped.

• To sell a bobcat pelt, it must be tagged by the NMGFD because they are regulated by international treaty. In 1999, 1,059 bobcat pelts were tagged in New Mexico, but those used in personal taxidermy do not

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• Non-targeted animals that are killed or injured by trapping include porcupines, squirrels, coatis, fawns, birds of all kinds, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic animals and livestock.

• Lions and bears can't be

kept by trappers, but may be caught and injured.

• Healthier animals, not the weak and ill, are more likely to be caught in traps.

• Animals that can be trapped include badgers, bobcat, coyote, gray fox, kit and swift (considered in decline) foxes, opossum, raccoon, ringtails, skunk, longtailed weasel, beaver (scarce in part because of overtrapping), and muskrat.

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Traps have various characteristics

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Although the greatest exposure to traps on public land occurs from October through March 15, the trapping season, some traps may be left behind.

Members of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club, who are pushing for a ban of leg-hold and lethal traps on public land, offered some advice if a pet or individual is caught in a trap.

Although leg traps can be padded or laminated to lessen damage, that is not required in New Mexico. Toothed traps are not allowed.

The most common leg hold involves either a long spring trap or coil spring trap. Both can be opened by depressing the side levers. One person may have to stand on the levers to accomplish the release because the springs are set tight by trappers to avoid losing a catch, they said.

"If the animal gets away by chewing off his foot, it is called a 'wring off,'" according to the chapter's Web site. If a dog is captured, it will bite at the trap, at itself and rescuers, they noted. "Try to cover it with a jacket before attempting to open the trap," they said. "Don't leave the dog because it will struggle and the injuries will be worse."

Broken teeth and jaws can occur from trying to escape.

Neck snares are less expensive and used more often for coyotes and foxes, they said. If a companion dog is captured, try to immediately stop the struggle to prevent further tightening of the snare. Free the snare from its anchor, they advise. Then release the cable-tensioning device.

"If you hike where snaring is going on, it's a good idea to carry a small pair of bolt cutters," they advise, because trappers, state and federal agencies are not required to post warnings.

Snares are devices designed to strangle an animal to death, but may do so over several hours, causing the head to swell. In wet areas, traps for beavers are set to drag the animal under water to drown, and can take up to 24 minutes to finish the kill, they said.

Other traps used include a "connibear," a body crushing trap designed to close with enough force to break the neck of an animal. When the size isn't right, it may close anywhere on the back.

Cage traps are more humane, they conclude. But they can cause injuries if not checked properly. They are more expensive and bulky.

When a trapper arrives, many animals are exhausted from hours of struggle and possibly freezing night temperatures. Even if the trapper releases an animal because it

Neck snares are designed to strangle an animal to death but may do so over many hours.

doesn't have a valuable pelt, it could die of dehydration or injuries sustained, chapter members said.

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Dr. Otero received his medical degree from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and completed his residency at the UNM Family and Community Medicine Residency Program. Most recently, Dr. Otero worked with the Immediate Care Clinic here in Ruidoso.

Dr. Otero is a native New Mexican. He has three young children - Xavier, Isaiah, and Sierra - with his wife, Michelle. "We have had a great first year. We love the Ruidoso community and plan to stay here for a while."

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PRESBYTERIAN

State begins Posey rebuttal; seeks to focus on victims

MICHAEL SHINABERY
Alamogordo Daily News

As the trial of a boy charged with killing his family began its third week — the second week was filled with emotional depictions of abuse — District Attorney Scot Key said the state's rebuttal testimony will "refocus" on the "victims of a brutal murder."

Cody Posey, 16, is charged with shooting his father, Delbert Paul Posey, his stepmother, Tryone Posey, and his stepister, Marilea Schmid, 13.

Posey was 14 at the time, and admits to the July 5, 2004, shootings on Sam Donaldson's Chavez Canyon Ranch in Lincoln County. Delbert Posey was Donaldson's ranch manager. However, when Posey confessed, he had waived his Miranda rights twice and a lawyer was not present.

Senior Trial Prosecutor Sandra Grisham asserts Posey planned the killings.

Defense psychologists have testified Posey felt pushed into a fight-or-flight response where he feared for his life after years of parental physical, verbal and emotional abuse. Additionally, the night before the homicides,

the boy said his father attempted to force him into sex with the stepmother.

"This week (the prosecution) will put a different light on the victims," Key said. "The defense has been successful in not referring at all to victims and not referring to dead bodies or Cody's execution of his sister."

But defense co-counsel Tim Rose objected because, he said, the prosecution has given "no indication" as to what rebuttal witnesses will say. Grisham pointed out the state is not required to disclose on rebuttal. Furthermore, she said, the prosecution had to contend with undisclosed "surprises" during the defense case.

"We have been placed in a position by the child to defend three dead people," Grisham said. "About 95 percent of the individual incidents that Cody testified to on the stand were brand new to the state... We didn't know that he was going to make allegations of the scope and depth that he did."

Judge James Waylon Counts said rebuttal witnesses with no new information could be dismissed.

Monday's testimony began as defense lawyer Gary

Mitchell cross examined Delbert Posey's older brother, Verlin, who said while Delbert and Cody's relationship at times was strained, he never saw abuse.

Verlin's son, Clay Posey, 16, talked of a camping trip on which the two brothers took their families. He said he did not see Cody reprimanded in any way, nor did he personally ever feel afraid of Delbert.

During other family visits, Clay characterized the interaction between Posey and his father as casual, which Clay called "pretty normal."

"He (Cody) joked with him," Clay said. "He wasn't scared."

Defense witnesses have testified Posey was cowed around his father.

"At any time did he tell you he was afraid of his dad?" Senior Trial Prosecutor Janice Schryer asked.

"No ma'am," Clay said.

The same rapport seemed evident to Terry Winkler, a livestock feed salesman. Winkler said he never heard the father yell obscenities at Posey, call his son vile names, or hit him.

"Of all the years that I was around, the worse I ever saw

was he (Delbert) reached out and grabbed him by the arm and just shook him a little bit, not severe... and told him, 'I told you not to do that.'"

He said ranch work required occasional correction. "It was a long ways from ever being abusive at all," Winkler said. "If you don't do at the time what you're told, you're going to be seriously hurt."

Additionally, he said, Tryone was "as nice a lady as you could ever meet" and who was always making cookies for everyone.

"I never heard a foul word come out of her mouth. Ever," Winkler said.

He countered Posey's story of Delbert slamming his son onto the ground after Posey accidentally discharged a semi-automatic handgun in a pickup.

"Between Paul and I, he was jerked out of the pickup pretty quick... We was just scared to death of Cody being shot in the pickup," Winkler said. "Cody said he had checked to see if it (the gun) was empty and he fired it."

Winkler said Delbert's subsequent demeanor was "an aspect of teaching," as the father "got the pistol and showed" Cody how the firearm worked.

On cross examination, Mitchell challenged Winkler's recollections, pointing out feed salesmen had to get along with ranch managers who made the purchases upon which Winkler earned commission.

Others testifying included David Corn, whose family owned a ranch near Roswell on which the Posey family once worked. He did not see abuse, and said he was sorry to see them leave.

"(Delbert) was a good employee, a good hired hand. We just chit-chatted and he was off to bigger and better things," Corn said.

Dr. Wade Myers administered a battery of psychological examinations to Posey.

"You asked Cody about thoughts that he had about killing his parents," Grisham said.

"He admitted that he had possibly experienced such thoughts like that; that was sort of at the back of his mind prior to the killings," Myers said.

Posey described to Myers the attempted rape by his stepmother, how he bit her breast to escape, and a fight with his father the following morning.

Posey told Myers that after his father slapped him hard enough to knock him down, he armed himself and considered his options. They included reporting the fight to New Mexico's Children, Youth and Families Department, running away to Mexico, or continue to "live with" the abuse.

"Nothing else worked. Might as well just kill them. So I did," Myers quoted Posey as saying. "What Cody told me was, he was responsible for what happened, and in his words said 'I'm the one who chose what happened.'"

Myers did learn Posey suffered depression stemming from his mother's 2000 death. Posey was in the vehicle crash that killed her. While a doctor had prescribed Zoloft for the depression, Myers said he found "no relationship between Zoloft and (Posey's) violent acts." Those opposed to medicating children have argued nationally that mood-altering drugs underlie violence.

Grisham expects to finish rebutting on Thursday. On Wednesday, teachers, administrators and students from the Cludcroft school where Posey once attended will testify.



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Development opponents fail to land county support

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With a divided Lincoln County Commission, opponents of a proposed swap of state trust land on Moon Mountain failed to walk away from a meeting last month with a resolution supporting their position.

Commissioners Eileen Lovelace said she agreed with their opposition and that the county should back the Ruidoso Village

Council, which passed a resolution in opposition to the swap and to development on the mountain top.

She asked County Attorney Alan Morel if a motion would be appropriate.

"If you want to support the village council, you can do resolution and can do a motion," he told her. "If a swap is accomplished, I don't think you will be able to stop development short of a moratorium, so this would be an opportunity to stop the swap."

"I tried a moratorium and it failed," Lovelace said of a previous attempt to spark a moratorium on subdivisions in unincorporated areas of the county until commissioners worked out a better comprehensive plan and a vision of the future in new subdivision rules. Water supply is a main concern.

But Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said, "I personally think we don't have a dog in

this fight and the commission should stay out of it."

Commissioners Tom Battin and Maury St. John rode the fence and Commissioner Earl Hobbs was absent.

"One of things that keeps getting lost in this is that Lyons is not necessarily against the people of Ruidoso," St. John said. "His main objective is to make money to support education and at this point Moon Mountain is not contributing at all, whereas the land being considered (in McKinley County for the swap) would bring in funds for that."

"From all I read of the development contemplated, it's not like they are putting 900 houses in one little place. I'm kind of on the fence."

Real estate agent Mari Kay Nanz and Moon Mountain resident Pat Swindler pointed out that state officials don't know how much income could be raised from the McKinley land

and that Lyons' office received a record amount of income this year, so it doesn't need the money. With 92 million acres of state trust land, Moon Mountain's few hundred acres is minuscule, they said. Swindler pointed out that the previous state land commissioner opposed a development on the mountain and pledged not to move forward with any activity there that the village council and community didn't like. Although no plans are firm, the proposed development could consist of mixes of housing and a commercial lodge.

Joking that he's tried to stay hidden as long as he could, Battin offered his view.

"I have great empathy for their concern. I live on McBride, the next mountain, and seeing the elk drinking from the creek in the spring is one reason I love to live here," he said. "But I am an advocate of quality growth. I find it hard to oppose growth and development, at same time, I would like to preserve the natural habitat for wildlife."

"I suppose if an exchange takes place, it is incumbent on the county to guarantee that development is done as proposed with the least offensive (intrusion) to neighbors."

Although the commission as a whole may not agree on a resolution, he urged any individual commissioner to voice opinions to Lyons and the State Trust Advisory Board. Lovelace said she could not attend a scheduled meeting between opponents of the swap and the advisory board.

Battin said, "I guess I'll stay out of the debate because I have feelings on both sides. How's that for a definite position?"

The area around Moon Mountain, which includes Warrior Drive, Gavilan Canyon, Paradise Canyon, Hull Road and Meander Drive falls within Battin's commission district.

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Jerry

An average 7-year old child, Jerry, is energetic, optimistic and full of adventure. He also is hopeful. Hopeful that someone will hear his story and respond to his loneliness. In August Jerry lost his father to cancer. Today he lives alone with his mother, Maria, 53, who this month turned to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern New Mexico for help.

Founded in Lincoln County in 1995, for more than 10 years the program has successfully matched adult volunteers with children who are in desperate need of a friend and role model. Today, that same agency, while able to boast 50 life-enriching matches, bemoans a waiting list of 13 children seeking an adult mentor, some for as long as one year.

"I have one little boy who calls the office just about every day to ask if a big brother has been found for him," Deborah Abingdon, case manager, said last week. "The situation is especially bad for little boys who need big brothers. It is very hard to know that these children are out there but we are not able to match them for lack of volunteers."

Abingdon said she feels strongly that there exists in the various communities of Lincoln County people who have the time and heart to volunteer, if only she can "just reach them."

"For only four hours a month a Big can make a world of difference in the life of a Little. That's all the time we ask from a volunteer. No money, no gifts, just a couple of visits with a child each month," she said.

Abingdon describes a mentor visit as anything from a telephone call to something as simple as "baking cookies or playing catch with a youngster who needs a friend."

She said most children enrolled in the program are from single-parent households, and often, without siblings.

Jerry is one of those kids. He was born to his parents late in their lives. Brothers and sisters from earlier marriages are themselves grown with children and occupied a good distance from Jerry's home located in Ruidoso Downs. A grandfather, who does live in the area, is 92, and so, like his mother, is not able to "keep up" with Jerry.

"My husband and I used to work as a team," mom Maria explained. "Then, when Jerry's father died, I was so sad I just laid around the house for three months unable to get up."

"One day I realized Jerry was sad too, and very lonely. His teachers and the counselors at school talked to me about it, that's when I learned about Big Brothers Big Sisters."

Joyful prospects

Abingdon said those who step up to volunteer as a program mentor often see it as a chance to give back. "Yet," she said, "most end up saying 'I get back so much more than I give.'"

Local veterinarian Dr. Lynn Willard, an active Big and member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters advisory board, concurs.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters is a win-win program. I've certainly gotten a lot of it. It means a lot to see the growth of a child - knowing that without my support we could have a child in

trouble, potentially," he said.

Willard said he has mentored five Littles over the years. Currently, he is mentor to a 13-year-old boy whom he helps tutor on occasion. Outings for the pair also have included horse rides, tractor drives, and participation in a basketball free throw contest.

Willard, whose own children are grown, said he especially likes Big Brothers Big Sisters as it is an opportunity for one-on-one mentoring.

"You have a bigger influence in the child's life as a Big Brother as opposed to a coach," he said. "You can get closer to them and gain a better understanding of who they are and what they need."

Making a difference

Jerry likes to go outside and ride bikes and shoot rockets, but he also likes computer games. He said he is willing to experience different adventures his mentor might propose, adding that hunts for turtles and snakes is not out of the question.

Like other children who have signed up with the program, Jerry may be mentored in the school, if not in the community after school and on weekends.

Most districts allow mentors to be involved in school-based activities and to mentor their Littles during recess and / or during free periods, be that interaction social or academic.

Before his post-mortem depression, Jerry was being considered for the gifted program but did not make the cut when his grades started falling behind after his father's death. After learning about Big Brothers Big Sisters, Jerry's outlook started to change. In January he received an award at Sierra Vista Primary for good grades.

Early intervention

Big Brothers Big Sisters meets social needs in the community but is also considered a way of helping prevent children from getting into trouble due to too much time on their hands and very little positive direction. For this reason, the program interfaces routinely with other agencies and initiatives in the community.

Recently, Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden and three of his deputies met over lunch with Big Brothers Big Sisters board members to learn how his office can be of help.

Of the partnership Virden said, "We'd like to have an input on what the organization does and be a support however we can. The Sheriff's office is involved with other similar programs because we realize it is easier to be a help now rather than respond to kids in trouble when they are too far along."

"Early intervention is important," Virden acknowledged.

When entering the program, children and their parent(s) undergo an interview. Similarly, case managers work with volunteers who complete a general interest inquiry as well as a thorough background check. Once approved, they are matched with a child in need.

Big and Little matches can devise their own activities each month or can participate in events

Mentoring program in need of volunteers

• Story by Deanna Cheney



Big Brothers Big Sisters advocates in the Aspenfest parade

"It means a lot to see the growth of a child - knowing that without my support we could have a child in trouble, potentially."

Dr. Lynn Willard
Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentor

coordinated by Big Brothers Big Sisters, including parties and picnics and participation in community events such as the Aspenfest Parade and Ruidoso River clean-up.

Community-based mentors must be at least 18 years old to participate, while school-based mentors can be as young as 16, Abingdon said.

To learn more about becoming a Big, interested persons can contact Abingdon at 258-4185 or info@bbbsenm.org, or stop by the Big Brothers Big Sisters offices inside the Towers, 1096 Mechem, Suite G13, in Ruidoso. A Web site also can be viewed at bbbsenm.org.



Bigs and Littles enjoy a three-legged sack race



Dr. Lynn Willard entertains Littles to a ghost tale at last year's Big Brothers Big Sisters Halloween-party.

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Mary Etta Miller

Funeral services for Mary Etta Miller, 74, of Nogal will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Carrizozo Church of Christ with burial to follow at the Nogal Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller died Friday, Jan. 27, at the Mescalero Care Center.

She was born April 17, 1931, at Roswell. She moved to Lincoln County in 1969 from El Paso. She was a homemaker and attended the Carrizozo Church of Christ. She married Vernon Miller on Sept. 30, 1949, at Alamogordo.

Surviving family members include her husband, Vernon, of Nogal; two sons, Vernon

Miller Jr. of Corpus Christi, Texas, and James Luke Miller of Nogal; two daughters, Glorietta Miller of Carrizozo and Esther Hinson of Lancaster, Calif.; four brothers, Robert Means Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Donald Means of Carrizozo, Richard Means of Fruita, Colo., and Vestal Means of Harrah, Okla.; three sisters, Sarah Lou Carwile of Carrizozo, Verna Rodman of Loveland, Colo., and Joy Means of Alamogordo; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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'Miracle' finish gives Warriors win at Goddard

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Ruidoso boys basketball coach Billy Page isn't one to consider a miracle finish as something he's always looking for, but he's happy when his team can get one like it got Saturday in Roswell.

After trailing 33-17 at the half, the Warriors rallied with a stellar second half to force their game against Goddard into overtime. They then needed a last-second shot from well beyond the three-point arc by Jason Kampsky to escape with a 56-55

victory.

It was a spectacular victory for Ruidoso (13-7), just the kind of win it needed before beginning District 4-3A play Tuesday at New Mexico Military Institute.

Even so, Page wasn't happy with his team's play in the first half.

"We shouldn't have been that far behind. We were just going through the motions instead of setting hard cuts and screens to the basket," Page said. "I asked them at half about what kind of team they wanted to be, and they responded."

Using a strong pressure

defense, Ruidoso forced the Rockets (7-15) to take several bad shots and gain the rebound, eventually turning those into scores at the other end.

Kampsky almost gave his team the victory in regulation with a pair of free throws that put the Warriors up by one with just over 10 seconds to go.

But then Ruidoso fouled Goddard's Raul Renteria, who made one of two foul shots to even things up at 49-all and force overtime.

In that overtime period, the teams saw-sawed back and forth before Goddard's Justin Cooper

made a jump shot which appeared to seal his team's victory with just four seconds left.

But after a time out, Ruidoso got the ball to Kampsky at half court, who dribbled close to the three-point line and sank the 22-foot shot at the buzzer.

Kampsky had nine points in the game, and the Warriors were led by Ted LaCoe with 19 points and David Barnett with 17.

"It was exciting to see we could play that kind of basketball just in time for district play," Page said. "You can't overlook anybody, not even NMMI. Everyone's a potential threat."

WARRIOR STATS

Warriors 56, Rockets 55 (OT)
Ruidoso (13-7)
Justin Padilla 0 0-0 0, David Barnett 7 3-4 17, Thomas Rodriguez 0 0-0 0, Chris Durin 0 0-0 0, Ted LaCoe 8 2-4 19, Alfredo Maldonado 1 0-3 2, Sergio Castañon 0 0-0 0, Damon Broussard 2 1-2 6, Jason Kampsky 2 4-6 9, Cutter Pack 0 0-0 0, Shane Hoffman 1 0-0 3, Dillon Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Cody Hoffman 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 10-19 56.
Goddard (7-15)
Chris Roybal 2 0-0 4, Brandon Jones 1 0-0 3, Josh Lucero 1 2-2 4, Raul Renteria 0 3-4 3, Justin Cooper 3 0-1 7, Bernard Neal 5 1-1 11, Julio Chaves 0 0-0 0, Josh Hill 5 1-3 11, Peyton Corretti 4 4-4 12. Totals: 21 11-16 55.
Ruidoso 10 7 18 16 7 — 56
Goddard 17 16 8 8 6 — 55
3-point goals — Rui 4 (LaCoe, Broussard, Kampsky, SHoffman); God 2 (Jones, Cooper). Fouled out — Rui (Broussard), Turnovers — Rui 11, God 18. Total fouls — Rui 19, God 20. Technical fouls — None.

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Forecast: Clear

Ruidoso girls lose disappointing games

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The Ruidoso Lady Warrior basketball team finished a very difficult weekend with a pair of losses. Its 61-51 loss at the hands of Goddard on Saturday was bad enough, but the one that really hurt was a 63-47 loss to Lovington on Friday.

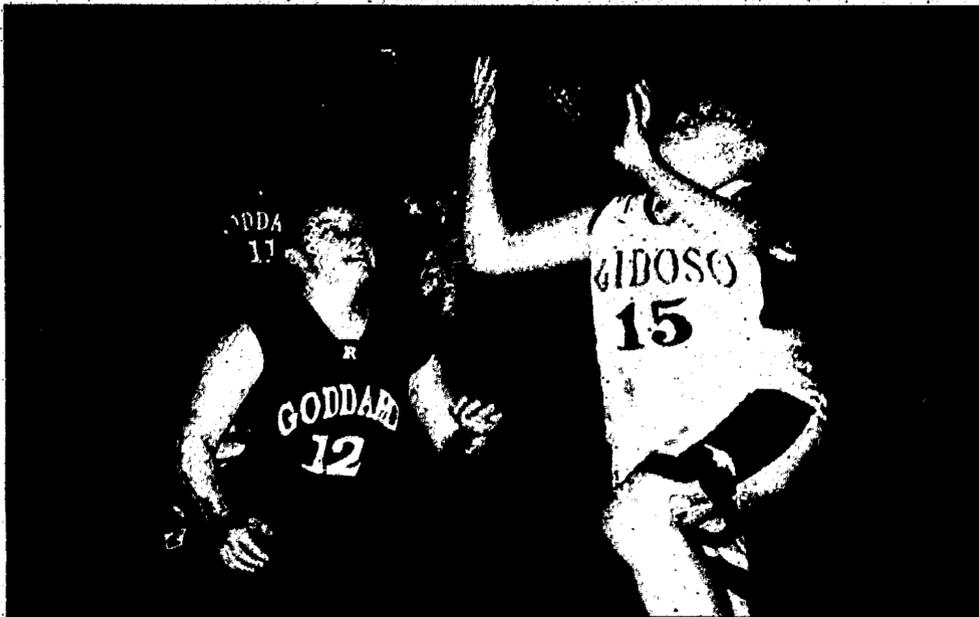
"That was the real disappointment," said Ruidoso coach Becky Austin. "Goddard was a good team and we were able to come back on them. Against Lovington, we were so flat."

Ruidoso (7-15, 0-2 district)

stayed tight with the Lady Wildcats throughout the first quarter, finishing the first period down 13-11, and were trailing by just six points at the break.

But Lovington (7-14, 1-1) steadily pulled away in the second half thanks to the fleet-footed Melinda Enriquez and balanced play from the likes of Crystal Marquez, Lilly Borunda and Jenna Domzalski.

The quartet combined for 56 points, led by Domzalski with 17. The finishing touches came with a 9-0 run in the fourth quarter that put the Lady Warriors away.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Kristen Miller, right, puts up a layup past Goddard's Krissy Bowen Saturday during the Lady Warriors' loss at Ruidoso High.

For Ruidoso, Haley Williams had 16 points and seven rebounds to lead the Lady Warriors. As a team, Ruidoso had five three-pointers — including a pair from Charli Largo late in the game — but the scoring was just too little, too late.

On Saturday, Ruidoso's biggest problem was Goddard's size. The Lady Rockets (7-15) finished with 42 rebounds to

Ruidoso's 38 and had three blocked shots by Laura Fry, Kambrea Noah and Jamie Edgett.

Again, Ruidoso played strong to start, finishing the first quarter with a 15-13 lead. But Goddard's height eventually proved to be too much for the Lady Warriors.

Scoring was a bit easier for Ruidoso, as Williams again led

the team with 14 points, joined by Allison Riggsby with 13. Samantha Lawrence led the Lady Rockets with 20 points, while Fry had 14 points and Krissy Bowen 12.

Ruidoso did make a game of it in the end, but were too far behind to catch all the way up.

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LADY WARRIOR STATS

Friday, Jan. 27
Lady Wildcats 63, Lady Warriors 47
Lovington (7-14, 1-1 District 4-3A)
Crystal Marquez 5 2-2 13, Kimberly Madrid 0 0-0 0, Amber Black 0 0-0 0, Shae Garcia 0 1-2 1, Melinda Enriquez 4 4-7 13, Jaycie Homer 0 2-4 2, Jamie Jandy 0 0-0 0, Jasmine Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Erica Perez 1 2-2 4, Tyeshia Alexander 0 0-2 0, Lilly Borunda 6 1-2 13, Jenna Domzalski 7 3-7 17. Totals: 23 15-28 63.
Ruidoso (0-2 district)
Allison Riggsby 2 2-2 7, Lynette Woodward 2 1-2 5, Toney Montoya 3 0-0 7, Kristen Miller 1 0-2 2, Amanda Gardner 0 0-0 0, Samantha Secatero 0 0-0 0, Angela Gardner 0 0-0 0, Amber Gardner 1 0-0 2, Haley Williams 5 4-6 14, Rocio Badachi 0 0-0 0, Charli Largo 2 0-0 6. Totals: 17-31 47.
Lovington 13 15 18 16 — 63
Ruidoso 11 12 13 11 — 47
3-point goals — Lov 2 (Marquez, Enriquez), Rui 5 (Largo 2, Riggsby, Montoya, Amber Gardner). Fouled out — Rui (Riggsby). Rebounds — Lov 37 (Domzalski 6, Borunda 6), Rui 25 (Williams 7). Steals — Lov 4 (Enriquez 2), Rui 4 (Montoya). Blocks — Rui 1 (Riggsby). Turnovers — Lov 23, Rui 20. Total fouls — Lov 11, Rui 20. Technical fouls — None.

Saturday, Jan. 28
Lady Rockets 61, Lady Warriors 51
Goddard (13-8)
Jamie Edgett 3 1-3 7, Kelly Edgett 0 0-0 0, Kambrea Noah 0 1-2 1, Krissy Bowen 4 2-2 12, Laura Fry 5 4-5 14, Sara Torres 0 3-4 3, Amanda McCracken 0 0-0 0, Jordan Sjuve 0 0-2 0, Monique Gillespy 2 0-0 4, Samantha Lawrence 7 3-5 20, Priscilla Ramirez 0 0-0 0, Tiffany Green 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 14-23 61.
Ruidoso (7-15)
Allison Riggsby 2 8-10 13, Lynette Woodward 2 0-1 4, Toney Montoya 5 0-2 10, Kristen Miller 3 0-0 6, Amanda Gardner 0 0-2 0, Angela Gardner 0 0-0 0, Amber Gardner 1 0-0 2, Haley Williams 5 4-6 14, Rocio Badachi 0 0-0 0, Charli Largo 1 0-0 2. Totals: 18 12-21 51.
Goddard 13 26 15 7 — 61
Ruidoso 15 8 14 14 — 51
3-point goals — God 5 (Lawrence 3, Bowen 2), Rui 1 (Riggsby). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — God 42 (Fry 13), Rui 38 (Williams 8). Steals — God 4 (McCracken), Rui 2 (Montoya, Riggsby). Blocks — God 3 (Fry, Noah, J. Edgett). Turnovers — God 25, Rui 18. Total fouls — God 16, Rui 19. Technical fouls — None.

Ex-ENMU coach says 'Glory Road' movie gets Greyhounds wrong

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PORTALES — "Glory Road," the Walt Disney movie currently showing in theatres about the Texas Western College Miners (now the University of Texas-El Paso) winning the 1966 NCAA Division I basketball championship, paints an inaccurate picture of the racial makeup of Eastern New Mexico University's Greyhound basketball team that season, says former head coach Harry Miller.

"For heaven's sake! That's pure Hollywood, Miller said from his retirement home in Nacogdoches, Texas. "It wasn't that way at all."

The Jerry Bruckheimer film, which was number one at the box office two weekends ago, shows the Miners, under head coach Don Haskins, using an all-black starting lineup to defeat the number-one ranked and all-white University of Kentucky Wildcats, under legendary coach Adolph Rupp, 72-65, in the national title game.

As in real life, Eastern (mistakenly called Eastern New Mexico State College in the movie) did play Texas Western in the first game of the year. However, the movie, starring Josh Lucas, portrays Eastern, an NAIA school at the time, as being an all-white team.

The reality is that Eastern had five African-Americans on the team, including Joe Allen, who was the Greyhounds' high scorer for the game with 10 points in the Miners' 89-38 victory. The movie has Texas Western winning a close game against a "less than impressive"



Bridges



Allen



Coleman



Oram



Watkins

Eastern team.

Allen was a 6-foot-3 senior center from Hobbs. Other African-Americans on Eastern's team included Jim Bridges, a 5-11 junior guard from Hobbs; Richard Coleman, a 6-5 sophomore forward from Buffalo, N.Y.; Ronald Coleman, a 6-4 sophomore forward from Englewood, N.J.; and Wilson Watkins, a 6-3 junior forward from Indianapolis, Ind. Oram and Allen were starters.

The movie also shows the Greyhounds walking past the Miners without shaking hands after the game, as if it were a racial snub. "Shaking hands after games was not a custom then," Miller said. "Don Haskins and I were friends. We played each other several times, and there was never any hard feelings between our teams."

As far as the Greyhounds being an all-white team, Miller, who coached at several larger schools after leaving Eastern, said, "I don't even remember how many blacks we had on my teams, including Eastern's 1969 (NAIA) national championship team. I never cared about my players' color, just whether they could

play basketball."

B.B. Lees, ENMU athletic director from 1975-97 and a football coach from 1956-66, said, "We had blacks on our basketball team as early as 1962, and on our football team not long after. Eastern was one of the first schools in the region to have integrated teams."

Lees recalled one year when Eastern was playing Texas Western in Clovis. With the Miners enjoying a comfortable lead in the second half, Miners' head coach Don Haskins came up in the stands and visited Lees and his friends for awhile during the game. "We never had any animosity toward them," Lees said. The year they won the national championship, we had almost as many African-Americans on our team as they did."

Miller said that Texas Western winning the national championship in 1966 was not as groundbreaking as portrayed in the movie.

"There were several teams that won championships with a majority of black starters before then. The only thing different about Texas Western was that all five of their starters were black."

Ruidoso grapplers 7th at Robertson

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In a brutal 22-team tournament, Ruidoso wrestling coach Brian Brown considers his team fortunate to come out of the Las Vegas Robertson Cardinal Invitational with a 7th-place team finish.

"Most of our stronger weight classes had a tougher pool, and Robertson looked very strong," Brown said. "That was the good thing, that our kids got a lot of quality mat time."

Under the tournament format, Ruidoso was placed in a pool featuring schools such as Santa Fe, Taos, Robertson, Grants and Belen, with each wrestler in each class facing every other wrestler from every other school. At the end of the round-robin competition, the top four wrestlers were given a chance to wrestle for first through fourth place.

The top Ruidoso wrestlers were Dayne Hall — who took

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On Deck

Bonita Park Scramble
This year's Bonita Park Charity Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at Kokopelli Country Club, and golfers from the area are encouraged to sign up. Registration for the scramble will be from 10-11 a.m. with the tournament starting immediately thereafter in a shotgun start.
Cost to register before April 10 is \$125 for individuals or \$400 per foursome. Cost after that date is \$150 for individuals or \$500 per foursome.
Hole-in-one prizes for the tournament include a golf club set, Dell computer, Bose stereo, or even a truck, SUV or \$30,000 in cash.
For more information, call 336-4404 or email diane@bonita-park.com.

Carrizozo sweeps Mustangs in district showdown

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With their District 7-1A victories over Mountainair on Friday, the Carrizozo boys and girls basketball teams each poised themselves atop the district standings and look to be the teams to beat in terms of a district title.

The boys won 71-60, while the girls defeated the Lady Mustangs 48-36 to secure the top spot.

But the season isn't over yet, and no one knows that better than Lady Grizzly coach Mandy Baca.

"We need to play harder defensively," Baca said. "We still have two more games against Hondo and Corona, and either one can sneak up and beat us."

Just ask Mountainair. The Lady Mustangs played Corona on Thursday and Hondo on Saturday, barely pulling out a win in each one. Mountainair defeated the Lady Cardinals 36-31 and needed overtime and a last-second shot to defeat Hondo 72-70.

As for Friday's game, Whitney Whittaker led the Lady Grizzlies (13-10, 4-1 district) with 13 points, while Kaitlyn Vega had 11 and Stacia Calvert 10. Crystal Vialpando had 18 points to lead Mountainair (8-10, 4-1).

Prior to Friday's contest, the Lady Grizzlies took on Magdalena and dropped a 58-41 contest. Whittaker had 19 in this game, while Jennifer Shafer had 10 points and Vega — on the bench for much of the game in foul trouble — ended up with 8.

On Monday, Carrizozo took on New Mexico Military Institute in another non-district game and won 42-33. Vega had 12 points, while Whittaker put up 11.

This game was to make up for two games forfeited by Vaughn. The Lady Grizzlies get those games added as wins to their schedule, but Baca wanted more playing time for her team.



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"It was good competition for us, and the eighth graders got in there with some valuable experience," Baca said. "That will come in handy when we get into the tournament."

On the boys' side, the Grizzlies (11-8, 5-0) were paced by Robert Dutchover's 20 points, while Johnny Beltran added 15. Azan Chavez had 18 to lead the Mustangs (9-10, 3-2) in a rough-and-tumble game that was only a two-point lead for Carrizozo at the end of the third.

The Grizzlies were able to attack the basket, get fouled and eventually pull away on the strength of their free throw shooting.

Thursday's result against top-ranked Magdalena came as little surprise, as the 16-4 Steers routed Carrizozo 91-41.

Top Carrizozo center Whitney Whittaker, middle, prepares to take a shot while being defended by Mountainair's Katherine Forbes, left, and Shanlyn Hazen Friday at Carrizozo.

Right Carrizozo's Greg Vigil, center, grabs a rebound between Mountainair's Azan Chavez (20) and Porter Riley.



Corona boys not out of District 7-1A race yet

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The Corona boys have but one District 7-1A win under their belt, but are still hoping for a high seed — possibly even a home game — in the first round of the upcoming district tournament.

The Cardinals are 3-12, 1-3 in district after their 70-44 loss to Mountainair on Thursday, a game that would

have been closer but for a poor start on Corona's part.

"It was a typical scenario," said Corona coach Travis Lightfoot. "We can't get started until the second quarter."

The Mustangs led Corona 22-6 after the first period, after which the Cardinals woke up and started catching up. But it was too much of a deficit to come all the way back.

Frankie Sanchez had 11

points, while J.R. Shafer and Omar Martinez had 7 each.

The Cardinals rebounded Saturday with a 50-45 victory over Lake Arthur. Again, Corona had a slow start, but so did the Panthers, and the second quarter ended up making all the difference.

"We outscored them 21-13 in that one, but it was an ugly game," Lightfoot said. "We didn't play well, but we did play well enough to win, and a win's a win."

With a game Thursday at

home against Mountainair and three more district games after that against Vaughn and Carrizozo coming up, Lightfoot isn't necessarily pining for the top spot in the district — that likely will go to Carrizozo and its spotless 4-0 record.

But he does think any team that goes on a win streak at the right time certainly could make the Grizzlies sweat.

"The second and third seed will be the biggest fight," Lightfoot said. "None of these teams are slouches."

Hondo boys fall to Vaughn, Mountainair - Girls lose thriller

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Just about every coach and player in District 7-1A knew this year's basketball season — boys and girls — would likely be a tight one. With the season winding down, that's proven to be true.

Even though Carrizozo rides atop the standings by boys and girls, it does so by a pretty slim margin, with the other schools just a few wins from toppling them.

The Hondo Lady Eagles are one such team, sitting at 3-2 in district after losing an overtime thriller to second-place Mountainair on Saturday.

"We were leading pretty big in the fourth quarter, but then they caught up," said Hondo coach Adam Herrera.

Hondo (12-9 overall) had a one-point lead with 15 seconds left before the Lady Mustangs got a free throw to tie things up. The Lady Eagles got the rebound on the missed second shot, but their final shot rimmed out.

"Really, this was a game that we should have won," Herrera said. "We were playing not to lose instead of to win."

Hondo had a 12-point lead near the end, thanks to a high-powered offense that got the ball down the floor as quick as possible. Angelica Chavez led her team with 33 points and seven assists.

Despite the loss, Hondo still has a chance to get the top spot in district, as Mountainair and Carrizozo are just one game ahead in the standings. If the Lady Eagles can win their last two games against those two teams, it would force a three-way tie for first, with the top spot decided by tie-breaker.

Regardless of what does happen, Hondo has locked up the number three seed in the upcoming tournament, with a guaranteed home game in the first round.

The Hondo boys played two games over the weekend, both losses to Vaughn and Mountainair. The Eagles fell to Vaughn 72-68, then dropped their game against the Mustangs by the score of 63-54.

Hondo coach Henry Lopez called the Vaughn loss a "heartbreaker."

"We just couldn't stop them with our defense when we needed to," Lopez said. "We came close with our late runs like we do in every game. If we'd played the first half like the second, we'd be all right."

Jesus Medina and Raymon Montano each scored 26 points to lead Hondo (7-13, 1-4).

On Saturday, Medina had 21 points to lead the Eagles, while Lawrence Gonzales had 16 points before fouling out.

Gonzales and Tekka Salcido each fouled out in the game, which hurt Hondo's chances late in the game.

"We were only down by three at that point, but we kept turning the ball over and couldn't stop them defensively. We had to stop the clock with fouls and they made us pay with free throws."

Neither team played until this Saturday with a doubleheader at home against Mountainair. Lopez said his team could use the extra week of practice.

"I can't fault their effort, they work really hard," Lopez said. "They just have to be behind to get that motivation."

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Mescalero girls rebound with win over Hatch

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Mescalero's girls needed a good game to rebound after their District 5-2A loss to Tularosa, and they got it Saturday with a 34-31 victory over Hatch.

"For some reason, we struggle when we go down there," said Mescalero coach Rol Bradford. "Last year, we won on a last-second shot. This year, we had to come from behind to win it."

"We watched video from last year and told the girls they had to play a lot more pressure games like this. Afterwards, I told them they didn't have to start today."

The Lady Chiefs (17-3, 2-1 district) were tied at 9-all and were down 27-23 late in the fourth quarter before coming back to win it in the end.

Yvette Martinez led Mescalero with 13 points, including a 7-for-10 performance at the free throw line, while Lataza Naiche had 12.

Jessica Yellowcloud had just two points in the game, but Bradford said they were on crucial free throws near the end of the game.

Hatch was led by Jenna Franzoy with 17 points, but 15 of them came in the first half. Mescalero's defense picked up and shut Franzoy down to give the Lady Chiefs a chance to win.

"We didn't shoot well, only 22 percent, and I was pretty concerned about the game as far as being on the road," Bradford said. "When we got done with it, we were just happy to get the win."

"The biggest thing was being able to shoot better," he added. "When we play the good teams, we can't play just on defense alone. We've gotten away from attacking the basket and taking it to the hole."

Boys still trying

The Mescalero Chiefs again found things tough against an experienced and tall Hatch team Saturday, as the Bears won 75-39.

The Chiefs are now only 2-18

and 0-3 in district, but coach Ron Burton is still trying to focus on the positives of this season.

"Hatch is a good team with a lot of players, and we had only six for the night," Burton said. "The kids tried hard, no matter what."

Sophomore Justin Blake had 15 points to lead the Chiefs, while freshman Dexter Chee had eight.

Burton said his players also took a number of shots that went in and out. If a few more of those baskets had gone in, the game would have been closer.

"I still think we can be a contender, and I'm not just talking," Burton said. "I say that just because of how hard these kids work."

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second at 135 pounds with a record of 7-1 and a loss to Robertson's Jake Martinez in the final — and Greg Crow, third at 145 pounds with a record of 8-1.

Crow's only loss was to Tanner Edwards of Belen. That Hall and Crow only lost to wrestlers from programs as strong as Robertson and Belen illustrates not only how strong

the field was at this tournament, but also how strong the Warriors are as a team.

"This was a lot of strong competition that a lot of our wrestlers needed to see if we are to compete at the state level," Brown said.

The Warriors are at another round robin tournament this Saturday at Goddard and are scheduled to be at the District 4-3A tournament at New Mexico Military Institute Feb. 11. Brown is also working to get a single dual against Cobre.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso forward Haley Williams passes the ball around Lovington's Jenna Domizalski Friday at RHS.

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"I know we can beat Lovington, and if we had played against them like we did

against Goddard, we would have won," Austin said. "We'll face them at least three more times — including district — and I know we can do better."

Ruidoso hosts Portales this Saturday at 7 p.m.

Tiger boys drop close one to Loving in district

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Capitan's boys basketball game Friday against District 5-2A foe Loving was much the same as when they met the Falcons in the first round of this year's Smokey Bear Tournament, with one very important difference.

Loving ended up on the winning side this time, defeating the Tigers 54-48 thanks to 22 points from Chris Sanchez.

"We was making shots that you don't usually see go in," said Capitan coach Royce Brown. "He made them more potent on offense and able to handle our defensive pres-

sure better."

In the end, it was actually Capitan's foul shooting—or lack thereof—that truly decided this game. The Tigers (3-12, 0-2) actually had a four point lead heading into the final period, but then went just 5-for-12 in free throws, while the Falcons were 12-of-20.

Capitan had a nine-point lead in the second quarter, only to see Loving claw its way back to a tie at the break.

"We failed to take advantage at that point," Brown said. "From then on, it was back and forth. We did well on rebounds, we just couldn't keep out of foul trouble."

Tiger center Josh Castañeda was one of several Capitan players in foul trouble, scor-

ing just 10 points on the night to tie with Brandon Caughron. Brian Taylor added 11 points.

"If we can keep Josh on the floor, he'll score a lot and open up things for the other kids to score as well," Brown said. "Without him in their, our options as a team weren't there."

The Tigers were at Mescalero on Tuesday and play at Loving this Friday in a district rematch. Despite being 0-2 in the district, Brown feels his team can still secure a good seed in the tournament.

"Things are still wide open," Brown said. "We're looking to finish as high in the standings as possible."

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POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Rebecca Simmons, Outreach Communications Coordinator for the Companion Animals section of The Humane Society of the United States, recently wrote about "Dogs Deserve Better," a Pennsylvania-based non-profit dedicated to bringing dogs out of the backyard and into the home.

Last year for the first time, the group celebrated "Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week" in line with Valentine's Day by sending more than 3,000 handmade valentines to families whose dog was chained or penned.

"Making valentines for chained dogs is a great project for individuals, as well as school, scout, and other groups," Simmons wrote. "The messages can be anything along the lines of 'bring us into the home and family.'"

By visiting the Web site of www.DogsDeserveBetter.org, you can check out what volunteers have created in the past.

People who are interested in the problem outside their area can sponsor a valentine for a deserving dog. To make a donation, send a check, or visit www.DogsDeserveBetter.org.

Simmons said a donor can specify a particular dog

they would like to sponsor and send an address.

The information must arrive at the organization by Feb. 7. Donor information remains confidential, allowing concerned citizens who may otherwise be too shy to confront their neighbors about the issue to speak up for chained dogs.

Simmons wrote that besides a valentine, each dog will receive a coupon for free or discounted dog treats. Donors who haven't used still-valid coupons they've collected can send their unused coupons to Dogs Deserve Better by February 7.

Simmons quoted Tammy Sneath Grimes, founder and executive director of Dogs Deserve Better, as saying, "We thought sending a valentine to the family dog living in the backyard would be a touching way to educate people—to perhaps open their hearts to the information we'd provided, especially if that valentine was made by a child."

In 2006, the group hopes to mail more than 4,500 cards during Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week, February 7-14.

Simmons wrote that the valentines are created by volunteers, mostly children, and then mailed or delivered by Dogs Deserve

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1, 2006

PIZZA PERFECT



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Carrizozo students with perfect attendance for the first semester were treated to lunch at Pizza Hut. Front row (l to r): Kadee Sedillo, Kristie Gallacher, Aaliyah Mitchell, and Mikhail Barela. Back row: Lane Carter, Chelsea LaMay, Catalena Vega, Adriana Graham and Fernando Najera. Other qualifiers were Sierra Anaya, Analicia and Andrea Beltran, Amanda Gallegos, Jeremiah Sedillo, Shayna Gallacher, and Whitney Whitaker.

Capitan PTA fund-raiser starts today

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The Capitan Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is conducting a spring fund-raiser. This event is offering the purchase of "Value Cards" that qualify card holders to discounts at 17 businesses including six in Capitan. The card is good at the following businesses for the designated discount:

Capitan Shell: free drink with the purchase of a fresh burrito
Smokey Bear Restaurant: 20% off food purchase and 10% off any two or more nights at the motel
Buffalo Gal Coffee & Eatery: 10% off total purchase at all three locations (Capitan, Bealls Parking Lot and Four Seasons Shopping Mall)
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Capitan Tanning: \$5 off first month's tanning membership
Pillow's Funtrackers: \$1 off admission ticket
McDonald's: Buy one Big Mac, get one free Sonic; Buy one Sonic Burger, get one free Denny's; 10% off total purchase
Pizza Hut: \$3 off a regular price large pizza, \$2 off a regular price medium pizza
Domino's: Buy one large pizza at regular menu price, get a second pizza of equal or lesser value free
TCBY: 15% off total purchase
Cornerstone Bakery Cafe: Buy three pastries, get one free
Burger Trolley: 10% off total purchase

The Capitan PTA was started in 2002 and has grown to a membership of 100. The PTA uniquely is not just for elementary grades but also serves the middle and high school.

Some of the things that PTA fund-

raisers support include: state and national dues of members, back to school night, Spring Fling, PTA quarterly newsletter, classroom magazines, fruit for students during state testing, year-long teacher/staff appreciation gifts, daily gifts for teachers and staff during national teacher appreciation week, trophies for spelling bee, science fair and oratorical contest, positive behavior incentives, snacks during parent/teacher conferences and kindergarten screening, PTA conventions, \$250 toward grades K-5 field trips, classroom supplies, speech materials, and science supplies for middle and high school.

The PTA extends a sincere thank you to all the businesses that supported the Value Card project.

The Value Cards can be purchased for \$10 from any Capitan elementary student, middle school Honor Society student, or freshman or junior class student.

The cards are valid from Feb. 1, 2006, to Feb. 1, 2007, and can be used as many times as desired during that year at the participating businesses.

PTA president is Sharon Young, vice president of fund-raising is Michelle Stearns and public relations director is Gayla Skeen.

For more information contact Capitan Elementary at 354-2238.

HONOR ROLL

Capitan Middle School

"A" Honor roll—Second nine weeks
8th Grade: Aimee Babcock, Gio-vanni Quiroz, Kallea Wilkinson
7th Grade: Ashleigh DeMeritt, Lindsay Sellers, Afton Sullivan
6th Grade: Abrah Aguilar, Kersti Davis, Roxanne Dobbs, Jamie Fields, Aurora Hart, Christopher Olmstead, Ashley Reynolds, Colorado Romero, Emily Rush, Garret Schultz, J'Nae Wood, Steven Zamora

"A-B" Honor roll—Second nine weeks
8th Grade: Jordan Dalton, Alyssa Dean, Cassandra Everett, Darcy Horst, Rusty Johns, Preston McGuire, Haley Montes, Jessica Price, Christian Quiroz, Claire Romero, Faith Taylor, Leon Villagas, Lacy Walker, Miranda Zamora
7th Grade: Briana Aguilar, AJ Bowden, Serena Darden, Danielle Jones, Kasey Kessler, Linda Montoya, Chase Morel, Kylee Osborn, Monique Quiroz, Scheryiah Romero, Jesse Scarafioti, Shelby Smith, Jared Stumpff, Emily Swahner, Joseph Varley, Joseph Velazquez, William Werhner, Amanda Willingham
6th Grade: Jessica Catena, Dustee Rae Eldridge, Connor Hall, Leslie Lotton, Brenda Macias, Darryl Middleton, Celeste Salcido, Mara Thomas

Saying goodbye to an old friend

Family and friends from near and far paid their last respects to Dee Proctor last Wednesday. Dee passed away after suffering a massive heart failure. Dee was very active in the Lincoln County Fair, working with the youngsters, especially with the rodeo.

He was a good neighbor. When we returned from Tunisia he was right there with his well equipment and installed a new pump for us. This among many other deeds he did for his friends and family. He will be sadly missed.

The Lincoln Pageant members met Sunday evening. Plans for the coming Old Lincoln Days were discussed. Plans are being made to have another concert to be held on Saturday, the second night of the performance of "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid." All the present officers were re-elected.

The Lincoln Water System held their annual meeting Saturday. Cleis Jordan was elected to the board.

There will be a Ranch Horse Exhibition and Instruction at the Socorro County Fairgrounds Feb. 25. Interested persons can contact Dr. Jason Turner at NMSU in Las Cruces at 505-646-1242.

I imagine there are a lot of Lincoln County folks watching the trial of Cody Posey on Court TV. We haven't gotten to watch much as we have been gone — as usual.



LINCOLN COUNTY
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Lincoln County gymnasts traveled to Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 28. They competed in the TEGA Winter Classic Competition. In Level 6 John Hobbs had an all-around score of 47.80

which earned him second place.

His scores were:
2nd place, floor: 7.7
2nd place, pommel: 7.6
3rd place, steel rings: 7.0
3rd place, vaults: 9.4
3rd place, parallel bars: 6.9
2nd place, high bars: 8.7

At Level 5 (ages 8 and 9) Daniel Hobbs had an all-around score of 45.70, earning him fifth place. His scores were:

5th place, floor: 7.0
5th place, pommel: 4.0
3rd place, rings: 8.0
3rd place, vault: 9.3
3rd place, parallel bars: 8.0
Usr. high bars: 8.5

Quade Hall, Alto, won seven medals; Drey Smith, Ruidoso, seven medals; Gabriel Newsom, Ruidoso Downs, seven medals; Mathew Storey, Ruidoso, seven medals; and Nathan Bryant, Ruidoso, seven medals.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

NMSU range animal nutritionist Mark Petersen discusses the summer ag issues workshop plans with advisory board member Richard Spencer.

Corona research ranch plans workshop

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The Corona Range and Livestock Research Center Advisory Committee and the center's manager and university advisors have committed to hands-on workshops for the summers of 2006 and 2007.

Last July, the Corona research ranch hosted a well-attended field day with more than 200 visitors coming from across the state.

The event was to familiarize ranchers and land managers with the research facility and what it has to offer.

The advisory committee met at the ranch on Jan. 16 to hear updates on the ranch, reports on research currently being spotlighted and to discuss plans for another field day as well as the workshops and the possibilities of an interim newsletter.

Another field day is planned for July 2008 with the 2006-07 workshops targeting specific issues.

All events are scheduled for the

third Friday in July.

The workshop for the 2006 session will cover at least three specific areas that are currently high priority to livestock producers including the upcoming mandatory livestock identification programs.

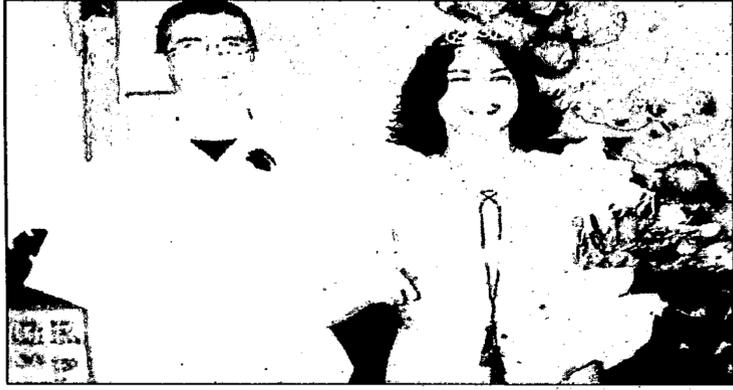
Then NMSU Corona Range and Livestock Research Center is a 42-section working livestock ranch that is utilized as a field research laboratory by the research faculty of the Animal and Range Sciences Department of New Mexico State University.

The center is self-sustaining and utilizes the income from its cattle, sheep and hunting enterprises for all operation costs as well as providing support for research programs conducted at the center.

Advisory committee members meet twice a year to assist scientists and center staff with ideas to promptly applied problem solving into the management of the center.

For more information on the NMSU Corona ranch contact Shad Cox at 505-849-1015.

BLOSSOM AND BEAU



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Eric Korocil and Natasha Renney were crowned Carrizozo royalty last Friday night.

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- The most improved business
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- The best insurance agent (full name)
- The best landscape service
- The best massage therapist
- The best nail salon
- The best pet groomer
- The best plumber
- The best roofing contractor
- The best veterinarian

- The best sandwich shop
- The best romantic dinner spot
- The best restaurant for breakfast
- The best local event/celebration
- The best Mexican food
- The best burrito
- The best enchilada
- The best taco
- The best chips & salsa
- The best desserts
- The best scenic drive
- The best place to take visitors
- The best place to stay
- The best place for a glass of wine
- The best place for a picnic
- The best camping area
- The best family restaurant
- The best fine dining
- The best golf course
- The best happy hour
- The best fishing spot
- The best place to mountain bike
- The best day trip destination
- The best restaurant for lunch
- The best pizza
- The best seafood
- The best bar
- The best place to dance
- The best margarita

- The best coffee shop
- The best fast food
- The best salad bar
- The best ice cream
- The best place to catch up on town gossip
- The best place to walk a dog
- The best restaurant for vegetarians
- The best Sunday brunch
- The best milkshake
- The best reason to live here

SHOPPING

- The best art gallery
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- The best auto parts store
- The best book store
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- The best clothing boutique
- The best collectible store
- The best gift shop
- The best framing shop
- The best furniture store
- The best grocery store
- The best meat department
- The best produce
- The best hardware store
- The best jewelry store
- The best ski shop

FOOD/FUN/DRINK

- The best bakery
- The best BBQ Ribs
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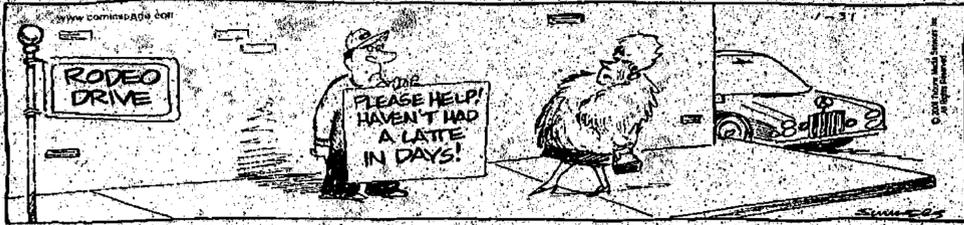
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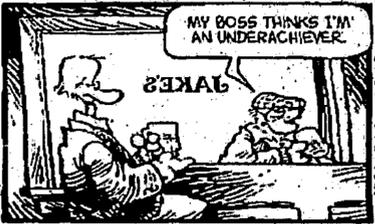
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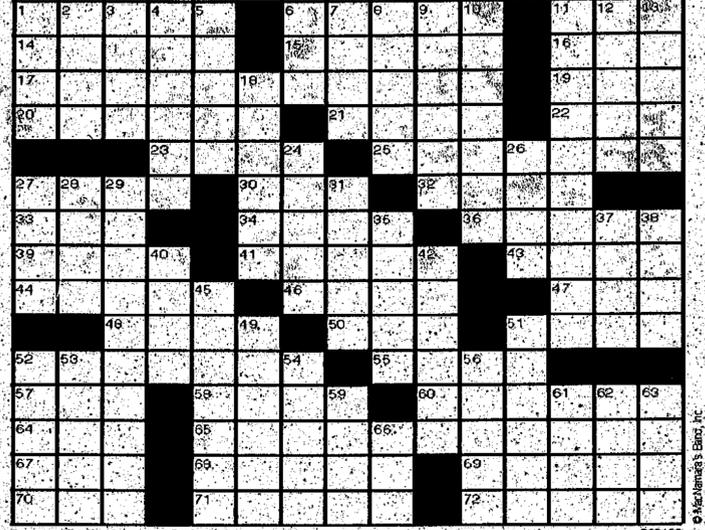
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ACROSS

- 1. Drum accompanying a sitar
6. Bundle of papers
11. Rumor... it...
14. Best possible
15. Puccini opera
16. Genesis boat
17. Ersatz spaghetti go-with?
19. Hosp. scan
20. Highly regard
21. Trillion; Prefix
22. Toddler's 'piggy'
23. Home of twigs
25. Reduces in width
27. Fish tales
30. Moderator Russert
32. Tea leaves reader
33. Director Lee
34. Red-coated cheese
36. Brown tone
39. Letterhead symbol
41. Nigeria's largest city
43. Watch readouts, briefly
44. Go for fish
46. Old Italian coin
47. Moines, Iowa
48. Copier paper quantity
50. Baseball's Ripken
51. Petty officer, for short
52. Political asylum seekers
55. Plumb crazy
57. U-Haul rental
58. 'The Thin Man' dog
60. May honoree
64. Unaffiliated pol. abbr.
65. Coward cited for valor?
67. Get on in years

Sandwich Shop



- 68. Painter Matisse
69. Novelist Ephron
70. Hide-hair link
71. Fragrant compound
72. Court call
9. Legends and Integras of autodom
10. Shelly of 'The Donna Reed Show'
11. Anti-overemoting actor weapon?
12. Directional sign shape
13. Heavens above
18. Light beer brand
24. Word before wave or basin
26. Virginia dancer
27. In ___ land (spaced out)
28. Barge (Interrupt)
29. Machine in the Faberge plant?
31. Mandrake's field
35. Aesop story ender
37. Bad time for Caesar
38. Org.
40. Cassini of fashion
42. Biblical dancer
45. Otic malady
49. Fits together.
51. Pester
52. Permitter competitor
53. Juicy tropical fruit
54. Time on the job
56. Co-op alternative
59. Field measure
61. Had in hand
62. Toledo's lake
63. Crowd noise
66. Cassis-flavored aperitif

DOWN

- 1. It's money, proverbially
2. Fruity quaffs
3. collapse
4. Grows dark
5. 'The Zoo Story' playwright
6. Cardinal's monogram
7. Textbook publishers
8. Ruhr valley city

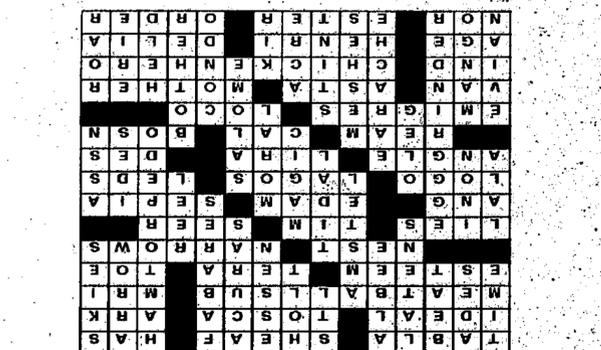
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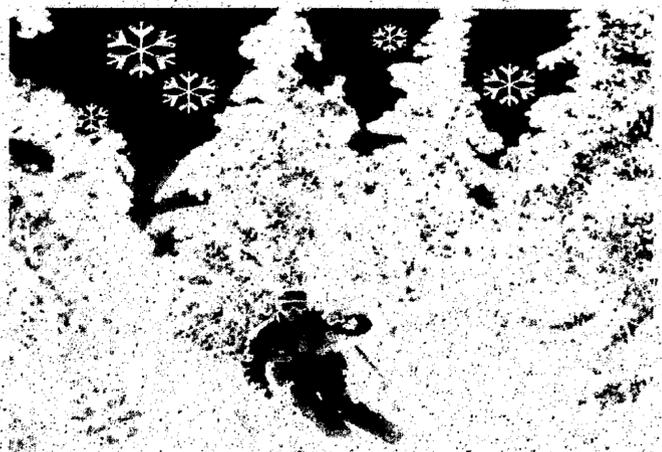
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Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by 1-6-1 of sec. NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-2-19 NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. January 13, 2006, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., February 3, 2006, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. Absentee ballots</p>	<p>Legal Notices 152</p> <p>shall be omitted or if requested electronically transmitted to each such applicant or registered voter who is a federal qualified elector and overseas voter not later than February 2, 2006, being the Thursday immediately prior to the date of the election as provided in Section 1-6-5 NMSA 1978. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION Shall the Ruidoso Municipal School District issue \$26,000,000 of general obligation bonds to erect, remodel, make additions to and furnish computer buildings, to purchase or improve school grounds, and to purchase computer software and hardware for student use in public schools? This notice is published in</p>	<p>Legal Notices 152</p> <p>my capacity as Principal Filing Officer for the election. LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK By: /s/ Tammy J. Maddox Lincoln County Clerk (SEAL OF THE COUNTY CLERK) 6994 2T (1/25,2/1)/06 LEGAL NOTICE AVISO DE LA ELECCION ESPECIAL DEL ENLACE DE OBLIGACION GENERAL DEL DISTRITO DE LA ESCUELA El 7 de febrero de 2006 se efectuara una eleccion especial en el Distrito Escolar Numero 3, del Ruidoso, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del</p>	<p>Legal Notices 152</p> <p>Distrto la cuestion si se puede crear una deuda con la emision de bonos de obligaciones generales. LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK By: /s/ Tammy J. 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NMSA 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-2-19 NMSA 1978, los electores habilitados podran votar tambien personalmente en</p>	<p>Legal Notices 152</p> <p>la oficina de la Escribana del Condado de San doval, durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m. el 13 de enero 2006, fecha que cae 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, y las 5:00 p.m. el 3 de febrero 2006 que es el dia viernes que antecede la fecha de la Eleccion. Se los mandan boletos en ausencia, por correo, por radio o, si se lo pide, por transmision electronica a cada tal solicitante o votante registrado quien es un votante habilitado de deral y votante del extranjero, no mas tarde del 2 de febrero de 2006, siendo el dia jueves que antecede, inmediatamente la eleccion siempre que conforma a la Seccion 1-6-5, NMSA 1978. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y asien habilitados.</p>	<p>Legal Notices 152</p> <p>CUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL La edicion municipal \$26,000,000 del distrito de la escuela de Ruidoso de los enlaces de obligacion general exigida, remodelada, hora edicion es a y equipara edificios de escuela, para comprar a para mejorar los argumentos de la escuela, y para comprar software y el hardware para el uso del estudiante en escuelas publicas. Este aviso se publica conforme a la autorizacion que la ley me otorga como funcionario principal de archivos para esta eleccion. Escribana del Condado de Lincoln Par: /s/ Tammy J. Maddox Lincoln County Clerk (Seal de la Escribana del Condado)</p>
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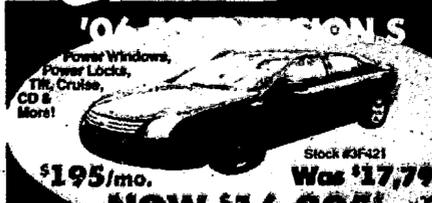
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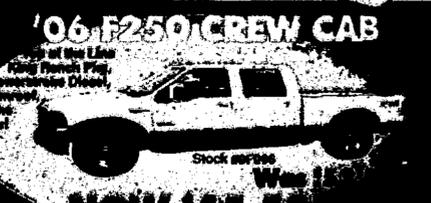
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