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MAY I HAVE MY BALL BACK, PLEASE?



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso High golfer Aiyne Lee rescues her ball from a cat that strayed onto the tee box on hole no. 12 at Cree Meadows Golf Course Tuesday during the second round of the Leroy Gooch High School tournament. After Lee had placed her ball for the tee shot, the cat decided it was play time and pounced on the ball. Lee eventually was the individual winner among small-school girls, classes 1-3A.

Hospital in the red, county told

Indian Health Service owes \$800,000

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The county-owned hospital in Ruidoso managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services ran a \$722,000 deficit this past year.

At the same time, the Indian Health Service owes the Lincoln County Medical Center about \$800,000

in reimbursement for care of Mescalero Apache tribal members, said Hospital Administrator James Gibson. The reservation adjoins Ruidoso.

During a report to county commissioners Tuesday on the financial health of the hospital and the county's rural health clinics, Gibson said the unaudited loss is estimated at about \$722,985. He initially attributed the hit to a decision by the hospital board not to raise rates and to a delay in converting the hospital to a critical care designation that allows it to collect reimbursements from the government on a cost basis instead of a set reimbursement tied to a diagnostic category.

Under that critical care des-

ignation, and the federal Medicare approval, the percent of allowable charges is \$1 million more.

Commissioner Tom Battin, former member of the

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Tony Seno expelled from meeting, Jerry Carroll stomps out

county health care committee, said he was not present at the meeting. He said he was not present at the meeting.

Gibson said the \$800,000 of IHS were charged to the expenses of the hospital. "That's a significant amount of the operating budget," he said.

"We're going to do some of that," he said. "But it's going to be into perspective," he emphasized.

Gibson said the IHS hospital is a critical care hospital, but it's not in the red.

Ruidoso is a mid-level hospital.

REC

County Commission sees some merit in ETZ

Without it, state law gives Ruidoso planning and platting authority in a three-mile perimeter

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Like a fish flopping when it's pulled out of water, the Lincoln County Commission Tuesday flipped once more on how to handle the development transition zone around Ruidoso.

Although commissioners last month voted to direct Chairman Rick Simpson to appoint two commissioners to work with the county attorney on rewording the extra-territorial zoning ordinance, Simpson

never took that action.

Instead, on a motion by Commissioner Earl Hobbs, the board voted 4-1 Tuesday, (Commissioner Tom Battin against) to schedule another public hearing at the May meeting to consider amending or repealing the ETZ ordinance.

During a break in the session, Hobbs said he didn't want his position misunderstood. He favors having an ETZ, but the existing ordinance and the current administration by the village of Ruidoso are no good and have to go, he said.

Earlier in the meeting, he

See ETZ page 5A

New ETZC member hears first case in a hurry

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Talk about a quick learning curve.

Just two minutes after he was appointed to the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission, builder Don Gunn was hearing his first case.

Gunn, an Alto resident for the past eight years, was nominated by ETZC member Phillis Barnett Monday and was approved unanimously as a member at large.

That's the only position on



Gunn

the board selected by ETZC commissioners.

Other members are chosen by either the Ruidoso Village Council or the Lincoln County Commission.

Gunn said he's lived in the county for 10 years and became a contractor about nine years ago. He advised other members that he is working on a project within the ETZ that probably will come up for consideration in front of the ETZC next fall.

At that time, he would be a case, he said.

Rick Simpson, who was appointed last month to the county commission to fill the

vacated by the resignation of Commissioner Earl Hobbs, said he would be a case, he said.



Romero

Tribal member killed in wreck

A 19-year-old Mescalero Apache tribal member was killed Monday night in a traffic accident on State Road 244, possibly after hanging out with students on a senior skip day outing at Silver Lake Campground.

Lt. Zachariah Diaz with Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement, said Josh Valdez, believed to be the driver of a 2000 Chevrolet Trailblazer, died at the scene. Passenger Johnny Rocha, also 19, suffered severe internal and head injuries, Diaz said. He was airlifted by helicopter to Thomason Hospital in El Paso, where he was listed in critical condition.

"He underwent two surgeries this afternoon," Diaz said, who is standing in for Mes-

calero Police Chief William Mitchell, who is out of town.

Diaz said the call about the accident was received at 7:57 p.m. and Officer Joel Chino responded. He was joined by emergency medical technician Curtis Williams with Mescalero Fire and Rescue, but attempts to resuscitate Valdez were unsuccessful.

Alcohol was involved, Diaz said. Valdez and Rocha were either driving to or from the campground on the reservation. Information is incomplete on whether Valdez was a student or just visiting friends, Diaz said. Helping with traffic control were New Mexico State Police, the Otero County Sheriff's Office and a Ruidoso police officer.



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Ruidoso Middle School's Patricia won a best place and individual exhibit award for her entry in the local museum's history contest. For more about Patricia's project and the other winners, turn to page 6A in today's *Ruidoso News*.

JIM BRADEN STAFF

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County: 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower; 258-4185
BSA Cub Pack 95: Meetings monthly, time and place TBA; 378-5623
Ruidoso Care Center Family Council Sessions: Meetings as needed. Contact RCC at 257-9071 for information.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily 613 Sudderth, Suite H; 257-9397

Wednesday, April 20

American Legion Robert J. Hage Post 79: 6 p.m., third Wednesday of the month, American Legion Building, U.S. 70 and Spring Road Ruidoso Downs; 336-7758
Children's TeamKids Discipline 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.theruidoso.com
La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at San Patricio Senior Citizens' building; 505-653-4718
Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Thursday, 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
Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218
Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365
The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808

Thursday, April 21

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; 257-2607
Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188
Lincoln County Adult Singles: Group meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at various locations; Doris (258-3799), Darrell (354-2635) or Sharon (585-8535). Web site: www.highcountryeng.com/LCASG
Lincoln County Chess Club: 5 p.m. every Thursday at Arby's Restaurant, 633 Sudderth Dr. All experience levels welcome. Bring your own equipment; Bob Moeller, 354-8036
Thursday Bridge: 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows
Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend; 505-437-2921
Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808

Friday, April 22

The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808
Alto P.E.O. Group: 11 a.m. the fourth Friday of the month through September; 336-4190 or 258-3896
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, 220 Junction Rd., Marcia; 258-8879

a.m. every Saturday at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

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

Saturday, April 23

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30

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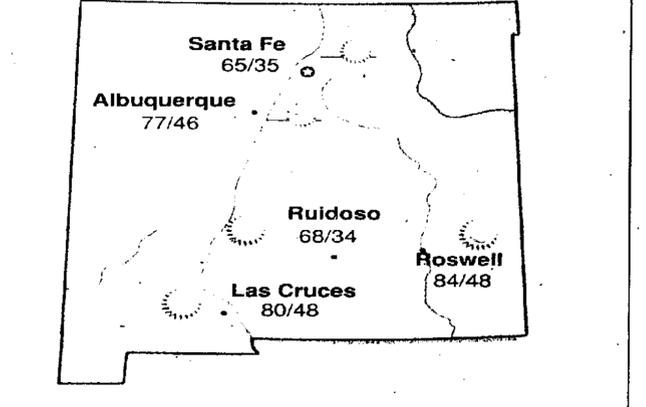
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Sunrise: 6:26 AM Sunset: 7:37 PM	Sunrise: 6:25 AM Sunset: 7:38 PM	Sunrise: 6:24 AM Sunset: 7:39 PM

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New Mexico At A Glance



City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	84	47	sunny
Albuquerque	77	46	mst sunny
Carrizosa	85	50	sunny
Chama	52	21	pt sunny
Clara	81	43	sunny
Deming	80	41	sunny
El Paso, TX	82	53	sunny
Esplanada	74	37	mst sunny
Farmington	71	31	mst sunny
Gallup	67	28	mst sunny
Grants	69	30	mst sunny
Guymon, OK	85	47	pt sunny
Hobbs	85	49	sunny
Las Cruces	80	48	sunny
Las Vegas	68	35	mst sunny
Lordsburg	80	43	sunny
Lubbock, TX	85	49	mst sunny
Odessa, TX	85	50	sunny
Raton	69	34	pt sunny
Roswell	84	48	sunny
Santa Fe	65	35	mst sunny
Santa Rosa	79	45	mst sunny
Silver City	72	39	sunny
Socorro	79	44	sunny
St. Johns, AZ	73	40	mst sunny
Taos	67	32	mst sunny
Trinidad, CO	68	38	pt sunny
Truth or Consq	78	47	sunny
Tucson, AZ	81	49	sunny
Tucuman	79	43	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	53	pt sunny
Boston	75	49	pt sunny
Chicago	66	44	rain
Dallas	81	60	pt sunny
Denver	64	38	pt sunny
Houston	81	64	pt sunny
Los Angeles	77	51	mst sunny
Miami	74	48	pt sunny
Minneapolis	60	40	rain
New York	79	55	pt sunny
Phoenix	84	59	sunny
San Francisco	66	47	mst sunny
Seattle	69	46	mst sunny
St. Louis	81	59	pt sunny
Washington, DC	85	59	t storm

Moon Phases

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Budget workshops

The Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso has called workshop meetings to discuss the 2005-2006 fiscal year budget.

The meetings will be held at the Ruidoso Administrative Offices, 313 Cree Meadows Drive at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 23 and at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 30. The public is invited to attend.

Fund-raiser

A benefit dance and auction will be held Friday for Tery Lynn McEntire at Cree Meadows Country Club. The auction begins at 6 p.m., and the dance will begin at 8 p.m., with the Graham Brothers to entertain.

McEntire is on a waiting list for a liver transplant. She has no insurance.

Admission is \$5 at the door.

Prayer breakfast

The 7th annual Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 5th, at the Ruidoso Convention Center. A breakfast buffet will be from 6:30-7 a.m.

Keynote Speaker will be Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech Lady Raiders basketball coach.

Tickets are \$10 and can be

purchased at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber or at the door. Corporate Sponsorships are available. Call R.B. Holmes at 947-4103.

Youth outbreak

The Lincoln County Youth Outbreak will be held on Wednesday, May 4, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Flying J Ranch.

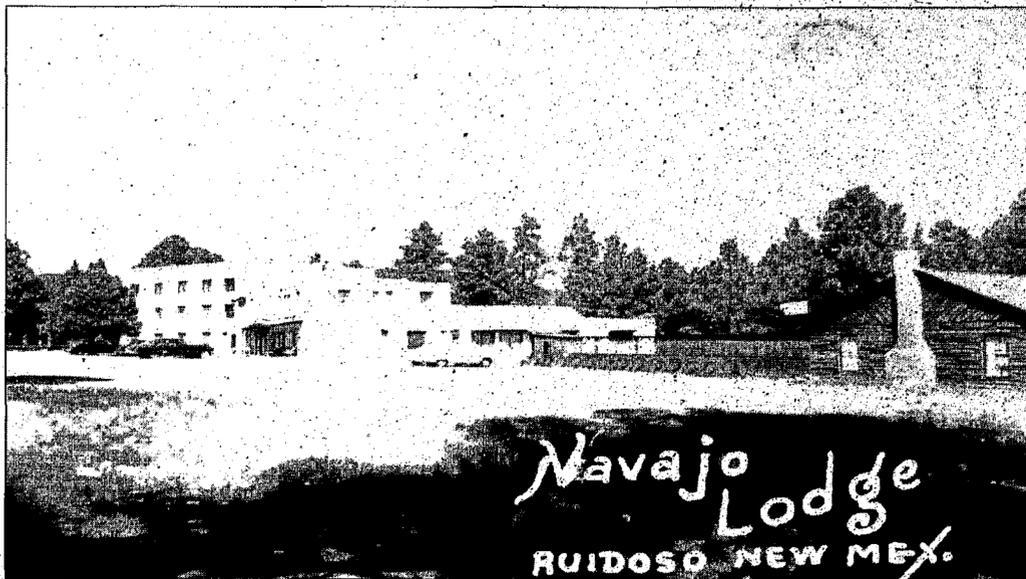
Free food, and the speaker will be Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech Lady Raiders basketball coach. Contact Mark Davis, First Baptist Church, 257-2081.

Fort Stanton Live

Fort Stanton celebrates its sesquicentennial, or its 150th anniversary, this year.

The southern New Mexico landmark since the days of Billy the Kid, Kit Carson and the Buffalo Soldiers, the fort will hold four events, beginning with the Fort Stanton History and Humanities Conference May 7, featuring dramatic presentations, photographic displays and demonstrations on all aspects of Fort Stanton history. Topics will be Mescalero Apaches, the Civil War years, the tuberculosis hospital years and German internees. There will be guided archaeological and architectural tours of the

A Ruidoso moment....



This historical photo of the Navajo Lodge, undated, has "Merry Christmas" written in "smoke" rising from the chimney. It has all the appearances of a postcard.

fort. Admission is \$10 per person and includes a box lunch, birthday cake and high tea.

The Fort Stanton Red, White and Blue 5 K Run/Walk on June 11 offers an opportunity to see the environs of the fort that are usually off limits to the public. Entry fee is \$20 per person and includes a T-shirt and a bottle of water.

The Captain Henry W. Stan-

ton Trail Ride is July 9. Bring your horse and experience the trails around the fort that Colonel Kit Carson and Lt. John J. "Black Jack" Pershing traveled.

Fort Stanton Live! will be held Aug. 13, dedicated to the late Keith Green, former editor of the *Ruidoso News* and member of the Fort Stanton Development Commission.

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Rabies vaccinations

Rabies vaccinations for pets will be given at reduced rates throughout the county Saturday. The cost is \$6 per animal, while other vaccinations will be available at reduced prices. The schedule:

Ruidoso: White Mountain Dr. Fire Station, 10 a.m.-noon.

Ruidoso: Tennis Court Fire Station/Park, 1-3 p.m.

Ruidoso Downs: Fire Station, 1-3:30 p.m.

Carrizozo: Fire Station, 10 a.m.-noon.

Capitan: Fire Station, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Corona: Fire Station, 2:30-4 p.m.

Hondo: Old Hondo Post Office, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Lincoln: Fire Station, 9-10 a.m.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. second and fourth Monday of the month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; 378-4880.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 299ers game, 1 p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

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

Tuesday, April 26

Al-Anon: Meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth; 257-7124.

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

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs; Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

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.).

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Noon the fourth Tuesday of each month. Board meeting at 11 a.m. Alto Lakes Country Club; Dianne, 653-4217 or Diana, 336-7038.

Rotary International,

Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club; Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 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; 257-2776.

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RUIDOSO NEWS

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OUR

Raising speed limits is foolhardy

Tourism is not hurt by suspected speed traps

We note with raised eyebrow that the complaint of "speed traps" in the village by a citizen at last week's Village Council meeting (*Ruidoso News*, April 15) tailgated that citizen's citation for excessive speed on Carrizo Canyon Road.

Even if a personal agenda is not fueling a request by Bill Hodges to revamp speed limits, the builder's suggestion that tourism is hurt by unduly low limits deserves a ticket.

Public safety is more important than tourist dollars.

Let's not forget that we negotiate our drives in a narrow, canyon-creased mountain environment subject to treacherous weather conditions and draped with steep streets, hairpin turns and blind hillcrests. Many "through" roads by necessity, bisect residential neighborhoods.

Even then, it says here that that the leisurely pace of our traffic flow is precisely what draws refugees from the frenetic, horn-honking, bumper-to-bumper road-raging asphalt entanglement back home, wherever it might be.

Indeed, how often have we heard locals complain about those meandering Texans who have the nerve to obey the law and obstruct our mad dash to our appointed rounds?

It seems that, on a per capita basis, the speeders in this town are more likely to sport yellow not white license plates.

To be sure, the limits on certain roads could be tweaked to reflect improved driving conditions over the lifespan of particular arteries.

But if you want to put the pedal to the metal, hit the Interstate. Our visitors know it well.

It's not called the Public 'Savings' Advisory Committee for a reason

Here's the main difference between government employment and private industry, as I see it.

Let's take a fictional company, call it Gadgets Incorporated. No, that's boring. Let's call it gadget.com. We'll locate it in Deming because Deming needs some economic stimulation, her Duck Race notwithstanding.

So gadget.com is doing pretty good there in Deming, its 14 employees basically answering the telephone and taking orders for gadgets. Then one day one of those employees, Terri Tardy, calls a friend on the job and says she is running about two hours late. She asks Nancy Nottoswift to punch her in.

Allegedly, Terri made that call. Allegedly, Nancy punched her in. We don't know but we want to get these two women out of the plant while we investigate the alleged shenanigans. So we place them on "administrative leave." With pay.

Now we have two of our 14 employees sitting at home, painting their nails, saying "aw shucks, they're making us stay home with pay." How long do you think it will take the management of gadget.com to deal with this situation? How long will it take to either get Miss Tardy and Miss Nottoswift back on the job or fire them? Two days maybe?

Deming's gadget.com simply cannot afford to stay in business for any length of time if it pays employees who do not work. That is because gadget.com is not subsidized by taxpayers.

We now focus our gaze on the New Mexico State Police Department. Same thing going on. Officers Paul Sanchez, Edward Cortez and Stephen Montoya allegedly did something against the rules. So they were put on administrative leave.

With pay. About two years ago. Two years? If this does not

outrage you as a taxpayer, you are either in a vegetative state or are smoking something that causes you to walk around with a goofy grin. And I'm not talking Winstons.

It is an absolute scandal there are about a half a dozen officers, who are cooling their heels off the job, getting full pay, while the state's Public Safety Advisory Commission tries to figure out how to handle such cases. It is costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

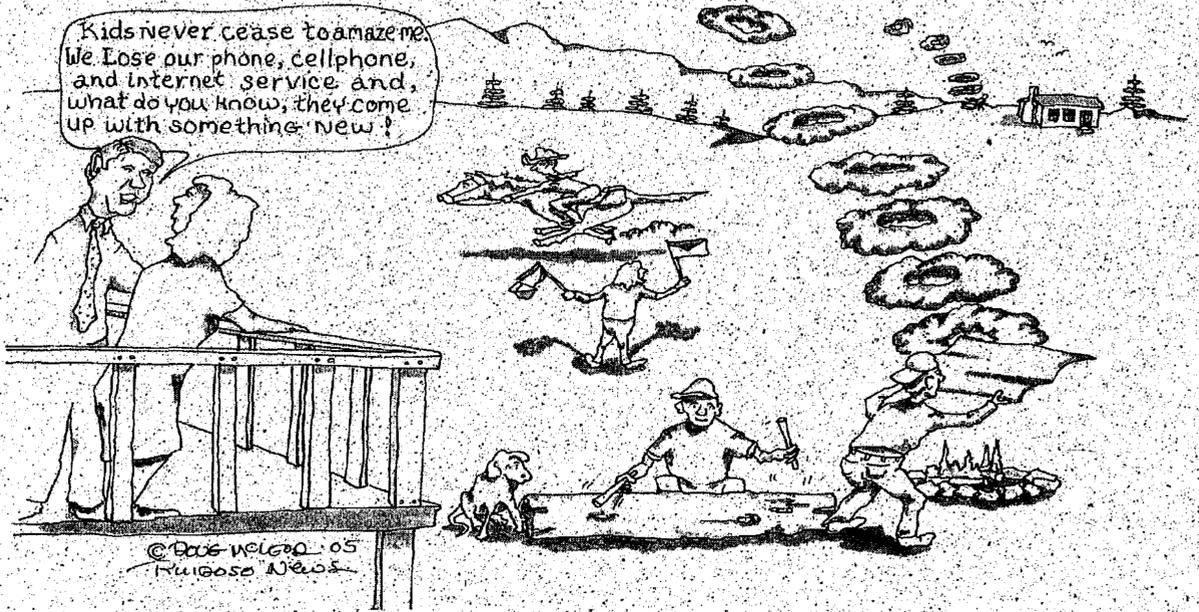
So ridiculous has this become that the three officers are, get this, tired of not working but still getting paid. They have asked the state district court to tell the bosses to quit screwing around and deal with their situations. Either put them back to work or set them free of the charges, they say.

The nonsense rests with a flawed personnel manual. Back in September, 2003, the Public Safety Advisory Commission discovered its personnel instructions did not have rules on how to handle discipline cases. September, 2003. It's now April, 2005. It took more than a year to write the rules and have them adopted, and still taxpayers are picking up the check for non-working employees. What goes?

When they last met, lawmakers were said to be most upset with the Public Safety Advisory Commission. There is no indication they did anything about it. They should.

Deming, I am sure, is grateful that I have given it a new company. In future columns I will place fictional companies in other communities, but your industrial development people are going to have to wine and dine me, promise me tax breaks, and give me a good deal on a building.

(Ned Cantwell is a syndicated columnist. He welcomes feedback at ncantwell@charter.net.)



YOUR

Rep. Pearce drilling a dry hole for energy solutions

To the editor:

How could Rep. Steve Pearce be so right but so wrong? Right he is that fuel prices are too high and that they are threatening the local, national, and global economies. But Pearce is wrong to suggest that the solution to the problem is reducing our federal and state fuel taxes and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

Think about what fuel tax dollars pay for. Among other things, gas taxes have always helped build and rebuild our highways. Without this funding, U.S. 70 would remain one of the most deadly highways in the country.

Although fuel taxes constitute 23 percent of the price of fuel, the cost of crude oil still accounts for 52 percent. We could drill for oil in one of the world's most environmentally sensitive areas simply because it's there. But is that justified just because we can't see the drilling rigs from here?

We're increasingly crying when our tall pines start falling with new development, but we also need to be a little less provincial and consider the entire Earth as our home.

The real solution, one that Pearce did not even mention, is the obvious: use less or use alternative fuels. Toyota, Honda, Lexus, and Ford are breaking through with hybrid vehicles. By next year, Chevrolet, Mazda, Nissan, and Saturn will join the ranks. Toyota, in fact, says it will eventually offer a hybrid version of virtually every car it sells.

All told, 200,000 Americans will buy a hybrid car this year, up from 90,000 in 2004 (Apr. 15, 2005; *Business Week*). You'll see them around town with a proud acclamation of "Hybrid" just above the rear bumper.

These cars and SUVs get 10 to 20 miles per gallon better fuel efficiency than their equivalent non-hybrid counterparts. Think about these statistics from hybridcars.com:

• If we raise fuel efficiency standards in American cars by one mile per gallon, in one year, we would save twice the amount of oil that could be obtained from

the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

• Raising it by 2.7 mpg would save enough to eliminate all the oil imports from Iraq and Kuwait combined.

• Raising it by 7.6 mpg would save enough to eliminate 100 percent of our Gulf oil imports to this country.

That's your solution, Mr. Pearce.

David Clarke
Ruidoso

Sustainable energy the key

To the editor:

Congressman Steve Pearce urged constituents to support an energy bill that considers "Global demand and dependence on foreign oil," adding, "we can and should authorize access to more domestic oil supplies for the future."

Steve does not mention conservation, efficiency, alternative fuels or fuel cells, solar and wind, or promoting a lifestyle less reliant on the automobile. Instead he suggests drilling on the north shore of Alaska for oil totaling a 180-day supply for the U.S.

If we opened up this wildlife reserve to oil production, it would provide about 1 million barrels per day (mbd) after 7 to 10 years, peaking at 2 mbd (at best), and back down to 1 mbd at the end of its 20 year useful life. (U.S. uses 20 million barrels of oil each day.) The oil would be sold on the world market at the going price and I doubt that it will make much difference in crude prices.

I will say with certainty that planet Earth will never run out of oil because it's permeated in the formation at the bottom of the well. Companies such as Halliburton Services will pump chemicals to break up or dissolve this formation in order to keep up production until the well is no longer feasible to pump. This is a messy business, and I will personally attest to this. I worked on a pulling unit in Odessa, Texas, in the late '70s. This material is pumped back out into tanks or lined pits dug into the ground. Where do you put this stuff in the arctic?

Oil is finite and "Globalization" based on consumption will make short work of

the last of the economically feasible oil. World crude oil and liquefied gas supplies are estimated at about 2.5 trillion barrels and we have already consumed about 1 trillion barrels.

The second half of these reserves will require much more energy and manpower to extract deposits imbedded in rock. The Middle East is the last location for "easy oil"; while after extensive drilling in the mid '70s West Texas is generally working on the second half of their wells' supply.

Steve also says, "Crude oil is the largest cost component." True, and demand drives up crude prices; cheap gas increases demand. If we reduce the 32-cent state and federal tax, we add to the 10 billion-plus in tax subsidies to the oil industry, and over a billion for regulation, pollution cleanup and liability. Add the cost of protection of oilfields halfway around the world, environmental degradation and most obscure, the health costs!

Add this to the picture and the International Center for Technology Assessment estimates the true cost of oil between \$6 to \$15 per gallon. Their number for U.S. government giveaways came to an annual \$115 billion!

By subsidizing non-sustainable projects we are living like there is no tomorrow.

William Riggles
Ruidoso

Pearce parrots company line

To the editor:

I read with interest Steve Pearce's comments re: energy policy. I noticed NOT ONCE did he mention conservation! How sad; what a lack of foresight!

All he wants to do is reward the oil companies, continue our dependence and blame Clinton (always good for his base).

This congressman does not have an original thought in his body, he just parrots Bush's "talking points."

Howard Macken
Nogal

Wake up and smell the water

To the editor:

"Ruidoso water customers need to keep conserving. That's the message from water department director Ken Mosley. He says water use is now running ahead of the same time last year by four percent."

I wish to address the absurdity of the above quoted statement, excerpted from the KBUY-KWES Internet daily news page.

If every water user in Ruidoso uses ONLY enough water to supply their

daily health and hygiene needs, water use from year to year will still be a contentious issue, given the unbridled rate of development here.

To compare year to year usage and expect it to remain static, or to trend downward, is as absurd as continuing to over-build in an area where water is already a scarce commodity.

One can only wonder when someone with the fortitude to do something about it will wake up to the reality of our water crisis. To date, none of the hoopla and

press seems to have had more than token effect on the entities responsible for assuring water for future generations.

They appear to remain with heads in the sand, and hands in the money bag, uncaring whether or not water will remain available for the growing multitudes that will require it.

God forbid that anyone should even hint at curtailing development here, and damned they are if they dare to!

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Council to review Ruidoso-based TV proposal

■ 'The Big Move' might impact village's image

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Weighing the advantages of national television exposure against possible negative depiction of life in Ruidoso, village councilors want to talk first-hand to the producers of a proposed reality show who are considering the village as a filming site.

Mayor Leon Eggleston said last week he will invite representatives of "The Big Move" to one of the upcoming council meetings.

Councilor Ron Hardeman said the crew doesn't need per-

mission from the council to film in Ruidoso, but Councilor Michele Rebstock said the producer wants cooperation and a town hall meeting at the end of the series to decide which of two families is the better fit for the community.

The families will be coming from big cities and the ABC Family Channel series, if purchased after the pilot show, would focus on the adjustment to small-town life and how well they integrate into and contribute to the community.

"When Mr. (Michael) Schlossman, (the producer) talked to me, I told him it was something I could not decide and it would be up to the council," Eggleston said. "They said

it would not cost the village anything. We were listed as one of (the top) 10 communities people like to move to.

"It's my understanding that a team goes to a village to see if they want to proceed, so I think there could be other stages on their part in the selection. It would come back to us if they wanted to proceed."

Rebstock said reality television producers "like color," and she's sure there would be many contrasts between life in the city and life in the village.

"We could be portrayed as country bumpkins," Hardeman said.

"But there would be national coverage about this being a great place to live," the mayor

"We could be portrayed as country bumpkins."

Ron Hardeman
Village councilor

countered.

Councilor L. Ray Nunley said the male members of the council have faces better suited to radio than television.

If he's going to vote, he'd like someone at the council meeting to talk to members, "so they can see what I really look like," Nunley said.

"I certainly don't want to play the part of Donald Trump and say, 'You leave. You stay,'" the mayor said.

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ETZ: Fate of the 1-mile zone remains uncertain

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said he was sorry that he abstained from voting on a motion last month to kill the zone and then with a motion to extend its life. The next time around, he will vote to allow the zone to die, Hobbs said.

Although she voted for the new public hearing in May, Commissioner Maury St. John said she was disappointed the Simpson did not follow through on the board's directive 30 days ago. Simpson responded by appointing St. John and Battin to meet with County Attorney Alan Morel. Battin's original motion last month was for the threesome to match up with two village councilors and the village attorney to work on the issue. The fate of the zone has been uncertain for more than six months as a different mix of commissioners voted to dissolve it, then extended its life for successive 90-day periods.

St. John said without the ETZ, the county commission will have no real input about what happens in the one-mile zone around the village because by state law, the village controls planning and platting in a three-mile area around Ruidoso. At least now, three members of the seven-member ETZ Commission, which votes on subdivisions, lot splits, variances and other petitions, are appointed by the county. Two county commissioners, Hobbs and St. John, serve on the ETZ Authority, which handles appeals and approves rule changes or new regulations.

But Hobbs said he's tried to effect changes and he's "disgusted that the village has totally disregarded input from the county." He talked to Mayor Leon Eggleston and then sent the mayor a copy of his proposal for changes in early April and hasn't heard anything back, he contended. He believes that indicates the attitude of the village regarding the ETZ, Hobbs said.

The village administers the zone because the county has no zoning and only one planning director. A previous commission was happy to hand off the responsibility to the village planning department.

Hobbs questioned if village officials were living up to the "spirit" of the zone's mutual

"I don't think the village is willing to work with the county."

Earl Hobbs
County commissioner

compact by pursuing massive annexation into the village of portions of land within the ETZ.

At a meeting of the village council last week, Village Planning Director Charles Rennick pointed out that St. John and Simpson both advocated annexation as another way for the village to control growth around its borders.

"I don't think the village is willing to work with the county," Hobbs said. "I made a mistake last time." Next time he'll vote to rescind, he said, adding that he knows two other commissioners will do the same.

Battin said if the zone is abandoned, the county is abandoning the protections guaranteed to land owners when they bought their property knowing it fell within the ETZ. Even if annexation proceeds, the ETZ would continue to exist and would be pushed out further, he pointed out.

A lot of good work already

has been accomplished toward amending the ordinance, Battin said. The ETZ Authority approved two articles with changes and sent a third back to the ETZ Commission for another look, he said.

But Hobbs was adamant the only way to start fresh is to kill the existing ordinance and write a new one from scratch. The committee appointed by Simpson will have 30 days to meet, he said. St. John said a new ordinance could take one or two years to put into place.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace said the ordinance as now written isn't working and she thinks the problem is the enforcement. Supporters "holer" at meetings to retain the zone, but commissioners receive e-mails from opponents who want it dissolved, she said.

When Harvey Foster, a member of the Ruidoso Planning & Zoning Commission, asked for specific complaints - noting that few decisions have been appealed in the last five years out of hundreds of applications - neither Hobbs nor Lovelace provided examples.

"I'm trying to understand why you are so vehemently opposed to it when you say you're in favor," Foster told Hobbs. He questioned if rather

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Harvey Foster
Ruidoso Planning & Zoning
member, responding to Earl Hobbs

than reacting to objections from others in the zone, Hobbs may be upset because when things were changed, they were "not done your way."

St. John said although the ETZ Authority would vote on any rule changes, proposals could first be floated past the county commission for input.

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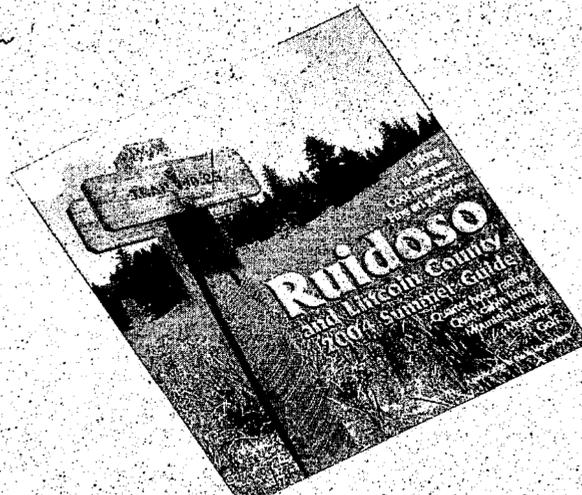
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EDUCATION

State funds 18 training centers

CLOVIS- Governor Bill Richardson today announced the state will award \$10 million to fund the creation of 18 Career Technical-Vocational Education Centers across New Mexico.

The funding will go to 13 institutions of higher learning, three independent school districts, one charter school and one technical-vocational institution; no funds were earmarked for ENMU-Ruidoso.

The centers will be located on existing community college campuses.

"These centers will work toward my goal of keeping New Mexico's young people in New Mexico by helping to create high-wage job opportunities and providing the training required to access those jobs," said Governor Richardson.

The funds will be used to build 18 state-of-the-art centers to prepare high school juniors and senior for successful high school completion.

The centers will also help

students make the transition into college or qualify them for entry into technical careers.

The projects are partnerships of K-12 school districts, charter schools and community colleges, and local business communities.

"Most importantly, the intent of these funds is to ensure the Career Technical-Vocational Education programs in NM complement, rather than compete with other public education," Richardson said.

The following institutions are scheduled to receive funding: under the program:

Abq. Vo-Tech campus	\$183,000
Albuquerque TVI	\$900,000
Cuba ISD	\$195,000
New Mexico Junior College	\$440,000
NMSU-Carlsbad	\$627,000
NMSU-Doña Ana	\$950,000
Raton	\$550,000
San Juan Comm. College	\$1,100,000
Santa Fe Comm. College	\$555,000
Western N.M. University	\$255,000
UNM-Gallup	\$600,000
UNM-Taos	\$750,000
UNM-Valencia	\$900,000
Lordsburg ISD	\$550,000
Socorro ISD	\$130,000
Mesalands Comm. College	\$360,000
Clovis Community College	\$650,000
Luna Community College	\$300,000

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Capitan artist honored

Capitan Middle School student Aimee Babcock received an honorable mention for her artwork submitted to the federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition, sponsored by the United States States Fish and Wildlife Service. A total of 530 entries were judged, and the artwork is now on display at the Macey Fine Arts Center on the New Mexico Technical Institute in Socorro, New Mexico through April.

Group urges literacy

The New Mexico Coalition for Literacy is honoring its volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 17-23.

Literacy volunteers donate many hours to help adults who need to learn to read or improve their reading skills for better employment.

According to the New Mexico organization:

One in four New Mexicans lacks a high school education.

21 percent of New Mexico adults aged 25 years or older read at a fifth-grade level - or below.

If you can read, you can help someone else learn to read. If you can speak English, you can teach someone else to speak and read English. Volunteer literacy programs can show you how. To find out about volunteer literacy programs in Lincoln County, call the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy, 1-800-233-7587.

Budget hearing

If you live in the Capitan Municipal School District - the District wants to hear from you.

The District is reviewing budget considerations and is seeking public input for the 2005-2006 budget.

The meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. April 25 in the board room of the District's adminis-

tration building. For more information, call 354-2239.

Seniors' workshop

Ruidoso High School is sponsoring a special workshop called "Preparing for Your Senior Year and Beyond." The workshop is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2005 at 6 p.m. in the RHS Library. Current juniors and their parents/guardians are urged to attend. The program will present information on applying to institutions of higher education, scholarships, career opportunities, and key timelines for students and parents.

Members of the Class of 2006 and their parents are welcome to participate in this program.

Hearing loss?

Each April, the Altrusa Club International, Inc. of Ruidoso begins spreading the word about the importance of early detection for hearing problems in young children.

According to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorder the most important time for a child to be exposed to and learn language is during the first three years.

To help make parents aware of this, Altrusa compiled an information pamphlet titled "Silence Isn't Always Golden" (in both English & Spanish) that includes a NIDCD checklist for children ages 0-3 years. Each year during the months of April and May (which is National Hearing Month), Altrusa distributes more than 500 of these hearing pamphlets to participants in the Region IX Child Find early childhood screening program.

If you'd like to receive a hearing pamphlet or more information about this project, contact Marie McNeil at 257-2647 or Mary Allen at 336-8401.



James Colvin adjusts his D-Day display at the History Day competition in the Hubbard museum.

JIM BRADEN/STAFF

Students re-live history at Hubbard

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Communication in a variety of forms was the topic of last week's special exhibit and presentation at the Hubbard museum.

Middle school students from Ruidoso Middle School and Holloman Middle School competed for honors during the all-day event sponsored by the New Mexico Humanities Council.

Museum curator Coda Omness says this is the first year the Museum has participated in the History Day project.

"It was something I found out about and thought it fit in our mission statement - to preserve history. The top three students here will go to state competition towards the end of

April," she says, and could go to national competition after that.

Winners included:

1st Brittany Porter (Ruidoso Middle)

2nd Jacob Rigsby (Ruidoso Middle)

2nd (tie) Keith Yeager (Ruidoso Middle)

3rd Isaiah Herrera (Ruidoso Middle)

Group Documentary - 1st Andrew Landeza, Travis Geiger, and Parker Hinman (Holloman Middle)

2nd Dylan Peckham and Brandon Nash (Holloman Middle)

3rd Kerbi Miller and Teceanna Guaderrama (Ruidoso Middle)

Ruidoso Middle School social studies teacher Alicia Annala says the natural motivation to compete and show off helped interest students in the compe-

tion. "I brought about 25 students to the competition, some did group projects and others did individual projects," she says, "and I learned a lot. Just in the creative things, the way they looked at things is so different from that of a history book. They showed it from their eyes and their perspectives."

Brittany Porter of Ruidoso Middle School found strong communication in the famed children's television series "Sesame Street."

"I just showed how the Muppets educate children and how they teach people life lessons. I learned a lot; originally, Kermit wasn't a frog, he was a lizard-like creature. I found how Sesame Street came to be and who created it. It's been on the air since November 10, 1969."

Her two favorite characters?

Grover and The Cookie Monster

Meanwhile, James Colvin and his partner, Skyler Evans researched the 1944 Allied invasion of Europe, known as D-Day - "and about Hitler and the Nazis and how they could still be in power," Colvin says. "Our world would have been very, very different if we hadn't responded to that. I learned a lot - I especially liked the statement by General Dwight Eisenhower about how he provoked the soldiers to want to win this war."

Judges for the contest included Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston, retired teachers Eddie Parker, Kathleen Kennedy, historian Drew Gomer, ENMU professor Dr. Cynthia Orozco, historians Gwendolyn Rogers and Murray Arrowsmith and teacher Polly Chavez.

Bingaman bills would strengthen links between jobs and educational programs for American workers

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman today introduced two bills that would help American workers, including many in New Mexico, meet the challenges of a changing economy.

The first of the two Bingaman bills would create a demonstration project aimed at developing stronger links between educational programs and jobs in the public and private sector.

The funding would be used to help states finance programs

that certify students who have taken enough courses to be trained for employment - but who have not yet completed the number of courses required for a college degree.

Employers would recognize these certificates as adequate training.

Staying competitive

"Providing New Mexicans with proper training is key to helping them stay competitive in today's workforce. The legislation I have introduced today

will help improve workers' access to the skills and training necessary to compete in today's job market," Bingaman said.

\$30 million slated

Under Bingaman's legislation, New Mexico would be eligible for grant funding, which would be awarded on a competitive basis. The program would be authorized at \$30 million.

Bingaman's second bill would create a demonstration project that seeks to combine English proficiency programs

with job training. Essentially, it would provide those seeking to enter the workforce with a combination of occupational training and the vocabulary needed to secure a job in the field.

New Mexico also would qualify to apply for such grants. The program would be authorized at \$10 million.

Bingaman will work to incorporate his two measures into the Workforce Investment Act, scheduled to be written this year.

SCHOOL MENUS

Carrizozo Schools

April 20 - Breakfast - Cheese toast, Lunch - Chicken, later tots, salad, chilled fruit
April 21 - Breakfast - Egg combo, Lunch - Turkey, baked potatoes, rolls, green beans, pineapple
April 22 - Breakfast - Quesadilla, Lunch - Taquitos, potato salad, chilled fruit
April 23 - Breakfast - Pancakes w/syrup, Lunch - Steak fingers, fries, rolls, pears
April 25 - Breakfast - Oatmeal muffin, Lunch - Pizza, salad, veggie stick, mixed fruit

Capitan Schools

April 20 - Breakfast - Ham bar, graham crackers, apple sauce muffin, Lunch - Corn dog or breaded

beef patty, green beans, roll, fruit
April 21 - Work day for teachers - no students
April 22 - Work day for teachers - no students
April 25 - Breakfast - Peanut butter-jelly sandwich
Lunch - Taco salad, pinto beans, fruit
April 26 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, w/syrup
Lunch - Spaghetti, mixed vegetables, roll, fruit

Ruidoso - NH/Head Start

April 20 - Breakfast - French toast stix, syrup, fruit, Lunch - Domino's Partnership Menu Day
April 21 - Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, fruit, Lunch - BBO chicken on a bun, broccoli w/cheese, chilled fruit
April 22 - Breakfast - Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, Lunch - Bean and cheese burrito, seasoned corn, celery stix, chilled fruit
April 25 - Breakfast - Cereal, graham cracker, fruit,

Lunch - Chicken sandwich, French fries, trimmings, chilled fruit
April 26 - Breakfast burrito, fruit, Lunch - Soft chicken tacos, taco salad cup, pinto beans, fruit.

Ruidoso Elementary Schools

April 20 - Breakfast - French toast sticks, syrup, Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, roll, chilled fruit
April 21 - Egg and sausage biscuit, fruit, Lunch - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garlic roll, green beans, fresh fruit
April 22 - Breakfast - Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, Lunch - Chicken sandwich, French fries, sandwich trimmings, chilled fruit
April 25 - Cereal, graham cracker, fruit, Lunch - Sloppy Joe on a bun, potato salad, fresh fruit
April 26 - Breakfast - Burrito, fruit, Lunch - Soft

chicken tacos, taco salad cup, pinto beans, fruit

Ruidoso Middle School

April 20 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, biscuit and gravy, cereal, Lunch - Chicken salad, croissant, sandwich, chips, sandwich trimmings, fruit
April 21 - Breakfast - Sausage and cheese biscuit, waffle stix, cereal, Lunch - Chili beans, cornbread, tossed salad w/dressing, chilled fresh fruit
April 22 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, cinnamon toast, cereal, Lunch - Burrito w/salsa, French fries
April 25 - Breakfast - Egg and bacon biscuit, muffin and yogurt, cereal, fruit, Lunch - Chicken enchiladas, beans, Spanish rice, chilled fresh fruit
April 26 - Breakfast - French toast sticks, breakfast burrito, cereal, Lunch - Corn dog, fresh carrot sticks, potato puffs, chilled fresh fruit

Ruidoso High School

April 20 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, biscuit and gravy, cereal, Lunch - Chicken Salad Croissant sandwich, chips, sandwich trimmings, chilled fruit
April 21 - Breakfast - Sausage and cheese biscuit, waffle stix, Lunch - Chili beans, corn bread, tossed salad w/dressing, fresh fruit
April 22 - Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, cinnamon toast, cereal
Lunch - Grilled ham and cheese sandwich, French fried potatoes, chilled fruit
April 25 - Breakfast - Egg and bacon biscuit, muffin and yogurt, Lunch - ham and cheese wheat wrap, sandwich trimmings, potato salad, fresh fruit
April 26 - Breakfast - French toast sticks, breakfast burrito, cereal, Lunch - Corn dog, fresh carrot sticks, potato puffs, chilled fruit

RED: IHS slow to pay

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said that she recently attended an affiliate's meeting and IHS's sluggish repayment is causing problems across the state. Historically, they eventually do pay the claims, she said.

Gibson said in the past, the hospital might carry about \$400,000 at a time in IHS bills before the agency caught up, but that figure ballooned in the last 15 months.

Burrows said she's hearing the same complaint from physicians.

"We'd have an extraordinary

good month if they paid," Gibson said.

Gibson related that he heard from Matt Anderson, the new IHS administrator in Mescalero, that federal purse strings won't be loosened any time soon. Anderson could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

"We've been told we've done everything we can do," Gibson said. He pointed out that Presbyterian is required by its contract with the commission to provide care to members of the tribe who show up at LCMC.

Seno tossed for wearing hat

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A Lincoln County resident who often attends county commission meetings to express his opinion was removed from Tuesday's session after refusing to remove his hat, at the podium.



Seno

During a discussion on whether to continue to charge liquor dispenser fees, Tony Seno, a former Libertarian Party candidate for commissioner, walked to the podium to offer input. But Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said he will not recognize anyone to speak who doesn't have enough respect to remove his hat.

"Is there a law against it?" Seno snapped back.

"It's just common sense and good manners," Simpson responded.

When Seno began to speak again, Simpson interrupted and said, "I will remove you if you keep this up."

When Seno continued speaking, Simpson asked

Sheriff Ricky Virden to escort him out. Seno left without argument.

This was the second time Seno was called on wearing his hat when he comes to the podium. Last month, Commissioner Tom Battin, who was acting chairman in Simpson's absence, also asked Seno to remove the cowboy hat. When Seno refused, Battin didn't insist.

Commenting during a break in the meeting Tuesday, Battin said Seno told him after that March meeting that he only removes his hat for people he respects. Earlier in the commission meeting, another private property rights activist, Jerry Carroll of Oscura, packed up his video camera and stomped out of commission chambers muttering, "Why do I bother. I have better things to do."

Carroll was reacting to an interpretation offered by the county attorney connected to a rural addressing ordinance for Enhanced 911.

Domestic violence program set for Mescalero next week

■ Three-day interactive program is collaboration between the Lincoln County Community Council on Violence Against Women and state's COPE

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A three-day interactive domestic violence training program called the "Ending Violence Against Women Project," is set for next week in Mescalero.

Attorney General Patricia Madrid's Violence Against Women Division put together the session from April 25-27 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort on the Apache reservation next to Ruidoso.

The program is part of a collaborative effort with the Lincoln County Community Council on Violence Against Women and New Mexico Center of Protective Environment, Inc., NM COPE.

The project "trains community members to recognize the symptoms and the indications that an individual has been abused at the hand of a spouse or a family member," Madrid said. "The effectiveness of this program comes from the cooperation between community members and law enforcement. By relying on this coordinated community response, rather than simply one agency to respond, we can more effectively help those who are silently suffering through a problem that has reached a crisis level in our state."

Utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach in responding to suspected cases of domestic violence, professionals from the medical field, law enforcement, social workers and advocates will be trained to improve community response and recognition of abuse in the home, she said. The program also covers the problems inherent in domestic violence cases, such as stalking and sexual assault.

Madrid's office received a \$586,000 grant from the Department of Justice to develop statewide training conferences that provide hands-on instruction to community members in New Mexico. Participants will be given the opportunity to develop skills and tools necessary to respond with the highest level of professionalism and sensitivity to victims of domestic violence in their communities. To maximize regional resources in the fight against violence against women, those participants will then have the knowledge to be able to conduct similar in-service training to colleagues in their own jurisdictions and fields, the attorney general said.

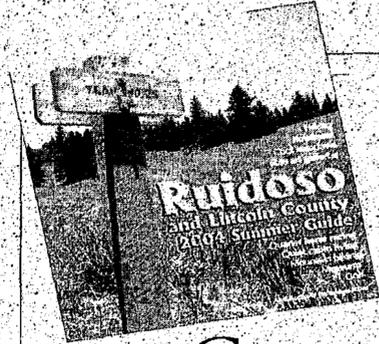
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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Keeping a cat inside is healthier for the cat and for the small animals it otherwise might prey on outside.

At least one state is considering legalizing cat hunting because the area's songbirds have been decimated, as well as chipmunks and squirrels.

The Humane Society of the United States offered some advice on how to acclimate a cat who is used to being an outdoor, or indoor-outdoor pet.

"Most cats who are kept indoors from the start show no inclination to go outdoors. In fact, they may become frightened if they accidentally wander out the door," HSUS officials note. But if a cat is used to roaming, they say with a little persistence, planning and patience, the feline can be transformed.

"The key is to make the change from outdoors to indoors gradually, until the new way of life becomes old hat. Many cats will adjust with minimal

effort while others will be miserable—and let you know it. They may scratch at doors, claw at windows, yowl, and try to dash through open doors," they warn. "If your cat has never used a scratching post or a litter box, introduce both items well in advance of transitioning your cat to a life inside. If you're feeding your cat outdoors, begin feeding him indoors. Then, instead of letting the cat back outside as soon as he's finished eating, keep him inside for gradually longer periods of time."

Train other household members to quickly close doors to avoid extra stimulation for the cat. "Playing with the cat is a great way to keep both his mind and his body in shape," they suggest. "Some former free-roamers will appreciate you providing 'kitty greens' for them to munch on instead of your houseplants. Try planting grass, alfalfa, catnip, wheat, or oat grass (sold in pet supply stores) in indoor

pots for this purpose."

For areas with cold winters, they suggest that season may be the best time to start the transition because the feline may appreciate a warm, dry bed.

"After the weather warms up and you've checked that screens are secure, open the window and let your cat feel and sniff the fresh air," they advise. "Or, if your cat is docile enough, take him outside in your arms or on a leash attached to a harness."

"If you're having trouble slowly transitioning your cat to a happy life indoors, it may be better to go 'cold turkey.' Letting your cat outdoors occasionally may only reinforce his pestering behaviors. Your veterinarian may prescribe short-term drug or homeopathic therapy to help your cat through the transition period." More next week.



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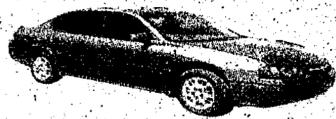
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Ruidoso flying high after win over NMMI

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It had already been a game of ups and downs by the time Michael Sanchez came to bat in the bottom of the seventh inning against New Mexico Military Institute's Adam Camp Saturday at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

Through 6 and 1/3 innings in the first baseball game of their District 4-3A double-header, the Colts and Ruidoso Warriors had taken and given away numerous leads, and NMMI had a tenuous 14-13 lead when Sanchez stepped into the box.

The Warriors had already scored a pair of runs in the inning, and David Dickenson and Kyle Mails awaited on the basepaths to score the tying and winning runs against a team many thought couldn't be beaten in District 4-3A.

But Sanchez came through with a base hit to left field, scoring Dickenson and Mails and sending the Colts to defeat.

Ruidoso dropped the second game of the twin-bill, 10-4, but Ruidoso coach Jarrett Perry was still happy.

"If we can beat the Institute, we can beat any team in this state," Perry said. "Beating a quality program like this shows that we are a legitimate, and it

wasn't a fluke when we beat Lovington."

The Warriors (7-14, 2-4 district) are now just two back of district leading NMMI. Portales and Lovington split their doubleheader on Saturday, putting those teams in the middle at 3-3 each.

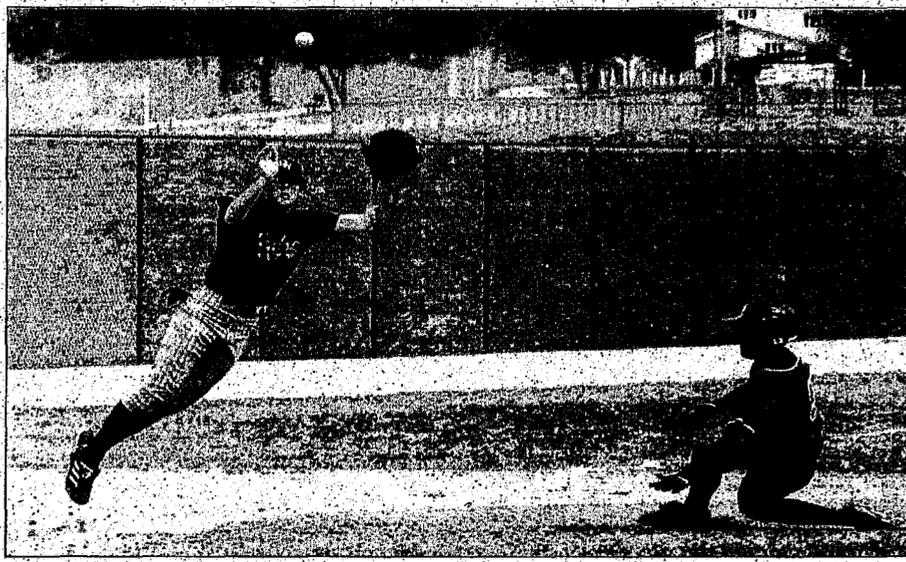
Had Ruidoso been able to pull out a win in their second game on Saturday — a game that was tied 4-4 after the sixth inning — all four teams would have been tied with the second half of the district season awaiting.

"It's a very tight race now, and anything can happen," Perry said. "Our boys have developed a strong will to win." Ruidoso has had a good team this season, its only weakness has been errors in the field.

Miscues looked to be the deathknell for the Warriors again in the first game when they committed three errors in the first two innings and gave up five runs.

But Ruidoso showed they could hit the ball well, and the Colts weren't exactly stellar in the field, either. NMMI committed four errors in the second inning alone to allow four Warrior runs and give Ruidoso a 6-5 lead after two innings.

NMMI then looked to take control of the game in the



Ruidoso third baseman David Dickenson, left, leaps for a throw from catcher Cutter Pack as NMMI's Sam Pitman slides in Saturday at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

TODD FUQUA/STAFF

fourth, when it put seven runners across the plate on three hits — including a three-RBI double by Jose Jimenez — and two Ruidoso errors.

The Colts added another run in the top of the fifth to further

Saturday, April 16 Game One		LOB — NMMI 9; RUI 5.	
Warriors 15, Colts 14		Game Two	
NMMI 140 710 1 — 14 10 5		Colts 10, Warriors 4	
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Daniel Stokes, Adam Camp (7) and Josh Schmille, Justin Sergeant, Will Wilson (5) and Cutter Pack. W — Wilson, L — Camp. 3B — RUI (Max Palmer), 2B — NMMI (Sam Pitman, Jose Jimenez, James Martin), RUI (Pack, Kyle Mails).			

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Ruidoso girls make short work of competition at Gooch



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso's Courtney Gibson tees off during the second day of the Leroy Gooch Tournament Tuesday at Cree Meadows.

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When it came to team scores for the 1A/3A girls in this year's Leroy Gooch Tournament at Cree Meadows, the race wasn't even close.

Ruidoso's Lady Warriors destroyed all competition in the two-day event, compiling an aggregate score of 746, a full 175 strokes better than second-place Lovington. The score would have been good enough for third place in the 4A/5A standings, which were once again dominated by Goddard's two-day total of 717.

Individually, the Lady Warriors were paced by Alayne Lee, who shot an 87 both Monday and Tuesday to finish with a 174, three strokes better than teammate Courtney Gibson.

Rachel Christiansen of Ruidoso

was a distant third at 191, but the top three finishes by Ruidoso's lady golfers were more than enough to guarantee a small school title in the Gooch.

About the only thing missing was the presence of Socorro, a team that Ruidoso coach Melissa Misquez considers to be her team's biggest competition at this year's state tourney.

"Their players begged the coaches to come to this tournament, they really wanted to be here," Misquez said of Socorro's decision not to attend. "But the coaches claimed they were tired of the two-day tournaments, and found it a bit difficult to qualify on this course."

Lee didn't have any trouble getting a pair of qualifying legs, and helping her team to a pair of state legs in the process.

"All day long, I never used a driver, just my three-wood," Lee said. "And I hit nine of 18 greens in regu-

lation."

That meant a lot of good putts, which propelled her to the top.

Sister Olivia Lee also finished in the top 10, shooting a two-day score of 204 to finish sixth overall, while Jenny Yorston finished 12th.

Things were a bit rougher for the Ruidoso boys, who were fourth overall with a team score of 662, a full 26 strokes behind winner Mesilla Valley and 20 strokes back of District 4-1A/3A rival New Mexico Military Institute. The Warriors were just one stroke back of Portales, however.

P.J. Smith had the best day of any Ruidoso boy, turning in a two-day score of 154 and finishing third overall. The individual title went to Tate Nichols of Farwell, Texas, who — after tying in regulation at 150 strokes with Mesilla Valley's Pat

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Going rough for Warriors against Alamogordo

GIDAL KAISER
Alamogordo Daily News

ALAMOGORDO — Maybe they should have treated it like it was a district match. The Ruidoso tennis teams took a break from District 4-3A play Thursday afternoon to play a rescheduled match with Alamogordo High and fell in both the boys and girls match, with the Warriors losing 7-2 and the Lady Warriors falling 6-3.

Despite the setbacks, Ruidoso coach Celeste Bonds wasn't too disappointed, pointing out her team used the break to work on some things.

"(Playing a non-district opponent) takes some of the pressure off the kids," she said. "Because it's a non-district (opponent), we're tuning for district play."

The Warriors found themselves down 3-0 early after being swept in all the doubles matches.

Matt Johnston and Kevin Yeager dropped their match 6-1, 6-4; Ted LaCoe and Alex Nocella fell 6-2, 6-0; and Jake Ordorica and Shane Hoffman lost in three sets, 6-7 (8-6), 6-3, 6-2.

In the No. 2 doubles match, the Warrior pair took a 1-0 lead over Alamogordo's Ray Brown and Sean Zeek only to see the match tied 1-1. Again, the Ruidoso duo took a one-game lead (2-1) only to see it tied up.

This went on throughout the duration until Ruidoso was up 6-5. In the 12th game, Alamogordo took a quick 40-15 lead but Hoffman and Ordorica fought back to tie it at deuce twice. However, two solid points from Brown brought the 12th game to an end and the match to a 6-6 tie.

In the tiebreaker, the Warrior tandem found itself down 6-4 in the first-to-seven format but rallied with four — yes, four — consecutive points to win the tiebreaker and the first set.

In the second set the Tiger pair took a quick 3-0 lead. Though Hoffman and Ordorica cut it to 5-3, Alamogordo, by winning two games in a row, Brown and Zeek won the second set 6-3, then swept the final four games of the third set to win the match.

In singles play, Ordorica and Dillon Hoffman were the only Warriors to net victory. Ordorica beat Vince Kuti 7-5, 6-

4, and Hoffman beat Braxton Forbes 7-6 (7-1), 6-3.

Hoffman's win cut the team deficit to 4 matches to 1 and Ordorica's cut it to 5-2 but Alamogordo's Kenny Pennie beat Johnston 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 to clinch the team win for the host Tigers.

The Lady Warriors day was best summarized by the team-victory clinching match.

Ahead 6-2 in the No. 4 singles match, Lady Warrior Jeanette Zagone dropped the second set to Samantha Dodson 6-4 and then watched as Dodson rallied in the third set to force a third-set tiebreaker, winning the 12th game after a miscommunication saw the Lady Tiger win two match points in a row.

In the tiebreaker, Dodson raced out to leads of 4-0 and 5-2. Zagone fought back and crept within 5-4, but the Lady Tiger got the final two points, the game and the match.

The win put Alamogordo up 5-3 and soon after Christine

Brown fell 6-4, 6-4 to Roma Patel to end the Lady Warriors day.

Ruidoso found itself down 2-1 after the doubles matches, with Zagone and Liz Priett beating Sarina Turnbull and

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Alamogordo vs. Ruidoso at Oregon Tennis Courts	
Lady Tigers 6, Lady Warriors 3	
Singles	
No. 1: Roma Patel, A. def. Christine Brown, R. 6-4, 6-4	
No. 2: Sarah VanVliet, A. def. Beth Robinson, R. 6-0, 6-1	
No. 3: Kat Dunstan, R. def. Becca Richardson, R. 6-2, 6-1	
No. 4: Samantha Dodson, A. def. Jeanette Zagone, R. 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4)	
No. 5: Kristen Bewley, R. def. Taylor Renteria, A. 6-1, 6-2	
No. 6: Alysiá Outhwaite, A. def. Liz Priett, R. 6-4, 6-4	
Doubles	
No. 1: Patel/VanVliet def. Dunstan/Robinson, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2	
No. 2: Richardson/Dodson def. Brown/Bewley, 6-4, 6-2	
No. 3: Zagone/Priett def. Sarina Turnbull/Kristen Geary, A. 6-2, 6-4	
Tigers 7, Warriors 2	
Singles	
No. 1: Kenny Pennie, A. def. Matt Johnston, R. 6-1, 4-6, 6-2	
No. 2: Jake Ordorica, R. def. Vince Kuti, A. 7-5, 6-4	
No. 3: Bo Mars, A. def. Kevin Yeager, R. 6-1, 6-4	
No. 4: Ray Brown, A. def. Shane Hoffman, R. 6-4, 6-3	
No. 5: Sean Zeek, A. def. Alex Nocella, R. 6-1, 7-6 (7-4)	
No. 6: Dillon Hoffman, R. def. Braxton Forbes, A. 7-6 (7-1), 6-3	
Doubles	
No. 1: Pennie/Rico Quiroga def. Johnston/Yeager, 6-1, 6-4	
No. 2: Brown/Zeek def. S. Hoffman/Ordorica, 6-7 (8-6), 6-3, 6-2	
No. 3: Mars/Kuti def. Ted LaCoe/Nocella, 6-2, 6-0	

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Prep Results

Thursday, April 14
Boys Tennis
Alamogordo 7, Ruidoso 2
Girls Tennis
Alamogordo 6, Ruidoso 3

Friday, April 15
Softball
Lovington 10, Ruidoso 0
Lovington 7, Ruidoso 4

Saturday, April 16
Baseball
Ruidoso 15, New Mexico Military Institute 14
NMMI 10, Ruidoso 4

Preps on Tap

Thursday, April 21
Tennis
NMMI at Ruidoso, 3:30 p.m.
Softball
Ruidoso at Dexter, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 22
Softball
Ruidoso at Socorro, 3 p.m.
Mescalero at Eunice, 12:30 p.m.
Track
Ruidoso at Artesia Invite, 3 p.m.
Carrizozo, Capitan, Mescalero, Hondo track in Slade Relays at Tularosa 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 23
Baseball
Ruidoso at Portales (2), 11 a.m.
Hatch at Mescalero (2), Noon
Softball
Mescalero at Lovington (2), Noon

On Deck

RHS soccer tourney
The Ruidoso High School girls soccer team will host a 3-on-3 soccer tournament for all ages April 23 at the White Mountain Soccer Complex. Ages 3 through adult are invited to play. Teams of five players are guaranteed a minimum of three games, with age groups ranging from Pre-K and Kindergarten to adults. Cost is \$50 per team and travel teams are welcome. All proceeds benefit the RHS girls soccer program. For more information, contact Katy Yeager at 257-2779.

High Altitude Classic

The High Altitude Classic, the second race of the New Mexico Off Road Series, will be held April 24 in Cloudcroft. Race registration is April 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the High Altitude bike shop in midtown Cloudcroft. There will be two races, cross country and downhill. The cross country race will begin near High Altitude with registration from 8:30 a.m. with a racers meeting at 9 a.m. at the starting line. The downhill race will be held at Ski Cloudcroft and there will be a downhill registration and pre-race that day from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a racers meeting at 1 p.m. There are three race categories for cross country — pro/expert, sport and beginner, with age divisions for each. There will be different categories in the downhill race. Registration for the races is \$35 with a cost of \$5 per day for those without a NORBA license or competing in both races there is also a \$5 discount. For more information, contact High Altitude at (505) 682-1229 or e-mail at www.highaltitude.org.

RHS fundraiser

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association and the Ruidoso High School golf team will be hosting its final golf scramble at the spring at the Iron Horse Mountain Golf May 1. The tournament will be a 12:30 shotgun start, and the fee is \$35 plus the cart fee. Call the Iron Horse at 464-7444 to sign up.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Tourney

Wednesday, May 25 will be the date for the ninth annual golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lincoln County, sponsored by the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, the Ruidoso News and other corporate sponsors. The tournament will once again be held at Cree Meadows, with golfers in teams of four, based on handicap, teeing off in a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$80 per player and includes green fee, cart, games and dinner following play. For more information or registration, call 257-4750.

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Ruidoso Invite an irritating experience for RHS track coach

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The Ruidoso Invitational on Friday turned out to be little more than a quadrangular, with only Socorro, Artesia and Carlsbad making the trip up the mountain for a relatively brief meet. But that didn't bother Ruidoso coach Ronny Maskew.

What did get his goat was his boys' relay teams' inability to hold on to the baton.

Maskew felt his 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams had a chance to qualify for state on Friday with some good times, but dropped batons ended that thought.

"Dropping the baton and getting disqualified in those relays really irritates me," said Maskew, who was visibly agitated after the disqualification on Friday. "We could have had a qualifying time in those races."

Dropped batons weren't the only thing getting under Maskew's skin this week as he prepared his team to go to Artesia Friday for the Artesia Invite. Discipline and attitude problems were also a concern.

But there were a few bright spots for Ruidoso, including a pair of first-place finishes by Fabian Olvera in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs, a top finish by Jared Bolden in the discus throw, and a win by Teddy Sowell in the long jump.

For the girls, Katie Coronado continued her domination of throwing events with wins in the javelin and discus competitions, and added a win in the long jump for good measure. Samantha O'Neal also finished first in the high jump.

Additionally, the Lady Warrior 4x200 relay team



Ruidoso's Katie Coronado unleashes another winning throw in the javelin competition Friday during the Ruidoso Invite at RHS.

turned in a time of 1:54.74, good enough for a state qualifying mark.

Coronado's marks in the discus and javelin were also good enough for state — no surprise there. Coronado's top throw of 144 feet, three inches in the javelin was 12 feet better than the state record.

O'Neal's height of 4-10 in the high jump was also good enough for a state mark, and there were several other marks which — while not good enough for state outright — were almost there.

Following their appearance at the Artesia Invite, the Warriors travel to Carlsbad for the Cave-City Invite before hosting the District 4-3A meet May 6.



Adrian Olvera runs to a win in the 3,200-meter event Friday during the Ruidoso Invite at RHS.

RUIDOSO INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Ruidoso Invitational
Results from the Ruidoso Invitational held April 15 at Ruidoso High School:

BOYS:

100 meters: 1. Alex Bustos, Carl, 11.13; 2. Gabe Vera, Carl, 11.23; 3. Daniel Kidd, Art, 11.42; 4. Desi Abalos, Art, 11.43; 5. Jake Crockett, Art, 11.52; 6. Sefie Winders, Soc, 11.65.

200 meters: 1. Bustos, Carl, 23.05; 2. Vera, Carl, 23.13; 3. Kidd, Art, 23.24; 4. Zach Marrs, Art, 23.61; 5. Winders, Soc, 23.63; 6. Abalos, Art, 23.95.

400 meters: 1. Abalos, Art, 52.53; 2. Marrs, Art, 53.45; 3. David Barnett, Rui, 53.92; 4. James Wheeler, Art, 55.49; 5. Sebe Castillo, Carl, 56.27; 6. Lance Dettmer, Rui, 56.97.

800 meters: 1. Luchiano Molina, Art, 2:10.45; 2. Andy Rojo, Art, 2:12.84; 3. Omar Sepulveda, Art, 2:14.78; 4. Dettmer, Rui, 2:16.71; 5. Paul Rogers, Art, 2:19.07; 6. Lonnie Fragua, Soc, 2:24.91.

1,600 meters: 1. Fabian Olvera, Rui, 4:58.58; 2. Zach Orsco, Art, 5:07.75; 3. Jordan Comanche, Rui, 5:12.31; 4. Cliff Rogers, Art, 5:16.47; 5. Nico Barrea, Carl, 5:19.02; 6. Andrew Henson, Carl, 5:20.10.

3,200 meters: 1. Olvera, Rui, 10:41.62; 2. Barrea, Carl, 11:05.90; 3. Henson, Carl, 11:14.94; 4. Orsco, Art, 11:16.50; 5. Rogers, Art, 11:23.16; 6. Thomas Rodriguez, Rui, 11:26.22.

110 hurdles: 1. Kns King, Carl, 16:01; 2. Eddie Gutierrez, Rui, 16.65; 3. Chance Neatherlin, Carl, 16.88; 4. Kirby Wheeler, Art, 16.91; 5. Joe Duerksen, Art, 16.98; 6. Ethan Selp, Carl, 17.32.

300 hurdles: 1. Neatherlin, Carl, 43.83; 2. Duerksen, Art, 44.24; 3. Chris Paz, Soc, 44.36; 4. Teddy Sowell, Rui, 44.58; 5. Robert Campbell, Soc, 44.70; 6. Justin Castro, Carl, 47.11.

4x100 relay: 1. Artesia, 44.06; 2. Carlsbad, 44.07; 3. Socorro, 46.51.

4x200 relay: 1. Artesia, 1:32.55; 2. Carlsbad, 1:32.63; 3. Socorro, 1:37.02.

4x400 relay: 1. Artesia, 3:32.73; 2. Carlsbad, 3:39.61; 3. Ruidoso, 3:39.88.

Medley relay: 1. Artesia, 3:59.56; 2. Carlsbad, 4:04.94; 3. Socorro, 4:20.25.

Pole vault: 1. Jake Farmer, Carl, 12-6; 2. Brad Carlson, Carl, 12-0; 3. Duerksen, Art, 11-0; 4. Gerber, Soc, 11-0; 5. Austin Kirk, Rui, 10-8; 6. Gutierrez, Rui, 10-0; (tie) Craig Mayberry, Art, 10-0.

GIRLS:

Team: 1. Artesia 160; 2. Carlsbad 99; 3. Ruidoso 98; 4. Socorro 46.

100 meters: 1. Sherida Elkins, Art, 13.18; 2. Meghan Green, Art, 13.19; 3. Abigail Wolberg, Soc, 13.31; 4. Allison Crawford, Carl, 13.37; 5. Randi Smith, Art, 13.41; 6. Erika Olvera, Rui, 13.76.

200 meters: 1. Wolberg, Soc, 27.43; 2. Hayley Fanning, Art, 27.53; 3. Jasmine Sepahri, Art, 27.85; 4. Victoria Padovano, Art, 27.92; 5. Samantha O'Neal, Rui, 28.84; 6. Emma Sowell, Rui, 29.58.

400 meters: 1. Victoria Padovano, Art, 1:02.69; 2. Candice McInain, Soc, 1:03.43; 3. Audrey Johnson, Soc, 1:05.26; 4. Emily Peterson, Carl, 1:06.57; 5. Nikki Moeblis, Rui, 1:07.34; 6. Bethany Calahan, Carl, 1:09.09.

800 meters: 1. Brandy Castillo, Carl, 2:33.07; 2. Monica Jasso, Carl, 2:43.33; 3. Elizabeth Duffy, Rui, 2:50.53; 4. Veronica Padilla, Soc, 2:53.82; 5. Tristan Conklin, Art, 2:55.08; 6. Jessica Conklin, Art, 3:00.79.

1,600 meters: 1. Brandy Casillo, Carl, 5:45.06; 2. Brittany Castillo, Carl, 5:48.84; 3. Megan Bryant, Carl, 6:23.87; 4. Michelle Raven, Rui, 6:29.64; 5. Estre Valenzuela, Rui, 6:36.14; 6. Angelica Navarrette, Carl, 6:37.06.

3,200 meters: 1. Brittany Castillo, Carl, 14:00.88; 2. Jessica Conklin, Art, 15:30.56; 3. Megan Bryant, Carl, 15:40.90; 4. Krysta Atwood, Art, 16:02.28; 5. Angelica Navarrette, Carl, 16:05.31; 6. Marissa Catano, Art, 16:15.72.

100 hurdles: 1. Christy Allen, Art, 17.84; 2. Katie Coronado, Rui, 17.96; 3. Lesley Price, Art, 18.70; 4. Jessica Swafford, Art, 19.80.

300 hurdles: 1. Allen, Art, 52.61; 2. Price, Art, 54.19; 3. Lauren Sportsman, Rui, 55.82; 4. Duffy, Rui, 57.62; 5. Swafford, Art, 58.11.

4x100 relay: 1. Artesia, 52.15; 2. Carlsbad, 52.56; 3. Ruidoso, 53.31; 4. Socorro, 53.63.

4x200 relay: 1. Ruidoso, 1:54.74.

4x400 relay: 1. Artesia, 4:13.16; 2. Ruidoso, 4:31.97; 3. Socorro, 4:37.11; 4. Carlsbad, 4:39.69.

Medley relay: Carlsbad, 4:38.34; 2. Ruidoso, 4:49.57; 3. Artesia, 4:56.64.

Pole vault: 1. Katy Stimmson, Art, 7-0; 2. Lauren Sportsman, Rui, 6-6.

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Ruidoso Lady Warriors Emma Sowell, left, and Samantha O'Neal take off at the start of the 200-meter dash Friday at the Ruidoso Invite.

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GOOCH: Big win for girls at annual tourney

FROM PAGE 1B

Smith — won on the third playoff hole.

Outside of P.J. Smith — who earned a state qualifying score of 74 on the second day of competition at the Links — no other Warrior finished in the top 10.

Capitan was also represented at the two-day event, as Elliott Taylor was the only Tiger on the links. Taylor shot a 170 in two days.

Ruidoso heads to Grants next Monday for another tournament — and a chance to preview the course which will be the site of this year's Class 1A/3A state tourney.



TODD FUGUA/STAFF

Ruidoso senior Jason Kamovsky watches his shot from a sand trap at Alto Lakes during the first day of the Leroy Gooch Tournament on Monday.

FLYING: Ruidoso nine gets another historic win

FROM PAGE 1B

the lead, forcing Perry to bring in Will Wilson in relief of starter Justin Sergeant.

To that point, Sergeant had struck out seven Colt batters and allowed just five walks, but had also allowed 12 runs — only three of them earned.

But the never-say-die Warriors refused to quit, and the turning point may very well have been a ground out that wasn't.

Ruidoso catcher Cutter Pack was up to bat in the bottom of the sixth inning with Jared Storey already on base thanks to a NMMI error. Pack hit what looked like a grounder to first base and was initially called out, but the home-plate umpire ruled the ball had been hit off of Pack's leg.

That meant it was a foul ball, and Pack was given a few more swings.

Pack — obviously hurt from the foul ball — got it together and smacked a double to right field. That hit led to five runs in the inning — all scored with no outs — and got the Warriors back in it.

After allowing one run in the

top of the seventh inning, the Warriors entered the final frame needing three runs to tie and four to win.

Storey and Pack again led off the inning, this time with back-to-back singles, followed by Dickenson, who was hit by Camp to load the bases.

Kyle Mails then came through with a double to right field to score Storey and Pack, and then he and Dickenson scored when Sanchez got his one-out single.

"It was just a matter of wanting it," Sanchez said of his game-winning RBIs. "As long as I could get a hit, I was confident we could win."

Ruidoso plays at Portales this Saturday in a twin-bill, then hosts Lovington next Tuesday before the season finale at NMMI the following Saturday. A sweep of any one of those teams isn't necessary for Ruidoso to get a spot in the state tournament, but it couldn't hurt.

TENNIS: Break from district

FROM PAGE 1B

Kristen Geary, 6-2, 6-4.

Kristen Bewley's 6-1, 6-2, win over Taylor Renteria tied the team match before Pruett felt at the No. 6 singles spot. Beth Robinson's loss at the No. 2 spot made it 4-2, Alamogordo, before Kat Dunstan won 6-2, 6-1 and brought the team score to 4-3.

But it was not to be as Alamogordo swept the final two singles matches.

"It was definitely what we needed, but none of the matches were easy," Alamogordo coach Linda Gilliland said. "We knew

from the get-go — we talked about how tough they were when we were ready for the original match."

Bonds said the non-district match was good for her team and taking a break from the pressures of the district season will in fact help Ruidoso.

"I thought we played pretty well," she said. "I feel we have a lot of good tennis left to play."

Gidal Kaiser is Sports Editor for the Alamogordo Daily News, a sister paper to the Ruidoso News.

2005 Leroy Gooch Invite		3A/1A		Ruidoso		371-375		746	
Mesilla Valley	320-316	636	---	Lovington	447-474	321	---	Grants	478-467
NMMI	316-328	642	---	Portales	NC	NC	---	Hot Springs	NC
Portales	323-338	661	---	Girls Individual					
Ruidoso	338-326	662	---	Alayne Lea, Rul	87-87	---	---	174	
Lovington	339-324	663	---	Courtney Gibson, Rul	88-89	---	---	177	
Grants	335-336	671	---	Rachel Christiansen, Rul	95-96	---	---	191	
Sandia Prep	335-342	677	---	Emily Hunter, Clov	90-104	---	---	194	
Tucumcari	357-348	705	---	Katrina Johns, NMMI	102-100	---	---	202	
Cloudfcroft	373-381	754	---	Olivia Lee, Rul	101-103	---	---	204	
Hot Springs	388-394	780	---	Courtney Smith, Gra	101-105	---	---	206	
Boys Individual				Paige Johns, Lov	107-101	---	---	208	
Pat Smith, MV	75-75	150	---	Collette Rogers, HS	106-111	---	---	217	
Tate Nichols, Farwell, Texas	74-76	150	---	Kaci Hodge, Lov	109-112	---	---	221	
P.J. Smith, Rul	80-74	154	---	Kenna Vigil, Gra	112-114	---	---	226	
Ruben Hernandez, Lov	76-79	155	---	Jenny Vorston, Rul	111-117	---	---	228	
Donavin Sanchez, Por	78-81	159	---	Class 4A/5A					
Mike Clayshulte, MV	80-79	159	---	Boys Team					
Alejandro Ruiz, NMMI	80-80	160	---	Los Alamos	297-304	---	---	601	
Steven Puntoli, NMMI	77-83	160	---	Clovis	307-306	---	---	613	
William Archibeque, Por	79-82	161	---	Alamogordo	313-322	---	---	635	
Kevin Merhege, MV	82-79	161	---	Mayfield	313-330	---	---	643	
Kevin Cartwright, Lov	82-79	161	---	Goddard	324-319	---	---	643	
Nectarious Paulatos, SP	80-81	161	---	Daming	329-325	---	---	654	
Ryan Whitley, Rul	79-83	162	---	Farrington	336-326	---	---	662	
Other Local finishers:				Roswell	324-341	---	---	665	
Daniel Lucero, Rul	89-79	168	---	Carlsbad	344-328	---	---	672	
Elliott Taylor, Capitan	80-90	170	---	Las Cruces	347-328	---	---	675	
Isalah Herrera, Rul	92-84	176	---	Piedra Vista	343-337	---	---	680	
Paul Chamberlain, Rul	88-90	178	---	Gadsden	343-339	---	---	682	
Kamron Whitley, Rul	87-94	181	---	Hobbs	350-342	---	---	692	
Jake Henson, Rul	93-90	183	---	Onate	373-358	---	---	731	
Ryan Loudon, Rul	88-108	196	---	Silver	381-379	---	---	760	
Girls Team				Girls Individual					
				Reld, Travis, Clovis Wilcats	71	---	---	73	
				Nick Brady, LA	71-76	---	---	147	
				Jason Norman, LA	73-74	---	---	147	
				Guillermo Chavez, Clo	73-74	---	---	147	
				Michael Adams, Ala	74-75	---	---	149	
				Jason Whiere, May	69-80	---	---	149	
				Luke Tanner, Farm	82-68	---	---	150	
				Nick Williams, Dem	76-75	---	---	151	
				Thad Clancy, LA	77-75	---	---	152	
				Jaran Willis, God	80-74	---	---	154	
				Girls Team					
				Goddard	355-382	---	---	717	
				Carlsbad	378-383	---	---	739	
				Hobbs	377-378	---	---	755	
				Derming	386-393	---	---	779	
				Gadsden	408-396	---	---	804	
				Roswell	409-412	---	---	821	
				Alamogordo	417-411	---	---	828	
				Farrington	420-411	---	---	831	
				Clovis	435-416	---	---	851	
				Onate	478-515	---	---	993	
				Las Cruces	498-501	---	---	999	
				Silver	NC	---	---	NC	
				Mayfield	NC	---	---	NC	
				Girls Individual					
				Stephanie Helkkinen, Farm	85-80	---	---	165	
				Kelly Velarde, God	82-86	---	---	168	
				Erika Willis, God	85-84	---	---	169	
				Jordan Kennon, Dem	94-83	---	---	177	
				Carissa Schwalm, May	98-82	---	---	180	
				Sabrina Gallegos, Gad	89-92	---	---	181	
				Cree Hughes, Carl	93-89	---	---	182	
				Caitlin Fields, Hob	91-91	---	---	182	
				Sharilyn Patrick, Hob	93-90	---	---	183	
				Shawna Mullins, Ros	94-90	---	---	184	

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Capitan's girls continue to roll through small-school track meets

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Capitan's girls track team continued its dominance as a team at area track meets. It just hasn't been able to meet many state qualifying marks.

"This group is so young, and what's to come will be pretty impressive," said Capitan coach Jason Hightower. "But they're still not quite developed and have a lot of growing to do. They're still doing pretty well considering."

Counting their top finishes in the Henry Sanchez Relays on Thursday and the Apache Relays in Mescalero on Saturday, the Lady Tigers have now won four straight meets. But what made Hightower more excited was his girls' performance in light of District 7-2A rival Dexter's presence.

The last time Capitan faced any other district member was at the season-opening Demon Relays in Dexter. All 7-2A members — Dexter, Capitan, Eunice and Loving — were there, and it marks the only time all four teams are in the same meet until the district final April 30 at Eunice.

"The district meet was the one we were really worried

about, and we were glad Dexter was there," Hightower said of the Henry Sanchez Relays. "They had some really good athletes, and it gave us a good challenge."

Despite the good team showing, the only Capitan girl to qualify Thursday was Brittany LaMay, who re-qualified in the shot put.

The Apache Relays on Saturday had much the same ending, only with a few more new qualifiers.

Brittany Caughron took second in the pole vault with a height of 7-foot-6, good enough for state, while Kelsey Campbell ran the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 17.60, also good enough for state and fast enough to win the event.

For the boys, Justin Smith ran second with a time of 11.25 seconds, but it was fast enough to earn him a ticket to state.

The Tigers finished second overall at the Apache Relays to the Alamogordo junior varsity, but still had plenty of boys place. The fact that not many of Capitan's athletes qualified for state by time or distance — boys or girls — means the Tigers will have to rely on some top spots at the district meet next week to get

Quality, not quantity

The Mescalero girls track team is only four members strong, but every Lady Chief placed in all their events Saturday at the Apache Relays, good enough to secure the Mescalero girls a fourth-place finish behind Capitan, Tularosa and the Alamogordo JV.

The boys also did well, taking fifth overall out of 11 teams.

"Both did really well, and I'm very pleased," said Mescalero coach Rodney Wright. "The weather was great and we had a lot of good finishes."

Melanie Bell, Samantha, Nadine and Leslie Bigmouth were the fearsome foursome for the Lady Chiefs, and they proved to be strong in every event in which they entered.

Bell took fourth in the 100-meter dash, third in the 200, and ran a 1:07.94 in the 400, good enough for first place. It was her personal best in the event, but still not fast enough to qualify for state.

Samantha Bigmouth was dominant in the distance events, winning the 3,200- and 1,600-meter events and taking fourth overall in the

800-meter run.

Bigmouth's time of 13:14.38 in the 3,200 was two seconds faster than she had run the race yet, but still not fast enough to qualify by time.

Sister Nadine was third in the 1,600 and 3,200 races, and finished fifth in the 800-meter, the first time she had ever run that event.

Leslie Bigmouth had her success in the throwing events, taking sixth in the shot put and fifth in the discus. Her throw of 83-5 in the discus was her personal best.

Distance running was also a big points-winner for the Mescalero boys, as Gifford Valdez dominated the 1,600 and 3,200-meter runs, but still didn't get a qualifying time. Wacey Cochise took fifth in the 1,600 and sixth in the 800-meter run, while Justin Blake was third in the 400 and fifth in the high jump.

Rory Bigrope improved his personal best in the javelin throw by 18 feet, topping out at 136-1, good enough for fourth place.

But the thing that has Wright really excited is how his boys' relay teams did. The Chiefs ran three relays — the medley, 4x200 and 4x100 —

and improved on all three times.

"I think I've finally found the right combination there," Wright said.

The 4x100 was particularly exciting, as the team of Bigrope, Donnell McFadden, Brian Shendo and Blake took third with a time of 47.60, just two seconds away from qualifying for state by time.

"It would be really exciting to squeeze off another two seconds for state," Wright said. "We've never been quick enough to do that, but if everything goes right, we could do it."

Hondo marks down

The Eagles' track record hasn't been the best this year, mainly because of small numbers. But they do already have a state qualifier in Teka Salcido, who did it in the javelin in his first meet of the year.

Since then, things have been somewhat of a struggle.

"I'm not sure what the problem was," said Hondo coach Julie Montoya of the Eagles' performance at the Henry Sanchez Relays. "It was just one of those days."

Things did pick up at Mescalero, as Salcido got another qualifying mark in

the javelin, but Montoya would like to see him get similar qualifying marks in the shot put and javelin.

Pancho Ontiveros is another Eagle who's trying to get to state in the discus.

"He's always been long enough in practice, he just hasn't done it at a meet yet," Montoya said. "It's just a mental thing."

The only girl running for Hondo has been eighth-grader Toney Montoya, who ran the 100- and 300-meter hurdles in Capitan and Mescalero. Coach Montoya said it's possible her daughter could qualify for state in the 300 hurdles with a top-two placing at the District 7-1A meet next weekend, but it won't be easy.

"Mountainair has Stacey McCoy in that event, and she's already qualified by time," Coach Montoya said. "She (Toney) could do it, but everything has to happen just right."

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Lady Warriors swept at Lovington

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Things have become almost impossible for the Ruidoso Lady Warrior softball team. A pair of losses to Lovington on Saturday dropped Ruidoso to 0-4 in District 4-3A, meaning the Lady Warriors (5-9 overall) have to sweep at least one of their district rivals in upcoming double-headers to even have a shot at post-season play.

That seems a big hill to climb, but Ruidoso's showing against Lovington did give coach Billy Page a reason to hope.

"Both games could have been very different if we had cut down on our errors," Page said.

The Lady Warriors lost the first game 10-0, but were only down 1-0 in the third inning before fielding miscues allowed the Lady Wildcats to blow the game wide open.

The second game was closer — in fact Ruidoso was leading it — before Lovington's bats came alive to give the Lady Wildcats a 7-4 win in the nightcap.

"That second game was pretty much error free, it was mental lapses that hurt us," Page said. "Lovington hit the ball well, and they scored most of their runs with two outs."

Ruidoso took a break from district play with a pair of games at Hot Springs on Tuesday, and continues its break from the district — and from games at home — with road contests at Dexter Thursday and Socorro this Friday.

Lovington will be at All American Park in Ruidoso Downs April 26, while Portales comes to town April 28 for the season finale.

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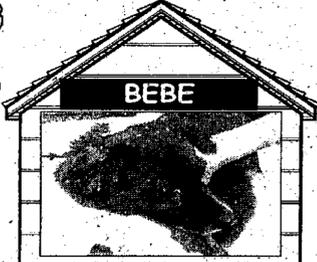
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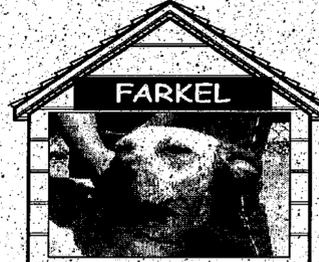
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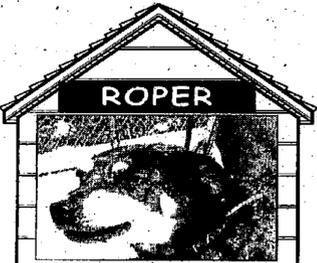
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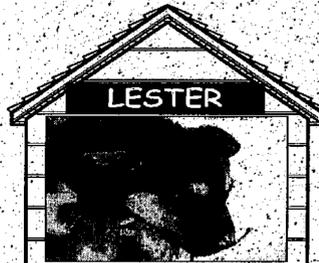
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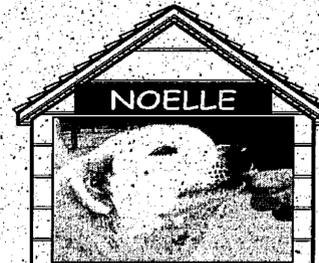
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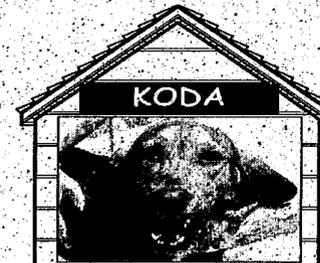
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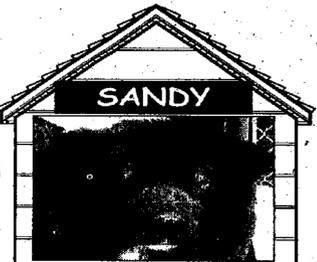
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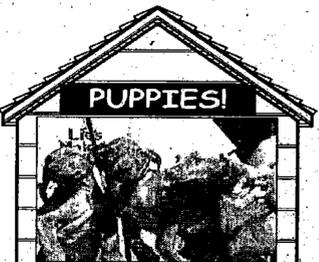
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POLICE BRIEFS



Do you know this man?

Ruidoso police say a security camera at First National Bank's automated teller facility took this photo April 19. Police believe the man had broken glass to enter the Brewer Shell Sudderth Drove gasoline station.

There was blood there — and in the ATM facility. Two cartons of Winston cigarettes were reported missing from the station. If you have information about the man in the photo, call Ruidoso Crime Stoppers; 258-7300.

Graffiti

Ruidoso police report three

instances of unauthorized graffiti were sprayed on three vans parked in the 500 block of Excalibur April 13-14.

Debit card theft

A woman reported to police that her Visa debit card was lost at the Walgreen's store April 11. When she checked her statement, she discovered \$2,300 in unauthorized charges on the card.

Battery

Police filed a municipal court complaint against a Lincoln County Medical Center patient

— a woman — who is accused of slapping a male nurse after being told she shouldn't be driving a motor vehicle while taking a particular medicine.

Breaking and entering

A Chestnut Street homeowner reported that someone had taken a carved wooden bear from his property on or about April 13.

Another incidence of breaking and entering was reported April 14 in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road. A wooden garage door was broken, and the homeowner is trying to determine what was taken.

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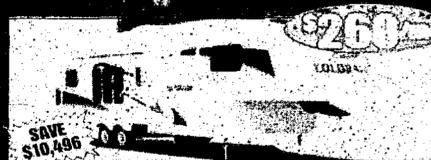
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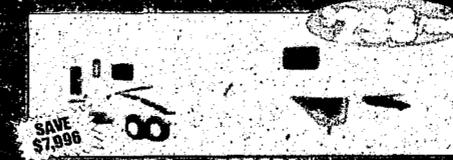
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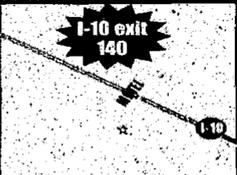


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Joe Coakley, in white T-shirt, watches as contractor Fred Cowan stretches to slip off one of the straps used to lower the new sign for the Ruidoso Athletic Club into place on Wingfield Street.

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DUSTY DRIVE



High winds bluster across Carrizo Canyon Road, whipping up dust from a gas line installation project and interfering with visibility.

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Conservation districts 'Celebrate Conservation'

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The Carrizozo and the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) along with America's conservation districts, will "Celebrate Conservation" during Soil and Water Stewardship Week April 24-May 1.

For 50 years, a national network of conservation districts has helped Americans learn to conserve natural resources. Conservation practices in the United States have helped Americans achieve a historic standard of living. Clean and disease-free water sources, a wide variety of fresh and healthy foods, improved air quality and cleaner lakes, rivers and streams are all benefits of the programs encouraged and practiced by the districts.

Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. Both the Carrizozo and the Upper Hondo SWCDs are members of the National Association of Conservation Districts (www.nacdnet.org), which oversees

the national program. This year NACD and the local districts celebrate 50 years of Stewardship Week. A national network of conservation districts was established in the 1930's to promote natural conservation on a local level.

Mary Shanks, chairman of the Upper Hondo SWCD and Melvin Johnson, chairman of the Carrizozo SWCD both know there are still many challenges to face. "But the lessons of the past show us that people working together can solve almost any problem. Stewardship Week reminds us that we can all help with conservation," said Shanks.

The official Stewardship Week Web site is www.stewardship-week.com and it provides many basic conservation tips. Every person can help in their daily life by learning about air, water, soil, plant and wildlife resources.

For more information about Stewardship week and conservation contact the Upper Hondo SWCD at 354-2220 or the Carrizozo SWCD at 648-2921.

Agri-Tourism Advisory Council plans workshop

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The April 7 meeting of the Agri-Tourism Advisory Council, while small in numbers, moved ATAC forward in several areas.

A Memorandum of Understanding with ATAC and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and Hubert Quintana, Executive Director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, has

been signed by ATAC representative Sally Canning but is still in the hands of Quintana with status unknown.

Canning reported that funds from NMDA were available but could not be distributed until ATAC had a fiscal agent.

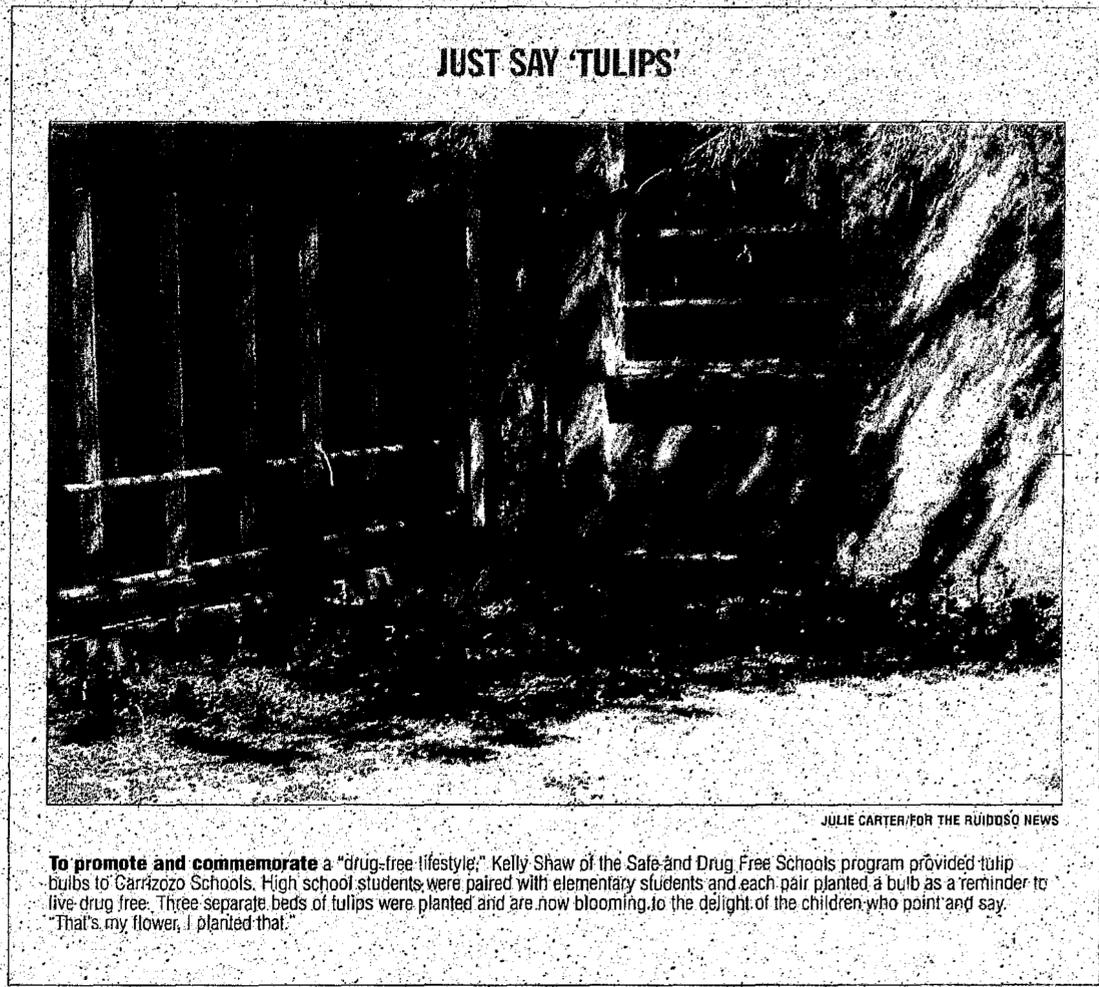
South Central RC&D coordinator, Dick Shaw, suggested finding someone in Lincoln County to be the fiscal agent. He suggested Eugene Knight make a presentation to the RC&D council for approval.

Canning suggested talking to First Federal Bank to be a temporary fiscal agent until RC&D in place. Canning says she would check to see if a temporary MOU would be acceptable to the NMDA.

Several locations for future ATAC meetings were discussed, keeping in mind both location and cost issues.

After discussion, August 18 was chosen for a full day workshop with a roundtable of producers. The February workshop netted 21 members to ATAC. Newest member and producer, Glynis Racine, Capitan, was welcomed at the April meeting.

The next ATAC meeting will be May 28 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan.



JUST SAY 'TULIPS'

JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

To promote and commemorate a "drug-free lifestyle," Kelly Shaw of the Safe and Drug Free Schools program provided tulip bulbs to Carrizozo Schools. High school students were paired with elementary students and each pair planted a bulb as a reminder to live drug free. Three separate beds of tulips were planted and are now blooming to the delight of the children who point and say, "That's my flower, I planted that."

Carrizozo council considers drug paraphernalia ordinance

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In August 2000, a drug paraphernalia ordinance was voted down at the town council level in Carrizozo but the issue returned again in last week's council meeting.

On Tuesday, April 12, the Carrizozo Council heard a proposal from their chief of police Mike Howard, asking them to implement the ordinance.

"The proposed ordinance is identical to the state statute," said Howard in a phone interview. "The crime is the same no matter what. It is just that with the ordinance, instead of Carrizozo officers arresting for the crime and then the fines going to Magistrate court, they can stay in Carrizozo's coffers."

The council will hold a public hearing on the ordinance at their May 10 meeting.

Howard also reported in his March activity report that 10 cases had been logged in and nine had been closed with one pending and one arrest made. A total of 44 citations had been issued with penalty assessments totaling \$1,659.

Sierra Blanca Brewery has requested use of property in Carrizozo's Industrial Park to build a new brewery. Rich Weber, owner of SBB, noted

that his lease on the current brewery location will expire in 2006. Production has increased six-fold from the first year until now with a 48% increase in production from one year ago.

Weber's request was for a lot next to the cemetery and added that his company plans to purchase the old Napa store on Hwy. 380 and E Avenue for retail sales and a restaurant. Weber was instructed as to the process for securing the industrial park property and once all documentation is in place he will request consideration from Planning and Zoning.

Carrizozo DMV clerk Sam Chavez tendered his resignation effective April 29. In a letter to the town clerk Learn Weibrecht and the town of Carrizozo, he said he had been offered a position as a paralegal in Ruidoso and felt the opportunity was beneficial to him. He thanked Weibrecht and co-worker Margaret LaBelle for their kindness during his time at city hall.

Chavez's position has been advertised and applications will be taken until 4 p.m. on April 22. The applications are available at city hall during regular business hours.

The Carrizozo Fire Department has received notice from the state fire marshal of the town's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating has dropped from eight to six. Many fire insurance com-

panies use the ISO rating as one factor in setting the amount of premium that is paid on a particular property. Ratings of departments go from a Class 1 (the best) to Class 10 (unprotected). The drop in the Carrizozo rating will decrease fire insurance \$100 to \$250 a year.

In other business the council approved:

- Up to \$1400 for the carpeting for the newly remodeled back room of the Carrizozo Heritage Museum.
 - Lincoln County Rural Addressing officer Connie Stone to change highway addresses by mile marker within the Carrizozo limits.
 - New signage for MoJo's restaurant requested by owner Joseph Lopez.
 - Use of McDonald's Park for a June 11 beef cook-off competition sponsored by Canyon CowBelles.
 - Business licenses for 15 businesses and livestock permits for Elton Matthews at 2001 C Ave. and Katie McDonald at 504 Aspen.
 - Resolution to seek a financial hardship waiver with the New Mexico State Highway Department for funding the town's purchase of surplus equipment.
- The next regular Town of Carrizozo council meeting will be 6 p.m. May 10.

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Capitan's temp — Police Chief Minner

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Steve Minner is the new temporary Capitan Chief of Police, filling the job left open by the resigning Chuck George.

Minner has been an officer with the Capitan police force since June 2002. He attended the New Mexico police academy, graduating in Dec. 2003.

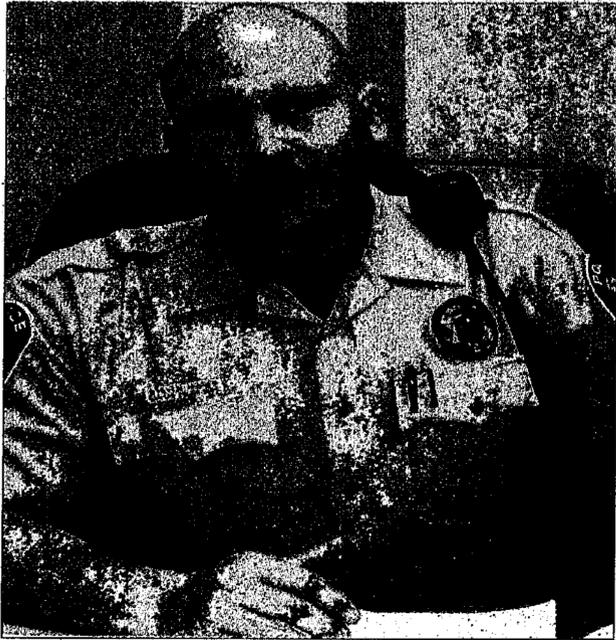
His new position is admittedly more responsibility but Minner likes the fact he can still work in the field and not be just behind a desk. He likes the small town police force because of the variety of work and experience it requires.

"The real problem is having the time to do it all," he said.

He admits to a definite sense of right and wrong in very black and white terms and that is why he loves his job and loves law enforcement. The difficult side to the job is the gray areas.

Minner has lived in Lincoln County for 20 years and is a 1994 graduate of Ruidoso High School. He and his wife, Teddie, live just outside Capitan and have two children, Jessica and Tillman.

If there is spare time in his life, Minner says he enjoys target shooting.



Capitan's Temporary Chief of Police Steve Minner

"But usually," he said, "I'm either in training, in court, or at work."

Currently the Capitan department is short one full-time officer and the position is

advertised. Minner will be temporary chief for up to six months or until a permanent chief is selected, whether it is he or someone else.

Top 10 reasons to visit Zozo this summer Carrizozo chamber plans events, lends support to Special Olympics

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The second annual Carrizozo McDonald Day Old Settler's Reunion, honoring foundation ranch families in the area, has been set for July 30.

Van Shamblin will again be the reunion committee chairperson. Carrizozo chamber secretary Korene Walker reported that vendors are already asking for information for the event. Arts and craft booths will be set up in McDonald Park.

Entertainment will include music and cowboy poets as well as a parade. The popular "Jail" event from last year will be repeated where \$5 gets a person of choice arrested or buys a "get out of jail" pass.

Fourth of July

The annual July 4 Barbeque was discussed and chamber president Dean Lollar committed to finding a chair person for the event. Chamber members granted permission to the Carrizozo Special Olympics group to set up a refreshment booth for a fund raiser at the event.

Special Olympics

Fran Altieri, coordinator for the Carrizozo Special Olympics, gave a presentation to

the chamber outlining the work and accomplishments of the local chapter.

Assisted by Cynthia Morales and New Horizons program technician Becky Sanchez, the Carrizozo team trains once a week for their events. They participated in bowling during the winter and are currently competing in Bocce Ball (lawn bowling). The state competition is the end of May in Albuquerque.

The Carrizozo Special Olympics is funded solely with community support of fund-raising events and some support received from the Ruidoso Lions Club. The chamber voted to give the chapter a \$250 donation.

The Carrizozo chapter will soon host a garage sale to help defray travel costs to the state meet. Anyone interested in helping with the events or to donate to the chapter should call Altieri at 648-9869 or Sanchez at New Horizons at 648-2379.

Miner's Day

White Oaks Miner's Day is scheduled for June 4. Event coordinator George Tippin outlined the day's plans for the chamber members. He informed them that the Mining Institute is bringing a display and the Voices of the Past,

Madam Varnish, and the Stink Bug races are returning to White Oaks for the day.

Tippin said he is still taking applications for vendors and sponsors. For more information call 354-7021 or email lincolncountyevents@yahoo.com.

Art League

The Carrizozo Art League Studio Tour, formed by a group of local artists from Carrizozo and the surrounding area, will host their first show on May 14.

The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes the work of 23 artists as well as the Carrizozo Art students. For more information contact Barbara Culler at 648-2037 or at the Carrizozo website www.townofcarrizozo.org.

Ambassadors welcome

In the regular chamber meeting held April 12, the Carrizozo Ambassadors report given by Gail Major outlined the success of the Gallery 408 opening on April 9 where the chamber hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony prior to the official opening. The ambassador committee, Gwen Dunne, Gail Major and Gay Speirbhain were in attendance along with Mayor Manny Hernandez and several chamber members. The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at noon May 10.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Carrizozo School Board meeting postponed a week

The regular meeting of Carrizozo School board that was scheduled for April 19 has been postponed to Monday, April 25 at 6 p.m. due to a health emergency.

Movie Night in Lincoln

The Straight Story, starring Oscar-nominee and former Lincoln resident, Richard Farnsworth, will be shown this Friday night, April 22 at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Museum.

Farnsworth plays an Iowa farmer who brother falls ill. He pledges to go by his side despite being unable to drive or unwilling to accept help. With riding lawnmower as transportation, packed with a tent to sleep under, he sets out to cover the 300 miles that

becomes a long journey of healing and remembrance.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Everything in the gift shop is 20% off on movie night.

Fair queen clinic in Capitan open to girls of all ages

Amanda Bird, 2003-2004 Lincoln County Fair queen, along with fair queen coordinator Mary Jane Cooper, will host a Queen's Clinic on May 22 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan.

The clinic is open to all girls of all ages, is free of charge and will begin at 2 p.m. Bird will share her experience and expertise in both the horsemanship and the personal side of competition for rodeo and fair queens.

For more information contact Cooper at 653-4180.

Carrizozo Honor Roll

High School, 3rd Quarter

Grade 12: Stephanie Brewer, Tierney Burd, Corey Lopez, Brandon Morales, Jake Riddle

Grade 11: Mathew Barela, Ryan Gaines, KC Hendricks, Whitney Whittaker

Grade 10: Jace Ventura, Samantha Portillo, Kaitlyn Vega

Grade 9: Casey Barela, Stacia Calvert, Hannah Corley, Erin Hightower, Kendal Wilson

Middle School, 3rd Quarter

Grade 8: Alyshia Culley, Kathleen Schlarb, Jennifer Shafer

Grade 7: Alexandra Borowski, Tessa Hendricks, Tanner Huston, Ashley Ventura, Cody Ventura

Grade 6: Joel Ferguson, Jordan Hill, Katina Maldonado, Fernando Najera, Troy Niederstadt, Lauren Smith, Mashall Wilson, Stephanie Zamora

Grade 5: Travis Calvert, Lane Carter, Levi Corley, Sara McNatt, Catalena Vega, Marshall Ventura

CAPITAN POETS



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Capitan Fifth Grade students that had works published in the Anthology of Poetry Inc. poem book were: (back row) Abigail Lambert, Leslie Lofton, Abby Proctor, Austin Howard, Brandon Herd, Danny Middleton, Jessica Cadena, Ashley Reynolds, Emily Rush; (middle row) Abrah Aguilier, Jamie Fields, Carl Stringfellow, DusteeRae Eldridge, Kersti Davis, Garret Schultz Parker Rice, Colorado Romero; Brenda Macias, Christopher Olmstead; (floor) Patrisha Martinez, Steven Zamora, Tylor Neil, Jonah Bowden, Danie Wilson, Aurora Hart, Roxanne Dobbs



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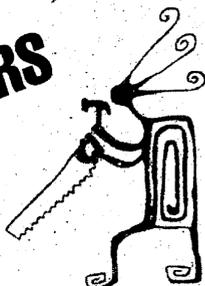
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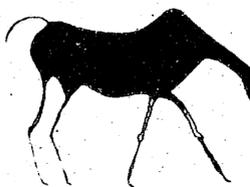
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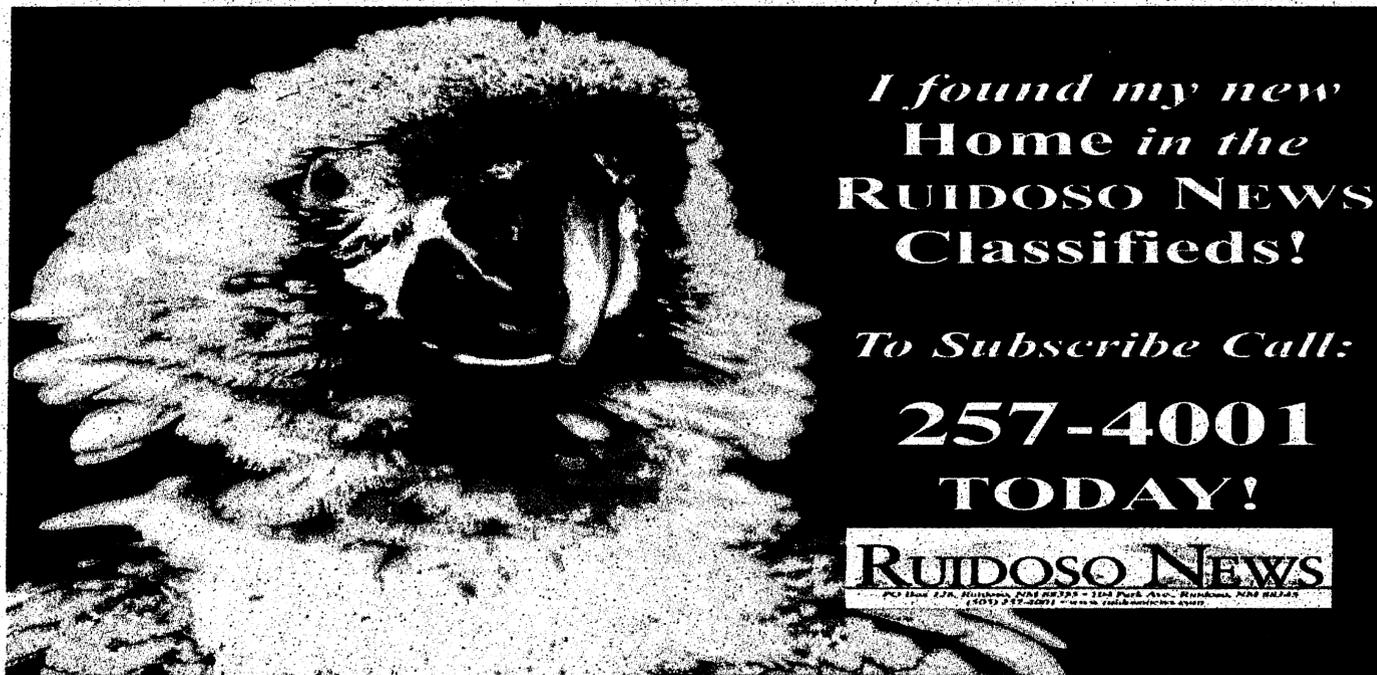


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