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A QUESTION FOR THE CANDIDATES



MARTY RACINE/STAFF

Capitan planning board member John Egert, an unsuccessful trustee candidate in the 2004 election, asks a question of Capitan candidates Monday during a forum held at Capitan Schools. Attending were mayoral candidates Wilson Ed Davis, Sammy L. Hammons and Mary A. Broihers; trustee candidates Tom Sullivan, James Roy Davis, Diane Riska, George W. Tippin, Sally F. Moore and David P. McAninch; and judge candidates Lilly M. Wood and J.D. Roehrig. Trustee candidate Curtis L. Payne was a no-show. About 70-80 citizens attended the two-hour forum, which was hosted by County Commissioner Earl Hobbs. Questions dealt with water, police, code enforcement, long-range planning, schools, the library, trash and other issues. The *Ruidoso News* in coming editions will present all Capitan candidates who responded to a written questionnaire covering various issues.

Planner: High taxes could force out residents

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Glen Barrow's scenario not comforting

Impact fees and high lot prices aside, residents already living in Ruidoso could find themselves driven out of the area within the next few years by upward spiraling property taxes, sales taxes and bond issue repayment costs, warned the chairman of the village planning board.

Glen Barrow offered his opinion during a recent meeting of the Ruidoso Impact Fee Advisory Committee considering increases in impact fees against residential and commercial construction to offset

the cost of water, sewer and wastewater treatment service.

"Where did we get the money before we implemented impact fees to solve these problems?" Barrow asked. "Somehow we raised enough money to survive this long without (high impact fees), I almost have the feeling that Reagonomics need to kick in here.

"We have not been fiscally responsible. We have wasted money and done stupid and good things."

He lives in the Camelot area,

but Barrow said, "I don't know if I can afford another tax increase. I may be taxed out of this town. Every time we make one of these decisions, we are eliminating someone living here. Not just impact fees, but adding school bonds, more gross receipts tax, adding and adding."

He asked if impact fees could be confined only to new development areas and not to construction in portions of the village where adequate water and sewer lines already exist, in

line with the in-fill model of development outlined in the village's proposed comprehensive plan.

Committee member James Mason said possibly lower fees could be used for designated areas with existing service.

"I think James is right," Barrow agreed. "White Mountain Meadows already has lines. This would only be a new tap. Maybe that's part of the solution."

He said developing more affordable housing as in-fill instead of looking for 300 acres for something massive also could meet a need in the community.

Sun shines on tax receipts

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The weather didn't cooperate by sending snow in November, but apparently, visitors didn't seem to mind and spent even more money than last year.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight reported that the village's portion of gross receipts tax revenue collected locally for that month jumped by \$70,000 from the year before.

The check received in January, representing the usual two month lag, came in at \$636,769. For the fiscal year to date, that pushed the village \$239,410 over last year's mark at the same time.

The news was welcomed by councilors last week, who worried when for the first time in the memory of most officials in the village, the check for October was down from the previous year.

In her bi-monthly report, McKnight warned councilors that with little precipitation for the past four months, the village is closing in on triggers that would snap into place Phase IV water restrictions. Level One fire restrictions already are in effect that ban charcoal or other outdoor burning stoves and restrict smoking to designated areas.

As of Jan. 24, Alto Lake was 21 feet below the spillway, down 1 foot from the last report. Grindstone Lake is 17.2 feet below the spillway, down 1.3 feet. North Fork and Eagle Creek well production is 730 gallons per minute and 30 gpm are being diverted from Eagle Creek to the village's third water processing plant. Production is down 54 gpm from the last report.

The village's 5 million gallon water storage tanks sit at 53 feet in depth, down 2 feet from the previous report.

It's official: no snowpack

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Just in case the automatic monitoring devices missed it, Keith Kessler, who used to hike to manually take snowpack readings each winter, drove to the spot this year.

He found no snow pack at the Sacramento Mountain monitoring station.

Reflecting that data, Richard Armijo with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Albuquerque, wrote that no snowpack exists in the Rio Hondo Basin, setting a new record low for January.

Armijo included that observation in the New Mexico Water Supply Outlook Report for Feb. 1. He prepares reports for the first of each month from January through April annually.

He forecast that the stream

flow in the Rio Ruidoso to the Rio Hondo will drop off to a meager 27 percent of average this year.

"The forecast stream flow is for 2000 acre feet," he wrote in the report. One acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water. "Peak runoff is expected between March and June on the Rio Ruidoso at the Hollywood (gauge station) between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs."

Sierra Blanca SNOTEL recorded no precipitation for January. Last year, precipitation during the same month hit 164 percent of average.

"Year-to-date precipitation is 41 percent of average, down substantially from last year's 152 percent," Armijo reported.

Ruidoso Village Manager Lorri McKnight warned councilors at their last two meetings that indicators are close

Algae loss probed

Environmental teams
hear water complaints
east of Ruidoso Downs

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Officials from environmental agencies swarmed through the valley east of Ruidoso Downs over the weekend and early this week collecting samples from wells and from the river, and checking out septic systems.

They represented different divisions of the State Environment Department, including the Surface Water Quality Bureau and the Epidemiology Bureau. They conducted a house-to-house survey of complaints from residents of the area about water contamination. A short meeting also convened at Michael Hurd's home.

Dennis McQuillan, director of field operations of the WQB, still was testing in the valley

See ALGAE page 8A

Audit lawyer is approved

John Kelly will craft
Village response

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A former U.S. Attorney hired to help form Village responses to a special state audit initiated about 18 months ago received approval late Monday to move ahead.

After a closed executive session with John J. Kelly, the Ruidoso Village Council voted

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stretch & Tone Class
For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4665.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

American Legion Robert J. Hagee, Post 79
6 p.m., third Wednesday of the month, American Legion Building, U.S. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 336-7758.

Capitan School Board
The Board of Education holds its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Capitan Board Room in the Administration Building; 354-2239.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program
6-7:45 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.fbcruidoso.com

Give Your Heart to Jesus Carnival
An evening of family fun with dart throw, face painting, cookie walk and other events, 6-7:45 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr.

257-2081.

La Junta F.C.E.
3:045 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month, at San. Patricio Senior Citizens building; 508-653-4718.

Lincoln County Community Council on Violence Against Women
Meets from noon-2 p.m. at the Ruidoso COPE office, 2900 Sudderth, corner of Mechem Drive, in Ruidoso. Lunch will be provided; 257-4946; ruidoso_cope@valnet.com.

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

Parks & Recreation Committee
Meets at 5:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.; 258-4343.

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

Thursday, Feb. 16

Alto Lakes Special Zoning District
The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes

Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto, NM. Meeting Agenda:
1) Call to order
2) Roll call
3) Pledge of allegiance
4) Approval of Meeting Agenda
5) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes February 2, 2006
6) Zoning Agenda
a) Permits
i) 8:40 Barron/Castaldy (LS U1, B2 L22) repair and replace deck
ii) 8:45 Alto Village Site A Townhouse Assn (U1 L1-21) replace roofs and stucco exterior walls
iii) 8:55 Guardiola (DPV U8 L89) new home construction
iv) 9:05 Baca (HM U4 L8) new home construction
v) 9:15 Barnes/Trapp (DPV U8 L177) new home construction
vi) 9:25 Conner/Aspen Construction (HM U1, B5 L13) new deck construction
vii) 9:30 Henderson/Staff by Stu (CO U3 B3 L1) new landscaping
viii) 9:35 Lehman (HM U4 L21) new fenced dog run
ix) 9:40 Loughridge/Fanning (HM U1, B2 L22A) certificate of compliance for work approved 1/19/06
b) Variance and Conditional Use Hearing
i) None scheduled
7) Informal discussions - None
8) Complaints - None
9) Critique
10) Public Comment
11) Business Agenda
a) Reports
i) Administrator's Report
ii) Treasurer's Report
(1) Approval of Invoices
b) New Business
c) Discussion and possible action on authorization to renew web site for one year
d) Old Business
i) Discussion and possible action on liability insurance
ii) Discussion and possible action on communications
12) Working session to discuss and draft minor updates and clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance
13) Discussion and possible action on to approve ordinances changes and schedule for public hearing
14) Commissioner Comments
15) Announcement of Next Meeting (March 2, 2006 Regular)

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

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club
Meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. at the Village Hall in Capitan. For information, please call Kitty or Bob Gallender at 258-1345.

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

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

Ruidoso Downs City Council
Regular meeting has been moved to Thursday this week, 5:30 p.m. in the Hubbard Room of City Hall, 122 Downs Dr.; 378-4422.

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, Feb. 17

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

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

Weight Watchers
9:30 a.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Monday at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd.; Marcia, 258-8879.

noon, third Saturday mornings at La Placita in Lincoln; 354-7040.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Woodturners
2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month at different members' workshops, Gary Henry, 336-2696, or Rollen Powell, 258-9896.

Monday, Feb. 20

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting
8:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H; 378-8391.

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

ETZ Commission
Meets at 6:30 p.m. in Village Hall, 3123 Cree Meadows Dr.; 258-4343.

Ruidoso Women's Club game day
11:45 a.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Women's Clubhouse, 118 S. Evergreen, behind Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch followed by Bridge and other card games.

White Mountain Search & Rescue
7 p.m. third Monday of the month in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive; 378-5237 or 257-2339.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

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; Todd, 257-4033.

Lincoln County Garden Club
9:45 a.m. the third Tuesday of every month at various locations; Joyce, 258-4663.

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

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

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

Ruidoso Candidates' Forum
7-9 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, Room 5. Moderator: Dr. Arlene Brown. Refreshments: Coffee, Iced Tea and Water; Live Broadcast: KRUI 1490 AM, News Talk Tourism; Format: One minute introductory statements. Council candidates will be first and Mayoral candidates will be second. Questions will be asked on a rotational basis. Candidates will have one minute initial response and the other candidates will have 30 seconds for an additional response. There will be nine questions for Council candidates and 12 questions for Mayoral candidates.

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

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club
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Moon Phases

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Wed 2/15	5	Moderate
Thu 2/16	5	Moderate
Fri 2/17	5	Moderate

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	74	43	mst sunny	Grants	62	23	windy	Santa Fe	56	28	mst sunny
Albuquerque	64	37	mst sunny	Guymon, OK	60	33	mst sunny	Santa Rosa	71	42	windy
Carlsbad	79	46	mst sunny	Hobbs	78	46	mst sunny	Silver City	64	34	windy
Chama	45	17	mixed	Las Cruces	72	43	mst sunny	Socorro	69	38	mst sunny
Clovis	69	42	mst sunny	Las Vegas	80	29	mst sunny	St. Johns, AZ	64	25	windy
Deming	70	35	windy	Lordsburg	71	35	mst sunny	Taos	54	22	mst sunny
El Paso, TX	73	48	mst sunny	Lubbock, TX	75	46	mst sunny	Trinidad, CO	49	29	mixed
Espanola	64	34	windy	Odessa, TX	77	47	mst sunny	Truth or Consq.	68	38	mst sunny
Farmington	68	20	pt sunny	Raton	58	25	mst sunny	Tucson, AZ	75	40	mst sunny
Gallup	62	15	windy	Roswell	76	43	mst sunny	Tucumcari	67	40	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	42	cloudy	Houston	77	62	pt sunny	Phoenix	77	44	mst sunny
Boston	46	33	pt sunny	Los Angeles	65	46	pt sunny	San Francisco	55	41	mst sunny
Chicago	41	33	cloudy	Miami	70	64	rain	Seattle	43	30	sunny
Dallas	76	60	pt sunny	Minneapolis	29	7	cloudy	St. Louis	53	47	rain
Denver	39	18	sn shower	New York	47	37	pt sunny	Washington, DC	55	39	mst sunny

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Special Village Council session Councilor Marcum takes a hike

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Disappointed that the issue of Ruidoso's responses to the state audit of village contracts wasn't on the agenda for a special meeting Thursday, Councilor Deborah Marcum ended up walking out of the session early.

She asked Mayor Leon Eggleston if the council must first approve the agenda before moving forward to consider the three items listed.

He told her that while for a regular meeting, agenda approval is itemized under business to handle; that step isn't required and was not on the agenda of the special meeting.

"So the council does not need to approve the agenda?" Marcum asked for clarification.

When the mayor said the council wasn't involved in setting the agenda for that session, Marcum left the board table and the meeting.

"I walked because I had requested the mayor to put two items on the agenda," Marcum said Tuesday. "I followed procedures. As a councilor, I have the

right to put items on the agenda. I was told (by Eggleston) that they were inappropriate - no other reason.

"One was discussion and possible action regarding the hiring, scope of work and projected cost of the law firm hired to help (Village Manager Lorri McKnight) prepare responses to the special audit. The second was to discuss responses to the special audit because the mayor promised the council and the public that we would have a meeting to discuss the audit findings and the Thursday meeting was to be that."

When she arrived, Marcum also was handed a lengthy and complicated agreement for the issuance of bonds secured by gross receipts taxes to build a new village main fire station at School House Park.

"We were handed a long document to approve for the bonds and were not given it ahead, which is against the policy of the council," she said. "We are to have ample time to review agreements and other documents. They are not to be handed out at meetings where action is to occur."

Marcum refuses legal aid in dispute

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Although she appreciated the thought, Ruidoso Councilor Deborah Marcum said no thanks Monday to an item on the agenda asking the village to pay her legal fees to defend against a writ challenging her residency.

She requested that the item that was put on the agenda by Councilor Michele Rebstock be withdrawn from consideration at the special meeting.

"This is personal, unlike the (Writ of Mandamus) that was pursued (by Marcum, Rebstock and Councilor Don Williams) to benefit the council and the village," she said. Fighting for a more transparent local government, the three councilors forced the release of a special state audit of village contracts to the council by going to court.

But last week the council split 3-3 on a motion to pay for the legal expenses of the three councilors, with Mayor Leon Eggleston breaking the tie to defeat the motion. Under that same reasoning, Marcum and Rebstock said the village attorney should not be reimbursed for any work he did under the direction of the mayor to have the village intervene in that legal action. The action was dismissed when State Auditor Domingo Martinez and District Attorney Scot Key released the

draft special audit to the councilors. Key said the release was prompted by the overriding public interest.

Marcum must submit a response today in 12th Judicial District Court in Carrizozo on the Writ of Quo Warranto filed by Carl Kelley Jr. contending that Marcum already moved permanently to Taos and no longer meets the requirement for residency in Ruidoso. Her term expires after the municipal election March 7.

Although Kelley, who wants her removed from office, said he was unsuccessful in attempting to serve her in the Taos area, Marcum went to the office of Kelley's attorney, J. Robert Beauvais, in Ruidoso to accept service last Thursday.

Kelley, who lives outside the village and can't vote in municipal elections, runs a business in Ruidoso. Marcum owns a home and business property in Ruidoso and is listed as owning a townhouse in Taos.

Touché: Challenger's residency questioned

Man who challenged Marcum not in precinct

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A local man who challenged the residency of Ruidoso Village Councilor Deborah Marcum is involved in a residency issue himself.

Carl Kelley Jr. in 1992 was issued a voter's registration card reflecting his home in Enchanted Valley of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates.



Kelley

However, he listed his mailing address at his business in Ruidoso.

Apparently through a clerical error, the determination for his voting precinct was based on the Ruidoso mailing address, instead of his home address outside of that municipality, said Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox, who was not clerk at that time.

She said in such a situation, the voter should contact the county clerk's office to correct the precinct. Kelley should have been voting at the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department station and his precinct assignment will be changed, Maddox said.

People living in Ruidoso's precincts vote at the village's convention center.

Kelley said Monday he didn't question the precinct assignment, but knew he couldn't vote in municipal elections and never did. He used the precinct for the presidential election, he said.

Maddox verified that Kelley never voted in any municipal elections.

Ernest Marquez, director of the state Elections Bureau said no violation of the law occurred under the circumstances outlined.

"If a voter knows they are registered in the wrong precinct and did it purposely, falsified an address, it would be a 4th-degree felony, but not if it was a clerical error," he said last week.

"I don't think they are legally obligated to notify the clerk of the error, but being an honest person, I don't think they should have continued voting in the wrong precinct."

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OUR OPINION

**Regarding public safety,
'justice' is relative**

Court should consider Cody Posey's threat to society

Far be it for those who were not on the jury to question the accumulated fact-finding and the judgment of those who hold in their power the fate of a 16-year-old boy accused of murdering three family members.

Jury duty is a solemn oath, a matter of civic responsibility impinged by competing versions of "justice" as portrayed by skilled attorney-orators and bound by the parameters of a court's guidance and orders. For the rest of us, about as close as anyone got to the Cody Posey trial was through Court TV or newspaper accounts.

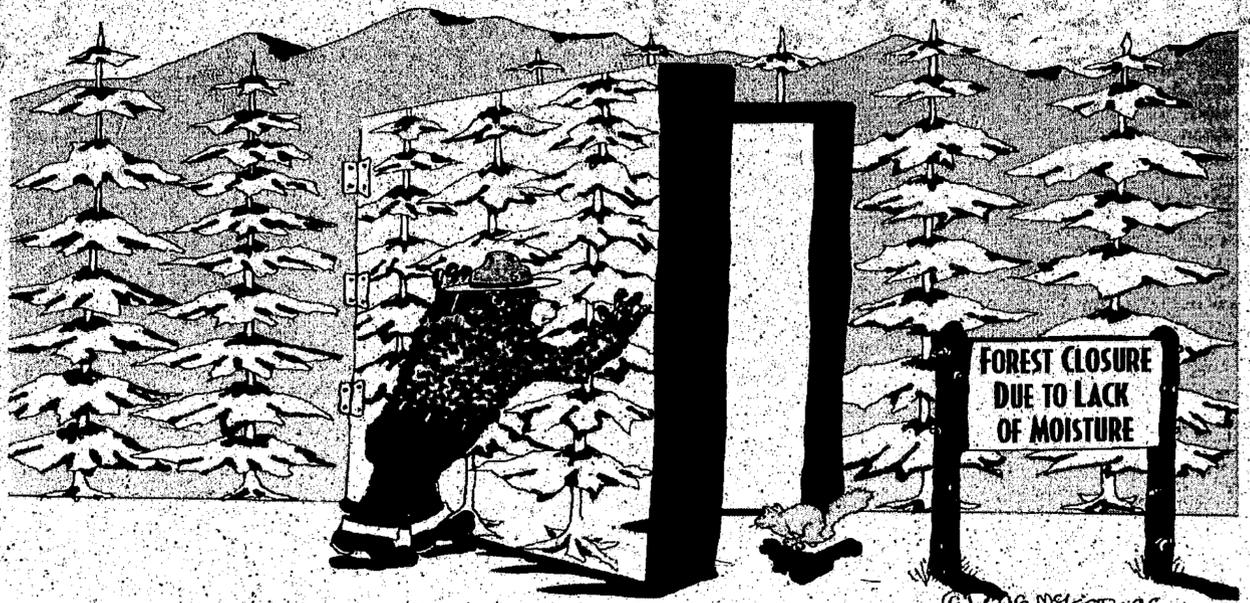
That said, we hope the judge in this case, the Honorable James Waylon Counts, sees fit to view the convicted as an abused 14-year-old boy who snapped under the pressures of his dysfunctional family's dark

psyche; as, also, a boy who lived out a nightmare and fell through the cracks of government protective services and, it appears, private individuals who were in a position to intervene on his behalf.

It is a curious aspect of American jurisprudence that, when it comes to the people's bidding, there is sometimes a disparity between "justice" and the actual needs of society.

Ask yourself: Is the peace and safety of Lincoln County compromised more by a battered child harboring malice specifically towards his abuser or by drug rings operating freely?

If 12th Judicial District Attorney, Scot Key wants to protect the citizenry, he might go after the three men busted for meth in Capitan last year he neglected to prosecute.



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YOUR

Except his lawyer, adults failed Posey his entire life

To the editor:

Child abuse is epidemic. It has been throughout hundreds of years. It needs to be stopped here and now.

People have gotten away with killing their parents because they couldn't use the car or for the money in the will. Cody Posey is a tormented youth who finally found his only escape in the deaths of his father, stepmother, and stepsister. To him they were one monster and he chose to save his own life rather than let them take it from him.

It is every human's right, but Cody only saw one option at his immature and youthful age. Children see the world in black and white while adults can reason

out the gray in between.

Cody does not need to be locked up in an adult prison. That would be a horrible injustice and would mean his life, also valid, was lost because adult prisons do not rehabilitate, they punish, period.

We should all give this child a reason to smile. He deserves it. As would any other child in his position. Cody has been let down by every adult he has ever known except for his attorney. We need to save the children. Cody needs to be sentenced as a juvenile because that is what he is.

Let's start with Cody. Don't let the Lincoln/Otero County DA get away with the injustice they have served up on this

horribly abused child, especially when DA Scot Key pled no contest to the "assault" of his 12-year-old disabled child.

Judge Counts will sentence Cody and he has a great deal of discretion in how he can sentence. Please let him know the child abuse has to stop NOW.

Bobbi Adams
Ruidoso

People's will must prevail

To the editor:

To the good people of New Mexico and

POSEY LETTERS CONTINUED PAGE 5A

Latest Roswell Incident merely a coincidence, says the rep

Pardon me if excitement is just oozing out of the column this week. It's because I have become affiliated with this new ad agency in Ruidoso and we are planning a Grand Opening.

It will be something. Bands, balloons, hot dogs, clowns walking on stilts, F-16 military jets thundering through the city's skies and tipping their wings as they swoop down toward our office.

You're asking why would the New Mexico National Guard scramble its jets to help our ad agency? Simple. John Heaton. John Heaton is a state rep from Eddy County and I handled his campaign media program. John owes me. So Rep. Heaton will call Brig. Gen. Kenny Montoya of the New Mexico National Guard and Kenny will arrange the flyover. It's that simple.

Think I'm making that up? It happened in Roswell. Forget aliens. This new "Roswell Incident" is stranger than aliens. Thanks to KRQE investigative reporter, Larry Barker we have now learned that when Roswell Toyota staged its Grand Opening in November, the F-16s staged a special flyover.

The flyover, costing taxpayers thousands and thousands, was arranged by state Rep. Dan Foley who happens to be the beneficiary of \$6,000 in campaign donations from, yes, Roswell Toyota.

If you are not outraged by this, chances are you have achieved a calmness associated with smoking something not available over the counter at the local convenience store.

Foley insists the flyover had nothing to do with any campaign contribution. He says last summer a non-contributor asked him to arrange a U.S. Navy flyover for a Little League baseball event and he tried. Someone smart said forget it.

But we are encouraged state rep Foley wants to celebrate

ordinary life events with military precision. Heaton, forget the ad agency. Call your buddies in



NED CANTWELL

Washington and have the Air Force choir flown in for my grandkid's First Communion. And could you possibly get a hold of Big Bill's chauffeur and limo for prom night?

The truly incomprehensible Roswell Incident is full of "he said, he said" finger pointing.

For his part, Brig. Gen. Montoya said he never knew the flyover was for a car lot, and would not have okayed it had he known. (It is curious the pilots were instructed to use as a landmark the giant, inflatable alien floating over the car dealer's Grand Opening.)

For his part, Rep. Foley says that is balderdash, that Montoya did know the circumstances. "I remember telling him what it was for," Foley said. "The general has a lot on his mind," he added.

Did not, said Montoya. Did, too, said Foley. Did not, did too, did not, did too. Your combat pilots wear grandma slippers. You're a big, fat old... Well, you get the idea. This is not a shining moment for two of our supposedly best and brightest.

The jets did not steal all of the attention. According to the *Roswell Daily Record*, New Mexico Military Institute's color guard was on hand, as well as high school bands and cheerleaders. Maybe spacey people really did land in Roswell all those years ago.

For the record, Rep. Dan Foley was widely quoted a couple of years ago for saying Governor Bill Richardson is "drunk with power, just drunk with power."

Wonder what old Dan is drinking?

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - thinks it gets no better than celebrating his special events with Ronald McDonald.

Dawson Road Project would benefit Capitan

ED TINSELY III
Developer

In response to the article in Friday's (Feb. 10, 2006) edition of the *Ruidoso News*, titled "Capitan throws cold water on project," I would like to respond with some clarification on some of the issues. First, I think Julie [Carter] did an excellent job reporting on the meeting and some of the information provided at the meeting. However, there is much more to the story.



I am inclined to rush to judgment. I counted about 10 people who posed comments that evening. Unfortunately, most of these responses that were heard the night of the meeting were based on a lack of knowledge, information and thorough understanding of the facts and issues. The purpose of the meeting was to bring information and possible options for consideration to the interested citizens... and nothing more at this time.

Allow me to shed some light on some of the comments that were made. The initial comment pertained to the proposed location of the wells. The engineering firm stated in their presentation that the location of the well or wells are subject to hydrological studies and placement in an area that will generate sufficient additional revenue for the Village to offset the costs.

They had explained that the ones indicated on the map were hypothetical at this point. One of the comments on the additional well that Capitan has available reflected that the person did not understand not only the status of the well, but even if it were produced, the restrictions on it from the State Engineers office. One of the comments insinuated representation of a high percentage of a certain portion of the residents in the neighborhood to be supplied water... that representation was not true or accurate. At least one of the comments was from a person who neither lives in Capitan nor the neighborhoods around Capitan.

In short, I feel that a vocal minority were the ones you heard, and fortunately, those comments do not represent the opinions of a large number of the people of Capitan and the neighborhood west of Capitan. I believe that if this is the cold water that you are referring to, it may have been just a drop or two.

I have spent an inordinate amount of time, energy and financial resources exploring this issue, as have the current trustees and mayor of the village. I applaud the time and effort that each of

the trustees and mayor have invested in not only trying to understand this issue, but explore options to resolve the problem, while at the same time trying to create economic opportunities for Capitan and its surrounding communities.

Just to help develop an understanding of my proposed contributions to this project:

- Water rights transferred to the Village well to handle at least the water needs of my proposed development.
- Water well sites and water on my ranch property, subject of course to a hydrological evaluation, to provide the alternate water source for Capitan and this project.
- Water tank site on my ranch property that would provide the necessary elevation and resulting pressures for the village and the neighborhood west of Capitan. That site is the closest in proximity to the village and the neighborhood in an effort to minimize construction costs.
- Easements across my ranch property for the water well, tank and lines and access thereto.
- 50 percent of the engineering costs incurred by Capitan to do the feasibility study.

In conclusion, I believe Capitan can be a vibrant community. We need economic development and quality neighborhoods. I am supportive of whatever will get this done. My support of the Dawson Road Water Project feasibility study is intended to bring information to the village and its surrounding residents so informed citizens can provide input and ideas, and then make decisions on how to help make our community better. This is a start. I urge the village citizens, leaders and surrounding community residents to take time to understand the facts, circumstances and challenges, and then in turn convert that to an opportunity for our area. I urge restraint on a rush to judgment.

Thank you, and the cold water that you are referring to might be just like a cold shower that refreshes and invigorates the mind and body!

POSEY LETTERS CONTINUED

the 50 United States, I implore you to stand up in opposition to the unusually harsh conviction of 16-year-old Cody Posey, who killed his father, stepmother, and stepsister after years of torment and abuse.

What the jury did not hear is that the boy's father, Paul Posey, brutally beat the boy since he was 18 months old. Recently, we have been reading about cases of abuse in New York City and others around the country, where children have been beaten and killed by their parents and caregivers.

In this case, the victim acted in self-defense and has been convicted on three counts of murder.

To parents, I ask you what kind of monster would beat a toddler about the face and torso with a belt? What would you do if it happened to your child at the hands of someone you trusted to care for them? Now imagine being subjected to severe abuse on a daily and weekly basis for years. Imagine the terror this child lived in.

There were more than 30 witnesses who testified, under oath, that Paul Posey isolated and abused his son. He refused to let Cody's maternal family see him. He was not permitted to participate in any extracurricular activities, even though he was a good student and well liked by his teachers. He was not allowed to talk to other students at school.

His stepsister, Marilea Schmid, was paid by Paul Posey to spy on Cody and report him to his father if he broke any of the "rules."

Marilea approached Cody's teachers to inquire about his grades. It has been argued that Marilea was "an innocent child" who did not participate in the abuse. In fact, Marilea was an accomplice to the abuse. Her actions, knowingly, resulted in Cody's beatings. She knew the brutality that Cody would endure and continued to promote it for her own personal gain, so she would be paid. There is no innocence in that.

Fourteen-year-old Cody was in desperate need of protection when he shot his father, stepmother, and stepsister. The father repeatedly assaulted the boy with belts, fists, cables, wet ropes, hay hooks and pliers.

The night before the shootings Paul Posey tried to force Cody to have sex with his stepmother. When he refused his father burned him. The step-

mother was a willing participant in the sexual assault, presenting herself fully naked and forcing Cody's face into her breasts. This is terrifying to a 14-year-old boy.

Yet, the prosecution argued that the abuse didn't occur and was not a precipitating event. The prosecution claimed that he was merely disciplined, not abused, because the boy was not crippled.

Cody's attorney, Ruidoso-based Gary Mitchell, stated after the conviction, "The boy never had a chance."

Following closing arguments, the jury was instructed to deliberate on the basis of what "a reasonable person" in the same situation would have done.

How can any of us possibly understand what it is like to be severely beaten every day? Do we expect the victim not to defend himself? How can we, as adults, expect a 14-year-old boy to exhibit clear, rational, "reasonable" decision making?

And now the ultimate tragedy is that the District Attorney's office will most likely ask the court to sentence Cody as an adult. He could be in prison until the age of 63. In an adult facility, what kind of physical and sexual assaults will he be subjected to?

If the State of New Mexico will not show mercy to this boy it is incumbent upon us, as citizens, to stand up for him. The judge in the case, the Honorable James Waylon Counts, and the District Attorney, Scot Key, are elected officials. They are charged with carrying out the will of the people.

In New Mexico and throughout the United States, people are calling out for mercy for Cody Posey. That is the will of the people.

So, what can we ask of the State of New Mexico? Reduce the charges to manslaughter in self-defense. Provide psychiatric treatment and counseling in a secure residential facility for juveniles. Commute his sentence to time served. We are his last chance.

Godspeed to Gary Mitchell.
Christina Zettner
West Chester, Pa.

Cody deserves new life

To the editor:
We profess to be a nation of people under God. A nation of laws and compassion for others. A nation that loves and goes to great length to show love and to

protect its children.

Based on the testimony of the shameful abuse to Cody Posey for years by his family, there is no question that we the people failed to protect this hurting child.

This child has been the victim of continuous abuse for many years that broke his will power and presence of mind that caused his mind to snap and which led to the horrible acts he committed.

Bear in mind that Cody Posey was 14 years old when he committed these acts, not the nice young man of 16 we saw in court and on TV. There is an enormous amount of immaturity within a 14-year-old.

It would be a disgrace as well to send this young boy to prison to face a beastly life that he would no doubt not survive. No, this young boy needs our help, our compassion, and our love, which we can express by urging our legal system to place him in a juvenile facility where he can get psychiatric support, and at some appropriate time be returned to society to make a new life for himself.

I never knew Cody Posey or any of his family, and my heart goes out to all of them. There has already been three tragedies. Let's not create a fourth. I hope many of you will send letters to the court and to Cody and his attorney, Gary Mitchell.

Letters can be sent to Gary C. Mitchell, P.C., P.O. Box 2460, Ruidoso, NM 88345; or gmitchell@zianet.com.

Julian Wells
Ruidoso

Mobilize support

To the editor:
We have lived in Alamogordo for 50 years. We have three children, eight grandchildren and have worked with numerous other children in our community. Over the years, all

of our experience could not have prepared us for the Cody Posey verdict. We were stunned.

For those interested in voicing support for Cody, you can send a letter to his attorney [see previous letter] or contribute to an account at First National bank, 414 10th St., Alamogordo, NM 88310. Time is of the essence. Sentencing is expected next week.

Should Cody receive a favorable sentence, we will be the first in line to contribute to a college fund for him. We feel all children deserve at least one chance.

Travis and Sue Hooser
Alamogordo

Key's background

To the editor:
People across the US are wondering why the State of New Mexico is on this vendetta against a boy who was abused all his life and finally struck back against his abusers.

Maybe it is because the District Attorney, Scot Key, pled "no contest" to abusing his own disabled step-daughter in 1995, according to the Alamogordo Daily News at the time. He then resigned his position at the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

Mr. Key obviously does not believe there is such a thing as "child abuse" or any understanding of protecting our children.

Because we are a state full of diverse populations, races, finances, experiences, cultures, etc., does not mean we let our children be abused because they live on a ranch, are poor, hispanic, or uneducated or unloved.

I believe there are people across the US that care about Cody. I am not sure exactly how to help, but an address to write him may help or I would contribute to an appeals fund on his behalf.

Sheree Wisner
Ruidoso

Verdict courageous

To the editor:

The Otero County jury that deliberated for nearly 12 hours over two days acted courageously in finding Cody Posey guilty of various heinous crimes against his family and society. They did so by considering the evidence, the testimony, and most importantly the law that Judge Counts gave them.

One of those instructions concerned not allowing sympathy or prejudice to influence the jury's verdict, another reminded them of their oath to apply the law as given to them by the judge.

Although the jury disagreed with the state in several aspects in rendering their verdict, I respect their decision and accept that it was a difficult one, but one decided pursuant to their oath.

I don't believe that the jury should be questioned or criticized as to their motives as the defense has done publicly. Nor should they be criticized by the entertainment media from places like New York or California.

The important concept that we should all remember is that our community made a judgment as to guilt or innocence - that is what our criminal justice system does. Let the media types from New York and California define their own justice. I think we have all seen their form of justice in previous trials. I'll choose New Mexico any day of the week.

Lastly, we should all respect the privacy of the jurors. Decisions that affect people's lives are always difficult. Decisions that are right are not any less difficult.

Scot Key
District Attorney, Twelfth
Judicial District

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YOUR New signs impressive

To the editor:
The new Highway 70 signs are impressive and reminiscent of the old New Mexico historic markers we loved when we were kids.

Now if only the State Highway Department would

correct the misspelling of the name Carrizozo on the directional/mileage sign near the junction of highways 70 and 380 at Hondo. It's printed "Carizozo."

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EDUCATION

Career, life plan aim of Mescalero Transitions Fair

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Hundreds of students contemplating their futures had the chance to visit with career and guidance counselors and recruiters Wednesday during the 3rd Annual Transitions Fair hosted by Mescalero Apache Schools.

Students from seven independent school districts in the area, as well as all northern pueblo school districts, were invited to attend.

Dolores Herrera-Martinez, fair organizer, said the event was designed to get students thinking about their career paths and personal choices. "The fair provides them information and helps them determine what they want to be when they grow up," she said.

This year, Martinez said more effort was put into inviting students at mid-school level to the fair in order to get them thinking earlier about their prospects.

"I think maybe sometimes we are talking to students a little too late about their futures. We tend to talk to seniors only when really we need to be introducing pre-teens to the vocation, employment, and education opportunities that are out there."

In addition to New Mexico Universities, military recruiters participated in the fair as well as vocation institutions Job Corp and TVI, and representatives with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Branch of Natural Resources.

"We're here because we want students to consider going to school to study natural resources," said Jennifer Smith, a BIA Wildlife biologist. "We have a shortage of wildlife managers in Mescalero, but that is

true for just about every community. I think very soon though we're going to start seeing a lot more interest in careers that have to do with the environment. The world is changing. It is being threatened every day and people are beginning to see that."

Smith said that whether or not she is successful in attracting students to rangeland management, wildlife biology, conservation, forest service, or some other related field, she hopes that by being present at events such as Mescalero's Transitions Fair, she can impart enough information to help get kids thinking about the world around them and their place in it.

Personal choices

Similarly, the Ruidoso Police Department and Mescalero TAP (Total Abstinence Program) were on hand to use the forum as an opportunity to impart critical information, as well as to be available for students with questions.

"Of course we'd like to inspire kids to seek careers in law enforcement but we also want to pass on a message of safe driving," RPD Officer Jonas Proctor said. "Many of the kids here today are of driving age, or soon will be, and we want them to be responsible drivers."

At the Transitions Fair, Proctor had students place over their eyes a pair of fatal vision goggles which simulates the vision of a person with a .17 to .20 blood alcohol level. Proctor tossed a ball in the direction of the participant and asked them to try their best to catch it.

"It's a fun way of showing them how impaired their perspective can be while on alco-

"I've been lazy and haven't done so well but today is helping me to see what there is and what I have to do to achieve my goals."

Dustin Poolaw
Junior Mescalero High School

hol. Drinking and driving is a serious matter," Proctor said.

Dustin Poolaw, 17, a junior at Mescalero High School, described his hour at the fair as "great."

"This is my second year to attend," he said. "It has given me a lot of information about the schools that are available and what I need to do to get in."

Poolaw said he is attracted to the idea of becoming a real estate agent or developer but has not ruled out a career in business. He said he has always been a good student who makes good grades, but lately had been "slacking off" due to his state of indecision.

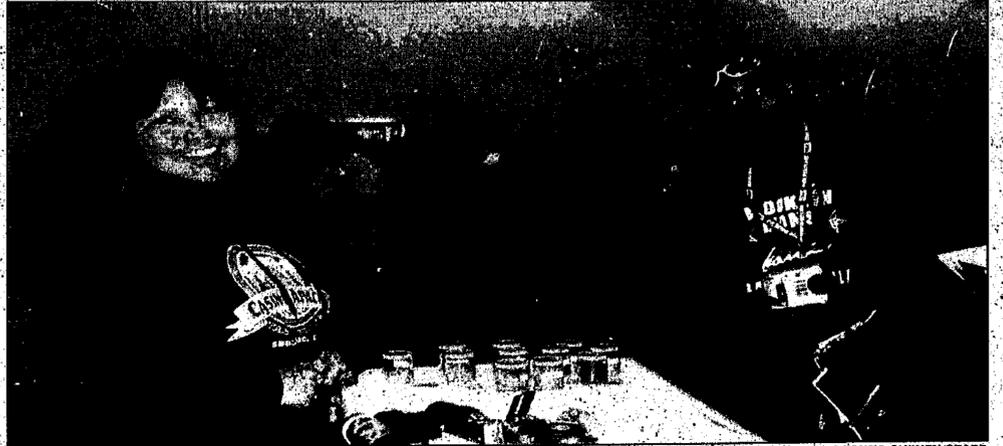
"I've been lazy and haven't done so well but today is helping me to see what there is and what I have to do to achieve my goals," he said.

Shawn Monongye, 17, of Mescalero, said he has no idea what direction his life will take in the next few years but said he enjoyed the fair all the same.

"Basically I came just to get out of class," he said, "I think the information is good, too."

Lesia Gonzalez, a recruiter with New Mexico State University, commended Transitions Fair organizers for pulling together such a diverse array of presenters and students.

"I'm personally very glad to see kids here from northern New Mexico - from the Pueblo



DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

BIA Wildlife Biologist Jennifer Smith discusses the many careers available in wildlife, forestry, conservation and range management with a high school student from the Acoma Pueblo.

nations. We don't always get to talk to them about opportunities in the southern part of the state," she said.

Jerry Hawkins, a recruiter with NMSU, said the Mescalero event was very well-organized and commended participating youth for how well-behaved and interested they seemed to be.

"This is one of those fairs where you leave feeling that you've done your job," he said of contacts and conversations held throughout the day.

Martinez said that when planning the fair, she encouraged programs such as Mescalero's TAP to attend as she recognizes "transition is not just about going from one grade into the next, or from high school into college, or from college to a work setting. It is about transitioning from wherever you are to where it is you want to be."

Frankie Leigh Reynolds, TAP coordinator, said she can appreciate Martinez's point of

view as life planning dovetails into career planning, and vice-versa.

Reynolds this year is introducing into Mescalero schools, grades 7-12, a youth program called Dream Catcher Life Plan which will focus on youth self-esteem, relationships, and interpersonal communication.

"The program will teach kids how to overcome barriers to achieve their life goals," she said. "We also want to convey the message to kids that they should remain abstinent from sex until they are married because to not do so can invite a wide range of problems. And, if you are currently having sex, you need to stop."

To help bridge students with higher ideals, Lamar Victor, 20, attended the Transitions Fair with his mother, Willymae Smith, a problem-gambling/anger management counselor.

"Basically, I'm here to talk to kids about these problems," he said, adding that sometimes



POOLAW

one has to be able to relate to the presenter to be able to hear the message.

For information about Mescalero Apache School's Transitions Fair, interested persons can contact Martinez at 464-4431.

Ruidoso school board meets

Audit, enrollment, election top agenda

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A recent audit that netted the Ruidoso Municipal School District one finding was characterized Monday night as "no great surprise." School officials and the accountant involved said the finding, which involves how fixed assets are inventoried and depreciated, was expected as it is a finding carried over from the previous year.

School Finance Manager Yvonne Perez said the Ruidoso District is in the process of remedying the finding by implementing a new accounting procedure that was introduced to all government entities five years ago.

Under Gasby 34 Governmental Accounting Standards Based government agencies, including schools, are required to list and depreciate fixed assets on their annual financial statements. The Ruidoso Municipal School District was scheduled to begin phasing in the new practice in the third year of Gasby.

"This is a huge task," Perez said of the changeover. "This is our second year to address it and it is not yet completed."

Perez said she is confident that all will be "squared away before the end of this fiscal year."

The Ruidoso schools audit was performed by Ron and Ryan Miller of Miller & Associates (Roswell) who discussed the audit with district administrators in an exit interview Nov. 8. The audit finding was posted on the state auditor's Web site Nov. 15.

Miller told members of the Board of Education this week "This isn't an uncommon

finding. A lot of government entities are going through the same thing. It will take time to go through and adjust to the change in laws."

The Ruidoso school district will hire someone to help develop an inventory of all school assets so that financial reporting requirements can be met, Perez said.

In other school news

• Board members reviewed a breakdown of enrollment by school in the district. The summary, which showed the district is down by 86 students compared with the same period last year, prompted Danny Sisson to ask what administrators are doing to plan for a tighter budget next year. State and federal funding is awarded based on student counts in the previous year. School Superintendent Dr. Charles Harrison said he will be meeting with school principals next week to discuss cuts in the budget for FYE 2007. "It's not like this is our first rodeo. We've been down this road before."

• School district officials report they are working with an architect to fine-tune details in the design of a new middle school. Voters last week approved a bond question that will allow the district to borrow \$26 million over 16 years to cover the cost of the new construction on Warrior Drive as well as technology and facilities upgrades to other school facilities district-wide. The state will also provide \$5.53 million towards capital improvements.

School Superintendent Dr. Charles Harrison said ground should be broken on the new school early in 2007. The new campus will include grades five through eight.

'Zozo school audit findings satisfied

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The state auditor released the results of the Carrizozo Municipal School District financial statement audit to include four findings for the school year ending June 30, 2005.

Of the 23 time sheets in the personnel files that were tested, one did not have a signature and the auditor found the I-9 forms to not have proper support.

All the Carrizozo staff time sheets are signed by the superintendent and checked by the business manager. The one signature missing was determined to be a simple oversight in the procedure.

Backup for the I-9 information was corrected immediately by having all employees fill out new forms and provide all required backup information. Some of the documents tested were from many years ago prior to current staffing and book-keeping procedures.

The district was charged with disposing of capital assets during the year without notifying the office of the state auditor. School management was not familiar with the requirement and agreed to notification in the future.

In two of the 23 items tested in purchasing and cash disbursement, two of the items did not have evidence that the goods had been received before payment. The district had been

using verbal and/or written procedures for verification and agreed to use only written approval before payment.

As part of the internal control test work the auditor reviewed the controls over wire transfers and bank transfer of funds. While the transfers were always approved by the school board and the superintendent prior to transferring, the state auditor required callback verification from the bank for every transfer initiated.

District Superintendent Sergio Castañon said he felt the audit was very positive and very thorough.

"The staff is doing a great job. The corrections and improvements brought by the audit are good for everyone."

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Book signing

The Children's Department at the Ruidoso Public Library will hold a presentation and book signing, with author Donna Munch at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the library. Munch is from El Paso and is the author of the new children's novel *Dark Tales of the Tower*.

Written for fourth-graders and up, *Dark Tales* is a story

about a 12-year-old girl from Philadelphia who travels to London for summer vacation with her 11-year-old brother and their dog. While in London, the siblings visit their Uncle Wills who guards the crown jewels at the Tower of London.

Dark Tales of the Tower explores history, cultural differences and life skills and is considered a highly-entertaining and readable book.

between 3.5 and 3.99. Johnston is the son of Dennis and Rebecca Johnston.

NM Tech open house

New Mexico Tech is scheduled to host a campus-wide event this President's Day weekend that is designed to increase public awareness of professions in engineering, science and technology. The weekend's events are geared toward middle school and high school students.

Events include a roundtable discussion with faculty and staff, get-acquainted dinner, campus tours, a Rube Goldberg Contest, Geek/Jock Olympics, live demonstrations, and a star party. A tour of the Very Large Array radio telescope also is planned.

For more information and reservations call 505-835-5525.

Deans list

Alto student Matthew Johnston has been named to the academic honor lists for the Fall 2005 term at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The President's List includes students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the term, while the Dean's List is for students who achieved a grade point average

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New fire station could break ground in June

Mayor breaks another tie vote over attempt to postpone action on bond resolution

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A resolution authorizing the sale of bonds secured by a designated gross receipts tax was approved Thursday, burning a clear path for construction of a new fire station in Ruidoso.

Village Fire Chief Virgil Reynolds said he hopes to break ground on the fire station at School House Park by June 1.

But the action required a few contortions to complete.

Before bond consultant Kevin Powers with RBC Dain Rauscher Inc. based in Albuquerque began his presentation to the village council, Councilor Deborah Marcum left the meeting. She said later that part of the reason for her departure was because she was handed a complicated new bond resolution with blanks filled in only moments before the special session.

Then Councilor Michele Rebstock asked for approval of a motion to postpone action until the Feb. 14 meeting of the council to allow time for councilors to review the new document. The motion was seconded by Councilor Don Williams. A split vote ensued with Councilors Angel Shaw and Ron Hardeman voting against the motion and Mayor Leon Eggleston breaking the tie to defeat it. Councilor L. Ray Nunley was out of town.

Powers explained that, "Twenty-four to 36 hours is the typical approval time. School boards will sell bonds in the morning and vote on the resolution that same evening. The market can change in hours. There was no way I could get the information to you any

faster." Rebstock said having it by noon would have helped. Powers acknowledged that the document could have been distributed by that time, instead of waiting until the evening meeting, but exact figures on interest were not known until early in the day.

Without action that night, he would have to return to the market and start selling the bonds again, he said. That could change the favorable interest rates of 4.46 percent inclusive of all costs.

Hardeman offered a motion to approve the bond resolution, which passed 3-1 with Rebstock voting against it. Williams, Hardeman and Shaw voted in the majority to approve.

However, village officials soon realized they were stuck.

A bond resolution requires a majority of the full council, not a majority of councilors at a particular meeting. Without Rebstock, the resolution couldn't pass. Putting those on the other side even more in a quandary, without Rebstock agreeing to bring the issue back on the floor, another vote could not be taken, even though Nunley was reached by telephone to vote. As the person on the prevailing side, because the majority was insufficient, and the motion failed, Rebstock was the only person who could raise the issue again at the meeting.

The councilor wouldn't be pressured, saying that her father was in government and he taught her not to vote until she read and understood everything before her.

Rebstock stood her ground. Powers and Chris Muirhead with the Modrall Sperling law firm in Albuquerque sat down with her and attempted to answer why the first resolution with blanks was worded differently than the second in places,



Bond consultant Kevin Powers address council over new fire station.

to explain how the bonds were grouped for repayment depending on what amounts banks and other entities wanted to buy and at what interest.

After about 40 minutes, Rebstock thanked Powers and Muirhead for their input, the council reconvened and Rebstock offered a motion to reconsider the bond issue, which passed unanimously.

Then she offered a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Shaw and also passed unanimously, including Nunley by telephone.

In briefing the council on the particulars surrounding the \$4,020,000 bond issue, Powers pointed out that the total was slightly less than the \$4.1 million estimate in May.

Maturity dates to retire bonds run from 2006 to 2026, he said. The report from Moody's earned a favorable rating of "Aaa," an upgrade from previous village bond issues.

Mayor vote could alter council

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Looking ahead to the state of the Ruidoso Village Council after the March 7 municipal election, the composition of the board will change not only from direct voter input, but also could be altered depending on who is selected as mayor.

If Eggleston wins...

If incumbent Leon Eggleston is re-elected as mayor, the council candidates with the three highest number of votes will fill seats vacated by Councilor L. Ray Nunley, a mayoral candidate whose council term is up in March; by Councilor Deborah Marcum, who did not seek re-election; and by Ron Hardeman, who is running for re-election.

Councilor Don Williams, running for mayor, has two more years in his term and would retain his position if he loses his bid for mayor.

If Nunley wins...

The same scenario would be true if Nunley wins the position of mayor. Three seats

would be open and filled by the election results.

If Williams wins...

But if Williams wins mayor, a position that can vote only in the event of ties, his seat would become vacant on the council after the election.

Municipal Clerk Irma Nava said Williams then would recommend a person to fill that council chair and the council would vote on the recommendation.

Williams said Monday he just hopes he has the chance to explore the council appointment.

"I've thought about it, but I haven't made any determination yet," he said. "Of course, the unsuccessful candidates will be considered, but I may not have met the person yet. It's wide open."

"Of course, I would consult with whoever is on the council to see if they have recommendations. I definitely lean toward people who have the best qualifications for public service. I just hope I have the chance."

Tom Hiser is also a candidate for mayor.

Measure would increase funds for fire departments statewide

Gov. Bill Richardson will have the last word, but New Mexico senators joined House members and passed the Fire Protection Funds Distributions Bill, which would increase distribution to fire fighting communities across New Mexico from approximately \$24 million per year to almost \$30 million the first year. From there, the distribution would \$2.5 million annually for the next 10 years.

The bill was introduced by Representative Debbie Rodella (D-Espanola) and cosponsored by House Speaker Ben Lujan (D-Nambé) and Rep. Patty

Lundstrom (D-Gallup).

"For too long, rural volunteer fire fighters struggled to keep New Mexico safe with old and limited equipment. Passing this bill means we'll see great improvement in our fire fighting efforts," Rodella said. Increases in the distribution of the fund have not occurred since 1999.

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erty insurance.

Increased funding will provide updated fire equipment from oxygen and hoses to fire trucks and engines. The inability of fire departments to communicate with each other will also be resolved. Presently, fire departments cannot talk with one another because the communication systems are not on the same radio spectrum.

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ALGAE

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Wednesday. He said crews were looking at ground water from wells and surface water from the Ruidoso River.

"The reports we are getting from residents is that the algae basically 'disappeared' or became less abundant in late January in the river," he said. "We have our surface water crews looking at it and ground water people are sampling wells so we get a determination about what is going on."

"We don't have all of our data yet, but it does look like there was a significant decrease in the amount of algae in the stream visually, consistent with what the people are saying."

A few residents reported seeing a bluish tint to the river and the odor or burning electrical wiring, which often is tied to

copper sulfate, a treatment used to kill algae in Grindstone Lake, Ruidoso's main reservoir. But McQuillan said his agency hasn't reach a conclusion yet.

"We're not saying copper sulfate did this or concluded it did not," he said. "We're kind of in the preliminary stages."

Herbicides could cause similar results, he said.

Valley resident Jackie Powell, who serves on the Lincoln County Water Research Committee, said the river appears as clean and clear as she remembers it during her childhood, an impression echoed by Skip Trimble, owner of the Coe Ranch. But aquatic life, as well as the algae, seems to be wiped out. No fish, no minnows, no bugs.

"Fifteen years with a tremendous amount of algae and then nothing and it's been a fairly mild winter," Powell said. "Carrizo Creek (further up stream) still has moss and so

"All we use is chlorine for the actual treatment of the sewage and then sulfur dioxide to get rid of the chlorine before it hits the river so there is no damage to aquatic life."

John Ramos
Operator, Regional wastewater treatment plant

does the river at the ballfields at Gavilan Canyon."

They sudden absence of algae raised suspicions because the abundance of the green organisms is what caused complaints about Ruidoso's treatment plant and resulted in elevated requirements on the level of nitrates and phosphorus that can be released from the plant into the Ruidoso River. The plant currently doesn't meet standards for those items and a massive redesign that could cost \$35 million in underway to satisfy the permit limits.

John Ramos, who runs the treatment plant co-owned by Ruidoso and the city of Ruidoso

Downs, said copper sulfate is not used at the facility and no "spill" was reported anywhere else that would have moved through the plant.

"All we use is chlorine for the actual treatment of the sewage and then sulfur dioxide to get rid of the chlorine before it hits the river so there is no damage to aquatic life," he said.

He claimed environment department crews visited his plant Tuesday and traced the absence of algae from down the valley up to a point on the west side of a bridge near a campground. "Our outfall is on the east side," Ramos said.

Resident Ray Sanchez, who went with one crew, said testing results on septic systems down the valley revealed "99 percent" were in compliance, leach fields were working and wells were placed at points not

prone to contamination.

"Basically, the finding was normal good hard water in the wells," he said. "They found a lot of something like soap suds in the creek, where it turns and dead trees and branches bunch, but they didn't test them."

"They plan to come back on Feb. 27 and go to the river and start turning over rocks, digging up mud and taking some of the stuff that would give indication that there might be some long-term things affecting the river."

"We haven't had much volume of water and anything that comes in will settle and not be washed off by a big volume of water," he said.

Sanchez said part of the decrease in algae may simply be due to the lower number of people visiting this winter with no snow. When summer comes and more sewage runs through the lines, the algae may return, he said.

Crews also found high iron content in wells because of old iron well casings, and high salt content connected to local rock formations, he said.

"I'm just a local person who

is interested in making sure we are not going to poison one of our kids," he said. "We don't want septic on our property to contribute to the problem. If there is something (wrong), we can recommend how to improve it."

"We don't want to get anyone into trouble. We just want the truth."

Trimble said he was told by state officials if someone intentionally put something into the river that killed the algae and damaged the stream, they could be charged with a criminal offense.

"This didn't evolve," he said. "It was immediate and had an absolutely devastating effect. I've pulled my cattle off the river. I don't want them drinking there."

According to information from the environment department, tests were conducted for chemical and microbiological agents in ground water and surface water. The teams were looking for fecal, coliform, nitrate levels, sulfate, the acid-alkaline balance, electrical conductivity, iron, fluoride, temperature and organic vapors.



JIM STODDARD VILLAGE COUNCIL

My views on the WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

"The Wastewater Treatment plant jointly owned and operated by the Village and Ruidoso Downs is a major problem facing our community. The EPA has found us to be in violation because of too much phosphorous in the river. In addition, the plant is operating at or near

capacity today. Estimates are \$35 million or more to remedy the problems. If elected, I will challenge the Village Council to look outside the box to solve our water problems as some other forward-thinking desert communities have. I have developed good relationships over the years with our partner Ruidoso Downs and they know they will find a voice of reason in me to work cooperatively on this issue. We must work as a team in this community, including on the Village Council. I'd appreciate your vote on March 7.

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'Encantada' returned to 'Glencoe'

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Faced with petitions from adjoining land owners, Lincoln County commissioners reversed a decision on the name of a frontage road east of Ruidoso Downs.

Lester Stout submitted petitions last month that he said represented all adjoining land owners on the former Glencoe Loop, which was renamed Encantada during the rural addressing effort for emergency services dispatch.

Lowell Nosker said he's lived in the area there 60 years and when he comes down the highway and see a name can't even

pronounce, he wonders where he is and if he's lost.

"We'd like you to turn it back to 'Glencoe,'" he told commissioners.

They did, in a unanimous vote of the four commissioners at the meeting.

Commissioner Maury St. John said another landowner told commissioners only her driveway and that of the Westcott family exited onto the road.

Commission Chairman Rick Simpson explained that all the landowners who signed have roads that can only be reached by the Glencoe Loop.

Bonnell, Nosker and Westcott owned adjoining property.

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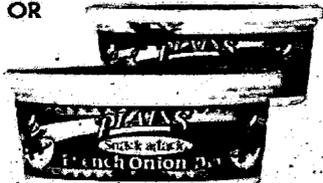


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Cost of regular audit services increases; Council approves new contract

Rebstock lone vote against amendment

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Commenting that some day she would like to see someone stick to the original terms of a contract with the village, Ruidoso Councilor Michele Rebstock voted against a \$5,832 amendment on an auditing agreement.

The motion to approve the amendment, which also included \$6,258 needed for the original budget shortage on the

audit contract, passed 3-1. Village Finance Officer Elaine Beltran told councilors at a special meeting Thursday that the village budgeted \$21,000 for audit services, but \$12,090 was needed to cover the initial shortfall and the added money would bring the contract amount to \$33,000 with Fierro and Fierro.

New standards

In a memorandum to the council, Beltran wrote that the original audit request for proposal did not include the cost of auditing the village's compo-

nent unit, the regional wastewater treatment plant. Previously, the plant was treated as a regular fund within village funds.

But new accounting standards require a separate audit for component units, she wrote. The contract must be amended to include that component.

She also wrote that because of negative publicity surrounding the special state audit of village contracts and internal controls, the cost of audit services went up from the usual \$21,000 per year.

Councilor Don Williams

questioned if changing the contract conditions required advertising again for requests for proposals, but Beltran said the State Auditor already approved the changes pending council approval.

"I sent it to them last week and they are fine with it," Beltran said.

The vote

The motion for the increased audit contract amount and a motion for a budget resolution reflecting that change passed 3-1 with Councilors L. Ray Nunley and Deborah Marcum

"I sent it to them last week and they are fine with it."

Elaine Beltran
Village finance officer, regarding state auditor

absent, and Rebstock voting no.

In another issue, the council approved 4-0 hiring Kent Myers of Airplanners Inc. to work on negotiating regular regional jet air service to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport by a major carrier from an international airport.

Dub Williams hospitalized

State Rep. Dub Williams, a well-known former teacher in Lincoln County, was hospitalized last week after leaving the floor of the State Legislature.

State Rep. Dan Foley (R-Roswell) followed Williams and called for medical help. Williams, a Republican from Glencoe, was transported to St. Vincent Hospital in Santa Fe Saturday morning.

Williams, 78, suffered a heart attack several years ago. He was to be checked out at a heart hospital before being released.

AUDIT

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that he should write up the responses to 17 items cited under internal control issues by the State Auditor, and should incorporate comments offered by some councilors in the session behind closed doors.

Kelly began his item on the agenda of a special meeting Monday by reviewing his background that includes serving as U.S. Attorney in New Mexico under President Bill Clinton, experience in real estate leases, litigation involving local government law, procurement law and with the state's Open Meeting Act.

Due in Santa Fe

He also explained that since last Thursday, he put everything else aside to concentrate on the Village's responses because they are due in Santa Fe today.

He said he asked to review "absolutely everything that in my judgment I thought needed to be looked at to evaluate the appropriateness of the (findings and) requests of the State Auditor."

He perused the original files of the Village and read all documents connected to the 17 findings to which the Village can respond, and another 30 findings referred to the district attorney for possible prosecution to understand their relevance.

After considering what he read, he told councilors he was ready to offer a preliminary opinion on the meaning of the documents, apparently referring to items such as the lease of village land for a golf course. The terms of that lease were interpreted differently by various attorneys.

He also was ready to discuss in a closed session whether the Village was in compliance with prevailing laws and responses he would propose to the findings, he said.

Hiring clarified

Councilor Deborah Marcum asked a series of questions to clarify how Kelly was hired and why a closed session was justified.

She said later that the Village always needs a public record or paper trail to justify and validate actions. The apparent lack of such documentation may have been one of the major problems in the past, she said.

Through her questions, Marcum established that the council's original motion was for Village Manager Lorri McKnight to hire someone to help her respond to the audit; the council was not required to advertise for professional services under a Small Purchases procurement provision, as long as the fee is \$30,000 or less; and a closed session was needed because State Auditor Domingo Martinez considers the document confidential until the responses are received and incorporated in a final version.

Kelly said the state Attorney General specifically cites audit investigation discussions as an exception to the Open Meetings Act.

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The owner of a firm that lost a bid to accept yard waste from a garbage collection coalition, is suing in Lincoln County District Court for damages and the award of the contract. Sierra Contracting Inc. headed by Van Patton, filed for declaratory relief and damages against the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority after the contract was awarded to another company.

According to the suit, Patton responded to a request for proposals from the authority, composed of representatives from the county and its five municipalities, for yard waste recycle and disposal services. Bids were opened in July 2005.

"On July 22, 2005, Operational Consultants, an entity that may not have been properly delegated authority to do so, submitted to (the authority), its evaluation of the two proposals received with recommendations for award," the suit states.

Patton was notified Oct. 26 that the authority board awarded the bid to Bio-Grind Inc., and two days later, Patton protested that decision, according to the suit.

Patton was notified Dec. 20 by Operational Consultants that the protest was denied, the suit states.

The suit contends that the actions of the authority violated the state procurement code.

By failing to promptly issue its determination of the protests and by not informing

Patton of the right to judicial review as required by state statute.

Because the SWA did not properly delegate (to Operational Consultants) the authority to make the mentioned determinations.

Because the determination as to which bidder was lowest

and most qualified was arbitrary, capricious, not supported by substantial evidence and not made in accordance with law.

Steven L. Bell of Roswell represents Patton and Angie Schneider-Cook is the SWA attorney. In her responses to the lawsuit, Schneider-Cook denied that Operational

Consultants was not properly delegated and denied all of the enumerated failures laid out by Patton, as well as the claim of damages and a right to the contract award.

She countered that the state procurement code does not provide a remedy in damages for an unsuccessful respondent

and contended Patton failed to state a claim on which relief could be granted. She contended that Sierra Contracting failed to file a notice of appeal within 30 days of the final decision of the administrative agency.

She also filed a motion to dismiss the suit.

Permanent water trust fund closer to reality

House bill would help ensure "adequate water resources," says Grants legislator

FROM NEWS SOURCES

The creation of a permanent water trust fund moved a big step forward when the House of Representatives unanimously passed House Bill 272A Transfer Money to Water Trust Fund sponsored by Rep. Ken Martinez (D-Grants).

The bill would transfer money from the general fund to a permanent water trust fund that would be created in HJR 6 Water Trust Fund, also sponsored by Rep. Martinez. The legislature set aside \$40 million in HB2 for a water trust fund.

"Adequate water resources are vital to New Mexico's health and economic welfare," Martinez said. "It's important that we make wise use of our budget surplus this session. One of the most significant things we can do is to secure money and plan for New Mexico's water future."

Contingent on vote

The transfer of money to the permanent water trust fund is contingent upon New Mexicans voting in the 2006 general election for a constitutional amendment. The amendment would make the fund a constitutionally created fund and therefore, it could only be used for water related issues. It could not be used for other purposes in a time of budget shortfalls. The permanent water trust fund would operate similarly to the Severance Tax Permanent Fund

House Joint Resolution 6 is the bill that proposes an amendment to Article 16 of the state's constitution to create the permanent water trust fund. The issue would be put on the November ballot for voter approval. The joint resolution unanimously passed the House Voters and Elections committee this week with a vote of 9-0.

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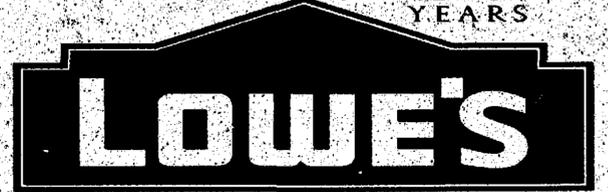
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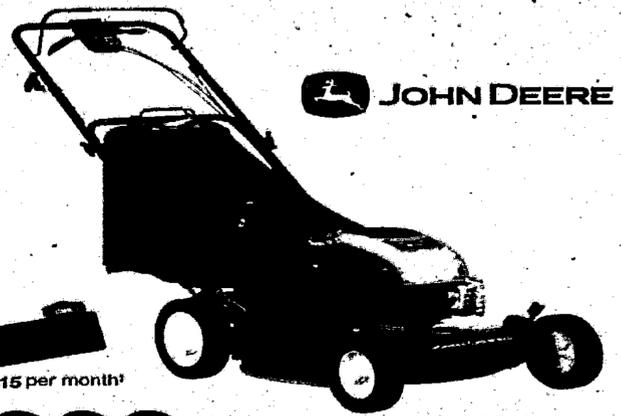
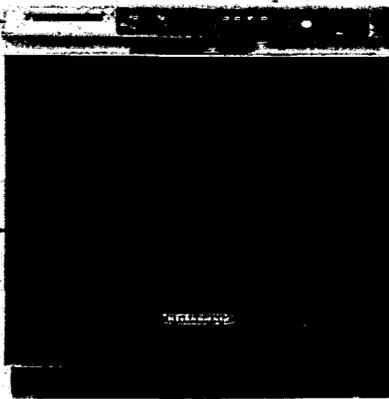
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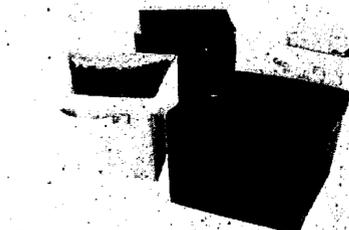
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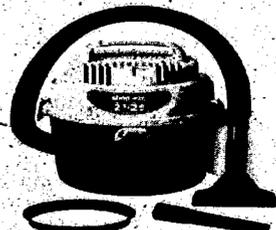
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Ruidoso-Lovington rematch another close one

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LOVINGTON — This year's District 4-3A boys basketball race is the closest in several years, and just might come down to a playoff between Lovington and Ruidoso to determine the top seed in the district tournament.

Of course, Portales might have something to say about that, but the fact remains that the Warriors and Wildcats are the teams to beat in 4-3A this year, and they've been able to beat each other at least once.

The latest came Friday, when Ruidoso traveled to Lovington and battled hard, but finally came up on the short end of a 59-54 decision.

"We were right there, and these games will be close all the time," Page said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win, and that's all we can ask for."

Lovington (14-8, 3-1 district) led for most of the game, thanks to 23 points from guard Reggie Hargrove and 20 points and 10 rebounds from forward Truman Payne.

But the Warriors (16-8, 3-1) stayed within striking distance throughout — much like their game in Ruidoso the week before. The only difference is, Ruidoso was unable to pull out the victory at the very end.

If the Warriors did make a game of it at the end, it was because of the inside and outside play of Ted LaCoe, who finished with 21 points, four rebounds and a pair of three-point shots. He also had six blocks, making it the third game in a row in which he's had

RUIDOSO STATS

Wildcats 59, Warriors 54
Ruidoso (16-8, 3-1 District 4-3A)
Justin Padilla 0 0-0 0, Thomas Rodriguez 0 0-0 0, Chris Dunn 0 0-0 0, Ted LaCoe 7 5-6 21, Alfredo Maldonado 1 2-2 4, Sergio Castañon 3 4-5 11, Damon Broussard 2 0-0 4, Jason Kampsky 4 0-1 9, Cutter Pack 0 0-0 0, Shane Hoffman 2 1-2 5, Dillon Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Cody Hoffman 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19-12-16 54.
Lovington (14-8, 3-1)
Chris Hatcher 1 1-2 3, Laron Mackey 2 0-4 4, Roy Hernandez 0 0-0 0, Reggie Hargrove 8 4-6 23, Daniel Corral 0 0-0 0, Joel Aranda 0 0-0 0, Jacob Copeland 0 0-0 0, Nathan Moore 0 0-0 0, Courtney Mackey 1 0-0 2, Truman Payne 8 4-7 20, Felipe Juarez 0 0-0 0, Juan Garcia 3 1-2 7. Totals: 23 10-21 59.
Ruidoso 12 10 14 18 — 54
Lovington 12 11 19 17 — 59
3-point goals — Rui 4 (LaCoe 2, Castañon, Kampsky), Lov 3 (Hargrove 3). Fouled out — Rui (Broussard). Rebounds — Rui 21 (Kampsky, LaCoe 4), Lov 37 (Payne 10). Steals — Rui 3 (LaCoe 3), Lov 5 (Hatcher, Hargrove 2). Blocks — Rui 6 (LaCoe 6), Lov 1 (Mackey). Turnovers — Rui 24, Lov 18. Total fouls — Rui 16, Lov 17. Technical fouls — Rui (team).

five or more blocks.

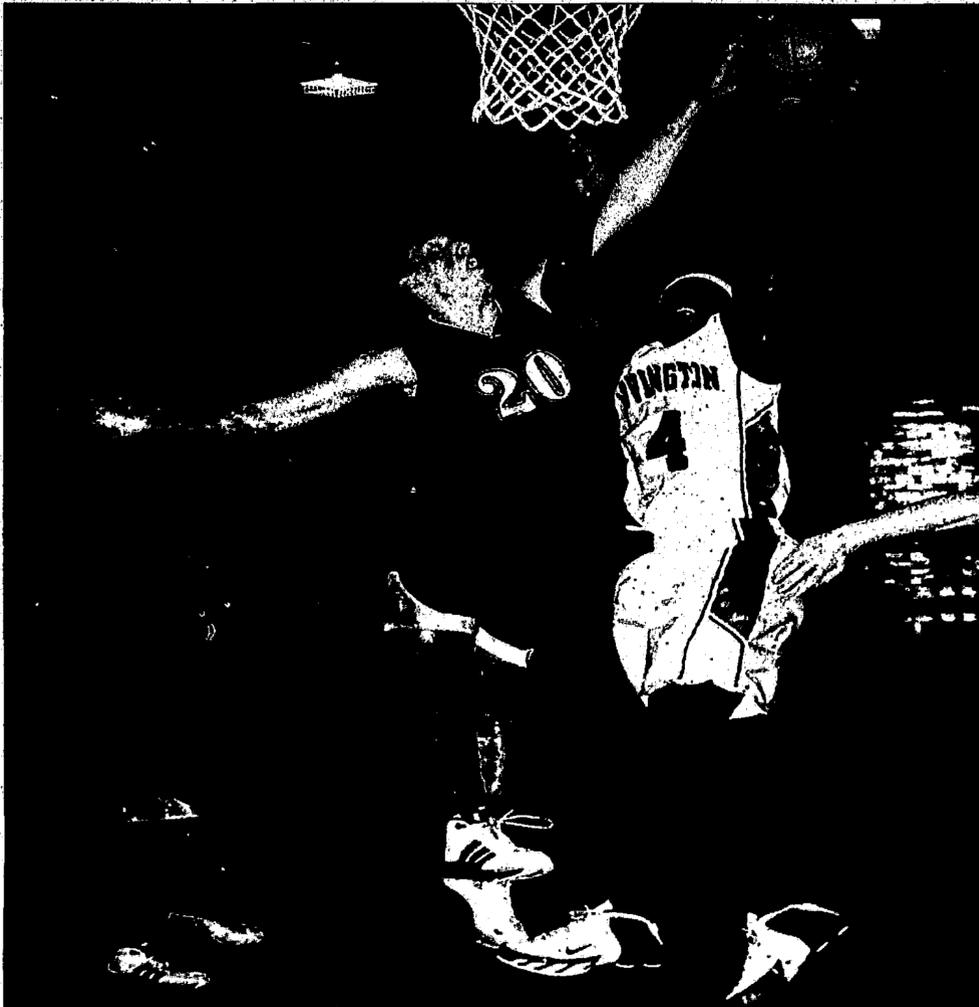
But his biggest impact came with 3:25 left in the game when, with the Warriors down 51-48, LaCoe stole a pass near half-court and took the ball the other way for a thunderous dunk to put his team within one.

Lovington settled down after a time out, and took advantage of numerous Warrior turnovers and fouls to seal the win.

"We were more panicked than we had been near the end," Page said. "It was a big crowd and pressure that caused those turnovers. But even then we still had our opportunities."

"This was a good game, and

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso forward Ted LaCoe, left, gets a block — one of his six in the game — of Lovington's Laron Mackey Friday during the Warriors' District 4-3A loss at Lovington.

Ruidoso grapplers dominate in district, now focused on state

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Ruidoso wrestling coach Brian Brown had no illusions that his team's dual Friday against New Mexico Military Institute for the District 4-1A/3A title in Roswell would be a difficult obstacle for the Warriors.

Indeed, Ruidoso defeated the Colts 73-6 in the dual, as NMMI's only points came from a forfeit at 189 pounds, a weight class in

Chief teams split with Hatch

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With just one game left in the District 5-2A regular basketball season, things have stacked up pretty much the way they did last year.

The Mesalero Lady Chiefs are on their way to a second seed in the district tournament, with their only two losses coming at the hands of Tularosa, while the boys might finish winless in the district.

But girls coach Rol Bradford and boys coach Ron Burton are hoping for a better finish come

which the Warriors haven't had a competitor all year long.

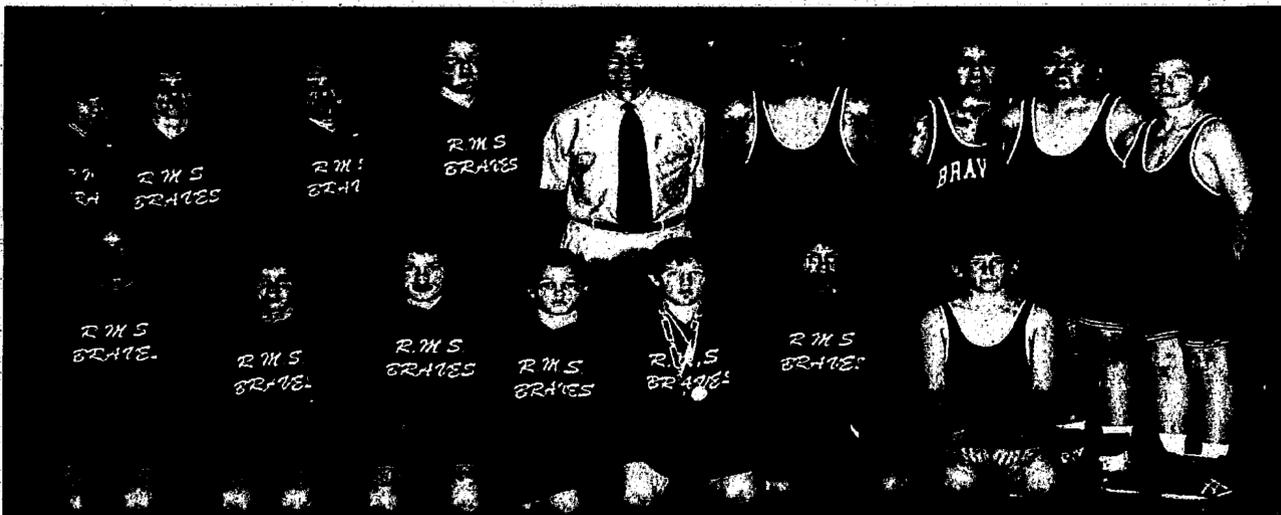
Of Ruidoso's six competitive matches, four ended in pins, and the Warriors now boast 13 district champions heading into the Class 1A/3A State Meet beginning this Friday.

"We knew it wouldn't be much, and I'd rather have something of a more equitable district alignment," Brown said. "But I know Cobre is in the same situation as us, so I don't feel as bad."

"Actually this might have been good for us in that nobody got hurt," he added. "We've had great practices and all the seniors on this team are ready to go, realizing this is their last chance."

The State meet begins Friday at Johnson Gym on the campus of University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and continues through Saturday. A full preview of the state meet will appear in Friday's edition of the *Ruidoso News*.

BRAVE WRESTLERS



COURTESY PHOTO

The RMS Braves wrestlers finished the 2005-06 season with a 3-1 record in dual matches and placed fifth as team at the Capshaw tournament in a field of 16 and seventh as a team in the Bernalillo Tournament in a field of 12. Team members pictured are: Kneeling, l-r, Jonathon Smith, Kayle Frierson, Peter Harrod, Jared Tally, Casey Williams, Robert Coronado, and Aaron Bush. Standing, l-r, Sky Franklin, James Pruett, Brennin Cross, Josh Slaten, Coach Thompson, Merle Scott, Daniel Salazar, Ivan Scott, and Gage Whipple.

Ski Report

Ski Apache
Ski report culled from www.skiapachesnowreport.com
New snow past week: 0 in.
Weather at report time: Partly cloudy
Road at report time: Clear
Midway depth: 12-18 in.
Season total snowfall: 11 in.
Surface conditions: Variable
Skiing conditions: Good to excellent
Trails open: The two beginner areas, both sides of Capitan, Deep Freeze, Top Notch, Snow Park and Smokey Bear/Terrain Park
Lifts open: 2, 3, 4, 6 and Gondola is open for sightseeing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Trails groomed: All open trails
Snowmaking past 24 hours: Nightly, weather permitting
Forecast: Partly cloudy

Prep Results

Thursday, Feb. 9
Boys Basketball
Hondo 71, Lake Arthur 47
Dexter 71, Capitan 42
Floyd 50, Carrizozo 44
Girls Basketball
Hondo 43, Lake Arthur 30
Dexter 54, Capitan 36
Floyd 52, Carrizozo 51
Friday, Feb. 10
Boys Basketball
Lovington 59, Ruidoso 54
Vaughn 69, Hondo 57
Saturday, Feb. 11
Boys Basketball
Hatch 59, Mesalero 23
Girls Basketball
Mesalero 43, Hatch 37
Wrestling
District 4-3A tournament at New Mexico Military Institute Ruidoso 73, NMMI 6

Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Thursday, Feb. 16
Boys Basketball
Dexter at Capitan 7:30 p.m.
Corona at Carrizozo 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Dexter at Capitan 5:30 p.m.
Corona at Carrizozo 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17
Boys Basketball
Mesalero at Cloudcroft 7 p.m.
Ruidoso at Portales 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Mesalero at Cloudcroft 5:30 p.m.
Lovington at Ruidoso 7 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A State Tournament at Albuquerque 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18
Boys Basketball
Capitan at Eunice 5:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Capitan at Eunice 3:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso in Class 1A/3A State Tournament at Albuquerque 10 a.m.
Track and Field
Ruidoso at Red Rader (stationary) at Lubbock 9 a.m.

On Deck

Snowblast
Ski Apache and the Ruidoso Convention Center will host a slope style competition and Snowblast Ruidoso party Saturday beginning with competition registration at Ski Apache at 8:45 a.m.
The freestyle ski and snowboard event begins at 11:15 a.m. Cost to register is \$20, and ski lift tickets for competitors are \$20 each. Parental consent is required for participants under 18.
Prizes for the event will be given at Snowblast Ruidoso at the Ruidoso Convention Center, starting at 2 p.m. Tickets to Snowblast are \$7, \$5 for children 6-12 years old. For more information, call 464-3600.

Junior Ski Camp
The Junior Winter Ski camp at Ski Apache has begun, and will continue Sundays through Feb. 26.
Cost for the camp is \$30 per day, \$15 per day for Mesalero Apache tribal members. Fee covers equipment rental, sack lunch, one Junior Winter Camp Beanie, one logo shirt and one day lift ticket.
Topics participants will learn about include snowshoeing, fire safety, cold weather first aid and exploring the alpine environment. Parents and youth can sign up for the camp at either the Inn of the Mountain Gods front desk or at Ski Apache. For more information, contact Ross Anderson at 464-3600 or Jenny Cooper at 464-3642.

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Hondo needs wins for better spots in district

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With just one regular season game left before the District 7-1A tournament commences, the Hondo boys and girls teams appear — on the surface — to be headed in different directions.

The Lady Eagles are 5-2 in district play — their biggest win being a 50-48 victory over Mountainair two weeks ago — and are coming off a 49-30 decision over Lake Arthur on Thursday.

The boys are just 1-6 in district, their last loss coming Friday, a 69-57 decision against Vaughn.

But the Lady Eagles (15-9 overall) have actually only played five district games, thanks to a pair of forfeits by Vaughn, and needed a win against Carrizozo Tuesday to force at least a two-way tie for first place.

The Hondo boys (8-15) may have lost to Vaughn, but coach Henry Lopez believes it was his team's best performance all year. A game like that on Tuesday — also against Carrizozo — might have meant a victory for his Eagles.

"For three-and-a-half quarters, it was a real good game," Lopez said about Friday's game. "But then things went south. The guys did everything we asked of them, but then they got three technical fouls near the end and lost their composure."

Hondo held a 33-32 lead at the break, and the two Eagle teams were tied at 44-44 after the third quarter. Hondo was even doing well with free throws, going 16-for-22 from the charity stripe.

But the Eagles were unable to stop Vaughn's top threat — Chris Matson. The senior had 23 rebounds alone, compared to 30 as a team for Hondo, while scoring 16 points to lead his team.

Jesus Medina had 20 points to lead the game for Hondo, while Lawrence Gonzales added 10 points. The Hondo Eagles might have been able to pull off a victory but for those last few technicals.

"I'm real proud of the guys, this has been their potential all year long," Lopez said.

Hondo also defeated Lake Arthur on Thursday, defeating the Panthers in a big way, 74-47. Jesus Medina again led the game with 19 points, while Raymond Montano, Rico Lopez and Teka Salcido each had 11 points.

Hondo's girls coach Adam Herrera would have liked to see his team play Friday against Vaughn, as the Lady Eagles' victory over Lake Arthur the night before was not really the kind of game his team needed.

"That game didn't hurt, but it didn't really help us either," Herrera said. "I didn't really want to take the chance of anyone getting hurt, and they didn't, thank God."

Herrera said he always knew his girls would be in the mix at the end of the regular season, and is confident his team can win and do well in the district tournament, regardless of where it's seeded.

"I always knew they'd do well, but it's not because of me," Herrera said. "I was just put in a good situation with these girls."

Capitan teams swept at Dexter

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Capitan's eager squads each went in to Thursday's District 7-2A games at Dexter needing some wins to better their standing in the upcoming district basketball tournament.

They left Dexter having been thoroughly out-played in just about all aspect.

The Tiger boys fell 71-43, while the girls dropped to an even .500 record with a 54-35 loss.

The Lady Tigers (9-9, 1-2 district) were within seven points at halftime, only to be held to just four points in the third quarter as the Lady Demons (19-5, 4-0) broke the

game open.

On the boys' side, Dexter opened red hot, earning a 22-9 lead after the first quarter and then padding that lead with a 23-4 fourth quarter.

With the loss, Capitan drops to 5-13 overall and, more importantly, 1-3 in District with two regular-season games remaining.

Each team hosts Dexter on Thursday, then faces Eunice on the road Feb. 18 in the season finale, with the district tournaments to begin Feb. 21. A pair of wins by the girls could secure them at least second-place in the district standings, while the boys need at least one more victory to keep from being the last seed.

dangerous when he touches the ball. We just had to box them out on rebounds and did a much better job of it in the second half."

As a team, the Wildcats out-rebounded Ruidoso 37-21, and had just 18 turnovers to Ruidoso's 24.

Ruidoso even committed a technical

foul with just over a minute left when six Warriors went onto the floor following a time out.

But Page knows this game proves his team can play well on the road, and they'll need to do so this Friday at Portales.

"We can play in a hostile environ-

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ment and win if we eliminate the turnovers," Page said. "We also can't let a good team get up on us. We know we can win."

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heading into the final period. The Lady Chiefs were able to stay ahead of Hatch thanks to height and good ball movement. Lady Bear fouls near the end also helped seal the victory for Mescalero.

"They put us on the line at a real crucial time," Bradford said. "Kelly King-Morgan made a couple of big free throws to stop a rally. That gave us a three-point advantage and we stayed on it."

Bradford said they were also able to hold Hatch center Jenna Franzoy in check. She finished with 23 points on the night, but 15 came in the first half.

"We played a zone and stacked it inside on her," Bradford said. "She'd either score or get fouled. In the sec-

ond half, she was hitting three-pointers." Mescalero hit its share of three-pointers, putting up seven total. Lataza Naiche had three of those treys and led the team with 14 points, while Yvette Martinez had 2 three-pointers and 11 points.

The Lady Chiefs may be the second seed, but Bradford said he believes his team can come out on top of the district tournament.

"We've concentrated on what we need to do, like trying to get the girls to shoot quicker," Bradford said. "Tularosa had nine blocked shots in our last game, and had we made more shots to start against Hatch, it wouldn't have been as close a game."

Lance Deltimer 7, Adam Gonzales 3, Kiel Burkett 2, Kiefer Comanche 2, Thomas Rodriguez 1.

Loveington (48)
Felipe Juarez 16, Chase Shorter 8, Joel Aranda 5, Jacob Copeland 4, Rey Hernandez 4, Nathan Moore 4, J.P. Biscino 3, Daniel Lester 3, Lucas Valencia 1.

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GOOD SHOTS



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The Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney Council #6597, held its annual Free Throw Competition in the Ruidoso Middle School Gym Jan. 22, with eight boys and girls from Lincoln County earning the right to move on to the district level competition. The contest was open to boys and girls, ages 10-14 years old. The District Contest will be held in Las Cruces at the Holy Cross Parish located at 1327 N. Miranda St. and will begin at noon this Sunday. Pictured are, back row, l-r, Dennis Quintana, Ryan Williams, Jake Ordorica, Gabriel Nava, Alex Aldavaz and Eddie Saenz, Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus. Sitting, l-r are Delaney Quintana, Lindi Herd and Hayley McInnes.

Carrizozo drops close ones, but still playing well

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Other end in time for a final shot. Carrizozo has two more games — one against Hondo on Tuesday and a home finale Thursday against Corona. Both coaches know those games aren't automatic wins.

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For the girls, it was a case of an inability to get that one last shot.

"This was the first time I'd seen all five girls play hard on the floor," said Carrizozo coach Mandy Baca. "Actually, all the girls coming in off the bench played real hard for the last 10 minutes."

The Lady Grizzlies (15-11) had a shot to win it near the end, but they turned it over with about 14 seconds left. Carrizozo had to foul to stop the clock and Floyd missed the ensuing free-throw, but the Lady Grizzlies were unable to get the ball back to the

other end in time for a final shot.

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"This was the first time I'd seen all five girls play hard on the floor," said Carrizozo coach Mandy Baca. "Actually, all the girls coming in off the bench played real hard for the last 10 minutes."

The Lady Grizzlies (15-11) had a shot to win it near the end, but they turned it over with about 14 seconds left. Carrizozo had to foul to stop the clock and Floyd missed the ensuing free-throw, but the Lady Grizzlies were unable to get the ball back to the

other end in time for a final shot.

Carrizozo has two more games — one against Hondo on Tuesday and a home finale Thursday against Corona. Both coaches know those games aren't automatic wins.

"We've got to win these two games to secure the top seed, and we'll have our hands full against Hondo," Holland said of the Eagles. "We can't get into foul trouble with them."

"Hopefully, this effort will carry over," Baca said of the Lady Grizzlies' Floyd loss. "It's the first time everyone played hard and didn't rely on just one or two players. They've seen that if that happens, good things can happen to the team."

One might view Carrizozo's basketball sweep at the hands of Floyd on Thursday as a cause for disappointment, especially considering how close the scores were.

The boys fell to the Bronchos 50-44, while the girls lost a heartbreaker at home, 52-51. But when you consider that the girls were down by as much as 27 points in the third quarter, it shows their ability to get to within one point at the end was a remarkable achievement.

And boys coach Brad Holland said he was very pleased with how his team performed, despite the loss.

"Both teams had improved from when we played them last, and our boys played

them pretty hard," Holland said. "We got to within two points at the end, but then just turned the ball over too many times."

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International Law Enforcement Academy to be dedicated

ROSWELL — A \$5.4 million building to house the International Law Enforcement Academy will be dedicated Feb. 22 by members of the state's congressional delegation and top officials of New Mexico Tech.

Sen. Pete Domenici, Rep. Steve Pearce and Daniel Lopez, president of New Mexico Tech, will be the featured speakers at the dedication, which will begin at 11 a.m.

Thirty-four senior law-enforcement officers from the African countries of Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique, South Africa and Swaziland will attend the dedication, along with government officials from throughout the state.

Members of the Academy staff will give guided tours through the building, which is located at 47 Gail Harris Dr., east of the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell campus at the Roswell Industrial Air Center.

New Mexico Tech operates the Academy under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. State Department. New Mexico's Tech's partners in the consortium are ENMU-R, Sam Houston State University, and SAIC.

Ground was broken for the Academy's new classroom/administration building in January 2005.

The 24,500-square-foot building will enable as many as 100 students to receive instruction in up to six languages, plus English. The building's unique features include high-tech interpretation booths, a high-speed, wireless computer network, and a fountain that runs inside and outside the building.

When the Academy opened for classes in September 2001, it operated from temporary quarters at the ENMU-R Performing Arts Center. The classroom at the center could accommodate up to 35 students.

The following year, the Academy moved to remodeled quarters at the former Walker Air Force Base NCO Club just south of the new building on Gail Harris Drive. This structure included a classroom that could seat 50 students.

The Academy has shared the building and grounds with the Youth Challenge Program.

To date, 1,834 students from 68 countries have attended senior management courses at the Academy. Classes have been taught in 25 languages through the use of simultaneous interpreters assigned by the State Department's Office of Language Services.

IN WITH THE NEW



NANCY SHAVER PHOTO

Ready for a road test, the Ruidoso Police Department's latest patrol unit, a 2006 Ford 500, gets its striping and detailing Tuesday. Chief Wolfgang Born said the switch from SUV to mid-size auto is part of the department's efforts to improve fuel economy. The RPD expects to get 19 to 23 gallons per mile and says the Ford hugs the road "real well." Pictured: Doug Babcock, RPD Detective.

POLICE BRIEFS

Panty poaching

Jonathon J. Lopez, 20, of Ruidoso was issued a non-traffic citation Feb. 9 when he was spotted shoplifting two pair of women's underwear from a specialty boutique on Sudderth Drive.

When questioned by Ruidoso Police, Lopez admitted to having taken the items without paying for them, saying he wanted them as a gift for his girlfriend. While at his apart-

ment, police questioned Lopez about a stack of similar women's undergarments found inside his home in plain view. Lopez said an aunt purchased them for him. Later that day, a woman claiming to be Lopez's aunt, telephoned police to say her nephew has a history of stealing women's underwear and needed to be stopped.

The woman was advised to talk to the judge assigned to hear the citation.

The two pair of undergar-

ments reclaimed in the search were valued at \$8 per pair.

Undies raided

Heidi Saltz, 37, of Ruidoso was issued a criminal citation for shoplifting Feb. 11 when she confessed to having taken two pair of women's underwear from a clothing store located on U.S. 70.

Saltz, who was wearing the stolen items on her person at the time she was apprehended,

was transported to the RPD for assistance in removing the items.

The panties were entered into evidence.

Grass fire

Ruidoso police and fire officials are investigating the origins of three separate fires that erupted on Cree Meadow Drive Feb. 9 near Village Hall.

Upon arrival, police found two motorists, who happened

by, attempting to put the fires out using hand tools. The men told police they did not see who started the fires nor how the fires were started.

Based on preliminary findings, police say the fires were "man caused," though not likely the result of arson.

Money taken

An employee of a Ruidoso-based pizza restaurant may be charged with embezzlement.

The woman was caught on video tape Feb. 12 taking \$70.87 from the cash register there.

When questioned by police following a review of the tape, the employee said she had been having financial difficulties due to an ongoing medical problem and said she needed the money for medications.

Store officials opted to set aside the incident, pending an investigation into previous register losses.

POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Adopting from an animal shelter, in my opinion, is the most logical and rewarding way to bring home a new pet.

You're saving an otherwise lost life. By selecting an adult and becoming familiar with it before you take the dog or cat home, you know in advance any problems, the temperament and the level of grooming required.

But for people who zero in on a particular breed and are seeking traits they believe can't be found in a mixed breed animal, another rewarding alternative is to find a rescue group that specializes in that breed of choice.

Writing for The Humane Society of the United States on its Web site, Guy Brussat pointed out that such rescue groups usually are headed by people dedicated to and well versed on a specific breed. They also tend

to be plugged into a national network of what animals are available.

"These animals may come from failed breeding operations; arrive from boarding kennels and veterinarians, where they were abandoned; be rescued as strays living on the streets; or be obtained through the cooperation of local animal shelters," he wrote. Directors of each group sets adoption fees that may differ depending on veterinary care and other issues surrounding a particular animal, he wrote.

Often follow-up counseling is offered, a good option if the animal suffered trauma or if an unusually demanding breed or one with health issues.

Brussat suggested contacting local animal shelters for numbers of breed specific animal rescue groups, but the

Internet also is a rich source. You can always verify the credentials of a rescue group by calling the HSUS or the American Society for the Protection of Animals.

Occasionally, an owner will advertise for a good home, so also check classified ads.

The Companion Animals section of the HSUS can be contacted at 202-452-1100.

Animal Distress

Rebecca Simmons, Outreach Communications Coordinator for the Companion Animals section of The HSUS, recently wrote about people becoming more aware of animals in distress and being prepared to deal with them, especially in their own neighborhoods.

While she cautioned about using common sense and calling for help, if needed, she listed some items to keep on hand for emergencies; I'll detail them next week.

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Manuel R. Hernandez (mayor)



Hernandez, 57, works for the Alto Lakes Water Company. He has been married for 33 years to the former Mary Schlarb and they have two daughters, Yvette and Lynette. Mary is the manager at Carrizozo Health Center. For hobbies, Hernandez carves, paints and is a sculpture. He is currently building a frontier town on his land south of Carrizozo. He has attended seminars on budget, audits, and Roberts Rules of Order for elected officials and was appointed to the Governor's Work Task Force. Hernandez has served as mayor and trustee for 16 years. "I have excellent public relations and have lobbied in Santa Fe," said Hernandez who also served in the Army during the Vietnam era. He worked with the town clerk on all city business, and attended classes on water, wastewater and street maintenance. Currently he holds a certification in Water I. He says his record speaks for itself. I will continue to work hard for the Town of Carrizozo.

LeeRoy Zamora (mayor)



Born and raised in Carrizozo, Zamora is a 1971 graduate of Carrizozo High School. He has worked most his life in town. Following a tour of duty in the Army, he worked for the town of Carrizozo for two years and then for Belco Industries for 15 years. In April 1990 Zamora went to work for Lincoln County where he is still employed as the maintenance supervisor. In 1974 he joined the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and became chief of the department in 1989. He is serving a third term on the Carrizozo School Board and was elected to the Carrizozo town council where he served until he was appointed as alternate municipal judge. In his free time he has coached Little League softball and assisted coaching high school football and basketball. He is has been married to wife Frances for 32 years and they have two children and two grandchildren. Zamora says his best offer for Carrizozo is his honesty and a desire to see Carrizozo use its resources.

Jeff Hammond (trustee)



Hammond, 52, is a widower running for public office for the first time. Hammond works part-time with the Lincoln County News reporting on Ruidoso council meetings, Ruidoso Downs council meetings, and Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meetings. He worked as a bonded courier for a San Francisco-based delivery service and drove a taxicab off-and-on for many years in San Francisco and the surrounding Bay area. Disabled with no nine-to-five job, he says he stays busy helping with the newspaper. Having no formal training in town government, he feels his ability to talk to anyone, about anything, and says he doesn't know when he doesn't know, is an asset. Hammond, a regular chamber of commerce volunteer, has worked as the Parade and Vehicle Show Coordinator for the Carrizozo Labor Day Street Fair for several years. He helped build birdhouses for the bird house auction and then assisted in the auction of the birdhouses.

Max Saucedo (trustee)



Saucedo was appointed to the town Council to fill a position when Leroy Zamora was appointed municipal judge. Saucedo was also selected to serve on the Capitan-Carrizozo Natural Gas board. He received training in the Open Meeting Act and Inspection of Public Records Act, both conducted by representatives of the attorney general's office. Born in Carrizozo and a life-long resident here, Saucedo is a local graduate. After high school he enlisted in the Navy. After serving he returned and was employed by Carrizozo as night patrol officer under Chief of Police Choncho Morales. He later obtained employment at Camp Sierra Blanca as a correctional officer. Saucedo received numerous training certificates and attained the rank of administrative lieutenant and retired after 27 years of service. He is married to Pat Chavez Saucedo and they have three children. Saucedo believes there is tremendous opportunity ahead for Carrizozo.

Van Shamblin (trustee)



Shamblin was born, raised and educated through college in Illinois. After two years as a business education teacher, she was accepted to Arizona State University where she completed a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. For 20 years she was a high school counselor in Arizona and after retirement, she moved to New Mexico. After 10 years residency in Capitan, Shamblin moved to Carrizozo where she has been highly involved in community service on the local and county levels. As a "professional volunteer" she is involved with the Carrizozo Heritage Museum, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, the South Central Mountain RC&D and several other community organizations. She is currently serving on the council as an appointed trustee. Living alone, Shamblin says she has the time to pursue what she likes to do best: Working for the betterment of the Carrizozo community.

Meet the candidates: Carrizozo

1. Where do you stand on the issues of annexation and subdivision contiguous to the town limits, as well as those that are not?

Hernandez: If it's good for the town and done right, I support it.
Zamora: I am in favor of annexation and subdivision contiguous to the town, provided we have resources,

research and money to accommodate the plan. Any kind of development in Carrizozo would be a welcome sight. I feel subdivisions outside the town limits would definitely benefit our school district but not much revenue for our town.
Hammond: I believe Carrizozo is going to be experiencing a growth spurt in the near future, and I also believe we can protect Carrizozo residents "by getting in front of the growth" Carrizozo needs to seriously consider annexation. By annexing properties the Gross Receipts Tax revenues generated by new businesses will be deposited in Carrizozo coffers, monies that will be used for maintaining our streets, water and sewer facilities.

Saucedo: I would agree and be very much in favor of any annexation or subdivision contiguous to the town limits, if such a move or decision did not cause or pose a financial burden of any kind on the town's residents or the town's infrastructure or the extra territorial water issue.
Shamblin: If, after an in-depth study and analysis indicates that such

action is beneficial to both areas and the residents are in favor, there would seem to be no reason to proceed.
2. What is your stance on offering water to the extra-territorial areas of Carrizozo-contiguous and not?
Hernandez: Depends on the situation. We have to take care of our water

rights.
Zamora: Right now, I don't have any idea what our water situation is like, but provided we have ample supplies. I would surely consider offering water to these areas to increase our revenue.
Hammond: I think Carrizozo needs to maintain all of our water rights, and expand further our water storage capacity in preparation for the influx of new residents.
Saucedo: I believe that our

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February declared 'Pep for Testing' month in 'Zozo

Two Carrizozo Schools instructors, Rima Davis and Laura Hemphill, have conceived a plan to encourage and enhance "the thoughts and deeds of testing" for the Carrizozo students that will soon be facing standardized assessments.

"They gear the athletes up for athletic events with pep posters, rallies and other events before games," said Davis, "why not for academics as well? This is so important to the students and to the school, so we decided to help the kids be excited about it."

Declaring February as "Pep Month," banners, a poster contest and a promotion will kick off the event. The poster contest will be judged on Feb. 24 and first through third place prizes awarded. All students are encouraged to participate and teachers may be using the activity as an assignment. A pep rally will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 24. Rally Day, as it is called, will include key speakers. The Carrizozo cheerleaders will present cheers geared toward a positive testing attitude and the student council will plan games and activities to "pep up" all the students. Culminating Pep for Testing month, Superintendent Sergio Castanón will cook hamburgers on the grill for all the students. Testing dates for Carrizozo students are Feb. 27-Mar. 3 for ninth-graders, Mar. 6-10 for sixth-through-eighth grades, and Mar. 13-17 for third-through-fifth grades.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Pep for Test month excitement is shown by Carrizozo third-graders. Front row, l-r: Tiffany Vega, Jacie Thornton, Gene Gore. Back row: Jaclynn Ortiz, Counselor Danny Watkins, Josh Ventura and Erick Culey

Gates and birds photo club subject

Our sympathies to Laren Winters and family. Laren's mother passed away in Kansas last week. The good news in Lincoln is the acquisition of the Hubbard properties and collections. The New Mexico State Department of Cultural Affairs accepted the generous gift of R.D. and Joan Dale last week. Among the properties are the visitors center (Anderson-Freeman Museum) and its collections, the Gallegos home, Luna building, Dr. Woods Home and Annex, and Aragon Store ruins. The Lincoln Monument staff are excited about the acquisition, but have concerns as well. The photography club met at the Ruidoso Regional Arts Council Thursday. Lawrence and Lynn Kidder presented a slide show of their recent trip to India. The group made plans for the upcoming trip in April to Benson, Ariz. and Shakespeare, N. M. Some members are attending the Photo Fest in Dallas, Texas. There will be 169 vendors. Wow! The next meeting will be at the Bowmans in Alto. The group decided to make it a "Pizza Night". The photo subject for next month is gates and birds. We took time out last week to

"smell the roses". We had a great sub sandwich at the new Horsemen's Grill in Capitan. Megan Clark and her family are newcomers and are excited about living in a rural area. They arrived in Capitan last summer just in time to participate in the pageant at Lincoln. Their youngsters were thrilled to be able to be a part of it. Then we stopped at the new Capitan bookstore. She has a great selection of books, including the Tony Hillerman book series and the McGarrity books, Smokey Bear items, a great assortment of gift items and articles by local craftsmen. We stopped at the Hondo Cafe on our way home from Roswell one day. They serve a great hamburger. We got to visit with friends that we hadn't seen for a long time. The Carrizozo Masonic Lodge 41 held their annual Sweetheart Night Sunday at the Carrizozo Lodge. The men grilled the delicious steaks with the other food by the ladies. Special guests were the council members of Capitan and Carrizozo. Yes, it has been cold... don't we wish we had just a little bit of the snow that the East Coast is experiencing.



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CANDIDATES FROM PAGE 4B: Planning & Zoning Committee would be highly involved in this decision and I would be happy to hear their recommendations and work with them.

Shamblin: Extra-territorial water. If the availability and sustainability of the existing water supply makes this possible, and satisfactory financial arrangements are agreed upon, move forward.

3. What part do you feel the planning commission plays in the above question and how much clout should they have or do they have?

Hernandez: The planning commission plays a great part in questions 1 and 2. We have had a good commission and work well with them.

Zamora: It is my understanding that the planning commission only regulates zoning ordinances in the city limits. As far as annexation and subdivision contiguous to the town, I believe the commission currently has no say. I think the planning commission should be more involved with these decisions.

Hammond: Planning and Zoning is Carrizozo's first line of defense, and will be one of the most important safeguards for future Carrizozo expansion. Planning and zoning will accept applications, process them, meet with applicants going over particulars and concerning setbacks etc., and make suggestions to the applicants for keeping things in compliance with our current ordinances, and once all requirements have been met, will make a recom-

mendation to the council who will then approve or not approve the applications.

Saucedo: I believe this committee has an important role in the town's decision, however, we strive to work together to solve any problems and any final decisions should be decided by the town council.

Shamblin: If, in the consideration of major annexations and subdivisions professional services are obtained, this in no way means the local planning commission should be excluded from the analysis. The local commission is advisory and provides input to those with the authority to make the final decision.

4. Grant money and town project - what would be your priorities, one through four, for improvements to the town of Carrizozo?

Hernandez: Water, streets, economic development and our kids.

Zamora: I will look into all avenues for locating grant money for the town. My first project would be to try to bring back the trust of the town government to the people of Carrizozo. Second, I will try to find ways to keep our recreation facilities open and in usable condition for our kids and the general public. Third, I'd try to improve the economy and growth in Carrizozo by inviting businesses and industry to set up shop here. Finally, continue to clean up the town and make it inviting for every that goes through.

Hammond: Grant money projects - First, grade and pave

17th Street the dirt road that runs east/west on the north side of the water treatment plant to B Avenue. Second, pave the street by the ballpark. Third, re-pave 8th Street from Hwy. 54 all the way to the airport and Lincoln County Detention Center. Fourth, increase Carrizozo water storage at least five times more than what it currently is.

Saucedo: I would list "water" as a number one priority; second, a good clean and workable sewer system; third, our streets or roads; and fourth, and extremely important, create more jobs and new businesses for our town, especially a grocery store.

Shamblin: Priorities: a) A Comprehensive Plan for the Town; updating existing ordinances specifically zoning and

enforcement thereof.
b) Water/sewer adequacy
c) Roads and general town appearance/clean-up
d) A concerted, cooperative effort to bring sources of employment and services to the town and efficient use of what we have.

5. To what do you attribute the serious loss of business and gross receipts over the past two years and what ideas do you have for bringing industry and new business to town?

Hernandez: High gas prices, people not supporting local businesses.

Zamora: Serious loss of business in town is probably the result of lack of support for these businesses. The loss of gross receipts is caused by loss of business and we have absolutely no construction in or around town. If elected, I plan to form an advisory board to help seek and invite business and industry.

Hammond: I believe "civic pride" is one of the biggest contributors to business loss and gross receipt tax incomes. The businesses that have left have not been owned by local residents. Having no pride in the community because you don't live there makes it easy to pack up and leave, regardless of who gets hurt in the process.

Saucedo: I feel that this issue is really a national problem and it is affecting all small towns. With gas prices so high, people are not traveling and our tourist seasons are much smaller. This affects our town businesses and our restaurants. Also, with the economy in its present state, people cannot afford to spend a lot of money on gas, groceries, restaurants, clothing and other types of entertainment. I think with a good town council, working together with the residents of the town with the chamber of commerce, and other organizations, in town, we will be able to attract and get new businesses in town, which will lead to more jobs and younger people in town to build up our school system.

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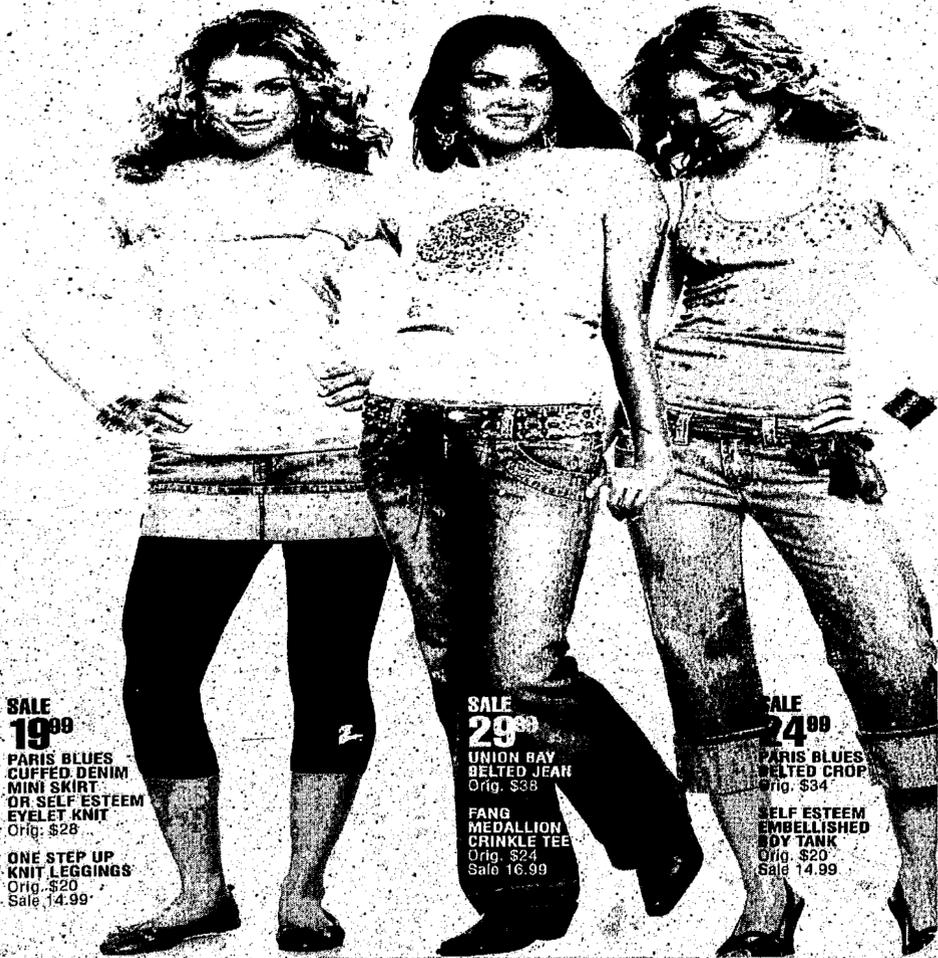
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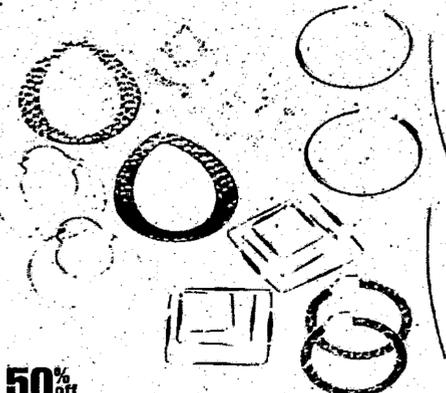
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Shamblin: National and local factors have influenced the loss of business i.e. the outrageous escalation of the cost of gas thereby decreasing travel (tourists) and the domino effect. In Carrizozo, the closing of the only grocery store. Ideas: A collaborative effort with the chamber of commerce in promoting the qualities of small town living and actively soliciting companies that could locate here thereby bringing jobs and/or services.

6. What do you see as the biggest problems facing Carrizozo, both in financial and social areas such as money for improvements, kids with too much time

on their hands, drug problems, traffic issues, etc.?

Hernandez: I feel that Carrizozo is going to grow and prosper. We need to find our kids something to do. We need to work on the drug problem. We need to bring the community back to a family oriented community.

Zamora: The biggest problems facing Carrizozo right now is the lack of employment and housing. Without business and industry our population is diminishing both in town and in our public schools. The federal government offers a lot of grants and loans for first time business owners and for improvements to towns and I will be checking into those options. Kids today have too much time in their hands and as parents we have to regulate their spare time and stress the importance of academic achievement and to stay away

from drug use. Drug problems in town are a big issue with me simply because our future generations are ruining their lives and nothing seems to be done about it. If elected, one of my priorities will be to get state, county and local police forces involved to try to eliminate the problem. At this time we have no traffic issues but I would like to thank those responsible for the four-way stop at Hwy. 54 and Hwy. 380. That eliminated a lot of accidents.

Hammond: Basically the examples used are the biggest problems. Carrizozo needs money for improvements to roads, water storage and delivery and monies to advertise Carrizozo to get more people to come look and decide to move here, bringing family and opening businesses. Kids with too much time on their hands goes hand-in-hand with the escalating drug problems. Carrizozo needs to start doing some serious planning for the future of our children.

Saucedo: Carrizozo is a small community and has limited financial assets, that affect many areas of town. We need money for improvements to attract new businesses and visitors, and to help our youth, which have much time on their hands and no place to go, which ultimately leads to a drug or alcohol problem. We are solving traffic issues.

Shamblin: A small town usually faces financial problems i.e. limited revenue and sources so we must be creative in how we use what we have and aggressively go after what is available starting on the local level. Limited income means limited employment required for Police and employees needed to handle the business of the Town which creates collateral problems: drugs, traffic, maintenance etc. Again, the domino effect.

7. What are your ideas for bringing a

better partnership between the town and school district?

Hernandez: I feel that the school and the town have worked well together and will continue to do so.

Zamora: Right now, my main concern is educating our kids and trying to solve the drug problem.

Hammond: I really don't feel qualified to answer this question because not having school age children I'm not aware of things happening within our school district. BUT As a member of Carrizozo town council, I will make it my priority to learn as much about these problems, and through research, find some answers that would help fix them.

Saucedo: The school district and the town government are governed by separate statutes and there should be no interference. However, I think the town should assist the school in every way possible and by this "working together" we can help the school grow and bring more students to our town. Our school is one of our most important assets and should be given much consideration by our town government.

Shamblin: Partnership between town and school: From my observation, the town is very supportive of the school system. Both are separate entities but should a situation arise which affords an opportunity for cooperation it should be acted upon to the extent possible for the benefit of all.

Village plans future of byway center

DIANNE STALLINGS
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One year of continued support from the village of Ruidoso should provide enough time for a new partnership of entities to take over the operation of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Interpretive Center, the chairman of a supervising committee says.

Following the request from Committee Chairman Bill Hirschfeld, village councilors unanimously approved a motion Thursday by Councilor Don Williams to support the center on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs for one year. Hirschfeld said the monthly expense of running the center should continue to be about \$1,600 with two part-time employees, who are paid \$8.75 per hour and receive no benefits.

"The village has been paying \$19,000 to \$25,000 per year since the center was built," he said.

The future of the center is open now that the village council voted to rescind an offer to give the \$600,000 building to the City of Ruidoso Downs, which also took over the nearby Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Officials from the city did not agree with some of the conditions attached to the gift involving decisions about the distribution of space inside the building for different functions. The Ruidoso Downs City Council voted last week to hand the center back to the village on March 1.

The land for the center was donated by the Hubbard Foundation and grant money from the Scenic Byways program helped build the structure. Lodgers tax paid for all but the two employees, Hirschfeld said.

Under a joint powers agreement of the village with

the Hubbard Museum and the state Transportation Department, Ruidoso was to operate a gift shop in the center with village personnel or through a contract with a nonprofit corporation. The center was to be open a minimum of 30 hours each week, and five days a week, including major holidays. The village leased space for a gift shop to the museum, but paid for all utilities, supplies, repairs and maintenance under the agreement.

Subsequent agreements provided that Ruidoso Downs, because of the benefits it received from the center, would pay \$5,000 per year toward water, utilities, snow removal and brochures, and another \$5,000 to assist with improvements such as landscaping, security lighting and paving.

Hirschfeld told councilors he is working on another partnership for the center that could involve Eastern New Mexico University, the Ruidoso Arts Council and the New Mexico Department of Tourism.

"We're comfortable that we can form a community partnership with those entities and more," he said.

Mayor Leon Eggleston said the tourism department director spoke favorably of a future partnership, as long as the center remains a scenic byway designation.

Councilor Michele Rebstock asked for a budget spread sheet to review the money spent and for what purposes.

Hirschfeld said he will provide five years of expenses and revenues. He added that the Billy the Kid Scenic Byway Committee recently applied for a \$100,000 grant from the DOT. Since the center was created in 1995, the local program received \$1.2 million, he said.

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ESCRIBANA DEL CONDADO DE LINCOLN

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PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of New Mexico, I, Tammie J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk of the State of New Mexico, by virtue

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of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

That the Primary Election is, and the same is hereby called to be, held throughout the State of New Mexico and in each county and precinct thereof on the 6th day of June, 2006;

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Lincoln County Clerk

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Los Cruces Sun-News seeks a District Sales Manager to ensure sales, service, collections & circulation growth for an assigned geographical area. Should possess supervisory skills, excellent verbal & written skills, basic computer skills needed. Sales experience a plus. Must be a team player, must be able to operate a motor vehicle, provide proof of valid driver's license and liability insurance.

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Your application/resume will be reviewed in the HR Dept. If you meet the listed qualifications, your application/resume will be forwarded to the appropriate department for further consideration.

Due to the large number of applications and resumes received, only those chosen for further consideration will be contacted.

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