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# Winter delivers one-two punch

**HEAVY SNOW IS TROUBLESOME FOR MOTORISTS, ROAD CREWS; A BLESSING FOR SKI INDUSTRY**

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Dozens of cars spiraled into ditches, back-ended vehicles in front of them and a few rolled over, but no traffic fatalities were reported in Lincoln County despite more than 7 inches of snow falling in Ruidoso since Friday and 31 inches on the ski mountain.

With a winter storm watch in effect, the county courthouse and senior centers closed early on Friday as County Manager Tom Stewart sent employees home before conditions deteriorated dangerously. Ruidoso Downs City Hall closed Monday and school children celebrated class cancellations as a second storm trailed in after the county was slammed with a whopper that socked in residents Friday and Saturday.

County Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez' crews were poised and ready early Friday with salt trucks and snowplows.

"I got a call from Ruidoso saying it was really starting to snow and we better get out," he said. "I called the Sheriff's Department at 7:30 a.m., because they're supposed to call us or we don't go, and they agreed."

"We used just snowplows Friday. It was coming down so hard we didn't



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

This picturesque scene was captured below Bonito Lake Dam on Monday. On roadways, the snow was more menacing. See more photos of the storm's aftermath on page 2A.

want to mess with all the blades yet. We had one or two out, six snowplows and we were shooting salt. Before the weekend was over, we used 136 tons of salt."

About 3:30 p.m., Friday, he called his

crews back to the yard.

"We just gave up," Hernandez said.

"The snow kept covering us up."

About 4 a.m. Saturday, the road

crews were back out and stayed on the

job until 6 p.m.

"We did pretty good, but it hit us

again," the road superintendent said

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DEANNA CHENEY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Director Colleen Widell of The Nest, center, gestures during a tour of the facility, expected to open within weeks in Ruidoso Downs.

## Opening for domestic violence shelter draws near

■ But weather, sewer issues have pushed back the target date.

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For the Ruidoso News

**RUIDOSO DOWNS** — Inclement weather and sewer issues have delayed the opening of The Nest, Lincoln

County's long-awaited shelter for battered and abused women and their families.

Shelter Director Colleen Widell said The Nest had planned to open Monday but has had to postpone opening for later this month.

"Our primary issue for the delay is our septic system," she explained. "The EPA informed

us last week that the system we have is designed for a single family unit and, of course, we are a multi-family facility."

Widell said the EPA offered shelter officials a provisional permit with which to open but said that with staff training called off Friday and Monday, due to the snowstorm, they will use the extra week to finalize

not only training but shelter outfitting.

"We have the United Methodist Men's Group and Band of Brothers coming in to help us stage the shelter for opening. They will be putting together bunk beds and other furniture and installing lights,

See NEST, page 9A

## Three Ruidoso residents are appointed to ETZ Authority

■ Representation raises questions about a possible conflict of interest

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The three seats on the Lincoln County-Ruidoso Extraterritorial Zoning Authority, a board that handles appeals and formulates rules for the one-mile development zone around the village, will be occupied by three Ruidoso residents.

The authority is supposed to consist of one representative from the village council and two from the county commission.

Ruidoso Councilor Ron Harde- man is the village's appointee.

Last week, Commission Chairman Tom Battin and new Commissioner Dave Parks were tapped by the county commission to sit in for the county.

Parks' District 4 encompasses a small section of eastern Ruidoso, where he lives, and also includes a southeastern portion of Capitan, all of Alto Lakes subdivision, parts of Ranches of Sonterra, all of Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates and Rainmakers subdivision, an area north of U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs and several other growing subdivisions out-

side the village.

Battin's District 3 covers a major portion of Ruidoso north to Sudderth Drive and east of Mechem Drive, a small section on the west, and then extends north of the village to Eagle Creek Road.

When later in the meeting commissioners looked for someone to replace former Commissioner Maury St. John on the Joint Use Board for the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant, residence again wasn't an issue, but elected position raised the spectre of conflict.

The JUB is to consist of one

county representative, two for the Village of Ruidoso and two for the City of Ruidoso Downs. When newly-elected Commissioner Don Williams, who also is a Ruidoso village councilor, was interested, County Attorney Alan Morel said he thought Ruidoso Downs officials would declare "an absolute conflict," because Williams in his dual elected capacity would give Ruidoso an extra vote.

In a related extraterritorial zone issue, county commissioners reappointed Bob Johnson, Ralph Romero and Frank Hig-

See ETZA, page 8A

## Fugitive captured

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The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and cooperating law enforcement agencies arrested a highly sought fugitive in Ruidoso Downs Sunday.

"Thanks to the media exposure and the help from many of the citizens of Lincoln County," said Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden, "officers were able to locate and arrest Patricio Almager at approximately 10:30 p.m."

Almager was wanted for resisting and evading arrest, attempting to disarm a police officer and concealing identity.

Virden cited the combined efforts of the Ruidoso Downs Police Department, the New Mexico State Police, the Ruidoso Police Department and his department for the apprehension of Almager and two females.

Also arrested were Phyllis Gent, 49, of Ruidoso, and Sonja Luna Zamora, 31, of Ruidoso Downs. They were charged with felony counts of concealing a wanted offender and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gent bonded out but Zamora is in the Lincoln County Detention Center under a \$20,000 cash-only bond.

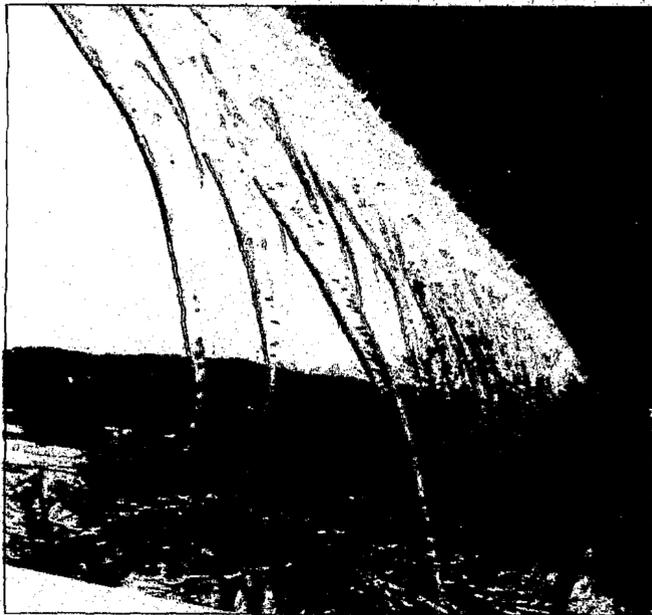
Almager was arrested on outstanding warrants from Ruidoso Downs and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. The Downs warrant stemmed from Dec. 16 charges of aggravated assault upon a peace officer, aggravated fleeing a law enforcement officer and reckless driving.

Another warrant stemmed from Almager's Dec. 29 evasion of sheriff's deputies. Charges from Sunday's arrest include evading officers and attempting to flee.

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# OLD MAN WINTER



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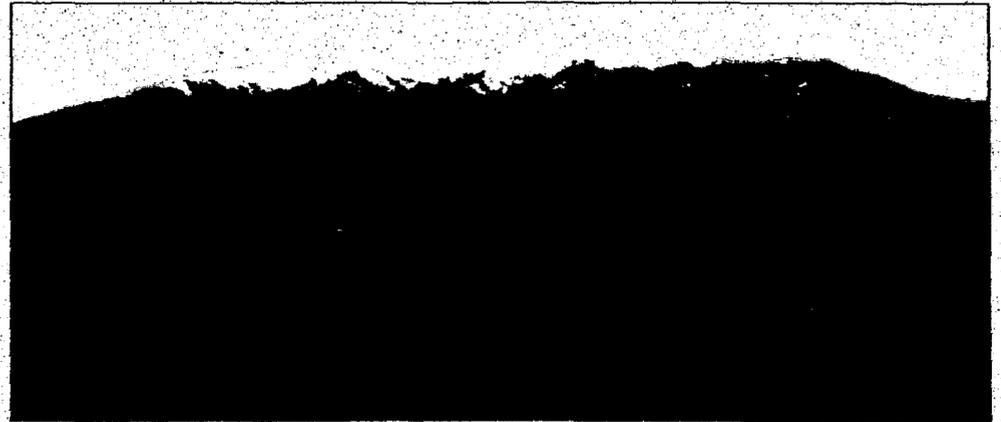
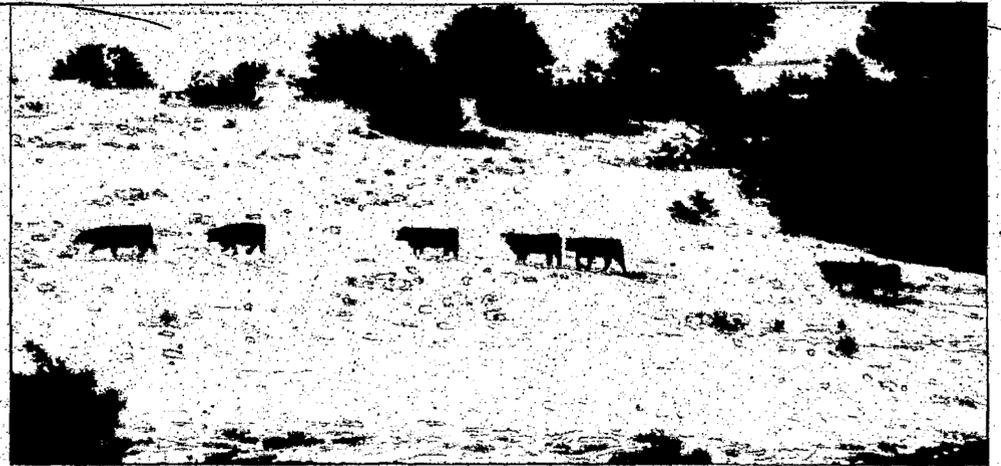
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## - Storm aftermath -

Long icy fingers, above left, drape over the eaves of a home in the Agua Fria subdivision of Ruidoso Downs (Deanna Cheney photo). Above, a sight not seen for some time - snow banked down the middle of Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso (Dianne Stallings). Below, a herd of cows presents a stark contrast to a snowy hillside on Nogal Mesa (Julie Carter). Bottom, the Carrizo Mountains north of Carrizozo show a dusting at sunset on Monday (Julie Carter).



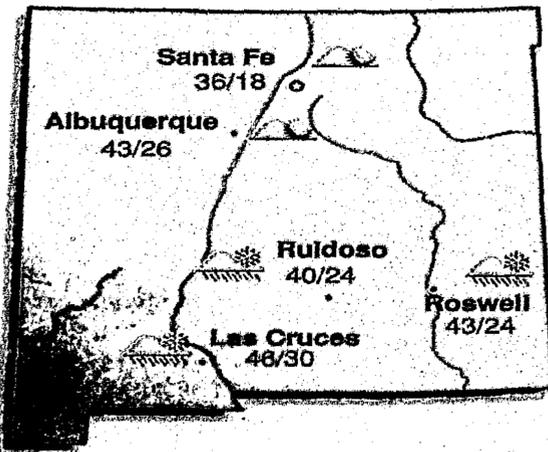
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### Local 3-Day Forecast

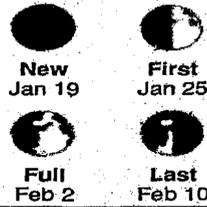
Wed 1/24	Thu 1/25	Fri 1/26
40/24	45/26	46/29
Snow showers possible. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 7:03 AM Sunset 5:26 PM	Sunrise 7:03 AM Sunset 5:27 PM	Sunrise 7:02 AM Sunset 5:28 PM

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## New Mexico At A Glance



## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Wed 1/24	4	Moderate
Thu 1/25	4	Moderate
Fri 1/26	4	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11 Extreme.

## Area Cities

City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.
Alamogordo	46	27	mixed	Grants	38	7	pt sunny	Santa Fe	36	18	pt sunny
Albuquerque	43	28	pt sunny	Guymon, OK	45	22	pt sunny	Santa Rosa	46	24	pt sunny
Carlsbad	42	25	mixed	Hobbs	48	25	rain	Silver City	38	16	sn shower
Chama	36	13	mixed	Las Cruces	48	30	mixed	Socorro	44	23	sn shower
Clovis	40	21	pt sunny	Las Vegas	40	17	pt sunny	St. Johns, AZ	41	11	pt sunny
Deming	44	28	sn shower	Lordsburg	44	25	sn shower	Taos	40	9	pt sunny
El Paso, TX	45	30	mixed	Lubbock, TX	44	20	pt sunny	Trinidad, CO	45	21	pt sunny
Espanola	40	23	sn shower	Odessa, TX	44	28	mixed	Truth or Conch	44	28	sn shower
Farmington	46	18	pt sunny	Flator	42	18	pt sunny	Tucson, AZ	57	37	pt sunny
Gallup	42	7	pt sunny	Roswell	43	24	mixed	Tucumanari	40	21	pt sunny

## National Cities

City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.
Atlanta	56	84	cloudy	Houston	49	38	rain	Phoenix	68	42	mt sunny
Boston	39	24	flurries	Los Angeles	71	47	sunny	San Francisco	63	36	sunny
Chicago	31	21	flurries	Miami	79	70	rain	Seattle	52	40	cloudy
Dallas	52	33	pt sunny	Minneapolis	30	12	sn shower	St. Louis	37	27	cloudy
Denver	48	25	sunny	New York	41	31	flurries	Washington, DC	46	32	flurries

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# Ruidoso Downs family cannot shake memory of pit bull attack

DEANNA CHENEY  
For the Ruidoso News

**RUIDOSO DOWNS** — Like many, Lisa Willard has seen the headlines in national news describing attacks by pit bulls on humans and on other animals. But unlike most, she has been personally victimized.

In October, Willard lost her much loved companion Samson to an attack by a pit bull in such a way that it still brings tears to her eyes. She said she tries to refrain from digressing by staying busy, but the work environment itself brings back memories of better days, she said; days that included the love and devotion of her two-year-old Pomeranian mix.

"When my husband brought Samson home he could be held in your hands like this," Willard begins, cupping her palms together. "He was so small and so sweet. I used to bring him to work with me and keep him in my desk drawer. I would place him inside my jacket lapel when I went out on errands. He was my baby and he was always with me."

But as Samson grew to full size, the day came when he could no longer accompany Willard to work and so began being left behind. Before leaving to work in the morning, the Willards would place Samson outside their fenced yard then bring him back in again when they returned.

"Then one day my husband Jason and our daughter Alexis came home and found Samson in the back yard dead and bloodied," Willard remembers. "He was stiff from having been killed earlier in the day and had been lying there like that all day. I'll never forget it."

Also in the Willards yard, trapped by his leash that was caught up in the chain link fence, was the pit bull from next door, Lisa Willard said.

"So, we called the authorities to lodge a complaint," fearing that if the pit bull could attack a small, docent dog, it could possibly pose a threat to the Willard's 14-year old daughter and other children in the neighborhood.

"Every time we would go outside that dog would bark and bark like crazy. It scared us," Lisa Willard recalled.

### Consequences

Eventually Willard's neighbors were notified of the incident and were cited for possession of a vicious animal in city limits. A vicious dog is a dog that bites or attacks human beings or other animals without provocation either on public or private property, or which approaches a person in an apparent attitude of attack, Ruidoso Downs Animal Control Specialist Peggy Lu Jane said.

"We don't see a whole lot of animal deaths by other animals but it does happen," Jane said of the October incident. "A lot of times it is something that could



DEANNA CHENEY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

From her office at Juvenile Justice Court, Lisa Willard remembers through pictures her beloved Pomeranian Samson, mauled to death in October by a neighbor's pit bull.

be avoided but sometimes you can do everything required and still have something like this happen."

Jane said Ruidoso Downs is plagued with dogs running-at-large or otherwise not properly restrained and/or monitored. She said she could not point a finger at the pit bull breed as being a hostile breed per se; rather, it has to do with how an individual pit is nurtured by its owner, she said, adding that strong, stable owners who can socialize pit bulls and other watch dog types to people and monitor their interactions with other dogs generally need not worry.

"A well-disciplined dog is a source of pride and enjoyment to its owner and a welcome addition to a neighborhood," Jane explained. "But, the alternative is possible legal action or actual harm to the animal."

Jane said she has seen "disreputable people take a litter and take the meanest, most tenacious pup to keep for their purposes."

"Sometimes people want them as protection dogs, to guard their property, and so they look for and encourage certain traits that often are menacing to others," she said.

In a study conducted by federal centers for disease control and prevention, it was found that from 1979 to 1998 attacks by pit bulls accounted for one-third of the fatal dog attacks that occurred in the U.S. Because of this finding, some 35 communities nationwide have or are considering banning pit bulls from their city limits.

### Hindsight

Willard said she does not

mean to disparage her neighbors, whom she said "are wonderful people." She simply wants the public to know her story and to consider the responsibility owners have towards their pets and towards fellow citizens.

"I know it is hard to keep dogs inside a yard when they mean to get out," she says. "I've had problems with my own pets getting out and running around. But, I've always had friendly dogs that were tagged and licensed, that had their shots and that didn't pose a threat to others."

Willard said it came out in court that the pit bull her

neighbors were keeping belonged not to them but to their grown daughter who lives in Ruidoso.

"She said they wouldn't let her keep it in Ruidoso so she brought it to her parents' house in Ruidoso Downs," Willard explained. "She was at court and my husband said she cried when Judge [Harrold] Mansell told her she was going to have to put the dog down or get it out of town. She said it had never hurt anyone and was very loving."

In Mansell's sentence, dated Oct. 31, 2006, the owners of the pit bull were found guilty and were ordered to remove the dog

from city limits within 45-days or have it undergo behavioral training. Failure to do otherwise would lead to a followup order to show cause and the possibility of the animal being impounded, the order indicated.

The pit bull was moved to an undisclosed location in Ruidoso Dec. 25, 10 days after the imposed removal date and following a second occasion in which it had managed to re-enter the Willards yard uninvited, Lisa Willard said.

"It was like he wanted to come back and go after Samson again, only, Samson wasn't there."

## Time to renew licenses for pets

The public is reminded that with the new year comes the time to renew license tags and vaccinations for pets residing within Ruidoso Downs city limits.

The city requires that pet owners renew licenses every 12 months from the original licensing date. New residents who purchase a pet have 10 days to secure a city license for their pets, Animal Control Specialist Peggy Lu Jane said. Licensing is required by

city ordinance as a tool by which city officials are able to identify an owner should a pet get loose and be picked up.

"As is getting your dog or cat vaccinated against rabies each year," she said. Proof of rabies vaccination is a prerequisite to securing license tags for pets.

Jane said a low-cost licensing clinic is offered in Ruidoso Downs each spring by area veterinarians and can offer "quite a savings to families

with multiple animals."

The yearly fee schedule for licensing pets is \$10 for dogs and \$5 for cats. Discounted rates are offered to senior citizens.

Failure to comply with city licensing and vaccination requirements may result in a fine of \$300.

Licenses and tags are issued at 122 Downs Dr. For more information, call City Hall at 378-4422.

-Deanna Cheney

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### OUR OPINION

## Just another 'normal' winter in the mountains

But it seems like a long time since we've seen one

Our weather here on this desert mountain is so capricious and so unpredictable. And yet, as the snow fell over the weekend, piling up in measurements of feet at the highest elevations, the storm and the winter wonderland it left behind just felt normal.

Whatever normal is. The truth is, we've been so accustomed to the drought - last winter being the second-driest on record - and so used to weird weather - two winters before, in 2004-05, it merely rained all season - that we've kind of forgotten that, yes, it tends to snow in the mountains this time of year.

And yes, that's why we are all here - retirees, part-timers, full-timers, tourists, adventurers, nature lovers and hardcore skiers. We are here for the four seasons with a mild touch.

Considering the lack of

"practice," and the false alarms sounded by earlier forecasts of heavy snow, individuals, agencies and companies responded quite well to what could have been a paralyzing event.

County road crews were poised before sunrise Friday to plow and salt main arteries. They remained on the job until continuing snowfall overtook them late Friday. They worked all day Saturday and Monday.

Government offices and school districts prudently called off their missions before travel became dangerous or impossible. And people did their part by largely sitting the storm out; no serious accidents were reported in Lincoln County.

And now, Ski Apache is entirely open, indicating that organizers were prepared.

Another "normal" winter has returned to the mountains.

## Big Bill needs star power, not political expertise

Somewhere in the midst of the college football bowl season, I bolted from my easy chair and sprang to the computer to email ESPN. For three hours a jabber mouth announcer had been blabbing incessantly about this player or that, employing the conversational crutch, "you just can't say enough about..."

"YES YOU CAN!!" was my message to ESPN. The admission comes a tad reluctantly. I suspect there is something inherently disturbed with someone who would send such an email.

What I am guessing, though, is New Mexico readers, television viewers and blogger habitués felt pretty much the same about the interminable speculation about Governor Bill Richardson running for president. They are relieved Big Bill has finally made the decision. He's in.

Trouble is, it is going to be rough going for our governor. These early months of 07 are critical to gain traction, and Richardson needs to adopt a bold strategy to count himself among the front runners. Big Bill hasn't yet caught on.

It's almost a paradox. Anytime Wolf or Paula wants an expert commentator, on North Korea, on energy, on any number of subjects, they call on the New Mexico governor. He has done some important work in Sudan.

But no one is seriously thinking, "President Richardson."

To that end, Bill has waiting in the wings a heavy-duty Washington D.C. media relations company to shape his image and ratchet up his presidential hopes. He paid the firm of Murphy Putnam \$335,000 to get re-elected governor. Heaven knows how much money they want to make him president.

What a waste. All Bill has to do, and I have tried to tell him this over and over, is retain me,

For half the price I would advise him to borrow a page from Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell. Those who dominate the airwaves with juvenile taunting are not far removed from "my daddy can beat up your daddy." All that attention. Free.

Richardson needs to pick a schoolyard fight with Barack Obama. The rising star is outshining Bill in the media and on the Web where an Internet company sold 2,500 souvenir candidate items in December. Obama accounted for nearly 70 per cent of the sales, Richardson less than one per cent.

So what does Big Bill have to lose by going on the attack?

Richardson: Look, this Obama fellow is serious about becoming president? He's been a U.S. Senator for about five minutes. Before that he was in the Illinois legislature. A state senator! I mean, the biggest challenge the guy had was trying to figure out how to fix potholes in Harvey.

Obama: Thank you for inviting me on the "View," Rosie. Yes, I heard what the fatso pseudo cowboy said about me. As you know, I am smooth as silk and a ladykiller to boot, and I am not accustomed to such gutter sniping. Therefore, I am reluctant to point out my wannabe opponent must comb that messy hair with a vacuum cleaner.

Rosie: Oh, Barack Baby, you gorgeous hunk, if only you were a girl and gay! I'd run my fingers through your hair any old time.

Richardson: Hey, slick, who are you calling fatso? I lost 30 pounds, you putz. Ask Sundance, my ever-grateful pony.

Donald and Rosie have just been trumped. From now on it is the Bill-Obama Show, 24/7.

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - wonders if the old slam, "your mother wears combat boots!" would now be a compliment.



Doug McLeod '07  
Ruidoso News

### YOUR OPINION

## Columns are life lessons for coaches, players

**Editor's note:** The following letters came in response to two columns written by Ruidoso News sports editor Mike Curran, who joined the staff Jan. 2. Look for Curran's "Curran Events" column on page 1B Fridays in the Ruidoso News.

To the editor:

I JUST WANT TO COMPLIMENT your sports editor, Mike Curran. I read his column, "It's all about respect," in Friday's paper [Jan. 12]. A lesson for more than just the sports page.

Speaking of the sports page, your paper does a very good job covering the local sports. The kids who play their hearts out and see their name in the paper, or their team's name in the paper, these kids are too busy to get into trouble. Keep your sports page and keep Mike Curran.

Dolores Stevens  
Hondo

### The boys needed that

To the editor/ Mike Curran:  
THANKS SO MUCH for the article ["Quit

when you're dead," Jan. 17], it was great. The boys and I needed that.

Thanks.

Billy Page  
Coach, Ruidoso High School

### An important truth

To the editor/Mike Curran:  
Wow, THAT WAS beautiful! ["Quit when you're dead."] Thanks for sharing your insight with us all.

You made my day and reminded me of that very important truth!

Laura Bryant  
Ruidoso Elementary Music

### Playing with heart

To the editor/Mike Curran:  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR positive comments in today's paper regarding the "never quit" attitude of our young men on the varsity basketball team.

As the principal of Ruidoso High School, I am always proud of how our team plays - I am so very pleased that a spectator recognizes that.

Obviously, a season with numerous losses is very discouraging to the players and coaches, but I see them come out onto the court ready to 'play with heart' every game.

These are young men of quality and coaches of quality. Again, thank you for your positive article about our Ruidoso Warrior team.

Shirley Crawford  
Principal, Ruidoso High School

### Motivational tool

To the editor/Mike Curran:  
GREAT ARTICLE ["Quit when you're dead"]. I truly enjoyed reading it. I may use it one day to motivate the team I coach.

Some people only see a loss. In my profession, winning seems to be the only concern. My job is to prepare my athletes for the future and to do their best even if the odds are against them.

Thanks for an awesome article.  
Joseph Sanchez,  
Head Volleyball Coach  
Tularosa High School

## Extend hunting ban beyond 150 yards

To the editor:

I READ WITH INTEREST Dianne Stallings' article of Jan. 5 ("Poor aim, inexperience by hunters cited for wounded deer"), regarding the late archery season that is currently taking place in our area.

First, let me state that I am a hunter and I enjoy the outdoor experience and rewards of hunting, including the procurement of meat for my family. However, I do not appreciate the continued hunting of our game animals within the limits of the Village of Ruidoso.

The area that I live in is within the limits of Ruidoso and is within close proximity to Lincoln National Forest. There is a forest access area at the end of a dead end street near my house. However, the streets in my neighborhood are all in the village and there are vacant lots (within village limits) on both sides of street. For the last several years, we have had to put up with road hunters in our area.

First of all, people are hunting within the limits of the Village, as they slowly drive up and down the roads trying to spot game. Second, the adjacent vacant lots are 140 feet deep and due to the slope of the land and vegetation, one would not be able to see any game animals in the forest. Third, there is a hunting regulation that states, "It is illegal to discharge a firearm or other implement capable of injuring or taking a human life or damaging property (i.e. an arrow) in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or other occupied area." To put this distance in perspective, 150 yards, or 450 feet, is one and a half times the length of a football field.

There are houses on the limits of the village that would fall within the 450-foot regulations and if someone were to spot game, chances are that they would also then commit trespass on private property.

I would like to urge the Village of Ruidoso to establish a regulation that would prohibit hunting within perhaps either a quarter of a mile or a half mile of Village limits.

I am sure that there are many other residents of Ruidoso that would also agree that this is an idea whose time has come.

Also, as an additional note regarding prior articles in the Ruidoso News regarding feeding wildlife corn, I would like to bring up the idea that a major reason there are so many deer within the Village is the availability of water. Many of the animals that I see are going either to or from water. Like the residents of Ruidoso, the deer are also in search of water when the rains and snows do not come.

Cc: Village of Ruidoso; New Mexico Game & Fish

Carolyn McNevin  
Ruidoso

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BRANCH OFFICE



A crew with the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Works trims back a tree on Griffith Street last week following a patrol of the neighborhood. Interim Public Works Supervisor Mark Lewis said the tree which "hung over the road" was showing signs of cracks on its larger limbs, posing a safety hazard to residents. The tree trimming work took less than 2 hours to complete.

DEANNA CHENEY/  
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Hondo man files water transfers

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Hondo land owner Forrest Niccum, who previously submitted applications for water rights transfers to the Village of Ruidoso, has filed two new transfers requested by the New Mexico State Engineer, one to the City of Ruidoso Downs for municipal use. Niccum is asking to temporarily change the location and purpose of 26.83 acre feet of water rights from irrigation of 8.4 acres of land by groundwater in the Hondo area to

municipal purposes for the city until October 2016.

One acre-foot of water equates to 325,800 gallons per year or the amount of water needed to cover one acre of land to a depth of one foot.

Niccum's second application asks to change the point of diversion for 208.125 acre feet per annum from the Kirkland Ditch off the Ruidoso River two miles west of Hondo used for irrigation to a point one mile west of Hondo and a Bonito River pump.

PLURAAC sends draft of land use plan to commissioners

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The first redraft of Lincoln County's land use plan was delivered last week to the county commission by members of an advisory committee charged with the revision task.

Duane Frost, chairman of the county Public Lands and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, told commissioners several changes simply were updates of names and clarifying terms, such as switching "public land" to "government land" to better reflect reality.

The remainder of the plan originally adopted by resolution more than a decade ago to establish a county voice in decisions involving state and federal land within its borders will be perused by commissioners.

They may ask for more changes or accept the plan as submitted.

PLURAAC member Cathie Eisen said members wanted to get the document to commissioners during the process of writing the county's first Comprehensive Plan being assembled by a team of consultants.

The discussion of the plan was pushed off course by Frost's reference to a letter members received from County Manager Tom Stewart denying payment of travel expenses for a November meeting, because an agenda was not posted for the meeting that month.

Frost said the committee has a standing agenda.

County Attorney Alan Morel wouldn't comment on whether that particular meeting was properly posted for public

notice, but voiced concerns about a standing agenda. Even with an agenda that doesn't change, the meeting should be posted to comply with the state Open Meetings Act, he said. Discussing anything not on the agenda is illegal, Morel added.

Frost replied that the agenda includes public input that he believes covers unexpected topics being brought up and discussed. He agreed no action could be taken.

After several minutes of debate, commissioners learned that PLURAAC's secretary was suffering from a medical problem and no one else alerted County Planner Curt Temple, who usually is contacted with agenda information to be printed and posted at the county administration office.

Temple said he didn't call looking for agenda information because he thought the committee was being reconstituted in line with a change in the number of board members approved by the commission.

Member Ken Nosker noted that PLURAAC is only an advisory committee and does not decide any issues, only recommends to the commission.

Lincoln County Commission Chairman Tom Battin inter-

rupted in an attempt to get back to business and said, "I think we understand this was a miscommunication."

Frost then thanked PLURAAC Member Tony Davis for putting the entire plan on com-

puter for better access.

"It's ready for review," he told commissioners. "The whole thing needs to go to the county Planning Commission. We have no authority to change anything."

Gavilan bypass gains support

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The idea of using Gavilan Canyon Road to funnel trucks and through traffic out of crowded Midtown and around the village of Ruidoso seems to be gathering support.

Lincoln County Commission Chairman Tom Battin last week said he's discussed the proposal with Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley. The mayor was interested in joining the county in asking the state Department of Transportation to consider taking responsibility for the road and converting it into a bypass in conjunction with a new intersection design at U.S. 70 and New Mexico 48. Identification of ownership of the land along the road must be part of the process, as well as determining what additional right of way would be needed, he said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he prepared a resolution to the DOT pushing the bypass concept with copies to state legislators for commissioners to adopt or change at their

February meeting. He sent a copy to village officials for their review for similar action, he said.

Commissioner Dave Parks said several months earlier he talked about the issue and told commissioners it's critical to do something on Gavilan.

"We had a solid parking lot from U.S. 70," when portions of Paradise Canyon and Gavilan closed in late summer because of flooding, he said. Traffic only will get worse as a new school is built on Warrior Drive across from the high school, he said.

"I'm not talking about a huge bypass," he said. "But it's critical to work out something as soon as possible."

Battin said he's encouraged by the support he hears from the community.

"We have almost gridlock in Midtown without the flooding," he said. "It would be beneficial to the (Midtown) flow of traffic."

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# EDUCATION

## School mill levy renewal on election slate

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Education is at the top of the agenda Feb. 6, when voters will go to the polls to elect members to the Ruidoso Board of Education, five members to the ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College Board, and to vote on a question to renew the school's two-mill levy.

Polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, with absentee voting available at the Lincoln County Clerk's office through Feb. 2. To register for absentee voting, contact the County Clerk at 648-2394.

According to Ruidoso Schools Superintendent Paul Wirth, the levy, currently set at \$2 per \$1,000 of net taxable property value, has been set at that rate for the past 30 years and can-

not be increased.

"The request is for this to be renewed for six years, and it's been renewed every time it's come up," Wirth said. "They've always said yes, which is a rarity in this state. We appreciate it."

If passed, the levy would raise \$750,000 locally, with a state funding formula adding an additional \$150,000.

Wirth says most of the money raised

would be used for maintenance of existing school structures, such as carpet and sidewalk replacement, heater replacement, new band uniforms, furniture and office supplies.

"Our list of needs each year grows into the millions, so we have a list of priorities to spend that money as wisely as possible," Wirth said.

In the past three years, 38 percent of the two-mill money has gone to school

supplies, while 33 percent has been used on maintenance.

Wirth was quick to point out that the money raised is not a new tax, but a renewal, and was also quick to point out how generous Ruidoso area residents have been when it comes to this mill.

"We feel that it's a great tradition of support from our community," Wirth said. "We consider the money very precious."

### CNA GRADUATION



COURTESY PHOTO

Eight students recently graduated from ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program. The graduates are Terry Antone, Michelle Gallerito, Jill Little-Youngman, Rebecca Lundquist, Marlie Morgan, Ashley Osborn, Miika Wenner, and Stephanie Torres. Upon completion of the 96-hour course, graduates acquire the academic and practical skills necessary to successfully complete the Nursing Assistant Certification Exam. "ENMU-Ruidoso students who have taken the state exam have passed with strong evaluation skills; I am very proud of my students," said Bonnie Rossiter, CNA Instructor. The CNA program is offered 8-5 p.m. Saturdays at ENMU-Ruidoso. For more information about admission to the CNA program, please call Student Services at 257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668.

## County voters to elect ENMU-R board

Village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs voters will go to the polls Feb. 6 to elect the five members of the ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College Board.

Polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center. This will be the first elected Branch Community College Board in the college's history and ENMU-Ruidoso officials want to make sure voters are informed when they cast their votes.

Candidates are running in positions 1-5 and voters will select one candidate in each of those five positions. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each particular position will be elected. Absentee voting is now open at the Lincoln County Clerk's office at 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, New Mexico. Absentee voting will be available through Feb. 2.

Upon legislative approval, in 2005, ENMU-Ruidoso became a Branch Community College of Eastern New Mexico University. A condition of branch campus status stipulated that a local board be elected, with representation from the college district service area.

Candidates and position numbers for the five member board include: Timothy J. Harkins, position 1; James D. Paxton, position 2; Tommy H. Rigsby, position 3; Michelle Y. Perry and Don E. Dutton, position 4; and F. Lynn Willard, position 5.

"We are looking forward to having our first locally elected board and working with them to expand educational opportunities throughout Lincoln County," said Dr. Michael Elrod, Provost at ENMU-R.

Currently, the college district is comprised of the Ruidoso Municipal School District. Elrod says that "our future plans include asking other Lincoln County School District residents to become part of the college district."

Residents living within the college district financially contribute to the college operations through a local mill levy property tax. Students residing within the college district pay lower tuition rates than those residing outside the boundaries of the district.

ENMU-Ruidoso is governed by both the ENMU Board of Regents and the Community College Board. This governance arrangement is accomplished through an operating agreement that is revised and approved every two years.

The Community College Board has authority over taxing and local bonding, calling board elections, and other fiscal issues relating to the campus, and also serves in an advisory capacity to the ENMU Board of Regents. The Board of Regents maintains authority over curriculum and administrative issues.

The Feb. 6 election will establish a permanent ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board. At the first regular meeting following the election, the new board members will be sworn in, followed by a draw of lots for the following terms: two for terms of two years and three for terms of four years. Thereafter, board members will be elected for terms of four years from March 1 succeeding their election.

Following the election, the board will also select from its members a chairperson and a secretary who will serve in those offices until the next regular Community College Board election.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Elrod or Beth DeFoor at 257-2120.

## Hubbard Museum nears launch of internship program

DEANNA CHENEY  
For the Ruidoso News

Another pair of hands in the development of exhibits and programs at the Hubbard Museum of the American West are soon to be realized with approval given last week by Ruidoso Downs City Councilors to hire a spring intern.

Interns are to be enrolled at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and be in good academic standing. They must also demonstrate "more than a passing interest in history," Jay Smith, museum director, said; be looking to explore their career options; demonstrate diverse written and verbal talents; and possess a strong interest in museum science.

"We also want to find someone who shows initiative and is a

go-getter," Smith added.

How interns are utilized by the museum depends on the semester and upcoming events at the Hubbard, as well as the established skills of a particular candidate.

"We don't want to pigeon-hole anyone plus we want to keep our options open at the museum," Smith explained. "Museum work is cyclical in nature so there will be opportunities for interns in exhibits, special events, educational programming and in administration, depending on the time of year and the intern."

"For this semester we are likely to have our intern help prepare exhibits."

Prospective students are to be identified by staff of ENMU-Ruidoso and the Hubbard Museum jointly and are to be paid from a special set-aside

fund established by the city, owners and operators of the museum. In all \$5,000 has been earmarked. Spring and fall interns are to work 10-12 hours per week over a 15-week period and be paid \$1,000 while the summer internship offers 20-24 hours per week over a 15-week period at a stipend of \$3,000. In addition, museum staff is developing a donor-sponsored foundation with which future internship opportunities may be underwritten and a full "learning laboratory" developed.

"Part of the purpose of the Hubbard Museum is to positively impact the community it serves," Smith told councilors Jan. 8. "By establishing an ongoing internship program the museum uses its expertise to train and provide experience for area students. It's our way of

'giving back' to the community."

Smith said ENMU-Ruidoso students who are interested in the internship program at the Hubbard Museum should look for an open call for candidates to be posted in the next couple of weeks.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Hwy. 70 West and is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Sunday. It was founded in 1992 through the efforts of R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard and transferred to the City of Ruidoso Downs in the fall of 2005.

The Smithsonian affiliate is the only museum operating in the Ruidoso Downs/Ruidoso area. For more information about the museum and its developments and offerings, log onto: [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org) or call 378-4142.

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

#### Honor Roll

Eleven students from the Ruidoso area have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at

Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Graduates of Mescalero High School earning a spot on the roll were Justina Aragon and Tristan

Peso. Ruidoso High graduates were Yvette Beetley, Jessica Gibson, Audrey Cochenour, Yesenia Gutierrez, Zia La Miner, Cristina Ontiveros, Megan Smith, Lupita Stewart and Katie Joan Lukens Williams.

#### Jujitsu class

Classes in the fundamentals

of Jujitsu are now being taught in cooperation with ENMU-Ruidoso. The class is open to men and women ages 15 and up.

No previous martial arts training is necessary, although students from other styles and backgrounds are welcome. Classes are available at the Ruidoso Athletics Club and cost

\$60 per month. The class meets two times a week.

To register for this class, call Coda Omness at the ENMU-R Community Education office at 630-8181.

#### GED classes

Free GED preparation classes for Lincoln and Otero County and Mescalero residents have begun. The classes are held Monday through Friday in Ruidoso at the Lincoln County Works Center, 707 Mechem Drive in the State National

Bank building. English as a Second Language and GED classes are also offered at other Lincoln County sites.

GED classes are continuously offered and can be entered at anytime. Adults, home school students and teenagers 16 and older who are no longer enrolled in high school are eligible for GED classes. The GED examination is offered by pre-registration monthly at ENMU-Ruidoso.

For more information, call John Hemphill at 630-8181 or toll free at 1-800-851-4712.

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DEANNA CHENEY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Buses representing the school districts of Ruidoso, Roswell, Carrizozo, Capitan and Tularosa sit idle against the backdrop of Sierra Blanca mountain and the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts as students take in a performance of *Einstein: A State Portrait*.

**Start the year right with literacy**

Nearly one in every six people in Lincoln County struggles with reading, according to the Lincoln County Literacy Council. To combat this problem, the council has trained tutors who are ready to help. The Council provides one-on-one tutoring and small group classes in reading, writing, English as a second language, family and computer literacy. Classes began Jan. 8, but students may enroll at any time simply by calling 630-8181 or attending a scheduled class.

Additionally, the council is participating in a statewide campaign initiated by the Professional Program Directors' Association and co-sponsored by the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy. The campaign, designed to increase public awareness of literacy needs and resources that are available within the community, is called "Read! Start the year right!"

During the month of January, the council wants to get the word out that almost 4,000 people in Lincoln County have a hard time reading. The Council especially wants to promote its free classes. Promotional events planned include: a community outreach at the local Wal-Mart, public service announcements on radio stations and articles in the local press.

The outreach event at Wal-Mart is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Advisory Council members, students, tutors and instructors will be there to inform the public about our free services and classes. Free educational materials, books and bookmarks will be given away.

**LCLC class schedule**

**English as a Second Language**

Presbyterian Church, Tuesday-Thursday 6-8 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday 6-8 p.m.  
 Hondo School, Monday and Thursday 5-8 p.m.  
 Capitan Public Library, Wednesday and Thursday 4-7 p.m.  
 Nob Hill Parent Center, Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Computer-Assisted Learning Lab**

Nob Hill Parent Center, Monday and Wednesday 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**State Parks offers transportation grants to 'outdoor classrooms'**

The deadline for applications is Feb. 9.

SANTA FE — New Mexico State Parks invites schools and teachers to apply for transportation grants to take school children to "outdoor classrooms" on public lands across the state.

The transportation grant program is part of the "Kids 'N Parks" program, which is funded in part by a "check-off" option on the annual New Mexico Personal Income Tax form (PIT-D) that permits taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution from their tax refund to the State Parks outdoor education program.

"Generous contributions by New Mexico taxpayers will help State Parks meet our goal of 'No Child Left Inside,'" said State Parks Director Dave Simon. "Teachers want to participate in these programs; however, the lack of bus money is a major obstacle — so, here comes the bus."

Grants may be used to transport school children to an outdoor education program at a state park, state wildlife area, a protected federal land area or on private lands.

Teachers and school administrators who wish to apply for a State Parks transportation grant can access and submit the simple application form through State Parks website at [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com) under "news flash." Grant applications are due Feb. 9.

Questions about the application and the transportation grant program should be directed to Christy Tafoya, Education and Resource Protection Program Manager, at (505) 476-3384 or [Christy.Tafoya@state.nm.us](mailto:Christy.Tafoya@state.nm.us).

The transportation grant program is part of a larger-scale effort by State Parks and the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) to increase outdoor education across the State. Studies and research show that hands-on, outdoor education experiences can increase student test scores, reduce discipline problems, build citizenry skills and resource stewardship ethics, and increase teacher job satisfaction.

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# County commissioners name appointments

# ETZA

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In appointments last week, Lincoln County commissioners:

- named Beverly Calaway, who won an election among county officials, to represent the county at the New Mexico Association of Counties, replacing former commissioner Maury St. John.
- named newly-elected Commissioner Jackie Powell as county representative to the Coalition of Arizona and New Mexico Counties with former commissioner Stirling Spencer as an alternate.

### Questions procedure

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll asked if only elected officials can serve in that capacity. County Manager Tom Stewart said he checked with the executive director of the coalition and was told while the consensus is elected officials work best, because that eliminates a middle man, it is not a requirement.

- ratified the appointment of

James Mason as county emergency services coordinator.

- named Commissioners Powell and Dave Parks to serve on the Ruidoso Downs-Lincoln County ETZ Zoning Authority, replacing former commissioner Earl Hobbs and former county commission chairman Rick Simpson.



Parks

- delayed action on appointments to the Ruidoso Downs-Lincoln County ETZ Commission because confusion exists about who is on the board in view of a recent annexation.

- will look for representatives of different labor elements of the county staff to serve on a Labor Management Relations Board that the county's labor relations consultant told County Manager Tom Stewart is needed.

- named Russell Waterhouse and Stanley Thomas to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board, and will try to obtain more information on the remaining applicants, Elaine Armstrong and M.L. Winter. Sandra Smith, Gary Stilwell and James Sanchez do not want reappointments.

- appointed Commissioner Don Williams to the Local Workforce Investment Act Advisory Board, replacing Commissioner Lovelace, who asked not to be reappointed. The meetings are scheduled throughout the southeastern portion of the state.



Powell

- appointed Commissioner Parks, who has an insurance business background, to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority Multi-Line Pool and to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority Workers Compensation. Stewart will remain the alternate on both boards.

- reappointed Jim Bassett from District 3 and Jon Crunk (formerly at-large) to District 2 on nomination by Commission Chairman Battin to the county Planning Commission. Commissioners delayed action for appointment of a new at-large member.

- appointed Jerry Longbotham, Lucy Services, Jim Clements and Wolfgang Diem to the Lincoln County Senior Citizens Olympic Committee. Bart and Mary Young did not

want to be reappointed.

- reappointed Lovelace and James Miller, and Stewart as alternate, to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District.

- named Commissioner Parks to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority as the county representative on the coalition with four municipalities.

- picked Lovelace to serve on the Chaves County Community Action Program, replacing former commissioner Hobbs.

- named Commissioner Powell to the Special Boundaries Commission replacing St. John. The board considers annexations.

- named Commissioner Williams, who has engineering experience, to the technical committee and reappointed Stewart as policy committee member to the Southeast Regional Planning Organization.

- picked Lovelace to serve on the Reclassification Advisory Committee that deals with county employee pay scale issues.

gins to the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Commission, which votes on new subdivisions, land uses and commercial developments within the zone.

Commissioners also appointed five members to the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, with each commissioner selecting a nominee ratified by the commission. Those selected do not have to live within the districts of the commissioners who chose them.

In District 1, Commissioner Eileen Lovelace appointed Duane Frost, who served on the former board. In District 2, Commissioner Williams named Wes Owen. In District 3, Battin selected Bob Johnson, who served in the state Legislature, has an agricultural-related degree, ranched and serves on the ETZ Commission. In District 4, Commissioner Parks named Ken Peoples, a fourth-generation rancher, building contractor and subdivider, who has been involved in forest thinning and rainwater catchment systems. In District 5 Commissioner Powell named former commission chairman Rick Simpson.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll raised a point of order for each, calling the actions illegal. Lovelace said Carroll's objection is tied to the new ordinance, which was to reaffirm the old with a few changes.

"The people (on PLURAAC) hadn't finished their terms, but we have three new commissioners who should be allowed to appoint," she said.

Carroll contended the "custom and culture of this commission has never been to replace PLURAAC members. "It takes the whole commission to remove (a PLURAAC member). In my opinion, you still have seven committee members. I guess that's for a court to determine."

Morel disagreed, saying the new ordinance clearly states that it supersedes the old one. "The commission requested this new ordinance be drafted with the intent to replace and reduce the entire board."

Letters of interest for appointment to PLURAAC were received from former members Ronnie Merritt, Cathie Eisen, Tony Davis, Ken Nosker and from Frost, the only one of the group reappointed.

The motion to confirm the appointments passed 4-1, with Lovelace voting against. Battin told Carroll while he appreciated the comments, he was not going to debate the issue.

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# NEST

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things we're going to need," she said.

Board members serving The Nest, and its parent corporation H.E.A.L., will meet next week to examine developments and to determine their opening day strategy.

### Opening approval

With construction work complete and at least four rooms ready to receive families, Widell said she expects the board will approve the opening of the shelter within the next 10 days.

"And that's good news as we've had a lot of people calling, watching and waiting for our opening. Lincoln County ranks high in occurrences of domestic violence," she said. "In 2003, it ranked first."

### Staff preparedness

Widell said there are a number of women staying in shelters in other towns who are anxious to transition home.

To prepare, resident assistants have been undergoing training in ways to help refugee women "meet the goals of their empowerment plans."

"The Nest is exceptionally blessed to have this kind of start up staff," Widell offered. "They each bring skills that are going to be useful. We have one staff member who does sign language and several who are survivors of domestic violence themselves so they know what it takes to get out of an abusive relationship."

"Also, our Shelter Manager, Mary Kihega, is an experienced counselor and brings a lot to The Nest."

Subjects covered in the staff training have included shelter ethics and resident confidentiality; advocacy and community awareness and response; safety procedures; communication; victim warning signs; batterer warning signs; the affects of domestic violence on children; prevention, and myths regarding domestic violence.

While staff have been steeling their minds to the task, construction crews have been busy remodeling the old Scarlett's Nest building at 512 Hwy. 70 West into a 14-bedroom facility complete with a laundry room, kitchen, craft room and administrative offices.

They also have installed a state-of-the-art security system that allows all interior and exterior spaces to be monitored at all times.

### Getting started

H.E.A.L. Inc. (Help End Abuse for Life) was formally organized in June 2005 with the establishment of a board of directors and immediately began plans for The Nest.

In addition to numerous donations by individuals, county and state governments have advanced \$500,000 for facilities. Also, the Hubbard Foundation provided \$20,000 for a security system; the Attorney General's office \$15,000 for a computer system; the Mary Kay Ash Foundation \$20,000 and the Healy Foundation of Taos \$10,000 for help with initial staffing and training costs.

Cash and in-kind donations exceeding \$100,000 in value, as well as funds raised in the Survivor Benefit, also have helped pay for furniture and fixtures.

Principal donors include: Incognito, Leadership Lincoln, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Carrizozo Women's Club, Alto Women's Golf League, the Capitán Chamber of Commerce, and the Pine Top Car Club.

For more information about The Nest, contact Widell at 378-6378 or log onto: www.healinc.org.

# County commissioners reject plan for low-income property tax relief

Other property holders would be left with bill

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A property tax relief program for low-income home owners in Lincoln County was bypassed again this year by county commissioners when they learned other property

owners would have to make up the difference.

County Manager Tom Stewart explained that in January of every other year, the commission is asked by state officials to consider approving an ordinance granting a property tax rebate for qualified home owners.

"If it was approved, the state would rebate an amount of

property tax paid to the state (as a credit) when a person files an income tax return," Stewart said. "The state tabulates it as a bill and sends it to the county for the commission to make up (the money) in other ways. It requires a revenue source to cover the expense. It could be a significant amount of money considering our population." Stewart said the only county

he knows that approved the plan is Los Alamos, but the values and income levels there are significantly different than in Lincoln County.

"The rest of the 32 counties have not," he said. "It's an opportunity to take care of low income property owners, but comes at a cost to the rest of the property owners." Commission Chairman Tom

Battin said while the board is conscious of the needs of low income residents, "I'm concerned about the impact on the county if the bill falls to us."

No one from the public spoke in favor of the program and Battin closed the public hearing. Stewart said no action was necessary, if commissioners did not want to participate in the program.

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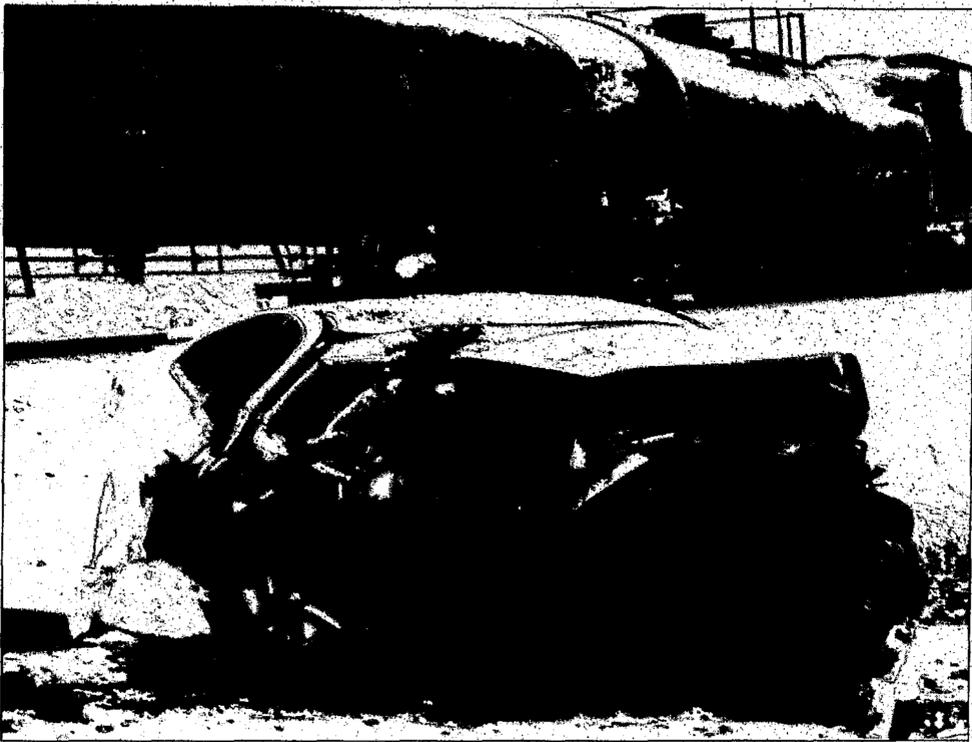
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## Man walks away from train-car wreck

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An Oklahoma man walked away from a train/car accident Saturday morning with no injuries and the presence of mind to phone in his own 911-distress call when a train collided with his automobile.

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday James Morgan, 31, was driving on E Avenue to the Carrizozo Post Office under snowy white conditions.

According to the New Mexico State Police report, investigated by officer Wes Hacker, Morgan's car wheel hung up on the rail crossing when he drove

off the edge of the road while crossing the tracks.

Unable to get his auto off the tracks, with a train approaching, Morgan jumped from the vehicle and ran from the tracks. The train hit the car, carrying it a short distance and demolishing the vehicle.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Carrizozo Police Department, the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and New Mexico State Police responded to the accident.

The rail crossing at Central and E Avenue in Carrizozo is a three-track crossing. Railroad employees say there are 27 seconds from the time the lights

start flashing until the train reaches the crossing. The busy intersection in Carrizozo warrants extreme caution by drivers as trains often are traveling at speeds up to 60 mph when coming through the town.

All rail-crossing buildings are posted with an emergency phone number to report crossing gate malfunctions. The number to report to for the Central and E Ave. crossing is 1-800-848-8715.

State police report that citations for Saturday's accident are pending. Train traffic was able to resume three hours later after rail officials made safety inspections of the train.

## STORM

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Tuesday. "Sunday, we thought we can really do it today. We came out at 4:30 a.m., everything was out. I had four blades in the Ruidoso alone, one out north on school bus routes, another in Loma Grande. We tried not to move and pile the snow too high, because if wind blows, the snow drifts in and covers the roads. By the third day, the snow had settled enough."

But more snow fell Sunday evening. "We showed up Monday and really had a mess. We were running out of salt and I was wondering, man when is it going to stop?" he said.

Hernandez said the storm cost his department about \$19,567 in equipment use, overtime and salt.

"We came back out this morning (Tuesday)," he said. "We might have 15 to 20 tons of salt left, which isn't much. It looks like a 10 percent to 20 percent chance of snow later this week. That's not too bad. I've ordered 150 tons of salt, but they are 400 loads ahead of us. I think in the morning, I will send my trucks to Carlsbad and get some salt to have just in case."

Tuesday, his crews concentrated on widening roads, especially in the Cedar Creek-Alpine Village area.

"Probably by Wednesday we should be OK, and then we can rest up for the next one," he said.

Statewide, the New Mexico Office of Emergency Management coordinated with state agencies and local governments impacted by the two storms.

"As soon as snow began to fall, New Mexico state government was already in action," said Tim Manning, Director of Homeland Security and

Emergency Management. "We worked with county emergency managers to ensure New Mexicans stayed safe and roads remained open throughout the weekend."

As early as 3:45 a.m., Friday, state Department of Transportation crews salted bridges in Carlsbad. Throughout the day, schools closed early or canceled athletic events scheduled for the weekend in Ruidoso, Artesia and Tularosa. US 70 was closed for a few hours. NMDOT crews salted and sanded highways and state roads in and around Roswell and Artesia.

Overnight Friday, U.S. 54 was closed at the Texas state line, which allowed NMDOT and State Police to use their plan for turnarounds to avoid stranding motorists. The motorists were re-routed back to Logan. The communities of Clayton, Portales, and Clovis experienced snow-packed and icy roads.

The second storm entered the western side of the state late Sunday and dropped rain, sleet and snow. A New Mexico State Police dispatcher reported no serious traffic accidents, and the same news came from the Ruidoso Police Department. Power was not interrupted during the four days of snow.

James Mason, Lincoln County Emergency Services Coordinator, said Monday, "Most people are sitting this one out. They know the roads are bad and they're hunkered down."

While people stocked up on food, water, fuelwood and videos to watch over the weekend, parents still managed to drive their children to a favorite sledding hill at School House Park.

Late Sunday, road closures occurred across the state. Crews worked through the night in Ruidoso, Capitan, Tularosa, Alamogordo, and Mescalero. Vaughn, Clovis, and

Carlsbad crews were out in force combating snow packed and icy roads with snow plows, sanding and salting the roads. A few shelters opened to accommodate motorists not able to drive to their intended destinations.

At one point Monday, Interstate 65 was closed in both directions from Socorro to Las Cruces and I-10 westbound was closed from Las Cruces to the Arizona State Line because of limited visibility and treacherous road conditions.

Although temperatures were on the rise Tuesday, and some snow was beginning to melt, drivers in Ruidoso faced an inconvenience they haven't seen in a few years as drought cut down on snowfall—a center mound of snow created as plows cleared opposing road lanes.

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# SPORTS

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## Ruidoso volleyball team shows continuing success

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Among the good high school spectator sporting events people in the area can attend, volleyball definitely has to be included. Ruidoso High School, as well as others, offer well-run and noteworthy programs which should be viewed whenever possible.

The Warriors, for example, have achieved notable success in the recent past and according to coach Steve Brown, "The upcoming season looks to be exciting, once again, and with the viable talent we have on hand we fully expect to experience another successful year."

Successful indeed! The Lady

Warriors went on to win the district championship, only the second for RHS since 1990. Even though they lost at state in the first round, the 2006 season has to be viewed as an achievement.

In addition, and just as important, 11 of the 12 members of the team were named to the academic all-district team. Receiving second all-district academic awards were, the Tomas twins, Amber and Ananda, Ashley Prelo and Queena Wilson.

Capturing first-place academic district acknowledgements were, Haley Williams and the Gardner twins, Amber and Angela, with the latter sister also winning an honorable mention all-state.

Mandy Gardner, not only acquired a

first in all-district but also corraled a first team all-state scholastic award, as well as being only one of two 3A players to be named to the New Mexico All-Star Team. Just recently, she has decided to sign a letter of intent to play volleyball at Trinidad State, Junior College on scholarship.

"We only lost two seniors, Mandy and Queena from last year's team and although they were two big players for us, I am very optimistic about our chances this year," said former Alaska resident Brown. "We have a strong, young core of girls on this year's team, including two freshmen, five sophomores, three juniors and two seniors. We were ranked in the top five last year

and managed to stay there to the close of the season. This year we hope to better that mark."

Last season the Warriors experienced some adversity when the team was unable to play or practice in the main gym because of floor damage. All competition and routines were subsequently relegated to an auxiliary gym but the necessary repairs are expected to be finished in time for this season.

The RHS volleyballers begin off-season play July 1, with regular season activities commencing, Aug. 13. In the meantime, they will continue to work at fitness, conditioning and weight training throughout the year. As always, good players are made in the off-season.

## Carrizozo teams sweep Corona on the hardwood

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Both the boys and the girls Carrizozo teams beat Corona last Thursday at home.

The first quarter saw the Grizzlies loaded for bear when they outscored the Cardinals, 19-6. Johnny Beltran dumped in 11 points and set the pace. Greg Vigil and Robert Dutchover each had four to complete the scoring in that period.

Carrizozo continued to pour the heat on in the second period as Jeremy Zamora pumped in nine points to help give the Grizzlies a 44-13 lead at the halfway mark.

In the third quarter, Carrizozo furthered their lead by 44 points and wound up winning the game, 67-25.

Four Grizzlies' players reached double digits with Beltran scoring 17, Zamora with 11 and Greg Vigil and Dutchover each had 10.

Top man for the Cardinals

was JR Shafer, chipping in 12, followed by Dylan Johnson, with six, Charlie Encinas, contributed 5 and Jared Arnold managed two points to round out their scoring.

Carrizozo played Hondo in Carrizozo on Tuesday evening and play the Mountainair Mustangs away Friday.

The Cardinals next see action in Mountainair Thursday evening.

### Girls

The Lady Cardinals showed promise in the first period when they took the early lead, 17-12. Jordan Muncy put in 5 while Tysa Davidson and Stacy Merritt helped out with four each.

The Lady Grizzlies went ahead at the halfway mark scoring 15 to Corona's 5, sending them to the lockers with a 27-22 lead.

The third quarter was Corona's downfall when they could only come up with two points and Carrizozo coasted to a 53-40 victory.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Carrizozo's Eric Korošc, left, guards Corona's Dylan Johnson during the teams' game Thursday at Carrizozo.

Two Carrizozo girls reached double digits when Kaitlyn Vega pumped in 26 and Jennifer Shafer chipped in 11.

Stacy Merritt was top gun for the Cardinals with 18 points.

The Lady Grizzlies met Hondo Tuesday evening at home

and then play Mountainair away, Friday evening. The Cardinals next compete Friday

night against Mountainair.

## Tales from the dark side: A boxer's sad story a lesson for all

I have a theory I would like to discuss with you and, let me say from the beginning, I know some of you will disagree with me but that's OK. I don't ever ask anyone else to believe as I do. I think I'm right about this one but I could be wrong and I say that because I've been wrong many times in my life.

I think each and every one of us has a darkside in our psychological being. Fortunately, for most of us, it never, or hardly ever, manifests itself overtly. We keep our secrets, secret, don't we?

Most of the time they're only short, random, dark thoughts that invade our sanity for a brief period of time before we throw them back into the cellar of our psyche where they belong.

There are others, though, who are not so fortunate. They wrestle with their demons and most of the time, or eventually, these odious spirits or whatever they are, win.

His name was Jimmy Scanlon and he was a local welterweight boxer, a pugnacious, good-time Irish boy, from the mean streets of Pittsburgh. He was born into poverty, lived his shortened life according to his own rules and he eventually wound up dead on some barroom floor in some "bucket-of-blood," godforsaken dive, in the City.

I initially met him at Baldy's Place, one of the many after-hour joints for which "Da Burgh" was noted. He had been sitting at the bar but after some time had excused himself to make a trip to the bathroom. Upon returning he found his seat taken by a well-fit, strapping, soldier in uniform, who had just come from Fort Bragg on leave.

In Pittsburgh, back in those days, people usually left cash on the bar when they went to take a spin on the dancefloor, visit the "facilities" or go yak to a friend. This accomplished two things, it told the bartender you were coming back to pay for your drinks but it also told other people that a particular stool or chair was taken.

The on-leave trooper completely disregarded Jimmy's staked-out claim, took-over the seat as his own and proceeded to enjoy his evening at Baldy's -- or so he thought.

Jimmy politely informed the interloper that the stool was his but the guy would have none of it and, naturally, one word led to another and both parties soon found themselves outside in the alley to settle the matter.

Scanlon weighed about 145 pounds, only stood five foot, six inches and was dwarfed by his adversary but that didn't bother Jimmy in the least.

The soldier attempted to throw a right-cross but only got about halfway when Jimmy hit him with a power-

house, right upper-cut to the heart. The guy never knew what hit him and it was "lights out" before he ever hit the ground. Up until then I had never seen the devastating an upper-cut can cause.

That was how I met the Irish pugilist and soon after we became friends of a sort. People usually flocked to him because of his reputation and, in point of fact, he was entertaining and sometimes fun to be around as

people of Irish descent can sometimes be.

Jimmy had potential in the welterweight ranks and in my opinion could have achieved some notable success if only he would have had proper management and the necessary self-discipline it takes to be a winner.

He loved to fight, though, whether it was in the ring or out of it. It didn't matter to him. Anyone was fair game, cops, other boxers or just some street tough, out trying to make a reputation for himself. I really believe Jimmy just didn't care whether he lived or died and to me, that explains why he never, ever, walked away from an altercation or backed down in the face of adverse odds.

I say that because, once in a while, I would watch him, study him when I didn't think he would notice. Sometimes, he would have a faraway look in his eyes, as if he were wrestling with an inner turmoil or some known, well-acquainted demon which he had competed with many times in the past.

On other occasions he betrayed his tortured soul by consistent wistful glances or frequent melancholy explanations of his life. This wasn't guesswork on my part and his subsequent early demise a few years later, unfortunately, proved me correct.

About a year or so after I met Jimmy I moved on with my life and never "bumped" into him again, although I did hear stories about him from time to time. He had served another prison "stint," was arrested on numerous occasions for fighting and what-not, had gotten heavily involved with alcohol and in the end he died ingloriously -- and alone.

Some years later I found myself more directly involved in the fight game and occasionally met fighters but for some reason, I never got to know any of them well. And I think I know why. A few of them reminded me too much of Jimmy.

When I briefly met I.B.F. World Lightweight Champion, Paul Spadafora,

"The Pittsburgh Kid," back in 2003, I purposely kept the exchange short because when I looked into his eyes I saw the personification of Jimmy Scanlon. I knew that he had been shot by a policeman in a car chase back in '94 or '95 and had some other issues as well.

Shortly thereafter, Paul was arrested for shooting his girlfriend and eventually served time for that as well as a parole violation, in addition to a failed suicide attempt. He could have had it all and, instead, threw it all away and the shame of it is, unlike Scanlon, everything was well within his grasp.

About this time, I'm sure, you're asking, why on earth I'm relating such depressing events to you? What possible moral is there to this story? There is one, you know, and it is this: Jimmy Scanlon saved my life, I think. I owe him a debt of gratitude because everything he was and all that he did was, as it finally dawned on me, not what I wanted to become. I did not want to spend one day in jail for shooting or killing someone and I wanted to have children and have them respect me. I wanted my family to speak kindly of me after I had passed on and, above all, I wanted to make some sort of contribution to society, however small it might be.

Wherever Jimmy is now, I wish him well and I hope he finally found the peace he never enjoyed in this life. I don't think he would be offended if he knew I told you his story, at least I hope not.

Some Greek guy, by the name of Menander, who lived a long time ago, around 300 B.C. I believe, once said, "Men live, not as they wish to, but rather, only as they can." And I guess, when it's all said and done, this statement best sums-up our lives.

### Weekend snow forces rescheduled events

**From Friday, Jan. 19**  
Boys Basketball  
Portales at Ruidoso, 7 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Jan. 27, Saturday at 5 p.m. for the JV and 6:30 p.m. for varsity.  
Captain at Eunice, 7:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.  
Girls Basketball  
Captain at Eunice, 6:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at p.m.

**From Saturday, Jan. 20**  
Boys Basketball  
Captain at Jal, 5:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Jan. 27, Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
Lordsburg at Mesalero, 6:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Goddard, 7 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

**Girls Basketball**  
Captain at Jal, 3:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Jan. 27, Saturday at 3:30 p.m.  
Mesalero at Lordsburg, 6:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at 6:30 p.m.  
Artes at Ruidoso, 7 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Ruidoso at Lordsburg, 7:30 p.m. - cancelled. Rescheduled for Feb. 15, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**

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Ski report culled from

www.skiapachesnowreport.com

New snow past week: 31 inches

Weather at report time: 12 degrees and mostly clear

Midway depth: 49 inches

Season total snowfall: 99 inches

Surface conditions: Powder

Skiing conditions: Excellent

Trails open:

Least Difficult: Bunny, Easy

Street, Lower Deep Freeze,

Moonshine Gulch, Lower

Moonshine, Snow Park, Bamb,

Lower SBT

More Difficult: Ambush, Chino,

Meadows, East Meadows, East

of East, Geronimo, Bone Yard, Captain

Heavy, Captain Lite, Elk Ridge, Bull

Run

Most Difficult: Wild Onion, Rover

and Top Notch, Screaming Eagle,

Chute, Dead End, Terrible,

Incredible, Upper Peebles, Lower

Peebles, Mesalero, Callente, Upper

Snow Park, Roys Run, Sunny Side,

Lincoln Lift Line, Gondola Lift Line,

Chair 7 Lift Line

Lifts open: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, Gondola

(weather permitting)

Trails groomed: Bunny, Easy Street,

SBT, Moonshine, Lower Moonshine,

Chair 7 life line, Captain Lite, Elk Ridge,

Bull Run, Cliff, Buck Horn, Chair 8 Lift

Line, Chino, Meadows, East

Meadows, East of East, Geronimo,

The Face, Wild Onion, Rover,

Screaming Eagle, Top Notch

Snowmaking past 24 hours: No

Forecast: Mostly sunny, high of 36

### Prep Results

Thursday, Jan. 18

Boys Basketball

Carrizozo 67, Corona 25

Girls Basketball

Carrizozo 53, Corona 40

### Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, Jan. 25

Boys Basketball

Hondo at Vaughn, 6:30 p.m.

Corona at Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Hondo at Vaughn, 5 p.m.

Corona at Mountainair, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26

Boys Basketball

Lovington at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

Valley Christian at Corona, 7:30

p.m.

Loving at Capitan, 7:30 p.m.

Carrizozo at Mountainair, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Valley Christian at Corona, 5:30

p.m.

Loving at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.

Carrizozo at Mountainair, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Las Vegas Robertson

tourney, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Boys Basketball

Mountainair at Hondo, 4 p.m.

Mesilla Valley at Mesalero, 5:30

p.m.

Girls Basketball

Mountainair at Hondo, 2 p.m.

Mesilla Valley at Mesalero, 3:30

p.m.

Ruidoso at Lovington, 7 p.m.

Wrestling

Ruidoso at Las Vegas Robertson

tourney, 9 a.m.

### On Deck

Free throw contest

As they have been, for the past many years, the Knights of Columbus, Local Council No. 6597, will be sponsoring their annual free-throw competition at 2 p.m. Jan. 28.

The event will be held at Ruidoso Middle School in the lower gym and is open to all boys and girls, ages 10-14.

All participants will need proof of age as well as parental permission.

Any questions concerning this competition should be addressed to Dave Tetreault, at 257-9556.

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Farm Bureau garners national awards

The New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau was recognized for "excellence" in several program areas during the 88th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The state's largest, private agricultural organization received awards in the areas of public relations, education and agricultural promotion and policy implementation.

The New Mexico Farm Bureau also helped put the American Farm Bureau over the six million-member mark by reporting 14,821 family members across the Land of Enchantment.

New Mexico Farm Bureau president, Michael White, of Dexter, said obtaining membership quota is very important to the organization at a time when, "fewer farmers and ranchers are feeding and clothing more and more of our fellow citizens."

White said the Farm Bureau also puts a lot of emphasis on communicating with the media, the public and decision makers at all levels.

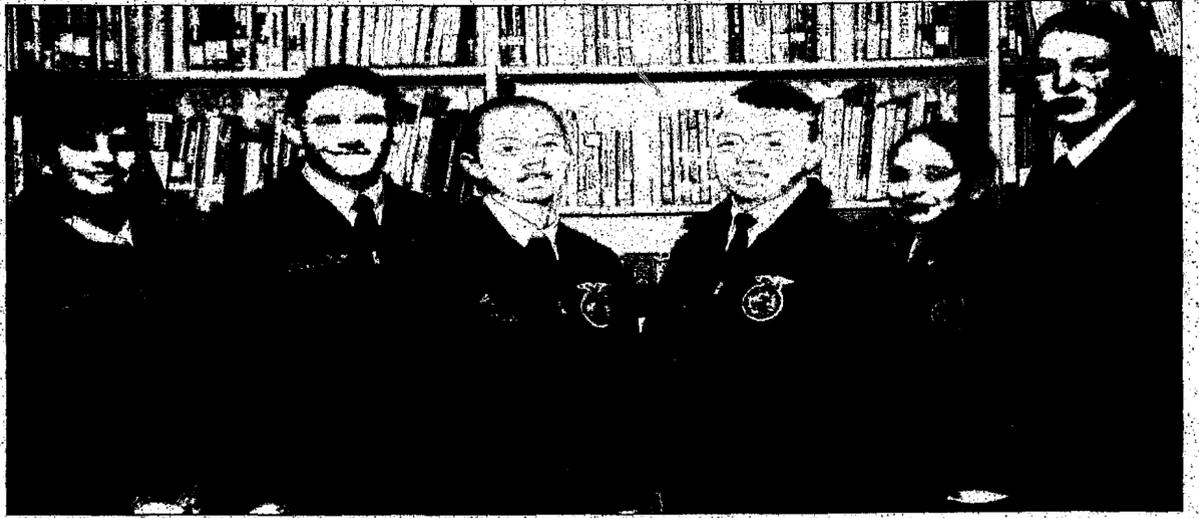
"We are very proud to be recog-

nized for our efforts to reach out to folks who are far removed from the farm," said White. "We also put a priority on our Ag In The Classroom Program, because it is vitally important to communicate with our teachers and their students in a world where agriculture may be over the back fence but may not be at the top of the mind.

White also pointed out that the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau develops organizational policy from the grassroots level and molds it into action in the New Mexico Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

"Our direction and vision comes from our members on the farms and ranches of New Mexico. Implementing organizational policy at the county, state and national levels is the lifeblood of this organization. The Farm Bureau is unique in that regard," White said.

The N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau was founded by rural agricultural families in 1917 and currently has active county Farm Bureau organizations in 30 New Mexico counties.



Julie Carter/Staff  
FFA Greenhand members in Carrizozo placed second in the district parliamentary procedure contest. L-r, Tessa Hendricks, Marshal Wilson, Alexa Borowski, Joel Ferguson, Katina Maldonado and Wade Sultemeier.

## Carrizozo FFA takes greenhands to state competition

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Members of the Carrizozo FFA Greenhand parliamentary procedure team won second place in the Jan. 4 contest held at Carrizozo Schools.

Carrizozo Greenhand parliamentary team members are Tessa Hendricks, Alexa Borowski, Marshal Wilson, Joel

Ferguson, Troy Niederstadt, Katina Maldonado and Wade Sultemeier.

The team earned the right to compete at the state contest at ENMU-Portales Jan. 15.

Carrizozo FFA has 68 members this year with Kendal Wilson, president; Kaitlyn Vega, vice-president; Erin Hightower, secretary; Kevin Gore, treasurer; Jennifer Shafer, reporter;

and Casey Barela, Sentinel.

The January district contest hosted 65 FFA members from visiting district schools. Results of the contest were:

Chapter Parli-pro: 1. Moriarty I 2. Los Lunas 3. Socorro 4. Moriarty II Greenhand: 1. Moriarty 2. Carrizozo 3. Los Lunas 4. Belen Christopher Scott is the Carrizozo FFA advisor.

## Snow-covered in Lincoln

We all woke up to snow again this Monday. Many schools and offices were closed or on a delayed schedule.

Lincoln received 6-8 inches Thursday night and Friday morning and then around 2 inches Sunday night.

So there is not much news.

The Episcopal Church of Holy Mount will have their annual meeting in Ruidoso Sunday, Jan. 28.

The La Junta Club met at the

lovely home of Marilyn Burchett last week. A delicious ham dinner with the trimmings was served.

Fundraising projects were discussed as was the upcoming Lincoln County Cultural Arts event in March. All members are encouraged to participate.

It will be at the Tinnie Fellowship at Tinnie. More information to follow later.

Take care and don't get on the roads unless really necessary. I know there are many residential roads still snow-covered.



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## HONOR ROLL

### Carrizozo Schools

#### Second Quarter

**Grade 5:** Anthony Aragon, Devon Arceche, Nicholas Chavez, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Juanita Gallegos, Joshua Hernandez, Jace Hill, Mason Huston, Dalton Hutto, Jeremiah Sedillo, Johnathan Smith, Isaac Vega, Erica Vega, Rylah Zamora, Zachary Zamora

**Grade 6:** Analicia Beltran, Andrea Beltran, Brooklyn Griffin, Eric Lueras, Arturo Najera, Tavi Nash, Victoria Ventura, Shayna Zamora

**Grade 7:** Travis Calvert, Lane Carter, Yovani Garcia, Cole Hubbard, Amilia Lueras, Don Myers, Catalena Vega, Marshall Ventura

**Grade 8:** Melissa Autrey, Joel Ferguson, Kylie Gaines, Jordan

Griffin, Jordan Hill, Chelsea LaMay, Katina Maldonado, Lacy Myers, Fernando Najera, Jenna Schartz, Lauren Smith, Wade Sultemeier, Marshal Wilson, Stephanie Zamora

**Grade 9:** Alexa Borowski, Alison Comstock, Tessa Hendricks, Tanner Huston, Lena Reyes, Arron Vallejos, Mariah Vallejos, Kinsey Vega, Ashley Ventura, Cody Ventura, Lacy Walker

**Grade 10:** Alyshia Culley, Jennifer Shafer, Sonny Vega, Marcelino Verdugo

**Grade 11:** Casey Barela, Stacia Calvert, Erin Hightower, Autumn Kratochvil, Robert Morales, Greg Vigil, Kendal Wilson

**Grade 12:** Kimberly Corley, Jace LeBlanc, Angela Lueras, Kayla McClung, Antonio Medrano, Kaitlyn Vega

## Former Carrizozo graduate wins Texas amateur boxing match

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A 1992 graduate of Carrizozo High School has won his first amateur boxing match at a sold-out event in Lubbock, Texas.

Raphael J. Chavez, a Clovis Boxing Club member, won the Jan. 18 black-tie fundraiser that was sponsored by the Lubbock Country Club.

All proceeds from the event went to the Boy Scouts of America and the Golden Gloves boxing organizations.

Other participating boxing teams

were from Oklahoma City and Lubbock.

Chavez's fight was one of 10 matches.

Chavez, at 6 foot 1 inch tall, fought Josh Ortiz, a 8 foot 4 inch heavyweight from Lubbock.

Despite the size difference, Chavez was able to box his way to a unanimous decision highlighted by two knockdowns in the second round resulting in standing eight counts.

Chavez said he would like to dedicate his win in the Open 178-200 pound weight division to his father,

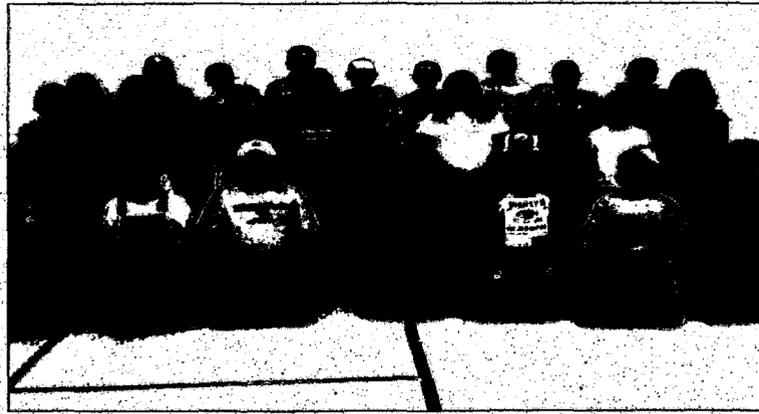
Natividad J. Chavez, who, at one time, had a boxing club at Carrizozo Schools.

As a boxing coach, the elder Chavez trained many Carrizozo students, as well as his own children, in the sport and "art" of boxing, which, he said, taught them about discipline, hard work, sportsmanship and perseverance.

Both Chavez and his wife, Melissa are employed at Clovis Schools in the field of occupational therapy. They have two sons, Jaden and Xander.

Chavez is the son of Nat and Polly Chavez of Carrizozo.

## CARRIZOZO ¡BRAVO!



### ¡BRAVO! for December

**Top photo, grades K-2**  
Front row: I-r, Julian Garcia, Jared Guevara, Dominic Barela, Austin Dennis, Aurora Vega, Isaiah Ysasi, John Wyatt Hemphill, Andrea Apodaca  
Middle row: Tristen Barela, Cody Carter, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora, Steven Archuleta, Nikko Chavez, Orion Wyatt, Savannah Sanchez, Daniel Zamora, Patrick Hooten  
Back row: Kaycie Bishop, Haley Autrey, Deline Arceche, Gracie Hooten, Dominic Garcia, Mikhail Barela, Janae Willingham, Kristie Gallacher, Lashae Lueras, Taylor Thornton, Garrison Ventura, Danny Roper, Alex Randolph

**Grades 3-5**  
Front row: Rylah Zamora, Cirsten Barola, Dalton Vega, Nicholas Chavez, Devon Arceche, Jace Hill, Fantasia Dennis  
Middle row: Shayna Gallacher, Lexi Zamora, Dillon Najera, Lindsay Chavez, Jeremiah Sedillo, Micah Hamilton, Jaclynn Ortiz, Kadee Sedillo, Desirae Zamora, Juanita Gallegos  
Back row: Dominique Zamora, Josh Ventura, Zachary Zamora, Isaac Vega, Anthony Aragon

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# Water Trust Fund appropriation bill gets OK from committee

WALTER RUBEL  
Santa Fe Bureau Chief

SANTA FE — The House Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Monday unanimously approved a bill by Rep. Andy Nuñez, D-Hatch, to appropriate \$60 million to the Water Trust Fund.

The fund was enacted in 1991, and was supposed to have a \$100 million appropriation at that time, Nuñez said. That money was vetoed, and was not restored until last year when the Legislature approved \$40 million. Nuñez said \$60 million this year would bring the fund back to its original intent — though the governor's budget only calls for \$25 million, and the Finance Committee budget calls for \$50 million.

Voters approved a constitutional amendment in November to ingrain the water fund in the Constitution. That will prevent the corpus of the fund from ever being spent, Nuñez said. He said

if the fund was increased to \$100 million, it would bring in \$8 million a year in interest that could be used for water projects throughout the state.

The other advantage of the fund is that it will give the state a secure revenue source from which to obtain bonding for major projects.

"We can get out there and sell

bonds and get all of those big projects out of the way instead of coming back to the Legislature every year and trying to get new money," said Nuñez, who is the new chairman of the Agriculture and Water Resources Committee.

That would include projects associated with Indian water rights settlements, he said.

Money from the fund would be distributed by the Legislature each year and can be used for projects involving water storage, conveyance or delivery; the implementation of federal Endangered Species Act legislation; restoration of watersheds; flood prevention; conservation, recycling or reuse and adjudication.

The Energy and Natural Resources Committee also endorsed a bill Monday sponsored by Rep. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque that would appropriate \$650,000 each year for aquifer mapping.

"The state engineer is just moving way too slowly, in my estimation, on water adjudication. And, this aquifer mapping

will help out on a lot of that and kind of resolve some of those questions," Nuñez said.

Both bills will now move to the House Appropriations and Finance Committee before they will be heard on the floor.

The bills are HB55 and HB41, and can be found on the Internet at [legis.state.nm.us](http://legis.state.nm.us)

## Bill package designed to aid veterans

WALTER RUBEL  
Santa Fe Bureau Chief

SANTA FE — As a Vietnam veteran, Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Las Cruces, is all too familiar with the serious problems associated with post-traumatic stress disorder.

The freshman legislator has introduced four bills designed to assist the military and their families, including one that would appropriate \$500,000 for a pilot program to provide primary care and treatment for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Cote said he expects the soldiers coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan to face even greater problems than his Vietnam comrades did.

"I've had many friends in my life, Vietnam veterans, that have really been troubled," Cote said. "And what I hear about Iraqi veterans, more so than us, is just the bombs, the detonating devices that are put along highways. Just the anxiety they deal with.

"If you can imagine being threatened and being in a situation every single day where you don't know whether you're going to be the victim of an explosive device. That has to take its toll with our veterans."

He said the problems associated with post-traumatic stress disorder can arise immediately, or not surface until months or even years after the veteran has returned home. He said those who suffer from the disorder don't always get the help they need from the federal Veterans Administration, which is struggling to cope with a new era of war veterans.

Veterans Services Secretary John Garcia said we already know that those who served in Vietnam had the highest suicide rate, highest unemployment rates and highest divorce rate — much of it attributable to post-traumatic stress disorder.

He said they want to learn from that and provide services to those coming home from Iraq that were not available to Vietnam-era veterans. He said that at least 13,000 New Mexicans who have returned home from Iraq are seeking treatment.

"It's not just the veterans that are impacted by it. The wife and the children are," Garcia said. "And, the last thing that I want to see is veterans falling through the cracks and ending up homeless or committing suicide or having mental issues because we didn't address this."

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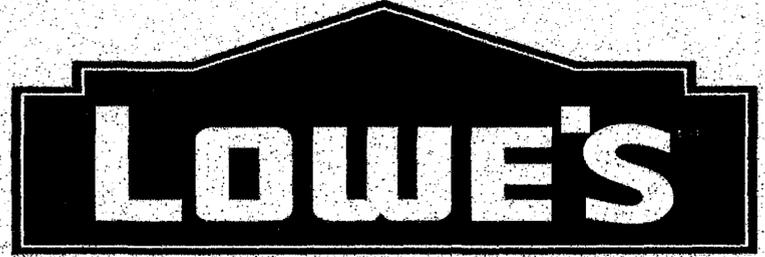
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# NMSU Science Center tracks potential for wind energy generation

CLOVIS - Spend a day in eastern New Mexico, and you'll see - and feel - the energy of the wind. From flag-flapping breezes and lonely windmills spinning in the wind to the massive, white wind turbines mounted atop more and more mesas, wind seems to be a constant here.

This proven, cost-effective and environmentally friendly source of power is well-known, but how can a site's wind resource be measured when it comes to determining suitability for development of a wind energy facility?

"Regional wind maps, which provide guidelines to an area's general suitability, indicate that large portions of eastern New

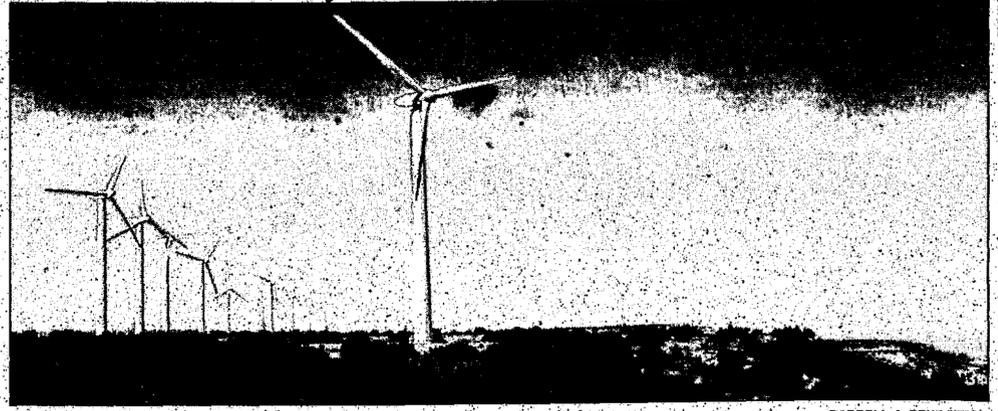
Mexico are favorable for wind energy generation," said Rex E. Kirksey, superintendent of New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Centers at Clovis and Tucumcari. "Mean annual wind speed for these areas, at 150 feet above ground level, is estimated at 17 to 18 mph, which is very favorable for commercial wind energy production."

New Mexico, in the past three years, has experienced significant development of its wind energy resource, and in 2006 ranked fifth in the nation in wind generation capacity with 497 megawatts. All of the state's existing utility-scale wind farms, including the nation's fourth

largest, are located in eastern New Mexico.

Of the commercial-scale wind turbines in New Mexico, four turbines, with a combined capacity of 2.64 megawatts, are located in Curry County, near Tule. Other larger projects include: New Mexico Wind Energy Center, near House, with 136 turbines and a capacity of 204 megawatts; Caprock Wind Ranch, near San Jon, with 80 turbines and a capacity of 80 megawatts; and San Juan Mesa, near Elida, with 120 turbines and a generation capacity of 120 megawatts. The Argonne Mesa project in Guadalupe County, with 90 turbines and a generation capacity of 90 megawatts, went online at the end of 2006 and is selling power to an Arizona electric utility.

One megawatt of electrical energy is roughly equivalent to the amount of energy utilized by 250 to 300 traditional homes. That means New Mexico's wind generation capacity is sufficient to provide the electrical needs of about 125,000 homes, or about one of every six New Mexico households. But, said Kirksey,



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The 80-turbine Caprock Wind Ranch near San Jon, N.M., generates 80 megawatts of electricity.

the wind in New Mexico isn't constant, even though it may seem that way at times. Wind farms in eastern New Mexico generally operate in the 30- to 40-percent capacity range.

"Even though there has already been a significant investment in the development of wind energy in New Mexico, there are opportunities for additional development," Kirksey said.

To further investigate the feasibility of wind development on the plains of east-central New Mexico, the NMSU Agricultural Science Center at Clovis has initiated a Wind Monitoring Project to evaluate the potential for wind energy generation at its location, 13 miles north of Clovis. The center erected a 50-meter meteorological (MET) tower in November 2006 and has begun collecting site-specific wind data. Staff members at the Clovis center are collaborating with personnel from the Institute for Energy and the Environment (IEE) and College of Engineering at NMSU on data monitoring and processing functions, and additional analyses related to the potential for commercial wind energy production in east-central New Mexico.

"New Mexico is proud to be

one of the national leaders for wind energy development because of our excellent wind resource and national electrical transmission grid access," said Robert Foster, IEE program manager. "The NMSU Clovis Ag Science Center and surrounding area have an excellent wind resource that can be commercialized and dovetailed with existing agricultural practices. This

can provide a significant revenue stream for local farmers who deploy turbines on their land."

Monthly summary reports from the Wind Monitoring Project can be obtained by contacting the NMSU Agricultural Science Center at Clovis at (505) 985-2292 or from the center's Web site at <http://cloviscc.nmsu.edu>.

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## Barbara Joy Barnes

Ruidoso, NM has lost a great friend. Barbara Joy Barnes passed away Wednesday, January 17th at her home, ending a long battle with breast cancer. She met her illness with insurmountable courage and bravery, challenging it head-on with pure life. It is this spirit which will echo through these mountains. To those who knew her, she was a caring teacher, a patron of the arts, an enduring friend, and an encouraging voice to all who sought.

Born in Tyler, Texas on November 27, 1932, Barbara spent her early years in West Texas and Alamogordo, moving to El Paso in 1947. She attended Ysleta High School and graduated from Texas Western College, now UTEP, in 1952 with a degree in English and Journalism.

When she began her teaching career with the El Paso school system, in 1964, she moved her family to Ruidoso, where she taught school at Ruidoso High School. As an art lover, she owned and operated the Gallery III, a local art gallery for many years. In 1988, her love of teaching drew her back into the Ruidoso school system, where she was a substitute teacher until 2004.

A much loved wife, mother and grandmother, Barbara is survived by her husband of 35 years, Richard Barnes; daughter, Kathryn Reese and husband Richard, of Albuquerque; son, Alan Campbell and wife Gail, of Ruidoso; grandchildren, W. T. McRae, Ryan Reese, Shane Barnett, Crystal Barnett; great-grandchildren, Skylar and Payton Barnett; son-in-law, W. Thomas McRae; and many great friends. She was preceded in death by her daughter Karen McRae, her infant son Keith Campbell, and her parents Perry and Jackie Crawford of El Paso, TX.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, January 25th at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The New Mexico Cancer Center Foundation, 4901 Lang Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

### POOP SCOOP

BY KIM DONER  
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Part 2 of Selecting the Right Pet  
You have decided that it is time to add a pet to the family and your children are excited and want to run right out to the shelter to adopt their new best friend. Before you get in the car, now is the time to go over some ground rules with the kids and your spouse. Being prepared for the new pet before they come into your home is a big advantage for both you and the pet.

Talk with the kids about the fact that all animals need space and may not always want or welcome human attention. Times that need to be designated "pet" times should be when the pet is eating, playing alone with toys or resting. If the pet is to have a crate, or bed, a place to call their own, then it should be understood that the pet is not to be disturbed when they are in this spot. Children are quick to understand the need for down time when they put themselves in the pet's position and try to see and feel the world from the pet's perspective. When they are over tired and want to sleep, they get grumpy if they are bothered, if they are busy playing with a favorite toy, they get upset if they are forced to share or give the toy up. If they are eating their favorite dessert and someone takes it away from them or teases them, they will not be happy about it.

Cats' can sometimes send mixed signals and children should know what to look for. Cats can become over stimulated by too much petting, this leads to the confusing behavior of a cat sitting on your lap purring, and then seemingly without warning biting your hand. Actually the cat had been sending signals but if you are new to cat friendship you may have not recognized them. Cats welcome lap time and petting, but when they become over stimulated they find it hard to just get up and leave, however watch for the following signals: usually the cat's tail will begin to "wag" or start to move back and forth or up and down with a definite aggressive movement. This is the time to stop petting! If you continue you will definitely be hissed and growled at and you may be bitten, all because you didn't "get the message".

Innocent behavior on the part of an uninformed child can be interpreted as aggression from a pet's point of view, staring, cornering the animal, hugging or constricting over or laying on a pet, restraining the pet, or approaching from behind may threaten a pet and cause it to defend itself. These are all part of "pet language" that children should be taught.

Some dogs often get excited and can be dangerous when over stimulated by children running and screaming. These are prey behaviors and noises and many dogs will want to give chase. Some dogs have a lower tolerance for this than others, but if your pet is a herding or hunting breed, be aware that these instincts can be triggered by your children's behavior. Certain games such as tug-of-war can also bring out over excited or dominant behavior in dogs, and children should not play these games with their canine companions. This game and physical rough housing puts people on the same level with the dog and dominance often becomes an issue. Dogs contained in yards, or tied out, or in a car or pick up truck may try to protect their territory if approached. Teach your child not to approach dogs in these circumstances.

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## Legislative notebook

WALTER RUBEL  
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SANTA FE - Democratic Sens. John Grubestic of Santa Fe and Gerald Ortiz y Pino of Albuquerque will introduce a resolution today calling for the impeachment of President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney.

The resolution requests that the New Mexico congressional delegation institute proper proceedings to investigate and impeach the nation's two top office holders.

Bush and Cheney "warrant impeachment and trial and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States," the resolution states.

It lists several charges against Bush and Cheney, including that they "conspired with others to defraud the United States of America by intentionally misleading Congress and the public regarding the threat from Iraq."

Last year, the state Democratic Party voted to call for Bush's impeachment as part of its campaign platform.

### Tsosie steps down

Former Sen. Leonard Tsosie, D-Crownpoint, gave up his seat representing District 22 so that he can continue to serve on the Navajo Nation Council.

Tsosie won election to the council last year, and had hoped to serve in both bodies. But, that was not allowed by Navajo law.

Gov. Bill Richardson called on the county commissions in Tsosie's district to each recommend a possible successor by Friday.

### Bishops take stand

The New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops will hold a press conference today to officially announce its support for a bill introduced by Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, to ban cockfighting.

Also Monday, Sen. Phil Griego, D-San Jose, issued a press release assuring supporters of the ban that they would get a fair hearing in the Conservation Committee, which he was named this year to chair. Griego has opposed the ban in the past.

"I have voted my conscience consistently on this issue," he said. "The only thing that has changed since those votes were cast is that the governor has finally taken a position on this issue. But if I were to change my position simply based on the governor having weighed in, I would be a poor legislator."

### Aggies honored

New Mexico State University men's basketball coach Reggie Theus was honored by the Legislature on Monday following the Aggies' 80-73 victory over then-15th ranked Nevada on Saturday. "Their prominence now is felt nationwide," said Senate Minority Leader Michael Sanchez, D-Belen. "He's done a tremendous job for us. We're really proud of him."

Athletic Director McKinley Boston and Assistant Vice President Brian Faison were also honored at the Legislature Monday.

### Session funded

Gov. Bill Richardson has signed House Bill 1, the so-called feed bill, which will fund the current 60-day legislative session, as well as the year-round activities of the Legislature.

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**FUNERALS DEATHS**

**Johnathan Lopez**

A funeral mass for Johnathan Lopez, 20, of Ruidoso will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 26, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Alamogordo.

Johnathan was born Aug. 28, 1986 in Lajara, Colo. He had lived in Ruidoso for the past two years moving from Alamogordo.

He is survived by two brothers, Michael Gallegos and Christopher Gallegos and an aunt, Joann Lopez.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

**Rufino Sanchez**

Rufino Sanchez, born Nov.

21, 1934 in Ruidoso, passed away, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007.

Rufino graduated from Ruidoso High School and went on to receive his B.A. from Western New Mexico University, and then received his M.A. from New Mexico Highlands University.

He retired from the New Mexico school systems after a long standing career as an administrator for several schools.

Rufino is survived by his two sons, Lawrence, his wife Carolyn and their children Keith and Jacklynn of Los Lunas; and Jamie, his wife Jennifer and their children James, Taylor and Mathew of Denver, Colo.

The Sanchez family would

like to extend their deepest gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ward and family and 1 as Mr. and Mrs. Ermilo Montoya and family for their friendship, support, and assistance.

Services were held at Sangre De Cristo Catholic Church in Los Lunas Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007. His body was cremated and the interment will take place at the Veterans' cemetery in Santa Fe at a later date.

**Dale Hudson**

Funeral services for Dale Hudson, 69, of Roswell, were held Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with Harley Parnell officiating. Hudson passed away Jan. 17, 2007, at his

home surrounded by the love of his family.

Born Dec. 9, 1937 to T.C. "Dock" and Lola Hudson, in Portales, he married Beth Atkins Dec. 22, 1988 in Las Cruces. She survives him in the family home.

Hudson was a member of the Aldersgate Methodist Church, the Valley Swingers Square Dance Club and the Blue Bells Square Dance Club. He was a certified pilot, who enjoyed flying his plane, calling square dances, fishing, hunting and watching his grandchildren in their sports.

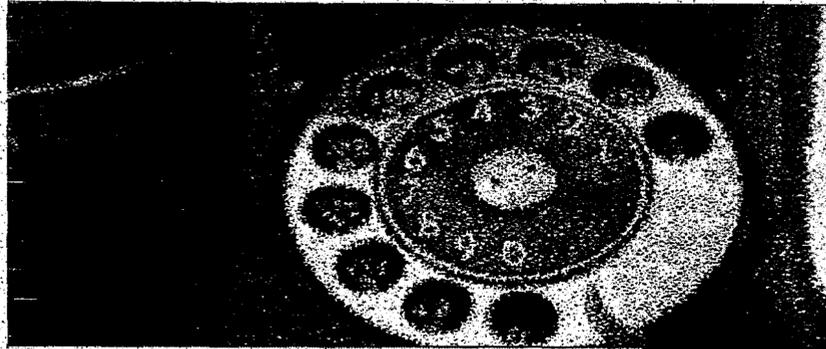
In addition to his wife, Hudson is survived by his children, Robbie Higgins (Jim) of Roswell; Lisa Garthwaite (Donnie), of Artesia; step-child-

dren, David Turner of Roswell, Matt Turner (Laura) of Katy, Texas; Chris Turner (Pam) of Hobbs; and Jason Turner of Novato, Calif. He is also survived by a brother, Bill Hudson of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Doris Mayberry (Wayne) of Elephant Butte; numerous grandchildren, special friend

and mother of his children, Jodell Davis; special friend, Horice Freeman of Hagerman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Also serving premium local wines and beers, the Horsemen's Grill is equally popular for its submarine sandwiches and freshly smoked meats, and the menu includes customer favorites like chicken fried steaks and country fried chicken. An inviting patio beckons guests in the summer, who also enjoy the wonderful ice cream parlor featuring shakes and banana splits.

Owner Linda Howard says guests are always impressed with the jewelry and artwork featured in the antiques shop that is a part of the historic 5,000 square-foot building. They also have a small adobe cabin hidden away at the back of the building that is available for nightly rental for skiers and hunters. For lodging reservations, call 505-354-1447.

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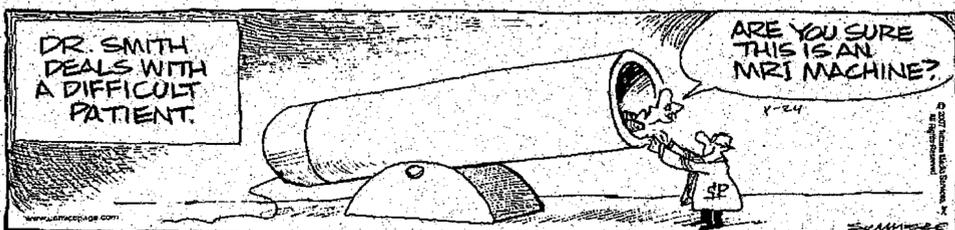
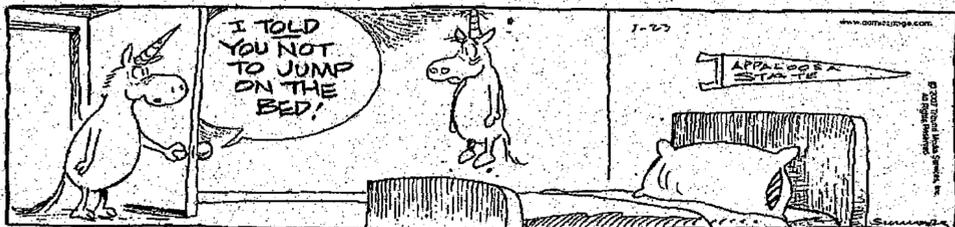
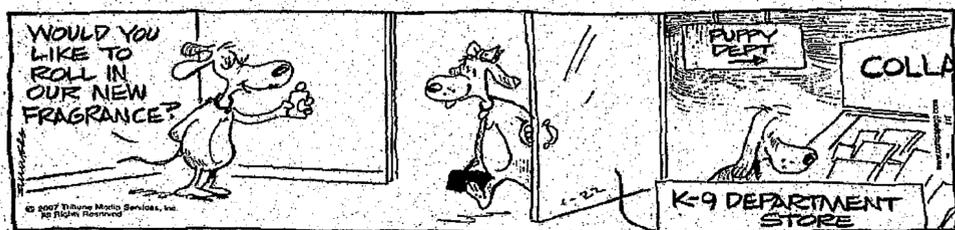
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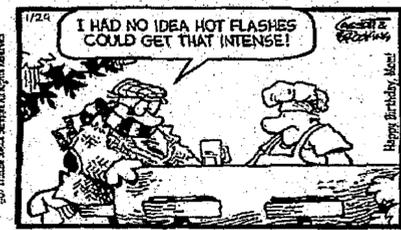
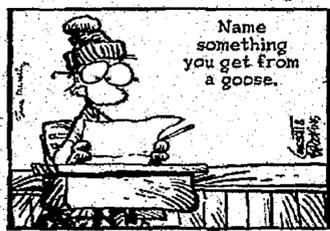
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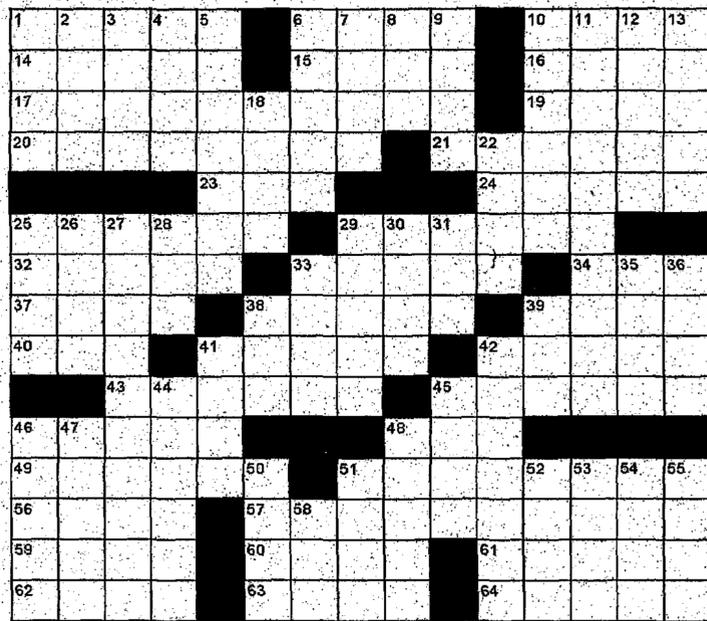
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57. 'Maggie May' singer
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60. Leaves dumbfounded
61. Shire of Rocky movies
62. Boots one
63. Declare untrue
64. Aerosmith's Steven, or daughter Liv

Gun Collection

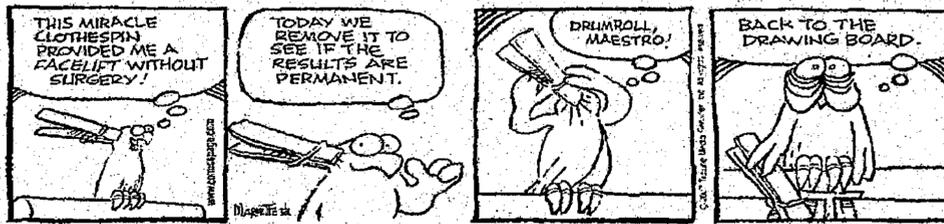


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- 1. Club in a Manilow song
2. Icy precipitation
3. Hawaiian strings
4. Edward G.'s gangster
5. Eyes, styly
6. Exact copy
7. London lavatories.
8. Mph-eaten
9. Fight for air
10. Tried hard
11. Engine attachment
12. Gas in vacuum tubes
13. Mel Ott, notably
18. Ancient France
22. Landlord's due
25. Baseball card figure
26. Apply macadam to
27. Hardware dealer, to a Brit
28. Man the oars
29. Copier need
30. Meter or yard
31. Compete in a 10K
33. Editor's strikeout
35. Help in mischief
36. Rolling stone's lack
38. Cyber-guffaw
39. Cruces, N.M.
41. 'In that case ...'
42. Former senator Dirksen
44. Our feathered friends
45. Basis of a lawsuit
46. Skier's milieu
47. Mosaic maker
48. Young girl
50. Mortarboard wearer
51. Yemeni port
52. Ori the road
53. Match the last raise
54. Toledo's lake
55. Headliner
58. Be in the red

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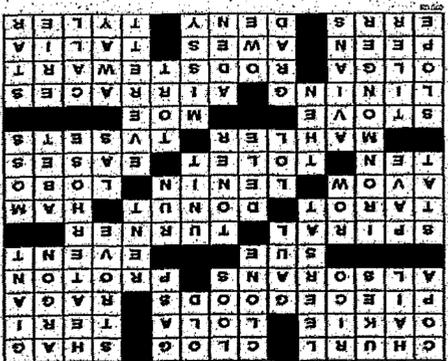
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SCRABBLE word game grid with racks 1-4 and letter tiles.

PAR SCORE 150-160 BEST SCORE 209 FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus.

For more information on books, clubs, tournaments and the school program go to www.scrabble-gssoc.com or call the National SCRABBLE Association (831) 477-0033.



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

JUMBLE word game with four rows of letters: OMENG, KRIPE, YATAPH, OLDONE.

Ans: O O O O HIS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argillon



When the coach was blunt, he couldn't...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

SCRABBLE BRAND GRAMS SOLUTION grid with rack numbers and letter tiles.

SUDOKU puzzle grid with instructions and solution.

Jumbles: GNOME PIKER APATHY NOODLE Answer: When the coach was blunt, he couldn't... MAKE HIS 'POINT'

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

#7528 IT (12)19,24

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

On the 6th day of February 2007, there will be held in the Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3, in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico (the "District"), a regular school district election (the "Election") for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District candidates for election to membership on the Board of Education for Ruidoso School District and Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Also included a public school capital improvements tax question.

The Voting Districts for the above positions on the Board and the Precinct Board members for the Election shall be as follows:

Election Precincts  
4, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
10, 11, 12A, 12C,  
14, 15 & 16

Polling Place  
Ruidoso Convention  
Center  
111 Sierra Blanca Dr.  
Ruidoso, New Mexico

Precinct Board Member  
Presiding Judge:  
Judy H. Shaw

Election Judge:  
Peggy L. Burton

Election Judge:  
Kathleen Callender

Election Clerk:  
Daryl Snyder

Election Clerk:  
Renate Flores

Election Clerk:  
Helen Burnett

Election Clerk:  
Faye Randolph

The polls for the Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by NMSA 1978, Sections 1-6-1 et seq; provided, however, that pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 1-22-19, qualified electors may

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also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and day of business from 8:00 a.m. on January 12, 2007, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2007, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

The candidates for membership on the Board of Education are as follows:

Ruidoso Board Member Positions

Position 1  
(four year term)  
Bobby D. Austin  
Susan Marie Lutterman

Position 2  
(four year term)  
Franklin D. Sawyer  
Shane D. Holder

Position 3  
(four year term)  
Rhonda K. Vincent

ENMUL Ruidoso Board Member Positions Candidates

Position 1  
Timothy James Harkins

Position 2  
James D. Paxton

Position 3  
Tommy H. Rigby

Position 4  
Michelle Yvette Parry  
Don Edward Dutton

Position 5  
F. Lynn Willard

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3, Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District: extending, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings; purchasing or improving school grounds; maintenance of public school buildings or public school grounds, including payments to other contractors for maintenance support services and expenditures for personnel, but excluding salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing, leasing, or providing active or inactive vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

This notice is published in my capacity as Principal and acting officer for the Election.

**LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK**

Tammie J. Maddox

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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The candidates for members of the Junta de Educacion son los siguientes:

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Los Distritos Electorales y los Miembros del Consejo de la Eleccion son los siguientes:

Recintos de Eleccion  
4, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
10, 11, 12A, 12C,  
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Ruidoso Convention  
Center  
111 Sierra Blanca Dr.  
Ruidoso, New Mexico

Miembro Del Consejo del Recinto

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