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County peers into the future

ZONING IS AMONG ISSUES DISCUSSED AT MEETING TO HELP FORGE THE COUNTY'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

■ Large turnout attends Monday's meeting in Ruidoso

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Clashing philosophies emerged Monday as residents of Lincoln County tried to explain to a consultant putting together the county's first Comprehensive Plan exactly what they like about the area, what they want to preserve and how they want to grow.

On one hand during the two-hour information-seeking meeting Monday in Ruidoso packed with about 50 people, one man advocated a moratorium on development while another pushed for incentives for building energy efficient homes and still another asked for amenities to keep young people from leaving the county for better jobs and



A large crowd listens and provides input to consultant Barbara Herrington, standing in rear.

leisure-time entertainment. An owner of an upscale home on Airport Road complained that after building an expensive house knowing the county has no zoning, she now sees undesirable and incompatible uses and structures going in around her.

As each spoke about what they want to see reflected in the county's CP, consultant Barbara Herrington, owner of Sites Southwest, coaxed out more details and reasons, as her associate Sarah Batista wrote down what she heard on big sheets for the audience to see.

County Planner Curt Temple said he was pleased with the turnout, about double what he expected. Another meeting was planned for Tuesday in Carrizozo.

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Water model on tap

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An opportunity to use a grant and an unbiased third party to develop a water model and an analysis program that could help public officials in future growth decisions will be discussed at a

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Enjoying the view from Peebles at the top of Ski Apache are skiers, L-R, J. R. Kahn, Sheri Castruccio, Molly Boyd and Forrest Boyd, all of Alto. Skiers and other snow enthusiasts should have more to celebrate with this week's wet weather.

January was wetter than usual, with more precip likely

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Snow flurries fluttered through town off and on Tuesday, promising another good week of precipitation for Ruidoso with two days of rain or snow in the forecast.

An above-freezing temperature of 38 degrees kept roads clear during the day.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's New Mexico Agricultural Statistics based in Las Cruces, Ruidoso received .54 of an inch of moisture the week of January 22-28 and 2.39 of an inch from Jan. 1 through Jan. 28, exceeding the norm for January of 1.12 inches.

Officials in the town of Carrizozo, the Lincoln County seat, reported .33 of an inch last week and .66 of an inch for the

month, slightly ahead of the average of .60 of an inch of moisture for the month.

Meteorologists with the National Weather Service in Albuquerque forecast a high of 38 degrees Wednesday with a 40 percent chance of snow, and a high of 36 degrees Thursday with a 30 percent chance of snow, then clearing to cloudy conditions Friday and Saturday with temperatures in the high 30s.

School board candidates see challenges

WOMEN ON TUESDAY WILL DECIDE SCHOOL BOARDS THROUGHOUT LINCOLN COUNTY • BY TODD FUQUA/EDUCATION REPORTER

Women will go to the polls Tuesday to decide the makeup of school boards throughout Lincoln County, with three boards to be decided in Ruidoso.

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years, said she feels the administration has made great progress following the dismissal of former Superintendent Charles Harrison and appointment of Paul Wirth to the position.

"We've already taken some good steps, and are now taking different steps to make our schools safe," Lutterman said. "Our goal is children first. It's not that we always come up with solutions, but our solutions have been made."

type of attitude is best for the district," she continued. "It's best for the kids and for the parents of these kids."

Lutterman said hiring Wirth — who had been the Ruidoso High School principal before being named the superintendent — has been a positive influence. She also pointed to the policies implemented by Wirth, saying "the district is doing better."

"I want to know what will be a good solution for the district," she said.

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dent involving a child left unattended with a troubled youth and the subsequent dismissal of Harrison.

"We're not always perfect, but we don't stick our heads in the sand," Lutterman said of the district's situation. "When there are challenges, we meet them head-on."

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Tax break

New Mexico taxpayers will get an extra two days to file and pay their 2006 state income taxes, according to a spokesman for the state Department of Taxation and Revenue.

The Internal Revenue Service announced the new April 17, 2007, deadline for federal income tax returns to be filed, and TRD administrators quickly changed the New Mexico deadline to mirror the federal action.

"Changing the state tax filing deadline with the IRS deadline is a common sense action," said Jan Goodwin, Secretary of Taxation and Revenue. "We welcome the good news that New Mexico taxpayers filing taxes will now have until April 17 to do so."

The new deadline this year applies to 2006 federal income

tax returns, whether filed electronically or on paper. The traditional April 15 date falls on a Sunday. TRD officials encourage taxpayers to start early on their taxes to make sure they have plenty of time to accurately prepare their returns. Electronic filing for state income taxes is fast, free and secure, state officials say. The process is available at <https://efile.state.nm.us>. Taxpayers who use E-Filing have until April 30, to file and pay state income taxes.

Contact the Department of Taxation and Revenue for further assistance.

Free tax service

Tax season is almost here. The folks from AARP TaxAide are proud to begin their 18th year of providing free tax service at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

AARP TaxAide services mid-to-low-income families with special attention to those over 50.

Free tax preparation for Federal and New Mexico State returns will be provided at the Ruidoso Senior Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday afternoons beginning Feb. 1 and ending April 14.

In addition, free tax service will be provided at the Mescalero Tribal offices on the first Wednesday of the month during the tax season from 1-4 p.m.

Valentine's dance

The congregation of First Christian Church will stage an annual Valentine Dance from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Feb. 9, at the Cree Meadows Country Club with music performed by The Graham Brothers.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with music for dancing from 7 - 11 p.m.

Tickets for \$25 per person are available at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. For more information, call 258-4250.

Alpine Village meeting

Members of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 8 a.m., Feb. 12, in the District's building at 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

The regular monthly meeting will cover regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

In addition, the agenda may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, the 40-Year Plan and the Bylaws and Regulations.

Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

All residents of the District

are welcome to attend. Monthly meetings normally are scheduled the first Monday of the month, except for this February, when it will be the second Monday.

Ski Camp

Ski Apache announces the First Annual Ski Apache Junior Winter Ski Camp to be held every Sunday from Feb. 4th - March 11, with the exception of Sunday, Feb. 18.

"We are excited about bringing an outdoor winter camp program to youth, from eight to 14 years of age, in the great mountain area of Mescalero," said Ross Anderson, Ski Apache marketing manager.

This camp program will include team-building activities, outdoor exploring, survival skills, hiking, Native American cultural activities and stories as well as snow sports like snow golf and broom hockey.

The program will include special guest speakers such as

Mescalero Apache Storytellers and Forest Service Officials.

The cost for the camp is \$25 per day; \$10 per day for tribal members and affiliates. The fee covers equipment rental, a sack lunch, one Junior Winter Camp beanie, one Junior Winter Camp logo jacket and a one-day lift ticket.

There will be transportation from the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino or from the bottom of Ski Run Road for an additional \$5 charge. Prior reservations must be made with Ross Anderson at 505-464-3600.

A registration and informational meeting for parents will take place on Friday, February 2nd at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino Conference Center at 6 pm. There will be a list of activities, an outline schedule and enrollment forms available.

For more information, call Ross Anderson at 505-464-3600 or Jenny Cooper at 505-464-3642.

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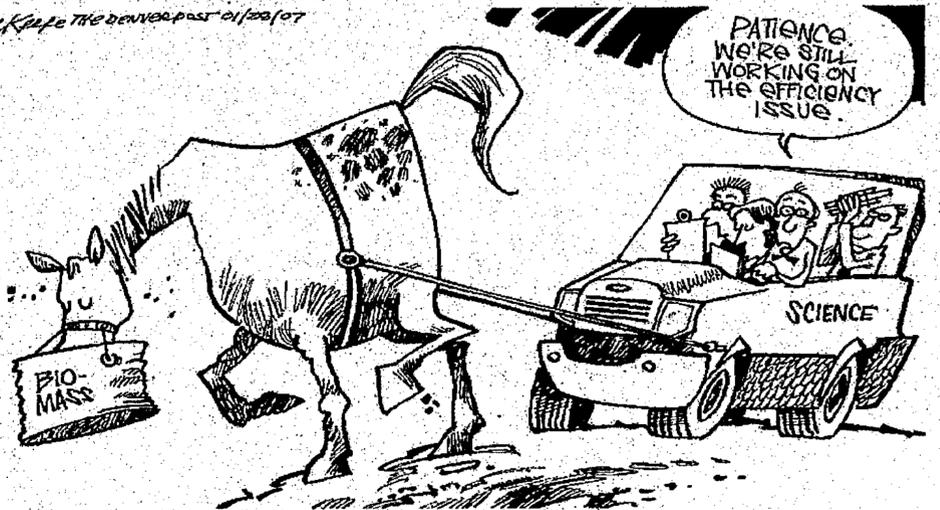
Rural Development State Director Ryan Gleason announced today that Rural Development will present a series of workshops designed to teach individuals and businesses located in rural communities how to access financing for renewable energy projects.

"Although most people don't realize it, rural America is playing a vital role in moving our nation away from the dependence on foreign oil as our primary source of energy," Gleason said.

"We have seen increased production and development of alternative power sources such as ethanol, biofuels and wind energy in rural communities, farms and ranches across the nation."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Develop-

Mike Keefe The Denver Post 01/28/07



ment offers financing for eligible renewable energy and energy efficiency projects with both grants and guaranteed loans through its 9006 program.

This program funds grants and loan guarantees to eligible rural small businesses, farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to assist in purchasing renewable energy sys-

tems and making energy efficiency improvements.

Under the 9006 program, USDA Rural Development will guarantee a loan of up to \$10 million. For renewable energy systems, the minimum grant request is \$2,500 and the maximum is \$500,000.

For energy efficiency improvements, the minimum grant request is \$1,500 and the maximum is \$250,000. However, no more than 25 percent of an eligible project's costs can be in the form of a grant.

Renewable energy systems include biofuels, wind, solar, geothermal and hydrogen-based projects using commercially proven technology.

Energy efficiency projects include improvements to a facility, building or process that reduce energy consumption such as upgrading electric motors in equipment, more energy efficient lighting, insulation, and upgrading electrical or heating systems.

More information on the 9006 program can be found at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill>.

USDA Rural Development will host workshops in February and March to provide producers and rural businesses with information on what is available and how to make an application for assistance. Rural areas include any area other than cities or towns of greater than 50,000 population and the immediate and adjacent urbanized areas of the cities or towns.

Eligible small businesses include sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations and cooperatives that meet the Small Business Administration's small business size standards.

Projects under \$200,000 are eligible for a streamlined submission process.

Dates for the workshops will be announced. Call 505-761-4953 for registration.

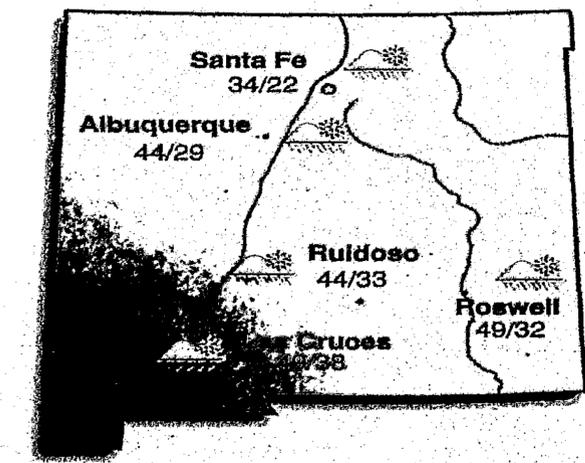
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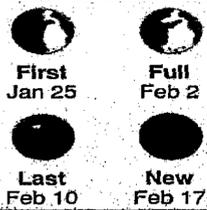
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44/33	42/30	44/29
Snow showers possible. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	Snow showers. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	A few snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise 6:59 AM Sunset 5:32 PM	Sunrise 6:58 AM Sunset 5:33 PM	Sunrise 6:58 AM Sunset 5:34 PM

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New Mexico At A Glance



Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 1/31	4	Moderate
Thu 2/1	4	Moderate
Fri 2/2	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 = No protection needed.

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	49	35	mixed	Grants	42	17	sn shower	Santa Fe	34	22	sn shower
Albuquerque	44	29	sn shower	Guymon, OK	39	23	sn shower	Santa Rosa	48	30	mixed
Carlsbad	49	35	mixed	Hobbs	49	35	mixed	Silver City	42	25	sn shower
Chama	30	13	sn shower	Las Cruces	49	38	mixed	Socorro	44	30	sn shower
Clovis	46	28	mixed	Las Vegas	40	21	sn shower	St. Johns, AZ	44	30	sn shower
Deming	49	35	mixed	Lordsburg	49	35	mixed	Taos	36	12	sn shower
El Paso, TX	49	38	mixed	Lubbock, TX	48	31	mixed	Trinidad, CO	36	19	sn shower
Espanola	44	33	mixed	Odessa, TX	49	39	mixed	Truth or Conseq.	49	32	mixed
Farmington	41	17	sn shower	Platon	36	15	sn shower	Tucson, AZ	54	43	rain
Gallup	43	20	sn shower	Roswell	49	32	mixed	Tucuman	44	26	sn shower

National Cities

Atlanta	46	29	sunny	Houston	50	48	rain	Phoenix	59	46	rain
Boston	30	20	pt sunny	Los Angeles	64	45	rain	San Francisco	58	35	pt sunny
Chicago	23	20	cloudy	Miami	74	63	pt sunny	Seattle	48	37	sunny
Dallas	42	39	rain	Minneapolis	20	9	sn shower	St. Louis	33	27	pt sunny
Denver	60	19	sn shower	New York	34	25	mst sunny	Washington, DC	36	28	sunny

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Grant money for management plan flows to Ruidoso, Hondo and Bonito rivers

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Environmental Protection Agency officials awarded \$100,000 to the New Mexico Environment Department for watershed management in the Canadian, Pecos and Rio Grande basins, U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici has announced.

County are part of the greater Pecos Basin. Funds were administered under the Clean Water Act, which requires states to report water conditions to the EPA every two years. Specifically, NMED will use the grant money to extract information on water quality, as well as for planning, management and improvement of its reporting capabilities.

"New Mexico's location and climate mean that water is always one of its biggest issues," the New Mexico Republican said. "I am glad that the Clean Water Act demands that New Mexico study our water supply, and I hope that these funds will be put to good use."

Domenici is a long-time member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for funding all EPA programs. Earlier this month he reintroduced two bills related to water management in New Mexico. The New Mexico Water Planning Assistance Act would give the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer federal help to carry out its work to assess New Mexico's water resources and plan for future use. The New Mexico Aquifer Assessment Act instructs the

U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with the state of New Mexico, to undertake a groundwater resources study that should shed light on what

the nature and extent of water resources are in New Mexico. Both bills are cosponsored by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM).

Space heater suspected as cause in Glencoe fire

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The Glencoe home of Luis Polaco burned to ground over the weekend, a spokesman for the Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department reported.

The single family home was fully engulfed by flames when volunteer fire fighters arrived from the Glencoe-Palo Verde Department about 1 a.m. Sunday, said Chief Nick Herrera.

A space heater is suspected as the source of fire, according to a state fire marshal investigation.

The home was unoccupied at the time.

Also responding were fire fighters from the Hondo and Bonito volunteer fire departments.

Members of the Gateway Disaster Relief Team helped keep up the energy of fire fighters at the scene with coffee and snacks, said Team Coordinator Arthur Hoopes.

Some wolves removed from the Endangered Species List

Members of the National Wildlife Federation greeted the final rule removing Great Lakes wolves from the Endangered Species List with a sense of accomplishment, but they remain opposed to a proposal to do the same with the Northern Rockies gray wolves.

"The wolf's return in the Great Lakes region is one of the most remarkable turnarounds in the annals of wildlife conservation," said Peggy Struhsacker, manager of NWF's Wolf Recovery Team.

"The Endangered Species Act charted the path for the successful recovery of the gray wolf in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin. The Act also made possible the recovery of the gray wolf in the Northern

Rockies. But the vitality of wolves in this region is not yet ensured in the absence of continued federal protection, because some states have not put adequate safeguards in place for their continued protection. Therefore, delisting the wolf across the board in this region is premature."

Just a few decades ago, the 200 or so surviving wolves in the lower 48 states faced extinction, she said.

"The ESA protected the small remaining population of gray wolves in northern Minnesota in 1974, and from that population, wolves have recovered naturally throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, meeting the recovery goals

under the ESA," Struhsacker said. "The Endangered Species Act has achieved another major success with the recovery of this population of gray wolves. All of the recovery goals for gray wolves in the Great Lake States have been met or exceeded."

"The Fish and Wildlife Service deserves praise for its years of effort, often under great political pressure, to nurture wolves back to health in the Upper Midwest. The success of wolf recovery has come about by USF&WS working cooperatively with the state wildlife departments in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan."

The state management plans will ensure the long-term

survival of the gray wolf for future generations to enjoy."

With this success, members now can bring new attention and resources to expansion of wolf recovery efforts in suitable habitat in the Northeast and across the West, she said.

"NWF sees this final rule as a true example of the Endangered Species Act potential and urges the Service to expand efforts on both the federal and state levels to see wolves on the ground in other regions of suitable habitat," she said.

"This rule does not affect gray wolves in the West (Northern Rocky Mountains), in the Southwest or anywhere outside the Western Great Lakes region."

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Construction of Youth Warehouse Underway

"Take these deeds and put them in an earthenware jar in order that they may last a long time... Houses and fields and vineyards can again be brought into the land." Jeremiah 32:14-15.

A long-awaited community dream began to come true recently when the Community United Methodist Church commenced construction on its "Youth Warehouse," a 6,200 square-foot facility that will provide evening, weekend, and after-school opportunities for community youth in the sixth grade and above. The Warehouse will be open later this year.



Members of the Youth Warehouse Team gather with David Wiberg, president of City Bank, as Barney Rue waits on his equipment to start the demolition of dilapidated houses on the site. Pictured above receiving a \$25,000 grant secured for the church by City Bank as part of its loan package are, from left to right: George Rizzo, Cathy Thurman, Paula Allen, Dana Lenzo, David Wiberg, Dick Wisner, Don Preston, Dick Franzel, and Keith Thomas.

The \$700,000 facility will be built and run by the Community United Methodist Church for the benefit of any and all youth in the community regardless of religious affiliation, and it will be done without the benefit of tax dollars. The facility will be paid for by a fund-raising drive which has already amassed \$471,000 in pledges and gifts. The balance will be funded with a mortgage from City Bank, which has eagerly stepped in as financial partner. City Bank was also able to secure a \$25,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank for the church to help with the project. The Small Business Development Center assisted the church, also, with its financing proposal.

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OUR OPINION

**The voters' homework:
school board elections**

Tuesday's vote is more important than glamorous

It's not the most glamorous election. And goodness knows, we've had a lot of special and general elections lately. But for the future of our generations, this one is merely the most important.

Voters on Tuesday have the opportunity to select school boards across Lincoln County, including the board for ENMU-Ruidoso. Besides Ruidoso, candidates will be vying for positions in Corona, Capitan, Carrizozo and Hondo.

Like many public positions, being a school board member is kind of a thankless job; the satisfaction must come from within, knowing one did his or her best to ensure the best and safest education for the community's children.

Boards navigate the turbulent waters stirred by parents,

coaches, administrators and, oh, yes, the students for whom all this is about.

There is the general community to consider. Our schools do not exist in a vacuum and sometimes have a brush with elected officials, lawyers and public safety officers. They draw their resources from the taxpayers. And the federal government imposes its own set of mandates, but not without bureaucratic hurdles that add layers of complexity, paperwork and stress upon those operating in the trenches.

Yes, there are more glamorous, more financially rewarding professions, but few with the impact of education. Down in the trenches, candidates hope to make a difference. Voters can, too.

**An embarrassment of riches:
politicians do dumb things**

What's the use of getting rid of cockfighting if we are going to keep Demo Senators Gerald Ortiz y Pino of Albuquerque and John Grubestic of Santa Fe? Why trade one embarrassment for another?

After that, we have to figure out what to do with Congressman Steve Pearce.

I personally know neither Ortiz y Pino nor Grubestic, but can I be excused for suspecting a case of aggressive grandstanding? These two fellows have been hanging around the New Mexico legislature for a couple of years now, laboring, one must assume, in relative obscurity. They seem to be craving attention.

Why else would they introduce an official resolution calling on Congress to commence impeachment proceedings against President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney? Hey, guys, we don't send neighbors to Santa Fe so they can stomp their feet like two-year-olds to get national political attention. Why do we send you? Think fair wages. Think New Mexico kids without health insurance.

This columnist is not a fan of Bush or Cheney. They have both said too many things too many times that turned out to be false. If George Bush calls and says prepare for a sunny day, I'm running for my umbrella.

Nonetheless, the country elected Bush as our Commander in Chief. So if the president of the United States wants to stake his presidency and his legacy on a gamble that more troops will restore stability to Iraq, then we need to give him six more months to prove his point. Maybe he is right.

Congressman Pearce gave us a black eye with a comment so provocative it landed on *Newsweek's* quote page.

The New Mexico Republican was bemoaning a bill passed by the House to strip drivers of \$14 billion in tax breaks and

subsidies. The money saved would go toward alternative energy research.

Pearce bellies up to the buffet with lots of oil folks and he didn't like the bill one bit. So here is what he said: "The San Francisco Democrats want to run the cars on the road with wind."

That foolishness will get him lots of attaboys and back slaps on the Rotary Club circuit in his conservative district, but general disdain in a country where just about everybody

concedes conservation and energy diversification are keys to the future.

Here's the deal, congressman. Millions in America, and thousands in your own district, have no relationship with the oil industry except at the gas pump. We don't get their campaign contributions, we don't bank their money, we don't sell them expensive houses, fancy cars or exotic toys.

Granted, the oil industry is a cornerstone of the New Mexico economy and we appreciate that. But pardon us if we spend just a few moments wondering why folks who sock away obscene profits can't go ahead and finance their own drilling.

Congressman Pearce is a smart guy. He should know better than to embrace "San Francisco Democrats," a term coined by conservative talk show hosts to paint as Godless, pot smoking hippies anyone who doesn't follow the right wing line.

Can you think of another New Mexico embarrassment? Reps Ortiz y Pino and Grubestic, and Congressman Pearce might well suggest a certain newspaper column. Were they more fair, they might consider spreading some of that \$14 billion in tax subsidies among struggling journalists.

Just a thought.

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YOUR OPINION

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To the editor:

THIS EXCERPT FROM Friday's *Ruidoso News* [Jan. 26] speaks volumes to me about why the village finds itself short of funds for hiring and paying full-time employees.

"...the data delivered by Ruth Ann Eledge of the Waters Consulting Group based in Dallas, Texas, shouted a clear message - employees, especially in fire and police departments, should receive higher pay."

Duh! We needed to hire a consulting firm to come to that conclusion? Ben Mason's recent insightful Guest

Commentary in this paper hit the nail squarely on the head. His thoughtful and thorough assessment of the millions of dollars squandered on the North Fork watershed points out once more how "consultants" have been the prime beneficiaries, at great expense to the citizen-taxpayers.

It doesn't take a genius to understand that money spent on yet another "consultant study" is money that could just as easily have been spent on full-time employees capable of doing the same studies. Then once the studies are completed, there's no one responsible for, or

capable of, acting on the findings!

In fact, what's wrong with asking for residents to volunteer to help out whenever such studies are required? We have a large population of retirees with experience in many different fields, who mostly have home computers with internet access.

Why not form committees of volunteers to do the data gathering, thereby saving the village the thousands - sometimes millions - of dollars in "consultant fees"?

J. L. Schuller
Ruidoso

Please send items, information about New Mexico

To the editor:

I AM IN THE 5TH GRADE at Ripon Christian Elementary School in Ripon, Calif.

I have adopted your state as a class project. I will be doing a report and making a display about New Mexico.

Toward the end of April or beginning of May my class will be having a "State Fair." I will display and show everything

that I have gotten and learned about your great state to my whole school.

It would be helpful to me if you could ask your readers to send me postcards of your state, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, industry, neat places to visit, statistics, sports teams and any other information and items your readers feel would be helpful.

I hope your readers will help me with

my project. I'm looking forward to hearing from them and promise to send a thank-you to them for helping me. I am excited to learn about your state.

Please send to: Mrs. Terpstra's Class, Ripon Christian School, 217 N. Maple Ave., Ripon, CA 95366.

Thank you from California.
Victoria Atercio
Ripon, Calif.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Our own Super Bowls: the joy of the journey

JULIAN WELLS
Ruidoso

The quest to play in the 2007 Super Bowl is about to come to an end. Great players will make it to their Super Bowl while many great players will not.

The quest to play in the Super Bowl is every professional football player's dream. Have you ever stopped to think about all the great players throughout the history of the game that never got to play in a Super Bowl? How so many played their hearts out in their quest of the ultimate goal?

I don't know about you, but I can identify with those great players by reflecting on the Super Bowl quests in my life that I never reached.

Obviously, most of us were never destined to make it to a football Super Bowl, but all of us have strived for our ultimate goals in life.

To many of us, our Super Bowl would

be to have the ultimate job, to others to live in the ultimate subdivision, to drive the ultimate car, live in the ultimate city, etc. But the bottom line is that many of us will fail to make it to those kinds of Super Bowls.

The quest to reach a Super Bowl can be found or reflected in our more ancient times. We learn from the Bible that Moses' first Super Bowl was to lead his people to the promised land.

But in spite of all the great things he had done, he was denied this quest for disobeying God. Most people, certainly those of the Christian faith, know this story. God told Moses to speak to the rock and water would flow from it for his people.

But instead, Moses struck the rock. An act caused by his anger at the people resulted in his disobeying God, which cost him his greatest desire.

Moses' fate kind of brings it down to our level. What about us when we fail to reach our ultimate goals? What about

us when we fail or get disappointed or bent out of shape, when we respond inappropriately? We don't deal with rocks like Moses did, but we do deal with disobedience in the same manner Moses dealt with his.

Our lives today are filled with enormous challenges trying to reach our Super Bowls we think we have to reach. Yet in trying to reach them we miss the joy of the things we already have.

We are just starting a new year. My hope is for all of us to set goals that count.

The great psychologist Abraham Maslow saw us in pursuit of our human goals and needs according to a definite hierarchy, a ladder of many rungs: the lower rungs for the fundamental drives for food, shelter, etc.; the middle and higher rungs for the more precisely human set of needs, the "higher order" being the needs of dignity, belongingness and love.

Keep up your pursuit of your Super Bowls. The journey alone is a great reward, but winning or losing is not what counts in the end. It's what you do about it that makes the difference in your life.



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The *Ruidoso News* encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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Committee votes to abolish death penalty

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SANTA FE — Three relatives of murder victims provided legislators with vastly different perspectives on the death penalty Tuesday.

Two loved ones of murder victims urged the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee to support a bill to abolish the death penalty in New Mexico. The third relative argued that execution was the only "equal and just" penalty for the crime of murder.

The committee voted 4-3, along party lines, to endorse the bill. It would replace the death penalty with a "true life sentence" without the possibility of parole. A similar bill in 2005 passed 38-31 in the House, but died in the Senate.

While the death penalty is typically an emotional issue each year there is a 60-day session, it has been seldom used in New Mexico.

There has been just one execution since the death penalty was reinstated in the mid-1970s — Terry Clark, who was put to death in 2001.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Gail Chasey, D-Albuquerque, argued that the death penalty did not deter crime, is more expensive than a life sentence and that statistics show it is more likely to be applied in cases where the defendant is a minority and the victim is Anglo.

"If I thought it would prevent one murder, I might rethink my position. But the data shows it doesn't," Chasey said.

Andrea Vigil, whose husband was murdered seven years ago, and Marie Ellis, whose son was murdered, both were seated next to Chasey in supporting the bill.

"Another killing by the state doesn't help. It won't bring my Carlos back," Vigil said.

Nearly 20 people spoke out against the death penalty, including religious leaders, the state's chief public defender and advocates for the poor.

The Rev. Holly Beaumont of the New Mexico Council of Churches said the courts were fallible, and there have been examples of people convicted in death-penalty cases who were later exonerated by DNA evi-

dence. "We are flawed human beings, and that in itself should humble us to repeal the death penalty," she said.

Donald Gallegos, president of the state's district attorneys association, and Bernalillo County Sheriff Darren White both opposed the bill. White said the murder last year of Deputy James McGrane demonstrates the need for the death penalty.

"We need to hold people accountable, especially people who kill police officers," White said.

Patti March, whose son Gary was murdered in a case not involving the death penalty, said the risk of letting murderers back on the street was greater than the risk of executing an innocent person.

The bill next goes to the Judiciary Committee before it will be heard on the House floor.

The bill is HB190, and can be found on the Internet at legis.state.nm.us

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House Republicans introduce ethics reform bill

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SANTA FE — House Republicans have introduced a pair of ethics-reform bills that they said would end a culture of "pay for play" in New Mexico and give residents greater information as to how the state raises and spends money.

The two bills have been endorsed and signed by every member of the Republican caucus, said sponsor Larry Larranaga, R-Albuquerque. Gov. Bill Richardson has endorsed a different package of ethical reforms that would set campaign-donation limits and create a new independent commission to investigate ethics complaints.

The first of the two GOP

bills would make it a fourth-degree felony to "solicit a person to make a contribution to another person as a condition for doing business with the state," if the contribution is more than \$100. It would be a misdemeanor if the contribution is less than \$100.

It would also be a felony for a public official not to report such a solicitation.

"You can solicit money," he said. "You can announce for contributions as a person who is running for office. But you can't make it a condition of any kind."

Larranaga said existing state law does not adequately address the problem.

The second bill would require the Department of Finance to create a new Web

site that would inform residents as to where revenues come from, what expenditures have been made and what contracts have been signed.

"What this does is allows people information so they can track all activities that are performed in the state of New Mexico," he said. "They can look at that contract, and then go back and see if that contract has any reflection on donations."

House Republicans have also come out in support of open conference committees. Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, has introduced a bill to open the meetings.

The bills are HB553 and HB554, and can be found on the Internet at legis.state.nm.us.

Senate committee pushes bill to limit nicotine content

SANTA FE — A Senate committee has kept alive a bill that would limit the nicotine content in cigarettes sold in New Mexico, even though industry lobbyists warned that it would effectively outlaw all cigarette sales in the state.

The Senate Public Affairs Committee voted 4-2 to let the bill pass with a no recommendation vote. That means the committee does not necessarily endorse the bill, but will not stand in its way.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Joe Carraro, R-Albuquerque, said tobacco companies are artificially increasing the nicotine content in cigarettes to make them more addictive. "We need to stand up to these tobacco companies that are using our citizens as lab rats."

His bill would limit the nicotine in cigarettes to three-tenths of a milligram per gram of tobacco. Representatives from the American Cancer Society and American Lung Association both supported the bill.

But Bob McBride of Altura, the parent company of Phillip

Morris, said it is up to the federal Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco. He said Congress has specifically prohibited states from getting involved.

LEGISLATIVE NOTEBOOK

SANTA FE — Young adults would no longer be able to start the bar party at the stroke of midnight on their 21st birthday under a bill introduced by Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana.

Dubbed the "Cinderella Bill" when introduced in other states, the measure changes the legal age for drinking from midnight on a 21st birthday to 7 a.m. the following morning. In a press release touting the bill, Garcia said it is a common tradition among college students to take a person out to bars at midnight on their birthday to consume excessive amounts of alcohol before the bar closes.

Garcia said she was moved to sponsor the measure by repeated reports of this kind of drinking among NMSU students, and by the death of Steven Judd, an NMSU student who died of alcohol poisoning on his 21st birthday in November 2004. Judd's family appealed to legislators to introduce a Cinderella Bill this session.

Denish declines stipend

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish announced Tuesday that she will voluntarily decline the \$250 per day stipend she is entitled to as acting governor whenever Gov. Bill Richardson is out of state during his presidential campaign.

"The benefit to New Mexico taxpayers is that our governor is running for president," Denish said. "I'm committed to filling in for him as necessary and getting the job done under any circumstances, without any cost to taxpayers. This is just one additional way I can contribute to his effort."

During the past four years, Denish has assumed the role of governor an average of 40 days per year. All monies she has received have been deposited into a separate, charitable account from which Denish donates to a variety of local charitable causes and organizations.

She said she decided to forgo the stipend during Richardson's bid for the Democratic Party nomination because she supports his effort, and because she wants "New Mexico taxpayers to rest assured they aren't paying for Gov. Richardson's time out of state."

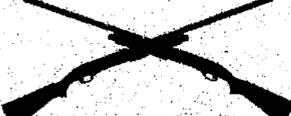
NMSU bills move on

A pair of bills sponsored by Senate Minority Whip Lee Rawson, R-Las Cruces, to benefit New Mexico State University have cleared their first committee hurdles.

One bill would appropriate \$440,000 to improve the school's Nursing Education program. The other bill would provide additional funds for the Space Consortium Outreach Program. Both bills now go to the Finance Committee.

Quote of the day: "It's not your father's oil and gas industry anymore. J.R. Ewing is dead, and we're here to respect you and your communities." — Bob Gallagher, president of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, discussing a proposed land-owners' rights bill.

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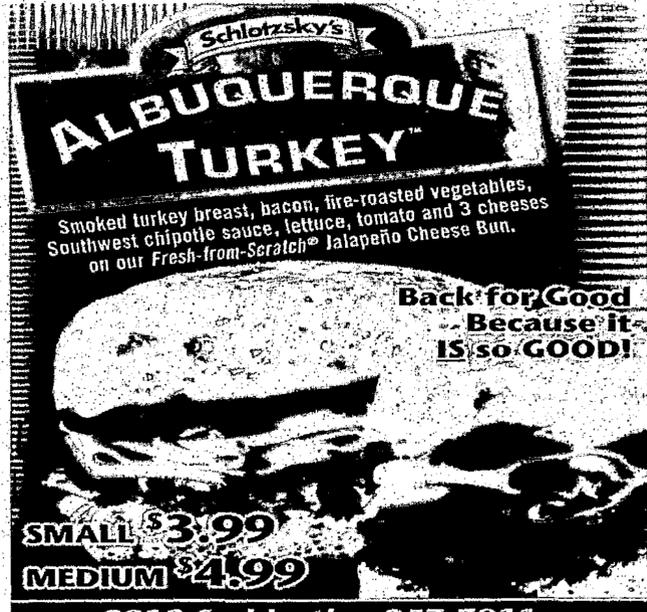
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EDUCATION

VOTE

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and the hiring of Kief Johnson in his place.

He didn't have a problem with it happening in the first place, he just didn't like the way the situation was handled.

He also emphasized that's not the only issue which concerned him — pointing to a petition he and several other parents had signed concerning the district's math program brought to the board about five years ago, as well as information passed out to parents relating to booster clubs.

"Most of that information was incorrect," Austin said. "That has to be accurate, and when you're affecting kids that way, you have to be as open as possible."

"Many of the problems the board has been experiencing might not have been a problem with more openness, but who knows?" he asked. "Nobody knows, and

that's the point."

Austin also said his experience as a certified public accountant gives him the experience necessary for audits and accounts affecting the board.

Sayner thought he had plenty of experience in finance when he first joined the school board eight years ago, having served on the Village Council starting in 1973.

But he was in for an education once he was elected to the board.

"I found out just how complicated these school finances are," Sayner said. "It's good that we've been able to work within our means all these years."

Sayner said stability has been an asset for this board, with he and Lutterman sharing a total of 24 years of experience in service.

"We've learned what the community wants and what is expected of the school system," Sayner said. "We're fortunate to have some awfully good people serving

together on this board."

"They haven't had specific agendas, they just worked hard to maintain the board and good, well-managed school system."

Sayner and Lutterman each admitted a selfish reason to want to run as well — they're both eager to see the completion of the new middle school building, provided for by a school bond approved recently by Ruidoso voters.

"We've put in a lot of hours there, and I'd like to see that through," Sayner said. "Dealing with the state makes things difficult, but I think we'll get through it."

Sayner's opponent, Shane Holder, was unavailable for comment, as was Vincent. Board elections are also scheduled in Carrizozo, Capitan, Hondo and Corona, as well as an election to determine the Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Community College Board.

Also on the slate is a vote to renew the public education mill levy.

Area school board election candidates

ENMU-Ruidoso Community College board

Position 1: Tim Hawkins

Position 2: James Paxton

Position 3: Tom Rigsby

Position 4: Don Dutton, Michelle Perry

Position 5: F. Lynn Willard

Mitchell Young

Position 5: Robin Parks

Carrizozo

Position 1: Steve Harkey

Position 2: Henrietta Griego

Position 5: J'Lane Zamora

Hondo

Position 2: James Cooper

Position 3: Joseph Torres

Position 4: Corrine Prudencio

Position 5: Godfrey Gomez

Corona

Position 1: Shad Cox

Position 2: Richard Gage

Position 3: Mark Sultemeier

Ruidoso

Position 1: Susan Lutterman, Bobby Austin

Position 2: Frank Sayner, Shane Holder

Position 3: Rhonda Vincent

Capitan

Position 3: Nathaniel Dunn

Position 4: Laura Nall

Candidate forum in Capitan

The Capitan school district is hosting a forum to meet the school board candidates at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the multi-purpose building on the school's campus. All eligible voters are encouraged to attend.

New Mexico 2nd in nation for school breakfast program

SANTA FE — New Mexico ranks 2nd in the nation for its free and reduced-price breakfast at schools according to the School Breakfast Report Card released by the Food Research and Action Center in December. Students from low-income families nationally are eating more free and reduced-price breakfasts at school. New Mexico is leading the increase posting the biggest jump, with 58 children getting breakfast for every 100 getting free and reduced-price lunches, up from 53 a year earlier.

"Our school breakfast program is key in helping eliminate the achievement gap in New Mexico," said Education Secretary Dr. Veronica C. Garcia. "Hunger is a huge obstacle for kids. It affects their concentration, energy, achievement, and mental and physical development. School breakfast is fantastic support for New Mexico communities."

New Mexico achieved an impressive 10.4 percent increase in total student participation, and improved its ratio of low income breakfast to lunch eaters by almost 5 points.

"The jump in the program is due to our program that provides breakfast in the classroom in targeted elementary schools," said Gilbert Perea, Assistant Secretary for Programs Support and Student Transportation. "The historic appropriation of state

funds to support school food programs emphasizes the important role breakfast plays in improving academic performance."

New Mexico appropriated \$475,000 in 2004 which allowed 80 schools, including those identified as failing to make adequate yearly progress under the standards of No Child Left Behind, to offer breakfast in the classroom at no charge to all students for the second half of the school year.

Based on the success of the program, it was expanded to 129 elementary schools in 2006, with a total state appropriation of \$1.8 million.

New Mexico moved to second place in the rate of participation, behind West Virginia and ahead of South Carolina, Kentucky, Oregon, Vermont, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Georgia and Mississippi.

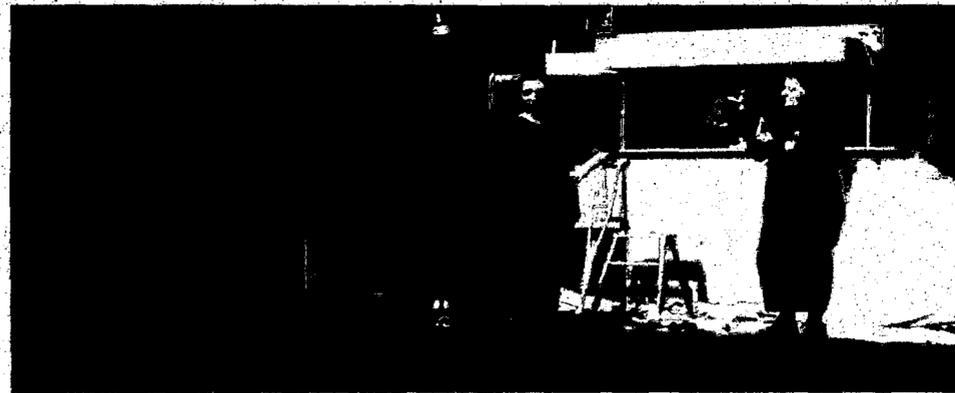
States with the lowest participation rates were Pennsylvania, Nebraska, New Jersey, Colorado, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Alaska, Utah, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Run by the Agriculture Department, the breakfast program reimburses schools for providing meals to kids. Breakfasts are free for about 72 percent of the children; the rest pay about 30 cents per meal.

The report came from Agriculture Department data and a survey of state nutrition officials.

GETTING YOUR GOAT

TODD-FUQUA/STAFF



Third grade students from Sierra Vista Primary were treated to a puppet show last Friday, put on by the Loren Kahn Puppet and Object Theatre from Albuquerque. The performance, sponsored by the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, told the story of Cornebique, a billy goat and big fan of the blues. During a long journey he takes in order to forget an unrequited love, Cornebique comes across a tiny doormouse.

He's never heard of a doormouse, but he agrees to take care of this doormouse during his travels. It's complicated, though, as a weasel named Flesh is on their trail. Cornebique is unable to provide his charge with a regular meal or security, while Flesh has promised three square meals a day, plush accommodations, and even a reunion with the only remaining female doormouse. The only catch? Flesh is only interested in creating a giant food supply for weasels with the resulting doormouse population explosion.

Above, Cornebique discusses his situation with the doormouse. Below, performers Loren Kahn (left) and Isabelle Kessler answer questions from the students after the show. The story, which ends with a question of who gets custody of the doormouse, was sponsored by New Mexico Arts, the McCune Foundation, the Urban Enhancement Trust Fund of Albuquerque, as well as local attorneys JulieAnne Leonard, Angie Schneider-Cook, Gary Mitchell, Richard Hawthorne and Judge Mike Line. Housing for the troupe was donated by Best Western Ruidoso Inn.

Hondo Valley Public Schools honor roll 2nd nine weeks and 1st semester, 2006-07

<p>Secondary Honor Roll 2nd nine weeks Superintendent's Honor Roll (3.7 and above) Seniors: Alicia Gallegos Juniors: Alice Manning Freshmen: Rebecca Trujillo Seventh graders: Brenda Chacon</p> <p>Honor Roll (3.0-3.69) Seniors: Justine Candelaria, Angelle Garcia, Dylan Goldston, Byito Leo Salcido, Maegan Parmley Juniors: Janis Gonzales, Patrick Gonzales, Brenda Lucero Sophomores: Jasmine Candelaria, Conrad Gonzales, D'edra Romero, Camille Sandova, Leticia Vasquez Freshmen: Esthor Gonzales, Gerardo Medina, Anthony Valdes Eighth graders: Stephanie Gomez, Chanci Lopez Seventh graders: Christian Guillen, Sarah Sue Jones, German Lerna, Jesus Martinez, Walter Medina</p> <p>1st semester Superintendent's Honor Roll (3.7 and above) Seniors: Dylan Goldston Juniors: Alice Manning, Janis Gonzales Sophomores: Rebecca Trujillo</p>	<p>Freshmen: Anthony Valdes Seventh graders: Brenda Chacon</p> <p>Honor Roll (3.0-3.69) Seniors: Patrick Chavez, Justine Candelaria, Alicia Gallegos, Angelle Garcia, Byito Leo Salcido, Maegan Parmley Juniors: Patrick Gonzales, Trisha Yukum Sophomores: Jasmine Candelaria, Conrad Gonzales, D'edra Romero, Camille Sandova, Leticia Vasquez Freshmen: Ralph Miranda, Gerardo Medina, Estor Gonzales Eighth graders: Chanci Lopez Seventh graders: Sarah Sue Jones, German Lerna, Jesus Martinez, Walter Medina</p> <p>Elementary Honor Roll 2nd nine weeks Superintendent's Roll (All A's) First Grade: Hailey Barala, Joyce Ann Cooper, Melissa Guillen Second Grade: Natalia Ceniceros, Paulina Ceniceros, Simon Gonzalez Third Grade: Jake Devine, Adriana Gandarilla, Alyssa Gomez Fourth Grade: Bobbi Chavez Fifth Grade: Valeria Lerna</p> <p>A Honor Roll (A Average)</p>	<p>First Grade: Jorge Flores, Karla Noriega, Carolina Salcido, Blanca Villanueva Second Grade: Christiana Martel, Genesis Gutierrez, Oscar Guillen, Antonio Vasquez, Bryan Skinner Valencia, Shaun Montoya Third Grade: Juan Chacon, Jesus Guillen, Alex Lucero, Edwin Prudencio, Miguel Sanchez</p> <p>B Honor Roll (B Average) First Grade: America Quezada Second Grade: Justin Sanchez, Christopher Torres Third Grade: Ziar Apodaca, Lauren Gomez, Roberto Nolas Fifth Grade: Victor Chacon, James Chavez, Travis Crawford, Abelardo Lerna, Yvette Medina, Denika Willis Sixth Grade: Ashley Chavez, Selena Chavez, Irving Gomez, Selene Medina, Andrew Padilla, Montana Prudencio, Adrian Vazquez</p> <p>1st semester Superintendent's Roll (All A's) First Grade: Hailey Barala, Joyce Ann Cooper, Melissa Guillen, Karla Noriega Second Grade: Natalia Ceniceros, Simon Gonzalez, Oscar Guillen, Genesis Gutierrez, Shaun Montoya</p>	<p>Third Grade: Jake Devine, Adriana Gandarilla, Alyssa Gomez Fourth Grade: Bobbi Chavez Fifth Grade: Valeria Lerna</p> <p>A Honor Roll (A Average) First Grade: Jorge Flores, America Quezada, Carolina Salcido, Blanca Villanueva Second Grade: Christiana Martel, Christopher Torres, Antonio Vazquez, Bryan S. Valencia, Paulina Ceniceros Third Grade: Juan Chacon, Jesus Guillen, Alex Lucero, Edwin Prudencio, Miguel Sanchez, Dariene Torres</p> <p>B Honor Roll (B Average) Second Grade: Justin Sanchez Third Grade: Omar Lerna Fourth Grade: Ziar Apodaca, Cash Ficke, Lauren Gomez, Jacob Zinn Fifth Grade: Victor Chacon, James Chavez, Travis Crawford, Abelardo Lerna, Yvette Medina, Denika Willis Sixth Grade: Ashley Chavez, Selena Chavez, Irving Gomez, Josefina Hernandez, Selene Medina, Andrew Padilla, Montana Prudencio, Adrian Vazquez</p>
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EDUCATION

Six candidates running for ENMU board **EDUCATION BRIEFS**

Residents of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are eligible to serve on the newly created Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso Community College Board. The board election is scheduled for Feb. 6 to elect the new five-member board.

There are six candidates running for five open slots. 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. Position 4 is the only contested seat in this election.

Tim Harkins, Position 1, is the chair of surgery at Lincoln County Medical Center and moved to Ruidoso this past year from Georgia.

He attended the University of Georgia on a National Merit Scholarship, obtaining a BS in biochemistry and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta with his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology completed at the University of South Carolina.

Harkins is also a community college product, having first attended Dekalb Perimeter College in Atlanta. He has been active in civic organizations including an emergency teen shelter, the Red Cross, a musical education group and is a member of the Ruidoso Rotary Club.

Harkins and his wife Lisa have two sons attending elementary school in Ruidoso.

James Paxton, Position 2, is Owner/Broker of Century 21 Aspen Real Estate Company. He has been a resident of Ruidoso since 1974 and served as a member and past president of the Ruidoso Municipal School Board from 1993-2005. He is also a member the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Advisory Council, the Interim Community College Board and the Ruidoso Rotary Club.

Tom Rigsby, Position 3, is Executive Vice President at the State National Bank. He has more than 26 years in the banking industry, including 15 years in Ruidoso.

Rigsby is a graduate of Texas Tech with a BBA in Finance and attended the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He is a past president of the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce and Ruidoso Rotary Club and is a founding member of the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Advisory Council and a member of the Interim Community College Board.

Don Dutton, Position 4, is a local attorney and resident of Ruidoso since 1983. In 2003, Gov. Bill Richardson appointed Dutton to the New Mexico

Gaming Control Board and currently serves as the board attorney.

Dutton is a past president of the Doña Ana County Bar, Lincoln County Bar and is a past director of the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association and the Center for Civic Values. Last year, Dutton was elected New Mexico Board of Bar Commissioners, representing the Sixth District.

Dutton earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Houston, Bates College of Law. He is a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Dutton was elected as the Western States District Director of the North American Gaming Regulators Association in 2005. He serves as vice president and will serve as President of NAGRA beginning June 2007.

Dutton has been involved in numerous committees serving both the Village of Ruidoso and Lincoln County and states that he is "a strong supporter of Eastern New Mexico State University-Ruidoso. I look forward to serving on the Community College Board, as I believe a Community College should serve the needs of the local residents, offering students the opportunity to learn skills for success should they remain in the community, move to another area or seek a higher degree."

Michelle Perry, Position 4, is a teacher in the Ruidoso Municipal Schools, having taught for 11 years. She serves as the Reading First Project Director for the district.

Perry earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Management and Development from NMSU. During her tenure at Ruidoso Schools she has worked in various departments at the secondary level, including special education, language arts, computer technology, social studies and sports and activities sponsor. Perry is a mother of two children, Bo and Hannah and married to Jerrett Perry, vice principal at Ruidoso High School.

According to Perry, one of the reasons she decided to pursue a career in education is "her belief in the idea that all children deserve every educational opportunity that will help them have a successful and rewarding life."

"My commitment to this belief is why I feel it is of vital importance to work to expand the ENMU-Ruidoso curriculum and programs so that members of our great community are able to easily access professional and vocational development locally," she added. "I would also actively support literacy initiatives for struggling adult readers and look for

ways to improve attendance at the Ruidoso campus."

Dr. Lynn Willard, Position 5, owns the Ruidoso Animal Clinic. He has been in business in Ruidoso for more than 30 years and currently chairs the ENMU-Ruidoso Community Advisory Council. He has also served as Chair of the Interim Community College Board since July 2005.

Willard graduated from Kansas State University with a Doctor in veterinary medicine and is a former board member of the State National Bank (formerly Ruidoso State Bank). He is a past president of the Ruidoso Rotary club, member and past president of the RMS Board and president of the Ruidoso Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

Sierra Vista fundraisers

A pair of fundraisers to benefit the student body at Sierra Vista Primary are currently underway. Raffle tickets for a two night stay at the Tamaya Hyatt Regency north of Albuquerque and a \$200 gift certificate are being sold for \$5 each by students and families with the drawing to be held Feb. 14.

Raffle tickets for the Tamaya weekend, as well as gift raffle tickets, will be sold at the Winter Blast talent show at 6 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. The show is open to pre-registered contestants in Kindergarten through sixth grade.

All proceeds go toward the student activity fund at Sierra Vista.

Ruidoso student on honor roll

A trio of students from the Ruidoso area were named to the honor rolls for the previous fall term at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. The President's List, which lists full-time

students with a 4.0 average, included Khrystyne Eckerd and Matthew Johnston.

Student earning between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade average were named to the Dean's List, including Brittany Jensen.

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.

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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BY KIM DONER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

For the last two months, or maybe even longer, there has been an effort on the part of many people to attempt to capture the Rotweiler that is running loose by the Incredible restaurant.

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Unfortunately he is residing in the county and is out of the Village of Ruidoso's jurisdiction. And technically he is also out of the Humane Society's domain as well, as we only have contracts with Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Capitan. However we never ask an animal in need where he resides, it is our mission to assist the animals of our community that is the business of your Humane Society.

So over the last few months our staff has been out looking for this canine hobo, checking his haunts and talking with people who have seen and fed him. We coordinated a search with a professional with a dart gun to try and dart our elusive friend...but he was too quick and wary to be able to attempt it.

Finally, after many phone calls, we have been able to have the county sheriff request the use of the dog trap owned by the Ruidoso Downs Animal Control. The Incredible restaurant is out of Ruidoso Downs ACO jurisdiction, so the Humane Society has been able

to take the trap and take on the responsibility of setting and checking on it.

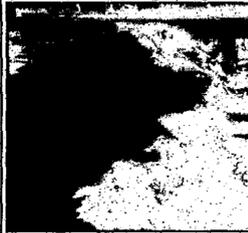
Hopefully, if everyone cooperates and stops feeding our nomad, we should be able to trap him in a short amount of time. Once we have him safe, he will immediately be taken to a veterinarian so his injuries can be looked after and tended.

All of this is taking quite a bit of time and effort from the shelter staff. With our small work force it is difficult to have people away from the shelter and many times it is done by dedicated employees working "off the clock" because of their sincere commitment to helping animals.

This rescue effort does not fall under any of our contractual commitments, so there isn't any reimbursement for the expenses incurred. This is the type of work that your donations make possible. Without the support of the wonderful people in our community much of our work could not be done. The fostering of orphan puppies and kittens like the ones found in a dumpster in November, the treating of a cat that had been caught in a leg hold trap and had dragged the trap blocks to try and get away. The puppy found frozen to the ice in a culvert, the litter of puppies found in our overnight cages.

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PLAN

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"Then they take everything and pare it down and bring it back to the steering committee for review and we have more hearings in a month," Temple said, summing up the process. "They are trying to wrap it up and have a draft ready within six months for the commissioners."

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Temple said while county-wide zoning may not be an option at this point, he hears more and more from residents about the need for zoning districts, similar to Alto Lakes, where residents formed a district to ensure orderly and compatible growth. One of the authors of the Alto plan, Earl Adams, was in the audience Monday.

"People are building million-dollar homes and then call me complaining about something unsightly going in nearby," Temple said. "I have to tell them that they were aware the county had no zoning and chose to build there. But I'm seeing more need for special zoning districts, just for protection of those high dollar homes - not everywhere. Alto formed their own area because they wanted it."

Zoning and new tools such as conservation districts also can be used to protect and preserve agricultural interests in the county, he said.

Herrington explained that a comprehensive plan covers six required elements, but can include more. They are land use, defining locations of broad land use categories; transportation covering roads, trails and pedestrian links; infrastructure, inclusive of water, wastewater, storm water, utilities, television service, drought management and hazard mitigation; housing, detailing the current stock, its affordability

and special types such as housing for the elderly; economic development, covering employment, existing businesses, business development and tourism; and implementation, how to carry out recommendations through specific actions, a projected timeline and potential financial sources.

Other elements that can be examined include parks and

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absolute moratorium" on new development.

Mike Runnels, former village planning director, whose family has owned homes in Ruidoso since the 1960s, said the problem is that growth was slower before and the area was able to accommodate it. But a moratorium would put 20 percent of the county's industry - real estate, construction and finance - out of work, he contended.

"I'd like to see smart growth, but a moratorium is wrong-headed," he said.

Stephen Carter, who works with a youth-oriented environmental group, said growth is needed, but must be sustainable. Better jobs in technological fields would keep young people from moving away, he said. In that respect, the county trails the rest of the state, he said. But the county is fortunate because many young residents stay to enjoy the outdoor activities available here.

Joe Zagone, a real estate agent, said the county also boasts a relatively inexpensive cost of living, taxes and housing. But better-paying jobs for people are needed to attract those with advanced degrees.

Ruidoso Councilor Don Williams, who also is a county commissioner, said according to census data, about 1,300 people commute everyday to Ruidoso to work or shop.

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meeting conducted by representatives of Sandia National Laboratories Friday.

The session begins at 2 p.m. in council chambers in Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Thomas Lowry, principal investigator with Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, who will lead off the session, said Monday, "Our philosophy in all of this is that we are trying to get science into policy and the decision-making process. It is not the only factor, but is needed in making sound decisions and in determining what we do know and don't know, and how to use data to guide us."

He wants to introduce people who attend the meeting Friday to the idea of the project, estimated initially to cost about \$330,000, but scaled back a bit based on the actual dollars allocated through a Small Business Assistance grant.

"Sandia gets tax credit to work on issues that are local to the state," he explained. Business owners sign on to show support for the work and attest to the economic development aspect.

The grant will cover three years for a total of about \$225,000. While \$100,000 was requested for the first year, \$60,000 was allocated, Lowry said, adding that additional money may be leveraged from other undetermined sources. Very little overhead is involved and each dollar reaps maximum benefit, he said.

Lowry said he will detail some of the previous projects completed by Sandia, but the staff will focus on hearing from those at the meeting.

"We'd like to walk away with an understanding of what the really important issues are in Lincoln County and possible options to explore to solve the problems," Lowry said. "The whole idea is to keep the process transparent and open so that everyone can be involved."

In September 2005, officials with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, including Mike Byrnes, Business Specialist with the Ruidoso Small Business Development Center and now-designated point person on the project, took steps to form an economic development council to suggest ways to achieve a prosperous economic future for the area.

When snow failed to materialize in the winter of 2006, the volunteers realized any formula for prosperity must factor in water, Byrnes said.

"The more we deliberated, the more some of us became convinced of the need to address 'the water issue' as our first order of business," he said. Byrnes contacted people with Sandia Labs and those conversations resulted in the grant from that entity to undertake the development of a "comprehensive decision support model" to reach an "unambiguous and fair agreement regarding water allocation between all users and stakeholders in the Upper Hondo watershed," he

said. "It is our intention to bring as many Lincoln County businesses and residents into the discussion as we can."

"The problem is that no 'uniform vision' exists for water allocation in Lincoln County," he said. "This situation is exacerbated by complicated water rights and water credit issues and a complex 'intra-basin' hydrology."

The current case-by-case approach to water resource planning can lead to uncertainty, which translates to negative economic expansion, Lowry said. In describing the final product, he said, "The decision support tool will have a user-friendly, custom-built interface that returns real-time feedback that allows for the rapid screening of different management scenarios as well as for fine-tuned analysis of the factors that may heavily impact the regional water balance."

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TOOL WILL BE TO:

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- provide a means to test drought contingency and water conservation plans.
- analyze the effects of efficiency and conservation improvements.
- evaluate and understand economic impacts.
- identify points of attack that will provide maximum gain.

The model will describe how the various natural and anthropogenic stresses affect each other in terms of water resource reliability and sustainability, he said. "It is this collaboratively developed planning model that will serve as the main tangible product of this project," Lowry wrote.

Lowry noted in his project summary that without a regional collaboration, disagreement about the use and allocation of water will lead to an increase in real and perceived risks, which, in turn, becomes an impediment to investments in the area. The lack of a unified water plan translates into uncertainty about the extent of water resources in the region.

"The consequences of over-estimating the extent of the water resources and having both the private and public supply run low would be a blow to the regional economy, the severity being proportionate to the error," he wrote.

Reducing uncertainty will allow better planning for future droughts, he wrote, adding that the project will require the cooperation of major stakeholders in the region.

"There is a risk that the decisions that come out of the model and decision-making process will not sit well with one faction or another and that the results may be challenged," Lowry wrote. "However, built into the tool development process is an open and transparent methodology that is designed to avoid this type of conflict."

The final product will be a decision support tool to aid officials in the regional community of the county in analyzing management strategies for the use and allocation of water re-

sources, he wrote. Beyond that application, the model will be useful to the local water utilities, city/county managers, developers, environmental advocates and business owners, he contended.

"What we hope to accomplish is an unambiguous and fair agreement regarding water allocation between all users and stakeholders in the region."

As Sandia officials have helped other communities and nations deal with water-related decisions, in a transparent and "conflict negotiated setting," they will guide representatives through the development of a "comprehensive decision support model," Byrnes said.

The model will then be used by the stakeholders to arrive at "better informed decisions" regarding the use and allocation of the water supply. The "collaboratively developed planning model" will be the tangible product of the effort, but the real goal will be to use the model to achieve lasting agreements about water sharing in Lincoln County, Byrnes said.

The project "is to be used to advance the ability of the region to cope with a scarce and unreliable water supply so that they can maintain their eco-

"We hope to accomplish a fair agreement regarding water allocation between all users and stakeholders in the region."

Mike Byrnes
Small Business Administration

nomie viability and stability over time," Lowry wrote. "Success of this project will be measured by our ability to forward this action" to preserve the local economy despite periodic water shortages.

County Manager Tom Stewart was credited by Byrnes and Lowry for focusing on the need for a regional approach during his July water summit.

Others who supported the grant application include (Ruidoso Village Councilor) Greg Cory on behalf of State National Bank; Glenas Orcutt on behalf of the Ruidoso News; Brad Treptow on behalf of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce; Vink Miller on behalf of the First National Bank of Ruidoso; and (Village Councilor) James Stoddard on behalf of the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation.

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Herrington: County income tops state average

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Consultant Barbara Herrington reviewed demographic information for Lincoln County with people attending a public session on the county's first Comprehensive Plan Monday.

The data showed the average per capita income of \$19,338 based on 2000 census data is about \$2,000 more than the average of New Mexico as a state.

The median household income at \$33,886 is slightly lower than the state figure of \$34,138, as is the percentage of the population below the poverty level at 12.8 percent compared to 16.8 percent for the state.

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Zagone said one way to stop people from moving into an area is to raise the cost of living and housing as was done in Vail and Aspen, Colo.

"A moratorium will not stop growth, but it will produce higher-priced real estate," he said.

A business owner who said she fled Albuquerque to get away from a big city, said she sees many housing and storefront developments not building out or not renting units already constructed. "But we keep adding more," she said. "I'd like a short term moratorium, just to get a handle on it."

Oscara resident Jerry Carroll interrupted the debate to remind people the comprehensive plan is designed for the unincorporated portions of the county, not Ruidoso, which adopted its own CP.

But Zagone said Ruidoso must be factored into any plan for the future because it is an essential part of the county and is, as indicated by a map

About 34 percent of county residents receive social security and 22.8 percent, retirement income, which indicates more retirees than the state's 25.5 percent and 17.4 percent, respectively.

That was backed up by the median age of 43.8 years compared to 34.6 years in New Mexico as a whole.

The county also leads the state in the percentage of high school graduates or higher at 84.5 percent compared to 78.9 percent, but the number of residents holding a bachelor's degree or higher is lower at 22.8 percent compared to 23.5 percent statewide.

Unlike most counties in New Mexico, 66 percent of those employed work in the private

Herrington presented, the population hub.

Runnels said while determining how much and where water is available remains a factor for any growth, faults, fractures and other underground formations riddle the county and, "things that affect the Rio Ruidoso do not necessarily affect the Rio Hondo."

Tony Davis from Ranches of Sonterra said there is a difference between water availability and sustainability. He reminded people to attend a 2 p.m. meeting Friday at Ruidoso Village Hall to hear about a project with Sandia National Laboratories on creating a tool to help local officials in development decisions.

Surveyor Tim Collins, who acts as agent on many development projects, said the county is seeing owners of big ranches sell off to subdivisions because they no longer can earn a living from cattle.

He chastised county commissioners for not requiring aerobic systems in subdivisions to handle wastewater, but

sector, with 17 percent in government and 16 percent self-employed, she said.

Ethnicity was listed as 70.9 percent white alone, 25.6 percent Hispanic, 1.4 percent American Indian, 1.3 percent two or more races, 0.3 percent African American and 0.3 percent Asian.

A chart showed the population staying at about 8,000 from 1920 to 1975, then a steady climb to the late 1990s, before a spurt to nearly 20,000 today and projections as high as 30,000 by 2030.

Of the regularly occupied homes, 77 percent are inhabited by owners and 23 percent by renters. About 39 percent of homes are seasonally occupied and 23 percent are vacant.

Cathie Eisen, a water-wastewater operator, said aerobic doesn't work for homes occupied only seasonally. They demand oversight. Septic systems are a good alternative in places, she said.

Tax incentives or other programs could be developed to encourage ranchers to keep their acreage intact, one resident said.

Another woman said rules need to be formulated to prevent clustering development along environmentally sensitive rivers.

Phyllis Reed, head librarian at the Ruidoso Public Library, said countywide systems for library services and firefighting, among other services, should be created. Another woman pushed for more medical services, but Runnels said, "You can't have everything in a county this size."

Gerald Champion Hospital in Alamogordo, which benefits from its proximity to Holloman Air Force Base, gives residents access to advanced techniques when needed, he said.

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Warriors drop two on the hardwood

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Ski report culled from www.skiapachesnowreport.com
New snow past week: 31 inches
Weather at report time: Scattered snow showers. Mostly cloudy with a high near 34. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. New snow of 1 to 2 inches possible.
Midway depth: 48 inches
Season total snowfall: 101 inches
Surface conditions: Packed powder
Skiing conditions: Very good to excellent
Trails open:
Least Difficult: Bunny, Easy Street, The Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Snow Park, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Upper Spruce, SBT
More Difficult: Ambush, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, East of East, Geronimo, Bone Yard, Chair 7 Lift Line, Capitan Lite, Capitan Heavy, Apache Bowl, Upper Deep Freeze, Game Trail, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Bambi
Most Difficult: Wild Onion, Rover, Screaming Eagle, Dead End, The Terrible, Incredible, Upper Pebbles, Lower Pebbles, Chute, Mescalero, Caliente, Roys Run, Upper Snow Park, Lincoln Lift Line, Gondola Lift Line, Buckhorn, Oscar's, Bear, Cliff, Elk Lift Line, Top Notch, Sunny Side
Lifts open: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Gondola (weather permitting)
Trails groomed: Bunny, Easy Street, SBT, The Face, Snow Park, Smokey Bear, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Heavy, Game Trail, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Buckhorn, Meadows, East Meadows, Game Trail
Snowmaking past 24 hours: Yes
Forecast: 20 percent chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 34. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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Last Friday and Saturday were not the best of times at home for Ruidoso hoops, as the Warriors lost both games, 73-62 to Lovington and 60-46 to Portales the following evening. The Warriors played both games with their usual intense effort but they found themselves up against two talented and well-sized teams.

Friday's game with the Wildcats saw the Warriors in striking distance throughout the entire contest, but they were just not able to pull even with the Lovington squad when the opportunities were there. Ruidoso's best chance came in the fourth period, with 2:30 left in the game and Lovington leading by only six, 63-57.

The first quarter ended with a 21-14 lead for the Wildcats who then increased their lead by two, 34-25, at the halfway mark. Lovington's big gun, Brad Voight, was responsible for nearly half of the Wildcats total first half points, with 15.

The third period saw the Warriors outscore Lovington, 23-21 but it was the fourth quarter that put the nail in their coffin. The Wildcats made 14 points at the free-throw line, giving them an 11-point victory.

"The boys played with their usual above-average effort but you need more than that to post a win and tonight we were simply outpaced," said Ruidoso coach Billy Page. "They have two top-notch players in Voight

and Courtney Mackey and tonight we just didn't match up well against them.

"Brand Franklin had a good game for us with 18, as did Ben Sanchez with 15," he added. "But to beat a team like this everyone has to be in the same offensive rhythm and in this contest that didn't happen."

Saturday evening's game had the No. 1 team in District 4-3A, the Portales Rams here in Ruidoso for more competitive action on the hardwood.

Portales started off with an eight-point advantage by the end of the first quarter, 19-11 and continued more of the same by the end of the first half, 30-22.

The Rams maintained a very disciplined game, giving up very few turnovers and came up with the win going away.

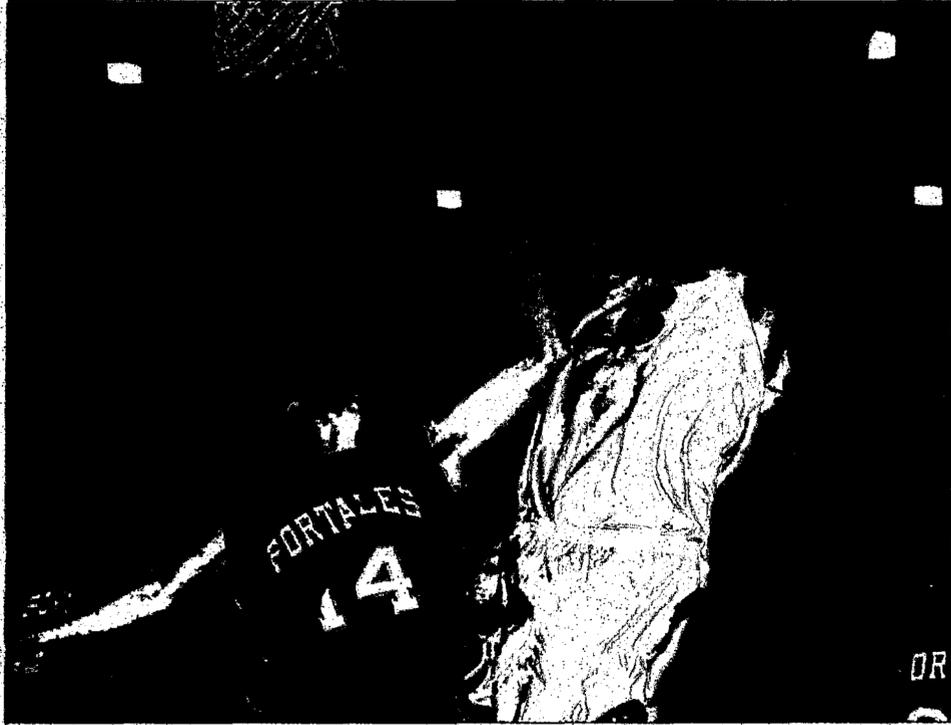
"Although we were outsized we got into foul trouble early and this cost us," Page maintained. "But the effort these boys put into the game will carry them further in life than any trophy ever will."

Ruidoso faced off against NMMI on Tuesday and won't play again until next Tuesday when they get a repeat contest against the Rams in Portales.

Girls win big

What a finish! Down by two, Allison Riggsby hits a clutch, game-winning 3-pointer at the closing buzzer to give the girls a come-from-behind victory, 64-63. Yes, Allison, miracles do happen.

For a while there it looked



Ruidoso post Ben Sanchez, right, puts up a shot over Portales' Skyler Partin Saturday during the Warriors' District 4-3A loss at RHS.

bleak, with the Lady Warriors trailing at halftime, 27-15 in Lovington. The second half was a great game, though, for Ruidoso and it's too bad it wasn't played here for all the fans to see.

Riggsby had a total of 17 points, followed by Tonee

Montoya with 14 and Hailee Bob connecting for 13.

At the beginning of the fourth period, the Lady Warriors found themselves down by 14 but soon went on a major run, outscoring the Lady Wildcats, 33-18.

"I wasn't thrilled at our slow start in the first half but I sure

was at the end," said coach Julie Montoya. "It was a very encouraging thing to witness the way the girls fought back to capture a victory."

Coming off that great win, the Lady Warriors will square-off against Dexter this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Carrizozo goes 5-0 in district play

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The Carrizozo Grizzlies traveled to Mountainair Friday and got their fifth district win, 70-45. Carrizozo started out slowly and found themselves behind at the end of the first quarter, 10-8 but consistently picked up steam in each succeeding period to finally win by 25.

"We sure didn't play well in the first half," said Grizzlies head coach Brad Holland. "Fortunately, the boys really picked up their intensity level in the last two periods which allowed us to remain undefeated in district play."

Johnny Beltran's effort in the first half, specifically, the

second quarter produced 15 points helping Carrizozo go to halftime with a 27-21 lead.

The Grizzlies maintained a six point advantage at the close of the third period, 51-45 and continued to increase their focus level in the closing quarter, resulting in a well-deserved win.

Robert Dutchover played a hot hand in the last half, pumping in 16 points to give him a total of 18, followed by Beltran with 17. Jeremy Zamora also finished in double digits, scoring 14.

The Grizzlies played Vaughn, at home, Tuesday evening and will then have

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Lady Chiefs put it all together, boys lose

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Coming off of a previous loss against Tularosa last week, the Mescalero ladies played another tough one, this time facing the Sonblazers of Mesilla Valley and put a big "W" in the win column, 67-53.

The game was expected to be a tough one, as Mesilla Valley had beaten Lordsburg by 14 points earlier in the season, but Mescalero's successful planned attack prevented Mesilla Valley from slowly and methodically bringing the ball down-court.

"When you succeed at that, you can really cut down their inside opportunities," stated coach Herb McDaniel.

The Chiefs started pressing from the get-go and that technique yielded an 11-4 lead by the middle of the first quarter. Although the Sonblazers tightened the score, Mescalero had a four-point advantage at the close of that period, 15-11.

By the end of the first half, the Chiefs still maintained the lead, 31-25 but it was still a close game until, with four minutes left in the last period, Mescalero built-up a 16 point advantage and eventually won by 14.

"Our rebounding was much improved since the loss at Tularosa, a week ago," McDaniel said. "We jumped on them early, pressed very well and once we got the lead, we never surrendered it."

Melanie Bell led in scoring with 19, but the remainder of the

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'It's great to be a Warrior again'

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That's what newly appointed Ruidoso High School, head football coach, Kief Johnson says. "Although, once a Warrior, always a Warrior," he added.

Both the coach and his wife, Jennifer, are originally from Ruidoso and are very excited to be back, as are their three children. Daughters Kaylee, age 13 and Morgan, seven, as well as their 10-year-old son Parker, were "thrilled" when they heard the family would be moving here from Lubbock.

Johnson graduated from RHS in '91 and then matriculated to Texas Tech. As a walk-on free safety for the football team, he enjoyed some playing time before transferring to, and graduating from, New Mexico State in 1998.

While completing his courses at NMSU he accepted a contract with Ruidoso as an assistant coach in football and wrestling. After fulfilling his required student teaching credentials at RHS in the spring of '98, he accepted a full-time teaching position with Tularosa Middle School later in the year. His duties there also included being in charge of the seventh and eighth-grade football program.

In the fall of '99 he was hired back to RHS and taught special education and English as well as serving as an assistant coach in football, basketball, baseball and wrestling until 2006.

When he completes his current contract to Class 5A Lubbock High School in June, he will again return to Ruidoso as an English teacher and varsity head football coach for the upcoming 2007-08 school year.

"I'm very gratified to be back and to be able to have the chance to give something back to the community that helped me so much," Johnson said. "I look forward to working with everyone in the area to help ensure the kids get as much as possible out of their high school experience, both academically and with sports."

"One of my tasks is to teach life-building skills that the kids can take with them, which in turn, will then help them become productive members of society throughout their lives. As a teacher, a coach and a parent, I see this as a primary responsibility."

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Warriors trio braves weather to wrestle

KAREN BOEHLER
For the Ruidoso News

LAS VEGAS - With the second weather-related tournament cancellation in as many weeks looming for the Ruidoso wrestling team, three parents took matters into their own hands Friday to make sure their athletes saw some competition. With snow coming down at 5 a.m., school officials decided the bus trip to the Cardinal Classic in Las Vegas was off, meaning the team would have been without mat time until the rescheduled Ruidoso meet Feb. 3.

But three wrestlers wanted to get some competition under their belts, so the parents of Bubba Woods, 119 pounds, Gavin Gilson, 140, and 160-pounder Garrett Griffin drove their athletes to the northern New Mexico school, where they were the only Warriors at the tough, 26-team tournament.

And while none of the three came home with medals, all were happy they did get some mat time with only three weeks remaining before the state tournament.

And two of the three were happy with their performances.

"I felt pretty good," Woods (8-10) said. "I wrestled pretty good the first couple of matches."

After an opening round bye, Woods had a tough second-round match against Española Valley's Dino Gibson, one that he and his fellow teammates thought he should have won.

"I think I should have had the points, but you can't control the



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Warrior Bubba Woods, 119, tries to get Hobbs' Tyler Schaumbert in a pin late in a consolation-round match at the Cardinal Classic in Las Vegas.

refs, so you just gotta wrestle," Woods said. The Warrior led 5-0 midway through the second period, and he seemed to have the match well in hand. But then each wrestler made a series of moves that earned them points, and Woods only led 9-8 going into the third period.

He kept that score until late, when Gibson tied the match on an escape. Woods then appeared to take Gibson down with only seconds remaining, but wasn't awarded the points, and the match went into overtime where Gibson won on a takedown.

That sent Woods into the consolation bracket, where he pinned his next opponent then won another on points before finally falling for the third time this season to a tough Los Lunas grappler.

Gilson also had a tough match against Los Lunas.

After opening with a pin against Shiprock's Ryan Jake, Gilson was pinned by Tiger Ahren Griego in the second round.

"Los Lunas was my toughest match," Gilson said.

The Warrior then won his next match with a pin 27 seconds in, but although he fought back through all three rounds of his next match, Gilson lost to Belen's Justin Maestas 7-4.

Still, the Warrior, who has a 12-10 season record, was pleased with his overall effort.

"I think I wrestled well. I think I did good," he said.

Griffin was not as happy with his performance.

"The first day was all right," he said. "The second day I didn't start off too well. It was a tough

match." After an opening round bye, the senior defeated a Grants wrestler to move into the quarterfinal championship round against Bernalillo's Greg Lucero, who had topped Griffin twice before.

But the third time was not the charm for Griffin, who fell by pin.

Determined to earn yet another medal, Griffin then topped Belen's Jerry Hunter to move into Saturday's quarterfinal consolation round match.

But Griffin made a mistake against Tim Matthews of St. Michael, and fell 5-4, dropping his record to 15-5.

"I was up by one. I didn't have to do anything, but I did it anyway and he countered me," Griffin said of his final match.

Without a coach to sit in their corner and teammates to cheer them on, the wrestlers had to rely on each other and occasionally a parent to give them advice during their matches.

"It doesn't feel right," Gilson said. "Like that last match, I kinda wish I had coach Brown because he would have helped me out and told me what to do a little bit more. So I kind of wish the team would have come with us."

"I think it was tougher, in a way," Woods agreed. "We didn't have as many people here. I didn't feel comfortable with it at first."

But despite the lack of medals and teammates, all three wrestlers were glad they made the trip up north.

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RHS, as most people know, plays a very tough and competitive schedule in District 4-3A. The last time the Warriors won district was 1989 and this new coach would like to rectify that situation.

"Winning district is our first goal and then we would like to 'bring the blue' - a state title,

back to the mountain," Johnson offered. "Ruidoso, as always, has kids with a lot of heart, who never quit but they need to keep in mind what it means to strap on a gold Warrior helmet. In doing so, they will be representing past, present and future Warriors. In that regard, Ruidoso has a wonderful tradition of competitive student athletes who have the drive to work hard in the off-season and prepare for what's ahead."

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starters put forth a balanced attack. Kelsey Duffy pumped in 13, Kelly King-Morgan, who had a great rebounding game, and Jessica Yellowcloud each had 11.

Mescalero pushed in four 3-pointers and were 19-of-21 from the free throw line. Their overall record now stands at 11-4 and they find themselves 1-1 in district play.

The Lady Chiefs next see action at Cloudcroft this Thursday.

Boys

The Chiefs traveled to Las Cruces, Saturday, to play the No. 1 powerhouse, 5-2A, Sonblazers. Things started poorly and got progressively worse, ending in a 72-27 loss for the Mescalero squad and giving Mesilla Valley an overall, 17-1 record.

It was 29-9 at the close of the first quarter and 50-16 by the halfway mark. The Sonblazers increased that lead to 45 by the close of the game and continue to be a dominant force in the state.

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home-court advantage once again when they face off against Capitan at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

Girls

Prior to the boys game, the Lady Grizzlies set the pace by beating the Mustangs, 55-32.

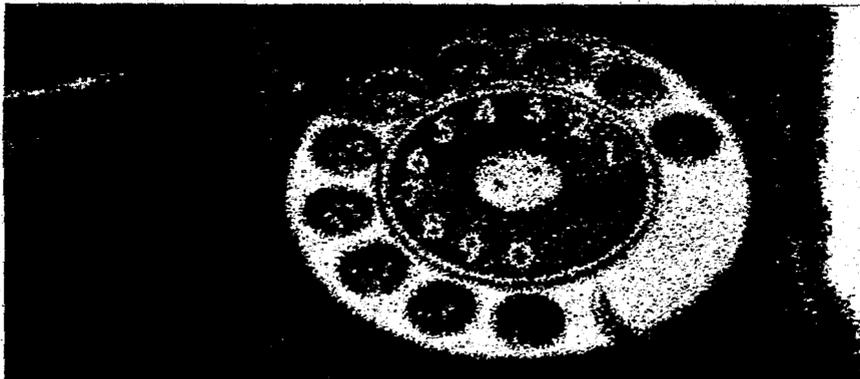
Carrizo started off with a half-court press which worked well for the Lady Grizzlies. The posts played great and the

defense worked. Put that together with turnovers and you get a nice 23-point win.

Kaitlyn Vega pumped in 14 points, Jennifer Vega followed with 10 and Stacia Calvert managed nine.

"It was a very good game for us," offered Lady Grizzlies coach Mandy Baca. "I got everybody in and it was truly a team effort."

The Lady Grizzlies precede the boys games Tuesday evening and again, Thursday, with Capitan.



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The merits of dressing for success

The term "dress for success" seems to have lost its meaning right about the time jeans started being sold in fine department stores with holes and grease spots already woven into the fabric. "Being dressed to the nines" equates to looking like something the cat drug in.

Recently, I learned the exception is still the rule and people do still judge you by the clothes you wear.

For Christmas I decided to buy my husband a flat screen TV and went "to town" to do just that. I was dressed for comfort, knowing I would spend hours waiting in lines and walking miles across parking lots. I was wearing old overalls and a ratty shirt.

I went to three TV/appliance stores. Whereupon being treated just this side of outright rude in first store, I proceeded undaunted down the street only to find no one wanted to wait on me, no one could tell me the prices, no one would even discuss having it shipped or delivered to my home.

I can only imagine the mood the Christmas rush must put retail people in so I tried the old adage "when someone doesn't smile, give them one of yours" to just trying to be kind (given the season and so forth). I left without a flat screen TV, pretty much out of the giving spirit and vowing to only go in an appliance store if it was a cold day in Hades.

Then came a really genuine cold day. My darling Mother-In-Love gave me money to buy myself a new dishwasher for Christmas. I took my son and my Christmas money and vowed to spend like a drunken sailor and off I went wearing my gently-used coat that I bought at the Woman's Club Bazaar for 25 bucks.

I've never been treated better. I didn't have to "find" a sales person, he showed up and only left me to verify that the dishwasher could in

fact be delivered to my house (five miles of rough dirt road? Not a problem). Installed and delivered without a question. I was patiently treated to an explanation of several extra warranty programs I might be interested in.

Then I decided, oh heck, let's get a new microwave, too. Our current microwave is circa 1979, and so my suggestion was met by a glorious smile.

My good luck followed me everywhere I went. I needed to do some "P.R." for my business and again was met with gracious smiles.

At supper, while my waitress could not keep me in enough iced tea and warm dinner rolls, I pondered the difference from my last shopping trip to today. I marveled at how much difference a month could make in the general disposition of people.

Then my eyes fell on my coat. Understanding hit me like a lightning bolt. Did I mention my coat purchase from the Woman's Club for \$25 is also a beautiful but fake fur?

You will never again catch me trying to buy big ticket items without wearing it again. In my life "big ticket items" do include dishwashers and microwave ovens.

I don't know how I'll manage wearing the coat in July when my stove goes out but I will.

I don't know if I'll get the same treatment wearing my "fur" with my overalls but you can bet I'm going to try it.

I'm thinking about wearing it and test driving Hummers just for fun.

I'd lend it to a friend but an item of this worth cannot be just lent out. But, they can rent it by appointment only.

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Welda McKinley Grider

LIFESAVING BLOOD



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Carrizozo senior Adam Zamora gives a unit of blood at last week's blood drive sponsored by the Carrizozo Student Council and the Carrizozo FFA. Organizers' goal for the drive was 23 units and by 5:30 p.m. they had tallied 28 units. Another blood drive at the school is scheduled for an undetermined date in April.

County schools honored for being 'on the rise'

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Two individual Ruidoso schools along with three Lincoln County school districts were honored in Santa Fe, Jan. 19, by Secretary of Education, Dr. Veronica C. Garcia at the "Schools on the Rise" celebration in the Capitol Rotunda.

Among the 11 public schools that were honored for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years were Nob Hill Early Childhood Center and Sierra Vista Primary, both Ruidoso Municipal Schools.

Corona, Capitan and Hondo School districts were three of the 18 districts honored for all schools in each district meeting AYP requirements for two consecutive years.

Small schools

Corona Superintendent Travis Lightfoot accepted the award with humble gratitude giving credit to the collaboration of parents, students, staff and a school board that works together to achieve AYP goals.

"No particular plan or program can replace that effort," said Lightfoot. "I think that fact that of the 18, almost all of them are small schools speaks volumes."

Corona's enrollment for grades K-12 is currently 87 students. Lightfoot acknowledged that each year is another challenge and making AYP or not depends on so many things often not in the control of the districts. "We were honored this year, but without the continued, dedicated effort we could be the next to stub our toe," he said.

Carrizozo School District did not qualify for the two consecutive year award because in the first year one sub-group in the middle school did not make AYP in math but did the following year. Last year Carrizozo fell short because they did not meet the 90 percent graduation requirement when one of the nine seniors did not graduate.

The finite line between making AYP or not was characterized in both cases.

"The schools and school districts being recognized are true examples of the gallant and committed effort being made by dedicated educators and community members who accept the challenge of educating all students," said Secretary Garcia. "The words 'impossible' or 'can't' seem never to enter their daily educational plans at these exemplary schools. Their success and outstanding gains in student achievement serve as role models for all New Mexico schools."

Schools on the rise

The schools honored for Schools on the Rise include:

- Nob Hill Early Childhood Center from Ruidoso Municipal Schools
- Sierra Vista Primary School from Ruidoso Municipal Schools
- Eugene Field Elementary School from Albuquerque Public Schools
- Central Primary School from Bloomfield Municipal Schools
- Bloomfield Early Childhood Learning Center from Bloomfield Municipal Schools
- Dixon Elementary School from Espanola Public Schools
- Anthony Elementary School from Gadsden Independent Schools
- Milan Elementary School from Grants-Cibola County Schools
- Laguna-Acoma Middle School from Grants-Cibola County Schools
- Tome Elementary School from Los Lunas Public Schools
- Dora Yalanne Elementary School from Zuni Public Schools.

Qualifying districts

School districts qualifying were Hondo, Corona, Capitan, Cloudcroft, Animas, Clayton, Des Moines, Dora, Elida, Fort Sumner, Logan, Los Alamos, Melrose, Mosquero, Roy, San

"The words 'impossible' and 'can't' seem never to enter their daily educational plans."

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Superintendent of Capitan Schools, Dr. Larry Miller, said the faculty and staff of Capitan Schools have made a concerted effort to address standards and benchmarks that have been adopted by the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED).

Miller said curriculum content has been aligned horizontally within each grade level. In addition, alignment has taken place vertically between grade levels and between building levels.

Instruction has focused on development of critical thinking skills among students. Teachers have challenged students to think beyond the application of basic skills, he said.

According to Miller, increased test scores that exceed the AYP goals adopted by the PED are the reward for these efforts. Every school in Capitan Municipal School District exceeded the State AYP goal.

"I commend the faculty and staff for the team effort that has been demonstrated within Capitan Schools," said Miller. "The daily commitment to assure that students learn is the foundation of the success we have experienced. The recognition of Capitan Schools as one of the 18 districts out of 89 in New Mexico as "Schools on the Rise" is a testament to the diligence of our staff and students."

Miller said he knows that that much work lies ahead, particularly knowing that each year "the bar is raised."

Individual schools were awarded \$1,500 and districts were given \$1,000 to use for education materials.

Capitan Schools are continuing the legacy

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A general obligation bond special election for the Capitan School District will be held Feb. 6. School district residents will be asked to cast a vote in support for issuing bonds for \$7,500,000 for infrastructure needs within the district.

The past support and investment of the community of Capitan is evident in the quality of graduates from Capitan Schools and the quality of the campus itself.

Capitan has rallied around their schools through a dedicated staff, a bold board of education and the support of district residents.

Building on that legacy, the Capitan School District is moving forward with advances that meet the quality established in the past and lay a foundation for a better future.

The first priority of the bond issue monies will be to improve the environment for students to maximize learning potential.

Heating ventilation and cooling systems top the list for the elementary, middle and high school buildings.

Classroom additions and a computer lab in the middle school are on the list along with renovations and carpet replacement in the schools. A science lab and classroom remodel for the high school is planned along with window and roof improvements.

Cummins gym is targeted for some restora-

tion, as are the library and the administration building restrooms.

The bond approval will allow the school district to provide a safe environment for students and enhance good education. It will further the district's ability to care for past investments in existing structures and offer an educational campus that fosters pride in the institution and attracts families moving into the community.

The new bonds will raise the tax rate by an estimated \$5.41 per \$1,000 of the net taxable value of a property.

"The administration of Capitan Schools has been diligent in its efforts to assure that this bond issue represents the needs of the District," said Capitan Superintendent Dr. Larry Miller. "We have done our homework. A 5-year Facilities Master Plan has been completed and we have obtained professional advice to determine costs of needed improvements. The District has chosen to address the infrastructure needs."

Miller said the passage of the bond issue is critical for Capitan Schools to receive additional State funding support for future facilities.

Absentee voting must go through the county clerk's office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Absentee ballots may be marked in person until 5 p.m., Feb. 2. For more information call the clerk's office at 648-2394.

Regular voting for the special election will take place at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Feb. 6.

COUNTY BRIEFS

'Zozo Woman's Club

The Carrizozo Woman's club will hold their regular meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8 at the clubhouse located at 1101 D Ave. in Carrizozo.

The meeting will feature a Calligraphy Workshop taught by club president Tona

Macken. The hands-on workshop will offer members and guests opportunity to learn to write in italic calligraphy with special pens and inks.

The club meeting always offer refreshments and a special guest speaker or artist.

Any woman who is interested in friendship and communi-

ty involvement and service is invited to attend.

The Carrizozo Woman's Club was founded more than 85 years ago and is a vibrant organization of local women who are dedicated to their community.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Ola Chavez Robnett

Funeral service for Ola Chavez Robnett, 63, of Hondo will be 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 28, in the Tinnie Baptist Church with the burial at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, in the Hondo Cemetery.

Mrs. Robnett passed away Thursday, Jan. 25, at her home. She was born Dec. 26, 1943 in Hondo to Aneda and Ermando Chavez. She lived in the Hondo Valley most of her life except when she lived in California from 1969 to 1974. She worked for Wal-Mart for 16 years. She married Lyn Robnett on April 19, 1975 in Reno, Nev. and he preceded her in death on Jan. 7, 2005.

She is survived by her children, Kenny Chavez and Sherry Chavez; four brothers, Paul Chavez, Robert Chavez,

Oziel Chavez and Luis Chavez; three sisters, Lillian Garcia, Lucy Haun and Frances Chavez; four grandchildren, Christina Chavez, Alicia Maez, Kiarra Chavez and Kenneth Chavez.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

Joy Kittrell

A memorial service for Joy Kittrell, 72, of Ruidoso was Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso.

Mrs. Kittrell passed away Thursday, Jan. 25, at her home. She was born June 1, 1934 in Huntington, W. Va. She moved to Ruidoso 15 years ago from Albuquerque and was a local artist and a member of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts. She married Kit

Kittrell on June 13, 1954 at Seattle, Wash. and attended the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount.

She is survived by her husband, Kit; her children, Vicki Conley, David Kittrell and Chris Kittrell; six grandchildren, Shannon Conley, Rebecca Conley Buckner, Spike Kittrell, Ashley Kittrell, Kelly Kittrell, Sidney Kittrell and her loving pets.

The family has requested memorials to the Salvation Army or Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.lagroneruidoso.com.

Don Carlson

Services for Don Carlson, 72, of Ruidoso will be held at a later date.

He was born Aug. 4, 1934 at Chappel, Neb. to Nels and Bulah Carlson and passed away on Thursday, Jan. 25, at his home in Ruidoso. He moved to California when he was two years old. He worked most of his life as a general contractor until he retired to Colorado in 1990.

He enjoyed deep sea fishing, hunting and shotgun sports. He helped build and run The Lompoc Sportman's Association Gun Club in Lompoc, Calif. and also helped

run the Northern Colorado Gun Club in Fort Collins, Colo. He moved to Ruidoso in 1996 from Fort Collins.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Linda Carlson of Ruidoso; a son, David Carlson of Orcutt, Calif.; a daughter, Donna Jean Karlsson of Portland, Ore.; four stepsons, Rocky Audenried of Sun Valley, Nev., Bobby Audenried of Sparks, Nev., Gene Pinson of Aurora, Colo., and Boo Pinson of Fort Collins.

The family has requested memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Tom Morrell

Tom Morrell, a regular and long time performer at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium, passed away Jan. 29, 2007.

Morrell, 71, is remembered as a consummate showman with the The Timewarp Tophands at the symposium.

Tom had just finished his latest CD titled "Relaxin' - How The West Was Swung" series Vols. 1-15. As a producer, band

leader or studio musician, Tom could be heard on thousands of records. Tom knew his industry and the industry sincerely knew Tom Morrell.

Local disc jockey Joe Baker said of Morrell, "I remember back in 2001, Tom was at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium and I had asked him to do some liner notes for my radio show. I asked him to come to the station around 10 o'clock the next morning and he said 'let's go do it now, I'm not one to get up early.' So we went to the station about 6 p.m. and recorded the session and didn't leave until after 9 p.m. We talked about everything. The time we spent together is, and will always be, one of my most memorable times with him."

Baker said, "I really love the quote from steel guitarist Bobbie Seymour about Morrell when he said just because it's written that way, don't mean you have to play it that way." The greatest steel players, past and present, know the Tom Morrell style and it was all his own. Tom Morell will be remembered as a legend and genius in the industry."



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Submissions are subject to editing for length, wording, grammar and spelling. Long lists of family members may be reduced. The newspaper makes every effort to publish obituaries and funeral notices in a timely manner, but we do not guarantee publication of an obituary on a specified date. We accept one photo per obituary; publication of a photo is subject to space availability and is not guaranteed. We are not responsible for errors or omissions. To guarantee that an obituary runs exactly as submitted and/or on a specified date, please contact our advertising department to place a paid notice.

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Notice is hereby given that the schools of Lincoln County during the regular hours and days 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 Friday, February 2, 2007, being the Friday immediately prior to the election.

Legal Notices 152
Notice of Public Meeting
The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires Region VI Housing Authority to prepare a Strategic and Annual Plan covering the operations of the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Legal Notices 152
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 election (the "Election") for the purpose of electing 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 is a public school capital improvements tax question.

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