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Councilor questions erased tapes

DESTRUCTION OF P&Z MEETING TAPES APPEARS TO VIOLATE VILLAGE CODE BUT NOT STATE LAW

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The timing to begin destroying tapes of Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission meetings didn't sit right with several people, including a Ruidoso Village councilor.

The action also appears to violate village code on retention of records for the planning commission, Section 54-61 (F-9 hearing procedures records).

When Councilor Michele Rebstock was contacted by someone interested in obtaining a copy of the Nov. 21 commission session and was told the tapes were destroyed, she picked up the telephone and called Village Hall.

The meeting covered a Midtown condominium-retail complex vote that approved a conditional use, but denied in a split vote, an amended commercial site development plan for Villa Nueva. The denial was appealed to the village

council by the developer.

"I immediately notified the acting village manager to cease any erasing, destruction or digital manipulation of the tapes of meetings until the council with its new attorney has time to address the matter," Rebstock said Tuesday. "He assured me it had stopped."

Acting Village Manager Bill Morris said state law allows the destruction of meeting tapes once written minutes are prepared. He said officials with the state Municipal League and the Municipal Clerk's Association are moving toward reusing tapes once written minutes are

finished.

"Apparently, they have reused tapes from planning and zoning in the past, but it's after one or two weeks because (the secretary) still is working on (transcribing) them until then," Morris said.

County Clerk Tammie Maddox said when she was using tapes, she kept them for two years, the accepted standard by the state Records and Archives Division. While, legally, tapes can be destroyed after written minutes are approved, not just finished, she probably will continue with the two-year

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ROSES ARE (MOSTLY) RED



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Corona FFA student council members began Monday with the three-day project of turning 1,000 roses into bouquets for Valentine's Day delivery. This is the seventh year for the fundraiser that is the major source of income for the FFA and pays for an overnight year-end trip for the high school students through the student council. L-r, Judith Torres, Alicia Palomarez, bouquet designer Edie Porter and Macy Sherwood. The students are 8th grade FFA members.

Judge a no-show at council

DEANNA CHENEY
For the Ruidoso News

RUIDOSO DOWNS - Try as they may to make facilities at 125 Downs Dr. suitable for a Municipal Court, Ruidoso Downs City Councilors' plans may be in vain.

Monday, Judge Harrold Mansell failed to appear before council to discuss a move of his court, advising the *Ruidoso News*, "It is not up to them, it is up to a district judge to decide. This thing is in litigation."

Last month, Mansell filed a complaint against the city in 12th Judicial Court seeking,

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Storm springs a surprise

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A massive snow storm lumbered into Lincoln County Tuesday, earlier and heavier than weather forecasters expected.

Reports on television and the Internet initially predicted one-half inch to 2 inches of snow in the south-central mountains beginning about 6 p.m. and extending to 6 a.m. Wednesday.

But Mother Nature had other plans.

The previously flickering

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Woodall brothers indicted for murder

Charged in the case involving discovery of a body near Arabela

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Friday a Lincoln County grand jury indicted two men for the August 2006 murder of 20-year-old Johnathan Lopez.

Brothers James Woodall, 18, of La Luz and Michael Woodall, 19, of Ruidoso Downs, each received indictments for an open count of murder, tampering with evidence in a capital crime and conspiracy to tamper with evidence.

Michael Woodall was arrested in January, resulting in the location and identification of Lopez's body.

James Woodall was arrested



JAMES WOODALL



MICHAEL WOODALL

Feb. 1 for the same crimes of murder and tampering with evidence.

The Lopez murder allegedly took place after an argument between him and the Woodall brothers.

According to the probable cause statement, the argument escalated and ultimately resulted in Lopez's death during the

night of Aug. 26-27.

Court documents state that Lopez was buried the following day in a remote grave in the forest where Lincoln County sheriff officers found him five months later.

Both men are held in the Lincoln County Detention Center and are summoned to appear in district court Feb. 23.

Ivan Villa pleads no contest

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The man accused of strangling his estranged wife in Ruidoso and kidnapping her son in 2005 pleaded no contest Friday to 2nd-degree murder and kidnapping charges.

Ivan Villa, 24, who fled to Mexico after the May 8 murder of Estelita Black in an apartment they shared in Madras, Ore., was held in place by Sheriff James Black, Judicial District Attorney Cameron...

...

Villa faces a 15-year prison sentence for the murder of his 19-year-old wife and nine years for kidnapping his stepson, who was recovered unharmed later in Mexico, according to court documents.

At the time, Black's mother said she was confident that Villa was fond of the boy and would not hurt him.

Mexico arrest

Villa turned himself in to Mexican authorities in October 2006, and was deported to Arizona and then sent to New Mexico.

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Bird Club field trip

Members of the Lincoln County Bird Club are planning a field trip to Tularosa and then to Dog Canyon in Alamogordo on Feb. 20. Other bird watchers or those hoping to learn more about local birds are invited.

Meet at 7 a.m. in Beall's parking lot on U.S. 70. Bring snacks and drinks. For more information, call 257-5352.

Alto Lakes meeting

Members of the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

The agenda includes:

- Zoning Agenda Part 1 (8:35 a.m.), Permits, Honeycutt (8:35 a.m.): DPM, Unit 1, Lot 8, 107 Flute Player Way. Repair and replace front door and threshold; Rowley/Aztec Stucco Construction. (8:40 a.m.): HM, Unit 2, Block 7, Lot 59A, 141 Alto Mesa Road. Stucco over cedar siding; O'Leary (8:45 a.m.): HM, Unit 1, Block 1, Lot 16, 218 Eagle Ridge. Landscaping using railroad ties and potted plants.

Informal discussion on plans was held at prior meeting on Feb. 1, 2007.

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• Variance and Conditional Use Hearings, Sherrod/Gunn Construction (8:55 a.m.): SB, Unit 3, Block 3, Lot 6, 205 Lakeshore Drive. Requesting a 4 ft. wide redwood walkway to connect two decks. Will encroach into setbacks approximately 2 feet.

- Administrator's report and critique.
- Public Comment.
- Announcement of next meeting, March 1.

Ski day

Students at Ski Apache attending the area during Ruidoso School's ski day today will have a chance at rewards for safety.

Food coupons will be given out at "The Beach" to the first 30 kids sporting decorated helmets.

'Robert McCarty Drive'

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board has approved naming the access road from Highway 70 into the new Green Tree Transfer Station and Recycling Operations Center in honor of former LCSWA employee Robert McCarty.

McCarty passed away Jan. 29 in a work-related accident. "I want all LCSWA drivers in the future to remember Robert and work safely each time they drive into the Station," stated LCSWA Operations Supervisor Debra Ingle in making the recommendation. The monthly LCSWA Board meeting began with a moment of silence for McCarty.

Other actions by the Board at its Feb. 9 meeting included:

- Approved removal of \$610.83 in accounts receivable on vacated residential property verified by the County Assessor.
- Elected County Commissioner Dave Parks as LCSWA



COURTESY SGT. WADE PROCTOR

Officers of the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does, Ruidoso Drove #152, purchased and presented a pair of hands-free night-vision goggles to members of the Ruidoso Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT). The Does organization raises money throughout the year for local charities such as Meals on Wheels, Santa Cops, Dogs for the Deaf and the Lincoln County Food Bank. They bought the hands-free night-vision goggles with proceeds from their Annual Dinner and Auction in December. Items for this Auction are donated by local merchants. This is the second pair of night-vision goggles donated to the department over the last three years.

Board Vice Chairman, replacing Tom Battin.

• Appointed Jackie Blaylock of Mescalero and Ray Dean of Carrizozo to the Lincoln County Recycling Committee.

• Heard a request from the City of Alamogordo and the Otero County Solid Waste Board to schedule the annual joint meeting with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board at 6:30 p.m. Thursday March 8 in Tularosa.

• Approved grant project and issuance of an RFP for \$52,000 for purchase of a tire cutter and hopper for the La Luz solid waste site in Otero County.

• Approved a grant project for \$80,000 in continuing funding for a tire bale wall at the new Green Tree Transfer Station site in Ruidoso Downs

• Approved a contract con-

tinuance for Carl Kelly Construction for tire wall construction at the Green Tree Transfer Station site in Ruidoso Downs.

• Approved a pilot project working with the Cook-Schneider law firm to reduce the number of unpaid solid waste liens in Lincoln County. More than \$120,000 in liens may expire. The Board agreed to \$20,000 with the firm to begin immediately filing actions in Magistrate Court in order to recover unpaid solid waste bills.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss limited personnel matters and pending litigation.

The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for March 8. For more information, contact Ingle at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com.

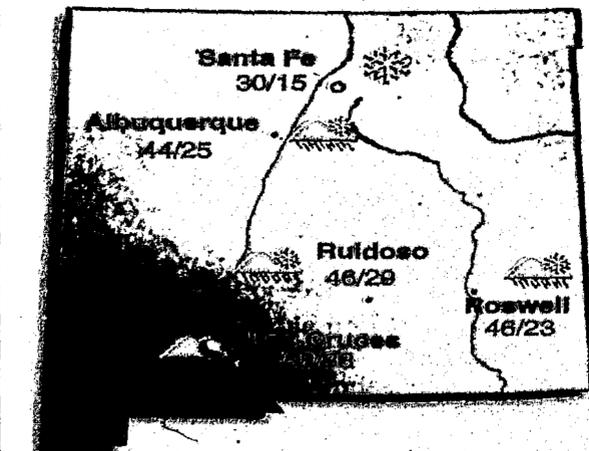
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 2/14	Thu 2/15	Fri 2/16
46/29 Mix of rain and snow showers.	47/33 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	60/39 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 6:47 AM Sunset 5:46 PM	Sunrise 6:46 AM Sunset 5:47 PM	Sunrise 6:45 AM Sunset 5:47 PM

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New Mexico At A Glance



Moon Phases

Last Feb 10	New Feb 17
First Feb 24	Full Mar 3

UV Index

Wed 2/14	5	Moderate
Thu 2/15	5	Moderate
Fri 2/16	5	Moderate

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

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	49	29	mixed	Grants	38	14	snow	Santa Fe	30	15	snow
Albuquerque	44	25	mixed	Guymon, OK	28	10	snow	Santa Rosa	39	24	snow
Carlsbad	44	22	sn shower	Hobbs	44	21	sn shower	Silver City	44	22	sn shower
Chama	28	7	snow	Las Cruces	58	33	pt sunny	Socorro	49	27	mixed
Clovis	38	19	sn shower	Las Vegas	33	15	snow	St. Johns, AZ	46	20	mixed
Deming	49	29	mixed	Lordsburg	49	29	mixed	Taos	32	5	snow
El Paso, TX	58	32	pt sunny	Lubbock, TX	39	20	sn shower	Trinidad, CO	32	13	snow
Espanola	49	27	mixed	Odessa, TX	44	20	sn shower	Truth or Consq.	49	33	mixed
Farmington	42	16	snow	Raton	33	9	snow	Tucson, AZ	61	38	pt sunny
Gallup	41	14	snow	Roswell	48	23	mixed	Tucumcari	36	19	snow

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	43	24	windy	Houston	54	34	pt sunny	Phoenix	65	43	pt sunny
Boston	39	20	mixed	Los Angeles	68	47	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	42	mt sunny
Chicago	16	1	sn shower	Miami	82	56	pt sunny	Seattle	48	48	rain
Dallas	41	27	cloudy	Minneapolis	8	-4	pt sunny	St. Louis	23	6	cloudy
Denver	30	17	sn shower	New York	35	16	mixed	Washington, DC	31	18	mixed

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Council approves Gavilan Canyon subdivision

Project will have 15 lots situated on 28 acres

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In a swift vote with little discussion, Ruidoso village councilors approved a new 15-lot subdivision on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The subdivision will be created on 28.01 acres with fire hydrants by applicant Way-Mar New Mexico based in Las Cruces, represented at the village council meeting late last

month by Tim Collins.

Approval of the preliminary and final plats (legally recorded layout) of the single-family development was recommended unanimously by the six commissioners attending the village Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in December. The site is on the east side of Gavilan and south of where the route intersects with Hull Road.

Water compliments

In other business, Len Stokes, a water supply and

water rights consultant who represents the cities of Las Cruces and Alamogordo, and Lea County Water Users, commended the council on its proactive search for water rights.

Saying his family has owned a home in Lincoln County for 80 years, Stokes said, he reads the newspaper diligently and all he sees is how bad the water supply is for the village.

"I want to tell you how wrong they are," he said of the people voicing their opinions on the condition of the supply. "I

don't think this village has ever been in better shape going into a new water rights accounting period. And your reservoirs are full.

"I wanted to give you compliments, because I don't see many in the newspapers. The local experts seem to miss that in their letters to the editor."

The New Mexico State Engineer oversees municipalities to ensure they do not use more water than the rights they own or lease in a water basin during a five-year accounting period.

Humane Society shelter officials search for stolen puppy

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A 6-week-old blue heeler-boxer mix puppy was stolen from the Humane Society of Lincoln County's animal shelter Dec. 15.

Shelter officials are hoping the person will do the right thing and will return the puppy safely to the shelter on Gavilan

Canyon Road, where a legal adoption and a spaying procedure can be handled.

The black and white female was named Tess by society workers.

"We believe she was stolen at about 2 p.m. by a young woman with dark hair, brown eyes, who weighed about 160 pounds and stood 5 foot, 6 inches in height," said Catherine

Stone, shelter manager. They think the woman was driving a silver four-door sedan, she said.

The incident was reported to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, Stone said.

"On the particular day the puppy was stolen, there were only two people besides the staff at the shelter during the time the puppy was discovered missing," Stone said. "The other

person adopted a different dog and the suspect was the only other person in the shelter after that."

Stone said the woman suspected in the theft returned to the shelter on Jan. 26, to look at more dogs.

"The Sheriff's Department was called and they spoke with her, but she denies involvement in the incident," Stone said.

If anyone acquired a black-and-white pup from someone matching that description within the timeframe of the theft, they are asked to call the shelter at 257-9841.



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OUR OPINION

Happy Valentine's Day to our unsung heroes

Let's honor those who make the world better

Happy Valentine's Day to you and yours. Yes, it is an observance of trinkets and reflexive cooing, but once a year, as with Thanksgiving or the 4th of July, it is helpful to be reminded of the important things in life: love, appreciation, patriotism....

As you dote on your sweetheart today, we salute those who indeed act out of love - for humankind, for their community; those who are not in it for the money yet make this a workable and caring society.

Thus, we honor teachers, for shaping our youth, often against the compelling tide of pop culture. We honor doctors and nurses, for being on call and for their comforting presence under the trying demands of modern bureaucratic health-care.

We honor police officers, firefighters and emergency personnel for the little jams

they extricate us from, and for their heroic, stomach-turning efforts in matters of life and death.

We honor veterinarians for extending our beloved pets' lives and for mercifully putting them to sleep when there is no other choice.

We salute those who run for office and serve in government and on boards and committees, especially at the local level. The rewards, except for making the community a better place to live, are few.

We thank those who volunteer in churches and service organizations, for their food and clothing drives, for their clean-up campaigns. We thank our neighbors for being neighborly, for just being there when you need them.

For love is more than a romantic interlude; it is the universal desire to make the world a better place.

Another 'local rag' goes dark; New Mexico a little dimmer for it

It was just a local rag, you know.

Aren't all of them, these community newspapers that dot the New Mexico landscape? Was it such a big deal when the *Lordsburg Liberal* folded her tent this month with a glaring, final headline that sadly pronounced "El Fin"?

Yeah, it was. When a single light bulb burns out, the world is just a little dimmer. When the *Liberal* closed her doors after 120 years of publication - she was the oldest weekly in the state - it was a sad day for Lordsburg, for New Mexico, and indeed, for newspapering itself.

It is great sport to pick on the local newspaper. It is what small towns do. During my nearly quarter-century at the *Carlsbad Current-Argus* there was a common greeting when I showed up at Corner Drug to take my pounding for what was in yesterday's edition. "Well, if it isn't the Current Anguish," someone would chime. Ha. Ha. That was a good one.

Readers remember the typos but ignore the fact some reporter, who hopes she has enough gas to make it to payday, spent hours at an interminably boring county commission meeting because someone has to do it.

The local observer will wring his hands when you print the name of a youth involved in a really serious crime, but conveniently forget the paper printed the news of his child's birth, was there when the kid won the spelling bee, threw the touchdown pass, got married.

The mayor will cheer the local rag when it runs his picture but snub the editor after he has editorialized, accurately, the local economy sucks.

Readers want local papers to go after the bad guys unless they happen to be the bad guys. Then they want the editors to look the other way just this once.

The Chamber applauds the paper for promoting the local festival, but badmouths the reporter whose story documents the community has the worst drug-use statistics in the entire state.

Community editors meet a lot of people who think, given the chance, they could do it better. What most don't realize is that in many smaller towns the local pizza shop, which delivers crust topped with cheese to your door, is better staffed than the

local paper that delivers vital news to your door.

Lorenzo Alba, Jr., was the publisher of the *Lordsburg Liberal*. Part of his eulogy: "Now that the smoke has cleared, there is nothing left but goodbye, not to my hometown and community, but to my newspaper - our newspaper, the *Lordsburg Liberal*. A slogan that I coined - 'It's more than just your newspaper, it's a tradition,' was not something that was thought out in a marketing war room. It is simply the truth."

The Texas-New Mexico Newspaper Partnership, part of a corporation with deep, deep pockets, owned the *Lordsburg Liberal* and was responsible for closing her doors, leaving the field to the only other player, the *Hildago County Herald*, an upstart weekly launched a few years ago by a former *Liberal* staff member.

The company took some flack for letting the *Liberal* fold. On the other hand, had it flexed economic muscle to squash the *Herald* which, trust me, it could have easily done, then it would have been blasted as the school-yard bully.

Whatever, the *Liberal* is gone. But what the hell, it was just a local rag.

The columnist - neantwell@beyondbb.com - is proud to have spent a lifetime serving local rags.

BE MY VALENTINE



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Two ravens appear to be a couple and show their amour by nuzzling each other as a photographer captures their tryst. Juveniles begin to court at an early age, but may not bond for another two to three years. Aerial acrobatics and displays of intelligence and ability to provide food are key behaviors of courting ravens. Once paired, they tend to nest together for life, usually in the same location. The pair will build a nest of large sticks and twigs lined with softer material on a cliff ledge or a tall tree, or a building ledge in cities. The female will lay from three to seven pale bluish-green, brown-blotched eggs. Both parents keep the eggs warm, and take turns feeding the chicks. These shots were captured with a Canon EOS-1Ds Mark II and a 400 mm- f 2.8 with a 1.5 converter.

GUEST COMMENTARIES

Valentine's Day: True love is unconditional

JULIAN WELLS
Ruidoso

Be my Valentine! It must be that time again. Everywhere I look, I see all those beautiful red Valentine's cards as well as all the lovely red heart-shaped candy boxes stuffed with wonderful chocolate.

What does all this exchange of cards and giving out of candy boxes really mean? Plain and simple, it's what Valentine's Day is all about, "love." It doesn't take much to show someone we care. Remember, a candy heart or an act of kindness can bring a hint of sweetness to someone's day. It's a blessing to both the giver and receiver when they are done with love.

The need to express love is one of the most valuable ingredients for a happy and joyful life. You can have your every wish fulfilled, your every dream come true, but if love is not among these, you will be empty and barren.

But our concept for the most part has been based upon the attitude that love is a physical expression between individuals, between man and woman,

between parents and children, other family members, and friends.

Often that is based on conditional love. Conditional love is manipulative. It abuses the relationship to serve one's needs.

Conditional love is based on feelings, which can be fickle. They can easily change when a person does something unpleasant. We are so inclined to rebellion that if God's love was nothing more than a feeling, it would have disappeared long ago.

In any relationship the truest love is unconditional, and it is expressed at a deeper level. Reaching this depth takes patience and courage. Unconditional love takes a commitment.

It begins with God. God has chosen to love us for who we are right now, without expecting anything in return.

Love thy neighbor as thyself. Let's take this a bit further; from the spiritual writings we hear the same voice say that love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love keeps no record when it has been wronged. Love never gives up, never

loses faith.

Seek to know love and it will bring wisdom and happiness to your life. Learning to communicate is to express love. To accomplish your tasks successfully expresses love in your actions.

As we express love, it expands in all directions, so there is no limit to where it can go. Love is a blending of all that exists. It is the beauty before your eyes, the music within your ears, the softness beneath your fingertips and in your heart.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning said, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways." Like Elizabeth, we can come up with a multitude of ways to express our love and affection for one another. We can send cards, candy and flowers. But love's expressions go far beyond that. They exist in our everyday thoughts, words and actions.

As it turns out, everything we do can be considered an expression of love. It all depends upon the intent of the action. Spouses and lovers, you would do well to look up Elizabeth's poem and read it together. It could just be the best Valentine you could give to one another.

Aspartame: Corporate lobbyists win again

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New Mexico Senate Bill 498, to ban Aspartame, the artificial sweetener, was killed on Sunday at about 9:30 p.m. by the Senate Public Affairs Committee, voting the way the 11 corporate lobbyists hammered them to do so, 6-2.

The motion to kill, or "table," was made by Dr. Steve Komadina, OB-GYN, the only physician in the New Mexico Legislature, who, curiously enough, strongly recommends to his pregnant patients that they never ever use Aspartame, for the harm the formaldehyde and methanol it metabolizes into will do to the unborn fetus.

Why he could not extend his compassionate concern and medical expertise to protect the 1.8 million citizens of New Mexico is far beyond the powers of comprehension of this humble author, who actually wrote the bill and led the efforts, thanks to the cooperation of Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pinó, to ban Aspartame in New Mexico.

I am so very much reminded of the lemmings all agreeing to jump off the cliff together. Perhaps any eight of them, after consulting with the same corporate lobbyists, would be able to put together the same 6-2 majority.

Gradually, the legislators who drink aspartame beverages will drop out (or drop dead) by attrition, after their intellectual faculties wane. Some have already. The largest consumer of Aspartame in the Senate, the former Finance Chairman, actually resigned just before this legislative session. His successor, David Ulibarri, said it was

because he just got old, and I asked, what could make you older faster than the formaldehyde and methanol in 12 cans of diet soda every day?

The lobbyists will always still be around. Dr. Komadina is likely destined for a brilliant future as physician-legislator to extend his sophistries in the name of Republican Libertarianism, since the corporations who make and distribute Aspartame are now so happy with his "legislative efforts," maybe even enough to run his name up the flag pole as a possible candidate for Governor.

On the surface, that might sound great to some: a physician as governor, eh? Heal the sick, raise the dead, keep Big Pharma in business.

Komadina's bills are very disturbing, particularly his new Freedom to Eat Enchiladas Act, which give blanket corporate immunity to all food businesses by preventing anyone from suing for damages resulting from the formaldehyde- and methanol-borne afflictions they would face, or trans-fats, bovine growth hormones, food colorings or even proven carcinogens that the FDA had been forced in prior years to approve.

In voting for "Freedom to Eat Enchiladas," Senator Mary Jane Garcia of Las Cruces stated that she, too, as a diabetic, would get sick if she ate three pieces of pie. Prior to this hearing, Garcia had said she would vote for the bill to ban Aspartame, but the deluge of corporate lobbyists convinced her to change her position, despite the testimony of the expert witnesses, a pediatrician and a neurotoxicologist. Garcia stated to these experts, just before the vote, that she "hadn't understood a

word they said."

Mary Kay Papen of Las Cruces voted without comment to kill the bill, and Grants Senator Ulibarri voted to kill, although he had actually signed the bill at the beginning of the session as an ostensible supporter. The Republicans all voted to kill the bill.

No doubt, there will be triumphant and jubilant proclamations by friends of the Aspartame industry. Fast-food corporations will have a perfectly docile and compliant citizenry. Donald Rumsfeld, who won approval for Aspartame in 1981 as CEO of Searle, must be very happy with his compliant legislators.

The same lobbyists will try to kill the bill to create a New Mexico Nutrition Council, with powers to advise the schools and perhaps, at least once in a while, question, if not outright challenge, some of the most screwball pronouncements of the FDA.

Things look pretty grim for Consumer Protection efforts in New Mexico and in the U.S. in general at this moment. Perhaps efforts to ban Aspartame in Indonesia, South Africa and other nations may ultimately vindicate ours in New Mexico, perhaps not. Corporate America has constructed a very thick skin to shield public consciousness from such embarrassing questions as product liability, neurodegenerative harm and illnesses resulting from their products, and other irksome inconveniences.

Where is Bill Richardson on all of this? Try writing a letter or sending him an email to ask him. If you are lucky, once in a great while, his attentive staff might answer.

Local radio club to conduct testing

Local 'Hams' support emergency services

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Members of a local amateur radio group will conduct Federal Communications Commission amateur license testing sessions later this month, one with and one without the requirement to master Morse code.

The first session is set for Feb. 17 for those that want to take an examination before the Morse Code requirement is removed from the rules.

The second session will be Feb. 24, and will cover the new exams that do not require the Morse code for the General or Amateur Extra class licenses.

Both exam sessions will be open to anyone taking any class of license and will be conducted at 10 a.m., at the north end of the hall of Sierra Mall, 700 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso.

"At this time we may have up to 20 people waiting to sit for this session," said Rick Sohl, Lincoln County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Officer.

To sign up, call 505-937-8480 and leave a voice message for a call-back.

"As an Emergency Communications Leader, I can see many more folks joining this part of 'Ham' radio in supporting our local, state and federal government," Sohl said. "Here in Lincoln County, we have about 90 licensed Amateurs and about 50 percent of these 'Hams' are active in the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Emergency Services/RACES. We operate a joint ARES/RACES program supporting Lincoln County and all the villages and cities in the area.

"I hope to see many new 'Hams' get licensed or upgrade their existing licenses with the removal of the Code as an exam element. I also hope that most of these will support our local ARES/RACES program."

To take an exam, one will need the following:

- a government-issued ID with photo (State Drivers License).
- a second form of ID with same name on it, such as a library card or credit card.
- \$14-exam fee.
- any VE CSCEE forms that are less than 365 days old for exam credits of prior exams.
- any calculators that you bring must not be programmable; if you need to borrow a scientific calculator, one is available for loan.
- the VE team provides all forms and paperwork needed to take the exams, including blank paper for your calculations.

tions.

• any disabilities that need special help need to be scheduled prior to these sessions.

Exam credit for the General written (and Extra written) without Morse code can only be given after Feb. 23. No Morse code exams will be given after that date.

For those with a 2-meter radio, both 146.920 / 151.3 tone and 146.980 / 100.0 tone repeaters will be monitored until 10:30 a.m., when the actual exams begin.

Joe Kenmore is the County District Emergency Coordinator for ARES and Sohl also serves as the state RACES Officer and as the New Mexico American Radio Relay League Section as the Section Emergency Coordinator for ARES. Wayne Greaves is president of the Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club.

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Lincoln County Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Officer

Anyone interested can go online for many of the study materials or to take practice tests. Sohl recommended the ARRL site at <http://www.arrl.org>, with exams at <http://www.qrz.com/p/testing.pl>. The local SBARC Web site is <http://www.sbarc-nm.org>.

"We have a support project for newly licensed 'Hams' called 'Elmer,' which helps a person study, set up their station,

answer questions, program radios, or offer other advice," Sohl said.

Local members actively support local radio repeaters, radio nets, conduct club meetings, a weekly breakfast, support events and participate in a yearly Field Day, he said.

The county also boasts a large number of "Lady Hams," compared to the national average, he said.

Morse code no longer required

FCC loosens requirements for Hams

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Morse code no longer will be required to earn an Amateur Radio "ham" license, according to the public information officer for the American Radio Relay League, New Mexico Section.

The ARRL is the national organization for amateur radio in the United States, base in Newington, Conn.

In a ruling published in the Jan. 24 Federal Register, the Federal Communications Commission announced the elimination of testing for Morse code proficiency for all Amateur Radio licenses. The change will take effect Feb. 23.

The FCC will also allow new amateurs to use more frequencies, including those that can talk all over the world, said Charlie Christmann, who lives in Placitas, has been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since 1978 and is chairman of the Board of Directors for the Sandoval County Amateur Radio Emergency.

While many amateur radio operators continue to learn and use Morse code, now it is only for their own enjoyment of the skill, he said.

Amateur operators have been using newer digital, image, satellite, voice and other modern wireless technologies for years.

The move to eliminate code testing (Report & Order in WT Docket 05-235) signals the end

of an era, Christmann said.

Within hours following announcement that the code requirement was being dropped, ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, reported that requests for study materials for new or upgrading licensees more than doubled.

The elimination of Morse testing ends a long tradition for Amateur Radio licensees.

The FCC action follows revisions to the international Radio Regulations resulting from the 2003 International Telecommunication Union World Radiocommunication Conference allowing each country to determine whether or not to require Morse code skills for an Amateur Radio license.

The FCC staff announced that the holders of the entry level, Technician Class, license will gain new privileges previously reserved for amateurs who had passed a Morse code exam.

The new privileges will allow worldwide communication under certain conditions, but the major change is that the other two classes of Amateur licenses - General and Amateur-Extra - no longer require Morse code proficiency.

The General License provides full operating privileges except in some frequency bands that are reserved for the Extra Class operators.

The change means that more Amateur Radio operators will be available to assist during communications emer-

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Charlie Christmann
Licensed Amateur Radio Operator

gencies such as Katrina in 2005, when hundreds of amateurs helped plug a communications gap, Christmann said.

One unexpected result, seen in other countries which had eliminated code testing earlier, has been an apparent increase of Morse code use following their decisions to no longer require code proficiency, he said.

Christmann said the ARRL is trying to let the public know that Morse Code is being eliminated as a requirement for an Amateur Radio License, one that was a stumbling block for many people interested in becoming a Ham operator.

"We are hoping that this action by the FCC will encourage more people to join our hobby and become interested in emergency communications," he said.

The Ruidoso and Lincoln County Amateur Radio Emergency Service group has a Web site at www.qsl.net/k5-ric/index.htm.

Wayne Greaves is the president of the Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club.

For more information, check out www.arrl.org or, to learn how to obtain an Amateur Radio license, see www.hello-radio.org.

FEMA flood reimbursement higher than originally tallied

Village to receive more money from federal government to help repair or replace bridges damaged last summer

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Money to mitigate flood damage incurred by the village of Ruidoso last August and September jumped by \$41,900 in the most recent tally from the federal government.

Acting Village Manager Bill Morris presented a "subgrant" agreement for Village Council approval at a meeting in late January that increased the reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency from \$61,302 to \$103,208.

Gavilan, Close bridges

Major damage was sustained to the bridge on Gavilan Canyon Road and a bridge on Close Drive was destroyed by the flood flow of the Ruidoso River measured at more than

300 cubic feet per second.

IN OTHER ACTION, COUNCILORS:

• approved a resolution in support of the city of Sunland Park for a vehicle/pedestrian non-commercial customs port of entry at Ciudad Juarez-Anapra, Mexico and Sunland Park, New Mexico.

Councilors said they weren't sure why their opinion mattered, but agreed to show support for the efforts of Sunland Park officials.

• approved a contract with Conoco Bell Gas #65 of Ruidoso, 400 Sudderth Drive, at a .08 cents per gallon spread for unleaded, unleaded plus, super unleaded and diesel fuel.

The company submitted the only bid out of three packets mailed and advertisements in the newspaper to supply village vehicles.

The base price bid was \$1.54465 per gallon unleaded, \$1.61865 for unleaded plus, \$1.66965 for super unleaded and \$1.83475 per gallon for diesel.

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EDUCATION

It's back to square one for the Capitan School District

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With the death of a \$7.5 million bond package at the hands of Capitan voters, members of the Capitan School Board and administrators now must re-evaluate their next attempt to gain support for money to refurbish the school's campus.

"We still need the money. This was a proposal to address the needs of the

kids and improve their learning," said Capitan Superintendent Larry Miller. "We're disappointed and will have to go back to study what we've proposed."

Miller said he hasn't heard too much directly from voters on the recently defeated bond, but said he and the board will work harder in the future to get public input before putting together another bond package.

Board member Robin Parks, who was part of a committee that was to

travel around the district in the month before the election, said she did hear many people say they supported the schools, they just couldn't support the bond package as it had been constructed.

"Some people had the right information and some didn't," Parks said. "We've been speaking with our financial advisor and his first suggestion was to talk to the voters and see what will work."

Parks encouraged all potential vot-

ers and district residents to get involved from the beginning in this process.

"I would just ask that people become concerned and involved," Parks said. "It wasn't just one neighborhood voting on this, several subdivisions throughout the district were against this particular bond."

Parks has stated she's optimistic about putting together a bond that will get passed, it will just take a lot of communication between the board and the

voters. Miller feels the same way, he just wishes it wouldn't take another two years:

"We have a new board that will take over in March, and the new members will have to be brought up to speed about this," Miller said. "There are so many different things to consider when creating a new plan to take to voters. The costs and availability of supplies will change a great deal by the time we get a new bond together."

Staff, students work to make Library more 'teen friendly'

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The Ruidoso Public Library staff has been working to provide more comprehensive services to the teens in our community. In addition to the creation of a new teen reading area located on the library's main floor, a teen advisory committee has been formed to work with the staff for development and promotion of the new area and to help shape its future.

Called "The Teen Project," its mission is to encourage young adults, ages eleven and up, to use the Ruidoso Public Library services and materials, with the goal being to create an aesthetically appealing new reading area for teens to enjoy.

Three local teens met with library personnel Feb. 3 to discuss plans for the project, including design, fundraising and special event options. Present at the meeting were Douglas Thigpen, Emily Vickers and Hannah Kashmar, who met with Library Director Phyllis Reed, Children's Librarian Cheryl Volosin and Library Assistant Marie Slaten.

Under discussion were items listed by the staff in their proposed budget, which currently totals \$11,050 and includes a five-station computer lab, game tables, furniture and increased library holdings.

Some funding has already been secured in the form of \$2,400 from the state library,



SANDY KASHMAR/STAFF

Local youth attending the first meeting of the Teen Advisory Committee in the newly-established "Teen Area" at the Ruidoso Public Library were Hannah Kashmar, left, Emily Vickers, center and Douglas Thigpen, at right. The teens met with Library Assistant Marie Slaten, at left by Kashmar, Children's Librarian Cheryl Volosin, in pink, and Library Director Phyllis Reed.

\$3,000 from the Friends of the Library and \$1,000 from the Ruidoso Valley Greeters.

The project has also received support of the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso, as Altrusa President Susan Lutterman and Literacy Project Chairwoman Judy Griffin presented a check to Reed for \$1,000. That money was donated in memory of Bill McMurtry, late husband of

Altrusa Karen McMurtry. The donation was earmarked for the purchase of computer equipment. A fund has been created at Village Hall to enable local businesses and individuals to contribute to this worthwhile effort.

Through this project, teens are being encouraged to use the public library after school and on weekends. Added computer access for research, available

space for clubs and study group meetings and special programming are planned to encourage the area's youth to make use of the valuable resources the library provides.

Increased holdings of appropriate materials - including fiction and non-fiction books, periodicals and graphic novels - is an important part of making the library more accessible to teens,

as are special demonstrations, speakers and events geared toward the teen audience.

Several other young people have expressed an interest in becoming a part of the advisory committee, and the next meeting will be March 10. For more information, or to volunteer to serve on the committee or make a donation, contact the library at 258-3704, ext. 6.

Band director recruiting musicians

ENMU-Ruidoso's new concert band director, Frank Anderson, is recruiting additional

brass, woodwind and percussion musicians throughout Lincoln and Otero counties to join the ENMU-

Community Band. Participation is open to all residents.

Meeting each Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso High School fine arts building, the community band is already planning several public performances later this spring. Anderson recently assumed the directorship of the ENMU-Ruidoso band in addition to being director of bands at Western New Mexico University in Silver City. A 34-year veteran band director, Anderson has directed award-winning secondary school bands at Bloomfield High School in New Mexico and Montwood High in El Paso.

While under his directorship, the Mountwood band was invited to play for President Ronald Reagan's inauguration, for Prince Rainier of Monaco and marched in the Orange Bowl parade. The Bloomfield band played for two U.S. presidents under his directorship. In his most recent assignment, Anderson started the now 240-member band program at a new high school in El Paso.

Anderson has indicated that musical scores from the ENMU-Portales and WNMU music department libraries have been made available to ENMU-Ruidoso band members. The listing includes movie scores, Broadway and off-Broadway melodies, pop tunes, classical and contemporary numbers. The variety of music selection is expected to provide musical challenges and enjoyment for this all-volunteer community band group.

Tuition scholarships are also available for area high school juniors and seniors. Registration continues during class times each Wednesday night.

For more information about the band program, call 257-2120 or toll free at 1-800-934-3668.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Local is HSU graduate

Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene, Texas, announces that Sarah Wirth, of Ruidoso, was among approximately 270 students that received degrees during the commencement exercises Dec. 16.

Capitan scholarships

The Capitan Women's Club is offering a pair of scholarships to

two deserving students from Capitan schools. One, a \$500 annual scholarship, will go to a young woman who graduates from Capitan High School and is accepted into any New Mexico university, college or trade school. Applications are available at the high school and the deadline for applying is March 1.

The club is also offering a scholarship for one week this summer at Lone Tree Bible Ranch to a Capitan Middle

School student. This scholarship is open to both boys and girls and requires that the applicant submit an essay to the Women's Club. Details are available from Karole Barton at the middle school.

Career fair

The Lincoln County Works Center has limited exhibitor space available for the second annual Career Fair, scheduled for March 21 at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Area employers are invited to participate in the day-long event.

Recruit new employees, conduct job interviews on-site and visit one-on-one with prospective employees. There is no charge for table space but reservations must be secured by March 19. The career fair is scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with set up starting at 9 a.m.

For more information, or to reserve your table, call Juanita Garcia at 630-8181 or register at the Lincoln County Works Center, 707 Mechem Dr., located in the State National Bank building.

ENMU-Ruidoso classes

Several special short-term classes begin this month at ENMU-Ruidoso Community College, with several more on the horizon for those seeking some self-enrichment and learning opportunities.

"Serving Food Safely" will be presented by the New Mexico Environment Department 3-5 p.m. Feb. 15 in room C105. This course is designed to train restaurant personnel in proper food handling procedures to ensure public safety.

Any employee who prepares food should attend this class. There is no charge for this class, although pre-registration is required.

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), in conjunction with the New Mexico Environmental Health Association (NMEHA), will hold swimming pool operator certification training April 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room C103.

Swimming pools or spas in housing or lodging facilities that have more than five units are considered public pools by the NMED. Those operating these pools must attend a one-time certification class conducted by the department.

Cost of the class is \$80, and students must register directly with the NMEHA at P.O. Box 27176, Albuquerque, NM, 87125-7176.

To register for either of these classes or for more information, call Coda Omness or Fred Reed at 630-8181 or 1-800-854-4712 or by e-mail at coda.omness@emnu.edu or reedf@emnu.edu.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

White Mountain Principal Award winners for the second nine weeks. Above, third grade. Front row (l-r) Sarah Reynolds, Irene Bob, Carlitos Chavez, Eduardo Escarsega. Second row (l-r) Hannah Coleman, Brittany Pineda, Morgan Jackson, Michala Caywood, Kaylor Grady. Third row (l-r) Mireya Grado, Cheryn Vigil, Andi Harrelson, Jake Harrelson, Brittany Herrera. Top row (l-r) Reilly Easter, Landon Taylor, Colton Robertson, Taylor Mowdy. Below, fourth grade. Front row (l-r) Sterling Aley, Walker Marlon, Kate Barleen, Noel Cardona, Mario Valenzuela, Kayton Blaylock. Second row (l-r) Ashton Allen, Aspen Cervantes, Tiffany Garcia, Reagan Gardner, Deanna Sanchez, Harris Desiderio. Third row (l-r) Raina Duncan, Iza Lidsey, Kate Robinson, Jeremiah Chavez, Eric Grundseth, Dustin Castro. Top row (l-r) Robert Lopez, Alexis Moebus, Sydney Stephens, Madison Walth, Tyler Lawing, Jesse Valdez.



ENMU-Ruidoso has record enrollment

ENMU-Ruidoso experienced a dramatic student enrollment increase for the spring 2007 semester, according to campus Provost Michael Elrod. Following on the heels of record enrollments beginning last summer and continuing into fall 2006, the spring 2007 semester also reached a new all-time high.

As of census enrollment date in the second week of the semester, there were 807 students registered. The previous record was established in spring 2003 with 776 students enrolled. Compared to spring 2006, the 2007 enrollment numbers improved by more than 19 percent.

Elrod attributes the increase to several factors.

"Our faculty and staff have worked extremely hard over the past two years to develop an array of new courses and degree programs, as well as scheduling classes during convenient times of the day and evening," Elrod said. "Additionally, with the newly-renovated campus, just completed this month, one that includes four new classrooms, an enlarged library and new bookstore, our students are now able to enjoy the benefits of

having a full-service college campus.

"The response to our renovation project has been tremendous. Students are elated to see the transformation of the college that doubled in size and includes new paint and carpeting throughout the entire facility," he added.

Elrod reports that "faculty and staff are equally overjoyed by the expansion project. My hat is off to everyone for being so patient during the past six months. Not a single person complained during the oftentimes disruptive construction project."

Elrod stated that Phase 2 renovations to expand into the remainder of the campus struc-

ture will begin this summer, as will repair to a wall which collapsed during heavy rains this past summer.

"Once the renovations and overall campus improvements are completed by this time next year, students will have even greater opportunities to enroll in career-technical and academic programs that are being developed," Elrod said.

The Phase 2 renovation project totaling \$1.25 million dollars is being funded by general obligation bonds that were approved by voters during the November 2006 election. The south wall is being rebuilt with funds derived from state property disaster insurance coverage.

NOTABLE NEW MEXICANS

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Cool Kids gets a boost at public library

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Think back to when you were in grade school or middle school. At one point or another, you were likely picked on, or knew someone who was.

You might have even been considered the "bully" of the school.

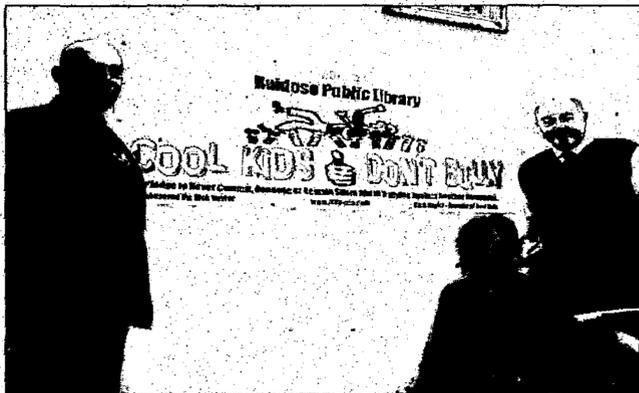
One retired police officer is hoping to eradicate the scourge of bullying not just in our schools, but in our community.

Toward that end, Rick Naylor - founder of "Cool Kids" - has unveiled a banner which will hang in the Ruidoso Public Library for all to see.

The target audience, of course, is kids who, while heading downstairs to the youth area of the library, will see the banner as a reinforcement of the vows they took not to bully while in school.

"Children are always here, and we're trying to keep the slogan in front of them at all times," Naylor said. "Anywhere kids congregate on a regular basis, we're trying to make this a part of their daily life."

The real focus of the program is to help create children who will grow up into adults that won't



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Rick Naylor, founder of Cool Kids, far left, stands with Ruidoso Library Administrator Phyllis Reed, kneeling, and Lincoln County Commissioner Tom Battin as they unveil the latest "Cool Kids Don't Bully" banner in the stairwell leading to the library's youth area.

resort to violence or intimidation to get what they want.

"I've been fighting domestic violence and building shelters for years," Naylor said. "I figured kids were a big part of it. If they can pledge not to use violence every single day, that's a step in the right direction."

"Once you get the kids to agree to that type of thinking,

they feel very proud of making a change," he added. "There's no future in hurting someone, but lots of good comes from loving others."

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STORM

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snowfall picked up about 1:30 p.m., and in less than two hours parts of the village reported accumulations of 4 1/2 inches.

Council called off

At about 3 p.m. the Village of Ruidoso postponed Tuesday's regularly scheduled council meeting by 24 hours, to 4:30 p.m. today. The meeting was highly anticipated for the expected announcement of the new village manager.

As of press time, Capitan had not cancelled its regularly scheduled meeting of the board of trustees, despite a call in campaign by interested citizens to do so.

Around Ruidoso, roads deteriorated quickly by early afternoon. Two-wheel drive vehicles failed to find the traction to

climb hills on Eagle Drive and in other parts of town. Even drivers of some four-wheel sports utility vehicles decided not to try steeper routes.

A stretch of NM 48 between TR's Market and Swiss Chalet Hill was closed temporarily in late afternoon, but otherwise 48 was slushy and passable.

A winter storm warning was issued during the afternoon Tuesday and expected snowfall was upgraded to from 6 inches to 12 inches in higher elevations. Meteorologist Ken Drozd with the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service said that included Ruidoso and up.

The snow was associated with thunderstorms, Drozd said. Lightning was reported and the pattern indicated pockets of heavier precipitation.

The storm was expected to extend into Wednesday, accompanied by bitter overnight temperatures.

TAPES

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approach now that she has switched to CDs, she said.

Bob Johnson with the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government echoed Maddox's assessment, agreeing that legally, tapes do not have to be maintained after the minutes are approved. No one was available for comment at the municipal league.

New attorney

Morris said he's waiting for time to confer with the village attorney, Dan Bryant.

"Right now, everything is on hold and will stay on hold," Morris said. "If we need a policy, I want it to be consistent for all public boards and to be on paper."

But it appears the village council already approved a pol-



"Apparently they have reused tapes from planning and zoning in the past, but it's after one or two weeks because the secretary still is working on transcribing them."

Bill Morris
Acting village manager

icy for planning commission hearings under the "records" position of the village code.

"The planning administrator shall make a full record of the hearing by sound recording. Summary minutes shall be kept of all public hearing and they shall be kept available for public inspection. Any person shall have the opportunity to listen to, copy or transcribe the

sound recording of the public hearing at any reasonable time at the office of the planning administrator."

Without specifying a time of destruction, the policy guarantees the tapes will be maintained by using the word "shall" be available to the public, a local attorney who reviewed the policy concluded.

Until that provision is modified or a time of destruction is set by council policy, anyone destroying tapes from planning and zoning would appear to be in violation of village code, he observed.

After the Nov. 21 hearing, a representative of the Ruidoso News attempted to listen to the tapes on two occasions, but was told they were unavailable or misplaced.

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among other things, an order by the court to provide "adequate accommodations" that offer privacy and security.

Mansell has requested a new courtroom and offices since 2004, specifying at times property owned by someone other than the city available for rent. In November 2006, he declined the city's offer to relocate him and his staff to offices currently being used as auxiliary space by the planning and code enforcement department.

A one-time contractor, Mansell referred to the space as "an old trailer that doesn't meet ADA or court standards," and asked whether facilities owned by the city directly across the highway from city hall, known as Cigarette Alley, could be assigned.

City Manager John Waters

responded that Cigarette Alley cannot be used for court activity as it was purchased with lodgers tax monies that "are statutorily locked to certain types of things like funding for museum operations, parks and visitor center activity. It cannot be used for a general fund expenditure."

Waters said the city has only two structures that are an option for the judge and Cigarette Alley is not one of them.

"If that is the case I'd like us to think in terms of that building being only temporary," Councilor Jeffrey Dean Holman, a former alternate municipal court judge, argued.

"I'd like us to put as little investment into it as we can and, as soon as we can, get a permanent municipal court facility constructed."

Councilor Sue Garrett noted "temporary can be a long time" and said she would not want "someone coming back a year

from now and say 'this was supposed to be only temporary,'" especially after council allocated hard earned money to bring the building up to ADA compliance.

"I want the residents to know we are trying to be fair with our money and be careful. We have a building we can use," she said referring to the code enforcement trailer. "We also have sewer line extensions and the Wastewater Treatment Plant expenses before us now."

Councilor Judy Miller, who is serving a second term, said she can recall the offers previously made to Mansell to upgrade the trailer to standards, including an offer to pave the parking area. She said the facility was designed for offices with one large central room in which court could be held.

Council directed city staff to draw up a plan for remodeling the trailer ADA compliant, including an estimate on costs

to retrofit facilities into court offices, and have them ready for review by the next council meeting scheduled for Feb. 26. Possible grant monies for construction costs also are to be sought.

In the meantime, Waters said that to relieve municipal court staff from their current crowded conditions, office space could be provided at the trailer for Bailiff Dana Terlecky.

"Dana should have gone there in the first place, and the judge knew this, when the judge agreed to hire him," Waters said. "But that's up to the judge. If his honor wants to keep him in the office there when he is not needed for actual courtroom activity, that is up to him."

Late Monday, Mansell countered through media why the old maintenance garage owned by the city on the corner of Downs Drive and Highway 70 is not up for consideration as an alternate site for court space.



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Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born, left, pins a sergeant's badge on Raymond Merritt.

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The reluctant officer

■ Raymond Merritt tried other careers before becoming police officer

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Raymond D. Merritt admits it right up front.

He tried other careers, but he was drawn back to law enforcement. Finally, he stopped fighting the inevitable.

Merritt, who moved up from corporal to acting sergeant last year, was promoted officially to sergeant in the Ruidoso Police Department last week.

Police Chief Wolfgang Born said Merritt's evaluations tell the story. They note his high level of proficiency, good work ethic, honesty and integrity.

"He takes his job seriously and makes sure his people are out there working," Born said, "He's not just a supervisor. He gets in there like everyone else. He thinks on his feet, is very organized, thorough and does the paperwork that is necessary in this job."

"He's a true cop. It's in his blood. His heart is with this department."

Merritt 38, was born in Wilmington, Del., attended high school in Las Cruces, but graduated in Germany, as he traveled with his family to his father's military assignments.

His first taste of police work occurred when his father worked as a reserve deputy for the Sierra County Sheriff's Office when he was a child.

"After graduation I went into the Army for eight years," where he served in the military

police, Merritt said. He was stationed at Fort Lewis in the state of Washington, then deployed to Korea, Panama, Honduras, Thailand and Germany.

After his discharge, Merritt said, "I tried not working at law enforcement. I knew there wasn't a whole lot of money there. I managed a bar and club in Tacoma, Wash. That's where I met my wife, Angela. We have four kids."

"But it was in my blood from the military. After I was out a few years, I missed it. The issue was job satisfaction over being rich."

He attended police academy in Santa Rosa, Calif.

"At the same time, my father was here and told me about an opening," Merritt said. "Then Lt. Born interviewed me in 1998, and gave me a chance."

"I finished the academy, but when I came to Ruidoso, I went through the three-week New Mexico waiver course in Santa Fe to be certified here."

Exactly who was a full-time officer first — his father, Ray Merritt, Sr., or Merritt — remains a point of family debate, the son said.

"When he retired, he moved here and bought land in Loma Grande. He was with race track security and then animal control with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office," Merritt said of his father. "He left there about

the same time I arrived."

His father now works in the state Department of Transportation's Motor Transport Division, checking semi-trucks as they move across the district.

Merritt said he wouldn't discourage his two boys and two daughters, if they wanted to go into law enforcement.

"I would encourage them to go to school and to think about it, but if they really wanted to do it, I would support them 100 percent," he said.

"It's a fun job, a good job. I really enjoy it. I really couldn't see myself doing anything else, but it's not for everybody."

Best part of the job

One of the major attractions of the job is the camaraderie among the people in the department, he said.

"It's a level you only experience with the military and usually can't be found in the private sector. We see each other more than our families and we depend on each other. It's the best part of the job."

He also enjoys meeting so many different people, thankfully, a good percentage outside the less pleasant side of the job.

Merritt was raised to acting sergeant after two officers left the department last year. That meant his work on seeing the department accredited by the state temporarily was put aside. However, he continued

as the department's crisis negotiator and background investigator while taking on patrol supervision, working with five officers on the graveyard shift.

"Supervision includes ensuring that the men on my shift abide by our policies and procedures, stay within the limits of everyone's civil rights and assure that due process is upheld if anyone is arrested," he said.

Of his negotiator's position, Merritt explained, "I'm the one they call when anytime someone barricaded tries to negotiate a peaceful resolution."

That's exactly what he was able to do after a 14-hour stand-off recently with a man in Ponderosa Heights.

Born said he hopes that as the department fills several vacancies, Merritt can refocus on accreditation.

"At one time, we were to be the third department in the state, but I had to pull Ray out a year ago," the chief said.

With accreditation comes assurances that officers are trained and follow accepted professional and legally sound procedures, Born said, which defuses the likelihood of defense attorney criticisms. Once accreditation is obtained, the department must undergo reviews every two years.

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P&Z commissioners compliment new flow chart for project reviews

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A new flow chart drawn up by Ruidoso's planning director based on adequate time for project reviews by planners and each village infrastructure department head received compliments last week from planning and zoning commissioners.

"This frequently has lead to applications being continued to a subsequent planning commission meeting or the action of the planning commission appealed to the village council," Decker wrote. To reduce that likelihood, he proposed revising procedures. "There are specific deadlines in the village code for having a complete application prior to the date on which the application will be heard by the planning commission," he said. "I am requesting your concurrence that from now on these deadlines will be adhered to and no application will be scheduled for (commission) action until staff can determine

the application is complete." To that end, 15 days will be added to the scheduling time previously used to process applications, he said. The extra time should allow the planning staff to adequately review the submissions, for Decker to look them over and for other department heads to submit written statements. Applicants should be less frustrated, because of fewer postponements or continuations, he said. A time stamp will mark when applications are received and as each new piece of information is submitted to eliminate disputes over whether and

when data was submitted to the planning office, he said. The process also should ensure everyone is looking at the latest version of a plan, he said. Surveyor Tim Collins, who represents many new subdivisions and developers at the village and county level, said, "It scares me to say this, I don't want planning and zoning unhappy with me," but different applications should be devised for each purpose to eliminate unnecessary information being required. He suggested getting input from the people who use the applications frequently. Decker said staff is reviewing the format for possible updating and changes, and he agreed with Collins. For instance, a legal description is not needed on the application because it will be contained in other documents, he said. Collins also questioned the need for location maps. He complained about the lack of notification for the scheduling of infrastructure meetings, a chance for developers to talk over problems with department heads. He urged planning staff to call if they uncover a problem or can't find a particular document, instead of letting him find out at the next hearing. His son Eric Collins, also with Collins' surveying business, asked that little items not

keep a project off an agenda. Communication is the key, Decker agreed. Commissioner Tim Hoyt said while applicants have an obligation to track their own projects, they don't want to appear to nag the staff. "People assume when they don't receive a phone call, everything is O.K.," he said. Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said board members need to see a topography map and the department reports, because they don't attend infrastructure meetings. Variables do occur with a project, he said, but some things a developer knows will be required; Decker said he is trying to pinpoint items that slow up processing. "Some times it's just tracking people down," he said. In another issue, commissioners were willing to table an application for rezoning, but when a representative of the developer pushed for action, they voted against recommending approval. Eric Collins, speaking for MUT Enterprises based in Ruidoso, told commissioners he needed a decision that day on a request to rezone a half-acre lot from single-family residential use to community commercial for a law and appraisal office. A site development plan also was submitted for expansion and remodeling of an existing building for a law and appraisal

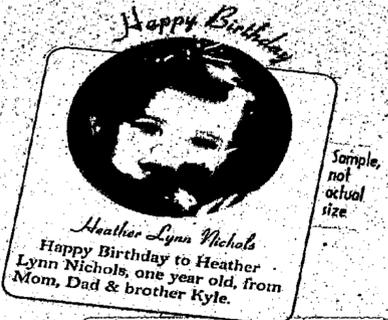
office. Decker pointed out that the village's Comprehensive Plan sees the area off Purr Street and Mechem Drive as multiple use. "The whole area eventually could develop as commercial," he said. "That's why we didn't say no, because the comprehensive plan anticipated this." Commissioner Mike Reveley said neighbors worry that once rezoned, the property could be used for other things that qualify under that zoning designation. Residential homes sit on the east and south, a real estate office on the west. Letters of objection were sent by two neighbors and a third, Ben Martin, said the traffic already is heavy there. He also was against plans for a holding pond to catch storm water runoff, because it could become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Reveley offered a motion to recommend denial of the applications, which passed 4-0. The other members were absent. The rezoning automatically goes to the village council for a final vote. In another petition, commissioners approved a variance and an amended commercial site development plan for a tennis court in Innsbrook Village to allow construction of restrooms to be used by golfers and tennis players.

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Downs considers public access to greenspace along river

DEANNA CHENEY
For the Ruidoso News

RUIDOSO DOWNS - Riverbank fishing and much-needed greenspace may make the case for a request that property located off Joe Welch Drive be designated parkland. Addressing Ruidoso Downs city councilors Monday, Parks

and Recreation Committee Chairwoman Bonnie Richardson said her committee would like the council to consider the riverfront property as part of its master plan for parks. "As you know, a great deal of Rio Ruidoso river frontage has been bought by individuals throughout the years, thus restricting public access to the river," Richardson said. "This property is a golden opportunity for Ruidoso Downs to provide its citizens a lasting legacy in what is now the heart of town. We may never again have a chance to allow our citizens access to their river, whether it be to fish, to picnic or to enjoy the quiet of nature and the beauty of the water and the mountains," she said. Richardson asked that councilors approve the request and allocate money in the next fiscal year "so that matching grants can be applied for." She acknowledged that input would also have to be garnered from members of the public, as well as various departments of the city, including any official Mayor Bob Miller may see fit to assign to a study group. Resident Jim Burrow told council he would like to see at least part of the land under discussion set aside as parkland. "I'm a fisherman and I like to go down there," he said. "And, it's a nice place for kids. At any given time you see 10-15 kids down there playing. I

guarantee you if you make this into a nice park you'll have 50-100 kids down there. I can't see this as anything but a great improvement for the city." Councilor Judy Miller volunteered to serve as a liaison to the study group from the council and Jay Smith, director of the city-owned Hubbard Museum of the American West, also volunteered, each noting the plan as a positive prospect. Additionally, Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Paul van Gulick, a licensed engineer and surveyor by trade, offered to provide a "professional survey of the property that could serve as a baseline for future planning by the city and architects." IN OTHER BUSINESS, COUNCILORS: received a report on recent audit findings as presented by Ronnie L. Hemphill, CPA. heard a presentation by Chris Kercher of Datamatic, Ltd. on the city's proposed new Radio Read Metering System. awarded a bid to Cherokee Enterprises to construct a sewer line extension on Wood Lane and Juniper Court. approved publication of a request for proposals for professional legal services. discussed an increase in city sewer rates. discussed possible relocation of municipal court offices. approved mid-year budget adjustments.

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Friday evening saw a great sporting contest take place at the Ruidoso High School field house when the Warriors met and defeated Dexter in an impressive "quit when you're dead" shoot-out, 57-51.

RHS had been behind nearly the entire contest, but their typical, never-say-die attitude kept the game within reach and with 3:50 left, the Warriors tied it, 49-49.

A few seconds later, Ben Sanchez made a free throw to put the Ruidoso "scrappers" on top for the first time, 50-49. Once they finally captured the lead these boys knew what to do with it. The Demons only scored two more points, while RHS surged ahead with seven more, winning by six.

After a lackluster offensive first quarter, the Warriors saw themselves down by eight, 16-8. Some key shots in the sec-

ond quarter, by TJ Apochito who pumped in two 3-pointers and Brand Franklin's seven point contribution, put RHS back in competition by the halfway mark, 34-26.

The third period saw the Warriors redouble their efforts, outscoring the Demons 12 to eight, and go into the last period down by only four, 42-38.

With under four minutes left, RHS tied the contest and once they took the lead, they never relinquished it. One of the contributing factors in this period was Sanchez putting in five of 10 from the free throw line. The Demons had two clutch free throws with 2:20 left and missed both of them. While the Warriors shot 50 percent from the line, Dexter could only manage 33 percent and therein tells the story of this game.

Four of the Warriors found their way into double-digit scoring. Sanchez led the pack

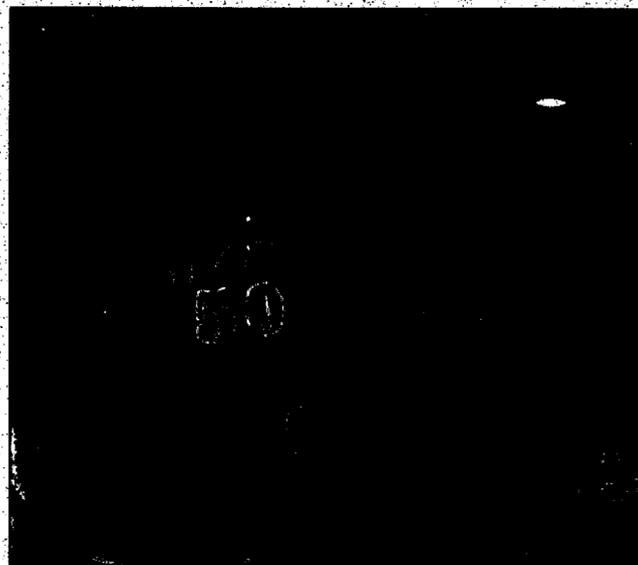
with 13, followed by Thomas Rodriguez with 12, with TJ Apochito and Brand Franklin each putting in 11.

This contest was also marked by intense fan participation which the Warriors used to their advantage. That, together with their never-say-die attitude, resulted in an exciting victory.

"Our defense did a good job on No. 15, Daniel Fuller, tonight, holding him to 15 points RHS coach Billy Page said. "We never gave up, made the free throws under pressure that we had to and Dexter didn't. The team showed a lot of character tonight and, needless to say, I'm very proud of them."

The Warriors will have played in Lovington, Tuesday, and then travel to NMML, Friday.

"If the boys play on the road with the same kind of character they showed tonight, I think they might upset one of these two teams," Page added.



MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

Ruidoso's Kiel Burkett, right, drives to the bucket as Dexter's Daniel Montoya defends Friday during the Warriors' narrow District 4-3A victory.

Lady Demons no pushover as Ruidoso girls earn district win

KAREN BOEHLER
For the Ruidoso News

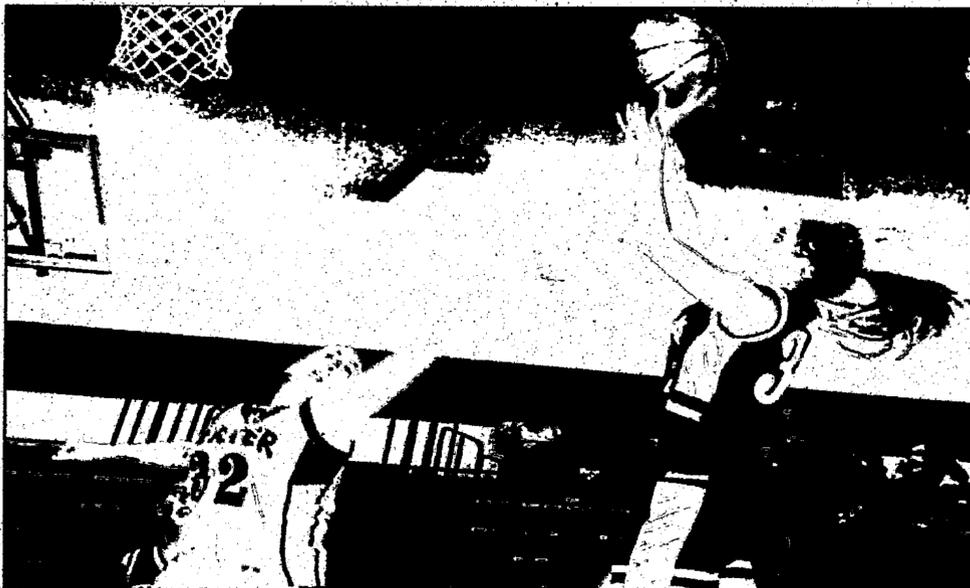
DEXTER — Early in the season, the Lady Warriors demolished Dexter at the Artesia tournament, and the current Demon record (5-17, 0-5) made it look as though the small Pecos Valley school hadn't improved much.

But Dexter gave Ruidoso (15-9, 4-1) a bit of a scare Saturday, leading early in the second quarter and closing a wide Warrior gap late in the District 3-4A match before Ruidoso finally earned a 73-66 victory.

Warrior coach Julie Montoya said her team probably wasn't quite as focused as it should have been.

"I think we played hard the whole time, we just maybe didn't have the focus we needed on the shots because we were missing layups and the little 5-footers that we normally knock down," she said. "So little things like that. Overall, I thought we played well, we just didn't put the ball in the hole."

Dexter put the first points on the board, as Krystal Banda got the first of her game-leading 27



KAREN BOEHLER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lady Warrior Haley Williams, right, shoots for two while Lady Demon Katie Geib tries for the block during the third quarter of Saturday's District 3-4A match in Dexter.

points on a free throw.

Then Ruidoso came back with six unanswered points, and it began to look like the

Warriors might again get an easy win. But after a time out with 4:33 left in the quarter, the Demons came roaring back, tying the match at 11-all after one quarter.

Dexter then went up 17-11 — opening the second with one of Banda's three 3s — before Ruidoso finally went ahead for good late in the stanza.

The Warriors led 28-23 at the half and by the third had stretched their lead to 49-32.

But the Demons started putting everything together in the final stanza, cutting the Ruidoso lead to as little as five points with just under two minutes left in the game.

"We played a good fourth quarter for a change," said Dexter head coach Kim Hamill.

The game was filled with fouls from the opening minutes — Ruidoso had 29 and Dexter 25 total fouls — but neither team shot well from the free-throw

line.

The Demons were only 50 percent — 20 for 40 — from the line, with 12 of those points coming in the final stanza. A better shooting percentage might have turned the game around for Dexter, Hamill said.

"That's exactly what we were talking about in the locker room: is free throws," she said.

Ruidoso didn't shoot much better — going 13 for 30 — but also shot best in the fourth, which helped keep the Warrior lead.

The high foul count — nothing unusual when the two teams meet, Montoya said — resulted in four players fouling out: Charlie Largo for the Warriors and Banda, Megan Brown and Katie Geib for Dexter.

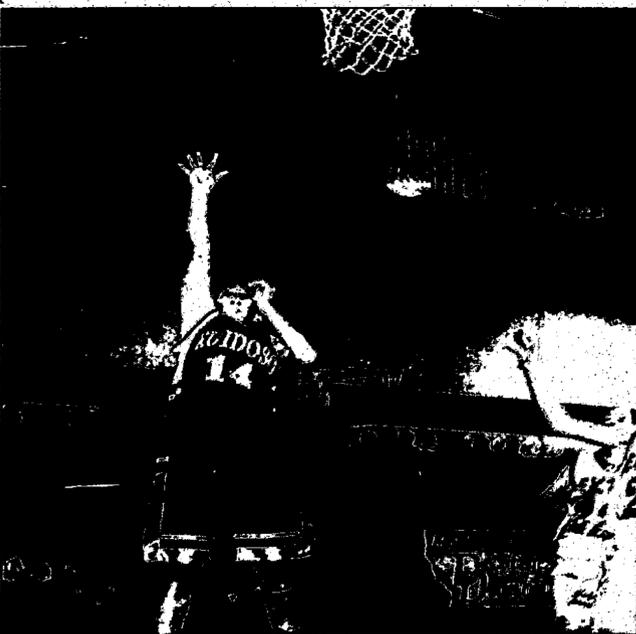
Despite fouling out, Banda and Geib led all scorers, Banda with 27 and Geib with 21, and Hamill said the two are key to any Dexter success.

"They finally started shooting the ball," she said. "At the beginning of the year they weren't, so it was hurting us."

Ruidoso got scoring from nine players, led by Allison Rigby, Tonee Montoya and Largo with 13 each, and Haley Williams with 10.

With one game left in the regular season, coach Montoya said her team knows they're going to have to play better against district leader Portales

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KAREN BOEHLER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lady Warrior Tonee Montoya (14) goes for two all alone after getting ahead of the pack during the second quarter of Saturday's District 3-4A match in Dexter.

16 players make South 2A, 3A All-Star teams

The New Mexico High School Coaches Association has just named its South All-Star Football Team and in the 2A classification, Capitán and Carrizozo had a total of 11 players named.

The South 3A class had five Ruidoso named to the All-Star squad.

The teams were selected by a committee of head football coaches in each section of the state representing each class 1A, 2A and 3A district.

Capitán and Carrizozo, both 2A schools, enjoyed successful seasons, resulting in seven players being named from the Tigers and four from the Grizzlies.

Offensive honors for Capitán were:

Center — Matt Neal

Tight End — Jimmy Thomas

Wide Out — Matt Davis

Quarterback — Tillman Freeman

Running Back — Pierre Quiros

Defensive honors for Capitán were:

Downman — Jeff Miles

End — Brandon Talbot

Offensive honors for Carrizozo were:

Guard — Jace LeBlanc

Tight End — Robert Dutchover

Wide Out — Johnny Beltran

Running Back — Eric Korascil

Local South 3A offensive honors for Ruidoso were:

Center — Ben Sanchez

Quarterback — Adam Gonzales

Defensive honors for Ruidoso were:

End — Brand Franklin

Linebacker — Cutter Pack

Back — Peter Zagone

All 2A athletes named will be invited to play in NMHSCA's 17th annual North vs. South A/AA All-Star Football Game to be held June 9 in Silver City.

All 3A players named will be invited to play in NMHSCA's 7th annual North vs. South 3A All-Star football game to be played July 14 in Las Vegas, N.M.

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Ski Report

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New snow past week: 6 inches

Weather for Wednesday: Snow showers likely. Partly cloudy, with a high near 29. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible.

Midway depth: 76 inches

Season total snowfall: 135 inches

Surface conditions: Powder and groomed

Skiing conditions: 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: Trench, Wild Onion, Rover, Screaming Eagle, Dead End, The Terrible, Incredible, Upper Peables, Lower Peables, Chute, Mescalero, Caliente, Roy's Run, Upper Snow Park, Lincoln Lift Line, Gondola Lift Line, Ring Tail, 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, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Upper Deep Freeze, Snow Park, Smokey Bear, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, Game Trail, Elk Ridge, Bull Run

Snowmaking past 24 hours: No

Forecast: Mostly sunny, Thursday, with a high near 38

Prep Results

Thursday, Feb. 8

Boys Basketball
Hondo 90, Vaughn 64

Friday, Feb. 9

Boys Basketball
Ruidoso 57, Dexter 51

Saturday, Feb. 10

Boys Basketball
Capitan 59, Jal 47
Mesilla Valley 77, Mescalero 48
Girls Basketball
Capitan 53, Jal 35
Mescalero 41, Mesilla Valley 40
Ruidoso 73, Dexter 66

Monday, Feb. 12

Boys Basketball
Carrizozo 55, Mescalero 42
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo 45, Mescalero 36

Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, Feb. 15

Boys Basketball
Capitan at Eunice 7 p.m.
Carrizozo at Corona 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Portales at Ruidoso 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16

Boys Basketball
Cloudcroft at Mescalero 7 p.m.
Ruidoso at NMML 7 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Mescalero at Cloudcroft 5:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Ruidoso at State tournament championships in Rio Rancho

On Deck

LCYSL SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration will begin at White Mountain Cafeteria on Saturday, Feb. 10, 10-2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 10-2 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m. There will be no late signups and all previous players must re-register. All players should be 4-14 years old (before Aug. 1, 2006). There will be a registration fee of \$45.00. For more information, call Rhonda at 973-0108 or Casey at 937-3092.

RUIDOSO LITTLE LEAGUE

Thursday, Feb. 15, 5-8 p.m. at Ruidoso Senior Center
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Carrizozo sweeps Mescalero in non-district twin bill

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In non-district action Monday evening, the Grizzlies outlasted the Chiefs, 55-42, to put Carrizozo's overall record at 18-7. Mescalero had just come off a great upset victory last week over district rival, Tularosa, 69-63, but couldn't pull-off another "stunner" in Grizzlies-land.

Carrizozo started out strong, taking the lead by the end of the first period, 17-10, and increasing that margin to 30-18 by the halfway mark. Rory and Jeremy Zamora, scored eight and nine points, respectively, in the first half and contributed heavily to the 12 point lead.

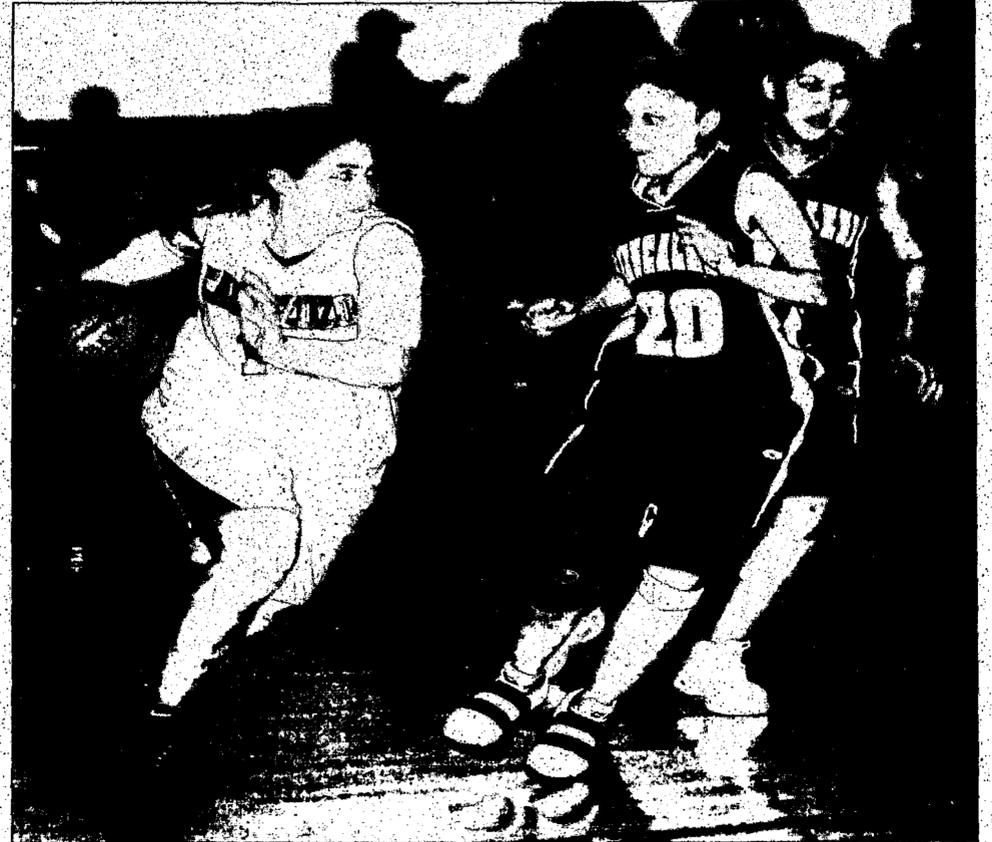
"Although as a team we didn't have a great offensive half or game, we were able to control a continually improving Chiefs team and maintain a respectable lead," Carrizozo coach Brad Holland asserted.

The Chiefs made it interesting in the second half, when they were able to keep pace with the Grizzlies 11-10 in the third and 14-14 in the fourth, but were unable to overcome the earlier 12-point deficit.

"We did a better job of taking care of the ball tonight than we normally do, especially the point guards," Holland said. "We didn't have many turnovers and our defense really contributed to the overall effort. Mescalero has gotten better defensively, and their



Mescalero's Justin Blake, left, goes high to defend Carrizozo's Cody Ventura Monday during the Grizzlies' 55-42 win at CHS.



Carrizozo forward Kaitlyn Vega, left, dribbles the ball after a rebound as Mescalero's Kayla Randall defends Monday during the Lady Chiefs' non-district win in Carrizozo.

kids played hard tonight." Robert Dutchover played very well throughout the game

and scored a total of 20 points, followed by J. Zamora with 14 and R. Zamora managed 10.

After a week-long layoff, Carrizozo will next play at Corona at 7 p.m. Thursday.

"It's important that we have a good solid game going into district playoffs next week," Holland pointed out. "With a 7-0 district record at this point, a

lot of other teams will be gunning for us."

Girls beat the Chiefs

The Lady Grizzlies put together a solid and consistent scoring second half to overcome the Mescalero girls, 45-36. The Lady Chiefs were outscored 11-

3 in the first quarter, and this would later come back to haunt them, even though they topped the Grizzlies in the second period, 14-8.

At the halfway mark Carrizozo had the lead, 19-17, but really busted-out in the last two periods with 13 points in

each quarter to beat Mescalero by nine.

Kaitlyn Vega had her usual strong performance, scoring 22, and her Mescalero counterpart, Kayla Randall, dumped in 12.

The Lady Grizzlies also join the boys at Corona, Thursday, at 5 p.m.

Lady Chiefs win another heart-stopper

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The Lady Chiefs seem to like living on the edge lately. After narrowly beating Tularosa, a week ago Tuesday, 43-42, they again pulled out the excitement card from their playbook, and overcame a tough Mesilla Valley opponent Saturday, 41-40.

The Sonblazers immediately jumped out to a six point lead in the first few minutes of this district game, but not to be denied, Lady Chiefs Kayla Randall and Jessica Yellowcloud hit two successive 3-pointers to tie the contest. After that, this

district game was a dogfight, pure and simple.

By the end of the first quarter, Mescalero had the lead, but barely, 12-10. The battle royal continued and by the halfway mark, the Lady Chieftains still managed to hang on to the lead, 26-22.

In the third period, Mesilla Valley intensified their play and out-scored Mescalero, 13-6, giving them a 35-32 lead going into the last quarter.

In the last eight minutes, however, the Chieftains turned the tables on the Sonblazers, 9-5, giving Mescalero a hard-fought and well-deserved one point victory.

The low score is indicative of the defensive battle that ensued and even though Mesilla Valley's six-foot post, Natalie Mcmillan, dominated on the inside, scoring 12, Mescalero came out on top.

Two of the Lady Chieftains scored in double-digits, with Randall pumping in 17 and Yellowcloud contributing 10.

The Lady Chieftains now stand 4-2 in district play and at that time were 15-5, overall, until their loss in a non-district game to Carrizozo Monday evening. They next travel to Lordsburg Tuesday for another crucial district contest.

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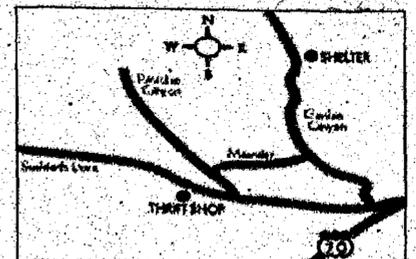
Like people, dogs if they hear "NO" too much tend to block it out. When training always praise much more than yell "NO". A good rule of thumb is to ignore behavior that you wish to discourage, but be very quick to praise and reinforce the behavior you want. Most of your pet's behaviors are geared to gaining your attention. It doesn't matter if you are yelling and screaming...for a dog, attention is attention and its all

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I know this is training tip is easier said than done, it is hard to ignore a dog's bad behavior when it is annoying. But if you follow this advice you will see results, the trick is to be instantaneous with the praise/reward the moment he stops doing what you don't want. Praise and rewards make a huge impression on your dog, much more than endless repeats of "NO"!

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Warrior wrestlers lose close one at district dual

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The Ruidoso grapplers met with some individual district success before losing overall at Cobre Thursday, 45-42.

"We know Cobre well," Warrior coach, Brian Brown offered. "Both of our teams lost seniors last year, which

left us fairly even as competing squads. Even though the Indians were runners-up last year and State champs the year before, we anticipated positive results from this contest."

Still and all, Ruidoso managed six individual winners in the matches. Chase Stroud, won at the 112 pound weight class, Bubba Woods was victorious at 119, Derek Grant hit pay dirt at

140, Garrett Griffin got top spot in the 160 division, Manny Hererra triumphed at 171 and Josh Flaten succeeded in the heavyweight section.

Some of the matches the Warriors lost were close ones and not decided until time had run out. In addition, Ruidoso was forced to forfeit the 130 pound weight class because of an illness and two other divisions as well,

because of no participants.

Now, the Warriors look ahead, with high expectations, toward the State wrestling tournament in Rio Rancho starting Friday.

"Realistically, I think we'll have at least one state champion but I believe we have a shot at four others," an optimistic Brown volunteered. "We haven't seen any of the guys from St. Michael's

or Bloomfield, but I expect them to be tough, as well as Robertson."

Although the Warriors are not particularly strong at the middle weight classes because of inexperience, this trip should give them the combat action they will need for the future.

"Our goal is to make it into the top five, and we fully expect to accomplish that objective," Brown concluded.

Capitan subdues Jal Hondo jumps on Vaughn

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The Jal Panthers came to Capitan, Saturday, saw a determined Tigers team and were conquered, 59-47. Although Jal didn't concede the contest until late in the game, the Tigers stayed tough throughout and earned the victory at the closing buzzer.

The end of the first quarter saw both teams neck and neck at 13-12, Capitan, however, by the second period Craig Barton stepped up and put in six points off of a concerted Jal press. By halftime, the Tigers shot out in front, 29-20, but as they were soon to find out, the Panthers were by no means finished.

Jal kept their heads and tied the contest, late in the game. With that, Mitchell Harper stepped up and hit a

crucial 3-pointer, one of two he had in the game, and took momentum back for Capitan. The Tigers then cruised ahead by 12 points for the victory.

Travis Berryhill was high scorer with 13, followed by Barton, who had 12 and Eldridge managed 11.

Lady Tigers pounce on Panthers

The Capitan ladies set the pace for the boys earlier in the day, when they trounced the Lady Panthers, 63-45. Although they only led 15-14 by the close of the first period, the Lady Tigers began to increase their lead in each of the next three quarters.

Four Capitan ladies found their way into double-digits. Kelsey Campbell led the way with 14, followed by Catrina Turner, Brittney Lamay and Katie Polley, each with 10.

Hondo jumps on Vaughn

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The Eagles flew in Hondo Thursday, but the indiginous variety swooped to victory, 90-64. The Hondo Eagles that is.

"The Vaughn Eagles came to play, no doubt about it," Hondo coach, Henry Lopez said. "It didn't help matters, we were slow off the mountain either. Our defense was listless in the beginning but we got it going shortly afterwards."

It's understandable if the Hondo boys were somewhat slow off the mark. They had just come off a tough loss against Carrizozo, Tuesday, and needed to put their game-face back on, which they proceeded to do in short order.

Leading, 23-11, at the close of the first quarter, they maintained

that 13 point advantage at the end of the half, 39-26. By the completion of the third period, Hondo was able to increase their advantage, 67-47, and, at the final buzzer, won by 26.

Jesus Medina led in scoring with 27, followed by Ralphie Medina putting in 16, Patrick Chavez dunked 12 and Raymond Montano managed 11.

"Everybody scored well, but we were only 11 of 25 from the line, Lopez stated. "This cost us badly in the Carrizozo game and we have to improve on that or it will hurt us again."

GIRLS

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Tuesday.

"We talked about that after the game, that of course we're going to have to play better," Montoya said. "Like I said, overall we played OK, I thought, we just need to knock down those shots and they know they're going to have to knock them down against Portales."

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Not 2 Shabby Shop to host open house Thursday in Capitan

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When the Not 2 Shabby Shop, an entity of the Capitan Public Library, opened last summer, they did so in high gear and haven't slowed down since. An open house was an idea that stayed in storage until now.

The all-volunteer staff of Not 2 Shabby Shop welcomes the public to come browse, shop and socialize tomorrow from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served to show the shop's appreciation to the community for their support from concept to creation.

Acknowledging the volunteers who staff the shop will be part of the celebration.

Shop manager Raylene Greer said that more than 1,400 hours of volunteer time was spent in three weeks time before the doors of the shop opened for business Aug. 25. Village dignitaries will also be

recognized for their part in making the building available.

The Not 2 Shabby Shop currently has 49 volunteers that help at different times and provide an assortment of services to the business.

Help in the form of the strong arms and backs that move and build, to the smiles and creative touches of those who staff the store during the three days a week they are open.

Greer said more volunteers are always welcome and can contact the Capitan Public Library or the shop to sign up. Volunteer shifts in the shop are only three hours long.

The shop is collaborating with other charity entities in the county to help a larger number of people and better utilize the donated items.

Among the current partnerships are the Humane Society Gift Shop, Ft. Stanton, The Nest and others that work to help people in need.

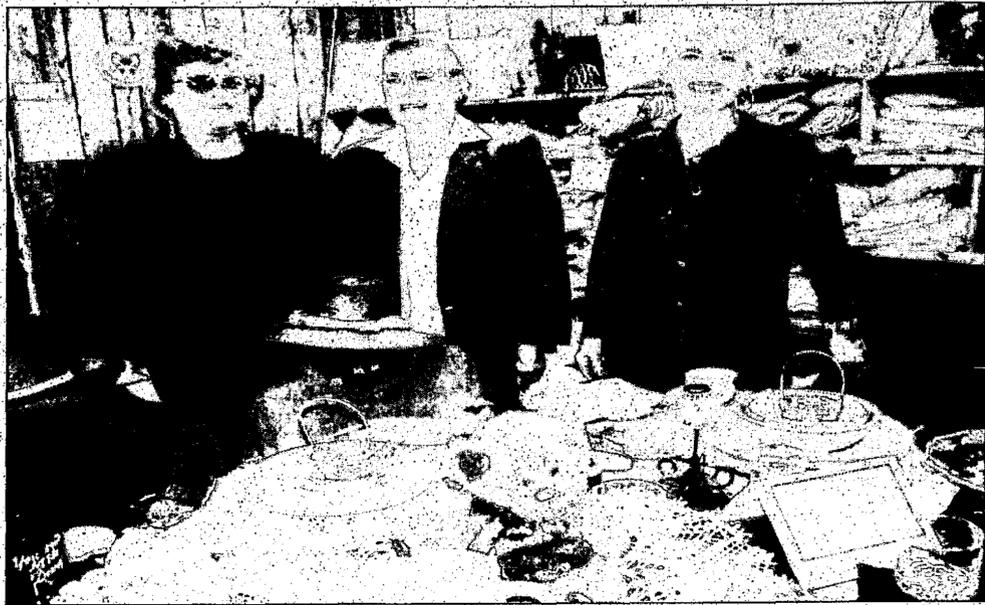
"Giving back to the community and touching others is really what we are all about," said Greer. "And with that concept, interest in the shop has continued to grow since opening day. The amount of support and donations we have received speaks well for the people of this community."

Donations of goods can only be accepted during business hours. Outside drop offs are prohibited. The shop cannot take soiled, wet, mildewed, broken or non-working items of any type.

No hazardous items including chemicals like paint, gas or kerosene cans, camp stoves, oxygen tanks or medical supplies can be accepted.

Books and magazines can be taken directly to the Capitan Public Library.

Not 2 Shabby Shop is open 12-6 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday - Saturday. For more information, contact the shop at 354-0149.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Not 2 Shabby Shop volunteers Darlene Snyder, Mary Bowker and Linda Valentine offer Valentine smiles to shoppers

Never too old for Disneyland

The gymnastics boys team traveled to Albuquerque for their first meet of the year to compete in the Judge's Cup. John Hobbs had an all around score of 30.19 in the Level 6 division. This earned him third place all around. His scores were:

- 5th on floor 6.4
- 5th pommel horse 7.3
- 2nd steel rings 8.1
- 1st on vault 9.4
- 2nd parallel bars 9.0
- 4th high bars 7.0

Daniel Hobbs in Level 5 (10-12 year age group) had an all around group score of 50.0 which earned him 4th place.

- His scores were:
- 7th on floor 6.7
- 5th on pommel 8.2
- 5th on steel rings 8.43
- 2nd on vault 9.3
- 3rd on parallel bars 9.3
- 2nd on high bars 8.6

The Level 4 team from Ruidoso placed first at the meet.

It is cloudy and cool this morning. Our car had a light covering of ice.

What a fantastic week we had in Disneyland. At first we wondered if we were getting off on the wrong foot. There was a mix-up on our Amtrak tickets. Then the train was three hours late due to the snowstorm in Chicago.

We had a bite to eat and then we were on our way around 9 p.m. You couldn't see anything as it was dark night. They served a steak dinner and then it was bedtime. We had a small sleeper. What an experience.

We arrived in Fullerton, Calif., then took a taxi to the Disneyland Hotel. It is in the middle of Disneyland and close to the monorail. The travel agent had notified the hotel that we were celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary.

The service manager caught up with us and we had a nice visit outside then he took us

inside the hotel where the hotel bought our dinner. When we returned to the hotel that evening - after getting lost - the bed was covered with rose petals, two beautiful roses, candy, cookie, etc.

The word spread all through Disneyland and we had so much fun with everyone. The ladies at the monorail were so helpful and full of teasing. If we didn't show up on the return of the monorail they always wanted to know what happened to us.

We gathered there weren't too many 60th anniversary celebrations. Everyone was so helpful and strangers would come up to take our photograph. Some of the rides were difficult for Ralph to get out of and there was always someone there to help - tourists and the Disneyland

crew.

Ralph was like little kid. We had to ride all the theme rides - Winnie the Pooh, pirates, Haunted House, It's a Small World (our favorite) and Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The most fun character was Goofy.

There was Goofy's Kitchen, where there were long lines for everyone - including kids, adults and senior citizens to have their photo taken with him. Some of the characters came around and sang Happy Anniversary and Happy Birthday to us.

We had a ball having our photograph taken with the Disney crew, going to movies, Medieval Times, and the final day, the parade. As those who have been there know, there is lot of walking. But you can take a break riding the little cars or just sitting. We loved to ride the monorail. And children! There were so many of them from infants to the nine and 10 year olds. There were few teenagers but most were in school. It was surprising how many senior citizens were there. In fact it looked as if the grandparents were taking their grandchildren. Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.



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Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse elects new officers

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The 2007 officers for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse have been elected and the year's agenda for the service organization is filling fast.

Richard Rumpf will serve as the new president with former county sheriff, Tom Sullivan, stepping into the office of vice president. Treasurer is Tad Vanderhye and Carole Lochhead is the Posse secretary.

These new officers will oversee the activities of the more than 60 member organization during the next 12 months.

The Posse kicked off the New Year with its first event; providing security and overseeing the Disabled Skiers Silent Auction.

Next on the agenda for the Posse is serving as general security for the mARTi-Gras event Feb. 17 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

This year's main focus for the Posse will be the completion

of their new office building in Carrizozo.

The building will be the gathering place for the Posse's monthly meetings which are currently held at Otero County Electric's offices.

Rumpf says he looks forward to adding more community outreach efforts for the Posse in the coming year and increasing its contributions to the entire community.

For more information about the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse call 354-4263.

TOP-HATTED THANKS



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Reading more means reading better in Corona Schools. The Corona Lending Library volunteers spend time weekly listening to students read to them as it increases confidence and fluency for the kids. The program concept was first introduced to the school by Janell Kane and after a trial run and the noticeable improvement of students' reading abilities, the number of students participating increased. Currently there are 13 school volunteers and always room for more. Those volunteering to help with the reading project are Susan Battle, Sherrill Bradford, Paula Crane, Mary Froese, Janell Kane, Becky Koll, Kayla Lueras, Day Moss, Evelyn Moss, Diane Porter, Terri Racher, Chris Seyl and Pete Seyl. First graders put on their Cat in the Hat hats Monday to thank the volunteers with a song at an appreciation luncheon. L-r, Jim Racher, Connor Cox, Jaime Hernandez and Kyler Bell with teachers Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Palomarez.

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First Friday adult lecture in Capitan

Mark the calendar for the Capitan Public Library First Friday Adult Lecture for 7 p.m. March 2. Speakers will be Leif Ancher and Susan Weir-Ancher. They will share highlights from their trip to Greece. Leif will provide a historical overview and Susan will share a Greek myth from each place they visited. Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information contact the library at 354-3035.

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Death penalty overturned by State House, bill moves on to the Senate

WALTER RUBEL
Santa Fe Bureau Chief

SANTA FE - The House of Representatives voted to repeal the death penalty in New Mexico, on a 41-28 decision Monday.

In place of the death penalty, the bill would create a new penalty of a "true life" sentence without the possibility of parole. The bill now moves to the Senate, where similar legislation was defeated in the Judiciary Committee in 2005.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Gail Chasey, D-Albuquerque, argued that the death

penalty does not serve as a deterrent to future crimes. She said research shows it has been applied unevenly, with crimes involving minority defendants and Anglo victims much more likely to involve the death penalty. And, she said it was far more expensive to try a death-penalty case than one involving a life sentence.

Opponents of the bill described the death penalty as a tool for law enforcement to deal with the worst elements of society. And, they said it can provide some measure of closure for the victim's family.

New Mexico restored the death

penalty in 1979, but has only executed one inmate since then - Terry Clark in 2001.

There have been 207 death-penalty cases tried in New Mexico since it was reinstated, Chasey said. Of those, only 28 actually produced a sentence calling for execution. Nineteen of those sentences were overturned - the highest rate in the country. Five sentences have been commuted. Only two prisoners are now on death row in New Mexico, Chasey said.

Both supporters and opponents used those numbers to bolster their case. Rep. Moe Maestas, D-

Albuquerque, said it costs, on average, \$1 million per case to prosecute death-penalty cases - meaning millions have been spent, but only one person executed. He said those cases waste resources that could have been used to deal with other crimes.

But, Minority Whip Daniel Foley, R-Roswell, said the fact only one person has been executed under the sentence demonstrates the law has been used judiciously.

"New Mexico has been very cautious about its implementation of the death penalty," he said.

Minority Leader Thomas Taylor, R-

Farmington, said each crime is unique, and judges should have a variety of sentences to draw from. Rep. Keith Gardner, R-Roswell, said his daughter can "sleep at night" knowing that Terry Clark will never murder again.

But Rep. Antonio Lujan, D-Las Cruces, said the United States was the only industrialized country in the world with the death penalty, and that data showed it did not deter future crime.

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

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Affordable housing bill clears hurdle

WALTER RUBEL
Santa Fe Bureau Chief

SANTA FE - A bill that would eliminate the existing regional housing authorities and replace them with affordable-housing districts under the oversight of the Mortgage Finance Authority has cleared its second committee hurdle.

The bill was endorsed unanimously by the Corporations and Transportation Committee on Monday, after having earlier been approved by the Public Affairs Committee. It still must go through the Finance Committee before reaching the floor.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, said it was introduced in response to stories of alleged misappropriations within the existing housing authorities. The Region 3 Housing Authority in Bernalillo County has defaulted on \$5 million in bonds. The Region 7 authority in Las Cruces is no longer functioning.

In fact, three of the seven regional housing authorities created in the 1970s have since been eliminated, and two are listed as "troubled," according to Joseph Montoya, deputy director of the MFA.

Leaders and employees from the two healthy housing authorities - Region 5 in Silver City and Region 6 in Roswell - urged lawmakers to oppose the bill.

"There is a tremendous amount of angst among the people working for the regional housing authorities and doing a good job," said Committee Chairman Shannon Robinson, D-Albuquerque, adding that he fears the bill would privatize affordable housing.

That's not the case, responded Joseph Montoya, deputy director for the MFA. He said officials with the successful housing authorities would be encouraged to bid on the proposed three new housing districts, which would be created to replace the seven existing districts.

"There are no guarantees," he said. "But, there are no other organizations that have the expertise, knowledge and trust of their communities."

He said they would phase in the proposed change slowly, and would work to ensure nobody lost current benefits.

"Our concern is making sure the people that need housing the most, and are currently in services, know that there are no bureaucratic snafus," he said. "That's why there's a graduated schedule."

The bill is SB519, and can be found on the Internet at legis.state.nm.us

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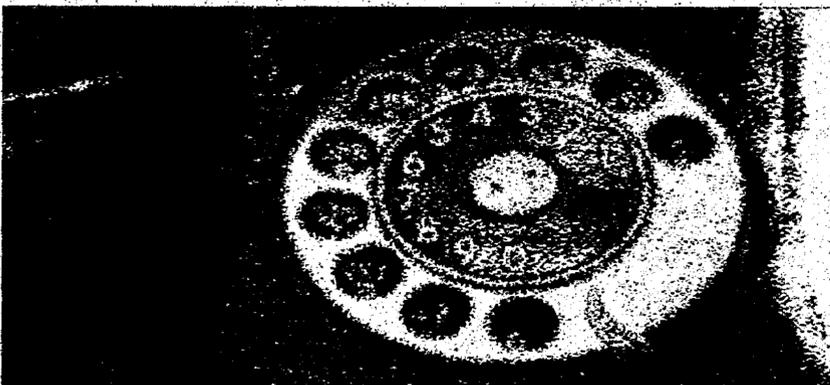
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Andrée spent 13 years working for veterinarians in Texas before moving to New Mexico where she has had an in-home pet care business for 17 years.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Kathy Osborne

A celebration of life for Kathy Osborne, 49, of Ruidoso, will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Gateway Church of Christ with Jimmy Sportsman officiating.

Kathy passed away Sunday, Feb. 11, in Ruidoso. She was born May 17, 1957 in Denton, Texas.

She was co-chairman of

Santas Helpers, founder of Christian Services of Lincoln County, past member of the Board of Directors for Ruidoso M.L.S. and was a licensed real estate agent for 10 years. She moved to Ruidoso from Amarillo in 1980. She married Rick Osborne on June 17, 1978 in Amarillo. Her passion was motorcycling and her 1968 Camero Convertable.

She is survived by her immediate family, Rick, Ceranne and Rebekah Osborne of Ruidoso; her mother, Janie Pritchett of Ruidoso; two brothers, Mike Pritchett of Ruidoso and Rick Pritchett of Chandler, Ariz. and many nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials to the Osborne Benefit Fund at City Bank for the Cera and Beka College

Fund.

Floyd S. Polaco

Floyd S. Polaco passed away suddenly in his home in Milton, Fla., Feb. 3, 2007. He was born Aug. 2, 1948 in San Patricio to Elfigo and Caroline Polaco. He was preceded in death by both parents and two sisters, Lorencita and Eva.

Floyd attended school in

Hondo and loved to the north-west Florida area where he resided for nearly 40 years. While there, he pursued his career as a business owner of auto repair and paint and body shops. He was a serious race fan and excelled at racing Volkswagens. He was a NASCAR driver and one year he won the Snowball Derby at the Five Flags Speedway. He

was a very generous person and loving son and brother. He loved his family very much and he also had a deep faith and love for the Lord.

He is survived by a God sent friend, Sonya Olsen, as well as three brothers: Elfigo Polaco, Jr. and wife Mary and Simon Polaco and wife Martha, both of Roswell; and George Polaco and wife Bertha of Ruidoso. He also had five sisters: Libby Palmer and husband Ray of Pace, Fla.; Pajita Abney and husband bill of Tularosa; Josie rich and husband Wayne of Albany, Ga.; Lala Newkirk and husband Calvin of New Braunfels, Texas; and Debrina Polaco of Rogers, Alaska.

He is also survived by his only surviving aunt, Mable Rue Lopez, and multiple nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at St. Jude Catholic Church in San Patricio, Saturday, Feb. 17.

A rosary will be recited at 9 a.m. followed by celebratioun of Mass of the Resurrection at 10 a.m. with Rev. Alfred Galvan officiating. Interment will follow at teh church cemetery.

Mary Jane Coleman

Mary Jane Coleman passed away Jan. 18, 2007 at LaPosda Hospice in Las Cruces. She was born Feb. 27, 1912 in Capitan to Robert Burton and Corinne Provine. She graduated from Capitan High School and attended N.M. Normal School. In Aug.1934 she married James Howard Coleman.

Jane is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Ray, Robert, Charlie, and Eddie and by her sister Helen.

She is survived by her 12 nieces and nephews and their children and her sisters-in-law Evelyn Provine of Casper, Wy. and Angelina Provine of Capitan.

Jane lived in Las Vegas since 1953 until recently. She enjoyed working on her craft and ceramic projects, reading and spending time with family and friends.

A funeral service was held Jan. 27 and interment was at Pilgrims Rest Cemetery beside her husband.

Eudora Craft

Visitation for Eudora Craft, 69, of Ruidoso was Monday, Feb. 12, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso with a funeral service Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the J Bar J Church. Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Mrs. Craft passed away Thursday, Feb. 8, in Ruidoso. She was born July 2, 1937 at Jermyn, Texas and moved to Ruidoso in 1979 from Albuquerque.

She was a den mother for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, attended the J Bar J Church, and was a homemaker. She married Charles "Bud" Craft on October 22, 1966 in Lubbock, Texas.

She is survived by her husband; Charles "Bud" of Ruidoso; three sons, Randy Craft of Ruidoso, Darren B. Craft of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Kevin D. Craft of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, Eldon Gipson of Lubbock, Texas and a sister, Wyvonna Haney of Farwell, Texas.

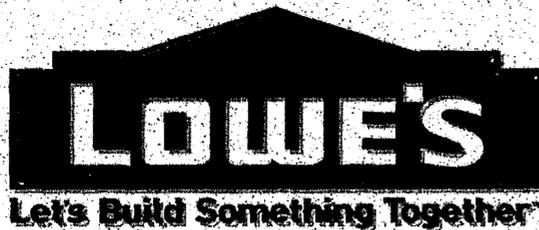
Alfred Winston Winn Jr.

Alfred Winston Winn, Jr. of Ruidoso Downs passed away Feb. 10, 2007.

He is survived by his wife Delia R. Winn; a sister, Elizabeth Page Winn; three children, Dixie Lee Vermillion, John Glenn Winn, Penelope Kay Dunn; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be flown to Richmond, Va. where he will be laid to rest.

Viewing will be Feb. 19 at Billeys Funeral Home on Staple Mills Road and he will be laid to rest Feb. 20 at West Hampton Cemetery.

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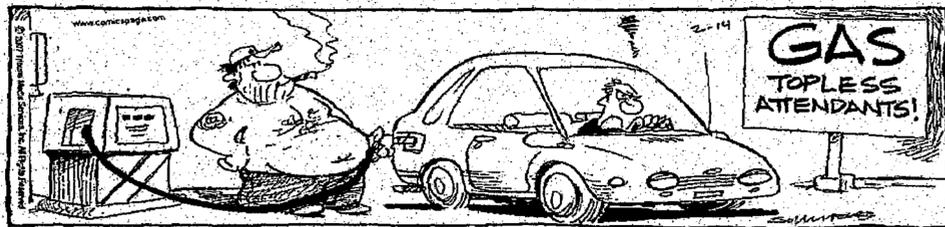
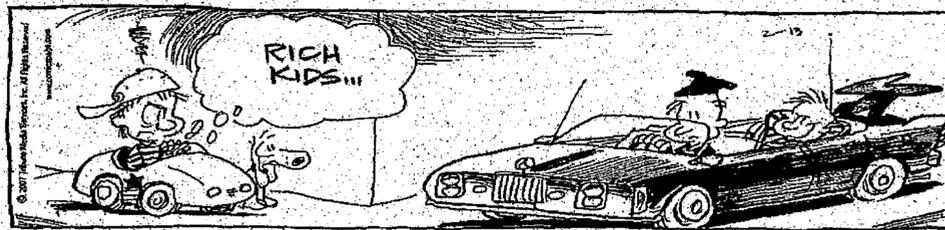
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63. Declare untrue
64. Aerosmith's Steven, or daughter Liv

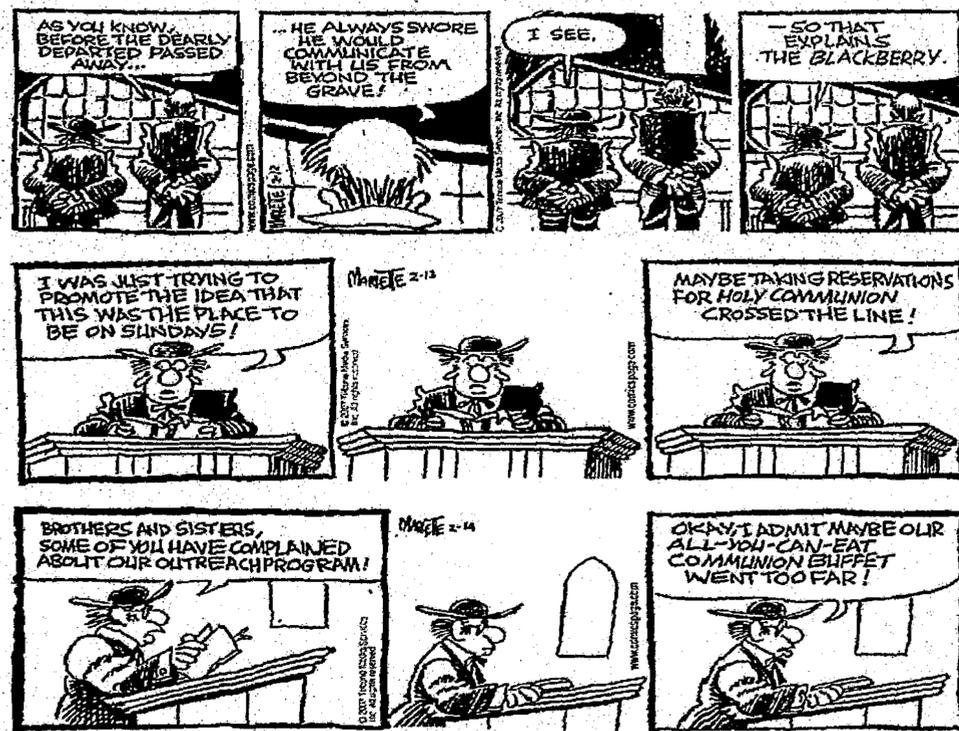
Gun Collection

Crossword grid for Gun Collection with numbers 1-64.

DOWN

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

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Crossword puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

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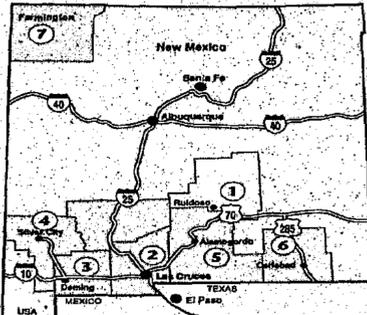
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

American State Bank,
Plaintiff

NO. CV-2006-298

v.

Wardrup & Associates,
Inc.,
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled court, having appointed me special master in this matter with the power to sell has ordered me to sell the following real property which is situated in the County of Lincoln, New Mexico, and is described as follows:

Lot 40, Block 12 of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club Subdivision, Unit 4, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 12, 1968, in Tube No. 328. (Subject to all easements, reservations, covenants, all gas, water or mineral rights of record, if any.)

hereafter "subject property"

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(1) The Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure was entered on January 28, 2007.

The sale is to begin at 2:00 pm on March 1, 2007 at the entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Complex 31 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, free and clear of all liens of the parties hereto and all persons claiming under and through the parties or any person claiming an interest by an instrument filed for record after the date of the filing of the notice of this pendens in the records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The purchaser of the subject property will take subject to any unpaid property taxes, municipal charges, assessments or liens not foreclosed in this action. The Plaintiff has the right to bid or to state all of its judgment amount or any portion thereof. The Plaintiff shall first be applied to pay the expenses of the sale, including Special Assessment fees, and any additional costs of the maintenance and protection of the property. Judgment in favor of Plaintiff, American State Bank, against Defendant.

As of January 22, 2007, the sum necessary to pay the judgment is as follows:

1. The remaining principal balance: \$27,863.56.
2. Accrued interest (@2%): \$2,400.20.
3. Miscellaneous fees: \$157.50.
4. Reasonable Attorney's fees, costs, expenses: \$2,563.75.
5. Insurance credits: (\$000)

TOTAL: \$32,985.01

Interest shall continue to accrue at the rate of 9.25 per year hereafter until the judgment is satisfied. In addition, reasonable attorney's fees and any additional costs of collection and suit (to include the cost of publication of this notice, recording fees and special master fees) may be awarded upon application to the court and would be added to the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds received after the satisfaction of the above will be applied as determined by the court.

Peter Baca (special master), c/o William Griffin of David M. Stevens Attorney at Law, P.O. 106 Rio Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345

#7557 2T (2)7, 14

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE E. WATROUS, Deceased.

PROBATE NO. PB 07-04

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

BOBBY D. DOLGNER has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of SUSAN M. DOLGNER, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Gibson and Leonard P.C., Attorneys at Law, 1221 Mechem Drive #1, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

WILLIAM L. WATROUS, Personal Representative of the Estate of George E. Watrous

Attorneys for the Personal Representative: RICHARD A. HAWTHORNE, P.A.

Richard A. Hawthorne, 1221 Mechem Drive, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (505) 258-3483

CALL FOR BIDS

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2007 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, on the following:

Construction of 10'x14' Gatehouse

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346. Mailed bids should be addressed to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, P.O. Box 2405 Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346 with the envelope clearly marked "Construction 10'x14' Gatehouse on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is delivered to the Authority's Office by the date and time set for opening. If the delivery of said bid is delayed beyond the opening date and time, bid thus delayed will not be considered. A public opening will be held on February 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., any bidder or their authorized representatives are invited to attend.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority reserves the right to reject any/all bids submitted.

LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Debra Ingole, Operations Supervisor

#7562 2T (2)7, 14

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SUSAN M. DOLGNER, Deceased.

CAUSE NO: PB-07-05

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Julio Anno Leonard Attorney for Representa-tive, 1221 Mechem Drive #1, Ruidoso, NM 88345

#7564 4T (2)7, 9, 14, 16

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN THOMAS MCGRATH, Deceased.

CAUSE NO. PB-07-08

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Results for the Ruidoso/ENMU-Ruidoso Regular School Board Election held on February 6, 2007

Total Registered Voters: 7131

Total Votes: 636

Ruidoso Public Schools

Position 1 - 4 Year Term Bobby D. Austin 254 Susan Marie Lutterman 370

Position 2 - 4 Year Term Franklin D. Soyner 383 Rhonda K. Vincent 526

Position 3 - 4 Year Term Rhonda K. Vincent 526

ENMU-R

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Position 4 Michelle Yvette Perry 372

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Public School Capital Improvement Tax Question For Against 469 134

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Tommy J. Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk

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AVISO LEGAL

Resultado para la eleccion regular de miembros de la escuela de Ruidoso/ENMU-Ruidoso celebrada el febrero 6 de 2007

Votos Totales Registrados: 7131

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Public Notice of Meeting of the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)

A meeting of the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 9:00 am at the Hunter Gallery, Roswell Museum, 100 W. 11th, Roswell, New Mexico.

If you are an individual with a disability and require assistance or an auxiliary aid, please contact Mary Ann Burr at (505) 624-6131 at least one week prior to the meeting. Further you may obtain a copy of the agenda by calling (505) 624-6131.

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TO APPLY: A New Mexico Judicial Branch Application for Employment and proof of education must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2007 at:
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