

Scorpions are on the verge

FHS is close to capturing the District 1-5A regular season title after a 68-54 win over Volcano Vista. **Page 16A**



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Aztec High School opens sensory room

The Snoezelen Sensory Room will provide students with stimulation, relaxation and support. **Page 9A**



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NEW MEXICO

Senate rejects bill to codify the state's emissions goals

Seven Democratic lawmakers side with Republicans to squash Clear Horizons Act

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Seven New Mexico Democratic state senators on Wednesday sided with their Republican colleagues and voted down legislation that would have codified emissions reduction goals into state law.

In a 19-23 vote following just over an hour of debate, Senate Bill 18 failed to clear the floor, dashing the hopes of lead sponsor Senate President Pro Tempore Mimi Stewart (D-Albu-

querque) to enshrine emission reduction goals into state law based on a 2019 executive order released by Michelle Lujan Grisham. The bill marked Stewart's second effort to pass The Clear Horizons Act, after making several changes to last year's legislation in response to some of its critics.

Republican opponents and lobbyists representing oil and gas, agriculture, construction and chambers of commerce nonetheless remained opposed, and have said the bill would im-

pact the costs of food and fuel and hurt the state's economy.

In a statement issued after the bill failed, the Senate Republican Caucus described the Clear Horizons Act defeat as a "massive victory" and said they were "proud to stand united in our fierce opposition to radical and damaging policies like Senate Bill 18 that seek to destroy our state's lifeline: our vital industries and businesses."

The seven Democratic senators joining Republicans were: Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales from Taos; Shannon Pinto from Tohatchi, George Muñoz of Gallup, Benny Shendo of Jemez Pueblo, Joseph Cervantes of

Las Cruces; and Albuquerque's Martin Hickey and Antonio Maestes.

Stewart called the vote's results "disappointing," but said the threat from climate change still looms large.

"New Mexicans are already paying the price of pollution and climate-driven disasters through higher insurance costs, emergency response spending, and rising household expenses," Stewart said in a statement after the vote. "The Clear Horizons Act offered a responsible, transparent plan to reduce those risks and protect families

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Showcase on the mats

Farmington's C. Garrett takes on Rio Rancho's K. Nix during a 138-pound match at the NMAA Region 1-5A Championship at La Cueva High School on Saturday. **Page 15A**