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WHAT'S HAPPENING

November 17, 18
George Lopez
at the Inn



Lopez has been praised by both audiences and critics for his work as a stand-up comedian, actor and talk show host as well as for his extensive charity work. Enjoy this truly hilarious man with a passion for laughter and for charity. Tickets starting at \$30. 575-464-7777, www.innofthemountaingods.com.

November 18
Amelia Piano Trio

Along with performances at major venues around the world, The Trio brings their passionate and daring chamber ensemble to the First Presbyterian Church to enchant audiences of all ages and backgrounds. 101 S. Sutton Drive, 7 p.m. 575-973-0880. \$20 adults, \$5 students.

November 19
Warren Miller's Like
There's No Tomorrow

An Inn of the Mountain Gods tradition: The film follows the athletes of Jess McMillan, Daron Rahlves and Steve Nyman around the world to places like India, Chile and New Zealand. 7 p.m. \$7 adults, \$4 children. 575-464-7777. www.warrenmiller.com

November 20
Tony Award Winning
Show, Blast



Featuring 35 talented young men and women, it is an exuberant production bridging classical, blues, jazz, rock n' roll and technopop music. The production is like the U.S. Marine Corps' Marching Band meets Stomp with Harry James, Tap Dogs, Poncho Sanchez, West Side Story and Olympic opening ceremonies in the mix. 3 p.m. \$79, \$76. 888-818-7872 www.spen-theater.com.

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Ruidoso R&R rolls out the red carpet

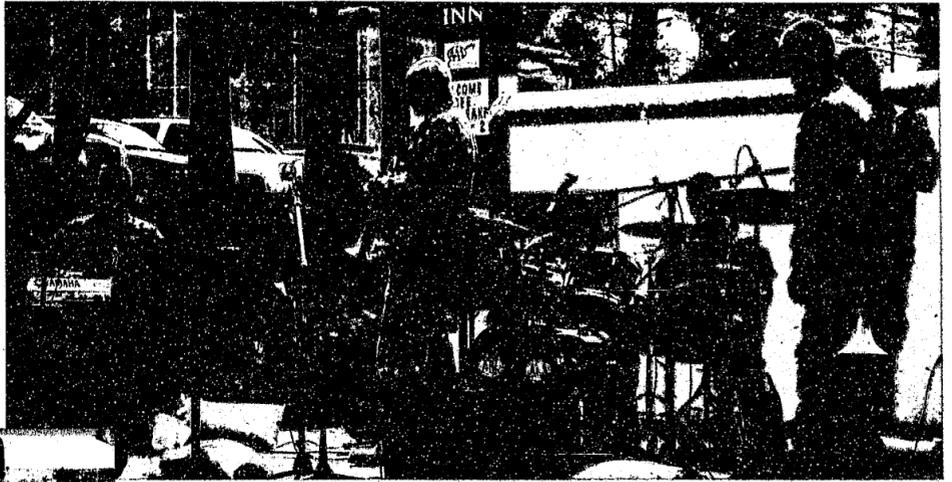
By Eugene Heathman

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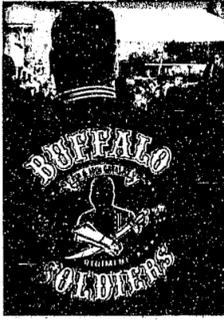
A crisp autumn wind didn't bother the throngs of street revelers in Midtown Saturday who celebrated R&R in Ruidoso. Organizers estimated that 2,000 showed up throughout the time Sudderth Drive was closed, from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors also converged upon Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub and Quarters for the Tommy Martin benefit fundraiser, in addition to the Christmas Jubilee held at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The R&R celebration honoring veterans and their families began Friday with live music and free barbecue at the No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks and with specials at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero.



Eugene Heathman/Ruidoso Free Press

Above, Members of the U.S. Army First AD Jazz Combo entertain young and old with classical bits of Big band jazz during the R&R Ruidoso Street fest Saturday. At left, an R&R Street fair attendee displays a historical tribute to the famous Buffalo Soldiers of the American West



Charles Meeks, marketing director for the Inn and Military 365 committee member, expressed his pleasure with the turnout for the event. "The Inn is full and we are getting very good reports from the lodg-

ers on bookings," he said. "The event came together quite well. In fact, I wouldn't mind seeing this type of street festival a couple more times during the year."

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New county manager takes the helm

By Patrick Rodriguez

Reporter

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Nita Taylor has come home permanently, and she couldn't be happier about it.

The 62-year-old — who along with her brother and sister grew up on her grandparent's ranch in Capitan — graduated from the village's school system before heading off to college, first in Abilene, Texas, then in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Ten years ago, Taylor and her husband, James, rebuilt the house in which she was raised, and the couple started traveling back and forth between their home base in Albuquerque and Lincoln County ever since, using the dwelling as a vacation retreat.

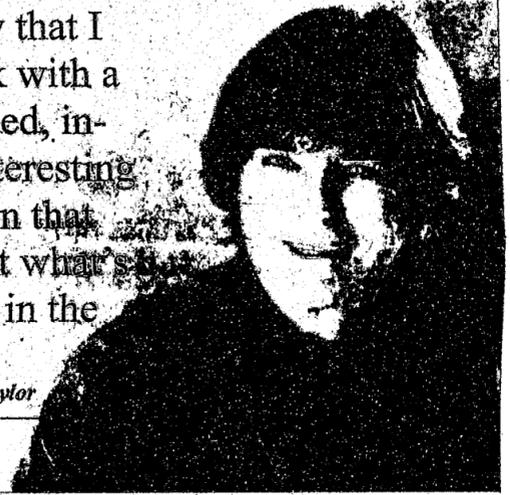
But it was her desire to get involved in local government that has brought Taylor back to Lincoln County, and so today marks her first county commission meeting as county manager, replacing Tom Stewart, who had held the position since October 1998.

She officially started on Nov. 7, and she spent the past week learning her way around the county complex in Carrizozo and the day-to-day functions that come with being the county's chief administrator. "It was great," said Taylor of the first week on the job. "I got to do all the things on the to-do list for county manager and Tom Stewart just walked me through it. It was a really good week." Asked if she was nervous about today's commission meeting, Taylor quickly mentioned that she wasn't and went to describe the agenda as being healthy.

It's that sort of optimistic, up-beat personality that pushed Taylor to the front of the pack of candidates for the county manager position. In all, she bested 18 other applicants to be offered the position, a

"I feel lucky that I get to work with a well-rounded, informed, interesting commission that cares about what's happening in the county."

— Nita Taylor



candidate pool that included a former county manager, a former city manager and a current county manager. As one of the four finalists for the position, Taylor interviewed for an hour with the County Board of Commissioners.

Taylor described that interview with the county commission as "very comfortable."

"I liked the questions that they asked," she said. "They were definitely trying to find someone who would be a good fit in Lincoln County and who had the education and the ability to take on the role in the same successful manner that Tom Stewart had done over the

See **MANAGER**, pg. 5

Completed Capitan clinic opens for business

By Patrick Rodriguez

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The Capitan Clinic will officially open its doors with a grand opening scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday. The new Lincoln County-owned clinic replaces the Rose Clinic on Smokey Bear Boulevard, which had been using a building that has served the village in different capacities for the past 56 years.

Lincoln County Medical Center will operate the new facility, which cost \$950,000 to build, \$500,000 of which came from a Community Development Block Grant awarded 18 months ago.

Suzanne Carden, a clinical nurse specialist for the new clinic, said there was a tremendous need for a more modern healthcare facility in Capitan.

"The biggest advantage is that it will be owned by the county," she said of the new clinic, which is approximately 2,600 square feet. "The Rose Clinic is a rented building and was not originally built to be a clinic. It's served its purpose very well, but the county

has grown and the new clinic's really going to be nice."

"Right now it's a trick to get the stretchers in through the side doors for ambulance transfers," she added. "The new clinic will have an ambulance accessible door."

The 1,200-square-foot Rose Clinic was serving roughly 15 patients per day, said Carden. But despite its larger size, the new Capitan Clinic will keep the same amount of staff as the Rose Clinic, which will be open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Thursdays.

In addition to Carden, moving over to the new clinic will be Jessica Herbert, a licensed practitioner nurse, and Wafawn Fitzpatrick, the office manager.

Carden said adding new staff will depend on whether management feels there's a need in the village for the clinic to be open for more hours during the day and more days during the week.

"As the community grows, there's definitely room for expansion," she said. "There

are a lot of younger families moving here and retired people are moving in from other states."

Having access to newer technology at the new clinic will also play a vital role. Electronic medical record keeping was mandated earlier this year and the new facility will have faster network capability that will allow it to communicate with the other Presbyterian Healthcare Services clinics in the county.

The new clinic will also feature separate waiting areas for sick and well patients, three exam rooms that will be larger in size than the exam rooms inside the Rose Clinic, a laboratory, nurse's station and children's room. The new facility will also feature air conditioning, which the Rose Clinic lacked.

The new clinic "is a great addition for the community," said Herbert, who has lived in Capitan for the past nine years. "Businesses have been cleaning up the area and it's a nice facelift for that end of town."

The Capitan Clinic is located at 405 Lincoln Way in Capitan, adjacent to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Humane Society benefit

Come and eat at Denny's Restaurant in Ruidoso Downs today from 4-10 p.m., as 10 percent of sales will benefit the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

Tea Party meeting

The Lincoln County Tea Party's monthly meeting is today starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Swiss Chalet restaurant.

This month's speaker is Howard Hutchison, chairman of Freedom 21, Inc. and the executive director of the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties. He will be speaking on the impact of Agenda 21 initiatives in New Mexico.

There is a 5:30 p.m. hamburger bar before the meeting for \$7. For more information, call 937-3742 or 354-5050.

Rifle raffle

American Legion Post 79 in Ruidoso is raising funds with its annual rifle raffle and membership drive. Tickets are being sold for the chance to win a Weatherby 30.06 Vanguard package or a 42-inch high definition television.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. For tickets or information, call Vic Currier at (575) 802-5293.

Fun shoot

The Ruidoso Gun Club will host a muzzleloader fun shoot this Saturday starting at 10 a.m. at the gun club range. Bring your muzzleloader and \$10 to the shoot, as well as a dish for the pot luck lunch served to all participants.

Planned events include 100- and 200-yard steel silhouettes, 50- and 30-yard fun targets for all rifles and whimsical targets for handguns.

Search and rescue meet

The White Mountain Search and Rescue team's regular Monday meeting is Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road in Ruidoso. All those interested in the outdoors are welcome to attend. The team will discuss recent training events, the upcoming annual recognition event and board elections.

For more information, call Tony Davis at 336-4501 or Mark Younger at 808-2982.

Espinoza to speak

New Mexico State Representative Nora Espinoza will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County, Nov. 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club. Espinoza will speak about education in the state. For more information, call 430-7258 or

visit www.frw.rplcnm.org.

Mardi Gras contest

The Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce invites artists to participate in this year's celebration poster contest, searching for the image which will grace this year's official Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds poster.

Entries should be submitted to the chamber office no later than Dec. 1 by 5 p.m., or mailed to the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Mardi Gras Committee Poster Contest, P.O. Box 1290, Cloudcroft, NM, 88317.

For more information, call Lisa King, chamber director, at 575-682-2733 or email at lisa@cloudcroft.net.

Altrusa home tour

Join Altrusa for a tour of some of the area's most beautiful homes all decked out for Christmas. All proceeds benefit the Lincoln County Medical Center Foundation mammogram matching grant to support Altrusa's 2012 annual low-cost mammogram program.

The tour will be Dec. 4 from 3-5 p.m., with door prizes and refreshments to follow at Casa Feliz. Tickets are \$20 in advance. Call 336-7473 for more information or to purchase tickets. For complete details, visit www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Mayhill Christmas fair

The Mayhill Community Center Board is sponsoring a craft and Christmas goodies fair, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Mayhill Community Center. Vendor tables are available for \$10.

For more information or to register, call (575)-687-3334 or (575)-687-2003. The Mayhill Community Center is located at 15 Civic Dr. in Mayhill, 18 miles east of Cloudcroft.

Free gift wrapping

First Baptist Church of Ruidoso is hosting free gift wrapping at 4 Season's Mall, Dec. 17 and 24, from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. There will also be free hot cocoa and coffee compliments of Beads to Beauty.

Low-cost yoga

"Yoga Joy" is taught every Friday from 5:30-7 p.m. at a reduced rate through Dec. 16. There will also be a Christian-inspired yoga class beginning Dec. 19, for those who wish to experience the benefits of yoga in a setting which supports Christian principles. The class will be taught Saturdays from 9-10 a.m.

All classes are held at 2810 Sudderth Drive, Room 207 above Schlotzky's. Wear light clothing and bring water. Mats

and props are provided. For more information, call instructor Marianne Mohr at 802-3013.

Fort Stanton volunteers

Anyone interested in becoming members of Fort Stanton to preserve its history can call Charlotte Rowe, 336-4015 or Peggy Whittemore at 336-1436. They would welcome your assistance.

Sacramento Mountain Village

Sacramento Mountain Village is a network of older adults in Ruidoso and surrounding communities who support independent living by offering services and activities that keep seniors healthy and happy in their own homes. Benefits of membership include art and yoga classes, weekly walking and discussion groups, social functions and monthly member breakfasts at Cree Meadows Country Club, on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Membership is open to any Lincoln County resident 49 years or older. For more information, call 258-2120 or visit www.sacmntvillage.org.

The Arid Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 1216 Mechem at 7:30 a.m., noon and 5:15 p.m. daily; Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. There is also a Monday 6:30 p.m. women's open meeting and beginners and young peoples' big book study Fridays at 7 p.m.

The Sunny Spirit Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Monday and Thursday at noon and Friday at 5:30 p.m., while the women's group meets Wednesdays at noon in the parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

Al Anon of Ruidoso - for family members of alcoholics - meet at 1216 Mechem Dr. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 258-8885.

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso meets at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. Altrusa International of Ruidoso was established in 1970 and it's long running Annual Low Cost Mammogram Program was established in 1988. Some of the organizations Altrusa supports are the local food bank, women's shelter, humane society and others. One of Altrusa's focus is on literacy, in that they provide scholarships to men and women returning to college, books three times a year to the children in the local Head Start programs and donations to the Literacy Council. If you think an

organization like Altrusa may be a good fit for your volunteer efforts, contact membership chair Judy Griffin at 937-5437.

The Carrizozo Roadrunners Chapter of the Lincoln County Extension Association meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Cooperative community room on 12th Street in Carrizozo. Chapter meetings are open to anyone interested. For more information, call Barbara VanGorder at 575-648-9805 or Doris Cherry at 354-2673.

The Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountain Area meet the third Saturday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.dwsma.org.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meet the fourth Monday of each month Cree Meadows Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 430-7258 or visit 222.frw.rplcnm.org

Firefighters for Christ meet monthly at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Chapel at 7 p.m. This service is open to firefighters and their families. For more information, call 258-4682.

The Kiwanis Club of Ruidoso meets every Tuesday at noon at K-Bobs.

The Lincoln County Garden Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Otero County Electric co-op, on Highway 48 in Alto, at 9:45 a.m. Visitors are welcome. The Garden Club's purpose is to encourage community beautification and conservation, and to educate members in the arts and sci-

ences of horticulture. For more information, call 973-2890.

The Lincoln County fibromyalgia and chronic pain support group meets on the third Thursday of each month from noon-1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic, 439 Mechem Dr. For information, contact Mary Barnett at 257-9810.

The Lincoln County Regulators, members of the Single Action Shooters Society, hold matches the second Saturday of every month at the Ruidoso Gun Range located on Hale Lake Road. Registration is at 9 a.m., matches start at 10 a.m. The public is welcome to participate or watch the action. During the shooting matches, all other shooting is suspended. For more information, call Avery (AKA Rowdy Lane) at 937-9297.

Optimist Club meets at noon every Wednesday at K-Bobs in Ruidoso.

The Photographic Society of Lincoln County - dedicated to the advancement of digital photography - meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Region IX offices at 237 Service Road. Annual dues are \$15 per family which includes lectures and field trips. Contact Leland Deford at 257-8662 or Herb Brunnell at 258-4003.

Rotary Club of Ruidoso meets at Cree Meadows Country Club noon every Tuesday.

Ruidoso Evening Lions Club meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook.

A grief and bereavement group, offered by the Ru-

idoso Home Care and Hospice Foundation, begins meeting today and will meet every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. at the organization's headquarters at 592 Gavilan Canyon Road. The focus of the group is on education about managing grief and developing a network of support with others who have experienced loss. For more information, call Lyn Shuler at 258-0028.

The Ruidoso Noon Lions meet at 11:30 a.m. each Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73 meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. If the first Monday is a national holiday, the meeting will be held on the second Monday. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 973-0953.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club meets every Monday at 11 a.m. at 116 S. Evergreen Dr. A pot luck lunch is at noon followed by cards, bridge and mahjong. The Quilters group meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays; Yoga every Wednesday. Call 257-2309 for further information.

White Mountain Search and Rescue Team is open for membership to volunteers interested in various disciplines. Positions open include operations, communications, ATV, ground patrol, horse and K9 teams. Training and support is available for all positions in preparation for field certification. The organization meets every third Monday at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road. For more information, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or call Tony Davis at 336-4501.

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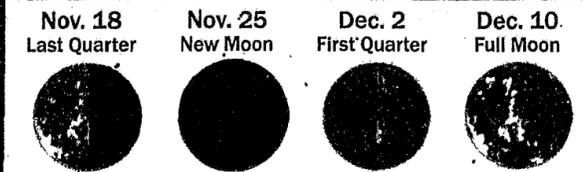
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| Ruidoso Village Council | | |
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| Item | What it's about | How they voted |
| Lodger's tax policy | Clarification of language regarding policy on tax expenditures for special events and repealing all other resolutions. | Passed unanimously |
| Amendment of the village's uniform traffic ordinance | The amendment concerns internal control of access aisles along roadways, specifically in Midtown | Passed unanimously |
| Application to the state Department of Transportation for funding assistance | Would allow Lincoln County Transit to file for grant money for 2012-13 | Passed unanimously |
| Lowering of interest on water system improvement bonds | The bonds, established at \$570,000, would now have a lower interest rate, saving the village money. | Passed unanimously |
| Adoption of fund balance policy | Streamlining of accounting procedures | Passed unanimously |
| First quarter fiscal adjustments | Housekeeping item for accounting | Passed unanimously |

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| Ruidoso Municipal School Board | | |
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| Item | What it's about | How they voted |
| Consideration for approval of budget adjustment requests | Housekeeping for accounting | Passed unanimously |
| Review and consideration for approval of 2011-12 Indian policies and procedures | Policy regarding tribal students not living on the Mescalero Apache reservation | Passed unanimously |
| Consideration for approval of 2010-11 school district report card | School board has not received information yet | Item was tabled |
| Consideration for approval of roofing contractor recommendation | The bid was for \$817,950 for a metal roof deck and stucco patching. | Passed unanimously |
| Disclosure and waiver of employee participation in services procurement | Discussion of payment of autistic training course invoices for non-district employees for about \$5,000 | Item passed 3-2, with Curt Temple and Cecil Davis voting against. |

Colder weather brings fire safety concerns

By Eugene Heathman

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During last week's village council meeting, Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent discussed the fire departments concerns with residential fire pit and chimney safety. "There are still a large number of chimneys in the village that are either uncapped or fitted with outdated spark arrestors. I believe code calls for no more than a one-quarter inch screen," Vincent said.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked if there was an ordinance regarding the use of residential fire pits and how they are regulated. "Especially when visitors come and stay for the weekend, they will just build a campfire in front of their cabin and we can't really have that. It's hard to shut down a campfire when their burgers aren't done yet so we will wait there and then extinguish the fire," Vincent said.

Vincent explained that the fire department has assisted some elderly

people in town who needed some help fitting the caps and that the fire department will come out to people's homes to perform evaluations. Vincent also said that people should clean their chimneys often, at least once per year depending on how much wood they burn to avoid dangerous chimney fires.

According to Vincent, residential fire pits are to be 36 inches deep and 36 inches in circumference. Those wishing to construct a residential fire pit are required to obtain an annual permit for a cost of \$50 which includes the inspection. "Residential fire pits are only authorized during level one fire restrictions and at no other time are they permitted for use," Vincent said.



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OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Zozo thanks Ruidoso

To the Editor,
I wish to thank Marla Lewis and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for their offer of help. When it looked like the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce was going to become inactive, Marla contacted me with an offer to help the businesses of Carrizozo in whatever way she could. Reaching out this way was incredibly generous and greatly appreciated. However, I was happily able to inform Marla that the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce would continue, and that I look forward to developing partnerships with not only the RVCC but many of the great organizations throughout Lincoln County dedicated to the economic health of the area.

*Dirk Norris, President-elect
Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce
Oscurio*

Great Coverage!

To the Editor,
I am very impressed with spread of all the county volleyball teams. Even more impressive that all of the county volleyball teams made it to the state tournament! By the time you read this we will all know the results. Best of luck to all.

Robin Parks

To the Sports Editor,

You really don't seem to understand what your photos mean to me or to our community. We are so blessed to have such a talented photographer to document our kids growing up. I've been a soccer mom, a basketball mom, a football mom, a track mom, a softball coach, and a softball player and you have always showed up to take our pictures. I'm an amateur photographer and I know exactly how hard it is to catch the perfect shot of a kid who is giving his all. I'll have to come by to see the award and the picture hanging in the office. You certainly deserve it. Thanks again.

Kala Scarafioti

The Nest reaches out

To the Editor,
Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we at the Nest are so grateful to be located in Ruidoso, surrounded by generous and thoughtful residents eager to assist with our cause. As early as October, people began contacting us and asking what our residents need for the holidays. Celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas in a shelter isn't ideal, but our top-notch staff goes to great lengths to create a memorable event for our residents.
Many of our residents have fled their own homes with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. They truly have to start over with nothing. The challenge our residents face this with is awe inspiring. For the past three years, our 28-bed shelter has been at or near capacity. So how might you help? At the end of November, the Nest will have an Angel Tree at Spencer Theater hosting the wishes of our Shelter families. Shop or donate to Sweet Charity Resale Boutique (just

west of Walmart on Highway 70) where all proceeds support the Nest. You might choose to bid on one of our breathtaking Christmas wreaths or stockings at the silent auction at Sweet Charity, or give your time by volunteering at the Shelter or Sweet Charity.

The colder weather brings with it the needs for jackets, gloves, socks and warm pajamas - all shapes and sizes are needed. The number of residents passing through the shelter requires a steady supply of toiletries - shampoos, conditioners, deodorants, body washes, brushes, combs and lip balm. We serve so many children at the Nest and our diaper supply is now dwindling. We are in serious need of diapers sizes 1 to 4 and baby wipes. Gas cards help us to defray the cost of transporting residents around the county. Verizon phone cards help us to provide our residents cell phones, which help to ensure their safety. Survivors need journals to mark their passage in healing.

Perhaps you have a place in your window for a Nest flyer or on your business counter for a Nest brochure. Maybe you have a talent for website design, event planning or household painting. We are grateful for every gift, donation and word of support. The interest and compassion that you have demonstrated makes us proud to call you our partners in this campaign against violence. Thank you.

Please call (575) 378-6378 to learn about our ever-evolving needs. Find us on Facebook and share our link to help us spread the word about the many wonderful services available at the Nest.

With great appreciation,

*Lesley Kring
Media Liaison, The Nest*

Redistricting revisited

To the Editor,
Several weeks ago there was an article in this newspaper about how state Sen. Rod Adair and state Reps. Zach Cook and Nora Espinosa spoke in Ruidoso about redistricting in New Mexico. They all said that the Democratic majorities in the Senate and House pushed through an unfair redistricting plan which Governor Martinez then vetoed.

It is the Republicans who have made redistricting political by the wrong and misleading statements they made about the redistricting process and the Democratic Party participation in it. Redistricting is an opportunity to ensure fair representation for all New Mexicans. It's not right to let raw partisanship prevent a redistricting plan that makes sense geographically. The plan must ensure that diverse, economically disadvantaged, and rural communities have fair representation and voice in their government.

Democrats aren't playing partisan politics. Our goal is to draw a map that does four things:

1. Upholds one person, one vote
2. Doesn't dilute minority voting power
3. Creates compact districts
4. Preserves communities of interest

The Democratic redistricting maps do all of these things fairly. It's wrong to make this a process involving partisan politics and the Democratic Party has not done that. The redistricting process is not meant to help the Democratic or Republican parties' political prospects. It is meant to draw maps that give the people accurate and fair representation in Santa Fe and Washington.

Gov. Susana Martinez's veto has drawn out the redistricting process and made it more expensive, divisive and time consuming to complete. There are many important issues that need our state government's attention. We can't afford the cost or the time for the governor and other politicians to politicize all that we elected them to do. Dysfunctional government in Washington doesn't mean they don't have to do better in New Mexico.

Dick Mastin

To the Editor:

The "R&R in Ruidoso" block party on Saturday was a big success thanks to the hard work and planning of the Military 365 Committee. The Mayor and Village Manager, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, and dozens of volunteers made it possible.

The effort by all to honor the region's military families and veterans made the

events very special, but the Ruidoso block party was more than that. Friends and relatives re-connected, and many new friends were made. Smiling faces, good music, excellent food and a genuine sense of "community" transcended the very windy and rather cool weather on Saturday. There was something for everyone. One of the more common statements heard was "we should do this more often." Yes, we should.

After a week of hearing countless thanks for our military service, including from the kids at Ruidoso Middle School, a community wide statement like this was a long awaited honor for many of us. You see, it's not only about your thanking military families and veterans for our sacrifices and service. This celebration was a fulfillment of our desire as veterans to see that what we did fight for, the freedom to come together as a community in a positive way, can actually happen on occasion. It reinforces the thought that our military brethren will not have died or risked serious injury, in vain.

As a member of several veteran service organizations, I believe I speak for many of us by saying - Thank you, Lincoln County. It was a very special week.

Respectfully,

*Vic Currier, Adjutant
Post 79, The American Legion
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last 13 years."

Before negotiations on her county manager contract were finalized, Taylor sat through a county commission meeting on Oct. 18. She said she was impressed at the time by how the county commission worked as a collective.

"I saw them through a different perspective," Taylor said of the county commissioners. "It was their agenda they went through, they addressed each one of those items, and they asked many questions. I feel lucky that I get to work with a well-rounded, informed, interesting commission that cares about what's happening in the county, and knows that this is a place that people want to work in and live in."

It was after that county commission meeting that Taylor's contract was finalized and approved. The agreement called for Taylor to begin with an annual salary of \$80,000. Assuming a satisfactory performance after six months, the yearly pay will then increase to \$85,000. She also received 15 days of vacation and five personal days off in addition to the standard county holiday schedule. Other perks include a cell phone and a vehicle. Her contract is for one year, with an option for three additional years.

"It's a real comfortable feeling," said Taylor of her new job. She added that she did come into the county manager position with some fears, mainly because she had spent much of her career in the corporate world, including 36 years with Qwest.

She retired from Qwest as the director of regulatory affairs. Her job in that position was to deal with the New Mexico Public Regulations Commission, representing Qwest regardless of the company's advocacy. "Sometimes it meant formally testifying before the commission in whatever we were trying to achieve, writing testimony and submitting it for review, and representing Qwest at the Legislature - it was an advocacy job, to advocate for Qwest's goals and expectations."

After retiring from Qwest, Taylor went to work for the New Mexico Association of Counties as an association specialist. Her job was to assist the association's board of directors, in particular helping construct the association's legislative agenda.

"When I retired from Qwest, I did it with the thought in mind that I wasn't through working," said Taylor, "and the one thing that I had not done was work in local, state or county government - that was one of my goals."

She said working at NMAC better prepared her to apply for the job as Lincoln County manager.

Paul Gutierrez, executive director for the NMAC, said that Taylor would do well as a county manager.

"Her background and her education suits the position well, and though she wasn't brought up through the county system, she should be able to learn and take the reins relatively quickly," said Gutierrez.

Taylor said she would like to see the county remain fiscally healthy while at the same time meeting the goals and the needs of the residents of the county. As for future projects, she said it's too early to talk about those, but she did say that there are other needs out there in the works that she would like to see move forward, including possible renovations to the medical clinic in Hondo and the senior center in Carrizozo.

Asked if she has visited all the communities in the county, Taylor said that she hasn't but that she is familiar with the basic geography of the county.

Taylor spent nine years as a student in the Capitan school district, graduating from the high school in 1967. After that, she attended McMurry University in Abilene. After spending a semester at McMurry, she transferred to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. It was at NMSU where she met her husband, James, who was working toward a master's degree while Nita Taylor was completing her bachelor's degree. Nita Taylor eventually graduated from the Anderson School of Management at the University of New Mexico with an MBA.

Nita and James Taylor have two children and six grandchildren.

James Taylor, who is originally from Lincoln, has extensive family in Lincoln County. He comes from a pioneering family that had settled in Glencoe in 1876, and his mother's maiden name is Coe. "It's an old, historical family," said Nita Taylor, adding: "We're no strangers to Lincoln County."

R&R from pg. 1

The event featured a street party complete with a smorgasbord of \$1 food specials from several Ruidoso eating establishments, live music from local bands and the U.S. Army First AD jazz combo. The Inn of the Mountain Gods held drawings and registered families for ski passes, while the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino conducted giveaways. MTD Media, parent company of the Ruidoso Free Press, held a live radio remote with E-Z Geazy from the Mix 96.7 FM.

Ruidoso Downs public relations director Sandi Aguilar expressed amazement with the successful turnout as well as the locations from which the veterans and their families travelled from. "I spoke to people from El Paso, Fort Bliss, Clovis, Hobbs, Roswell, Albuquerque and even Greece," she said. "A military high school group (N.M. Youth Challenge Academy) greatly appreciated the opportunity for a bit of freedom



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Members of American Legion - Ruidoso Post 79 enjoy the crowds and swap stories as they sell raffle tickets during the R&R Ruidoso celebration honoring vets and their families

for the weekend and relaxing from their regimented lives. Advertising on the regional military bases even attracted some civilian contractors at Fort Bliss who were aware of the event and came up for the weekend."

The Military 365 effort was established to provide military veterans and their families the opportunity to unwind and recreate in Ruidoso and the rest of Lincoln County year-round with special discounts on lodging, food entertainment and shopping.

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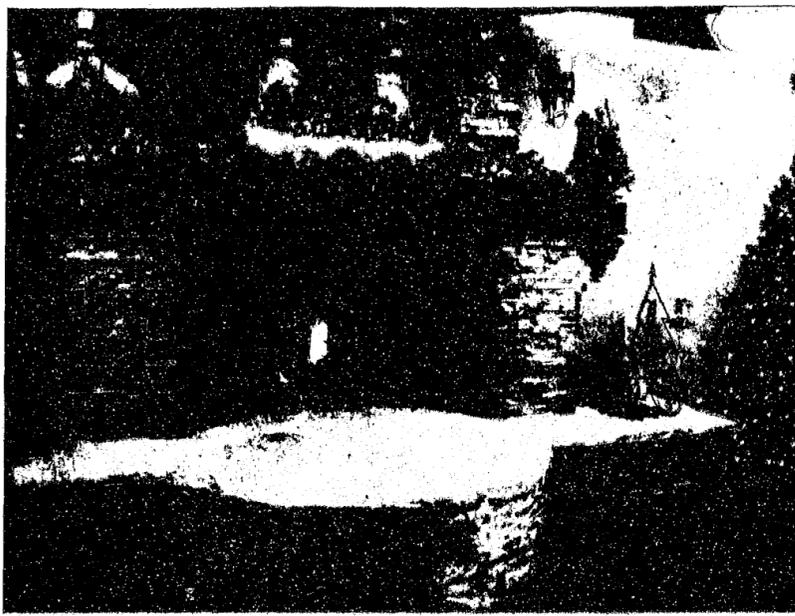
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Convention Center to showcase improvements

The Ruidoso Convention Center has a new look, part of a \$1.5-million renovation that gives the center more than 24,000 square feet of meeting space.

A newly designed lobby features an over-sized fireplace and furnishings that offer visitors a place to relax amidst rustic mountain decor. In addition to the new foyer, the Sierra Blanca Room, the Capitan Room and the Camelot Room have been completely renovated as well. Each room features state-of-the-art audio and video equipment, new carpeting and soundproof barriers.

The venue has an extensive list of caterers available to meeting planners, and offers a variety of price ranges and food choices. And the proximity to a conference hotel makes it very convenient for meeting attendees to walk to and from the convention center.



"Ruidoso is a great conference and meeting destination because of all of the great activities it has to offer conference attendees, including golf, horseback riding, skiing, hiking, casino gaming and just plain relaxing," said Gail Bailey, director of sales at the center. "In addition to all that there is to do here, we also boast a wide variety of dining experiences within the village."

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Turner named market president at FNB

First National Bank has named Rob Turner as the new market president for the Ruidoso office. In this position, Turner, a banking veteran with 13 years of experience in the industry, will oversee the day-to-day operations of First National Bank.

"We are excited to have Rob join our First National family," said Phil Stevens, president of First National Bank. "He is going to be a valued and active

member in the Ruidoso community both professionally and personally."

During his tenure in the banking industry, Turner has served as a commercial lender, credit analyst and customer relations for institutions including Centinel Bank (Taos), Wells Fargo (Belen), First Community Bank and Bank of the West.

A graduate of Capitan High School, Turner received his bachelor of science

from New Mexico State University in agricultural economics and business with an emphasis in agricultural finance and agri-business management. He has been married to CC for 18 years and they have two children, Matthew (13) and Ashley (10).

"I grew up in Capitan, so getting back to the area is a sort of homecoming for me, and I am thrilled to be a part of First National Bank," Turner said.

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The mantra has changed for property sellers

A new real estate mantra is edging out our old favorite these days. Yes, "location, location, location" still holds, meaning. We all know and understand this well tested maxim wherein identical properties will differ in value based on their locations. So location is still important but the newer mantra that is holding more sway with both buyers and sellers these days is "price, price, price."

The ongoing downward trending asset revaluation kicked off by the 2008 financial crisis has made our buyers hyper aware of price differentials existing from property to property, as well as making them much more aggressive during negotiations than they had been prior to the bursting of the sub-prime mortgage bubble.

Sellers always seem to be a quarter or two behind these valuation trends. Understandably, we're all reluctant to succumb to this current downward pressure on home prices. Some of us just can't stand the thought of losing a dime



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on our 'investment'. Some of us can't really get our minds around the fact that we compete on a comparative basis with every other similar home that is currently for sale. And some of us, well, we're staring into the abyss and thinking, we're looking skyward, just certain that the pricing rebound is right around the corner.

We've been fortunate in Ruidoso. Our property values have not eroded as precipitously as in other micro-markets around the region and nationally. Nonetheless, all of us who are sellers must be reminded this is not 2005, this is not even 2006 or 2007. "Price, price, price" is now the single most important factor in selling your home — more important than what it would cost to rebuild our homes, what we paid for them ourselves and what fantastic amenities, views and locations they possess.

Repeat after me "price, price, price" ... then repeat again.

Holiday home marketing —

Taking holiday home buyers seriously

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With all the chaos between now and New Year's, it seems it would be madness to put a home for sale during the winter. Lots of people get transferred, move or just have the time to look for their future new home.

People state that when they look at homes during the holidays, they remember how good they smell and just how beautiful it looks. Their senses go into overdrive and they can hardly wait to purchase a new home and lay down roots, and your home may be just the one.

Most information you read about homebuyers during the holidays is that they tend to be more serious buyers.

People are willing to give their time and perform the due diligence required during this period and are really serious about buying and selling.

Don't decline showings

It's a numbers game. The more people you get in the door, the better chance of selling your home. It only takes one buyer. The inventory is high and we have lots of nice homes available. There is always down time during the holidays and people fall in love with the village and would like to have a place for themselves. It may be part-time or they may decide to move here permanently.

People will come back to where they grew up during the holidays, and if they are thinking of moving back, now is the time they will be looking.

Your REALTOR® will need to

make sure the potential buyers are pre-approved and make arrangements so you and your family are not out in the cold and snow for a showing. This can be worked out ahead of time. Be open to working with everyone during this time of year.

When decorating, don't cover up the selling points of your home such as the fireplace, open windows with views or a beautiful entry door. Make it simple.

This is a wondrous time of the year and many blessings come from the chill of winter. Who knows, this may be the special time to sell your home.

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Racetrack reports to the county

By Sandi Aguilar

For the Ruidoso Free Press

The Lincoln County commission has requested a presentation from the Ruidoso Downs Race Track at the commission's meeting today to explain the impact the business retention tax has had on the racetrack this year. Bruce Rimbo, president, will discuss how the tax burden offset has allowed for additional capital investments resulting in higher revenues, addition of employees and increased economic impact to the county.

The year started off well with unanticipated expenditures dealing with the February freeze that affected 75 percent of all pipes in the facility. The racetrack is primarily an outdoor facility and even trace amounts of water left in the pipes created havoc. The weather was so cold that on metal surfaces, the paint literally popped off.

With the possibility of the racetrack moving last year without the BRT, only \$160,000 in maintenance was addressed. Thus far in 2011, more than \$1.2 million has been spent on new casino machines, upgrading surveillance and security systems, roof weatherproofing, painting of facility (metal and other surfaces), replacing carpet, pavement repair and surfacing and the purchase of new water and dozer trucks. One of the biggest recent expenditures has been to resurface the racetrack. Just as the Dallas Cowboy Stadium is made up of specialized materials and turf, so is this professional racing facility. The race track consists of two and half feet of layers of aggregate and varying densities of soil.

The racetrack casino is introducing a new player's club system that will create additional personalized customer service and the opportunity for more exciting promotions. Billy the Kid Casino will be able to compete on a better level with the other surrounding casinos. This system



Photos courtesy of Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and Casino

Above, heavy equipment was used to refresh the racing surface of the race track, removing rocks and other debris for the safety of horses and jockeys; at right, Billy the Kid Casino continues to offer a variety of new slot machines



also allows for easier creation of the reporting and accountability required by the state.

Marketing was increased by 35 percent from 2010 and resulted in increased revenues at the casino, racing and food and beverage. Attendance was up during the racing season to almost 250,000. The increased business and capital improvements during 2011 have resulted in \$673,000 in additional taxes and fees sent to the state.

New Mexico Taxation and Revenue numbers estimate the tax burden maximum — \$750,000 — will be reached. The

racetrack currently pays only half of the tax bill to the state monthly. The projected gaming tax for 2011 is just over \$1.9 million and thus the \$750,000 amounts to approximately 40 percent of the gaming tax burden.

"We were very pleased that the county requested an update because it is important for them and the people of Lincoln County to understand that we are wisely reinvesting their faith in us into Lincoln County's number one tourist attraction and it is paying dividends through higher visitation, business and employment levels that benefit all of us," Rimbo said.

RVCC member Spotlight

The Chamber of Commerce will be featuring member spotlights to recognize and highlight the business's mission and product or service, as well as Chamber board members. If your Chamber Member business would like to be featured, please contact the Chamber at marla@ruidosonow.com. Spotlights will be featured in the order they are received. The Chamber reserves the right to edit articles as needed.

Kathy Dunn, Owner and Designer
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Kathy Dunn is a RVCC Chamber board member, and the owner of Casa Feliz & Flowers. Kathy joined the RVCC board in July of 2011 to help get the word out about Ruidoso in our community, and to make the village a better place to live and work. She is also active on the fundraising/special

events committee of the Chamber, a member of Rotary, and active in the Ruidoso Altruista service group.

Casa Feliz & Flowers is a unique store featuring home décor and design services, and includes professional home and business staging. Décor items range from tables and chairs, to pillows and candles, art and jewelry. Kathy also creates modern or traditional fresh flower arrangements for all occasions, as well as custom gift baskets or edible delights on coffee or tea trays. She uses Bloomnet Wire Service to send and receive flowers order for customers. In addition, Kathy can assist by advising your weddings and celebrations by providing event planning services.



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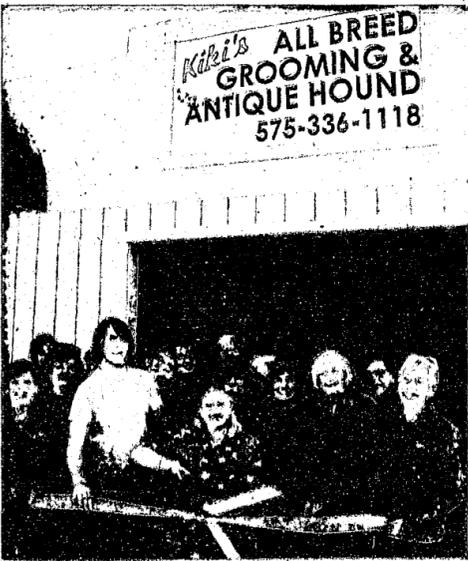
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EDUCATION

Is cheerleading really a sport... You bet!

By Laura Weaver

RHS Cheer Sponsor

It is 6 a.m. on an icy Saturday, and you are about to spend the next nine hours performing under extreme scrutiny and physical strain. You spent the previous evening screaming for over three hours in freezing rain, defying gravity, all while smiling from ear-to-frozen ear. Who would put themselves through this kind of torture on purpose? A Ruidoso Warrior Cheerleader!

And this is just a tiny portion of what they are expected to do in a normal weekend. Most would say that cheerleading is not a sport, that the girls involved are nothing more than cute girls wearing a silly uniform, but to say that of the 13 girls on the varsity squad at Ruidoso High School would be a gross underestimation.

For the first time in history, the Ruidoso cheerleaders will be competing in four competitions or tournaments in one year. They will put in over 100 hours of work on the two routines they will be taking to competition. Most do not realize that the cheerleading season is the longest sport offered at the high school level, stretching across a span of nine months. As soon as the season is

over at the end of March, they will begin to train for tryouts, which are held at the end of April.

The RHS cheerleaders participate in community service, fundraise most of the money they spend, and cheer at home football, volleyball, and basketball games. These highly involved girls will cheer for over 40 sporting events this year alone. The RHS cheerleaders offer support to the school and community first, and then schedule time to train and condition themselves. A normal workout includes running, weight lifting, jumping, push-ups, sit-ups, memorizing more than 50 cheers, and countless other activities.

These girls are tough, hard-working student athletes, and they are proud to represent and support this community and their school! GO WARRIORS!

Courtesy photo

RHS Cheerleaders pictured include (left to right): top row - Sarah Rue, Devin Campos, Shelby Ashburn, Alex Romero, Taylor Vuicich; middle row - Kathryn Newsome, Steffanie Hoover, Allie Thompson, Tatiana Magana; front row - Sydney Werito, Victoria Fernandez, Brooklyn Vanoy, Danielle Grundseth.



Vincent named development director for ENMU Foundation

By Lisa Maue

ENMU-R

Rhonda Vincent accepted the position as development director of the newly formed ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation. She is a 2006 graduate of Eastern New Mexico University with a degree in early childhood education. She served on the Ruidoso School Board for two terms; her first term started in 2007, and she was re-elected in 2011. She is from Ruidoso and is married with two high school aged children. "I am very excited to serve as the Development Director for the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation, and I am anxious to get started," she said. "It is an honor to be associated with the college and to help in supporting and advancing their mission, goals and objectives."

The Foundation works closely with the college administration and the com-



Rhonda Vincent

munity. ENMU-Ruidoso President Dr. Clayton Alred looks forward to the possibility of expanding the college's presence throughout the area and Vincent as a player in that process. "As we begin this next chapter in the history of the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation, I have great confidence that Ms. Vincent will develop the relationships necessary for the foundation to grow and support the ENMU-Ruidoso campus," Alred said.

Vincent, in turn, looks forward to "working with businesses, individuals and organizations in Lincoln County to create and cultivate mutually beneficial partnerships."

In her new position, She will concentrate on opportunities to raise funds for college programs and enhancements. Several new programs are being developed, and

Vincent, as a product of ENMU, is all too aware that the core commitment of the college is to provide affordable, quality classes to any student wishing to pursue a higher education. "As a graduate of the ENMU system, my story is living proof that our campus is worth investing in," she said. "When I decided to finish my education, I was married, a mother of two and an owner of two businesses. I am not sure that I could have done it without the programs that ENMU-Ruidoso offers. It afforded me flexibility and first-class instruction without having to leave my family or

downsize my businesses. The community college model plays such an important role in today's world where people are juggling home, family and careers while pursuing higher education."

Dr. Lynn Willard, ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation president, also looks forward to working with Vincent. "I am impressed with Rhonda's commitment to education, and the foundation will benefit greatly from her passion and community experience."

For more information about the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation, contact Rhonda Vincent at (575) 257-2120.

Youth of the Week



Hannah Carlsen

Hannah Carlsen is in Ms. Serna's 4th grade class at Carrizozo Elementary. "I'm making straight As and earning Bravo Awards for citizenship" said Carlsen. "I love reading (especially about animals), and I like drawing too." "Every week I get to go to Roy's and have an ice cream after school-Yum!"

Carlsen wants to be a veterinarian. She participates in 4H projects on goats, kittens and veterinary science with the Malpais Colts 4H Club in Carrizozo. "I'm taking horseback riding lessons in White Oaks, and am learning to drive

a cart with a miniature horse named Rufus, which is really fun."

The three most important qualities of a friend are being trustworthy and respectful, and having a big heart.

"My mom trains service dogs, and mostly wants to train ones we raise from pups," she said. "If I could change roles with my mom, I would adopt and train every homeless animal I see. I love them all!"

In a regional Tae Kwon Do tournament in Colorado, Carlsen won three medals in her age group/belt level last Saturday - gold in board breaking, silver in forms and silver in sparring. "They were really proud of her achievement" said mom Taryn. "She's a great kid."

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Registration for spring courses commences at ENMU-Ruidoso

Registration for classes beginning Jan. 17, 2012 is on-going at ENMU-Ruidoso. Among the classes being offered in the spring are "Outdoor Photography," "Computer and Security Fundamentals," "Cyber Forensics," "Motorcycling Literature," "Principles of Finance," "Lincoln County History," "Ethics," "New Testament Survey," and "Acting for Film II." In addition to online and on site classes, several educational trips are planned, and many new Community Education classes are also being offered.

The last day to register is Jan. 19, 2012, but since classes fill up quickly, students are encouraged to register now. First-time degree-seeking students must make an appointment with a student advisor. Appointments may be made over the phone at 257-3007. Drop-in appointments are also available by coming to the campus at 709 Mechem Drive. Classes may also be audited, meaning that although a student is registered and pays for a class, no grades are given. Students often audit classes when no degree is desired or credits required. A special statewide \$5 per credit is also available for seniors over the age of 65.

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RMS BOARD OF EDUCATION *briefs*

By Eugene Heathman

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Alternative programs help students

During the RMS Board of Education meeting on Nov. 8, the progress of alternative education programs was evaluated. The program includes dropout prevention, night school alternatives and behavioral intervention programs to bring around students with a variety of opportunistic challenges.

The dropout prevention program has 10 students with one being referred to the general education development program for lack of progress. In night school, the enrollment varies. Currently, there are three students who only attend night school and two or three that attend afternoons and night school in addition to a variable amount of students attending for a combination of credit or attendance recovery. Ruidoso High School principal Pauline Staski expects attendance to increase during the spring semester. "Students in night school for credit recovery complete courses using an educational program called Odysseyware and those making up attendance are under direct supervision," said Staski.

According to Staski, the behavioral intervention program has two long-term suspended students attending the Choices program fulltime. "Both of these students are also involved in the judicial system and we continue to work with their probation officers," she said.

"Two more students are attending the program by their own choice."

The Smart in School program also directly supervises student suspended for short periods of time, usually five to seven days.

Johnson reports good news on drug testing

For at least the third month in a row, all students and those who drive vehicles for students have tested negative during the random drug testing program. Johnson, coach of the football team, reported that 40 students and three drivers were tested in October and that he is pleased that the students being tested are taking pride in being drug free.

Board members dispute charges for non-employees

Trustee Curt Temple disputed approximately \$5,000 of invoices presented to the schools' budget for training costs incurred by Region IX contract employees. Temple questioned the invoices since Region IX workers are not RMS employees and alleged Region IX doesn't qualify for the reimbursement. The training is related to working with autistic students. Temple and Trustee Cecil Davis both voted against the measure which superintendent Bea Harris contended would be reimbursed through grant monies at a later time.

Weekend structure fire puts crews on alert

The Ruidoso Fire Department was called to a structure fire at 105 Terrace Drive at approximately 4:20 a.m. Nov. 12.

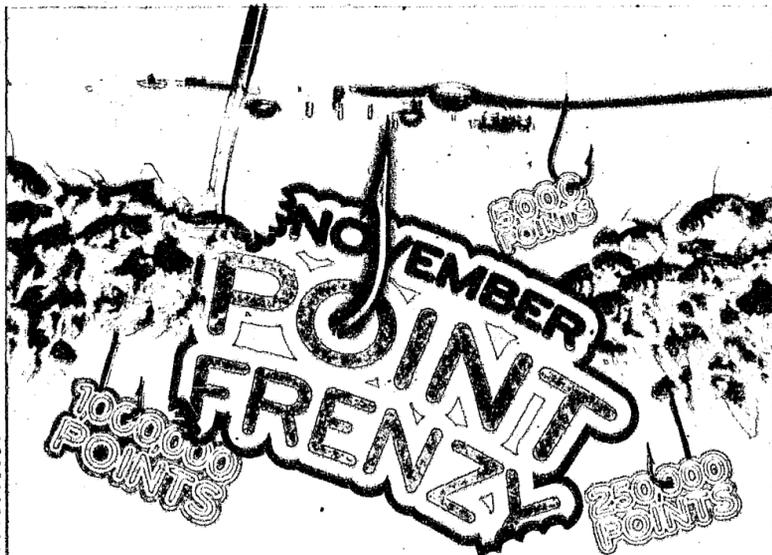
Emergency efforts were successful and the fire was extinguished at 5:30 a.m. Mop-up efforts continued throughout the day as high winds were expected in the area Saturday.

The New Mexico Fire Marshal has been called in to help the Ruidoso Fire Department conduct an investigation into the cause of the blaze which was unknown as of press time.

Throughout the day, areas around the

scene including Upper Terrace, Lower Terrace and Terrace Drives will continue to see residual smoke and local officials cautioned nearby residents to remain on alert in the event blowing sparks from the extinguishing operations caused another fire. A family of four was displaced and moved to temporary housing. No injuries were reported from the blaze.

Area resources that assisted in the firefighting efforts included the Ruidoso Fire Department, PNM, Bonita Volunteer Fire Department, Lincoln County EMS, Ruidoso Police Department and Zia Natural Gas.



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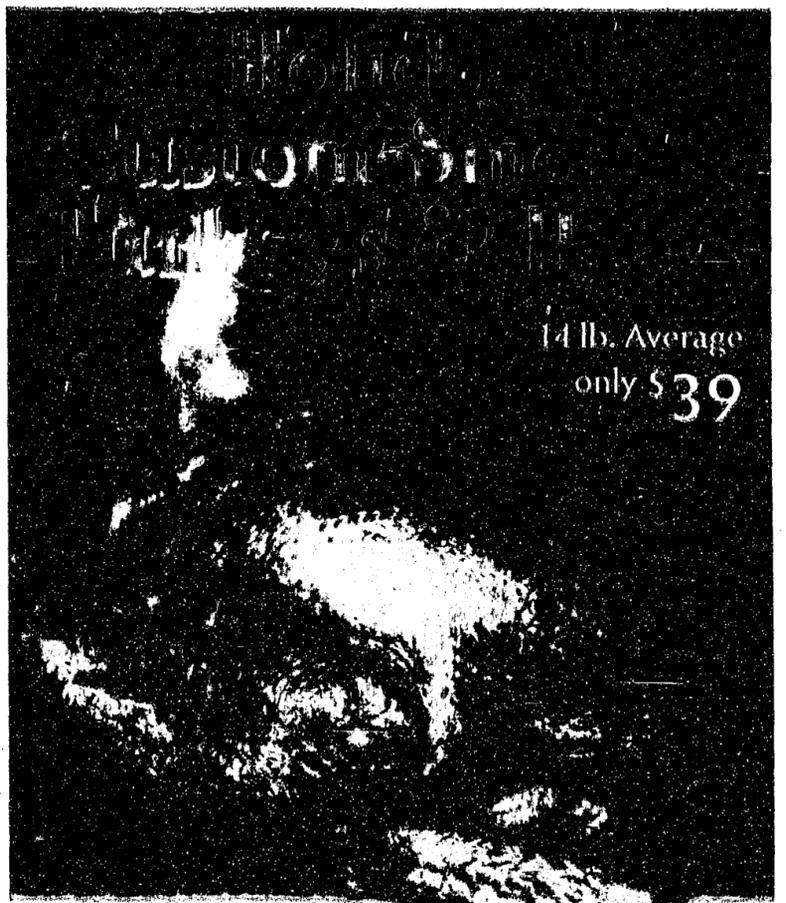
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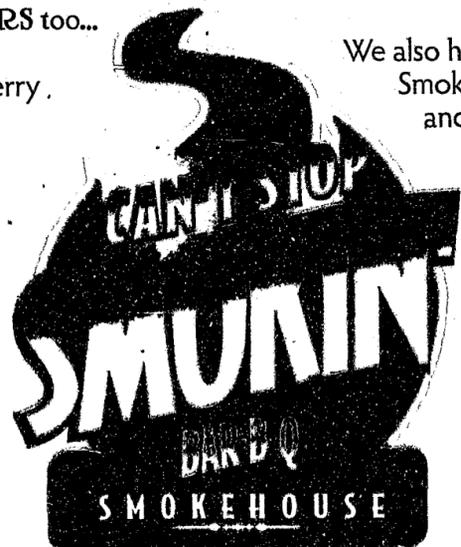
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The psychling chronicles 'Big city traffic'

The day started with my riding partner and me motoring to the head of the line of cars as motorcycles are traditionally loaded onto ferries first. The trip from New London, Conn., to Orient Point Long Island, N.Y., would take about 80 minutes. I told Stan that the traffic conditions through the south side of New York City would be challenging even during the middle of the day. We meandered along Long Island's famous Gold Coast, and entered the traffic stream congealing towards Queens.



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the heat waves escaping the engine compartments of the cars and trucks around me as the traffic serpent oozed into Brooklyn; six miles covered in the last 80 minutes.

Ninety minutes later I met Stan at the entrance for the first rest stop on the 12-lane New Jersey Turnpike with its bus lanes, truck lanes, and car lanes. We stripped off our outer garments and headed for the air-conditioning of

a fast-food restaurant. We sat and talked while absorbing some greatly appreciated ice-cream.

As a youngster, I had pedaled the New York streets with explorative freedom and later commuted on a motorcycle through the concrete corridors. It now appeared that the serpentine slow-down was simply the result of too many vehicles. We didn't experience any road rage as the vehicle occupants seemed to be content in their isolated environments of electronic entertainment and air-conditioning as they contributed their fair share to global warming.

And then a 30-something young man approached us and asked if one of us was riding the motorcycle with the New Mexico plate. I volunteered that it was my bike and he asked me what it was like in New Mexico. I told him it was hotter and drier than Jersey causing the skin to crack and bleed, many roads were dirt, choking human lungs and automobile engines alike, people spoke multiple languages creating a babble of confusion, and outhouses still dotted the landscape. Stan turned toward me with the grin of understanding. The west was preserved again. We did not encourage Horace Greeley's advice: "Go west, young man, go west."

The Belt Parkway expanded to its eight lanes as congestion brought us to a halt in the 93 degree heat with matching humidity. We flipped up the front portions of our helmets as sweat coursed down our necks and the traffic inched forward at less than five miles per hour. Because New York traffic lanes are narrower than the lanes of western cities, we couldn't split lanes safely and we sat as our bodies and engines got hotter and hotter. My 15-year-old "modern" bike is liquid-cooled and the fan whooshed on at the preset temperature. Stan's bike is an air-cooled design dating back to the 1920s and with air flow in limited supply; we began to hear the engine internals as the oil thinned.

Stan took off down the debris-laden shoulder and headed for New Jersey without so much as a look over his shoulder. I came up onto a small rise where I could follow his progress for about one half mile before he became absorbed by the python of traffic as it slithered forward. I was hot in my protective leather jacket but even a slow-speed fall would lead to unacceptable road rash pain without it. I watched

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VILLAGE *briefs*

By Eugene Heathman

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Solar energy plant proposed for airport

Airport manager Sean Parker met with Dr. Jim Miller, a renewable energy consultant, who has been in discussions with Placer Mountain Services regarding the possibility of installing a solar energy plant on 10 acres of village property near the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. "We discussed options for the airport to have a solar panel farm that could generate enough power for the airport, and give energy credits back to Otero County Electric Cooperative and/or PNM toward Village of Ruidoso departments such as the Waste Water Treatment Plant," Parker said during the Nov. 8 regular council meeting.

According to Parker, initial discussions gave a general idea on how the airport could lease land to a solar energy company, which would sell the generated power at a very low cost back to the airport. The remaining energy created would be sold to as credits toward the Village of Ruidoso. The airport would gain revenue from the long-

term lease of the land, and have the utility costs drastically reduced. The solar energy company would make money off the sales of energy produced, and from federal government funds and tax incentives. The only cost to the airport would be Jim Miller's consulting fee which is approximately \$3,000. Councilor Stoddard asked Parker how long the lease would be in comparison to the life span of the panels, which the village would take ownership of at the end of the term. Parker said the life span of the panels is about 25 years, which is the length of the lease. "However, the company would replace the panels in about 15 years in order to give them a life span for the village after the term is up."

Councilors vote to support public transit

The village council approved a resolution supporting a federal grant application for Lincoln County Transit. However, the resolution is only a measure of support so Lincoln County Transit can use the resolution to apply for grants. The resolution does not commit the village to any type of funding. Councilor Denise Dean said, "Before we budget next year, we need to look at transit and at the senior cen-

ter. I don't think we can fund both of these at this time."

Questions about dedicated route service were primarily deferred to a later time as matters with the grant funding progressed. Village Manager Debi Lee said, "I recommended approval supporting the resolution for the transit service. This allows for Patty Desoto able to make her presentation for federal funding. No one wants to lose public transportation, but it's a matter of how we can pay for it."

Fundraising for future leaders of Lincoln County

Leadership Lincoln New Mexico has begun its annual fund raising event with a raffle of four great prize packages. Each of these prize packages is valued between \$300-\$500. Each ticket is \$10 and you must designate which package you wish to be entered. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 29. The raffle drawing is Dec. 1. Winners do not need to be present to win. There will be one winner for each prize package. Only 1000 of these tickets will be sold. Chances of winning any one prize depend on the number of entries for that package.

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Class 3A

Santa Fe Indian d. Ruidoso, 3-2

Class 1A

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Nov. 11

Volleyball

State Tournament at Rio Rancho
Class B quarterfinals

Carrizozo d. Hondo, 3-0

Clovis Christian d. Coroná, 3-0

Class B semifinals

Carrizozo d. Quemado, 3-0

Nov. 12

Football

Class 3A football playoffs

Albuquerque Academy 48,

Ruidoso 21

Volleyball

State Tournament at Rio Rancho
Santa Ana Star Center

Class B Championship

Elida d. Carrizozo, 3-0

Nov. 14

Girls basketball

Artesia JV at Mescalero, late

SPORTS UPCOMING

Nov. 17

Boys basketball

NMMI at Mescalero, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Mescalero at Dexter, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 18

Boys basketball

Vaughn Eagle Classic

Corona vs. Vaughn, 6 p.m.

Girls basketball

Vaughn Aguila Classic

Corona vs. San Jon, 4:25 p.m.

Corona vs. Vaughn, 7:45 p.m.

Nov. 19

Boys basketball

Vaughn Eagle Classic

Corona vs. Mosquero/Roy, 11 a.m.

Covona vs. San Jon, 4:25 p.m.

Girls basketball

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Carrizozo falls just short

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RIO RANCHO – You've heard the phrase "you have to be in it to win it?"

Try "you have to have been in it to win it."

That was the phrase Carrizozo volleyball coach Pam Allen used when talking about her team's 25-15, 25-23, 25-20 loss to Elida in the Class B state championship match Saturday.

Elida (20-4) was the defending state champion – they beat the Lady Grizzlies in last year's state semifinals – and Allen knows the championship match can be overwhelming to a young team in it for the first time.

"I've been coaching volleyball since the first-ever state volleyball tournament, and it just does something bizarre to the mind the first time a group is in it," Allen said. "The girls wanted it so badly, and in



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Carrizozo's Fantasia Dennis, center, has trouble receiving a serve in between teammates Sarah Gallacher (4) and Andrea Vigil Saturday during the Class B state championship at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

the last few weeks they'd come so far."

Carrizozo (20-4) just couldn't get out of the gate in the first game, falling prey to service and calls against them in the net.

The Lady Tigers, meanwhile, could do no wrong. The majority of their offense came from front line hitter Kaylen Jasso, who had 20 kills in the sweep.

The Lady Grizzlies awoke in the second game and were able to take a 9-5 lead with a 6-0 run on Sarah Ferguson serves, but they gave all those points right back when Elida went on a similar run.

From then on it was nip-and-tuck, as the Lady Tigers were never more than two points ahead until they were able to secure the game victory with a big kill by – appropriately – Jasso.

Elida wasted no time taking control in the final game, going on an 8-0 run to build up a lead they would not relinquish; although the Lady Grizzlies weren't going to give up.

"That momentum is huge," said Elida coach Darrell Chenault. "We had some big runs to get ahead of them good, and they tried to come back. But it's tough when you get down that far."

While the loss in the final wasn't what the Lady Grizzlies or their fans had in mind, the fact that they made it to the final round and finished higher than any Carrizozo volleyball team had in history made Allen proud.

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Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Carrizozo freshman Lisa Ventura, right, hits the ball against a block by Elida's Hunter Haley Saturday during the Class B state championship match at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

Lady Warriors exit tournament in first round

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RIO RANCHO – Two games into their first round match at the Class 3A state volleyball tournament, it looked as though the Ruidoso Lady Warriors would be one and done.

In the end, they did lose in five, but at least Ruidoso made it an interesting match Nov. 10, fighting back from a six-point deficit to a match point serve in the fifth game before dropping a 25-15, 25-22, 15-25, 19-25, 19-17 decision to Santa Fe Indian School.

The contest was a rematch of Ruidoso's second game of the season against the Lady Braves, a match the Lady Warriors won in five.

Almost a full season later, Santa Fe Indian was able to turn the table on Ruidoso (9-14), something that had worried Lady Warrior coach Marie Garcia from the beginning.

"I warned the girls that when they (SFIS) came out ready to play, you can see the difference," Garcia said. "They



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Ruidoso sophomore Amanda Bryant sets the ball during her team's loss to Santa Fe Indian School Thursday during the Class 3A state tournament at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

were flying to the ball and making good passes and hits. We saw them at their best, and

there were a few key things that didn't go our way."

The Lady Braves opened

up with a comfortable win in game one, but Ruidoso started to come alive in game two, never letting SFIS get more than two points ahead and taking a 12-10 lead on a hitting error by Ashley Terry.

SFIS took a somewhat comfortable lead after that with Terry serving, but Ruidoso again tied it at 20 and stayed right on the Lady Braves' tail, getting to within two points on a Madigan Gonzales kill before finally succumbing.

Now down two games, it was do-or-die time for the Lady Warriors.

Ruidoso opened game three with four straight points on the serving of Vivian Mowdy, and despite allowing SFIS to eventually tie, the Lady Warriors were able to retake the lead.

Ruidoso closed out the win with six straight points with libero Jordan Mowdy serving, including one ace.

Jordan, who sprained her ankle the week before and was usually the team's setter, was the third girl to play the libero position for the Lady Warriors

this year. It was the latest lineup change for a team that had to deal with injuries and absences all year long.

"We had huge position changes in this game," Garcia said. "We took a chance to let Jordan finish her senior year by putting her at libero, the stress of setting would not have helped her. We let her practice with us as much as we could yesterday, and with that sophomore setter (Amanda Bryant) in there, they did really exceptionally."

Ruidoso roared out to a 14-6 in game three and never looked back, forcing a fifth game in which the Lady Braves immediately took control.

SFIS built up a 5-1 lead to start after a Terry kill, and while the Lady Warriors were able to stop the bleeding, it looked as though the deficit was too much to overcome.

The Lady Braves were up by as many as five points – needing only five more to end it and move on in the playoffs –

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Ruidoso football season comes to an end

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As far as local sports fans are concerned, the fall season is over.

That became official Saturday when the Ruidoso Warriors dropped a 48-21 decision to Albuquerque Academy in the first round of the Class 3A state football playoffs.

The Chargers may have started off with a 22-8 advantage in the first

quarter and built the lead from there, but Ruidoso coach Kief Johnson said the game was actually a lot closer than the score indicated.

"We gave it a valiant effort, but we had some turnovers and couldn't keep them from converting on our mistakes," Johnson said. "That, and some injuries late in the game hurt us."

Academy (7-3), running out of a single-wing

offense, opened with the scoring on a five-yard touchdown run by Jake Newell, who added two more touchdowns in the first period.

As in previous games, passing was more effective for Ruidoso (6-5) than running, as Sam Williams threw for 220 yards on 19 completions, 10 of them to Parker Johnson, who finished with 137 yards on the day.

Warrior fullback Tan-

ner Chavez was Ruidoso's leading rusher with just 38 yards and a touchdown, but he was also one of the late injuries.

Ruidoso was also without running back Kalama Davis for most of the game. He was still nursing an ankle he twisted during the regular season finale against Portales.

The injuries were bad enough, but the Warriors couldn't seem to hold on to the ball, coughing it

up three times against the Charger defense. Academy scored each time.

While the season may have ended on a sour note, Johnson said he was proud of what the senior class was able to accomplish this season – including a near-victory at Lovington that would have most certainly increased the Warriors' seeding in the playoffs.

"This year's team has set a precedent of hard work for future Warrior-

football," Johnson said. "This senior class led by their countless hours in the weight room, and the success they had this year was attributable to that."

"They did everything they could to get better, but when you're dealing with things we can't control – like referee calls or injuries – there's no guarantee," he added. "I know these seniors will be successful in whatever they choose to do."

Errors prove Capitan's downfall at state

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RIO RANCHO — All through the District 7-1A season, it looked like the Capitan volleyball Lady Tigers were a team of destiny.

Capitan got to the state tournament after nearly sweeping the district competition, but their adrenaline got the best of them against McCurdy in the first round Nov. 10, falling in five games, 25-20, 19-25, 16-25, 25-23, 15-11.

The Lady Tigers entered the match after finishing second in pool play, losing two games to Fort Sumner and splitting with Springer.

Once things got underway in bracket play, the Lady Bobcats (12-8) looked like the team with

all the momentum, going up 4-0 before hitter. Georgia-Lynn Eldridge put Capitan on the board with a big kill.

But once the Lady Tigers got the serve, they couldn't do anything with it. There were numerous serves and hits that went long throughout the match, killing a chance for a Capitan rally.

"The problems with hitting came from the adrenaline running through the girls," said Capitan coach Rebecca Gonzales. "But that goes to show they were doing everything with confidence. The intensity and fire got the best of them."

Capitan (11-10) made a game of it eventually, getting to within a point on a big block by Eldridge, and the other hitters began to follow suit, particularly



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Capitan's Jamie Fields digs for a hit during the Lady Tigers' loss to McCurdy in the first round of the Class 1A state volleyball tournament Nov. 10 at Rio Rancho High School.

Kersti Davis, who had a big kill to stave off a McCurdy victory.

For a while, it looked like the Lady Tigers would be able to pull off a victory in that first game, rattling off three straight points

ly in the second game and staying ahead throughout. Balls that were landing beyond the end line in game one were falling in for kills in game's two and three, and the Lady Tigers were able to win each comfortably.

"We kept running the offense. I didn't want the lack of confidence to creep in and get them to start doubting what they were doing," Gonzales said. "It was more playing it smart and getting an easy roll off the ball, then getting back into our rhythm."

That rhythm began to desert Capitan in the fourth game, although the Lady Tigers did start out with a 4-1 lead thanks to errors by McCurdy.

when the Lady Bobcats was game point serve. But a block by McCurdy's Madison Woelfel ended it.

Now down a game, Capitan started playing with more control and confidence, going up ear-

The Lady Bobcats started hitting the ball in, and eventually tied the game at 5-all on a ball hit out by Davis.

The Lady Bobcats then went on a 4-0 run to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish until the closing points of the game, when Capitan went ahead 21-20 on an error by McCurdy libero Vicky Castillo.

The teams traded leads and ties after that, but the Lady Bobcats were able to get just enough breathing room with two straight points on another net call against the Lady Tigers, and that two-point cushion was all they needed to force a fifth and final game.

Corona's season comes to anticlimactic end

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RIO RANCHO — Corona's first ever trip to the state volleyball tournament — at least its first trip in recent memory — ended on a disappointing note Friday with a 25-11, 25-16, 25-18 loss to Clovis Christian in the Class B quarterfinals.

"We didn't wake up, and we did that yesterday in pool play," said Corona coach Chris Gage. "Part of it was nerves from getting to state, but it shouldn't have been that way today. We should have been ready and we didn't play our best ball."

The Lady Cardinals (15-2) had come into the tournament as the No. 3 seed overall behind Carrizozo and Elida, but their performance in pool play put them third in a four-team pool.

Clovis Christian (17-6) broke from the gate quickly, scoring the first six points of the match by taking care of blocking and hitting errors by Corona, and the Lady Cardinals never threatened after that.

The Lady Eagles used strong hitting by Katlyn Cook and Kaitlyn Turaville to score points when Corona wasn't making mistakes, and the Lady Cardinal hitters weren't able to get untracked.

Hondo swept by 'Zozo

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RIO RANCHO — It had been a long day on everyone in pool play at this year's Class B state volleyball tournament Thursday, and it seemed to take its toll on Hondo in their quarterfinal match against Carrizozo Friday morning.

Hondo "played sleepy," according to coach Justine Ortiz, and dropped a 25-10, 25-16, 25-12 decision to bring their season to a close.

That Hondo seemed fatigued shouldn't come as a surprise, according to Lady Grizzly coach Pam Allen.

"When you're on the court and in the bleachers from 1 p.m. until after 6, having to play to try to get a good seed in the bracket, it's pretty grueling," Allen

said of her team's performance in pool play Thursday. "It's not surprising that the fatigue factor enters into this, for both teams."

"We needed more moving and covering on the floor," Ortiz said. "I need them to see what I see."



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Davis gave his all in his team's Class 3A first-round loss at Albuquerque Academy and will be back next season to hopefully lead his team even further.



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Tuesday Senior team standings, week 10 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| The Who? | 28½ | 11½ | 595 | 218 |
| Ageless Wonders | 21½ | 18½ | 581 | 231 |
| Serious Not | 19 | 21 | 570 | 241 |
| Spud & the Tater Tots | 17½ | 22½ | 614 | 202 |
| Old Timers | 17 | 23 | 521 | 285 |
| Larry Larry's | 16½ | 23½ | 632 | 186 |

Season high scores

Handicap series — Larry Larry's 2639, Spud & the Tater Tots 2589, Ageless Wonders 2589. Handicap game — Old Timers 939, Serious Not 874, The Who? 863.

Men's handicap series — Spud Mitchum 740, Harry Allwein 716, Jim Clements 706.

Men's handicap game — Larry Hinds 271, Hubert Lee 267, Gene Nitz 200.

Women's handicap series — Sandi Meek 725, Sylvia Allwein 670, Lucy Servies 660.

Women's handicap game — Ursula Eckersley 270, Lorene Caywood 269, Pat Townsend, Rose Bivens 238.

Individual high averages

Men — Tom Douglas 195.67, Gene Nitz 192.23, Spud Mitchum 172.17. Women — Sandi Meek 171.29, Rose Bivens 147.27, Lucy Servies 147.

Most improved average

Men — Harry Allwein +8.23, Jim Clements +7.87, Tom Douglas +7.67. Women — Ursula Eckersley +10.42, Pat Townsend +5.33, Sandi Meek +4.29.

Wednesday Mixed team standings, week 10 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|------|
| Evan's Team | 30½ | 9½ | 599 | 216 |
| Ruidoso Bowl | 26 | 14 | 634 | 184 |
| Western Auto | 20 | 20 | 721 | 105 |
| No Doubt | 20 | 20 | 537 | 271 |
| Ruidoso U-Haul | 21½ | 18½ | 641 | 178 |
| Car Quest | 20 | 20 | 584 | 229 |
| Knight Riders | 13 | 27 | 578 | 234 |
| Wild Cards | 19 | 21 | 505 | 299 |
| Team 7 | 18 | 22 | 656 | 183 |
| Even Par | 12 | 28 | 633 | 185 |

Season high scores

Scratch series — Western Auto 2282, Ruidoso U-Haul 2029, Even Par 1918.

Scratch game — Team 7 791, Ruidoso Bowl 713, Evan's Team 713.

Handicap series — No Doubt 2696, Wild Cards 2607.

Handicap game — Car Quest 960, Knight Riders 884.

Men's scratch series — Keith Brower 724, Weldon Ganaway 724, Tim Vega 701.

Men's scratch game — Jim McGarvey 253, Bob

Layher 249, Mike Kim, Evan Reed 244.

Men's handicap series — Sid Thomas 738, Tom Douglas 737, Dan Roller 697.

Men's handicap game — Phil Fanning 214, Brad Archer 283, Ronnie Wright 263.

Women's scratch series — Crystal Ingle 571, TJ Romero 482, Shelly Layher 459.

Women's scratch game — Pam Bernard 195, Connie Reynolds 184, Sharla Ganaway 165.

Women's handicap series — Anne Lindsey 690, Sue Reed 677, Melissa McMillan 676.

Women's handicap game — Jean Fanning 258, Trina Thomas 253, Marianne Mohr 239.

Individual high averages

Men — Tim Vega 210.39, Jim McGarvey 209.57, Weldon Ganaway 208.26.

Women — Crystal Ingle 162.4, Pam Bernard 145.7, TJ Romero 140.63.

Most improved average

Men — Tom Douglas +12.8, Brad Archer +12.75, Mike Kim +12.1.

Women — Melissa McMillan +9.85, Marianne Mohr +6.78, Pam Bernard +6.7.

Thursday Men's team standings, week 10 of 32

| Name | Won | Lost | Avg | Hdcp |
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| Down's Auto Repair | 28 | 12 | 945 | 92 |
| Western Auto | 27 | 13 | 991 | 71. |
| GSV | 28 | 12 | 1018 | 55 |
| Insiders | 22 | 18 | 900 | 133 |
| Ruidoso Septic | 14 | 26 | 617 | 388 |
| Ruidoso Bowl | 14 | 26 | 899 | 133 |
| Buckner Electric | 16½ | 23½ | 797 | 225 |
| Good Ole Boys | 10½ | 29½ | 780 | 259 |

Season high scores

Scratch series — GSV 3218, Ruidoso Bowl 2890.

Scratch game — Western Auto 1268, Insiders 1000.

Handicap series — Down's Auto Repair 3328, Ruidoso Septic 3224.

Handicap game — Buckner Electric 1158, Good Ole Boys 1118.

Individual scratch series — David Hoffer 759, Tim Vega 713, Richard Guevara, Billy Weddige 697.

Individual scratch game — Jim McGarvey 289, Virgil Reynolds 289, Evan Reed 269.

Individual handicap series — Dennis Haas 772, Gene Nitz 748, Terry Barnard 726.

Individual handicap game — Keith Brower 299, Mike Bryant 287, Donald Yeager, Tom Douglas 280.

Individual high averages

Jim McGarvey 231.33, David Hoffer 227.9, Virgil Reynolds 215.7.

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Chiefs hope to keep improving

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MESCALERO – The Mescalero boys basketball team is getting an early start this season – not as early as the girls, but early enough for coach Mike Torres.

He's leading a team that went 7-19 last season, but returns three solid starters – Godfrey Cordova and Tahari and Aaron Kaydahzinne – from that team and is looking to do much better.

"I'm excited about this year," said Torres, now in his third season leading the Chiefs. "I also think our schedule favors us."

Mescalero begins this season Thursday with a home game against New Mexico Military Institute, and the schedule includes an added appearance at the Cloudcroft Mountain Top Tournament Dec. 8-10.

"We want to play the best teams in our class, and usually Cloudcroft brings them in," Torres said.

He's right about that. Last year the tournament saw Animas and Cliff – the state runner-up in Class 1A – as well as District 7-1A opponent Capitan.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Mescalero's Sam Herrera makes a layup during basketball practice Nov. 8 at Mescalero.

The Chiefs will also be in the Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan, which will likely see a return of Hagerman, the defending Class 1A champion.

Including the three returning starters, Mescalero has solid bench players in Sam Herrera and Kyle Yahnahki back. Actually, just about everyone will probably start at some pointing the season.

Team height is an issue

for Mescalero – Cordova is the tallest player at 6-foot-2 and will be at the post position – so the Chiefs will be running again this year. The only question is whether they can stay in control when they turn on the afterburners.

"The maturity is there and has been taking care of that a little more," Torres said. "I can't wait for the season to start. Let's get it going."

Lady Chiefs aiming at state

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MESCALERO – By the time you read this, the Mescalero girls basketball season will have already begun.

The Lady Chiefs began their season Monday with a contest at home against the Artesia junior varsity, and will be at Dexter this Thursday as they kick off their quest to better their 15-12 record from last season.

Mescalero made it to the state playoffs, but lost big in the first round to Fort Sumner. Coach Nate Raynor knows if his team wants to do better, they'll have to run. A lot.

"Some of our conditioning has changed, and we have new twists in our plays and our defense will be a little different," Raynor said. "But what I'm looking for is a team that's going to run. We ran out of steam toward the end of the season last year, so now we've got something in place to keep them running."

One advantage Mescalero has is the number of returning starters coming back from last season. Six players – Dionna Chavez, Ardis Holder, Tristine Chico, Valerie Garcia, Angel Duffy and M'Linn Hanks – were on the court Monday, and are all looking to bring their school some basketball glory.

There are only 10 players on the squad – by Raynor's design – and all 10 played on the varsity last season, Raynor said the starting lineup will change throughout the year as the team evolves.

"For all purposes, these girls already have a lot of playing time," Raynor said.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Mescalero senior Dionna Chavez looks for a teammate to pass to after a rebound Nov. 8 during basketball practice at Mescalero.

"They've been playing together since the eighth grade, and I'm looking at a very veteran team this year."

The experience will help, as District 7-1A competition will be stiff. Hagerman and Capitan will likely be the strongest contenders for a district title outside of Mescalero, but Gateway Christian is not a school to be overlooked.

"They'll sneak up on you as the volleyball girls found out," Raynor said of the Lady Warriors, whose volleyball team defeated Mescalero in the first round of this year's district tournament. "We can't take anything for granted."

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"They need to understand that no one in their school has ever done this before," Allen said. "This is history for the little school of Carrizozo and the kids that were on this team."

The match is also a jump start to next season, as every member of this year's squad will be back for another go at the state title. There's not a single senior to be found.

"I've enjoyed being in this gym with these girls immensely," Allen said. "I'm profoundly proud of these kids, and I wouldn't trade this bunch for the world."

Sweep in semis

Carrizozo got to the state title match with a three-game sweep of District 4B rival Quemado Friday, winning 25-11, 25-21, 25-23.

Carrizozo and Quemado had played each other four times this year, counting pool play in tournaments, and the Lady Grizzlies (18-3) came into Friday's match as heavy favorites.

Carrizozo made short

work of the Lady Eagles (10-12) in Game one, breaking out of a 3-all tie with a kill by Victoria Ventura, and opening up a 10-5 lead to cruise to victory.

The next two games were a bit more difficult, as Quemado – backed into a corner – began to fight for its playoff life.

Game three was particularly contentious, as the Lady Eagles got ahead 6-2 to start on numerous Carrizozo errors.

"When there's a big game like that and it gets intense, sometimes we get a little nervous and start to mess up," Ventura said. "But we were able to play off our strengths and kicked butt." "When you play and play and play and win and win, you can go a little flat after a while," Allen said of Carrizozo's near-loss in game three. "We had a few weird things happen, and that's how volleyball is."

The Lady Grizzlies were able to retake the lead with a 4-0 run ending with another Ventura kill, but they could never fully shake Quemado. The teams were tied and traded leads numerous times the rest of the way.

It literally came down to who was going to have the serve last, and that turned out to be Carrizozo. The Lady Grizzlies got the ball with a 23-all tie and rattled off the last two points, ending with a convincing kill by Andrea Vigil that served as an exclamation point to the match.



Todd Fuqua/Ruidoso Free Press
Carrizozo's Victoria Ventura, right, tips the ball over the net in front of Quemado defender Arissa Klumker Friday during the Class B semifinals at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

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when Ruidoso came alive. With Gonzales at the serve, the Lady Warrior front line took control at the net, getting a big block from Hannah Lindsey and a back row kill by Jordan Mowdy to get to within a point at 10-11.

SFIS was able to achieve match point on a blocking error by Ruidoso, but the Lady Warriors weren't done.

A hitting error by Amber Toledo gave Ruidoso the serve, and Lindsey – now serving – forced two serve-receive errors to tie it at 14. Ruidoso scored again on a Lady Brave error, and now it was the Lady Warriors with the match point serve.

But Ruidoso just couldn't get that last point.

"I think they thought they had it when they pushed past at that point," Garcia said. But they wanted that big kill instead of the tip or good set. A tip is a kill by definition, but sometimes it's up to them on the court."

Ruidoso had match point serve three times, but each time the Lady Braves were able to come up with a play which kept them in it. Eventually, the Lady Warriors' luck ran out and SFIS was able to get two straight scores for the win.

"We could've secured it earlier, but it went the way it did, and we gave a valiant effort," Garcia said. "They've got the biggest heart you've ever known, and we have such great team to get this kind of experience."

Ruidoso loses only three seniors from this team – Jordan Mowdy, Lindsey and Brittanie Vega – and has a talented corps of juniors that will be leading the squad next season.

"We've got a good group that can lead, and that's what you're looking for," Garcia said. "The younger players took the bull by the horns, and lacked experience. But they had confidence and you can't buy that. This experience will stay with them next year."

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DISTRICT 3B BASKETBALL 2011-12

Few changes for Hondo boys

By Todd Fuqua

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Nothing really has changed much for the Hondo boys basketball team.

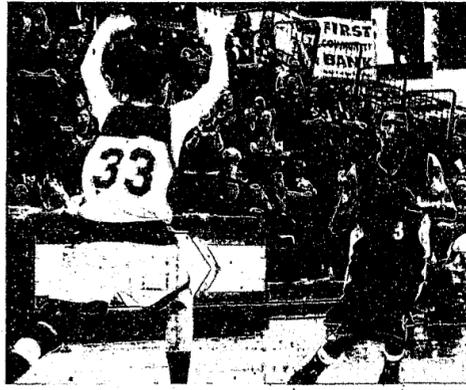
The Eagles begin the season the same as it did last season, with a game at Capitan, and are just as small and as fast as before. In fact, every member of last year's state tournament qualifier is back for another go-round.

"We didn't get much taller, but they're all a year older and more experienced," said Hondo coach Brad Holland. "Hopefully, they'll play that way."

There are a few that aren't able to play just yet. One is waiting on grades at the end of the semester, while another — freshman Roberto Nores — is nursing a shoulder injury he sustained in the six-man semifinals two weeks ago against Clovis Christian.

Nores is one of two freshman — the other being Billy Candelaria — that played last year as an eighth grader and will be expected to contribute as starters this season.

Those that are back and practicing are seniors Christian Guillen, German Lerna and Luis Montano. Montano was the Eagles' leading scorer on a squad that went



File photo

Hondo guard Luis Montano, right, sets up for a shot during the Eagles' game against San Jon at last year's Class B tournament game. Montano is one of several Hondo players back to try to go a little further at state this year.

18-12 last season and lost to eventual state runner-up San Jon in the first round of the Class B tournament.

"I think they all want to get back to the state tournament and get further," Holland said. "The practices we've already had are pretty intense and they're working harder. We'll see how strong they are when the soreness sets in from all this hard practice."

If they want to get to state, the Eagles will have to contend with strong

District 3B competition from the likes of Lake Arthur and Vaughn, with Corona determined to have a better season this year.

Missing from that mix is Valley Christian — the team that Hondo beat in the district tournament championship last season — which has suspended its program due to lack of numbers.

In their stead, Holland added games against teams like New Mexico Military Institute, Fort Sumner and an extra game against Lincoln County rival Carrizozo.

Holland hopes those games — along with contests against Clovis Christian and appearances in the Lake Arthur, Smokey

Bear and Mescalero tournaments — will toughen his team for another run at the state playoffs.

Running is just what the Eagles will have to do if they hope to compete with teams that will be bigger than them at every turn. But even running teams have to learn how to slow down and run a set offense.

"If we're going to survive, we'll run, but we'll have to make good decisions, too," Holland said. "Last year, we ran a lot, but we couldn't put the brakes on when it was time to run our offense. Defending the post and offensive execution should be better now that they're a year older."

Cardinal basketball hoping for better year

By Todd Fuqua

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Corona's boys basketball team really has nowhere to go but up this year.

The Cardinals are coming off a season in which they won only two games, although one of them was a 40-point decision against District 3B opponent Vaughn.

Coach Ronnie Dunsworth

said his boys are ready to make amends for the past.

"They are determined not to make the same mistakes," Dunsworth said. "There's more team unity and they're going to take care of things right away. They're a lot more determined this year."

The Cardinals open the season — along with the Lady Cardinals — at the Vaughn Classic this weekend. They start with

host Vaughn at 6 p.m. Friday.

A lack of numbers is Corona's problem — as it has been almost every year since the school was founded. As of last week, there were only six boys out for the team.

The team has been bolstered by the transfer of Lane Carter from Capitan, who will give the Cardinals some much-needed size inside.

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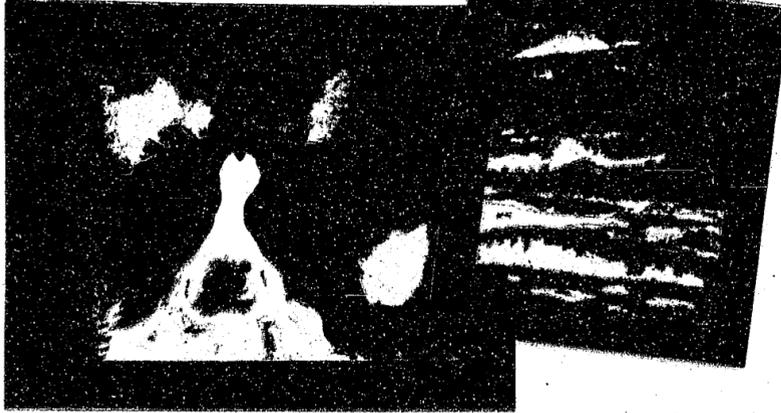
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ENMU art exhibit opens

A reception will be held this evening for the Fall ENMU Student Art Exhibit at the ENMU-Ruidoso Campus at 709 Mechem from 6-7 p.m. in the student commons area and library.

The student works of art will be shown from Nov. 15 through Dec. 5. Josie Powell, owner of Josie's Framery said, "At Josie's Framery we get the pleasure and first peek at the artwork that the students let us mat or frame for this show! We like to see emerging artists!"



Above, "True Love," a digital photograph by Xiao Duke. Below, "Bo," an oil painting by Myra Taylor. At bottom, "Beginning of Season at Alto Lakes: Winter Solstice," an acrylic painting by David Craig.

Amelia Piano Trio performs

Contributed by Lynn Kidder

The Amelia Piano Trio may be the only classical music ensemble to be named for a guinea pig.

The Amelia Piano Trio performs Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Sutton Drive. The concert is sponsored by Chamber Music Festival Inc.

The Trio spent three days at schools in Lincoln County, introducing students to classical music through their program "A Hair Affair." Cellist Jason Duckles combines his musical talent with cartooning abilities as he draws quick portraits of famous composers (many of whom had interesting and unusual hair). This leads to a humorous introduction to the composer's life and work, followed by an example of his music.

In addition to Duckles, the other Trio members are violinist Anthea Kreston and pianist Andrew Armstrong. All three are internationally-known musicians.

"We brought the Amelia Piano Trio to Ruidoso in 2008 for the Chamber Music Festival," Mary Lea Lane, CMF board president, said. "The program 'A Hair Affair' was our Youth and Family Concert that year, and it was so delightful, we decided to make it available to all the children in the community."

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students ages four to 19. Proceeds support the nonprofit Chamber Music Festival, Inc. which produces the annual Chamber Music Festival as well as community concerts during the year. For more information, call 973-0880.

And the guinea pig? "When we formed the group in 1999, we were practicing long hours but hadn't come up with a name," Duckles said. "We practiced a lot in Anthea's apartment, and Amelia was her guinea pig. Amelia was optimistic, clever—well, as clever as a half-pound guinea pig can be. So in her honor, we became the Amelia Piano Trio."

Healthy Thanksgiving favorites

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and with it comes time spent with friends, family and, of course, food. Here are two simple and healthy dishes for you to bring to the table.

Trade in that can of cranberry sauce for a delicious and easily made twist on the old cranberry sauce recipe.

Ingredients: Three cups fresh cranberries, ¼ cup of pitted dates, 2T orange juice, ½ cup water.

Use a food processor or blender to smash up dates (add water as necessary), and then mix with washed and picked out cranberries (cranberries should bounce), cinnamon, orange juice and left over water. Next, cook the ingredients on medium, until the cranberries start to pop, continually stirring and eventually mashing the mixture to your desired consistency. The cranberry sauce will thicken after it cools down. For a great addition of nutrients and flavor, you may wish to add celery, apple chunks, pineapple chunks, walnuts or pecans.

Cranberries are loaded with vitamin C, antioxidants and fiber. In the medical world, they are primarily known for their assistance in the fight against urinary tract infections, but have also been applauded for their anti-cancerous properties.

Skip the marshmallows in your sweet potatoes, as they often contain



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high amounts of sugar and sometimes corn syrup, for a healthier treat that may be just as delicious.

Ingredients: four sweet potatoes, 4 cups of orange juice, ½ tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. vanilla and chopped pecans.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Slice potatoes into 1-inch chunks and lay a single layer of potatoes in a baking dish. Mix remaining

ingredients in a bowl and drizzle over potatoes, and then cover with foil. Bake for approximately 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Finally, sprinkle pecan pieces, bake for two more minutes and serve warm.

Sweet potatoes are loaded with beta-carotene and contain vitamins B1 and B6 and vitamins C and E. These wonderful spuds also contain various minerals, including calcium, iron and potassium. Sweet potatoes are an excellent source of carbohydrates, which makes them a wonderful source of energy. Because sweet potatoes are so rich in beta-carotene, they have been recognized in the medical profession as being helpful in preventing heart disease, strokes and cancer, especially cancers of the lung, breast, bladder, cervix and ovary.

When shopping this holiday season, don't forget to bring your own bags to the grocery store. And as you gather around the table with friends and family to be thankful, remember that health is wealth and worthy of our gratitude.

music NEWS



SuperHeavy steps from stereotypes

By Ty Wyatt

For the Ruidoso Free Press

Pop musicians sound off about their diverse influences, then crank out the same old, same old. Any track on their latest five albums could be on any of those albums.

Not so with Mick Jagger, Dave Stewart, Josh Stone, A.R. Rahman and Damian Marley. They're not talking, they're taking a chance.

Those five artists from intriguing, diverse backgrounds combined for a world-music super group called SuperHeavy. Their collaboration resulted in their September-released self-titled debut album.

SuperHeavy, the album, is not another selfish Jagger side project away from the Rolling Stones. Nor does it come across as a reaction to Keith Richards' autobiography *Life*, a must-read that probably bristled Jagger and may derail a possible Rolling Stones' 50th anniversary tour. SuperHeavy romps with a strong infusion of ska and reggae from a Jamaican rhythm section.

The group was formed after a conversation between longtime friends and collaborators Jagger and Stewart, co-founder of the Burythmics with Annie Lennox. The concept grew with the addition of 24-year-old English soul singer Stone, Bob Marley's son Damian and Indian Academy Award-winning film composer Rahman ("Slumdog Millionaire" and "127 Hours").

Jagger told the Los Angeles Times: "The idea was to throw together a group

of people who were willing to experiment a bit doing this type of crossover genre and see what came out." Several musicians declined and others had ego issues, according to Jagger.

Marley only knew one Rolling Stones' song, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction," and Rahman came from a classical background, unaware of Marley and Stone's work. Yet, this first-time effort with leaders from diverse musical realms blossoms with vitality.

The first single, "Miracle Worker," reflects the album's musically diverse theme, moving to a strong Jamaican rhythm with Stewart providing guitar. The vocals begin with a give-and-take duet between Stone and Marley before solos by Jagger and Rahman to give the full and diverse vocal force that helps define SuperHeavy.

If you're looking for the Rolling Stones, you get a taste. The album's first song "SuperHeavy" builds into a rocker presenting each of the vocalists. If the same song just had Jagger on vocals and Richards supplying Telecaster licks it could be an outtake from "Steel Wheels." Rolling Stones influences are evident on the hard driving "Energy" and "I Can't Take It No More" and in the ballads "One Day One Night" and "Never Gonna Change." The earliest Rolling Stones blues influences — such as Robert Johnson's "Love In Vain" on the 1969 album "Let It Bleed" — are revealed in "Never Gonna Change."

The vocal mix of Jagger and Stone probably exceeded expectations and becomes one of the album's revelations, especially on "Beautiful People." Jagger meshed in duets with other women vocalists as front man for the Rolling Stones, especially in 2006's Martin Scorsese concert film *Shine A Light* when Jagger vocally duels with Christine Aguilera and Lisa Fischer.

In "I Can't Take It No More" Jagger blasts politicians: "You all sound like magicians/I can't take it, take it, take it no more/I can't fake it no more." There is no faking on SuperHeavy. It's a direct presentation from five sharing musicians moving away from predictable stereotypes.

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Top 10 turkey tips

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This year I am thankful for my family, both in my home and extending onward. I am grateful that my wife and I are surrounded and supported by our amazing families. I am also thankful for the opportunity to change my career path and for the support I have received from family, friends, and the community. I am thankful that I am an American and for those men and women who cannot be home with their families because they are fighting for my freedom and for the sanctity of human life. Most of all, I am thankful that I am loved by God. He is the reason for all that is good in my life. This Thanksgiving season, try to remember all that you are thankful for. Family. Friends. Health. Love. Cherish life and all the great things it has to offer you...

Another thing to be thankful for is a perfect Turkey. So here is my Top Ten list on how to do just that.

Top Ten Tips to cooking the perfect Turkey

Tip #1: When considering a perfect turkey, size does matter! You may have heard that when choosing a turkey, you should gauge 1 to 1 1/4 pounds of turkey per person, if you are having a huge get together this year, you may be taking a trip to Sesame Street for your ideal sized bird, the truth is, it would be better to get two or more smaller turkeys, mostly because smaller turkey tend to be much juicier than the larger ones, if you don't have the time or cooking space to cook more than one turkey, it would not hurt to cook and carve one up in advance.

Tip #2: Make sure the turkey is thawed out. A turkey should be thawed out in its original wrapper in a refrigerator kept at 40 degrees or lower, you need 24 hours of thaw time for every 5 pounds of frozen turkey, so a 15 pound turkey will need to be put in the refrigerator no later than Monday to have it ready for Thursday.

Tip #3: Proper preparation is important. It is best to unwrap the thawed turkey in the sink, that way the raw meat does not touch all of your kitchen surfaces. After removing the turkey from the wrapper, be sure to remove the giblets and neck from inside of the turkey. Rinse the turkey thoroughly with cool water and pat dry. If you intend to brine your turkey, see tip 4. If you are ready to cook from this point, place a shallow turkey rack in a large roasting pan, adding veggies like carrots, potatoes, etc. in the bottom of the pan if you would like. Transfer the turkey to a prepared roasting pan. I like to mix butter, fresh herbs and seasonings and then brush the outer skin with it, this contribute to browning and adds a mild buttery flavor.

Tip #4: Brine and dine that turkey. Brining is the best way to get a delectably moist turkey. One of the benefits of a brined turkey is that it can withstand overcooking better than a regular turkey.



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To brine, you will need a container large enough to submerge the turkey, and this must be done at least one day in advance. The basic brine is one and a half cup of Kosher salt and one half cup of brown sugar to each one gallon of cold water you can add other spices, lemon or orange zest if you want, just avoid any seasonings that contains more salt, next add all the seasonings into a small amount of water into a pot and bring to a boil just to allow the seasoning to melt, once they cool down below 40 degrees add to the rest of the cool water and place turkey in it.

Tip #5: Don't feed the turkey! In other words, don't stuff your turkey. Stuffing has a different cooking time than your turkey, so adding its cook time to the turkeys will result in an overcooked and sad bird. It is just better and safer to cook the stuffing separately.

Tip #6: Use a thermometer to ensure perfection. The major cause of a dried-out turkey is overcooking. The recommended temperature for a turkey has been known to be 180 degrees Fahrenheit, because it ensures that all of the bacteria are killed off. Rest assured, the USDA says it is indeed safe to cook your turkey to 165 degrees Fahrenheit, which is great because this temperature ensures moisture and flavor. For best results, use a digital probe thermometer and cook until the thickest part of the breast reaches 160 degrees Fahrenheit {see tip 10 to find out where the other 5 degrees come in}.

Tip #7: Don't use a pop-up timer! Pop-up timers are set to pop at 180-190 Fahrenheit, which we now know makes your turkey dry and less tasty. Also, a turkey pulled out at 180 degrees Fahrenheit, will end up cooking to 190-195 degrees Fahrenheit, as meat continues to cook after it is removed from the oven.

Tip #8: Resist the temptation-Don't Baste! Basting does not add to the moisture of your turkey, at all. In fact basting your turkey actually adds to your cooking time because the oven door is constantly being opened. Longer cooking time will certainly lead to a dry turkey. Basting in the last hour of cooking will also turn that beautiful crisp skin soft and soggy.

Tip #9: Tuck the turkey in for the first hour of cooking, cover the breast of the turkey with foil. The dark meat of the turkey needs to cook at a higher temperature than the white meat, so that usually means that the white meat is drier. By covering the breast, the meat will be less likely to dry out.

Tip #10: You've waited all year, wait 30 minutes more! After removing the juicy aromatic turkey from the oven, let it rest for 30 minutes before carving. This allows the turkey to finish cooking to the desired 165 degrees Fahrenheit and also keeps the turkey juices flowing. And this is a perfect time to use the oven to cook anything else that need to bake, like pies, casseroles, bread or whatever.

I hope you enjoy these tips and I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving, if you have any question please write me at askchefbrendan@gmail.com, or check out my Facebook page at Chef Brendan. God Bless and Happy Cooking!

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Por Eugene Heathman
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Durante una reunión de Consejo de la Aldea de Ruidoso la semana pasada, el jefe de bomberos Harlan Vicent discutido se refiere a los bomberos con fogón residencial y de seguridad chimenea.

"Todavía hay un gran número de chimeneas en la aldea que están desatadas o equipados con pararrayos de chispa anticuada," dijo Vincent. "Yo creo que llama al código no más de una pantalla de un cuarto de pulgada."

Consejero Gloria Sayers le preguntó si había una ordenanza sobre el uso de fogatas residenciales y cómo están reguladas.

"Sobre todo cuando los visitantes vienen y se quedan para el fin de

semana, se acaba de construir una fogata en frente de su cabina y que realmente puede tener eso. Es difícil de apagar una fogata cuando sus hamburguesas no ha terminado así que esperaremos allí y luego apagar el fuego," dijo Vincent.

Vicent explicó que el departamento de bomberos ha ayudado a algunas personas mayores en el pueblo que necesitaba ayuda montaje de las tapas y que el departamento de bomberos va a salir a los hogares para llevar a cabo las evaluaciones. Vicente también dijo que las personas deben lavarse las chimeneas a frecuente, por lo menos una vez al año, dependiendo de la cantidad de madera que se quemar para evitar los peligrosos incendios de chimenea.

De acuerdo con Vicent, pozos residenciales contra incendios son de 36 pulgadas de profundidad y 36 pulgadas de circunferencia. Las personas que deseen construir un pozo de fuego residenciales están obligados a obtener un permiso anual, que cuestan \$ 50 e incluye la inspección.

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The Eliminators perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

Aaron LaCombe Band performs at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 9 to 10 p.m.

Michael Beyer performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Rd., Alto, 3 - 5 p.m. What started on athletic fields across the nation, Blast is a novel art form with full theatrical splendor that has evolved from the grand showmanship of outdoor pageantry. It is a virtual potpourri of big band & marching music - trumpets, trombones, snare drums, mellophones, euphoniums and vibraphones - choreographed motion, swirling color flags and twirling rifles. Featuring 35 talented young men and women, it is an exuberant production bridging classical, blues, jazz, rock n' roll and techno-pop music. It's production like the U.S. Marine Corps Marching Band, meets Stomp with Harry James, Tap Dogs, Poncho Sanchez, West Side Story and Olympic opening ceremonies in the mix. For more information, contact the Spencer Theater: 888-818-7872; www.spencertheater.com. Tickets are \$79 & \$76

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15

Reception for Fall Student Art Show at ENMU, 702 Mechem Dr., 6 - 7 p.m. The reception is free and refreshments will be served. This semester's art show runs from Nov. 15 through Dec. 5 at the Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso campus. Many of the pieces of art are for sale and include paintings, drawings, photography and ceramics. For more information, call Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso: 575-257-2120; www.ruidoso.enmu.edu/. Free.

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16

Farmer's Market at SBS Wood Shavings in Glencoe from 9 to 11 a.m.

Preschool story time at the Ruidoso Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Stories about Thanksgiving and make a turkey out of a paper bag! Children's Dept is located downstairs.

Karaoke with DJ Pete at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown from 9:30 p.m. to close.

The Sterilizers perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17

Let's Go To The Galapagos! Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd., 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Large format movie. 40 minutes. Come and view this wonderful film about the beautiful Galapagos Islands, one of nature's unusual places. For more information, contact the Ruidoso Public Library: 575-258-3704; www.youseemore.com/RuidosoPL/. Free.

Business After Hours - Convention Center Open House, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., 5 - 7 p.m. Come see the newly renovated Convention Center along with the new artwork provided by our local artists from the "Unconventional Art Project". This also will be an opportunity to learn more about Ruidoso tourism. Free. www.ruidosoconventioncenter.com

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18

Cantina Night at Laughing Sheep Farm, 1 mile west of Lincoln, Hwy 380, mm 96, from 5 to 9 p.m. Live music with guitar and fiddle playing Western Swing.

Mike Sanjku performs in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

Doug Fuqua performs in Wendell's Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 11 p.m.

Cree Meadows Country Club is hosting a fish fry and live band.

Tomas Vigil performs at Landlocked Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

Amelia Piano Trio at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Sutton Dr., 7 - 8:30 p.m. The Trio has emerged as a passionate and daring chamber ensemble which enchants audiences of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to performances at major venues throughout the U.S. and concerts abroad, the Amelia has been featured as Ensemble-in-Residence on NPR's *Performance Today* and is noted for intriguing programs, ranging from complete Beethoven Piano Trio cycles to collaborations with masters of other disciplines. For more information, call 575-973-0880. Tickets are \$20 for adults 19 & older. \$5 for Students 4 to 18. Tickets are available at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, Josie's Framery, or at the door.

Michael Beyer performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

Karaoke at The Elks Lodge on Highway 70, next to the Ruidoso Emporium, at 7 p.m. with All For Fun Karaoke.

The Eliminators perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 7 to 9 p.m.

Warren Miller's Like There's No Tomorrow, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, 7 - 9 p.m. The film follows athletes like Jess McMillan, Daron Rahives, and Steve Nyman around the world to places like India, Chile, and New

Zealand. There will be a raffle at intermission for season passes, lift tickets, ski & snowboard stuff. For more information, contact the Inn of the Mountain Gods: 575-464-7777; www.warrenmillers.com. Tickets are \$7 for Adults & \$4.

George Lopez at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero, 8 p.m. George Lopez has been praised by both audiences and critics alike for his work as a stand-up comedian, actor, and talk show host as well as his extensive charity work. In 2006, Lopez received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The Lopez Foundation, founded by George, was established to create positive, permanent change for underprivileged children and adults confronting challenges in education, health, as well as increasing community awareness about kidney disease, organ donation, and the military. For more information, contact the Inn of the Mountain Gods: 575-464-7777; www.innofthemountaingods.com. Tickets start at \$30.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19

Spencer Park Antique and Collectible Swap Meet, Carrizo, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Food, music, free spaces for qualified vendors/artists/craftsmen. Follow the signs from the 4 Way Stop Sign on Hwy. 380 and Hwy. 54. For more information, call 480-299-6441. Free.

Lincoln County Fiber Guild presentation at The Hubbard Museum of the American West (in the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center), Ruidoso Downs, Hwy 70 E., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Members of the Lincoln County Fiber Guild will present a fascinating demonstration of a variety of fiber arts and other crafts. Local artisans will share their skills by demonstrating their handmade crafts with hands-on demonstrations of weaving, spinning, as well as children's activities. Crafts will vary, but will include a variety of fiber arts and other crafts. For more information, contact Contacts: Jeannine Isom, 575-378-4142 ext. 235; jeannine@hubbardmuseum.org

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

Muzzleloader Fun Shoot, Ruidoso Gun Club Range, Hale Lake Road, 10 a.m. Bring your percussion rifle, flintlock rifle or cap &

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21

Live Music at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

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120 LEGAL NOTICES

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

MAC H. SMITH, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL G. LAMB and LISA M. LAMB, Defendants.

CV 2011-00183
Div. III

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of Decree of Foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on October 24, 2011 in civil cause number CV-2011-00183, the under-signed will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Municipal Building at 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico on the 16th day of December, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., all rights of the defendants to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico;

Lot 3, Block 6, RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, 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 on November 30, 1982 in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive;

(hereinafter referred to as "the Property").

Notice is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the lien on the Property and that the amounts to be realized at said sale from the Property, with interest calculated to date of sale, are as follows:

Amount of Plaintiff's Judgment:\$139,069.41
Interest to date of Sale: ..\$6,234.72
Costs:\$553.75
Attorney's Fees:\$2,699.87

In addition thereto there will be accruing interest, and costs of publication of this Notice, and the Special Master's Fee fixed by the Court in the amount of \$300.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is struck off to him, except that the Plaintiff may bid all or any part of its judgment, plus interest without paying cash.

/s/ Jennifer Miller
Jennifer Miller, Special Master
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NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Eastern New Mexico University-
Ruidoso

Notice of Intention is hereby given by the Ruidoso Branch Community College Board for a regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2011, in the Media Center at White Mountain Annex, 203 White Mountain Dr. Copies of the agenda will be available in the ENMU-Ruidoso President's office, 709 Mechem Dr., 24 hours prior to the meeting.

If you are an individual requiring accommodations in order to attend the Community College Board Meeting, please contact the office of the President, ENMU-Ruidoso, (575) 257-3006 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

REGION IX EDUCATION COOPERATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING - Thursday, November 17, 2011, 2:00 p.m. - REC IX Executive Director's Office. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget adjustments/submissions, fiscal, program updates, and employment recommendations/resignations. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at (575) 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body, Village of Ruidoso conducted a public hearing on November 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in a regular meeting and adopted the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2011-17: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 12, UNIFORM TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, SPECIALLY SECTION 12-1-2.1 ACCESS AISLE"

Copies of Ordinance 2011-17 are on file in the office of the Village Clerk and are available for public review Monday through Friday between the following regular business hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Village of Ruidoso this 15th day of November, 2011.

(SEAL)

/s/
Irma Devine, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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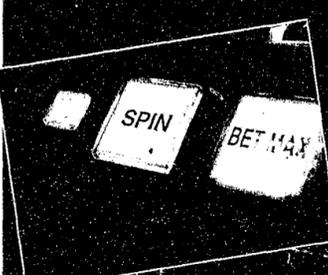
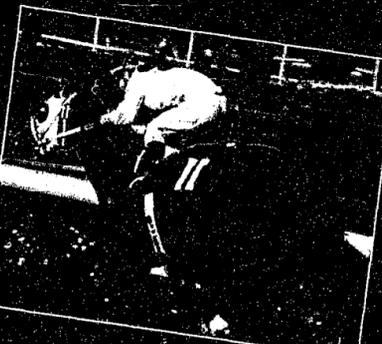
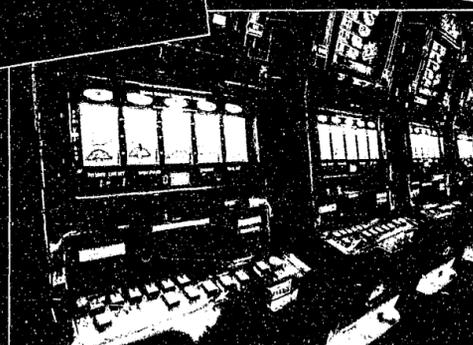
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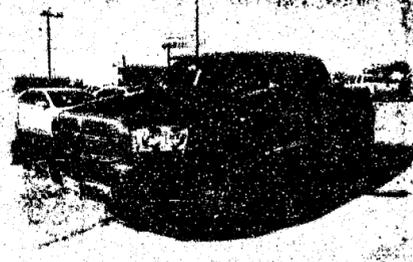


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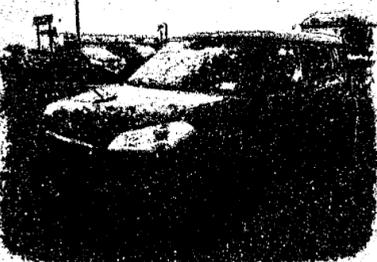


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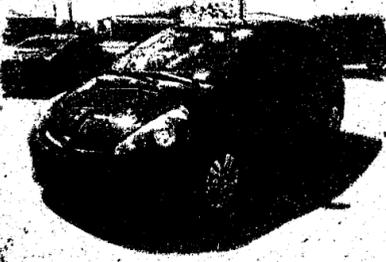


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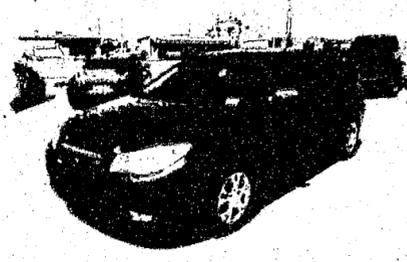
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