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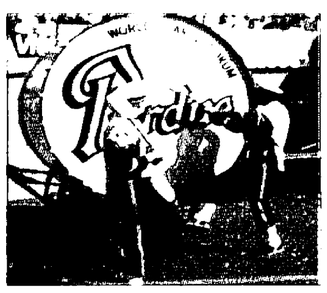

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The taxman giveth and taketh away

■ Elimination of grocery taxes is offset by tax increases on goods and services charged by business

DIANNE STALLINGS

At about the same time the governor was taking bows for eliminating the gross receipts tax on some grocery items Monday, municipal officials across New Mexico received word about a state-initiated jump in their GRT.

Ruidoso businesses now must charge 7.6875 percent on every dollar paid for goods and services compared to 7.1875 percent last year, keeping Ruidoso at the top of the taxing list along with Gallup, which charges the same rate. Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County's other municipalities saw the same percentage jump.

Elaine Beltran, Ruidoso village finance director, explained that the increase occurred because a .50 percent credit was repealed effective the first of the year.

The credit created in 1986, was allocated to businesses located in municipalities to drop the state's GRT to 4.50 percent and to help those businesses remain competitive with businesses in lower taxed counties, she said.

The credit disappeared Saturday, Beltran said. The result was a resetting of the state GRT rate to 5 percent inside city limits, Beltran said.

Ruidoso Downs' new rate is 6.8125 percent compared to the previous 6.3125 percent; Capitan is 6.6875 percent, up from 6.1875 percent; Carrizozo is 6.7500 percent, an increase from 6.2500 percent and Corona's rate is 6.5625 percent compared to 6.0625 percent.

The county's GRT level will stay the same at 5.3750 percent because the credit and the repeal only affected municipalities.

Coming in close to Ruidoso's top of the GRT list status were Portales with 7.5625 percent, Espanola with 7.5625 percent, Las Vegas with 7.4375 percent, Los Lunas with 7.4375 percent, Taos with 7.4375 percent, Bernalillo with 7.3125 percent, Española with 7.3125 percent, Las Cruces with 7.3125 percent, Roswell with 7.3125 percent, Santa Fe with 7.3125 percent, Silver City with 7.3125 percent, Socorro with 7.3125 percent, Tucumcari with 7.3125 percent, Truth or Consequences with 7.3125 percent and Deming with 7.1875 percent.

TAX

"It's kind of interesting to see how all of this is going to work out."

— SMISH

FIRST BORN

PAMELA CROMWELL STAFF

The first baby [illegible]

Vehicles slip and slide on black ice

DIANNE STALLINGS

Black ice sent cars and trucks sliding into ditches and off roadways early Monday, but no serious injuries were reported.

A spokesman for the New Mexico State Police district office in Alamogordo said Officer Sal Beltran, based in Lincoln County, was joined by Officer Andrew Hoover, based in Otero County, to handle four accidents on Gavilan Canyon Road.

The Ruidoso Police Department dispatched Corporal Corky Condon and Officers Dave Pino and Mike Brown to help with traffic control because the accidents all occurred in the unincorporated portions of the county between State Highways 48 and Lower Eagle Creek Road.

Gavilan was closed "by default," the dispatcher said, because of the multiple accidents. Angus Hill, the steep grade between Capitan and Ruidoso, was closed until a state transportation department salt truck arrived and spread some material to hasten the melt.

Albert Hernandez, county road boss, said he directed salt trucks to Gavilan Canyon and the Alto area.

Sheriff Ricky Virden said his department handled the majority of the accidents, including those on Angus, two on Airport Road and a few in the Fort Stanton area, which also experienced heavy fog and was being used as a detour from the other routes into Ruidoso.

Deputies working those accidents were Gary Landsey, Robert McWilliams and Bobbie Angermuller.

Although snow was predicted, only heavy rain fell in Ruidoso and other Lincoln County communities, dropping nearly one inch in some areas from Sunday through Tuesday.

Downs wants partnership with Mescalero

Proposal would save [illegible]

DIANNE STALLINGS

Ruidoso Downs [illegible] hopes to gain some [illegible] this week about a proposed [illegible] tract with the Mescalero Apache Tribe to [illegible] reservation commercial [illegible] prises and [illegible] as customers of the [illegible] wastewater treatment plant.

"We have some environmental concerns with the proposed contract," said city manager John Waters. Although Ruidoso Downs is a partner in the [illegible] ship, the plant is operated by the village of Ruidoso, which contributes 85 percent of the waste. Waters said he plans to sit down with the village manager Lorr[illegible] McKnight [illegible] some questions.

In his city's view, Mescalero and the treatment [illegible] be better served by [illegible] became a partner and [illegible] customer. That [illegible] accomplish [illegible] including better [illegible] the waste going [illegible] better sampling [illegible] phosphorous [illegible] more equitable [illegible] spatter by the [illegible] the amount of waste [illegible] produces and [illegible] that the tribe [illegible] stakeholder in [illegible] the health of the Ruidoso R[illegible]

The two municipalities [illegible] mandated improvements [illegible] expansion at [illegible] combined cost [illegible] from Many [illegible] ments about [illegible]

PARTNER

Locals join tsunami relief effort

■ A local realtor gets on the ground to see what she and others can do to help

DIANNE STALLINGS

When Betty Beachum, a longtime local Realtor, traveled to India a year ago, she spent three months studying under a local swami and established a network of friends.

Like most of America, she was shocked to hear of the devastation caused Dec. 26 by an earthquake offshore of Sumatra that created a tsunami sending walls of water toward the shorelines of 12 countries that run the Indian Ocean, including India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand and Malaysia.

Even before the estimates of deaths exceeded 150,000 people, Beachum was on the telephone to find out what could be done to help survivors and families of victims.

She and Todd Russell, who also has visited the affected area, joined with several other people to establish a local disaster relief fund at Wells Fargo Bank.

But they hope the aid will go well beyond immediate relief and can contribute toward the rebuilding of the fishing and agricultural economies of the regions around Tamil Nadu.

The name of the trust is Gnanadaya Vallalakan Kottam Handling the administration is Swami Dhaya Gnanamantha who will take no salary, Beachum said. Checks should

RELIEF

[illegible]

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CLUBS MEETINGS

Ongoing

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County [illegible] Lincoln [illegible]

BSA Cub Pack 95: [illegible] time and [illegible]

Ruidoso Care Center Family Council Sessions: [illegible] Contact [illegible] information.

Lincoln County Chess Club: [illegible]

Alcoholics Anonymous: [illegible] p.m. [illegible] Sudderth, Suite [illegible]

Wednesday, Jan. 5

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group: [illegible] month [illegible] Center, 200 [illegible]

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6 p.m. [illegible] Wednesdays, Sept. [illegible] Baptist Church, [illegible] Drive. For [illegible] on the Web [illegible]

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): [illegible] K-Bobs [illegible] New members [illegible] 257-5938 or [illegible]

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: [illegible] 6:30 p.m. at [illegible] Doug [illegible]

Ruidoso Book Review Discussion Group Meeting: [illegible] a.m. the first [illegible] every month at [illegible] Public Library, 107 [illegible] Road. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 336-4808.

Thursday, Jan. 6

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70, 257-2607.

Lincoln County Adult Singles Group: Meets every Thursday at various locations. For information, please contact Sharon, 585-8535, or Doris, 258-3791, or e-mail us. Visit http://www.nogal.com/lcasg

Lincoln County Democratic Party: Meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at K-Bob's. Doris, 354-2673.

Reception: In honor of Dr. James P. Miller's retirement from ENMU-Ruidoso, 5-7 p.m. at ENMU-Ruidoso Center, 709 Mechem Drive in Sierra Mall.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Thursday Bridge: 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows.

Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing, 336-4808.

Friday, Jan. 7

The Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 336-4808.

Senior Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, 378-4659.

Saturday, Jan. 8

Al-Anon: Meets every Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at 613 Sudderth, Suite H, 257-7124.

Lincoln County Democratic Party: 9:30 a.m. the second Saturday of every month, 354-2673.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7:15 p.m. Saturday in the Best Western Ruidoso Inn conference room. Dawn at 937-0844 or or Josie at 378-5621. Or write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club: 9 a.m. every Saturday. Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 10

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37, 336-9161.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m., second and fourth Monday of the month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 378-4880.

Carrizozo Town Council: Meets at 6 p.m. in its temporary quarters at the Rec Center, 105 6th St., 648-2371.

Ruidoso Downs City Council: Meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Hubbard Room of City Hall, 122 Downs Dr., 378-4422. Note: This meeting has been moved from its regular Tuesday time slot.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center, 257-7411 or 257-6188.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary: 6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer, the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs, 257-5796.

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Center, 139 Sudderth; 378-8391.

Ruidoso Woman's Club game day: 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Woman's Clubhouse, 116 S. Evergreen, behind the Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch followed by Bridge and other card games.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Al-Anon: Meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 139 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every month.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs, Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday at Best Western Ruidoso Inn conference room. Call Dawn at 937-0844 or Josie at 378-5621. Or write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors. 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club of the month during the school year. Those meetings are at 11:45 a.m. at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Call Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; 257-2776.

Village of Ruidoso Council: Meets at 6 p.m. at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.; 258-4343.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 1/5	Thu 1/6	Fri 1/7
47/23	50/27	49/25
Rain and snow showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s	Few showers. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s
Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 5:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 5:11 PM

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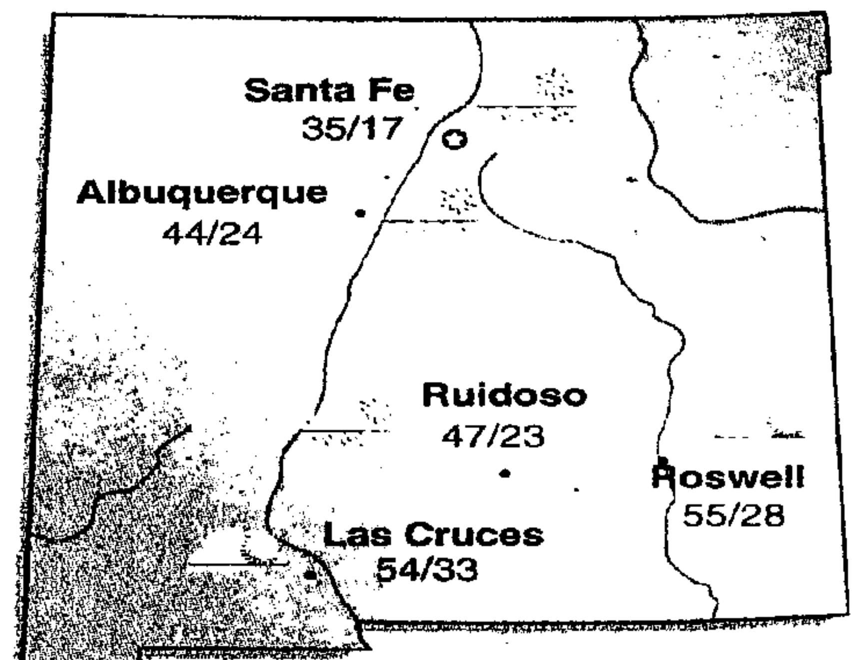

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	55	29	pt sunny	Lordsburg	55	29	pt sunny
Albuquerque	44	24	mixed	Lubbock, TX	48	28	pt sunny
Carlsbad	58	34	pt sunny	Odessa, TX	62	37	pt sunny
Chama	30	11	sn shower	Raton	39	16	snow
Clovis	42	28	pt sunny	Roswell	55	28	pt sunny
Deming	53	27	pt sunny	Santa Fe	35	17	sn shower
El Paso, TX	54	35	pt sunny	Santa Rosa	44	29	sn shower
Espanola	39	18	sn shower	Silver City	49	27	rain
Farmington	38	17	sn shower	Socorro	46	23	rain
Gallup	41	11	sn shower	St. Johns, AZ	44	19	sn shower
Grants	39	10	sn shower	Taos	34	12	snow
Guymon, OK	32	21	sn shower	Trinidad, CO	39	21	snow
Hobbs	57	34	pt sunny	Truth or Consq	51	26	rain
Las Cruces	54	33	pt sunny	Tucumcari	46	27	pt sunny
Las Vegas	40	19	sn shower	Tucson, AZ	58	38	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	53	cloudy	Minneapolis	14	2	pt sunny
Boston	34	24	mixed	New York	43	33	rain
Chicago	31	23	snow	Phoenix	61	41	pt sunny
Dallas	64	41	rain	San Francisco	56	42	rain
Denver	28	18	snow	Seattle	42	30	mst sunny
Houston	77	60	cloudy	St. Louis	42	27	rain
Los Angeles	66	44	pt sunny	Washington, DC	60	41	rain
Miami	79	67	sunny				

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 3	Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 25

UV Index

Wed 1/5	Thu 1/6	Fri 1/7
3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Nursing classes

[illegible] Care Center is [illegible] and on-the-job [illegible] eligible for [illegible] nursing assis[illegible] the class is [illegible] contact [illegible]

Spring registration

[illegible] spring [illegible] ENMU-Ruidoso [illegible] Monday [illegible] Ruidoso [illegible] and Mescalero. [illegible] Nursing [illegible] available in Carrizozo, Capitan and Mescalero.

State and federal financial aid is available, as are a limited number of scholarships. Students eligible for the Lottery Success scholarship may transfer their attendance from other New Mexico colleges and universities.

Dual credit classes are available for secondary school students in Lincoln County and Mescalero. Students residing in the Ruidoso School District will receive a tuition waiver for up to two classes upon enrollment. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Registration is available in person at 709 Mechem Drive, by phone, 505-257-2120, 1-800-934-3668, or via the Internet at www.ruidoso.enmu.edu.

Federal funds for food

Lincoln County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Lincoln County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has been chosen to receive $6,682 to supplement county programs.

The selection was made by a National Board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA.

A Local Board made up of interested members will determine how the funds awarded to Lincoln County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area.

Local government al or private voluntary organizations chosen must be non-profit, have an accounting system, practice non-discrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and, if they are a private voluntary organization, must have a voluntary board.

In 2004, the Lincoln County Emergency Food & Shelter Board distributed food and shelter funds through Christian Services of Lincoln County, located at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth. Christian Services of Lincoln County provided 7,896 meals with the funding.

Organizations interested in applying for these funds should contact Robert Orr at 257-2081. The deadline for applications to be considered is Wednesday, Jan. 12.

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PARTNER: Downs sees benefits

FROM PAGE 1A

to accept state authority, although they will accept federal authority. From their side, that may be an issue (for not becoming a partner)."

But Waters said precedents already have been set in other states, including neighboring Colorado, where the federal Environmental Protection Agency, instead of a state environment department, handled permits for a treatment plant involving Indian groups.

"If that's the issue for the Mescalero, I have no problem with EPA oversight if they are fair with the permit and get everyone involved," Waters said. "The trading program has to work and they are an entity involved."

The trading program hinges on the plant partners convincing EPA officials that phosphorous levels can be reduced in the river by eliminating sources of the pollutant along the river above the plant.

In exchange for cutting those sources, fewer expensive improvements would be required at the plant.

Looking at the financial side, because of the high median income level, Ruidoso doesn't qualify for Community Development Block Grants to help with the plant's expenses. Although Ruidoso Downs would qualify, with Ruidoso as a partner, the wastewater plant is not eligible, Waters said.

Mescalero would be eligible for EPA money, he said, adding that he understands a sizable "pot" of federal dollars is sitting in a bank account to be spent on waste water treatment. They also would be eligible for other federal financial help, he said. As a customer, the tribe would not be paying toward the plant's improvements, other than a small amount as part of the monthly rates. That would leave it up to residents of the two municipalities to repay the cost of expansion and improvements at the plant by issuing 30-year bonds, pledging money from all tax sources, he said.

"We (Ruidoso Downs) budgeted $131,000 this year for the plant and each year, the amount has gone up about 10 percent," Waters said.

"As a customer, Mescalero (for the massive Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino, the Travel Center casino on U.S. 70 and Palmer Loop subdivision) would pay (an estimated) $21,000 as a commercial customer while they would be putting out half of the wastewater we do. They should be paying half of what we pay."

The contract also specifies that the tribe will pay standard commercial rates, not any special rates recognizing the massive size of the Inn's operation and more than 200 rooms, Waters said.

"The contract is geared to benefit the tribe, that it cannot be put into its own category," he said. "Are they (Mescalero) going to put a (water) conservation ordinance in place? Probably not. It's a casino."

Water use is tied to wastewater production.

The contract also seems to say that impact fees of between $90,000 to $144,000 to be paid by the tribe for installation of sewage lines will go to the village, but not specifically to the wastewater plant operation, he pointed out.

Ruidoso officials may have covered many of the concerns, said Waters, who has a master's degree in environmental studies and a Level Four wastewater treatment plant operator's certification.

"We want them to be involved. It's important to the valley, to the state and the federal Clean Air Act..."

John Waters
Ruidoso Downs Administrator

"I think they care too and I hope we have a chance to look at the intricacies," he said. "I'm paid to look out for our city."

But as he now reads the proposed contract, Mescalero would be given "the advantage of being a customer without the disadvantages of being a partner," he said. As a partner, the tribe would pay it's fair share, he said, adding, "Now our citizens have to bear the entire extra load to upgrade the plant.

"We want them to be involved. It's important to the valley, to the state and the federal Clean Water Act to make sure they are part of this as a stakeholder, not just a customer."

However the contract ends up, Waters said he "commends the two entities (Ruidoso and Mescalero) for working together. If it is signed (as is), it still will be a historic agreement. Native American groups usually don't partner with municipalities. I think that's great. I just want to make sure the terms are fair."

Details of proposed Mescalero sewer contract

DIANNE STALLINGS
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Under the proposed contract with the Mescalero Apache Tribe to provide sewer service, the tribe would be obligated to install the sewer lines and then dedicate them to the village of Ruidoso, which operates the wastewater treatment plant.

Other terms of the contract include:

- That based on an expected 112,000 gallons of wastewater per day, 3,360,000 gallons should be produced each month by the two tribal enterprises and the Palmer Loop subdivision. The expected monthly sewer bill should be $1,759.84 or $21,118 per year.
- The tribe is obligated to maintain the lines on their property
- The village and tribe agree to comply with all federal and state environmental laws
- The tribe agrees not to discharge any hazardous substances into the sewer system
- The tribe acknowledges collection and disposal of sewage are subject to regulation by state and federal governmental agencies
- That the contract is not a waiver of sovereign immunity, except in the mediation process.
- That accurate measure of the sewage output from tribe essential, since it will not be a water customer, and the sewage output must be metered.
- "While the village reserves the right to establish, define and redefine 'tiers' for certain classes of customers, the village agrees not to establish a 'tier' that would apply only to the tribe and its properties or to otherwise manipulate the tier system so as to change the tribe's fees disproportionate from those charged to other similar large commercial in-village customers."

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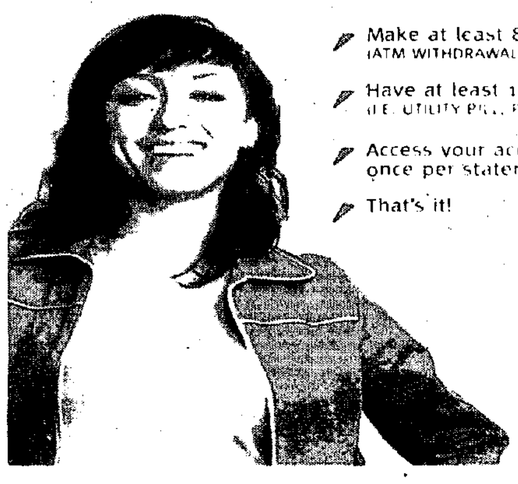
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A green thumb for education

Under Dr. Jim Miller, the ENMU-Ruidoso center and adult education have blossomed

It's fitting that Thursday night's farewell ceremony for Dr. Jim Miller will be held at the ENMU campus on Mechem.

It was Miller who championed the effort to move Ruidoso's learning center to its spacious new quarters. Without him, insiders say, ENMU might never have secured the sizable donation that made the move possible.

Since then, it's been Miller who has pushed and prodded, poked and pulled to secure funding to grow the school inside its lengthy walls.

It's Miller who has made it a personal mission to see the state grant ENMU-Ruidoso branch campus status, thus affording local students of all ages a greater palette of educational opportunities from which to choose.

The sailing has not always been smooth for the college. A leaky roof, funding shortfalls – even a heart attack – Jim Miller has seen it all, and then some.

A true believer in continuing education, the erstwhile Miller once enrolled in a writing course — a course whose teacher he had personally recruited.

The state commission on higher education may grant branch status when it meets again Jan. 18. That would be a fitting capstone to an admirable career.

Jim Miller plans to try his hand at gardening, and will soon begin work as a part-time employee at a local nursery.

We wish him luck in his new venture — he obviously has what it takes to make things grow.

Next year's headline roundup

A pretty good year, was 2004, until a bunch of scumbags — and by "scumbags" we're talking your basic media here — came along and made us read all those year-end stories.

There was the best of this, the best of that. The top 10 here, the top 10 there. Even Dave Barry, the nation's premier humorist, got into the act. Acres of forest were churned into newsprint so David could render his annual three-page recap of news events.

Poor Dave seemed fixated on Janet Jackson's right breast even though, as he might point out, the exit polls rate Janet's Super Bowl boob display as only narrowly edging out the Florida hurricanes in "news the nation cares about."

NED CANTWELL

Haven't you just had it up to here with all this year-end babble? You're darn tootin', you have. That's why this year we are going to get it done up front, right here, right now, so you won't have to wait until December to spoil 2005.

Here, then, are some of the top news stories that will captivate New Mexico and the nation in the months to come.

New Mexico Keeps Her Priorities Straight. Those who watch such things continue to wring their hands and threaten lawsuits over the checkerspot butterfly that lives in high-elevation meadows near Cloudcroft. They take aim at the Fish and Wildlife Services for excluding the checkerspot butterfly from its endangered species list.

Meanwhile, in the Pajarito Mesa near Albuquerque, 300 families live without no paved roads, no water, no sewer systems, no phone lines. Pointing out there is no Endangered Species Act for humans, people who watch such things say, "hey, if they don't like living in a poor area, let them move to a rich one."

Donald Rumsfeld Returns to Iraq to Bolster the Troops. On yet another visit to the war-torn area, Dandy Don is asked by a soldier during a nationally televised Q & A session if he can't do something about guns that keep jamming. "Hey, you guys can't shoot straight anyway, can you?" the jocular Defense Secretary cackles.

The American people are outraged by Rummy's seeming insensitivity until President Bush explains, "Listen, Don Rumsfeld is a crotchety old coot, but that's just his way. If you knew him, you'd love him." And an incredibly gullible American people say, "Oh, okay."

Entire La Cueva Football Team Drafted by Cowboys. Bears light up the 2005 record books with 650 points to their opponents 3, the lone score notched when Clovis kids sneak out before the game starts and kick a field goal. La Cueva entertains a blanket contract by Dallas, the offer withdrawn when it is discovered six La Cueva starters are moonlighting Vikings.

Guess What Happened at Los Alamos Lab? Fill in the blank. You know somehow, some way, the national laboratory will make weird news, probably CNN-type stuff. Something like, dadgumit, we lost the key to the front door and can't get into the joint.

First Bill Richardson VP Mention Comes Early. The New Mexico governor continues to remind us he is not interested in higher political office, but the national pundits won't listen. As early as January 2 New York Times columnist William Safire tells Meet the Press the Demos will nominate Evan Bayh and Bill in 2008. What happened to Hillary?

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YOUR

Aggressive clearing strips charm from Ruidoso

To the editor:

Reading Mr. Kastner's letter in your Dec. 31 issue concerning the removal of trees has prompted me to send my first ever letter to the editor.

I live in an area on a hill less than a block from Mechem Drive.

I have lived in Ruidoso for 20 years and in the house that my wife and I live in now for four years. It was with great sadness that I watched two lots next to me being cleared this past week. Not only did they take away all of the undergrowth and dead trees, but many, many large healthy trees that were at least 20 inches in diameter. Most of the lots in this area have been stripped to the same extent in the past year.

What was once a beautiful mountain enjoyed by numerous deer, an occasional bear and on rare occasions a majestic elk, is now a somewhat barren strip of land inhabited by a few lucky trees.

A year ago we enjoyed watching six or eight bucks and a herd of 13 does peacefully graze all over the hill. In the past month I have seen one buck and one lone doe with her twin fawns. Their habitat is gone.

I understand the importance of removing fuel for fires. We obviously don't want to suffer through what Los Alamos did a couple of years ago.

But, it appears that common sense and a desire to retain the look and feel of living in the mountains has gone out the window.

I made my first trip to Durango, Colo., this past summer. I was looking forward to seeing what I thought would be a quaint town that had retained some of its heritage. Instead I saw a city with all the mountain look and feel of downtown Roswell. I sincerely hope that Ruidoso isn't headed in the same direction.

As a former business owner here I fully appreciate the desire and need for growth and the importance of having the facilities to attract tourism. I sincerely hope that can be accomplished without the village losing its charm and beauty. Enough of that has already been lost forever.

Joe Farr
Ruidoso

Gas company, employees are 'good neighbors'

To the editor:

I'm writing to say a public "thank you" to Leroy Lopez and Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas.

On the evening of Thursday, Dec. 23, we were having a snowstorm, the overnight low was going to be in the teens, and our kids were coming from California.

Then my wife and I discovered that our gas had gone off, taking our heat and hot water with it.

In a panic, we phoned CCNG for help. Mr. Lopez answered the call and promised to come see what he could do. He arrived about 45 minutes later, with our kids following in his tracks from Carrizozo to Nogal.

After some investigation, he determined that our meter was shot, and worked more than an hour installing a new one in the dark, below-freezing temperature, and blowing snow.

When he finished the job and had everything functioning again, we thanked him and asked how much we owed. His reply was, "Nothing. I was just doing my job." The next morning he called to make sure we were OK.

The experiences and opinions of few individuals in a small community may not matter much in the current debate about CCNG, but as far as my family and I are concerned, Leroy Lopez and the company he works for are good neighbors.

Mike Ross
Nogal

GUEST

Of new beginnings: What if we all took part?

Lincoln County's political future looks bright to some, dismal to others. By all accounts the political arena and its future is what we the citizens make of it. Thru petitioning our elected representatives and providing input at government meetings we can change the future.

TONY SENO

It seems that a few more citizens are "waking up" to the simple fact that it's the nature of government to grow and freedom to atrophy. We have seen recent evidence of this awakening at the public hearings concerning the ETZ. Not long ago, if there were 10 people at a county commission meeting it was because all five commissioners, the county manager, attorney and clerk showed up.

As an activist in county and village politics, I must say I'm proud of the folks for an abundance of input. Congratulations, and I hope it continues in perpetuity.

The big question is, how long will this trend continue? Will "we the people" zealously defend our freedoms or will we grow complacent, allowing government even more control over every facet of our lives?

We have a new beginning in 2005. Granted, there will be ample opportunity in the future for all individuals to have an effect on local government. I've said it many times, and the statement rings true to this day, "We can have a government of the people, by the people, for the people, or we can have a government of career politicians, by the lawyers, for the money." It's our government. It's our choice.

If we begin now, we can reverse the relentless, incremental social engineering that has ripped the very fabric of our free society into fragments. The way I see it, from local to national, our country is suffering from an overdose of government. It don't take a rocket surgeon to figure out that for every law we make, we all lose a little more freedom. Yet there's hope. The reclamation of liberty lost is not an insurmountable task, but it will take some effort from the citizens.

Perhaps Walt Whitman's advice to the states — resist much, obey little — needs to resound throughout the land of the free and the home of the brave. Where does it all start? Right here in Lincoln County, because all politics is local. It is time for the people to begin telling elected officials to undo the government programs that have proven to be failures. (ie, the drug war, welfare, social insecurity, etc.) It's time for a new beginning.

What if we begin this new year by flocking en mass to city hall and mandate that before village government hooks up any more water meters, they have to fix all the leaks in their system? Would we then be able to water our lawns without the fear of citation from the water police?

What if the Village of Ruidoso told the county commission to take a hike and formed their own county? Would the folks in Lincoln County still be at odds with the newly formed one?

What if we converged at the next meeting of the county commission and demanded the elected ones make a law requiring two laws be repealed before a new one goes on the books? Fat chance, huh?

(What if we made election day April 15, and set up voting machines at the post office? Would voter turnout increase?)

Of new beginnings: The questions, problems, solutions, frustrations, setbacks and aspirations. Imagine the possibilities.

And it all begins with you, the individual, being an active participant in "We the people."

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Capitan mayor resigns from CCNG board, asks 'Zozo for support

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Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall resigned Tuesday from the board of Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas as the councils of both municipalities prepared to meet that night to discuss problems plaguing the jointly owned gas company.

In a lengthy letter to Carrizozo Mayor and CCNG Vice-Chair Manny Hernandez, Sederwall stated that his reason for appointing himself to the board in the first place was to pay the bills and employees at the end of December, with hopes the two municipalities would meet to discuss CCNG.

The letter stated that CCNG was once a good company and the Joint Powers Agreement called for it to be a "benefit of the citizens of each of the municipalities."

With current CCNG purchasing rates, Sederwall said it costs Carrizozo and Capitan citizens $500,000 a year to have politicians run a municipal gas company.

Another issue troubling the Capitan council has been that CCNG buys gas at sea level but does not adjust for the expansion at altitude as does Zia Natural Gas. Sederwall's letter states that, "Our citizens are forced to pay an extra one-half million dollars or 75 percent more for 22 percent less gas. No one has been able to explain what happened to this unaccounted gas."

Sederwall asked Hernandez to unite in seeking a solution. "I see a solution to our problem and ask you to stand with me in action for the people of our communities," he wrote.

"I propose you and I stand united in declaring this situation an emergency under New Mexico State Statute 30-20-5."

That statue says that upon the request of a mayor of a municipality, after finding an emergency which affects life or property exists in the state, the governor may proclaim a state of emergency in the area.

"On behalf of our people I believe we mayors should approach the governor and advise him we have an "emergency which affects life within our villages," Sederwall's letter says.

"I cannot and am sure you do not want to stand by while our elderly neighbors are cold and fearful.

"I cannot watch my school pay an extra $10,000 a month in heating costs while political games are played out in the papers and nothing is done."

Sederwall crunched natural gas purchasing costs to make what he called an outrageous example how much CCNG is wasting.

"It cost our citizens $555,000 per year extra to have a municipal gas company.

"With these numbers in mind, we could afford to give Zia Natural Gas the company, bulldoze the building, burn the trucks, drive the backhoe off the mesa and give all five of the employees $100,000 each to go home...it would save the citizens $55,000 over what is now being charged by CCNG to heat our homes. Forcing our citizens and schools to pay these prices borders on criminal and for this reason I resign from the board and ask your help in giving our citizens relief."

TAX: Municipalities preparing for the unknown

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said Ruidoso village manager Lorri McKnight. "To offset the reduction in revenue from taking the tax off food, I guess this is the way state came up with. It's kind of interesting to see how all of this is going to work out. The cities and counties were not to see any changes in revenues. I will believe that when we get first check."

She wondered why the credit was considered important for maintaining a competitive edge for businesses when it was enacted, but apparently, is no longer significant.

"I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we are held harmless,' McKnight said. "That's how they sold this to us."

Richardson, as part of his proposed tax relief package that he will push again this year during the state Legislature's session in January wants a back-to-school sales tax holiday on Aug. 6, 2005, for items costing less than $2,500 each. The loss of revenue impact on the state general fund is estimated at $6 million and to local governments at $4 million. He also wants to allow retirees 65 and older to exclude a minimum of $2,500 of income from tax, as an enticement to draw more retirees to the state.

In championing the abolition of gross receipts tax on some groceries, the governor contended that the action will stretch a family's food budget by allowing them to save $6.50 for every $100 spent for groceries. A family making $20,000 per year will save about $137 per year on tax, he pointed out.

All New Mexico families will benefit, but the greatest benefits will go to lower income families, he said.

New Mexico's food tax was enacted in 1933 as part of a "temporary" and "emergency" measure to compensate for a severe shortfall in government revenues from property taxes that resulted from the Great Depression. Since 1933, New Mexico's food tax more than doubled from its original rate of 2.5 percent. It ranged from 5.125 percent in the unincorporated areas of Catron County to 7.25 percent in Red River and Taos Ski Valley.

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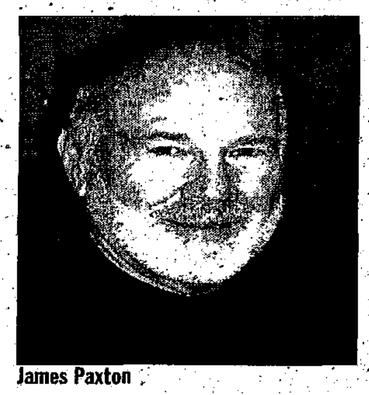
James Paxton to leave Ruidoso School Board

BY PAMELA CROMWELL



James Paxton

Long-time Ruidoso School Board member James Paxton is not renewing his candidacy for Position 4 in the February election. Elected for his first term in 1993, Paxton has served on the board for 12 years and is a former board president.

When confirming Paxton's departure from the school board, administrative secretary Marsha Sowder said immediately, "We're really going to miss him."

Senior board member Susan Lutterman has been on the board only two years longer than Paxton. Danny Sisson, who is running unopposed for a second term, joined the board in 2001. Current president Frank Sayner came to the board in 1999, and Strand McDougal in 2003.

"I think it's one of the best ways you can give back to the community in terms of public service," Paxton said.

Over the past 12 years, the board's accomplishments included a bond issue to buy land near the White Mountain schools and in Ruidoso Downs, and the completion of the performing arts building.

"There are still a lot of things that need to be done," Paxton said. "The middle school and parts of Nob Hill are 50 year-old buildings. We have to decide if it's best to renovate or start over."

That question is being explored by a Blue Ribbon committee. Paxton said the biggest advantage the Ruidoso School Board has is a community that is always well-informed about bond issues and taxes.

"A lot of communities vote down important bond issues, but our community has been supportive of our needs for new buildings," he said.

Both of Paxton's daughters were born and educated in Ruidoso. Somer is now a second-grade teacher in Burleson, Texas, and Jaymie earned her degree in interior design in Mesa, Ariz. Paxton believes the small-school experience was good for his daughters.

" I really like that they went to a small school," he said. "They had lots of extra-curricular activities in addition to their academic, choices, and small schools have a huge advantage because parents have easy access and can get involved. I think my girls enjoyed their time in school here."

Paxton said the schools have seen big improvements in the reading programs, and continue working on the math programs. Generally, he believes Ruidoso schools are well-balanced in preparing students for college or the workforce.

"Right now we have the strongest group of administrators that we've had in the last four or five yaers at all the schools," Paxton said. "I particularly feel good aobut Dr. Harrrison (superintendent) being here and the leadership he's already demonstrated."

Paxton said that during his tenure on the board, he never experienced any negative personal issues or squabbling, that the board has maintained a true team effort. As a whole, he said, the school's survey shows parents are pleased with Ruidoso schools.

"We (on the board) don't come from an academic background. We come from the business side of things, and we think of kids and parents as customers," he said. "We've talked about that a lot."

His advice to his successor: "You have to do a lot of lifting the first year," he said. "There are so many things to learn, like how the budget works, policy issues... Mostly you rely on common sense, and make decisions based on what's best for the kids."

Paxton said he might run for the school board again someday, maybe if some issue arose that he didn't agree with. For now, he's ready to give someone else a turn.

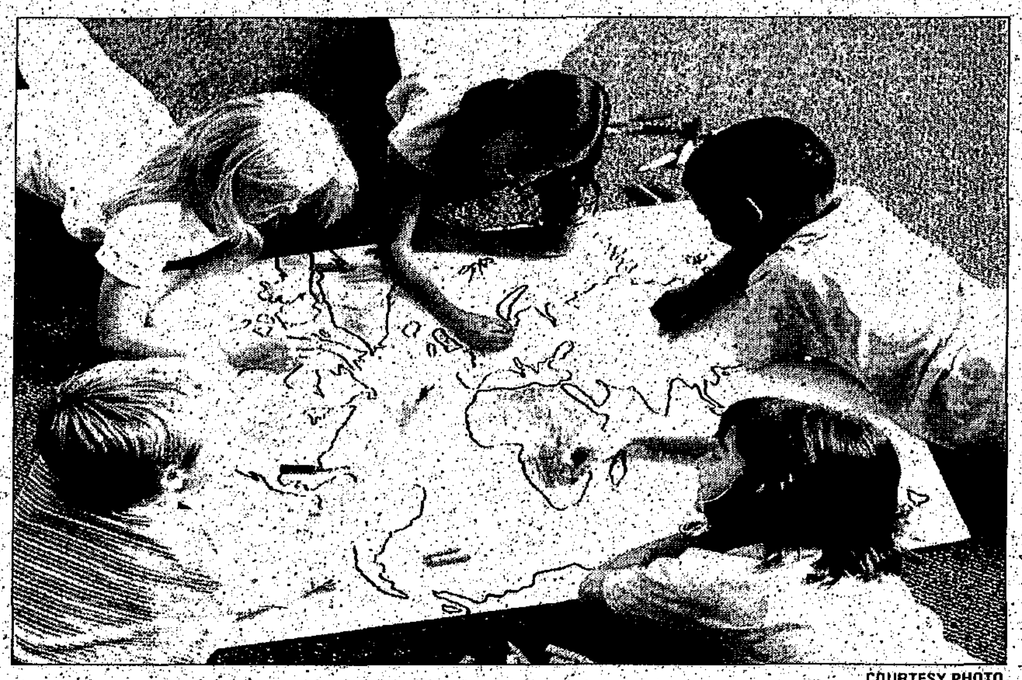
"I just think that at some point, there's nothing wrong with giving an opportunity to new people, new ideas, letting others get involved," he said.

Susan Lutterman said Paxton has been "an asset to our board and the children of our community. We always talk about doing what's best for the kids, and James has always exemplified it. I know he feels it's time, but I'm going to miss him."

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Director Rafael Salas is unopposed in the upcoming election for Paxton's soon vacant seat.

High quality pre-kindergarten cuts crime

Police chiefs call for a fully-funded state program that reaches all kids



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A new report released by New Mexico law enforcement leaders and crime victims shows that high quality pre-kindergarten cuts crime, and called on the state government to increase investments in quality pre-kindergarten programs.

The report, prepared by Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a national anti-crime organization of more than 2,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and victims of violence, including 22 in New Mexico, compiled the most recent research on the crime prevention, as well as educational, economic and cost saving benefits of high quality pre-kindergarten.

The report features new results from the landmark four-decade long study of the Perry Preschool Program in Ypsilanti, Mich., which randomly assigned 3- and 4-year-olds from low-income families to participate in the high quality pre-kindergarten program. The grown-up children who did not attend the program were four times more likely to be arrested for drug felonies and more than twice as likely to become career offenders.

The Perry Preschool Program also cut crime, welfare, and other costs so much that it saved taxpayers more than $17 for every $1 invested, including more than $11 in crime savings.

At a news conference held in conjunction with the annual New Mexico Law Enforcement Conference, the law enforcement officials said that since New Mexico has some of the highest crime and drug abuse rates in the country and over 8,000 juveniles arrested annually, the state must invest in pre-kindergarten to prevent crime.

"When government fails to support proven crime-prevention programs like high quality pre-kindergarten, it forces police to fight crime with one hand tied behind our backs," said Lanny Maddox, president of the New Mexico Association of Chiefs of Police and chief of police of the Village of Ruidoso. "To make New Mexico safe, we must be as willing to guarantee our kids space in a pre-kindergarten program as we are to guarantee criminals a prison cell."

Albuquerque Chief of Police Gilbert Gallegos explained that pre-kindergarten also has many societal benefits. The students enrolled in the Perry Preschool Program were far more likely to have completed high school, to hold a job, to have higher earnings and to own their own homes than similar children who were denied high quality pre-kindergarten. Counties in New Mexico with the highest educational attainment levels have higher incomes and lower child poverty rates.

"Dangerous criminals must be arrested and locked up. But no prison can bring back a murdered child and no punishment can undo a crime victim's anguish," Gallegos said. "To win the fight against crime, we must take serious measures before, not just after, such tragedies occur. We must provide every child with high quality pre-kindergarten to ensure all kids get a good start in life."

According to the report, *High Quality Pre-kindergarten: The Key to Crime Prevention and School Success in New Mexico*, four out of five 3- and 4-year-olds in New Mexico are left without access to pre-kindergarten. Due to inadequate funding, the state's Child Development Program serves just 850 children and the federal Head Start program serves only 7,700.

Many parents cannot afford high quality pre-kindergarten programs on their own. Tuition for early education in New Mexico averages $4,800 for one child, which is more than the average annual tuition at a public university.

Pre-kindergarten also improves English language skills, which is important in New Mexico where more than a third of households speak a language other than English at home. A recent study by the University of New Mexico Institute for Social Research found that students who attended a public pre-kindergarten program scored higher in reading tests and were less likely to have limited English proficiency than similar students who did not attend pre-kindergarten.

The law enforcement leaders acknowledged that New Mexico is moving in the right direction, with Governor Bill Richardson's recent proposal to provide pre-kindergarten to all 4-year-olds. They urged elected officials to ensure accessibility and high quality as key features of a future pre-kindergarten program.

"New Mexico has a special opportunity to take a big step forward in crime prevention," said Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Vice President Jeff Kirsch. "Let's not be penny-wise and pound-foolish. When we know that quality pre-kindergarten saves lives, money and cuts crime, it's just common sense to invest now so our most vulnerable children don't become our most wanted adults."

The report and additional information about the benefits of pre-kindergarten are available at www.fightcrime.org/reports.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Federal financial aid application workshop

All 12th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to a special Financial Aid Workshop on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. in the RHS library.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and scholarship opportunities. The FAFSA is required by all colleges and universities to help in determining a financial aid package for students. Staff will be on hand to help parents/guardians process the application form.

Violence prevention

Community Health Services is offering free violence prevention parent training beginning Jan. 15 and 19 in Ruidoso; Jan. 10 in Capitan; Jan. 18 in Carrizozo; and Jan. 20 in Tularosa.

Classes are designed for parents and children in grades 5 through 12. Each family that completes the six classes will receive $75 cash.

For more information or to register by phone call Jennifer or Suzanne at 258-2893.

Capitan Board of Education meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Capitan Board of Education is Thursday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Capitan board room at the administration building. For a complete agenda or to request special assistance such as a reader or interpreter, please call the Superintendent's secretary at 354-2239.

Searching for RHS grads:

Classes of 1994, '95 & '96

Ruidoso High School class reunion organizers are looking for familiar faces like those in the 1994 RHS Band.

If you graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1995, guess what? That's right; it's time for a 10-year reunion.

The 2004 reunion for RHS class of 1994 was not well attended, so reunion organizers for the class of '95 are casting a broad net. Graduates of 1994, 1995, and 1996 are invited to contact either Mandy Sodd msodd@hotmail.com or Cody Snow wcsnow@mac.com, both class of '95.

Out of 300 names on the graduation lists from all three classes, Sodd and Snow have found maybe one-third, they reported.

"Once people graduate from here, they go literally everywhere," Sodd said.

Using classmates.com and an email network, the organizers hope to round up more RHS grads for a reunion tentatively scheduled for June 10-11, 2005. Classmates.com only allows the designation of one reunion class, so '94 and '96 graduates may not be aware that they are included in the 2005 reunion plans.

If you are a graduate or know the whereabouts of graduates from these classes, please help spread the word.

Do you remember World History class at RHS in 1995?

Farewell to Dr. James P. Miller, Jr.

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RELIEF: Spiritual leaders have little more than what is on their backs

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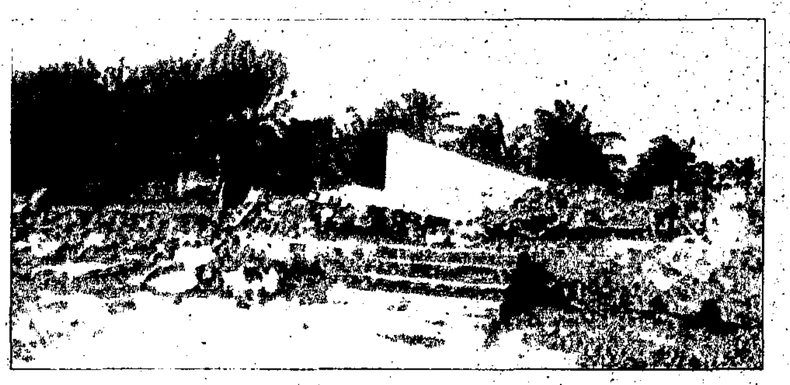
be made out to "East Meets West Ministries," with a notation of the trust's name.

In correspondence, a representative of the swami informed Beachum and other locals who studied with the swami, that 18,000 people died from the tsunami in his area of Tamil Nadu, with 700 bodies found just on Sunday. Another 5,000 people fled, losing all of their possessions.

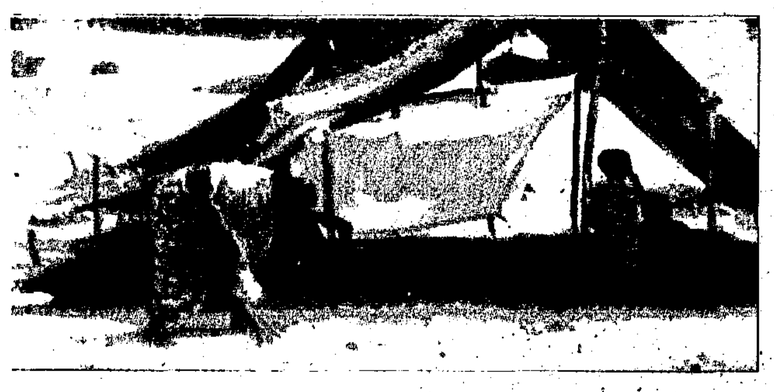


"The people from other places are helping the victims," the representative wrote. "Anyway it will take a minimum of one year to become normal for the people who were affected in the tsunami. In south India, those who lived on the sea shore side were affected very much, as all are fishermen."

On behalf of the relief effort, Kamerin St. Claire of Ruidoso, who said she is an ordained interfaith minister and state licensed practical clinical counselor, wrote that the "swami does not wish to create hardship on Americans with their donations, but instead requests a little money from many, which will add up and make a huge difference in conditions there."

St. Claire, who studied yoga therapy in India for eight months and was taught meditation by the swami while researching for a book she wrote on healing the emotional body, pointed out that he believes it "is good for us and his people to connect like this."

Beachum said Swami Gnananantha is one of the spiritual leaders in India.



"They are quite different from here," she said. "The leaders have nothing but what is on their backs. They minister, heal and help people. They live by whatever is given them that day to eat.

"He was a businessman who chose the spiritual life. He met his commitment to his family and then went off on a spiritual trek. He walks everywhere. He has no home."

From watching television, she couldn't tell how badly the area of southern India was hit. When she called to see if the swami made it through the tsunami, she was told that his churches and all of his followers survived, although devastation was widespread.

"We'd like to set up a one or two-year plan to have those interested in this community contribute whatever, so we can get money directly to the people. There are no salaries to administer this, no superfluous charges," Beachum said. "He takes the money and buys things and feeds the people, or gives them medicine, water and clothes. The money can get much more buying power, he added.

"Ten dollars here buys a ticket to a movie and some popcorn, but in India, it can buy 10 pounds of rice," he said. Beachum added that a $30 to $50 contribution could buy a month's supply of food.

She said they are trying to send something every week for an immediate impact, while putting together a business plan whereby corporations and businesses could contribute by pledges to the longer recovery effort.

"We're contacting groups, organizations and businesses asking for nominal contributions," Beachum said. "The fishermen lost all their boats. Part of the plan is to restore their livelihoods."

One of the islands off of which she went scuba diving while in India was completely destroyed, she said.

"There are no phones and no way to know if anyone survived," Beachum said. "(The area impacted) is so vast, I can understand why care agencies are finding it hard to get their arms around it. We know specific villages and exactly where to go to help."

To contribute, contact Rachel Muldowney at Wells Fargo Bank at 257-4611, extension 17. To learn more about the recovery effort, contact Beachum at (505) 430-0182.

In another relief program, donations also are being accepted at First Baptist Church on Country Club Drive.

A spokesman said 100 percent of the money will be sent to buy food, medicine, clothing or to fulfill other needs of the tsunami survivors through the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, which already has missionaries in place there.

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Realtor

Smokey Bear seeks public input on hazardous fuels reduction project

■ 6,000 acres around the village slated for thinning and burning programs

DIANNE STALLINGS

Nearly 6,000 acres of the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso is slated for hazardous fuel reduction and watershed improvement treatments that will involve removal and burning.

Officials with the Smokey Bear Ranger District are asking for public comment on the Perk Canyon-Grindstone Canyon Fuels Hazard Reduction and Vegetation Treatment project. Comments will be most beneficial if received by Friday, they said.

The proposed project is authorized under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and would treat vegetation and fuels by manually and mechanically removing trees, burning natural and activity fuels and conducting meadow restoration, according to information from district officials.

They hope to achieve the following goals:

• Return stands to a fire adapted ecosystem, specifically within the southwest Ponderosa pine and dry Douglas fir, as well as for meadows within the project area.

• Reduce the potential threats to fire fighters and public safety should a wild fire occur by reducing ladder fuels, stand densities and lowering overall risk for stand-replacing fires.

• Implement treatments to reduce the threat of stand-replacing fires and their indirect effects on the municipal watershed that supplies Grindstone Reservoir.

The project would span 2,672 acres in the area between the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Grindstone Reservoir, and 3,098 acres northwest of the village of Ruidoso between Upper Canyon and Cedar Creek Road.

The treatments proposed include:

• No thinning or burning treatment on 42 acres.

• Thin and broadcast burn in 2,871 acres of Ponderosa pine.

• Thin and then broadcast burn 1,825 acres in Douglas fir stands.

• Clear all conifers encroaching within existing grassy meadow-like areas and follow with a broadcast burn on 75 acres.

• Broadcast burn or manually or mechanically treat 819 acres.

• Thin with no activity slash treatment proposed on 157 acres.

People can view a presentation on the proposed action in an open house format from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Jan. 26. The site will be announced.

Issues and concerns can be mailed to Buck Sanchez, district ranger, Smokey Bear Ranger District, c/o Perk-Grindstone Project, 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 or can be e-mailed to jesperance@fs.fed.us.

Under new guidelines, an objection process before the final decision and after the environmental assessment is mailed is used instead of an appeal period.

To be eligible to file an objection to the preferred alternative, specific written comments related to the project must be submitted during the scoping or other public involvement opportunities on the environmental assessment (EA218.6).

Call the district office for more information at 257-4095.

Capitan cagers split over holiday weekend

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Most high school basketball teams don't even get one game over the Christmas break, so for Capitan to have two was considered a blessing by coach Royce Brown.

The Tigers made the most of the opportunity Thursday with a narrow 45-44 victory over Estancia, but the blessing ended Friday when they succumbed to Tularosa 64-33.

In Thursday's game, the real difference was free throws, particularly one made by Elliott Taylor with seven seconds left in the game. As a team, the Tigers (2-8) were 18-of-26 from the foul line for a 69 percent success rate.

Taylor had five of those foul shots, along with a pair of three pointers and 13 points. Emile Moten led the way for the game with 15 points.

Tigers 45, Bears 44

Estancia (44)
Joe Lujan 1 1-2 3, James Romero 0 0-0 0, Michael Barela 1 0-3 2, Brian Wilson 0 3-6 3, Kolt Baca 0 0-0 0, Chris Otero 1 0-0 3, Alex Perez 0 1-2 1, Adrian Carreon 1 2-2 4, Joaquin Morales 6 2-4 14, Daniel Ortiz 2 0-0 4, Michael Ortiz 3 4-4 10. Totals: 15 13-23 44.
Capitan (45)
Emile Moten 4 6-6 15, Jimmy Thomas 0 6-5 5, Kevin Kelsey 0 0-0 0, Ronnie Eldridge 1 1-2 3, Teke Eldridge 0 0-0 0, Brandon Caughron 0 0-0 0, Travis Toler 0 0-0 0, Elliott Taylor 3 5-9 13, Charlie Parker 0 0-0 0, Tiree Jackson 0 0-0 0, Rashane Jackson 1 0-0 2, Anthony Quiroz 3 1-3 7, Brett McInnes 12 18-26 45.

Estancia	**8**	**13**	**5**	**18**	**— 44**
Capitan	**7**	**14**	**14**	**10**	**— 45**

3-point goals — Est 1 (Otero), Cap 3 (Taylor 2, Moten). Total fouls — Est 22, Cap 20. Technical fouls — Cap (Parker).

Wildcats 64, Tigers 33

Tularosa (64)
Matt Chavez 0 0-0 0, Damian Woods 1 0-0 2, Justin Cairns 0 0-0 0, Pat Gonzales 1 0-0 2, Steve Williams 3 0-0 6, Cisco Gomez 0 0-0 0, Salamon Baca 0 2-2 2, Chris Melendrez 1 0-0 2, Nash Kowatch 4 0-0 11, Bill Turner 8 2-2 19, Tel Trammell 0 1-2 1, Mike Silva 0 0-4 0, Justin Centrella 3 1-1 7, Will Skaggs 0 1-2 1, Rob Abercrombie 4 3-6 11. Totals: 25 10-19 64.
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Tularosa	**7**	**20**	**24**	**13**	**— 53**
Capitan	**7**	**7**	**6**	**13**	**— 33**

3-point goals — Tul 4 (Kowatch 3, Turner), Cap 1 (Taylor). Total fouls — Tul 26, Cap 14. Technical fouls — Tul (Cairns).

"It went back and forth all night," Brown said. "They (the Bears) had a good inside game. When they got their position inside, they were tough to stop."

Joaquin Morales was the top Estancia player, camping out inside and putting in 14 points on the night. The Bears also shot well at the free throw line, but not as well as Capitan.

Moten was a perfect 6-for-6 on the evening, while Jimmy Thomas was 6-for-5.

"Free throws were really the big thing," Brown said. "That was the big difference in the game. Everything else was fairly even."

Rebounding troubles

Things weren't nearly as even Friday against Tularosa. The Wildcats had difficulty shooting early, but they did not last long, and Tularosa took full advantage of the younger, less-experienced Tiger team.

Tularosa shot 2-for-15 in the first quarter, enabling Capitan to keep pace — and get ahead at one point — in a 7-7 first quarter tie.

Then the Wildcats began hitting their shots and Capitan couldn't respond. Tularosa shot 23-for-46 for the final three quarters and pulled ahead with a 20-point second quarter.

Capitan went through a woeful first quarter as well, going 2-for-9. But unlike the Wildcats, Capitan's shooting percentage would not improve as the game went on. The Tigers finished 10-for-39 from the field and couldn't sink more than 12 of 30 foul shots for the game.

"We struggled with their press," Brown said. "They made a couple of changes that we didn't adjust well to. I probably should have called a timeout and made an adjustment, but we had gone over it at halftime."

Taylor led Capitan with 15 points. Anthony Quiroz scored six and Ronnie Eldridge added four.

Bill Turner ended up leading the game with 19 points, while Nash Kowatch and Rob Ambercrombie had 11 points each.

"I think we have to get more physical. They hurt us strong on the boards," Brown said. "We have to do a better job on positioning and boxing out and just going up and getting the basketball."

Smokey Bear signals re-start to high school basketball season

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The long Christmas break is over, and area basketball teams don't have much time left before the beginning of the second half of the season.

The season resumes Thursday for three schools when the Smokey Bear Tournament tips off in Capitan, starting with a pair of 2 p.m. games.

One of those games features the Mescalero girls against Cloudcroft in Cummins Gym.

The Lady Chiefs are 7-3 on the year, but haven't played any games since a loss to Immanuel Baptist in the championship of the Mescalero Tournament back on Dec. 18.

They have, however, had several practices, and coach Roland Bradford was very happy with his team's turnout.

"There were no attitudes or anything," Bradford said. "It's the first time I've had all my girls show up over the whole vacation. I was really pleased with the turnout."

"The games we lost, we just didn't shoot well," he added. "If we rebound and shoot well, we can play with anybody."

At 5:30 p.m., Lincoln County rivals Capitan and Carrizozo tip off, also in Cummins Gym. 'Zozo (5-4) also hasn't played since the Mescalero Tournament, but does come into the game having defeated the Lady Tigers twice this season.

"It's been two weeks, and we haven't had any warmup," said Carrizozo coach Mandy Baca. "But this is a great way for us to get ready for district."

Capitan will have the advantage of having played before this tournament begins, specifically a game at home Tuesday against Tularosa.

With the sad passing of Capitan teacher Myrum Whitaker right before the break, the Lady Tigers (0-5) hadn't done much practicing, as basketball was suddenly very low on the list of priorities.

But coach Sherry Gowen said the team felt much better after Whitaker's memorial service, and looked in good shape during a practice Monday.

"I think the girls will do well in this tournament," Gowen said. "It will just be a question of getting their lungs back."

On the boys side, Capitan (2-8) faces Mescalero (3-6) at 7:15 p.m. in Cummins Gym, and coach Royce Brown is glad his team had a pair of games over the break to stay in shape.

"We also had some pretty good rest, so we won't be nearly as rusty now," Brown said.

The Carrizozo boys (7-5) take on Cloudcroft in the first round at 3:45 p.m.

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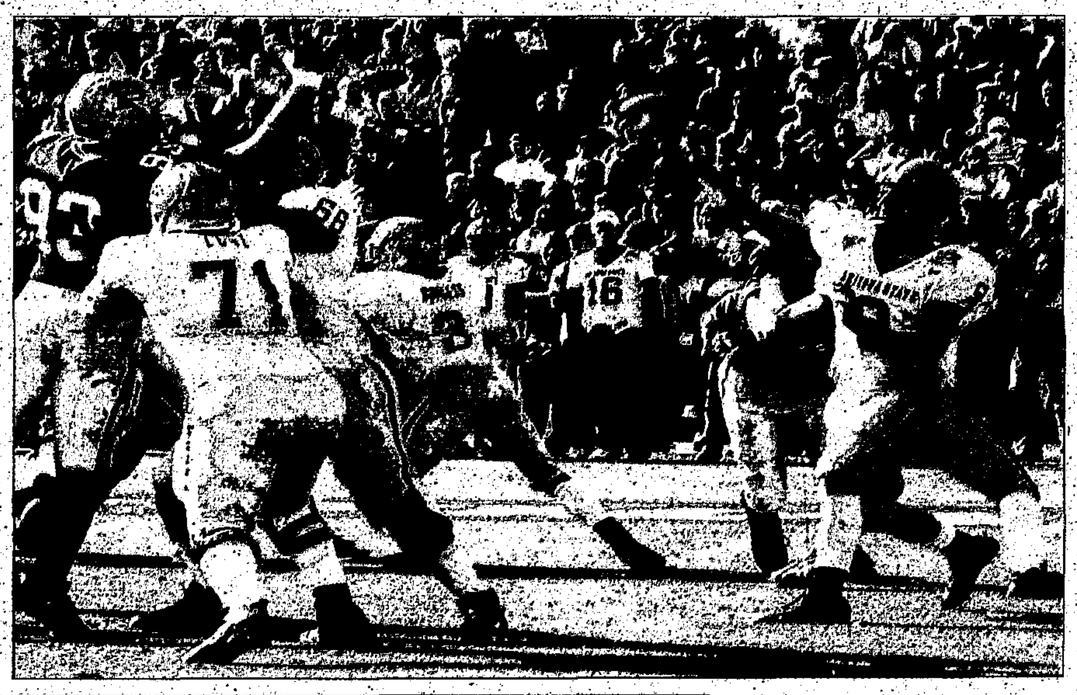

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For those from the area lucky enough to attend Friday's Sun Bowl in El Paso, the annual game between Pac-10 and Big Ten foes turned out to be a classic. Above, Arizona State quarterback Sam Keller (9) makes a pass behind his offensive line during the first half. Keller ended up with 370 yards and three touchdowns on the day, including a game-winning strike to Rudy Burgess with 43 seconds left to defeat Purdue, 27-23. Keller was named the game's MVP. **Left**, Purdue fans, just a few of the record 51,288 in attendance Friday, cheer their team on as band members play the "World's Largest Drum" during the game.

side line

Ski Report

Ski Apache
Report as of Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2:30 p.m.
New snow past 24 hours: 8 inches
New snow past 48 hours: 9 1/2 inches
New snow past week: 11 1/2 inches
Weather at report time: Snowing
Road at report time: Snow covered
Midway depth: 36-40 inches natural and machine base
Surface Conditions: Machine groomed and wet snow
Skiing Conditions: Good to excellent
Trails Open: All trails except Oscars and Ring Tail
Lifts Open: All lifts are open
Trails Groomed This Morning: The Beginner Areas, Capitan, Deep Freeze, Bull Run, Elk Ridge, Game Trail, Meadows, Chino, East Meadows, Moonshine and SBT
Snowmaking Past 24 Hours: No
Forecast: Chance for snow.
For the most recent conditions, call 257-9001

Prep Results

Thursday, Dec. 30
Boys Basketball
Capitan 45, Estancia 44

Friday, Dec. 31
Boys Basketball
Tularosa 64, Capitan 33

Preps on Tap

Thursday, Jan. 6
Boys Basketball
Hondo at Ruidoso JV, 5 p.m.
Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan
Carrizozo vs. Cloudcroft, 3:45 p.m.
Capitan vs. Mescalero, 7:15 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Hondo at Ruidoso JV, 5 p.m.
Smokey Beat Tournament at Capitan
Mescalero vs. Cloudcroft, 2 p.m.
Capitan vs. Carrizozo, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 7
Boys Basketball
Roswell at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo, Capitan, Carrizozo at Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Corona at 3VC Tournament at Estancia, TBA
Girls Basketball
Carrizozo, Capitan, Carrizozo at Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Corona at 3VC Tournament at Estancia, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Tournament, TBA

Saturday, Jan. 8
Boys Basketball
Carrizozo, Capitan, Carrizozo at Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Corona at 3VC Tournament at Estancia, TBA
Girls Basketball
Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7:30 p.m.
Carrizozo, Capitan, Carrizozo at Smokey Bear Tournament at Capitan, TBA
Corona at 3VC Tournament at Estancia, TBA
Wrestling
Ruidoso at Carlsbad Tournament, TBA

Sunday, Jan. 9
Skiing
Ruidoso Ski Team at NextStep Qualifier at Breckenridge, Colo., TBA

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Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament

Jan. 6-8 at Capitan High School

Girls Division

- Capitan — 5:30 p.m. Jan. 6, Cummins Gym
- Carrizozo — 7:15 p.m. Jan. 7, Traylor Gym
- Cloudcroft — 2 p.m. Jan. 6, Cummins Gym
- Mescalero — 10:30 a.m. Jan. 8, Cummins Gym
- Tatum — 3:45 p.m. Jan. 6, Traylor Gym
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- Hagerman — 7:15 p.m. Jan. 6, Traylor Gym
- Eunice — 12:15 p.m. Jan. 8, Traylor Gym
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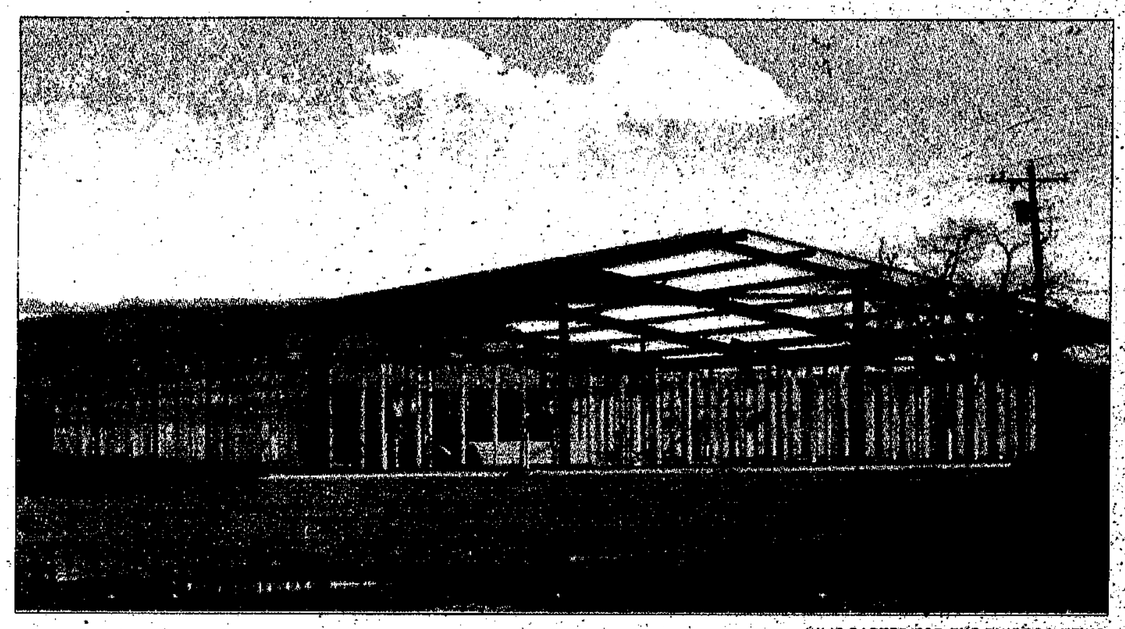

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The new 50-foot by 80-foot building going up at 313 12th Street in Carrizozo will house the Natural Resources Conservation Service — Southeast Area offices as well as the NRCS field office, the Carrizozo Soil and Water, and the South Central Mountain RC&D. The building, under construction by Zozo Properties LLC, is scheduled for completion in early May.

Farmers on a mission: Group targets agritourism

■ Marketing director offers mission statement for local ranchers, farmers

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The newly-formed Lincoln County Agritourism Advisory Council met for the second time in December to further its plans to create a viable agritourism industry both locally and state wide.

With 22 in attendance, the meeting was opened by Edward Avalos, director of the marketing and development division at the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. The event was attended by delegates from several agencies as well as the offices of Sen. Jeff Bingaman and Rep. Steve Pearce, as well as numerous owners and operators of Lincoln County farms and ranches.

Avalos defined agritourism as the public visiting a working farm, ranch, winery, farmers' market, agricultural operation or active agricultural heritage site for enjoyment, outdoor recreation, activities, education, shopping, dining or lodging.

These trips generate income for the operators, which help sustain the rural way of life, he said.

He presented a draft mission statement that read: "The goals are to generate more tourism revenue for the state and to help New Mexico farmers and ranchers boost their income and preserve their enterprises by tapping into the emerging market for agritourism." The definitions and mission statement will be enhanced and molded by the tourism council and producers.

Avalos also introduced the Agritourism Promotional Act, which addresses liability and insurance issues for producers and includes funding and appropriations for related projects.

The NMDA receives a $100,000 yearly for such funding.

Several speakers were on the agenda to explain their agritourism businesses and techniques they had found successful.

Gene Simmons, Small Business Administration, explained the services offered by SBA including free expertise in business plan development.

The next meeting of the advisory council will be at 9 a.m. on Jan. 27 at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. For information contact Sally Canny at 653-4041 or 808-2711.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center:

• Nov. 16, 2004, a daughter, Aliyah Silver Miranda, 7 lb, 13.3 oz, 19", to Jennifer E. and Faustino E. Miranda

• Nov. 16, 2004, a son, Josiah Abraham Ramos, 6 lb, 12.7 oz, 20", to Jasmine and Jose Ramos

• Nov. 17, 2004, a son, Drake Jacob Viktor Brankel, 7 lb, 8.1 oz, 19 1/2", to Alicia and James Brankel

• Nov. 18, 2004, a son, Julio Romero, 7 lb, 1.5 oz, 19 3/4", to Carmen and Julio Romero

• Nov. 19, 2004, a son, Ernesto Angel Nevarez, Jr., 8 lb, 4.7 oz, 21", to Angelica and Ernesto Nevarez

• Nov. 20, 2004, a son, Verman Jim Jr., 9 lb, 21", to Erma and Verman Jim

• Nov. 19, 2004, a son, Carlos Daniel Padilla, 7 lb, 2.3 oz, 19 1/2", to Claudia Loya and Juan Padilla

• Nov. 20, 2004, a daughter, Madyson Catarina Garcia, 8 lb, 5.4 oz, 21", to Natalie Fossum and Luis Garcia

• Nov. 21, 2004, a daughter, Na-Kimbah Miraim Lopez, 6 lb, 14.2 oz, 18 3/4", to Reanna Jim and Jeffrey Lopez

• Nov. 21, 2004, a son, Jason Steven Rivera, 8 lb, 9.5 oz, 21 1/2", to Janet and Horacio Rivera

• Nov. 25, 2004, a son, Joel Arturo Villanueva, 7 lb, 4.9 oz, 20", to Leticia and Joel Villanueva

• Nov. 27, 2004, a daughter, Kylene Winter Evelyn Blake, 6 lb, 9.2 oz, 21", to Melissa Shay and Calum Blaylock

• Nov. 30, 2004, a son, Ian Carlo Nunez, 8 lb, 6 oz, 20", to Candy and Juan Nunez

What's news to you?

Do you know the news in your community? Would you care to share it with the county?

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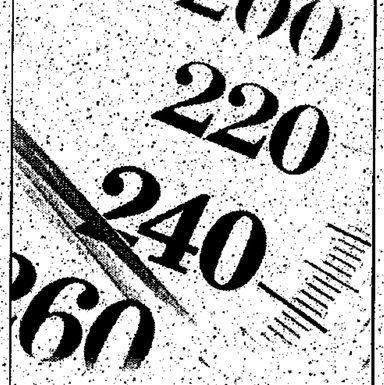
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New Lincoln County officials were sworn in Monday in a group ceremony in Carrizozo. The event was officiated by Judge Karen Parsons. In the center photo, below, Carrie Spencer vows to serve as probate judge. Clockwise from above: New Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden and his deputies; deputy treasurer Glenna Robbins; outgoing sheriff Tom Sullivan and his wife, Pat, with Virden and his wife, Carol; assessor Rick Silva and his staff; County Commissioner Tom Battin; Sullivan and Virden share a handshake; and County Commissioner Eileen Lovelace.

I swear!

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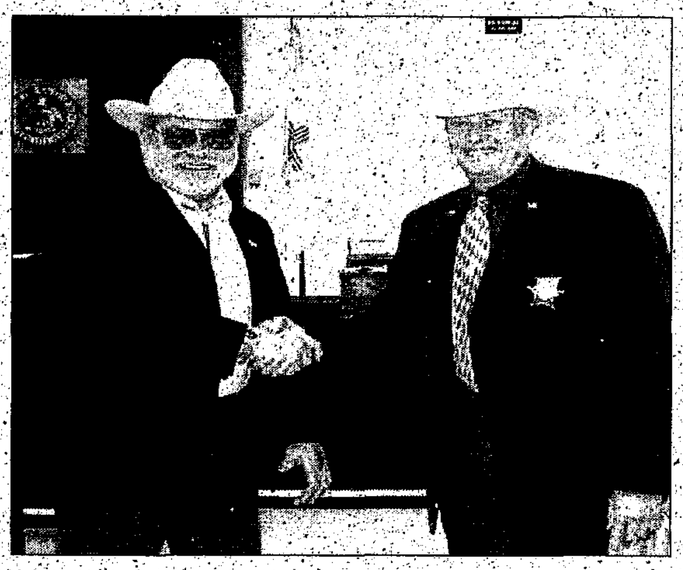

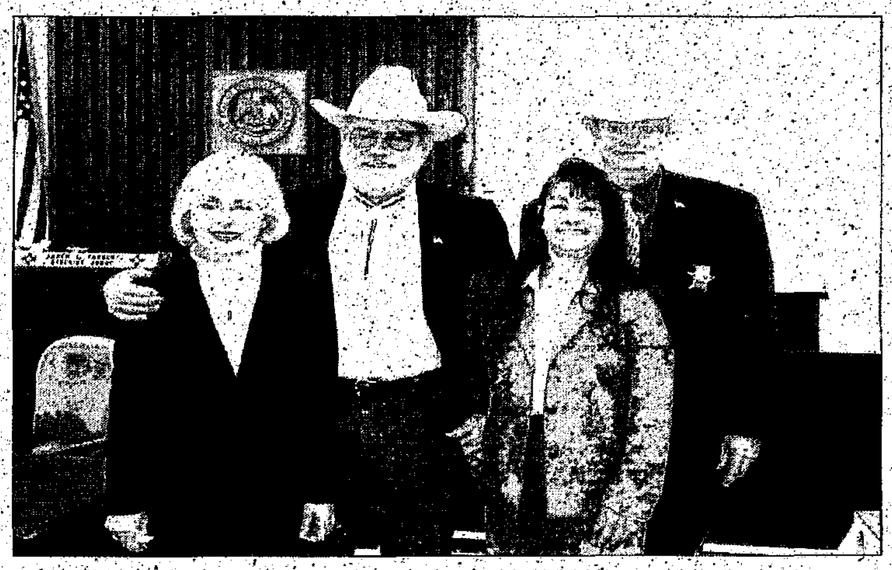

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The Carrizozo town council meeting will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, instead of Jan. 11. The Village of Capitan governing board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

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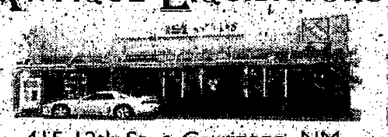
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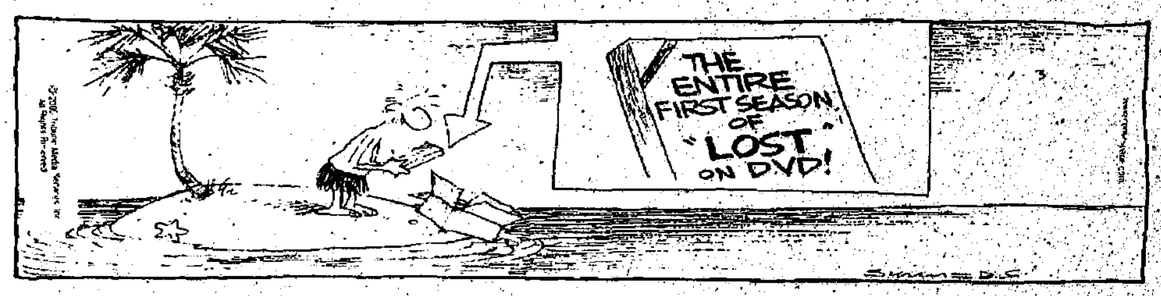

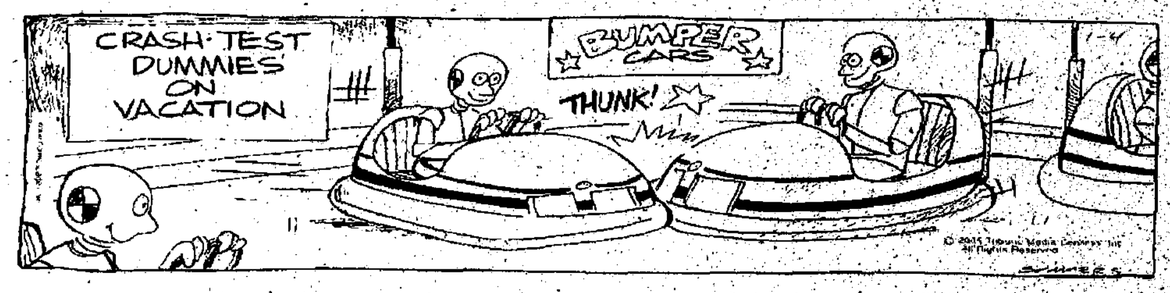

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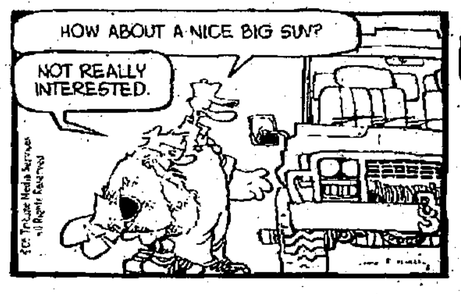

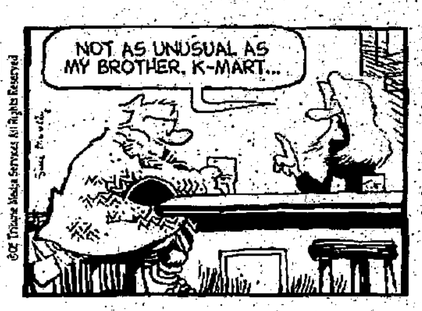

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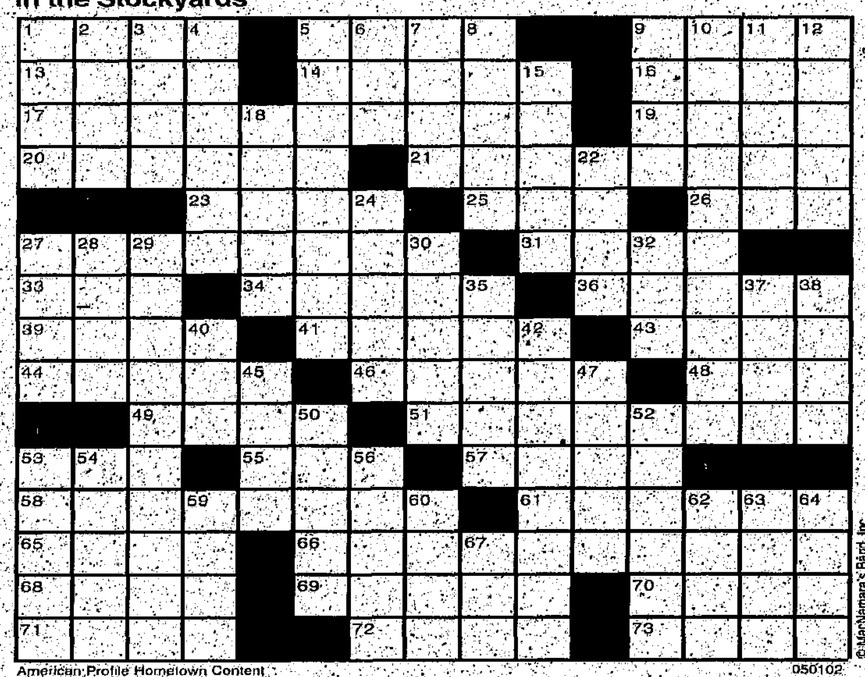

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ACROSS
1. Sgt. Friday's force
5. Sonny & Cher, et al.
9. Surgery souvenir
13. Jai __
14. __ Park, Colorado
16. Bit of vocal fanfare
17. Locomotive's front
19. Touched ground
20. __ Kennedy Shriver
21. Contest charge
23. Fouls up
25. Sigh of satisfaction
26. Coffee, slangily
27. Former Secretary of State Madeleine
31. "Star Trek" helmsman
33. Bud's comic buddy
34. Rid of rodents
36. Hostess Perle
39. Shed one's skin
41. Letter embellishment
43. Picket line defier
44. Book of maps
46. Brownie camera maker
48. Tell a whopper
49. Membership fees
51. Chain serving Mexican food
53. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
55. Tit for __
57. Shakespearean king
58. Graph consisting of parallel rectangles
61. Singer Estefan
65. Jewish youth org.
66. Tower of London guards
68. Duke it out, in practice
69. Missionary Junipero
70. Radio hobbyists
71. "__ Time, Next Year"
72. Coal-rich German region
73. Launched a watermelon seed

DOWN
1. Doily material
2. Baseball's Moises or Felipe
3. One of sixteen on a chessboard
4. More chancy
5. Cleanses
6. Football rival of UCLA
7. Will-__-wisp
8. "... like you've just __ ghost!"
9. Collar support.
10. Something an athlete might pull
11. "See you"
12. Gave four stars to, say
15. Sp. misses
18. Sharp-smelling
22. Baba au __
24. Movie ogre
27. __ mater
28. Pirate's haul
29. Costner baseball film
30. Fortuneteller's card
32. Guitar pioneer Paul
35. __ wave
37. Comet or kite feature
38. Cain's victim
40. Greek T
42. Kind of toothed disk
45. Younger brother of 38-Down
47. Aussie eucalyptus muncher
50. Swedish imports
52. Clear soups
53. Bottomless pit
54. Argentine plain
56. Orchard units
59. Give a hoot
60. Trillion: Prefix
62. Gather up
63. "__ la Douce"
64. Aide: Abbr.
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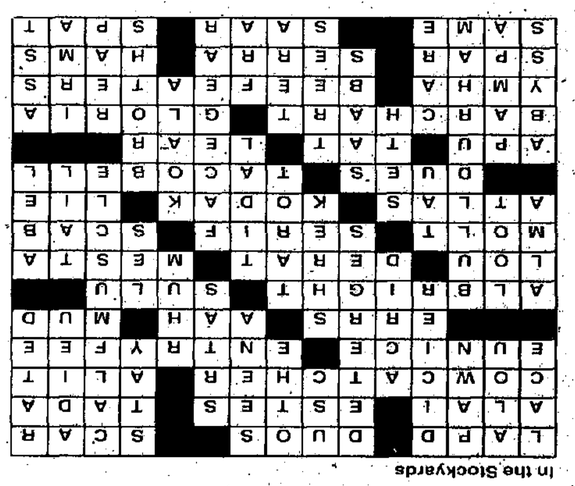

In the Stockyards

FUNERALS DEATHS

Patericia O'Dell

Graveside services for Patericia O'Dell, 65, of Ruidoso Downs will be today, at 2 p.m. in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Ms.. O'Dell passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, at her home. She was born June 15, 1939, at Ft. Smith, Ark., and she moved to Ruidoso Downs seven years ago from Houston, Texas.

She was a volunteer for the Ruidoso Downs Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include her husband Ted Strehlau of Ruidoso Downs; her children, Walter D. Newell and his wife Joan of Ft. Smith, Ark., Granada Banta and her husband Paul of Bremerton, Wash., and Lynde Newell of Houston, Texas; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Mark M. Van Auken

Mark M. Van Auken, 88, of Ranger, Texas, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, at the Eastland Memorial Hospital. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. today at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Ranger with Philip Van Auken officiating.

Mr. Van Auken was born Aug. 15, 1916, in Helena, Mont., to Elsworth and Delphia (Mitchell) Van Auken. He served in the Army during World War II. He attended Washington State University and received his master's degree in music.

He taught in public schools for a time and then went to work for El Paso Products as personnel manager for 30 years.

He married Sarah Francis Foster in Odessa. He played with Big Bands and the El Paso Symphony for over 20 years as a master trumpet player.

He lived in Odessa from 1972 to 1983, in Ruidoso from 1983 to 2003, and most recently Ranger.

Survivors include his wife, Francis Van Auken of Ranger; four sons; one daughter; five grandsons; and four granddaughters.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Ranger Volunteer Fire Department, 500 E. Loop 254, Ranger, TX 76470.

Elizabeth S. Young

Elizabeth S. Young, 84, of Bent died Thursday, Dec. 30, at her home.

Her funeral mass was Monday, Jan. 3, with burial in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery at Bent.

Mrs. Young was born Nov. 6, 1920, at Bent and lived there all of her life.

Also known as the "Tamale Lady," she was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Bent.

Survivors include her son, James Young Jr. and his wife Lupe of Tularosa; daughters, Christine Cruz and her husband Eddy of Moriarty, Edith Taylor of San Antonio, Texas, Roberta Frizzell and her husband Frizzell Frizzell Sr. of Mescalero; sisters, Katherine Baldonado and Natalia Walters of Tularosa and Ramona Zufelt of Alamogordo; brother, Richard Saenz of Bent; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

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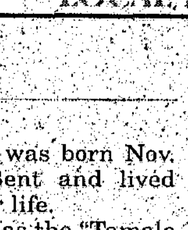
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Destruction chewing sends many dogs to shelters when owners give up in frustration.

I have some advice from the Humane Society of the United States on how to train your dog out of that behavior, but first, an advisory on Gov. Bill Richardson's call for tough new laws to deal with "dangerous dogs" and irresponsible owners.

Last month after visiting a 10-year-old boy mauled by dogs while he was rescuing his sister, the governor pointed out that no state laws are on the books to prevent or punish attacks by dogs, except if they attack livestock.

He proposed legislation last August that would not be breed specific, but would impose confinement and licensure requirements and responsibilities on owners of "dangerous dogs" and "potentially dangerous dogs" based on that dog's behavior.

The law would penalize owners if the dog attacked children, adults or other animals.

Exceptions would include dogs defending private property against trespassers, anyone attempting to or committing a crime, or provocation of the animal.

If you have opinions on the need for the law, or how it should be structured, or are opposed to a new law, contact the governor's office and let him know by writing him at the State Capital, Room 400, Santa Fe, NM 87503.

DESTRUCTIVE CHEWING

Officials with the HSUS recommend taking control of the destructive chewing situation by:

- Taking responsibility for your own belongings. Keep them out of reach.
- Don't confuse your dog by offering shoes and socks as toys and then expect him to know he's not supposed to chew your shoes. Your dog's toys should be clearly distinguishable from household goods.
- Until the dog learns the rules in the household, confine him when you aren't able to watch him. Choose a safe place that's dog proof and provide fresh water and safe toys; if he's crate trained, that's good for short periods of time.
- Give the dog plenty of time with people. He can't learn appropriate behavior when he's in the yard by himself.
- If you catch your dog chewing on something he shouldn't be, interrupt the behavior with a loud noise, offer him an acceptable chew toy instead and praise him lavishly when he takes the toy in his mouth. Don't use the loud noise for any other reasons or he will become confused.
- Be realistic. At some point, your dog will chew up something you value, often as a transition to a new home. Your dog needs time to learn the house rules and you need to keep things out of his reach.

Chewing is a normal behavior for curious puppies who may be teething, but adult dogs may engage in destructive chewing for other reasons, according to HSUS officials. Determine why he is chewing and remember, it's not because he's trying to spite you, they said.

I'll list some of the possible reasons he's acting out next week with some solutions.

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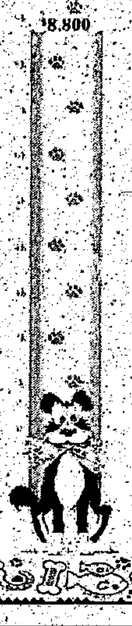

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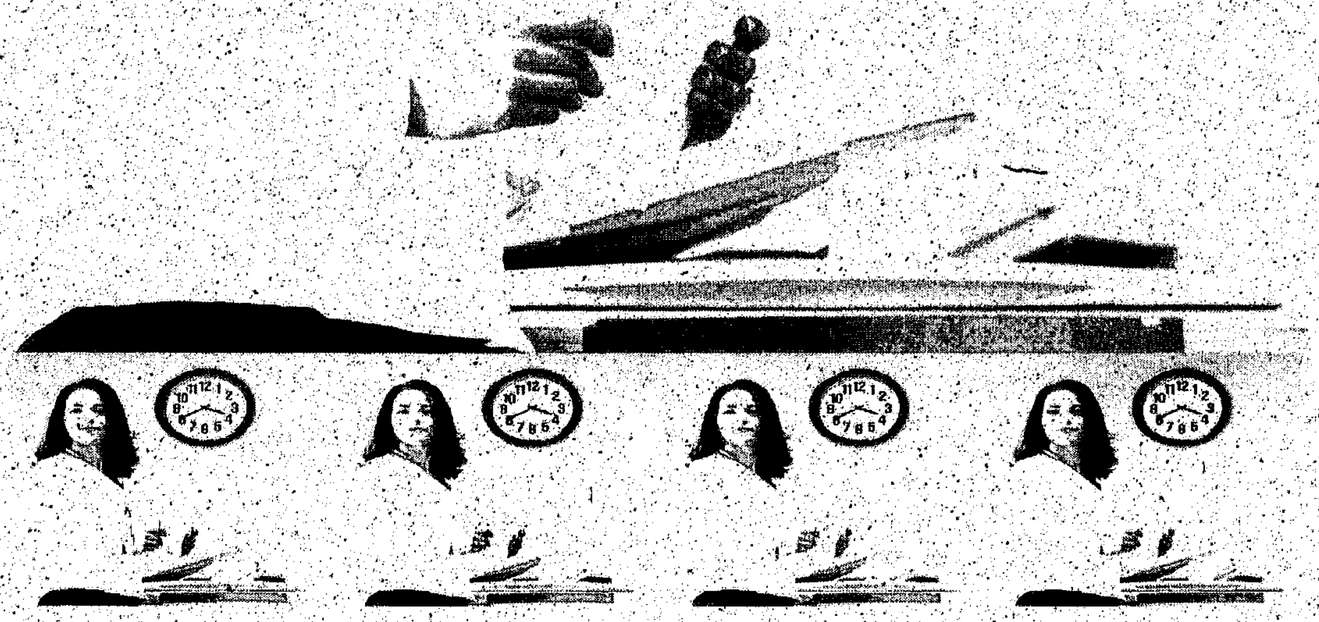
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POLICE BRIEFS

False accusations

Kim Davis was cited for false reporting, a misdemeanor, when reports say she falsely accused Adrian Henry of phone harrassment and larceny on Jan. 3. Police investigation revealed that the phone calls were an attempt to collect a debt, and the "larceny" was a civil repossession. Henry had a signed civil agreement which granted her the right to seize property — she took a utility cart, car ramps and a refrigerator — witnessed by police.

Forgery

Thomas Travis, 35, of Ruidoso was charged with forgery on Dec. 30, 2004. Travis confessed that he took checks from his mother and cashed them at the Thriftway grocery store in Ruidoso. He told police that he was having problems with drugs and gambling, and that he had already started restitution to his mother. Travis will face charges in court for forging five different checks, totalling in the amount of $740.

Missing flatbed

A 21-foot Superior flatbed trailer went missing from a construction site at White Mountain Meadows on Dec. 27. The owner, David Vasquez of Aztec Stucco and Construction, pointed police towards a suspect, and the theft is under investigation.

Burglary/larceny

• On the morning of Dec. 30, a resident of Nopal Road in Ruidoso found that his cabin's front door was forced open. Cabinets and drawers were rummaged through, and a VCR was missing.

• A residence on A Street in Ruidoso was burglarized on Jan. 1. The suspect entered through an unlocked back door and made off with jewelry, antique U.S. coins, a faux Rolex watch, and a shotgun. The missing items are valued at $290 total.

• On Jan. 3, owners of a home/business on Gavilan Canyon Road reported that the garage had been burglarized and heavy equipment was missing. Totaling in value at approximately $3,000, the missing items included: a bench model drill press, a bench model lathe, a bench model drilling machine, a cordless battery charger, a black air compressor, and assorted hand tools.

• Guests staying at the Hawthorn Suites in Ruidoso reported that a mink coat was stolen from their room on Jan. 2. The fur coat was waistlength, camel/tan in color, with narrow fur rows. The cleaning crew was questioned, but due to a faulty door lock, anyone could have walked into the room, reports say.

Vandalism

• On Dec. 30, a Ruidoso resident discovered a hole had been drilled in her vehicle's gas tank and the gas apparently siphoned out with a hose. The vehicle was parked in the 600 block of Sudderth Drive.

• The morning of Dec. 28, a guest at the Alpine Lodge Motel discovered the front passenger window of his vehicle was broken in. Police could not determine what was used to break the window. A similar incidence occured on Jan. 1, when a vehicle parked on Guadelupe had its front passenger window broken out by an unknown object.

• Someone threw a rock through a cafeteria window at Ruidoso Middle School over the Christmas break.

DWI

Ricardo Martinez, 22, of Ruidoso was arrested for drunk driving on Dec. 30. Martinez was pulled over for speeding on Mechem Drive; he was clocked at 64 MPH in a 40 MPH zone. A breath test showed his alcohol blood levels at .15, .07 above the legal limit.

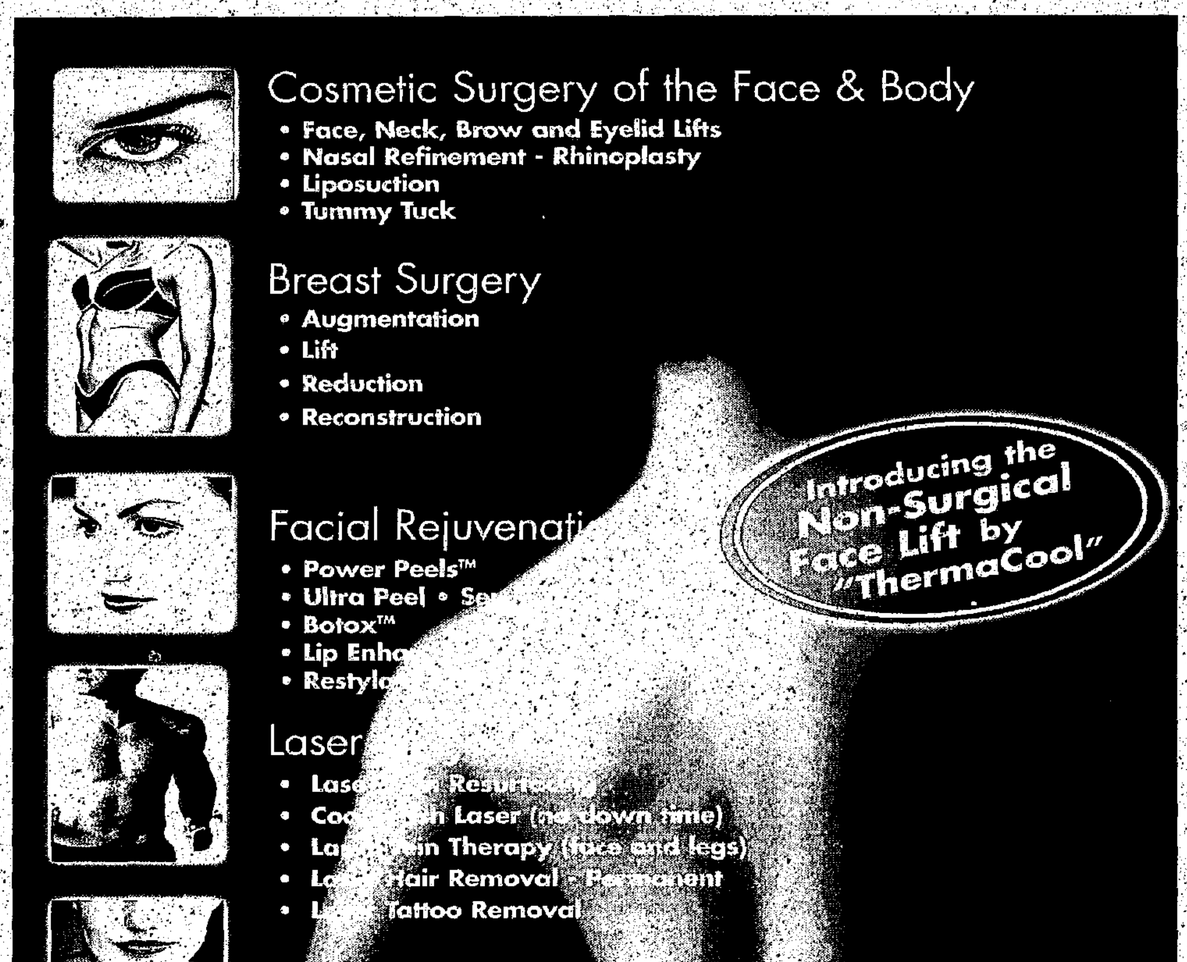
Disorderly conduct

• Police arrested Lucretia Waconda, 28, of Mescalero for disorderly conduct on New Year's Eve. A cab driver discovered Waconda laying in the middle of Sudderth Drive, according to the police report, and offered to give a ride to her and her fiancé. Once they were inside the cab, though, the driver wanted to get them out. According to the report, Waconda was giving the driver problems but wouldn't get out of the vehicle.

• Police arrested three men on New Year's Eve for disorderly conduct at the Allsup's on Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso. The men, are Hubert Coonie, 47, Herbert Muniz, 52, and Thelton Lester, 43, reportedly became belligerent when the Allsup's clerk refused to sell them alcohol. The police report states that the men had been removed from the premises earlier the same day.

Battery

Randal A. Hill was arrested at a residence on Shaw Lane for assaulting his estranged wife. Hill was driving away from the scene when police arrived. When police pulled him over, they discovered that Hill was inebriated and driving with an open container. In addition to battery of a household member, Hill was charged with aggravated DWI (2nd offense), driving with a suspended license, and open container. Hill told police he'd had six beers and a margarita; he blew .17/.18 on the Intoxilyzer test.



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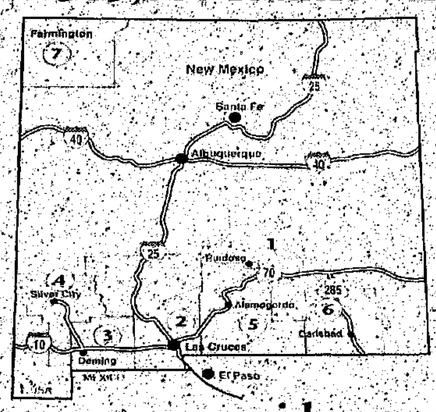

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LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION
NOTICE OF ALTO LAKES SPECIAL WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT ELECTION
AVISO DE LA PROCLAMACION DEL AVISO LEGAL DEL AGUA ESPECIAL DE LOS LAGOS ALTO Y DE LA ELECCION DEL DISTRICTO DEL SANEAMIENTO

On the 10th of January, 2005; there will be held in the Alto Lakes Special Water & Sanitation District, Lincoln, County, New Mexico, a special election for the purpose is to decide whether the territory described in the Petition to the District Court filed in this case on September 27, 2004 should be organized as a Water & Sanitation District called the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District and if the organization issue carries, the election of the initial five member board of directors of the district.

El 10 de enero de 2005, alli sera llevado a cabo en los lagos districto, condado de Lincoln, New Mexico alto, una eleccion especial para el proposito es decider si el territorio descrito en la peticion a la corte de districto archive en esta caso de septiembre el 27, a 2004 se debe organizer como agua y el districto del saneamiento llamado los lagos alto districto reiga y del saneamiento y si la edicion de la organizacion lleva, la eleccion de la unta directive inicial de cinco miembros del districto.

The Voting District and the Precinct Board Members for this election shall be as follows:
Los Districtos de votar y los miembros de la Junta de Pricinto seran especificados asi:

ElectionPrecinct
PrecinctPolling Place
Board members
Districto deLugar de VotarLos Miembros del
EleccionConsejo del Precincto

5.3 and 5.4Alto Lakes Golf &Presiding Judge-Joyce Hansen
Country Club Juez Presidiendo-Joyce Hansen
Alto, New Mexico
Election Judge- David Powers
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Y Club De PaisEleccion Judge- June Hobbs
Alto, Nuevo, Mexico

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If in jail, call collect

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Juez de Eleccion-June Hobbs
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Escribana de Eleccion-Robin Echols

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN

ROBERT HATCHER and TERESA HATCHER, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,
vs.
GROUP I RAYMOND C. HANNAH and YONNIE BELL HANNAH, his wife, their heirs, devisees and assigns; and GARY RAYMOND HANNAH, his heirs, devisees, and assigns; No. CV-2004-301
GROUP IIDivision III
JOHN DOES, 1 through 100, and all of their lawful heirs, devisees or assigns, and
GROUP III ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF,
Defendants.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS:

RAYMOND C. HANNAH AND YONNIE BELL HANNAH, GARY RAYMOND HANNAH, GROUP I, AND GROUP II, AND GROUP III

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that ROBERT HATCHER and TERESA HATCHER, Plaintiffs, have filed an action in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. CV-2004-301 (III), wherein you are named as Defendants and wherein said Plaintiffs seek to obtain constructive service upon you.

The general subject of said action is to quiet title to certain real estate which is the subject matter of the above-captioned and numbered cause of action and is described as follows:

Lot 26, Block 9, ALPINE VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, (sometimes referred to as Unit 2), Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, March 10, 1964, in Tube No. 18.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance, plead or otherwise respond in said cause on or before February 4, 2005, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted to Plaintiffs in conformity with the allegations of the Plaintiffs' Complaint.

The name and address of the Plaintiffs are, as follows: Alan P. Morel, Alan P. Morel, P.A., Post Office Box 1030, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88355-1030.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on this the 8th day of December, 2004.

JAN PERRY
Court Administrator
/District Court Clerk

#6427 1T (1)5, 7, 12, 14

LEGAL NOTICE

The following storage unit at AA Mini Storage is past due. If payment is not received within 30 days of first publish of this notice storage items will be sold at auction.

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EMPLOYMENT

200

Employment Agencies 200

Second Nail Tech Needed immediately for rapidly growing salon. Call Jah 258-2143 or 257-3083.

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

Mescalero Care Center
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Competitive wages and full benefit package available.
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Salary $18.55 - $19.50 hourly Depending on Certifications.
Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance)
Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m., **Monday, January 31, 2005.**
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Drugfree Workplace EOE

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RUIDOSO READY LABOR
Daily Work Daily Pay
Construction, framers, general labor, food service, housekeepers, clerical clerk. *All Skill Levels!*
Apply Today!
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Popular eatery seeking manager for day shift. Hours are 6:30am to 3:00pm, 5 days a week with Wed & Thurs off.
Must have Hospitality Management Experience
Apply In Person
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359 Sudderth Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345

Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Professional Sales People wanted to work for one of the fastest growing Dealership chains in New Mexico. Apply at Western Motors 378-8406

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Arts Council - Ruidoso. College degree in Management, Marketing, or Liberal Arts, excellent written and oral communication skills; 3-5 years administrative experience; ability to multi-task; computer skills. Must be able to work with artists, volunteers, and Board members. Responsible for day-to-day operations, grant writing, fund raising, and developing arts programming and budgets. Salary dependent upon qualifications. For full job description, call 505-257-7272. Applicants must submit a letter of application and resume. Mail to RRCA, 1712 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. Applications must be received by January 10. Position open March 1, 2005.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

BLOCKBUSTERS VIDEO: CSRs needed. Management possibilities available now. Hours of operation are 10am to midnight. Apply in person Blockbusters at the Y.

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3Bd/2Ba #7 Homestead, $1500/mo, $1500 deposit

3Bd/2Ba, 322 Heath St. $650/mo, $650 deposit

Efficiency, $300/mo, $300 deposit

3Bd/2Ba, 108 Don Snyder, $1,250/mo $1,250 deposit

257-9059

3Bd/2Ba, Jacuzzi, all tile fenced, nice deck, big garage. $895/mo. +deposit/lease. Avail Feb 1st. 937-0870, 257-4737

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Nice 2Bd/2Ba on river near 'Y'. Water, garbage, sewer furnished. Also 3Bd/2Ba **Willow Mobile Home Park**. 378-7099 or 1-915-526-8329

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EXECUTIVE APARTMENTS
Two Bedroom, Fully Furnished. All Bills Paid with Exception of Phone (clause in lease states reasonable usage). Two floors w/Fantastic Views of S.B. We Have Ten! One Month's Rent Deposit only $950/mo. six month lease minimum. Call AMERICAN REALTY @ 257-8444. Ask for Tammy.

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114 Reese. 2Br/1Ba. Unfurnished apartment. $475/month plus gas and electric. $350 Dep. plus lease. Call 257-6605

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Condo on Golf Course 3Bd/2Ba. FP. Includes gas, heat/AC. $840. 989-885-8262. Available after Jan 1.

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2Bd/1Ba furnished home. Central access. Nice level lot. $675/mo. References Required. 808-0282

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2Bd 1Ba house w cathedral ceilingsin Upper Canyon. Cute! Has pine floors & red brick FP. Includes all appliances & W/D too. Furnishings if needed. Don't miss out on this Great Place at a Great Price. Only $575 mo. Call 354-1094 or 257-2270

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3Bd/2Ba on Cree Meadows Golf Course w/study and oversized 2 car garage. Appliances. Furnished. No pets. $1400/mo. Call 336-4523.

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Garden Green + Super Clean Yard Care.
Raking, trimming, hauling, **snow/ice removal.**
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NEW CHALLENGES

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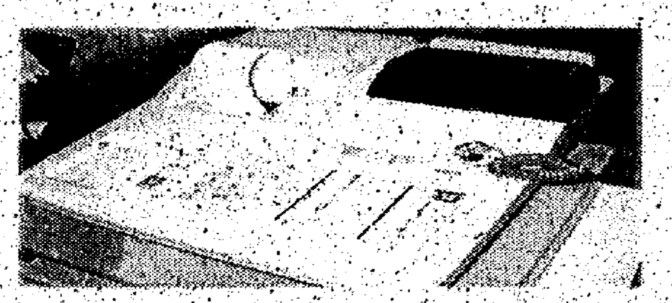
Remember...only YOU can prevent forest fires.

Protect our beautiful village!

WOE TO THE FORGOTTEN ONES.



As winter begins in the Sacramento Mountains, an annual tragedy unfolds. Too many victims suffer from a local seasonal affective disorder: without the warm, caring touch of affectionate cashiers and merchants, far too many of Ruidoso's cash registers suffer from inattention and inactivity. Lethargic registers lose the energy and drive they need to perform up to expectations for their owners; and they spiral into wintertime depression. You can help. Advertising in the *Ruidoso News* throughout the winter will keep drawers opening and closing in a repetitious, isometric exercise that keeps even the most sorrowprone register smiling, no matter how far down the temperature plunges outside. People eat, drink, shop and have fun in Ruidoso, hot or cold. Advertising in the *Ruidoso News* ensures that YOUR register will be one of those that stays busy throughout the entire year. Act now to save your register before it's too late: call 257-4001 today. Your *Ruidoso News* advertising consultant will visit you right away to plan the affordable and effective winter advertising program that's right for you, and for your cash register. Don't you owe it to your faithful, digital companion? Of course you do.

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