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Governor bears gifts

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Governor Bill Richardson came to Ruidoso over the weekend bearing gifts, and the Village of Ruidoso, the City of Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County accepted them with open arms.

The gifts came in the form of millions of dollars in grants for the proposed new wastewater treatment plant that the local government units are being required to build pursuant to federal man-

Richardson's Ruidoso visit brings good news on wastewater plant, other issues

dates, with strong assurances of low-cost loans down the road to help fund the estimated \$35 million facility.

At a breakfast meeting on Saturday at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca, Richardson met with the mayors of Ruidoso Downs and Ruidoso, various city, village and county officials, along with state Senator Rod Adair and state rep-

resentative Zack Cook to discuss local issues and the status of state and federal funding with regard to the wastewater treatment plant. The Environmental Protection Agency in Washington is requiring the local governments to build the plant in order to bring the water quality up to standards consistent with federal law. Estimates at building a new plant range from

\$35 to \$40 million, and local governments have been pleading for help because of lack of revenues to build the plant and comply with federal mandates.

On Saturday, however, the dark tax clouds began to part and Richardson breathed some air of hope into the local situation.

"It was a tough session of the legislature," Richardson began in his brief overview of the economic situation confronting lawmakers in Santa Fe. "We balanced the bud-

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MISS RUIDOSO SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT



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The Miss Ruidoso Scholarship Pageant was held Sunday at Cree Meadows Golf & Country Club. Claudia Nava, second from left, who is a freshman at NMSU and a Ruidoso High School graduate, was crowned Miss Ruidoso 2009 and will compete at the Miss New Mexico Pageant in June. Also featured in the pageant, from left, Julia Polley, Capitan High School senior; Jordan Farus, RHS senior who was crowned Miss Ruidoso Enchantment; and Brenda Pinon, RHS senior.

Food bank sees increase in need

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Watching national unemployment numbers increase, Ray Alborn and other volunteers with the Lincoln County Food Bank feel uneasy.

While supplies seem adequate now, they're worried about the summer and fall, as they see the roster of visitors seeking help grow larger each month.

They asked Ruidoso village councilors to consider establishing an agreement or laying whatever groundwork would be needed to allow the village to help, if a boost is needed later this year.



At a meeting last month, councilors asked the village attorney to look into what would be required to allow the board to consider some support at budget review time later this month.

"We presented a packet of information a few weeks ago," Alborn, president of the volunteer food bank

"Last Friday, a man came in. He and his wife both lost their jobs. He came in for food and was very embarrassed. You'd know him. It makes it very real to you," said Ray Alborn.

group, told councilors at that meeting.

In February 2008, 177 people were served compared to 413 in the same month this year, he said.

"Last Friday, a man came in. He and his wife both lost their jobs. He came in for food and was very embarrassed. You'd know him. It makes it very real to you," Alborn said.

"What are the other municipalities doing?" Councilor Greg Cory asked.

Alborn said the Lincoln County commission put in \$5,000 for the food bank last year, and he is scheduled to talk to the Ruidoso Downs city council.

"Do you have a memorandum of understanding with the county?" Mayor L. Ray Nunley asked. Alborn said the group does not have any MOU. Last year, county commissioners asked if the municipalities

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Crews get a handle on Southeast New Mexico fires

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The Hobson Road Fire southeast of Roswell in Chaves County burned more than 100 acres over the weekend, but was in mop-up mode Monday, while a 9,000-acre fire in Lea County, The 238 Fire was deemed 95 percent contained.

A second Lea County fire, the 2,000-acre Haaker Fire west of Lovington on Highway 82, also was near containment. The causes of the two Lea County fires were unknown and under investigation.

Early Tuesday, minimal fire activity, except for along the southeast flank was reported on the 238 Fire in Lea County south of Buckeye. The fire destroyed an abandoned truck stop at the intersection of Highway 62/180 and State Road 529, in addition to a barn. The cause of the fire is being attributed to downed power lines that ignited brush near Highway 238, with flames spreading northwest along Buckeye Road.

Plenty of hot spots were being worked by crews and were scheduled to be the focus for the remainder of

the Tuesday. Firefighters were worried embers could spread the fire by jumping into a thick expanse of mesquite along the southeast edge of the fire. Part of the strike team of eight engines and crews were working to prevent that possibility.

They came from State Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and private contractors.

Smoke from the fire area, as well as dust and ash were visible, but no structures were threatened late Tuesday. At one point early in The 238 Fire, flames headed toward

Hobbs and a regional hospital. The wind changed and those structures were no longer threatened. Warm temperatures, low humidity and high winds in Lea County, with gusts up to 49 mph contributed to this fast burning fire that ran south of Hobbs and jumped 529/238. No evacuations were ordered.

Resources on scene in Lea County earlier included one Texas agency, local fire units, BLM, State Forestry and Eddy County. Doña Ana County officials offered to assist. Air resources flew in from Arizona.

To Richardson

Introduced by State Rep. Al Park, a Democrat from Bernalillo, the legislation's next stop is the lieutenant governor's desk before it is added to the list ready for action by Gov. Bill Richardson.

In June 2008, Steve Sederwall, who wanted to run for sheriff as an independent, claimed he was told on several occasions by officials in the county clerk's office that he would not need a nominating petition. But when he arrived at the county clerk's office to sign up as a candidate, he was informed he must comply with a requirement for petitions bearing the signatures of voters.

He filed a lawsuit, which resulted in a court directive that his name be placed on the ballot. The state Supreme Court noted that Sederwall's opponent, incumbent Rick Virden, failed to comply with the nominating petition signature requirement. Virden, a Republican, was reelected to a second four-year term.

Supreme Court ruling

In the fiscal impact report prepared for the legislature, analysts wrote that the Supreme Court upheld the legality of requiring nominating petitions to avoid "a laundry list" of candidates on ballots. "The

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THE COMMUNITY PAGE

Recycling event

Discarded analog televisions will highlight the annual spring electronic waste recycling event for Lincoln County and Mesquero residents and businesses to be held Saturday April 4, from 9 a.m. to a p.m. in the IGA parking lot at Ruidoso's Sierra Mall.

Although Congress moved the mandatory digital broadcast switchover date from Feb. 17 to June 12, 2009, many Lincoln County residents have already changed televisions or type of broadcast service. Residents who no longer want older televisions may dispose of them at the E-Waste event. All other types of electronics, toner cartridges and cell phones may also be disposed of at

the event. Equipment drop off takes only a couple of minutes and there is no charge for participation.

The April 4 event is sponsored by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, the Village of Ruidoso, Solid Waste Department, the Albuquerque Recycling Company, Lawrence Brothers - IGA, Schlotzskys and the Lincoln County Recycling Committee.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697 or toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or Keep Ruidoso Beautiful at 257-5030. General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.lcswa.org.

Tea Party

A Ruidoso "Tea Party" is scheduled for 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, at Wingfield Park, corner of Wingfield and Center.

The non-partisan tax day rally will be held in conjunction with others throughout the nation to demand "fiscal accountability" in Washington and say no "to more government spending and 'stimulus.'"

Tire treads

Lincoln County residents and small businesses knocked the treads off tire recycling Feb. 27 and 28 at the spring tire amnesty recycling event at Ruidoso's Schoolhouse Park.

More than 845 tires dropped off by 45 participating residents or small businesses from Nogal, Alto, Angus, Bonito, Hondo Valley, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Capitan exceeded prior collection records by nearly 25 percent.

The event was staffed by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, County Recycling Committee volunteers, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Auth-



The "Grand Entry" at the 2008 Gathering of Nations.

ority and the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department.

The tires will be recycled into retaining walls at the new Green Tree Transfer Station and Recycling Center east of Ruidoso Downs, scheduled to open by mid-Summer.

The next tire amnesty event is scheduled for October. Until then, discarded tires may be dropped off for a modest fee at the LCSWA yard, 222 2nd St., Ruidoso Downs.

Nations gather

The world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people will take place in Albuquerque between April 23 and 25 at The 26th Annual Gathering of Nations, the most prominent Native American powwow in the world.

The event will be held at the University of New Mexico's University Arena (known locally as "The Pit") and will host more than

150,000 people from throughout the United States and around the world celebrating their culture and traditions.

"This year's Gathering of Nations is a milestone for the powwow as we have celebrated Native American and indigenous cultures and traditions for 26 years at the world's largest event of its kind," said event organizer Derek Mathews.

The three-day event will include 36 different indigenous bands performing in an amphitheater.

In addition, more than 3,000 Native American singers and dancers will be entertaining a capacity crowd, and more than 600 Native American artisans, craftsmen and traders will be displaying and selling their work. Dozens of vendors in the Native Food Court will be offering guests a wide variety of food choices ranging between Southwestern cuisine and traditional Native

American fare such as fry bread and pueblo pies.

As part of the Gathering of Nations, a young Native American woman will be crowned Miss Indian World and represent all native and indigenous peoples as a cultural goodwill ambassador. With much fanfare, the winner will be crowned on Saturday, April 25, at the Gathering of Nations powwow, and the new Miss Indian World will travel to many native and indigenous communities around the world on behalf of the powwow.

Hattie Kauffman, national news correspondent for CBS News, will be co-hosting the Miss Indian World pageant.

The Gathering of Nations will be showcasing the work from hundreds of Native American painters, sculptors, silversmiths, leather crafters, weavers, quilters, beadworkers, etc. Native American jewelry, pottery and herbs, clothing and fashion items, rugs and blankets, belts and moccasins, dance outfits, along with official Gathering of Nations merchandise.

There will also be dance competitions with entrants competing in 33 different categories. The participants range in age between tiny tots and elders. In addition, 50 drum groups will also compete during the dance contests and exhibitions.

The Gathering of Nations' Native Food Court on Powwow Alley will offer a variety of dining choices from traditional Native American dishes to Southwestern-style cuisine.

The Gathering of Nations will hold a "Grand Entry" twice a day on Friday, April 24, and Saturday, April 25. During the "Grand Entry," more than 3,000 Native American dancers enter the arena to the sounds of hundreds of drums beating simultaneously.

Tickets cost \$15 per day or \$30 for a two-day pass, and can be purchased in advance until April 10. They are available at www.gatheringofnations.com or can be purchased at the door during the event.

Living history

KENW, the public broadcasting station out of Portales, New Mexico will broadcast a living history program on the Ruidoso area. The program will air Thursday, April 2, at 9 p.m. and again on Monday, April 13, at 9:30 p.m.

The 30-minute show was produced by the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway and highlights the memories of well-known Ruidoso residents Betty Bennett, Lloyd Davis, Herb Brunell and Dave Parks.

Following its debut on KENW, the program will be airing regularly in the viewing room at the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center.

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New Mexico At A Glance

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	75	35	windy
Albuquerque	57	31	t-storm
Carlsbad	79	40	windy
Chama	36	13	sn shower
Clovis	69	32	windy
Deming	74	35	windy
El Paso, TX	77	45	windy
Espanola	64	30	windy
Farmington	49	20	mixed
Gallup	53	18	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	49	rain
Boston	51	41	cloudy
Chicago	48	36	pt sunny
Dallas	77	58	windy
Denver	41	24	mixed

Moon Phases

Phase	Date
New	Mar 26
First	Apr 2
Full	Apr 9
Last	Apr 17

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Ruidoso: Thursday, April 2, 2009, Ruidoso Convention Center, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tularosa: Friday, April 3, 2009, Tularosa Elementary, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Corona: Tuesday, April 7, 2009, Corona Schools, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Carrizozo: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, Carrizozo High School, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Capitan: Thursday, April 16, 2009, Cummins Gymnasium, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hondo: Friday, April 17, 2009, Hondo School Multi-Purpose Room 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Cloudcroft: Thursday, April 23, 2009, Cloudcroft Elementary, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

For information contact Child Find Services at Region IX Education Cooperative (257-2368) or the elementary school in your area.

Ruidoso: Jueves, 2 de Abril, 2009, Centro de Convenciones en Ruidoso, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tularosa: Viernes, 3 de Abril, 2009, Escuela de enseñanza primaria en Tularosa, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Corona: Martes, 7 de Abril, 2009, Escuela en Corona, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Carrizozo: Miércoles, 15 de Abril, 2009, Carrizozo High Gimnasio, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Capitan: Jueves, 16 de Abril, 2009, Cummins Gimnasio, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Hondo: Viernes, 17 de Abril, 2009, Hondo escuela el espacio multiuso, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Cloudcroft: Jueves, 23 de Abril, 2009, Escuela de enseñanza primaria en Cloudcroft, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Para información favor de comunicarse con los servicios de Child Find en Educación Cooperativa de Region IX al 257-2368 o la escuela primaria en su distrito.

Hybrid vehicles deemed a good fit for village

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Being a "green" village entity with the mission of balancing wildfire hazard reduction with improving the health of the area watershed, using hybrid cars seemed a good fit for the Ruidoso Forestry Department.

Two units were purchased last fall with administrative fees collected from grants implemented by the Forestry Department over the last few years, director Rick DeIaco explained.

The grants allow the village to offer financial help through a Cost Share Program for residents to thin trees and create defensible space on their properties.

"The Ruidoso Forestry Department has two new hybrid vehicles and a new series of informational pamphlets explaining why it is important for residents to understand their part in the Community Forest Management Plan," DeIaco said. "The two 2008 Ford Escape hybrids display the Forestry logo and can be seen around town going to and from lot assessment appointments and other forestry-related activities. The hybrids average 32 miles per gallon, giving them the best gas mileage in the village fleet."

A five-part series of informational pamphlets was created to help the public better understand local forests and what they can do on their property to enhance wildfire protection, increase forest health and take advantage of natural landscape opportunities, DeIaco said.

The titles include *Getting the Work Done,*

Increasing Your Property Value, Fire's Natural Role, Preparing for Wildfire and Cost Share Program. A sixth part explaining minimum compliance and Spanish-language versions will follow in the near future, he said.

At 32 mpg, they get the best gas mileage of any vehicle in the village fleet.

Pamphlets are available at the Forestry office, 421 Wingfield Street, and several locations around town, including Village Hall and the public library on Kansas City Street and Cree Meadows Drive, the Greater Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce on Sudderth Drive, Smokey Bear Ranger Station on Mechem Drive and Cedar Creek Road, High Country Insurance, John Crunk Insurance, State Farm (Gregg Carey) and Stroud Insurance.

More racks will be placed at Ed Turner and Farmers Insurance, and other mortgage and realty companies requesting racks. Portable Document



Village staff standing next to a hybrid car, with information pamphlets, are, from left, Forestry Technicians Eddie Saenz and Eric Annala and Forestry Office Manager Kathy Richardson.

Format (PDF) versions of the pamphlets are available online on the village Web site at www.ruidoso-nm.gov, click Forestry. For more information, call 575-257-5544.

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OUR OPINION

Police stakeouts are the talk of the town

Is Capitan a classic speed trap?

“Where’s a cop when you need one?” goes the old rhetorical question.

The answer: By the side of Highway 48 on the southern edge of Capitan, near the football field. Or, quite often, along Highway 380, on the west side of town.

Capitan’s traffic control blitz, requiring the addition of a part-time court clerk, is becoming a source of pride or irritation, depending on whom you talk to.

There are pros and cons to crack-downs on speeders. They

provide a high-profile image of law-and-order, make streets and school zones safer, catch drivers in the commission of other crimes and bring revenue into the municipality.

They also have all the negative connotations of a backwoods speed trap preying on visitors not in the know. Or scaring visitors away.

And – they have townspeople questioning whether their force, small as it is, has anyone available for real police work on real crimes.

Perhaps Capitan PD can find a suitable middle ground.

Another look at Big Nuke

One of the new administration’s best picks was Steven Chu as Energy Secretary.

But then one of his first moves was to snuff the Yucca Mountain project, saying only, “I think we can do a better job.”

The government has spent more than \$13.5 billion and 30 years of study to create a repository for depleted fuel rods shipped from the nation’s 104 nuclear power plants.

Yucca Mountain proponents charge that the decision to cancel it had more to do with politics than with science. Opponents argued that the previous administration’s support had more to do with politics than science.

They all could be correct. Sen. John McCain, of Arizona, is the project’s most ardent supporter; Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, of Nevada, is an ardent foe.

Yucca Mountain is in Nevada, but New Mexico has a big stake in the outcome because of our involvement in nuclear: uranium deposits in western New Mexico, nuclear weapons work at the labs, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, and Louisiana Energy Services’ nuclear fuel plant in southeastern New Mexico.

Ironically, the decision to say “yuck” to Yucca Mountain occurred almost on the 10th anniversary of the first waste to WIPP, which, for years, was as controversial as Yucca Mountain. We haven’t heard much in quite a while.

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One major difference between WIPP and Yucca Mountain: Southeastern New Mexico supports WIPP. But polls conducted in Nevada consistently showed most Nevadans opposed Yucca Mountain.

Supporters of nuclear power and the state’s biggest newspaper instantly jumped to the conclusion that Chu’s Yucca Mountain announcement would sabotage the future of nuclear power.

Hold on there.

First, Chu was director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He doesn’t have a fear of nuclear energy, and he’s not likely to make an emotional decision. Second, the president’s home state of Illinois has the biggest concentration of nukes in the country. Third, look at what else Chu said. He wants to convene a task force to study alternatives to Yucca Mountain and make recommendations by year end.

Meanwhile, used reactor fuel can safely stay at power plants.

And what might this panel of experts propose? Well, we got a sneak peak not long ago at an energy forum.

Two scientists referred to fuel coming out of reactors as “used fuel” and not “waste.” Using the fuel once and then disposing of it in Yucca Mountain is safe, but it’s not the most efficient or responsible solution, they said.

Edward Arthur, director of the University of New Mexico’s Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation Science and Technology, said, “The fuel is not spent by a long shot.”

In fact, 95 percent of fuel is intact; a small percentage is waste that must be stored.

New reactor designs could recycle fuel to supply energy a second time around. Other countries are already doing this. Arthur himself believes the administration is looking for better science and not the end of nuclear power.

Last week we learned about the solar photovoltaic power, plant in Colfax County. Yes, it’s a big step toward alternative energy, but look at its capacity: 30 megawatts, only enough for 9,000 homes. And it’ll be the biggest of its kind in North America.

Obviously, we’ll need all forms of energy – conventional and renewable. And there’s lots of support for nuclear – 74 percent of Americans are in favor, according to one survey.

But there’s still that, uh, “used fuel” problem. I’d like to think that recycling and innovative design are what Chu meant when he said we can do a better job.

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GUEST COMMENTARIES

A fake holiday’s success story

DAN H. WOODS
Columnist

According to popular lore, April Fools Day had its beginnings in the confusion as people switched to the Gregorian calendar in 1582. As legend has it, people living in rural areas (i.e. yokels) apparently didn’t get Pope Gregory XIII’s memo and celebrated the New Year according to the old Julian calendar which landed in April under the new system. Thus, they were “April Fools.”

It’s a nice story, but it doesn’t pass the sniff test. First of all, the Julian calendar was never off by four months from the solar year. When the Gregorian calendar was adopted, the old system had only slipped from the solar calendar by 10 days – hardly enough to become the basis for establishing of a worldwide day of pranks. The second problem is with the yokels themselves. To self-styled sophisticates “yokel” + “rural” = “farmer.”

But farmers don’t live their lives by calendars. Farmers, then as now, rely on the weather for important things like planting and harvesting. As soon as you get a decent thaw and the crocuses start popping up and any farmer worth his grain feed baseball cap will be out in the back 40 planting the sorghum no matter what the calendar says.

For the sake of argument, if some 16th century yeoman did

happen to wish you a “Happy New Year” in April and you replied “Ha, Ha,” instead of following your guffaw with “April Fools!” you’d probably be saying something like “bone splintte,” or maybe “concuffion,” but almost certainly “payne killers.”

The problem with making fun of folks who do manual labor is that manual labor tends produce enormous muscles and a deep dislike of effete pencil-pushers who think they are everyone’s betters. It’s not a situation that’s conducive to the establishment of a holiday celebrating their stupidity.

Or at least not once they catch you at it.

No, despite what you’ve read, April Fools Day was the invention of the Hallmark Greeting Card & World Domination Company in 1916. In their secret underground greeting card laboratory, Hallmark’s evil scientists dreamed of creating a holiday for each day of the year, but before they acted they needed a way to assess the world’s susceptibility for ridiculous holidays.

Thus, the “fake holiday” plan languished for several years. What prompted the company’s executives to finally take action was learning that some countries celebrate more than one holiday on the same day. At that point they realized that with the right marketing, complete world domination was within their grasp.

And so April Fools Day was born as a test study to see if peo-

ple would accept a new holiday.

Hallmark used their printing presses to run up a couple of phony editions of the Encyclopedia Britannica and a few other key reference books with the bogus Julian/Gregorian calendar explanation. People began hearing the story so often, they ended up believing it without thinking about it – kind of like your mom telling you not to make a silly face or it could stick that way.

The problem was that once the idea of April Fools Day had been suggested to people, they couldn’t help themselves and got into the spirit of the “holiday” and started pulling pranks of their own.

In the beginning, the jokes were simple like pointing at someone’s shoe and telling them it was untied when – get this – it really wasn’t! (Always a gut-buster.)

And some early pranks failed miserably. On April Fools Day in 1920, The Tabasco Kid snuck up behind Wyatt Earp holding a #2 pencil and a sketch pad. His last words were, “Hey Sheriff, draw!” But eventually people got into the swing of things – sometimes writing entire humor columns as a joke.

PS. Your shoe’s untied.

DAN H. WOODS writes a weekly humor column called Tomfoolery & Codswallop. He welcomes your comments at his Web site, www.tomfooleryandcodswallop.com.

Teens talking to teens: a capital idea

GARY K. KING
New Mexico Attorney General

Count me among those hanging on to the notion that underage drinking is an issue than can and should be addressed in New Mexico. Even though efforts to get some life-saving new laws on the books did not fare well in the recent session of the Legislature, we (and there are many of us) will continue to try to protect the youth of New Mexico from the harmful effects of drinking alcohol before they are legally and physically able to handle it.

A bright spot in all the recent political and societal posturing surrounding the issue of underage drinking is the idea of having a video contest to come up with reasons why young people should not drink alcohol. But these reasons are coming from teens, communicating to other teens. The simplicity of the concept is a true “no-duh,” or for those of us a little older, “a no-brainer.” However you look at it, teens talking to teens is a fine idea.

The Attorney General’s Office is collaborating with the group New Mexico Voices for Children and the popular Web site, The uPublic, (www.thepublic.com) to produce the first By Youth For Youth video contest on underage drinking prevention.

High school-age youth from across New Mexico are invited to enter the contest by producing their own two- to five-minute videos addressing underage drinking prevention. The videos will be posted online at www.dude.tv. Look for TV spots about the contest on The CW, Fox TV, My50 and TV 13.

I have to believe that young people will listen to their peers, especially when it comes to not engaging in behaviors that can harm them and others. Sometimes adults don’t give teens enough credit for knowing about life’s dangers but I think if we give them the tools they need and a little encouragement, great things can be accomplished. I look forward to seeing the videos as they are submitted. Check out the www.dude.tv Web site for rules and prizes

and encourage any teen in your life to get involved. There are loaner video cameras available for those who need them.

Meanwhile, as attorney general, I will continue to advocate for underage drinking legislation in future legislative sessions. The following are proposals we submitted during the last session:

- Adjust the tax on flavored malt beverages, known as “alcopops.”
- Give every New Mexico county the option of taxing alcohol at a higher rate to generate revenue for substance abuse programs.
- Ban alcohol with caffeine and other stimulants, a.k.a., alcohol “energy” drinks.
- Prohibit alcohol consumption by minors.
- Regulate alcohol advertising to young people.

These proposals did not fare well [this year], but anyone who knows me will affirm that I am a persistent sort and when it comes to protecting young people and families in New Mexico, I am very determined.

GIFTS

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get, however, and we are in line to receive about \$1.8 billion in economic aid under the stimulus bill for New Mexico.

"Accordingly, we have identified the wastewater treatment facility in Ruidoso as the state's number-one priority for water, and therefore I am prepared to make the following estimate on how we can help pay for this plant."

Richardson first noted that locally \$8 million has already been accounted for, before spelling out his plan.

"With regard to the wastewater treatment plant, we have \$7 million from the Clean Water Revolving Fund, which we will announce shortly as a 100 percent grant for the plant," Richardson began. "Then we expect to receive a \$12 million low-interest USDA Rural Development Loan shortly after that, bringing the total to \$27 million."

The governor also point-



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Gov. Bill Richardson, left, and Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley share breakfast and a discussion Saturday in Ruidoso.

ed out that the municipalities have been granted a 1/2 percent lodgers tax assessment, if needed, in order to help pay for the plant. The extra assessment will benefit local taxpayers because the additional 1/2 percent will be assessed on visitors.

Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley noted that the assessment will be used only if necessary, and that

he would grandfather the assessment after the plant is paid off.

Richardson thanked Nunley, then requested that both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs pass resolutions stating that they would grandfather the assessment.

Nunley expressed his gratitude to Richardson, noting that "you have been

extremely kind and generous to us over the years."

Tom Armstrong, mayor of Ruidoso Downs, echoed Nunley's comments by adding, "We have a small population of 2,500 and we can't afford to meet the federal mandates ... and we've already raised the usage rates. This is wonderful news for our city at this time."

Richardson said he hoped to do more for the municipalities, because, "I love the Ruidoso area and the people here. Plus, they have voted for me!"

Richardson added that he thought more money might be available near the end of the year from the stimulus package, depending on whether other New Mexico communities used

their federal money immediately or had "shovel-ready" projects ready.

"I know this plant is 'shovel ready,'" Richardson said. "My advice is to get the contracts bid, and start spending the money on building this plant and hopefully we can help more later on down the road."

Nunley and Armstrong, along with their council colleagues, assured the governor they were already working on the bid process.

Richardson also noted that he was disappointed that the Ruidoso Downs Race Track tax equity bill stalled in the senate finance committee, but promised to work for it again.

State Senator Rod Adair quickly concurred with the governor, pointing out that Committee Chair John Arthur Smith promised to bring the bill before the full Senate next session. In addition, Adair pointed out that Smith had voted for a tax exemption a few years ago for a power plant in his home county of Luna, and that he wasn't being consistent in his logic for tabling the bill in committee.

BILL

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issue with using the filing fee as the tool is that if the legislature set it too low, there will be a laundry list of candidates and if the legislature sets it too high, only well-funded candidates will participate."

The fee listed in the bill for offices where a salary is paid is 4 percent of the annual salary. The fee for state legislator positions is \$100 and for any other office for which no salary is

paid, is \$50.

Tim Rose of the Rose Law Firm, who represented Sederwall, said Tuesday, "We believe our Constitution has been used as a doormat far too long. It's no secret we've engaged in litigation concerning county officials allowing Sheriff Virden to circumvent the elections laws and the county's attempt to keep Independent candidate Steve Sederwall off the ballot, despite the clarity of our laws."

"In a July 2008 brief to the courts, the Attorney General, acting on behalf of

the Secretary of State, agreed with us and warned that, 'Virden is on the ballot, despite his failure to meet the same requirement. Treating Sederwall and Virden differently - applying statutory requirements to one putative candidate that are not applied to the other - likely violates Sederwall's equal protection rights guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article II of the New Mexico Constitution.'

"Even with the law behind us, coupled with a

warning from the Secretary of State, we were forced to take our case to the Supreme Court to protect a right given to us by the Constitution. The United States Constitution is clear, the New Mexico Constitution is clear, the law is clear, and the Secretary's interpretation of that law is clear. It is also clear we need to act. What is yet to become clear is what we plan to do to ensure our Constitution is upheld."

Attorney Dan Bryant, who represents Virden, said Tuesday, "I've read the

bill. It appears to clarify the primary election law and make it crystal clear that candidates for county offices do not need nominating petitions to get on the ballot for primary elections, which is precisely the argument we made to the Court of Appeals and the state Supreme Court in both Sederwall cases."

"Whoever did this work appears to have worked their way very carefully through the entire group of statutory sections that needed to be worked on. I haven't heard any controversy about the bill and

assume the governor will sign it."

When asked about new language being added in the bill, Bryant responded that, "It adds a new method to get on ballot and clarifies that if you are a county candidate, nominating petitions are not necessary. I feel it backs up our arguments and will prevent parties from spending money on lawyers in the next election and that's always a good thing."

"If human being were rational and reasonable, I could pursue my true avocation, which is carpentry."

FOOD

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were kicking in and he told her the name is Lincoln County Food Bank, but he is following through as she asked and is putting in requests to the main population areas.

Village Attorney Dan

Bryant said he plans to ask the county attorney how the commission handled the state's anti-donation clause. Between that query and one from the new finance director, "We will have an intelligent answer by the next meeting how we can do this," Bryant promised.

When Councilor Ron Hardeman repeated that

the discussion would be appropriate at budget time, Councilor Angel Shaw pointed out that budget review is "right around the corner."

Cory asked where the federal and state food stamp program fits in for recipients.

Alborn replied that the program takes a long time to kick in and that the peo-

ple who come to the food bank usually already are hungry.

"If they've got kids, they come in and say they've waited two months on the food stamps," he said. "Two other local food programs) ask for cash up front and a lot who come to us don't have it."

Alborn said all supplies for the program are pur-

chased in Lincoln County, about \$4,044 in February.

Local connections

"And when we benefit from food drives, the food is bought locally. The Rotary Club had a drive two Saturdays ago for baby food and supplies at Lawrence Brothers."

As a result, they were able to give one mother

enough food for two weeks and the right sized baby diapers, he said.

Hardeman asked if donation of canned foods in barrels at the local post office are declining. Alborn replied, "The people here are wonderful. We're OK, but we're realistic enough to know as the numbers increase, we will be scrambling."

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ENMU nixing ITV education in Ruidoso

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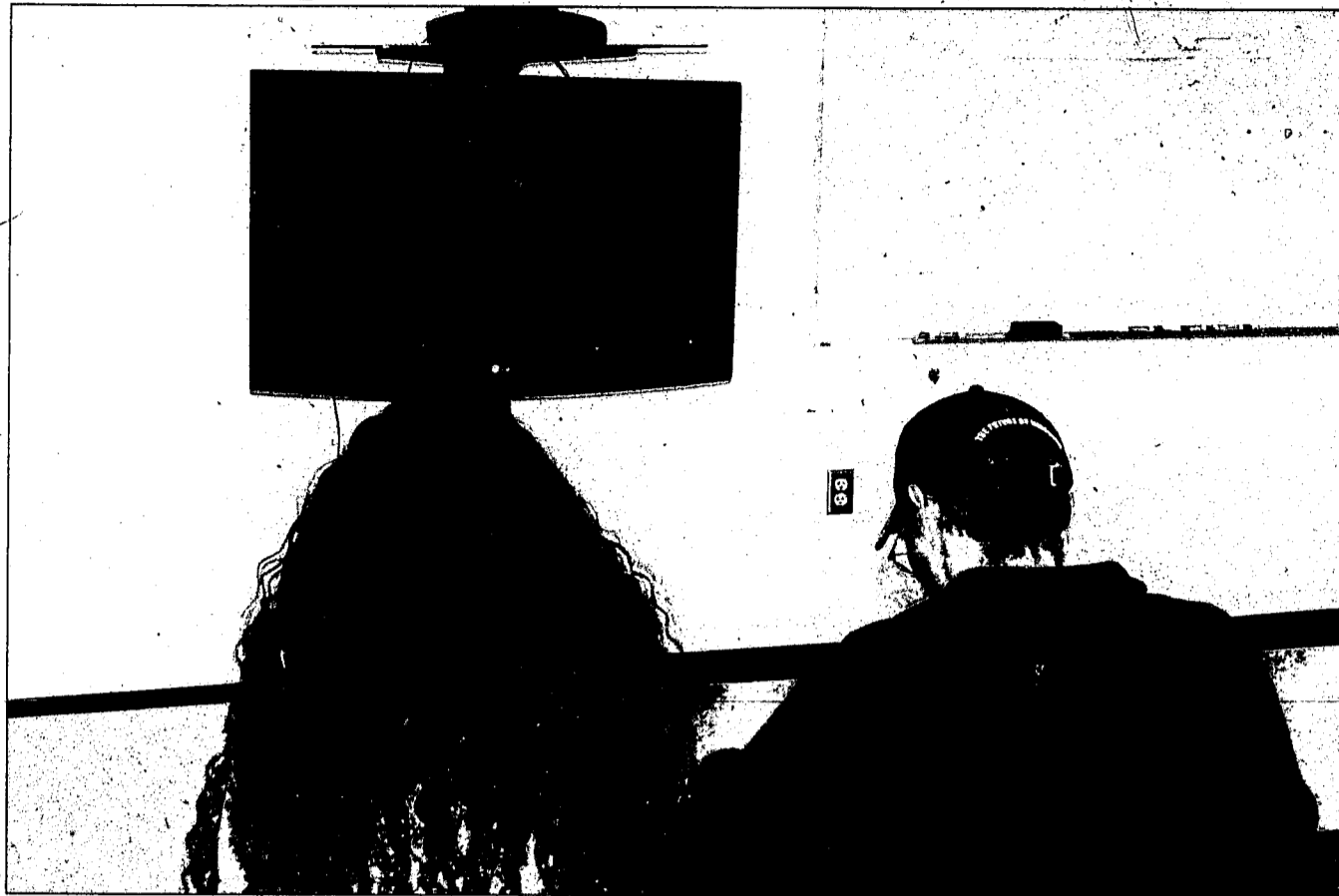
Starting this fall, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will take one further step into the future.

At first glance, the removal of instructional television (ITV) classroom space from the local campus might seem like a step back. But according to ENMU-Portales president Steven Gamble, this is a move that most universities are going to have to make to keep up.

"We've been on the forefront of ITV, but technology is now passing us by," Gamble said. "This move will allow us to keep up with other schools that are already offering degrees through home study."

Actually, ENMU-Portales made the decision to terminate ITV courses for a purely financial reason. Gamble said the cost for ITV at ENMU-Ruidoso is between \$40-50,000, and serving only 22 students – the exact count of those currently enrolled in distance education courses at the local campus – doesn't justify that expense.

"We do kind of hate doing this, since students are accustomed to the routine," Gamble said. "But the legislature cut \$2 million from



ITV screens will be dark on the ENMU-Ruidoso campus after this semester, but that doesn't mean students depending on distance education won't be unable to finish their degrees in Ruidoso.

our funding, and we can save a lot by cutting ITV."

With the realization that several students in the Ruidoso area are nearing their degree completion – and that ITV was the only way they could take the classes they needed without actually driving the 160-mile one-way trip to Portales on a regular basis – Gamble said the universi-

ty is committed to doing whatever it takes to get them the degree for which they've worked so hard.

Top of the list of options is a one-time fee of \$150 which will allow students to equip their computers with hardware and software, giving them the option to continue taking ITV classes directly from their homes.

This option seems to be the most popular among current ITV students. Gamble said that Trish Maguire, who came to Ruidoso from the main campus to confer with local students, reported about 80 percent of those she spoke with were receptive to the idea.

Web conferencing, a move of more classes online and even ITV classes

in Roswell are other options being explored. If nothing else, a student needing that one last class for a degree would be able to take it at any university in the nation offering that course, with the resulting grade being added to their ENMU degree.

"We will make every effort to make sure these students get the classes

they need," Gamble said. "As long as they leave a course with skills that are comparable to someone who was physically in the class, then we've done our job."

Online classes are actually a big part of the reason the ITV population at Ruidoso has dwindled, as most students are happy to take courses from the comfort of their own home or office. Gamble said the number of online courses offered by the main campus has grown from 75 about three years ago to 300 this coming fall.

While ITV attendance has fallen in Ruidoso, on-site class enrollment has grown to record numbers, a point which ENMU-Ruidoso president Mike Elrod was quick to make.

"I don't see any downside for Ruidoso students to this at all," Elrod said of the removal of ITV from the local campus. "We have a wide variety of classes on-site, but only for undergrads – freshmen and sophomores. Any classes above that were through distance education anyway."

"Those seeking their Associate's degrees will still be able to get them here," he added. "And students taking distance education courses will still be able to use our facilities and resources."

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Hondo Valley Schools Honor Rolls

Elementary school Third nine weeks

Superintendent's Roll (All As)

First Grade: Kevin Chacon, Arturo Leyva, Madison Valdes. **Third Grade:** Joyce Ann Cooper. **Fifth Grade:** Alyssa Gomez, Tobias Herrera. **Sixth Grade:** Billy Candelaria, Roberto Nores, Ziar Apodaca.

A Honor Roll (A average)

First Grade: Berenice Almanza, Dwaine Chavez, Jorge Cenicerios, Yosseline Guillen, Fernando Martinez, Eli Ontiveros. **Second Grade:** Heaven Carter, Nina Herrera, Blanca Villanueva. **Third Grade:** Jorge Flores, Karla Noriega. **Fourth Grade:** Paulina Cenicerios, Oscar Guillen. **Fifth Grade:** Adriana Gandarilla. **Sixth Grade:** Cash Ficke, Lauren Gomez, Anthony Martel, Jacob Zinn.

B Honor Roll (B average)

Second Grade: Gaby Deleon, Miguel Gonzales, Kyra Lucero, Bryan Masias, Izayah Ortiz. **Third Grade:** Gwynie Apachito, Hailey Barela. **Fourth Grade:** Natalia Cenicerios, Christiana Martel, Shaun Montoya, Bryan Valencia. **Fifth Grade:** Alexandra Lucero, Juziah Ortiz.

Sixth Grade: Kaya Godac, Shania Gutierrez, Patrick Barela.

Secondary school Third nine weeks

Superintendent's Honor Roll (3.7 and above)

Seniors: Rebecca Trujillo. **Sophomores:** Chanci Lopez, Victor Valdes. **Freshman:** Brenda Macias. **7th Grade:** Travis Crawford, Valeria Lerma, Victor Noriega Chacon, Eugene Ruiz.

Honor Roll (3.0-3.69)

Seniors: Jorge Guillen, Conrad Gonzales, Collette Lopez, Angela Prudencio, D'edra Romero, Camille Sandoval, Leticia Vazquez.

Juniors: Esther Gonzales, Geraldo Medina, Faviola Ramirez.

Sophomores: Stephanie Gomez, Criselda Hernandez, Celena Sanchez.

Freshmen: Brenda Chacon, German Lerma, Jesus Martinez, Walter Medina.

8th Grade: Selena Chavez, Josefina Hernandez, Nikklas Terrones.

7th Grade: James Chavez, Noelle Francis, Abelardo Lerma, Yvette Medina, Mitchell Miller, Jonathan Van Tussenbroek.

Teen Spotlight

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Teen Spotlight features area teens that have made a difference in their community, and the next featured teen is Danielle Cadena. Danielle is the daughter of Javier and JoRae Cadena and is currently in her junior year at Ruidoso High School. Cadena is a member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), the National Honor Society, and is also involved in Student Council, serving as the parliamentarian for the Executive Board. In addition, she is a member of the Green Team. Journalism is an interest of Cadena's and she is presently the assistant editor of *RHS Today*.

Cadena's interest in journalism extends beyond the school walls. She has been published in two books of poetry. Her work has earned her several journal-



ism awards including third place for an opinion article and "Best Column" for a piece completed at the New Mexico Press Association's 2008 Summer Journalism Workshop.

Away from school, Cadena is active giving back to the community. She has volunteered with Santa's Helpers, Nob Hill Fall Fun Festival, and community service through St. Eleanor's Catholic Church.

Cadena lists her sister

Stacie and great-grandmother Gonsagita Sanchez as influences in her life. She also draws inspiration from writers Dave Barry and Simon Rich. Her love of writing can be seen in her future plans, too. When she goes to college, Cadena plans to major in either creative writing or political science. Being able to do what you love as a vocation is an asset, and having an asset like Cadena in the community is an added bonus.

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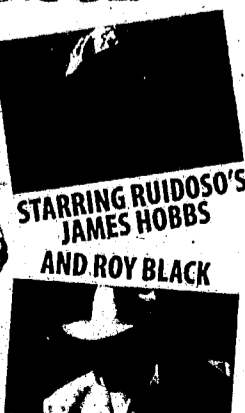
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Update of village policies and procedures a 'step forward'

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Attacking an area of previous audit criticism, Ruidoso village councilors approved revamped policies and procedures prepared by staff.

In approving new measures to provide disaster recovery backup for village financial records, councilors agreed at their meeting last month to revisit the policies for Information Technology in three or four months. Updates can be accomplished by approval of resolutions as new equipment is purchased, Deputy Village Manager Barbara Fleming said.

"We're not where we want to be, but it's a step forward," Councilor Greg Cory said.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley pointed out that in addition to a battery backup, the system now is hooked up to

a generator at the police department to cover long-term power outages.

Auditors criticized that vital information could be lost without a routine of backing up data and storing off site.

Under policies and procedures for accounting and finance, Councilor Michele Rebstock successfully argued for changing wording to reflect the need for ethical behavior on behalf of taxpayers.

"We're here for the taxpayers, not for the village or for their bosses," she said. "I want something to remind employees they are looking out for public funds."

Councilors agreed on wording from Village Attorney Dan Bryant that, "It is each employee's responsibility to apply common sense in business decisions to protect taxpayers where specific rules do not provide

answers."

A section dealing with bank deposits was changed to read that cash receipts cannot be held more than the next banking day.

Rebstock, who was in Santa Fe and missed a council workshop on policies, also wanted to ensure that at some point if fraud is suspected that the board is informed. She pointed out that as written, fraud was to be reported to the village manager, the deputy manager and then the mayor. Bryant said he would add that once all the information had been vetted, the mayor and governing body should be notified.

The councilor double-checked that the council could change auditors if they were dissatisfied with a firm, and gave the example of one auditing group that "sat on" its results during a controversy over a special state audit of village

contracts and financial issues.

When Rebstock said she'd like to see quarterly financial reports from staff, Fleming replied the state Department of Finance and Administration required such reports and the information is presented as part of the manager's report, but not as an agenda item.

Councilor Angel Shaw said in that form, no action can be taken and she preferred a formal report as an agenda item.

Bryant said the real purpose of quarterly reports is "to provide the governing body a road map of where you're going so you are not surprised by budget adjustments that fix issues." Adjustments can be accomplished quarterly or twice a year, he said.

Under procurement policies and procedures, Shaw said she'd like to see internal check lists to track contracts. Fleming said she could develop such a list.

Cory noted that councilors once served on bid evaluating committees. Fleming replied that is not required, but Councilor Ron Hardeman said he thought one councilor should serve on every request for proposal evaluation committee.

Rebstock wanted to keep a tighter reign on declaring emergency purchases. Hardeman said while other councilors also have some concern, "the staff needs some freedom. We decided the council had to be notified no later than the next regular council meeting."

Rebstock asked about a

cap on spending for an emergency and was told one could be set, but in cases such as massive flooding last July, that figure could be quickly blown. Councilor Don Williams said an emergency meeting could be called if needed.

Mayor Nunley recalled a \$120,000 repair needed on the essential Hollywood Well over a holiday weekend. He agreed with Cory that responsibility rests with the village manager, whose performance would be judged by councilors.

Fleming said extensive documentation is required by the state in any emergency purchase. Hardeman said liability issues could arise if staff was hamstrung. Signatures are required attesting to the emergency.

Three killed in one-car wreck

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Three Roswell residents were killed in a one-car traffic accident over the weekend near the U.S. 54/U.S. 60 intersection north of Lincoln County.

According to a report from the New Mexico State Police, one other passenger survived the crash that occurred just before noon Saturday.

The officers' investigation concluded driver Vanessa Espinoza, 27, was traveling south on U.S. 285 in a white 2002 Nissan at a high rate of speed. On her approach to the intersection of the three roadways, she failed to negotiate a

right hand turn and collided with a center dividing median. Her car entered a concrete drainage ditch, went airborne and landed on its roof.

The passengers were identified as Leroy Acosta, 27, Tabitha Serna, birthdate unknown, and Geneva Serna-Gonzales, 33, all from Roswell.

The driver and left rear seat passenger, Tabitha Serna, were ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene, pronounced by a representative of the Office of the Medical Investigator. The right rear seat passenger, Geneva Serna-Gonzales, died at 5 p.m., Sunday, as a result of complications stemming from

the roll over crash on Saturday.

Gonzales was airlifted to University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque Saturday along with right front seat passenger Leroy Acosta. Monday morning, Acosta was listed in stable condition.

According to the department report, the investigation in the crash also showed no one was wearing a seat belt and about 3 ounces of methamphetamine and 2 ounces of cocaine were located in the vehicle and seized. At this point, the investigators are not aware if the driver was under the influence of a narcotic or an alcoholic beverage.

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Act should help protect Snowy River

The Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area Act signed by the president Monday will provide permanent protection to the Snowy River formation for future research and educational purposes.

The formation northeast of Ruidoso contains a more than 4-mile-long, continuous calcite-crystal river bed that is believed to be the longest one of its kind in the world.

"The enactment of the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area Act today will ensure this unique geological formation is protected and preserved for future research and educational purposes," U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico) said after attending the

White House signing ceremony of legislation he helped write and shepherd through the Senate.

The Snowy River legislation was introduced last year by former senator Pete Domenici of New Mexico, a Republican who has retired.

The package includes legislation Bingaman introduced that clears title to several tracks of land and paves the way for the city of Albuquerque to complete its development of a Biological Park along the middle Rio Grande. The Biological Park incorporates the Rio Grande Botanical Garden, Tingley Beach, the Zoo and the Aquarium.

"This title clarification makes it possible for the city to continue with plans

to expand the popular biopark," Bingaman said.

The package contains the National Landscape Conservation System Act, a measure sponsored by Bingaman, which codifies the National Landscape Conservation System, the collection of national monuments, national conservation areas, wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers and other landscapes on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Finally, the bill contains two measures that allow for the exchange of land in the Santa Fe National Forest; Pecos National Historical Park Land Exchange; and Santa Fe National Forest Land Conveyance.

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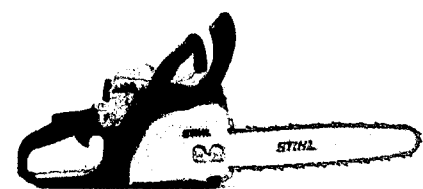
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Sports Results

Girls Softball

Thursday, March 26
RHS 12, Capitan 4
Friday, March 27
Estancia 5, Capitan 4
Saturday, March 28
RHS 13, Dexter 4
Capitan 14, Eunice 0

Baseball

Thursday, March 26
Eunice 6, Capitan 4
Friday, March 27
Capitan 12, Gateway 2
Saturday, March 28
Dexter 8, Capitan 5

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Saturday, April 4
Portales at RHS (2), 11 a.m.
Eunice at Capitan, 3 & 5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7
Hot Springs at RHS, 3 & 5 p.m.
Tularosa at Capitan, 3 & 5 p.m.

Girls Softball

Thursday, April 2
Alamogordo 9th-Grade at
Mescalero, 3 and 5 p.m.
Friday, April 3
Capitan at Dexter, 3 & 5 p.m.
Cobre at RHS, 3 & 5 p.m.
Monday, April 6
Mescalero at Eunice, 3 and 5 p.m.

Track

Saturday, April 4
Carrizozo at Ron Singleton Invite
in Carlsbad at 8 a.m.
Mescalero at Rose Relays in
Tularosa at 10 a.m.
Capitan at Slade Relays in
Tularosa at 9 a.m.

Golf

Sunday, March 29
The Ruidoso Junior Golf
Association in partnership with
the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be
hosting the fifth of seven scram-
bles at Alto Lakes Golf and
Country Club, April 5, at 1 p.m.
For info, call Cree Meadows at
257-5815.

Monday, April 6

Capitan at Artesia varsity, 9 a.m.
Boys: RHS at Sundevil
Invitational at Black Mesa golf
Club, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 7

Capitan against the Dora varsity
at Portales CC, 9 a.m.

Tennis

Friday, April 3

Boys: RHS at Artesia Tourney.

Girls: RHS at Artesia Tourney.

Tuesday, April 7

Boys: Clovis at RHS, 3 p.m.

Girls: Clovis at RHS, 3 p.m.

Becker named All-American again

Capitan resident listed to elite college sports honor

LINDSBORG, Kan. — Five-time NAIA all-American. Seven-time NAIA academic all-American. Two-time NAIA national runner-up. NAIA national champion. Four-time KCAC champion. KCAC shot-put record-holder.

Three-time Bethany College Female Athlete of the Year. Bethany College indoor and outdoor shot-put record-holder.

And still one season left to compete.

Many college athletes with so much success might have the tendency to become over-confident, even cocky.

But not Jessica Becker. Both her feet remain firmly on the ground, sure of who all her success has come from.

The senior from Capitan came to Bethany five years ago. She will graduate this May with a degree in health and physical education and physical health and wellness with a coach-

ing concentration.

Upon visiting the campus, J Beck, as she is called, knew Bethany was it.

"When I came on campus for my tour I felt very comfortable. The Bethany family was very welcoming and it truly felt like this is where God wanted me to be," Becker said.

Her journey toward a successful career as an athlete began some 11 years ago. She said being the strongest girl in the seventh grade made it clear that throwing "was my calling in track and field."

She still holds the school records at her high school and junior high school in shot put, as well as the school record at her high school for points per game and rebounds in basketball.

For Becker, training and competing is simply a way of life. Her days consist of weights in the morning and throwing practice, sprints and plyometrics in the



MICHAEL KAAL/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Jessica Becker competes at the NAIA Indoor National meet in Johnson City, Tenn., held March 5-7.

afternoon. Then she hits the track to help other throwers on the team followed by more workouts and weights in the gym.

She doesn't even take a day off. "That feeling you get after a good workout or a good throw is very motivating and is what really

keeps an athlete coming back for more."

But the true motivation

See BECKER, page 2B

Capitan nine gaining hardball maturity

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The Tigers baseball squad is young, to say the least. With only three seniors and three juniors out of a roster of 12 players, most people would call this a rebuilding year and let it go at that. Instead, after eight games in the books so far, this team holds an overall mark of 4-4 (as of this report).

During last weekend's tourney at NMMI, the Tigers showed their inexperience when they dropped Thursday's contest against Eunice, 6-4, trounced

Gateway in five innings, 12-2, and lost the last one Saturday to Dexter, 8-5. Both losing efforts were close ... but that only counts in horseshoes.

"I thought we played well in all three games," head coach James Weems said. "We actually out-hit Eunice and the Dexter Demons but we left far too many runners on the base paths. Against the Demons, we stranded 11 Tigers' baserunners but in the winning effort against Gateway we only marooned six."

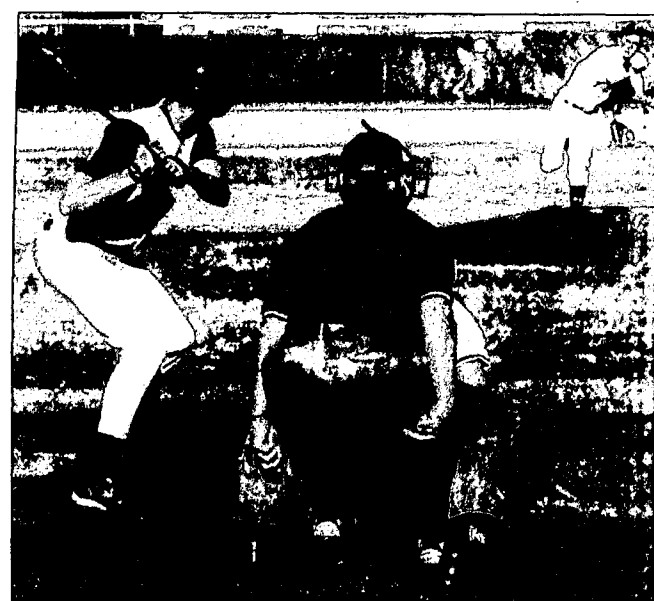
Even with the lack of experience of the Capitan

hard-ballers, there are some bright spots.

"I'm happy with our pitching so far," Weems said. "It's a lot better than I thought it would be. Sophomore Logan Eshom has more control than I thought he would. He has showed good progress."

"Our hitting is good but now we have to learn to pound those hits out when we have runners in scoring position."

The Tigers will have played Magdalena a doubleheader Tuesday at home and then will then face off against Eunice again, Saturday, at 1 p.m.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Rudy Chavez hurls a 15-1 win over Floyd, March 17.

Lincoln County USBC Association Open Championship

Here are the results for the Open Championship Tournament which was held Feb. 21-22 at the Ruidoso Bowling Center.

First place team handicap winners: David Hoffer, Ralph Siebe, Hans Dubay, Pam Bernard and Tom Douglas of Ruidoso Bowl with a score of 3,393. Ruidoso Bowl also took scratch honor with a score of 3,270.

Second: Dennis Haas, Etienne Turner, Matt Urban, Andrew Sanchez and Joe Terrell of Split Decision with a 3,380

Third: JR Baumann, Steve Boerger, John Devine, Donnie Newman and Ken Mosley of Mo's Misques with

a score of 3,169.

First place doubles handicap: Matt Urban and Etienne Turner with a score of 1,421.

Second: Andrew Sanchez and Joe Terrell ... 1,358

Third: Linda and Spud Mitchum ... 1,333

The doubles scratch honor went to Ralph Siebe and Tom Douglas with a 1,308.

First place singles handicap: Ralph Dixon with a score of 750.

Second: Ralph Siebe ... 737

Third: Matt Urban ... 725

The singles scratch honor went to Ralph Siebe with a

score of 737.

First place all events handicap: Matt Urban with a score of 2,196.

First place all events scratch: Ralph Siebe with a 2,136.

The Lincoln County USBC Association wishes to thank all participants. This year's tournament was bigger and better than ever.

Next up will be the Men's Only Tournament scheduled for April 4-5. For more information, call the association manager, Linda Clements, at 258-4047 to sign up for the event.



COURTESY

The First Place doubles handicap team of Matt Urban (left) and Etienne Turner scored a 1,421. Urban also won first place in the all events handicap with a 2,196.



COURTESY

The First Place team handicap of, l-r, David Hoffer, Ralph Siebe, Hans Dubay, Pam Bernard and Tom Douglas scored 3,393.



COURTESY

Richard Dixon won the First Place singles handicap with 750.

Ruidoso gymnasts soar at Albuquerque meet

Ruidoso Gymnastics sent 14 gymnasts to the March 6-9 State Gymnastics Meet held at Precision Gymnastics in Albuquerque.

Nineteen gyms from as far south as Roswell, and as far north as Taos, competed in at the season-end meet in Albuquerque.

Gymnasts in Levels 4, 5, and 6 competed on all four events: uneven bars, beam, floor exercise, and vault to determine individual event finishes as well as the All-Around finishes.

Ruidoso Gymnastics had an excellent showing with Karina Martinez capturing the title of State Champion in Level 4.

Out of the 14 Lincoln County competitors, ten finished in the top 4 in All-Around in their respective Levels and age divisions. Local results are:

Level 4:

Karina Martinez: 1st All-Around, 1st place on Beam

and Vault

Kylee Harvey: 2nd All-Around, 1st place on Uneven Bars

Gabby Brouard:3rd All-Around
Zaray Espinoza:4th All-Around
Lauren Denney:4th All-Around
Lexi Lucero and Leah Flores also qualified in Level 4 for the State Meet.

Level 5:

Macy Walker:4th All-Around

Level 6:

Bailey Jones: 2nd All-Around, 1st place on Uneven Bars

Erika McClain:3rd All-Around
Sarah Martinez:4th All-Around
Kate Barleen:4th All-Around
Ryann Flack:6th All-Around

Alana Willingham:7th All-Around
Over 100 gymnasts competed in the weekend's State events.

"I'm very pleased with the girls' efforts," coach Amy Eggleston said.

"The majority of the girls are in their first year at their respective levels.

"Being compared to girls in their second and third years, and having so many top finishers, is very respectful.

"These are the most top four finishers I've had in my years of coaching."

The gymnastics season culminated for Level 7 and 9 at their State Meet, March 27-29, in Albuquerque. Ruidoso Gymnastics sent several gymnasts to that premier event.

The Boys Team is also in the heat of their season and expected to send several gymnasts to their April state competition.



COURTESY

Level 4 State Champion, Karina Martinez, shows her winning form on the beam.



COURTESY

Ruidoso Gymnastics sent 14 gymnasts to the March 6-9 state meet. Shown here are, bottom row, l-r, Lexi Lucero, Karina Martinez and Lauren Denney. Middle row, Gabby Brouard, Zaray Espinoza, Leah Flores and Kylee Harvey. Back row, Bailey Jones, Kate Barleen, Alana Willingham and Macy Walker.

BECKER

FROM PAGE 1B

behind Becker's dedication is knowing the "Lord has blessed me with the ability to throw and the love of the sport."

She prays before each throw and she brings this source of motivation to her teammates as well.

Becker gathers them

together and leads them in a group prayer which "allows all of us to remember who we are competing for."

Becker's hard work and dedication to her sport has definitely paid off.

Last year she was crowned NAIA Indoor shot put champion.

Of her win, Becker says she feels very blessed.

"I give all the glory to God. It's pretty cool that He

can throw in a national championship just because he wants to."

This year Becker was national shot put runner-up.

"I threw a season best and that's all a competitor can ask for.

"I lost to a very good competitor and look forward to throwing against her again at outdoor nationals."

At Bethany, Becker helps coach track and field and is the president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

When her time as a Bethany student-athlete is done, she will go on to teach and train others either as a graduate assistant at a large college or university or as a high school PE teacher and coach.

Oh, and she will continue

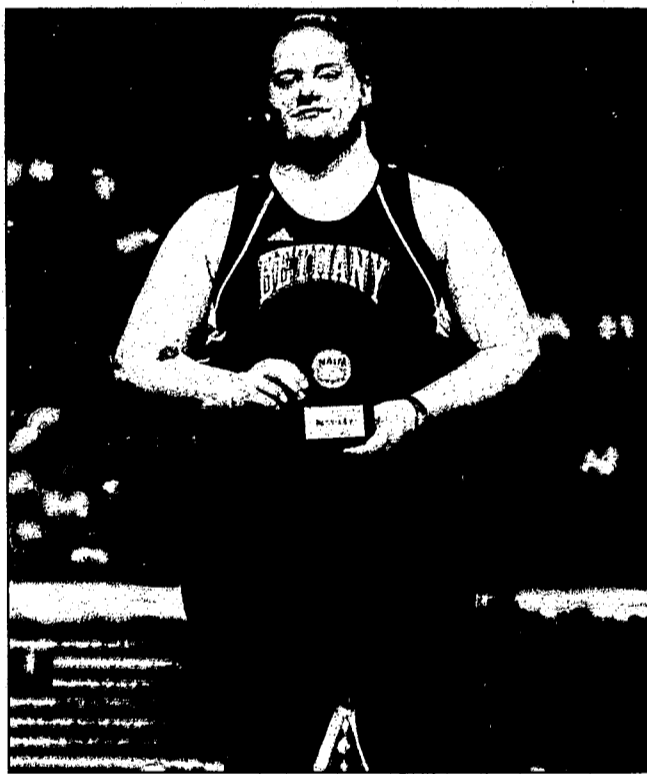
training for the 2012 Olympics. See you in London, J. Becker.

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Jessica Becker poses on the podium after receiving a plaque at the awards ceremony for her second-place finish at the NAIA Indoor National meet held March 5-7 in Johnson City, Tenn.

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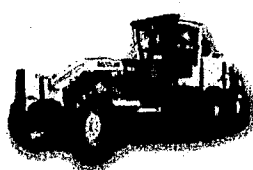
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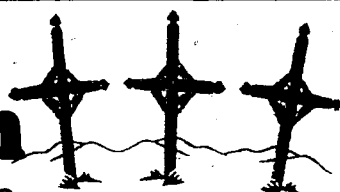
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Other activities include the Chuck Usner talk on J.J. Dolan, April 25. A reception will be held at the Dolan House.

There are several activities for May, including the Fandango, supper and dancing after the Billy the Kid Trail Ride from Fort Sumner and Lincoln on May 16.

I will have more dates of upcoming events next week.

We attended the March meeting of the Oral History Group. The speaker was very involved in finding a landing area for the space shuttles. He reported they had five days to prepare for the landing of the "Columbia." This week there will be a talk on the mountains and topography of the Las Cruces area. It should be very interesting.

We are kept busy with various activities. We have attended several concerts, the last one this Sunday with the music from the 1960s and '70s.

Las Cruces was busy this weekend



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with several activities including the State Senior Olympics. The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum held their Cowboy Days recently.

Ralph spent the two days with his spinning wheel. Another lady did twining, which was very interesting. A cowboy breakfast was held each morning. The dairy barn and the new green house saw lots of people leaving with flowers and plants and various livestock demonstrations were among the many activities at the museum complex.

We have made a couple of quick trips to Lincoln. Ralph worked on a part for a spinning wheel and I tried to get some things done for the move to Las Cruces. We have found a three bedroom house off Roadrunner Drive on Frontier Avenue. Literally, around the corner from Tuscany Villa. We will be close to the new hospital, Sam's, Wal-Mart and other stores. We will move in the first of May.

Ralph is doing fair. He has his good days and not-so-good days.

Our son was laid off with others and is now home. He has been busy taking things to the Not 2 Shabby Shop in Capitan and of course getting rid of lot.

Our Taffy dog had to have some vet work done and also sheared. Thanks to Carolyn and Gene for their wonderful care of her.

We were disappointed that we missed the 100th birthday parties for Lois Aldrich and Leora Zumwalt.

And our condolences to the families of Ken Schear and Bessie Jones.

Bessie and Milt lived on their ranch north of Capitan when we first knew them and their daughters Christine and Betty Lou. Then we all were involved in the Sheep to Shawl program. Bessie loved her spinning even after she began to lose her eyesight.

A wonderful lady with a great sense of humor.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSONEWS

The Capitan Public Library runs on the love and dedication of its many volunteers. It also takes money for the operation, but without the volunteers, there would be no library.

Volunteers are priceless at CPL

LARRY MILLER
CPL Volunteer

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

The words of Sherry Anderson clearly describe the work of a special group of volunteers who currently serve at the Capitan Public Library.

Thirty-six volunteers from Capitan and the surrounding area are bonded together to serve the public at the Capitan Public Library located at 101 East 2nd St.

Each volunteer serves by managing a shift or taking on a special project or function of the library. A "shift" includes four hours of unpaid volunteer time with regular weekly hours. Generally, two volunteers serve during each shift.

Many individuals "behind the scenes" to carry out the functions that make CPL what it is today.

Examples include: sorting and cataloging the continual donation of materials that are given to the library, shelving books, maintaining the used book room, bookkeeping, borrowing books through the Interlibrary Loan service, arranging library activities, fundraising and operation and maintenance.

No volunteers are paid. Without the dedicated work of the all-volunteer staff, Capitan Public Library would not exist.

The collection has grown to 13,000 materials that include books (regular print, large print and audio books), references, and videos / DVDs.

Materials are cataloged according to the Dewey decimal system, by fiction and non-fiction authors, or by title. A separate room is set-aside for a children's library including juvenile and young adult materials.

All the work to assemble the resources within CPL has been completed by the all-volunteer staff.

The rewards for a Library volunteer are many. The primary reason a volunteer serves at CPL

is knowing that each is contributing to something of value that can not be measured monetarily.

There is a sense that these efforts have lasting worth for all who patronize the library. Each volunteer makes the choice to be there. A common purpose allows each to express their individual talents, skills, and abilities.

Numerous opportunities are available to find a niche. Relationships with fellow volunteers with a similar desire to serve often develop and extend beyond the walls of the library.

The success of the CPL is highlighted in the recently released 2008 annual report. The report contains a testament of what a group of volunteers can accomplish when commitment and a desire to serve run high.

In 2008, the library celebrated its 10th anniversary as a full service public library. During the year, a total of 11,184 patrons visited the Library, an average of 932 visitors monthly.

At least 7,393 volunteer hours were donated by volunteers - an average of 619 hours monthly.

A total of 10,499 materials were circulated, an average of 875 monthly.

One of the most significant accomplishments of Capitan Public Library in 2008, was the completion of 2,400-square-foot addition. The expansion doubled the size of the library and opening a larger, user-friendly Used Books for Sale Room and a separate Children's Library.

Funds to operate the library are generated primarily from donations. Last year, Lincoln County provided \$7,000 to assist in expenses.

The remainder of operational expenses is raised through grant applications and by an assortment of activities managed by volunteers. Patrons are instrumental in gathering the necessary funds.

The main fundraisers are the Plant & Garden Mother's Day Sale; the 4th of July Hot Dog, Bake &



Pat Garrett

Book Sale; and the Christmas Holiday Bazaar.

Volunteers work for months to create items for sale that have the unique CPL volunteer touch.

Since 2000, the library has been under the leadership of Pat Garrett who reports to a board of directors that governs the activities of the library.

Her work was recognized in January 2009, when she was named Capitan Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. A celebration will be held in her honor later this year.

The current board of directors includes Pat Sullivan, president; George Hinch, vice president; Anne Curtis, secretary; Sadie Mann; treasurer; Gene Chewing, member; Susie Morss, member; and Larry Miller, member.

The hours of operation for the library are Tuesday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The phone for the library is 575-354-3035.

In 2006, the CPL established an enterprise to augment funds needed for operations known as the Not 2 Shabby Shop, located at 217 Lincoln Ave., in Capitan.

The shop is a thrift store where patrons can purchase donated items. A staff of 15 additional volunteers works diligently to keep the shop open. An estimated 5,892 visitors, approximately 41 people a day, 3 days a week, visited the shop.

In 2008, volunteer hours totaled 2,292 hours with a monthly average of 191 hours. Rayne Greer is the Shop Manager. The building was made available by the Village of Capitan.

The hours of operation for the Not 2 Shabby Shop are Thursday, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The phone number is 575-354-0144. Email: not2shabbyshop@gmail.com

Fast firemen abort Loma Grande fire

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Sometime around 10:30 p.m., Monday, Marsha Palmer, was alerted to the smell of smoke in her Loma Grande home off Highway 37.

Palmer, the Lincoln County home economist with the County Extension Office, said she had already gone to bed for the evening but arose to check out the smoke odor as it grew stronger.

What she found was her well house, attached to her home, was on fire.

A quick call to 911 alerted both the Nogal and Bonita fire departments who were quickly on the scene.

"My neighbor, Blue Dutchover, was here in

minutes," she said. "And Thank God for him. He helped me move the pickup away from the house and stayed until the fire trucks arrived."

Palmer said the fire had started to burn into the house through her master bedroom closet and the house had filled quickly with smoke.

"If those fire trucks had been just a few minutes later than they were, the fire would have blown up into my bedroom and into the house. They saved it," she said by phone Tuesday.

Nogal Fire Chief Ken Cramer reported that two trucks from the Nogal Fire Department were on the scene along with one from Bonita.

He said the fire was caused by an electrical

problem with the heating lamp used in the small building that housed the well pump and water holding tank. The structure and everything inside was destroyed.

Palmer said because there was no access to the well for water, the trucks had to haul in the water needed to fight the fire.

"Those guys were awesome," she said. "I thank them so, so much for all their help and great work. It was nothing short of a miracle that the house didn't burn too, and I have them to thank for it."

Palmer said any damage done inside will be from the smoke.

"It's going to take a complete repainting and some professional cleaning, but at least it's here to clean."

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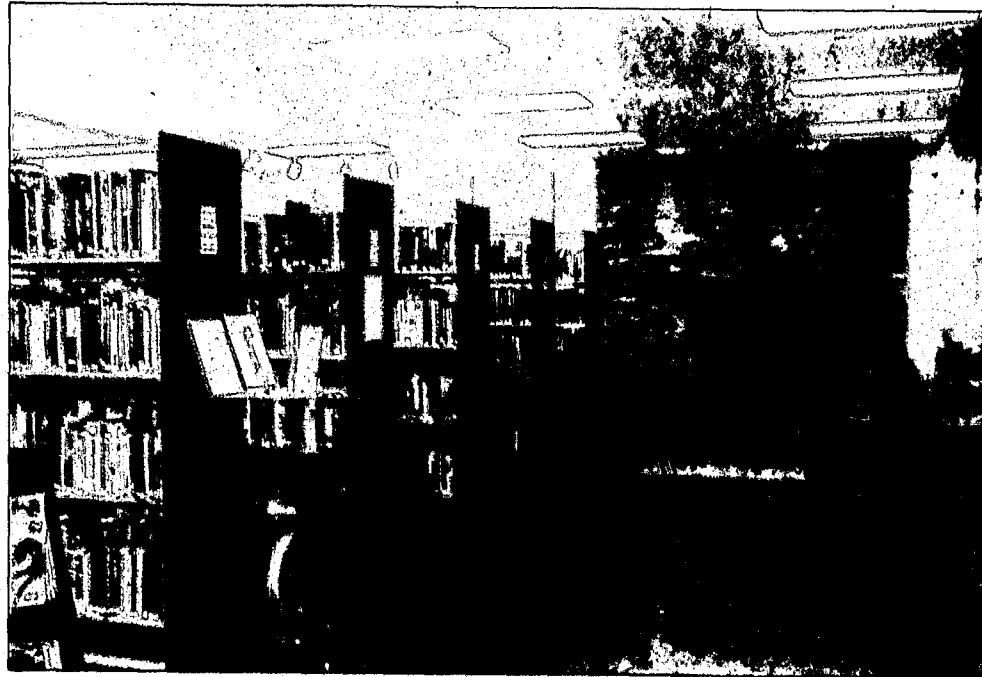
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Capitan Public Library volunteers are the heartbeat of the facility. Above, left, Pat Sullivan, president of the library board, does her tour-of-library volunteer at the checkout desk on Tuesday. Sullivan has been an integral part of the library growth and direction since 2001. Above right, when the library built the new addition, it doubled the size of the facility. The room gives ample space for shelving and a comfortable sitting area in front of a fireplace. At left, CPL volunteer Debbie Myers is the computer tech for the library. Myers retired after 25 years of teaching at Ruidoso High School and now handles the tech work and teaches the after-school and Head Start program at the library

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COUNTY BRIEFS

Geary to speak

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting, Thursday, April 9, at 6 p.m., at the historic clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue in Carrizozo.

This month's speaker will be Rick Geary, nationally known cartoonist and author. Mr. Geary has written numerous books and has done work for *The National Lampoon*, *Mad*

Magazine, *Scholastic Magazine*, *Copley News Services*, and *Disney Adventures Publications*.

He has won numerous awards, including the Eisner Award in 2007 for the best publication of the year for a younger audience and the National Cartoonist's Society Award for best book and magazine illustration.

He will talk about his work and his long career

and he will bring copies of his many books and magazines.

The hostesses for the April dinner are Ruth Birdsong and Peggy Pinson and they have a delicious Easter theme meal planned for the members and guests.

The Woman's Club welcomes all local women to attend and find out more about the club and their work.

For information, call Tona Macken 354-0760.

CPL Sale

Mark your calendars for the Capitan Public Library Plant and Garden Sale, May 2, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All the favorites will be for sale along with many new items including wind chimes, ceramic bird feeders, bird houses and yard art. It promises to be better than ever this year.

BIRTHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent births at LCMC

March 2, 2009, a girl, Jaylin Marie Magana, 6 lbs, 0 oz, 20", to Crista and Leonardo Magana of Ruidoso;

March 3, 2009, a girl, Jasmine Jermaine Herrera, 7 lbs, 2 oz, 20", to Eileen Eva Via and Jonathan Erick Lee Herrera of Mescalero;

March 3, 2009, a boy, Anthony Giovanni Joel Ortiz, 4 lbs, 10 oz, 17-1/2", to Bobbie Leanna Franco of Alamogordo;

March 3, 2009, a boy, Jacoby Anson James Rocha, 5 lbs, 11.7 oz, 21", to Louise Glossop of Mescalero;

March 6, 2009, a boy, Nathaniel Robert Trujillo, 7 lbs, 6.3 oz, 20", to Cynthia and Alex Trujillo of Ruidoso;

March 8, 2009, a girl, Ellawren Madison Welty, 7 lbs, 0.6 oz, 19-1/2", to Collette and Dale Welty of Ruidoso;

March 9, 2009, a boy, Darrius Free Comanche, 8 lbs, 6.4 oz, 19-1/4", to Gertrude Coonie of Ruidoso;

March 9, 2009, a boy, Christopher Joseph Hamilton, 5 lbs, 6.3 oz, 19", to Leah and Michael Hamilton of Tularosa;

March 10, 2009, a boy, Michael J. Aguilar II, 8 lbs, 5.6 oz, 20-1/2", to Heather Owings and Michael Aguilar

of Ruidoso;

March 11, 2009, a boy, Aiden Lazarus Owens, 7 lbs, 3.6 oz, 19", to Alejandra M. and Joshua A. Owens of Alamogordo;

March 12, 2009, a boy, Gianni Di Carlo Moreno, 7 lbs, 6 oz, 19-3/4", to Cynthia Elizabeth and Rick Gene Moreno of Ruidoso;

March 13, 2009, a girl, Isabelle Magdalena Cocchiola, 5 lbs, 5 oz, 17", to Samantha Dean and Victor Cocchiola of Ruidoso Downs;

March 14, 2009, a girl, Allura Danae Gant Ontiveros, 6 lbs, 14.4 oz, 19-1/2", to Suqala Gant of Ruidoso.

ROBERT A. "BOB" CALLENDER

Robert A. "Bob" Callender of Ruidoso passed away on 27 March 2009 at Lincoln County Medical Center after a courageous battle with heart disease and cancer. He was born on 7 July 1935 in Wichita, KS. He served in the US Navy from 1952-1956 and Inactive Reserves 1956-60 after which he attended North Texas University. From 1957-77, he worked for the trucking equipment industry. In 1977 he started an insurance agency with Farmers Insurance Group in El Paso, TX. During this time, he resided in Horizon City where he served as a Fire Department volunteer (firefighter to Chief), Horizon City Alderman, El Paso County Water Authority Commissioner, and Chair-person and Board member of the El Paso Central Appraisal District. He also was a Little League Coach and Scout Master. In 1997, he semi-retired and moved to Ruidoso, NM, in 2000.

Bob married the "Love of his Life," Kitty Jelsovsky, on 18 October 2003 during the Oktoberfest in Ruidoso. He is survived by his wife, Kitty, and sons: Lance Callender, wife, Paula of El Paso, TX; Eric Callender, his wife, Mary, of Oklahoma City, OK; and E.J. Thor, his fiancée, Michelle Melo, of New Hampshire; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Bob joined Lions in November 1972 in Lancaster, TX. In 1974, he transferred to the Ysleta Lions in El Paso and then a year later to the Horizon City Lions. In 1994, he led the effort to charter a new Club, the Pride of El Paso County Lions Club where he was a member until 2000. In 2000, he joined the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club. During his 37 years as a Lion, Bob was Club President (6 terms), District Tail Twister (8 terms), Zone Chairman (4 terms), Region Chair (2 terms), and Extension Chair (3 terms). He was District 40S Governor 2004-05 and Multiple District 40 Chair 2007-08. In 2005, he and his wife, Kitty, led the effort to charter a new Club, the Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club. Lion Bob had a sincere and exceptional passion for Lionism and its goal to try and make this world a better place for everyone. The extraordinary inspiration he was able to convey resulted in several new clubs being formed and many new Lions joining the ranks of the greatest service organization in the world.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will occur 4 April 2009 at 1PM at the Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso, NM. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Bob's memory to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF, 300 Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842) or NM Lions Operation KidSight/NMLEF (311 E. Redwood Ruidoso, NM) Burial at Ft. Bliss Cemetery will occur at a later time.



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Patsy Ann Sanders



Patsy Ann Sanders, 70, of Lubbock, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2009, in Lubbock at UMC Hospital.

Services will be held at 1:00 P.M., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born Patsy Ann Painter in Lubbock, Texas on August 22, 1938, as the eldest daughter of Raymond and Irene Painter. She attended Texas Tech University where she pledged Delta Delta Delta and earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1960. She completed her teaching degree at TTU in 1961. Patsy married Coach Mary Sanders and resided in Farmington, New Mexico for fourteen years, until retiring to Ruidoso six years ago.

Patsy Sanders is lovingly survived by her husband of 20 years, Marvin Sanders of Ruidoso, New Mexico, sister and brother-in-law Lana and John Lake Alexander of Denver, Colorado, and her brother and sister-in-law John Darden and Marilyn Painter of Dallas, Texas. She is also survived by her five children and their spouses: Cindis Delme of Farmington, New Mexico, Steve and Marquel White of Lubbock, Texas, Mike and Lori Sanders of Keller, Texas, Todd and Christy White of Keller, Texas and John Perry and Sara White of Lubbock, Texas. She is remembered as "Ganny" by her ten grandchildren: Garrett Sanders, Hannah White, Nathan Sanders, Emileigh Brownlow, Damien Brownlow, Madison White, Grace White, Emily Sanders, Sidney White and Woodrow White. Patsy Ann Sanders is also remembered and loved by the many more cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and students whose lives she touched.

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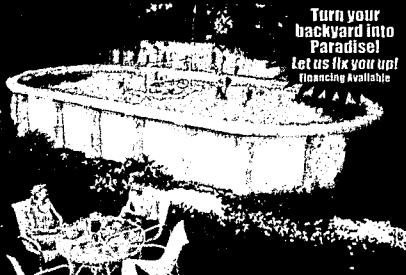
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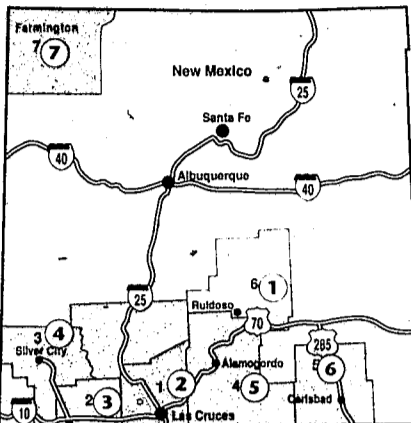
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CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,
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TAMMY TORRES-COX, JAMES C. COX, PROPERTY OWNERS' COMMITTEE, ORANCHO RUIDOSO, VAYAR, INC., STATES, INC., THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants,

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 22, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Corrales, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the herein-described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2 Pot Garrett Court South, Alamo, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2 Block 17 of RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 99 to 103, both inclusive, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as follows: 2001 Champion, VIN No. 12335014 and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as follows: 2001 Champion DW, VIN 12333014.

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CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC,
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No. CV-07-484

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