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Land-use revisions in play

P&Z wants to review ordinances while master plan is updated

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Knowing that no recommendations will be crafted until Ruidoso's Comprehensive Plan is updated, village planning and zoning commissioners still want to continue working on land-use ordinance revisions.

After an hour of discussion last week, they postponed action for another month with the acknowledgement the issue may continue to be moved monthly until the time is right for a recommendation to village councilors.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker said he began with C1, community commercial, because it is a "less intensive" zone. He listed "performance related" criteria to deter-

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COLORFUL CLOWN



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Mary Ann Morrissey of Capitan entertains at the Kids' Rodeo sponsored by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse during the 20th annual Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. For more photos of the symposium, see pages 10A and 5 and 6B.

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Census scams are on the rise

As 2010 Census approaches, Better Business Bureau warns of phony practices

A warning about census-related scams recently was issued by the Better Business Bureau of the United States.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers begin verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will try to count every person in the United States and gather information about each person living at an address, including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

"Most people are rightfully cautious and won't give out personal information to unsolicited phone callers or visitors, however the Census is an exception to the rule," said Steve Cox, BBB spokesperson. "Unfortunately, scammers know that the public is more willing to share personal data when taking part in the Census and they have an opportunity to ply their trade by posing as a government employee and soliciting sensitive financial information."

Federal funds at stake

The Census data will be used to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds every year, as well as determine a state's number of Congressional representatives. Households are required by law to respond to the Census Bureau's request for information.

During the U.S. Census, households will be contacted by mail, telephone or visited by a U.S. Census worker who will inquire about the number of people living in the house. Unfortunately, people may also be contacted by scammers impersonating Census workers to gain access to sensitive financial information such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers.

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Council formulating utility fees

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Lost in a sea of projections and alternatives when it comes to trying to understand proposed changes in wastewater treatment and sewer collection fees?

The staff of Red Oak Consulting, which put together recommendations for the Ruidoso Village Council, recently produced charts that should help. They show the combined charges for wastewater treatment and for sewer service under an immediate cost-of-service charge based on volume compared to a five-year transitional method. The rates were designed to generate enough revenue to repay the debt for the new treatment plant, set up an equipment replacement fund and cover operation and maintenance.

Village councilors wanted rates that will shift more of the burden of the system to nonresidential users based on cost of service and actual volume used, but they are trying to decide whether to jump into the new approach immediately

or phase in new rates over a three- or five-year period.

They won't see the three-year analysis until their next meeting with officials from Red Oak. Meanwhile, village staff is trying to come up with some numbers to indicate how many utility customers are seasonal versus full-time.

Councilors also must decide the cutoff point for the monthly minimum volume, currently set at 4,000 gallons. They could drop it by 1,000 gallons or increase it up to as much as 6,000 gallons.

Consultants are not dealing with solid waste and water rates, which also appear on monthly village utility bills.

All four entities - sewer, wastewater, water and solid waste - operate as enterprise funds, which means they must be self-supporting and charge fees sufficient to offset costs. All of the enterprise funds also are subject to annual automatic fee adjustments determined by the Cost of Living factor for each year.

Because the new fees will sig-

nificantly increase the monthly charge per 1,000 gallons over the minimum for wastewater and for sewer collection, the consultants said they anticipate a drop in water consumption of 2 percent a year beginning in 2011. Water meters are used as the measurement for water, sewer and wastewater bills.

Consultants figured in operation and maintenance inflation at 5 percent annually. The rates include a \$22.3 million, 10-year capital improvement program for the wastewater treatment fund comprised of \$19.4 million for the village's share of the cost of building the new plant and \$2.9 million for routine capital replacement. The village and the city of Ruidoso Downs are mandated to build the new plant by a court settlement and by state and federal agencies that license the plant to discharge into the Ruidoso River.

The village's share of the plant construction will be funded by bonds issued in 2008, a federal

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Due to technical difficulties we did not receive our weather spot today. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kathryn Minter of Alto wrote in Monday to tell of finding this bull snake in her gas grill, after which it was relocated (inset photo).

• In her words: "I found this beauty in our BBQ last night. I always have to check to see if we have any mouse nests, then clean the BBQ before using."

"You can see what I found, a 4-to-5-foot bull or gopher snake. We called a neighbor, Del Jones, who is a herpetologist. (He is actually an electrical engineer by profession but is now retired.) He came and relocated her. I was afraid some of our neighbors might mistake her for a rattlesnake and kill her."

"Del didn't know how

she got into the BBQ - you can see the empty rodent nest on the left - but he wasn't sure if she could get back out. Or, she might have been looking for a winter home."

"She had been keeping down our rodent population and will be missed. Strange to think she was probably prowling around at night for a while! Del is a real community asset and is available to remove any reptiles people come across, including rattlesnakes."

"P.S. Our cat, Thunder, said he knew she was out there all along."

• In a second email, Minter further explained:

"Del said the same snake is called gopher or

bull. The bull snake is a subspecies of the gopher snake. The scientific name is *Pituophis catenifer sayi*. The gopher snake is *Pituophis catenifer*. I think it is lighter in color. You are lucky to have a bull snake on your property. I would have kept this one but my neighbors all kill anything that moves. She must have taken a few gophers, as I have not had to trap any in a while. The mouse population is also down."

"By the way, Del said that she would have probably died in the BBQ. She was too large to get out again and with the cold temperatures, she couldn't digest the things she had eaten. They would have rotted and then killed her."

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Mrs. Ruidoso

Sheree Channel, Executive State Director for the Mrs. New Mexico Pageant, states the pageant is seeking applicants for the title of Mrs. Ruidoso.

Once selected, the lucky lady will advance to represent her community in the 2010 Mrs. New Mexico Pageant to be held on June 19 at the *Albuquerque Journal* Theatre located in the Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts. Local titleholders will

compete to win a prize package valued at more than \$8,000, including an all-expense-paid trip to the national Mrs. America Pageant.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old (no age limit), married at the time of competition and a New Mexico resident, no performing talent required.

Celebrating its 34th year, the Mrs. America pageant is the only competition to recognize the one person who contributes so much to modern-day life - America's married woman.

To request the official application or for information, call Sheree, New Mexico's State Director at 877-631-4447 or www.mrs-newmexicoamerica.com.

JUB meets

The regular meeting of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Use Board is at 10 a.m., today, at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. in Ruidoso.

The agenda includes possible action on approval of a first amendment to the Third Renewal Agreement between Montgomery & Andrews, P.A. and JUB for Expansion of Attorney's Scope of Work.

Deadline extended

Officials with the New Mexico Environment De-

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Eat an Enchilada!
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partment. Surface Water Quality Bureau are soliciting comment on the draft Hydrology Protocol for the Determination of Ephemeral, Intermittent, and Perennial Waters.

The comment period opened Aug. 26, and was scheduled to close Sept. 25., but because of public interest, the NMED extended the comment period to 65 days.

Comments on the Hydrology Protocol will now be accepted until 5 p.m. Oct. 30.

Comments must include contact information and should be e-mailed to shelly.drinkard@state.nm.us, or mailed to NMED-SWQB, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505, ATTN: Shelly Drinkard.

Copies of the draft Hydrology Protocol can be downloaded from the SWQB's Web site at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/hydrology/>.

If anyone experiences trouble downloading or requires a CD or hardcopy,

contact Gary King at gary.king@state.nm.us or 505-827-2928.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will conduct a regular meeting at 9 a.m., Oct. 22, in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto.

'Tea for Two'

An afternoon of fun and fellowship is promised during the seventh annual "Tea for Two or Just for You," set for 2 p.m., Oct. 24, and sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian.

In a break from presenting entertainment dealing with local history, the program this year will go back in time to look at the "Sinful Sisters and Fallen Floozies of the Bible."

Well-known characters such as Eve, Mrs. Job, Mrs. Noah and Jezebel will be portrayed by members of several local churches. For once, these women will get



U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN TIFFANY TROJKA

Officials with the 49th Fighter Wing have announced the flying schedule for the week of Oct. 12 through Oct. 16. Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, Oct. 14, between 8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 15, between 8 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 16, between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur. For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil. In the above photo, an F-22A waits on the ramp to launch during a week-long exercise from Oct. 5 to Oct. 9 at Holloman. Launching the aircraft in a minimal amount of time showcased the ability of Holloman's maintainers and operators to overcome any obstacle to ensure aircraft from the 49th Fighter Wing are on time and on target in the event they are called upon to defend the nation.

to tell their side of the story.

After the program,

guests are invited to share in a "high tea" served in the Fellowship Hall. Space is

limited and reservations are recommended.

For more information or

to make reservations, contact the church office at 257-2220.



COURTESY

Ruidoso veterans, l-r, Ed Cacciallanza, Jake Propsner, Robert Brophy, William Allen and Jennings "Jake" Ross.

Vets honored

The 45-minute bus ride from El Paso International Airport to the NMSU parking lot in Las Cruces seemed to take an eternity as it ended one of the longest, yet most joyous days that Ruidoso veterans Robert Brophy, William Allen, Jennings "Jake"

Ross, Ed Cacciallanza and Jake Propsner had ever experienced.

They were returning from Washington, D.C., with 88 other World War II Veterans, where they had spent the afternoon enjoying the World War II Memorial, which was built in their honor in 2004 and which none of the 93 veter-

ans had ever seen.

Now in their 80s and 90s, these national treasures were provided this opportunity by Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico, a non-profit organization whose sole mission is to transport World War II veterans to see their memorial free of charge.

The charter flight was

greeted at Dulles International Airport by two airport crash trucks squirting water into a huge arch over the aircraft, which is an aviation tradition of honor.

As the veterans deplaned, they were greeted by volunteers and airport employees who had decorated the arrival gate with red, white and blue decorations and were waving American Flags.

Many shook the hand of nearly every single veteran as they made their way through the airport to waiting tour buses which took them to the World War II Memorial.

The highlight of the trip was a visit from New Mexico Sen. Tom Udall and Rep. Harry Teague, who took time out of their busy schedules to greet the veterans at their memorial and to personally thank

them for their service to our country.

Rep. Teague also honored each veteran with an American flag and a Congressional Certificate.

The veterans had several hours to experience the memorial in their own way. Some walked to every point in the grand structure to see every last detail, while others sat quietly reflecting on their experiences from the past, and on those friends who never had this opportunity.

Many laughed and joked with old comrades over stories that they shared about a war that ended more than 60 years ago, but remains vivid in their minds.

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OUR OPINION

Utility scenarios a complex subject

Village is trying to implement a fairer system

It's not rocket science, but the complexities of proposed rate adjustments for Ruidoso utility customers – as outlined in articles in today's and last Friday's editions – comes fairly close.

Along with the modernization of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant comes an attempt by Ruidoso Village Council to modernize the system by which residents, seasonal residents, visitors and commercial establishments more equitably share the burden of paying for sewer and wastewater treatment service in order to help pay down the

debt for the plant's expansion.

A decision still must be made whether to phase in the new rates over a three- or five-year period or go to an immediate cost-of-service charge based on volume. Council has been working with Red Oak Consulting on various options.

Councilors also must decide the cutoff point for the monthly minimum volume, currently set at 4,000 gallons. They could drop it by 1,000 gallons or increase it up to as much as 6,000 gallons.

We'll keep you posted, but one good thing to come out of the proposals: Residential customers are likely to see some rate relief.



YOUR OPINION

Parade pullout was a tough decision

To the editor:

THIS LETTER IS in response to a letter in Wednesday, Oct. 7's newspaper and the many people who have caught me on the streets, at school, and in Walmart.

I am the Capitan High School Band Director. In the 14 Aspenfest Parades I have attended, we have seen many different things occur. Some years were wonderful experiences and some not so wonderful. Through all we have experienced, there is one thing I have learned: Our community is truly a wonderful place to live and they will support our kids and schools as much as possible.

If for this reason and no other, I will always try to say thank you by attending our local major parades. It is true that this year I have had to back out of some local performances or turn down offers to perform. The reason for most of this comes down to finances. We, like many people in today's world, are seeing the effects of the economy. We just do not have the budget to travel and perform for you. This, however, is not the reason for our absence at this year's Aspenfest Parade.

Capitan, like the two other marching bands from Ruidoso, was at the lineup for the parade. The weather was bad, as it was raining. The weather was one of the reasons the band directors chose not to march. We have marched many parades in the cold, damp and even snowy weather, but never this much rain. If our woodwind instruments

get wet, they are ruined. The pads will turn to mush, disintegrate, and fall out. For a price, this problem can be fixed; however, it takes a couple of weeks in the shop. Two of the three bands (the high school bands) have performances coming up and we cannot afford to be without our instruments, not to mention the thousands of dollars it would take to fix those instruments.

The second reason, and more important, we chose to leave was illness. Many of our students have been and are still out of school with illness. Some of our kids – your kids – are so dedicated to their bands, band directors, and community; they showed up to march knowing they were not feeling well. As a matter of fact, Ruidoso High School had 12 sick students that morning. They were going to march anyway. The three band directors met and decided, not without remorse, to drop out of the parade.

We then met with parade officials and let them know our decision. It was a hard decision that was not popular with anyone, including us, but we felt it was for the best. We did not know the weather would clear up. Given the circumstances again, I personally would make the same decision.

I do have some major regrets due to my decision not to march. First, I feel bad for my senior students who did not get to march their last parade in their last

year of high school. It was a rough ride home and I apologize to you most of all.

Second, I made a mistake by not letting a very special group of people know we were not going to make the parade; however, we the band directors did ask parade officials to make contact for us. The Lions Club has fed all of our students at the end of the parade for years. This act really makes our day special and is one of our highlights of marching in the Aspenfest Parade. I have had students who graduated 10 and 12 years ago come talk to me about the hot dogs and chips that they shared with students from other schools next to the river.

I regret that I, myself, did not let the Lions Club know we were not going to make it and I apologize to you.

I also would like to take this time to thank you for all that you do for us. It is a wonderful act. I, my students (present and past), and my students' parents thank you.

Last, I apologize to our public who expected to see the bands in the parade. I have talked to the other band directors and I know they felt the same regret as I. It was a hard decision but I feel it was the right one at the time. We will try to see everyone at the Festival of Lights in December and I thank all of you for your support.

Musically Yours,
DuWayne Shaver
Director of Bands
Capitan Schools

Politics undermined 9/11 Tribute

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to thank everyone who came out for our 9/11 Tribute in Ruidoso and all who donated to our cause. Last week, I received an email from President Karen Clontz of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County in which she asked us how we felt about the event, and how much money was raised minus expenses.

The FRW wanted to know what their money and the money from the Republican Party of Lincoln County was going to be used for. We supplied them with a rough tally. We responded that we raised \$3,165 and our expenses were approximately \$3,512. Out of those expenses, Bill Dement, coordinator of the event, spent \$832 out-of-pocket and was reimbursed with all except \$214, which he donated to the Foundation. We explained that the monies are going to build up the organization – public relations, media, office equipment, etc.

We explained that our goal is to help officers that are disabled from 9/11 exposure, and many who now have cancer and are

dying. We said we also want to have a Christmas party for the children of deceased 9/11 cops. I was ecstatic that even though we lost money, we got out our message out to the good people of Ruidoso.

Today, I received another email from the FRW requesting clarifications on expenses and donations, including a complete list of donors and requesting a complete financial report. It was conveyed to me that the number and names of non-Republican donors was needed.

It was further written that "I'm only asking the kind of questions you will be asked, if you have another event this large, next year. Please do not think I am not trying to cause you trouble or accuse you of anything."

I sat back and pondered this comment. It is obvious to me as a retired cop that our Foundation is being accused of impropriety regarding the finances raised and expenses regarding the event. I would like to let everyone know that the FRW paid \$250 for the Flying J which was extremely generous, and it should be

noted that the Republican Party of Lincoln County donated \$500 for our cause. We acknowledged these donations last week in the *Ruidoso News*.

Unfortunately, there is an air of impropriety that hovers over this event. I cannot allow our organization, our officers or others in our organization to have their reputation impugned by careless and/or malicious statements.

To this end, I have decided to refund donations of both the FRW and RPLC in their entirety. To be completely transparent, we will post the complete accounting report regarding revenues and expenditures stemming from this event on our Web site, www.911policeaidfoundation.org.

It is shameful that politics had to work itself into this event. In all likelihood, it took money away from a dying 9/11 first responder who needed it for medical expenses, or from the child of a first responder who died who was denied a Christmas present.

Michael Valentin
President
9/11 Police Aid Foundation

Budget crisis: We're not California, but it won't be easy

As lawmakers gird for a special session to deal with the state's budget deficit, we should all pause a moment, take a deep breath, and give thanks we're not in California.

Californians have racked up a breathtaking \$26 billion (with a b) deficit. That's bad enough, but the Golden State has shoved any solution out of reach by making itself so unmanageable that even the Governor is out of arguments and ammunition.

There are lessons galore for New Mexico.

Over the last 30 years, beginning with Proposition 13, California voters cut local property taxes by 60 percent and passed initiatives to cap or eliminate other taxes. That had a cost. At the same time, legislators passed a lot of feel-good spending bills. That also had a cost. No matter. Newly passed term limits meant the revelers wouldn't be around to pick up the tab for their binge. Spending quickly outpaced revenues, but borrowing and fudging the books kept the party going. Until this year.

We've seen versions of this play out in Congress and here in New Mexico. In the excitement around passing tax cuts, I have yet to hear anybody talk about its cost, or even acknowledge there is one. The usual chatter about tax cuts paying for themselves is pure myth.

And here's another myth – that we can simply ratchet taxes back up and *voila!* More revenue!

I've been following the arguments of groups that think we should give up the governor's prized tax cut. The New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops argues persuasively that a recession falls hardest on the poor, that now is not the time to cut services.

A coalition called Better Choices New Mexico has been running a very effective campaign, "20 Ways in 20 Days," that spells out exactly who would be hurt by budget cuts. It comes as close as possible to putting a face on the cuts. See it at betterchoicesnewmexico.com.

It's an admirable effort because there's an assumption out there that budget cuts are just a matter of trimming the fat. However much we'd like to believe that, the truth is that the cuts could result in real pain for some people.

But here's the catch: Better Choices' solution is "a balanced approach that includes raising revenues," which means rolling back the 2003 tax cut. If only it were that simple.

Historical precedent teaches that raising taxes during an economic downturn doesn't produce more revenue and can even slow the recovery.

And it's unlikely that the governor, who by now is thinking about his legacy in the state, will give up one of his proudest initiatives.

Recently nine economists from UNM, NMSU and the Santa Fe Institute wrote to the governor and legislators to advise against cuts in government spending.

"The worst thing to do in a recession is to make deep cuts in education, health care, public safety, or other state services that take dollars directly out of local economies. If you cut the salary of a teacher, firefighter or police officer, or if you cancel a contract with a local vendor or cut reimbursement rates to non-profits - you remove money they would otherwise spend locally," they wrote.

Lately, education has become a target. The "Education Governor" may have to go to the mat for another of his proudest initiatives because education is where the big dollars are. But consider the broad coalition of people from across the economic and political spectrum who came together to pass education reform.

Which piece of that hard-won reform do we want to give up? Pre-k? All-day kindergarten? Breakfasts for children? Better salaries for teachers? Or do legislators make a flat, across-the-board cut to schools that are already struggling?

Let's not kid ourselves about the decisions they face. This session will be grueling.

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SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

LAND

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mine compatibility for inclusion in the zone, instead of a roster of uses.

Because the Upper Canyon area at the western end of Sudderth Drive is full of older rental cabins and lodges, a subcategory under C1 or an entirely separate classification may have to be created for that area, he said. "I've started looking at an Upper Canyon zone that would allow limited commercial, but no convenience stores," he said.

"We looked at the cabin developments and some have 50 units, another is 50-plus feet tall and another more than 100 feet long," he told commissioners. "That's why I included up to 50 units in C1, because I was trying to accommodate what is in Upper Canyon."

But an area along Gavilan Canyon with singlewide mobile homes also is zoned C1 and he questioned whether it would be appropriate for a 50-unit hotel. He recommended tailoring the uses permitted to the specific type of area.

Under definitions, Decker said he tried to gather ones scattered throughout Chapter 54, the village's land use ordinance, and bring them all under the definition subsection.

"I ask you to question the definitions if you don't

think they are appropriate or if you find some terms that lack definitions and you think they are needed," he said.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said he thought board members understood the performance-based approach, and he would like to concentrate on definitions at the next meeting.

"Until we have an approved Comprehensive Plan (update), I don't know if we want to take the time," he said. "At that point, we can decide if we want to go performance-based."

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said he would prefer a different approach than the current one, which is that if something is not listed as a principal permitted activity or as a conditional use, it is prohibited.

"Let's do a section on prohibited principal uses that just don't belong there," he said.

Business owner Jennie Dorgan, a regular at the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and a member of the Lincoln County Planning Commission, pointed out that nothing in the code covers tattoo parlors and that at some point they were lumped in with beauty parlors and were allowed in C1.

"Do we not have the right to say we don't want it or do we have to let everything in?" she asked.

"The issue is state and

federal law that limit our ability to say no," Barrow replied.

"You can deny it in one zone, but you have to have a place where it can go," Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld explained.

Bryant agreed. "You cannot zone an otherwise lawful business activity from your community or the law will say it can go anywhere and you have no protection," he said. "What we have to analyze is its impacts and prove it is different. We can't OK others and say no to a tattoo parlor. We can't constitutionally allow part of a class and not others."

Commissioner Beth Hood, a retired attorney, asked who decides if something is similar to another permitted use. The law shouldn't negate the commission's role in deciding what goes into the local community, she said. "We're the ones who have to listen to the complaints," she said.

Commissioner Don Dutton said uses could be eliminated or included by how they are defined in the definition section of the ordinance.

"In my opinion, a lot of decisions are not up to us. They are up to the courts or the state," Barrow said, but he would like to eliminate some uses. He didn't agree with court decisions framing land use rules. "Laws should come from the legislative body, not the courts; from elected offi-

cials, not judges," he said.

Bryant said Upper Canyon is an unique area and may be deserving of its own zoning and set of rules to preserve its historic integrity. The village should define it and map it, he said. Many uses in C1 now are not appropriate for Upper Canyon.

The decision to slide tattoo parlors under the same heading as beauty parlors was his decision. He found 14 court decisions, "that there is no difference and we can't treat them differently." Both are personal services that are licensed and inspected by the state, he said.

However, just like an on-going debate over how to handle nightly rentals of private homes in the village, different attorneys have different opinions, so a court decides. A community can make the decision with clear definitions and rules to keep the issue out of court, he said.

"Shops that sell lewd sexually explicit items, the law says we don't have to allow them everywhere, as long as we provide somewhere, an appropriate zone. Otherwise, it can go everywhere," Bryant said.

Commissioner Phillis Barnett said, "It's still not right to put everything people don't want all together. Everyone has a right to make a living. We can impose regulations, such as operating hours."

"So you can look at performance to decide if it

intrudes on the neighborhood more than other businesses," in reference to performance standards such as noise and operating hours, the attorney said.

Commissioner Ray Alborn, said if someone moved into a commercial zone, they shouldn't complain about commercial lighting or noise because a certain degree is allowed, and they know that possibility ahead of time.

Three years ago the main topic was Upper Canyon and the core tourist shopping in Midtown and the suggestion was to create an overlay zone with specific rules, Dorgan reminded commissioners.

"I suggest you go back to that or otherwise, you'll be doing this over again," she said, adding that as written, "There is no way to get your head around" the proposed revision of C1 rules.

"It's all important to me, not just upper Canyon and Midtown," Barrow said. "We attempted (to complete land use plan ordinance changes) several years ago after the Comprehensive Plan was approved, but we get so bogged down and we pick a sentence to death and nothing gets passed."

Now is the time to learn how to handle uses such as tattoo parlors in a nondiscriminatory way before one attempts to move into Upper Canyon, said resident Rick Albers. That applies to the use of modular homes too. The village

cannot discriminate against certain types of homes, but an ordinance could be adopted designating sites for modular that would not leave jurisdiction in the hands of the state, he said.

Dutton said tattoos aren't his choice, but. "You can't watch a major sporting event without seeing tattoos. I can't impose my values on someone else, but we can impose reasonable restraints, such as hours of operation."

Barnett said many people argued tattooing is a form of artistic expression.

Resident Sue Alborn said she doesn't favor tattoos, but that's a personal choice. "I do care about health, safety and welfare of citizens with bags of syringes and needles in the dumpster nearby," she said. A doctor uses a special biohazard container for disposal and a tattoo parlor owner could be required to comply with the same rules, she contended.

Decker said a spot check of the tattoo parlor showed the owner had biohazard bags and that the dumpster is "available to everyone."

Barrow said he was impressed while visiting Great Britain to see neighborhood pubs within walking distance of homes for those who drink. "They have no drunk driving problem," he said. "They just walk. We group (bars) away from homes so people have to drive."

FEES

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stimulus grant and bonds issued this year to repay a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan and a New Mexico Environmental Department loan.

Existing rates became effective July 1, and include a monthly minimum charge for up to 4,000 gallons, but differs between residential and nonresidential. The volume charge is applied to usage in excess of 4,000 gallons and is the same for all customers.

Existing wastewater treatment monthly charges for residential customers are \$36.07 for the minimum base and \$1.80 for each 1,000 gallons in excess of the 4,000 gallon minimum. The base charge represents what some councilors call the wastewater surcharge, an amount judged necessary two years ago to cover the plant's cost. Councilors hoped with grants obtained and a drop in construction expense, that surcharge could be lowered.

Under the proposal to immediately implement a cost of service rate, the monthly base charge would drop in 2010 to \$20, but the per 1,000 gallon charge in excess of the minimum would jump to \$7.12. By 2014, the base charge would be \$19.80 and the per 1,000 usage charge would be \$7.80.

Nonresidential rates now are \$52.43 base and \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum. Under the immediate implementation of cost of service, the base charge in 2010, would drop to \$25.60 and the charge per 1,000 gallons over the minimum would increase to \$7.12. By 2014, the base charge would be \$25.20 and the per 1,000 gallon charge over the minimum would be \$7.60.

Under the phased-in approach, the figures for residential and nonresidential would look the same in

2014, but the base charges for both would decrease slowly and the per 1,000 gallons of usage over the minimum would increase slowly. For example, in 2010, the residential base charge would drop less than \$2 to \$34.20 and the volume charge would increase to \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons excess. The nonresidential base charge would dip to \$51.70 and the usage charge would be \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons. From there, the decrease in the base charge would slide from about \$4 to \$7 a year to reach the 2014 figure, and the usage charge would increase by \$1 or more a year per 1,000 gallons over the minimum.

A 3,000-gallon-per-month residential user in 2010 would see a \$16.07 decrease in monthly bills under the direct cost of service approach and a \$1.77 decrease under the transitional approach, Red Oak consultants projected.

Some councilors complained the transitional approach would require residential customers to continue for another four years carrying the main burden of the system. The fees charged nonresidential users have not covered the cost of their service for years and residential users have picked up the slack in their monthly bills, councilors point out.

Others on the board said with a poor economy, a phased approach might help business owners. The types of businesses most negatively impacted by a higher volume charges would be restaurants, hotels, schools and the hospital. However, Midtown shops and professional

SUMMARY OF COST OF SERVICE RATES

COMBINED WASTEWATER AND SEWER RATES

	Existing Rates	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Residential						
Monthly Minimum Charge	51.10	29.80	30.00	30.00	30.30	30.50
Volumetric Charge	2.55	9.64	9.88	10.13	10.35	10.57
Nonresidential						
Monthly Minimum Charge	74.29	37.40	37.50	37.60	37.80	38.10
Volumetric Charge	2.55	9.64	9.88	10.13	10.35	10.57

SUMMARY OF TRANSITIONAL RATES

COMBINED WASTEWATER AND SEWER RATES

	Existing Rates	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Residential						
Monthly Minimum Charge	51.10	48.80	46.00	42.20	37.00	30.50
Volumetric Charge	2.55	3.39	4.50	5.98	7.95	10.57
Nonresidential						
Monthly Minimum Charge	74.29	71.70	66.10	59.10	51.30	38.10
Volumetric Charge	2.55	3.39	4.50	5.98	7.95	10.57

offices, traditionally low volume users, would benefit and probably would see a decrease in monthly bills.

Under the sewer collection line service, which also consists of a base minimum and volume charges, the consultants said a 2.5 percent annual increase is required through 2018.

Using the immediate implementation approach, the monthly minimum for residential customers

would drop in 2010 from \$15.03 for residential users to \$9.80 and by 2014, would be \$10.70. The volume fee would increase from 75 cents per 1,000 over the minimum to \$2.52 in 2010 and end up in 2014 at \$2.97.

For nonresidential customers, the base charge would drop from \$21.86 to \$11.80 in 2010 and end up at \$12.90 in 2014. The volume charge would increase

from 75 percent per 1,000 in excess of the minimum to \$2.53 in 2010 and end up at \$2.7 per 1,000 in 2014.

Under the transitional approach, the drop in the minimum charge for both residential and nonresidential would be about \$1 a year and the volume charge per 1,000 gallons over the minimum would go up by less than \$1 a year.

Whichever route councilors choose, by 2014, resi-

dential customers would see a drop in the combine wastewater treatment and sewer service charge from a base of \$51.10 to \$30.50, and an increase in the per 1,000 gallon over the minimum charge from \$2.55 to \$10.57.

Nonresidential drop from a \$74.29 base charge to \$38.10 per month, and the same per 1,000 gallons charge increase as residential customers.

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The Cowboy Symposium is entertaining, but it's also educational.

On Friday, Oct. 16, the Cowboy Symposium and Chuck wagon Cook-Off invited just fewer than 600 children to visit the displays and chuck wagons.

"They greeted us as we got off the bus and gave us a schedule of events," Sierra Vista Primary First-Grade teacher Joan Howland said. "It was so well organized, we didn't miss a thing."

Coda Omness has been coordinating the educational events at the Symposium for the last six years.

"Each group is assigned a 4-H teen leader and an adult guide," Omness said. "This is a huge undertaking that we couldn't do without the help of the volunteers and teachers and community support."

When Howland asked her class about their favorite event Tuesday morning, they all voted for everything she mentioned.

"This is the third year I have taken my class and the second year we have taken the whole group," Howland said. She coordinates the elementary school students Symposium trip with Omness. "It used to be just the older kids, but I decided that we could probably have a blast too."

Elementary students

from First, Second, Fourth and Fifth grades made up about 400 of the kids at the event on Friday.

"We didn't have any home schooled students there this year, but we have had in the past," Omness said. "Parents of home schooled students just need to contact me to arrange to attend."

Omness is the Community Education director and Marketing coordinator at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

The education extended to at least one family that participated in the Chuck wagon Cook-Off.

"We are trying to instill some of the old fashioned values in our children," Danny Noland said. He and his wife, Sheri, brought their 10 and 4 year old children with them to the Cook-Off. "They learn better values here than they do at the movies and the malls."

Those old-fashioned values are the basis for Howland's curriculum for her first-grade class.

"The cowboy culture covers every cultural group," Howland said. "It includes girls and boys."

"Even the bad guys had manners," she said.

The cowboy theme runs throughout the class activities from cowboy and pony cutouts the kids take home to in-class activities.

"Our Halloween will be a trail drive where we eat the food they cowboys



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Students walk through the exhibits at the Cowboy Symposium at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Friday, Oct. 9. Almost 600 children attended the traditional opening day children's visit to the Symposium. There were about 20 displays and demonstrations for the children, many hands-on experiences.

would eat on the trail," Howland said.

Howland's class received and honorable mention from the Kids poetry contest, which they were too

young to enter. There were 280 entries this year. The Lincoln County Outriders organized and judged the poetry contest.

"Six years ago we had

150 kids at the event," Omness said. "This year the New Mexico Leather crafters brought 600 key fobs to give out and had 20 left."

Omness said they added some new demonstrations this year for a total of about 20 exhibits for the kids. There were adults enjoying these demonstrations too.

Public Education Committee to meet in Albuquerque

SANTA FE —The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) will meet on Friday, Oct. 23, at the Cien Aguas International Charter School, 3501 Campus Blvd NE, Albuquerque.

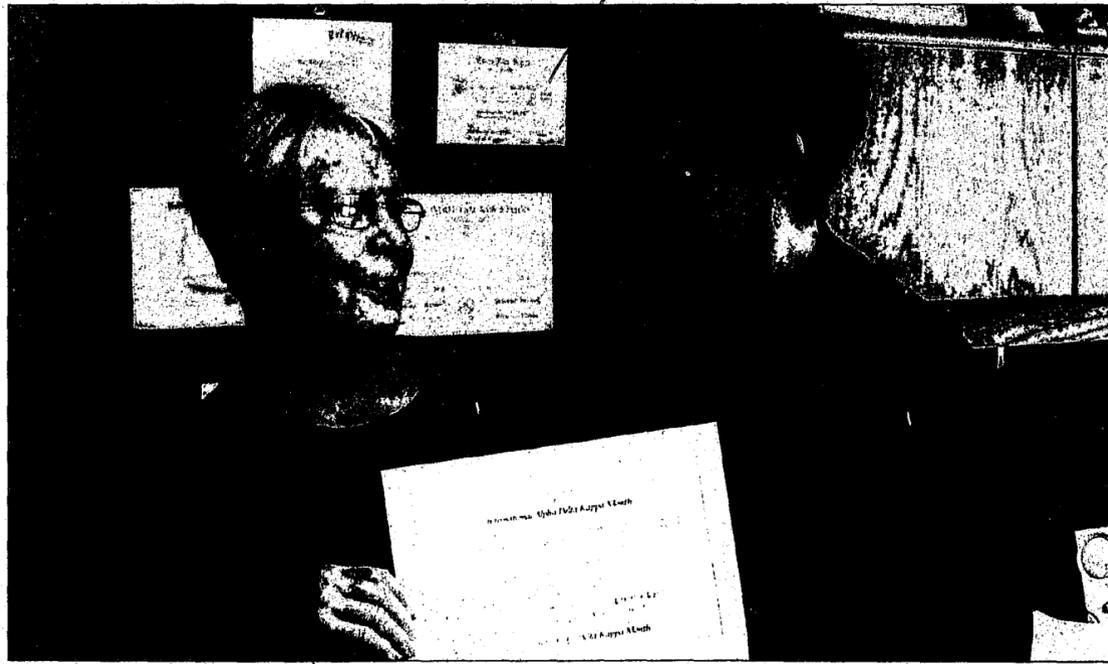
The PEC will attend a training workshop on the charter school renewal process in the Cien Aguas conference room from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. to prepare Commissioners for the charter school renewals in December, 2009. The workshop will be presented

by the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter School Division. The Commission will begin their regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the school's conference room.

The complete PEC agenda may be viewed at www.ped.state.nm.us

The Open Forum for Public Comment will be held at 12 p.m., with four minutes per presenter. For more details about the meeting, call Beverly Friedman, PED Liaison to the PEC at 505-827-6661.

International Alpha Delta Kappa Month



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Ruidoso Municipal School District superintendent Bea Eta Harris presents Alpha Delta Kappa President's Council president Eva Clarke a proclamation recognizing October as International Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators is a fraternal organization which gives recognition to outstanding educators, establishes high standards of education, promotes educational and charitable projects.

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BRIDGING THE GAP



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Three of the largest rooms at the Ruidoso Convention Center were packed with bridge players Friday competing in the 4th Aspengold Regional Bridge Tournament put together by Alamogordo and Ruidoso clubs that make up Unit 388 of the American Contract Bridge League. The tournament began Monday and ran through Sunday, said Chairperson Kaye Kernodle. At least 25 states and two foreign countries were represented among the more than 650 participants. The District 17 final of the North American Pairs competition was conducted during the tournament, qualifying the winners to progress to the national competition. The clubs also stage sectionals for three days every July in Ruidoso.

Planner challenges minutes of previous P&Z meeting

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"I didn't know there was a limit on the number of times I can bring something up,"
Ray Alborn said.

During a meeting last week of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, Ray Alborn, who serves on the board, complained about issues in the minutes of the last regular board meeting.

He noted that the minutes state he brought up the subject "again" of traffic dangers during River Rendezvous events across from School House Park.

"I didn't know there was a limit on the number of times I can bring something up," he said.

The minutes relate that Commission Chairman Glen Barrow "stated that he doesn't think that it was such a big deal and was surprised that this discussion has gone on so long. This is the kind of business and economic growth that we want to see in town."

Alborn challenged that conclusion and asked

Barrow to define "we." A health, safety and welfare problem exists at the location, "no matter how many times it's brought up," he said.

Alborn also pointed out that while merchants in Midtown pay rent or own buildings and pay the appropriate gross receipts tax, he has no way of knowing that the weekend vendors at River Rendezvous, who don't have a local investment, are paying their share.

"We don't know if they are paying GRT and we have people closing up (their businesses) in Midtown," he said.

SCAMS

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Law enforcement in several states have issued warnings that scammers are already posing as Census Bureau employees and knocking on doors asking for donations and Social Security numbers.

To tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist, BBB officials offered the following advice:

- If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

- Census workers cur-

rently are only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by email, so be on the lookout for email scams. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

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- Ruidoso Village Council -

Parks & Rec gets new wheels

Village Hall returns to regular hours

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Either Debbie Jo Almaguer's power of persuasion excels or the collective guilt of Ruidoso village councilors for years of shuffling hand-me-down cars to the Parks and Recreation Department prevailed.

At their meeting Sept. 29, councilors approved some new wheels for P&R employees.

Almaguer, who heads the "department, first asked for approval of the purchase of two 2010 3/4 ton long-wheel base, 4-wheel drive diesel trucks for \$54,048 from Bob Turner Ford. The dealership was one of two that responded.

"On average, our department has the oldest vehicles in the village,"

Almaguer told councilors. They approved the purchase, saying the price was good.

Next, Almaguer asked for approval of the purchase of a 15-passenger van for \$23,428 from Bob Turner Ford.

Councilor Ron Harde- man expressed reservations.

"I realize the amounts are budgeted, but that may not mean we have the money this year. You're asking for four vehicles for \$99,000. I'm a little uncomfortable. The two are four-wheel and diesel. Is that absolutely necessary?"

Almaguer replied that the choice is the council's and she could go with one purchase of a diesel truck this year, as long as she was guaranteed the second next year.

"All the old trucks will go to auction," said Special Projects Manager Justin King. "The prices were compared with state contracts. This all goes toward our replacement plan."

Councilor Jim Stod- dard complimented the two on the "good buy," but he said he was sorry the village had to "leave town to do it."

Village Manager Debi Lee said she also thought long and hard about the purchases.

"If the gross receipt tax hadn't come in higher as it did, I might wait, but I feel it is an important expenditure and we need to give employees what they need in the field," she said. "There are other places we can cut. We can see the benefit in the capital improvement program,

savings in maintenance and gasoline."

"I feel a little better," Harde- man said as the motion passed to approve the van to transport children enrolled in the summer Wilderness Camp.

Almaguer said the vehicle being used broke down frequently and the brakes are not safe.

Lee said, "We don't want kids stranded on the road. We expect the program to grow and I recommend replacing it."

The fourth vehicle approved by the council was a 2009 used midsize sports utility vehicle for \$21,719 from Sierra Blanca Motors. The SUV will replace a 1996 vehicle with more than 100,000 miles. Almaguer said she's been driving her own car and, "This will help me get around."

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Beginning this month, Ruidoso Village Hall returned to traditional operating hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., after criticism from councilors that an earlier closing caused problems for them and residents with municipal business.

Village Manager Debi Lee reported to councilors that administrative policies are being put in place to accommodate the security and end-of-day tallying needs of utility billing clerks.

In other changes in the administration setup, Lee said all village contracts and agreements with the exception of grants and project contracts, will be automated, handled and processed at the village clerk's office.

"By doing so, the list will be updated to ensure it is current, dates due will be identified and a timeline will be established for all contract/agreements that require a request for proposals process, they will be submitted for renewal or a new RFP will be issued three months before expiration," she said during the

council's Sept. 29 meeting. "An updated list will be provided at each pre-agenda meeting."

She explained that staff is working toward a paperless agenda that will give the mayor and council the choice to view agenda packets electronically.

"This new process will place the agenda packet on the village Web site, allowing the public to have access to the information in advance of the meetings," Lee said. "Also, we are working with Information Technology to install a media center in the council chambers that will display the agenda and supporting documents for the audience to view as the council is considering each item."

Two of the village firemen, Assistant Chief Harlan Vincent and Capt. Cody Thetford, participated in Hazard Materials training in Clovis. After completion of a four-week training program, they were to be certified as HAZMAT technicians, a first for the Ruidoso Fire Department.

Fire Chief Tom Gavin was accepted into a two-week Fire Officer IV training in Georgia, which began last week by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.

Lee said acceptance into the national level training is highly competitive and requires many training prerequisites.

"It is the highest level of qualification that a structural firefighter can obtain in a structural career and another first for the department," she said.

In other village reports, Lee noted:

- Compliance with forest management regulations in the Black Forest/Grindstone area sits at 94 percent, in Upper Canyon at 86 percent, in Ponderosa/Pine Lodge at 89 percent, at Camelot/Pinecliff at 78 percent, in the Wingfield area at 92 percent and along Sudderth and Mechem at 24 percent.

- Steven Corbin was hired in the Police Department as a certified patrol officer and will begin Oct. 24. Thirty-two applications were received for the position of wastewater treatment manager and eight candidates are in the running. Six were to be interviewed late last month.

- building permit activity was up in August over July. Although the numbers are below last year, construction gross receipts taxes are back up to the levels of two years ago.

- members of the New Mexico League of Zoning Officials conducted their annual conference at the Ruidoso Convention Center and several village staffers and zoning commission members attended. Part of the program was a presentation by village Emergency Manager Tom Schaffer and Planning Director Bob Decker on the July 2008 flood.

- the list of bridges damaged or washed away in the flood and now under design for permanent replacement consists of the lower and upper bridges on Main Road in Upper Canyon, Eagle Drive, McDaniel Drive, Coyote Lane, Sleepy Hollow Road, River Trail, Robin Road, Close Road and North Loop Road.

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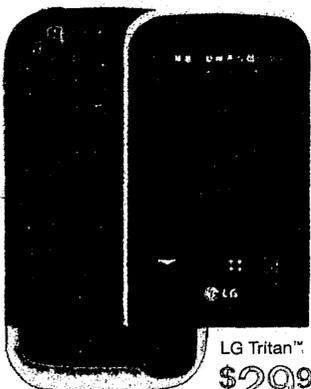
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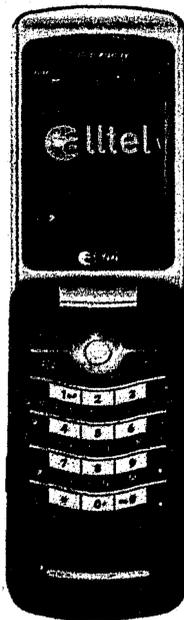
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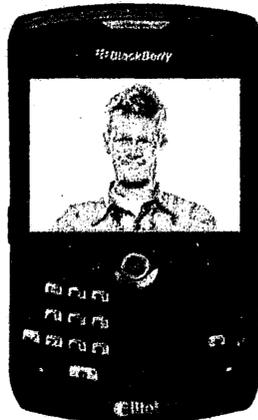
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Fort Stanton officials hope to recruit more volunteers

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With success comes the need for more volunteers to help at Fort Stanton State Monument.

Members of the governing board of Fort Stanton Inc., the nonprofit organization of volunteers constituting the major advocacy group for the fort, are putting together plans to

usher the fort into the future, said President Clinton Smith.

Reconstruction of the old administration building will be completed by the end of the year.

After state museum officials turn the building over to Fort Stanton Inc., the plans will kick into motion, he said. The new museum will contain old displays and many new one as

members fulfill their mission of "putting Fort Stanton to work for the state."

Among new programs planned will be tours of the fort for school children, similar to one conducted last month when 5th-graders from Berrendo Elementary in Roswell arrived with parents and teachers for an afternoon of fun and history.

Smith said the children were divided into groups to follow docents, who spoke about the history of the 1855 fort as they took the children to different areas and buildings, such as the chapel, the horse barns and the parade grounds, as well as the pool built by German internees during World War II.

They seemed to especially enjoy the reenactors,

according to letters received later from the students thanking the volunteers for the tours.

With the increased size of the museum, more docents will be required for tours of the building and of the grounds and other structures, Smith said. Currently, traffic on the grounds is restricted because of reconstruction.

Tours are conducted by FSI docents at 2 p.m., every Saturday. Private tours also may be scheduled through Dee Kessler, Fort Stanton State Monument manager, at 575-653-4082, or by contacting Peggy Whittemore, museum coordinator, at 575-336-1436.

Individuals interested in becoming fort docents receive a hands-on orientation lasting up to 90 minutes at the museum and

are given a booklet of information.

The booklet contains the history of Fort Stanton, guideline for docents and information about Fort Stanton Inc.

After the orientation, new docents are partnered with an experienced docent until they are confident to volunteer alone.

The contact person for orientation is Charlotte Rowe at 575-336-4015.

"Anyone interested in joining us in this new exciting chapter of this great old gem, please call me at 575-258-5792," Smith asked. "It's a new day and we urge any and all to share in the future events, come out and see the beauty and history of Fort Stanton."

For more information, check out the fort Web site at www.fortstanton.com.



Tad Vanderhye ushers Roswell 5th graders on a tour of the fort grounds.

COURTESY JOSEPH ARCURE

BTK Trail added to funding list

Lincoln County is among entities in 43 states recommended to receive \$40.7 million for 160 projects to improve and promote highways designated as scenic byways.

Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez said Friday, "I join Secretary LaHood in his commitment to protecting and promoting roads that are American icons. We're proud to help tell each road's unique story."

New Mexico is slated to receive \$356,000 to be broken down into five projects:

- \$28,000 for a Corridor Management Plan implementation on the Billy the Kid Trail
- \$165,000 for signage on the 26 byways
- \$100,000 for exhibits and interpretive services for the Interpretive Center at Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological Site
- \$8,000 for the Geronimo Trail Outdoor Adven-

New Mexico is expected to receive more than \$350,000 for five projects that promote "roads that are American icons."

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- \$55,000 for Salt Missions Trail CMP and organization development

Out-of-state projects funded by grants include improving visitor access to Chalk Bluff along the Crowley Ridge Parkway in Arkansas, a visitor contact station at Denali along the George Parks Highway in Alaska and construction of pedestrian and bicycling facilities along scenic byways in Oregon.

The grants are part of the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program that recognizes and provides funding for roads designated either locally or

nationally as having outstanding scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational and archaeological qualities.

Since 1992, the National Scenic Byways Program awarded about \$388 million for more than 2,832 state, tribal and nationally designated byway projects in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

The strength of this program is the voluntary, grassroots support of local advocates in communities throughout the country who nominate and promote outstanding roads for this recognition.

- Dianne Stallings

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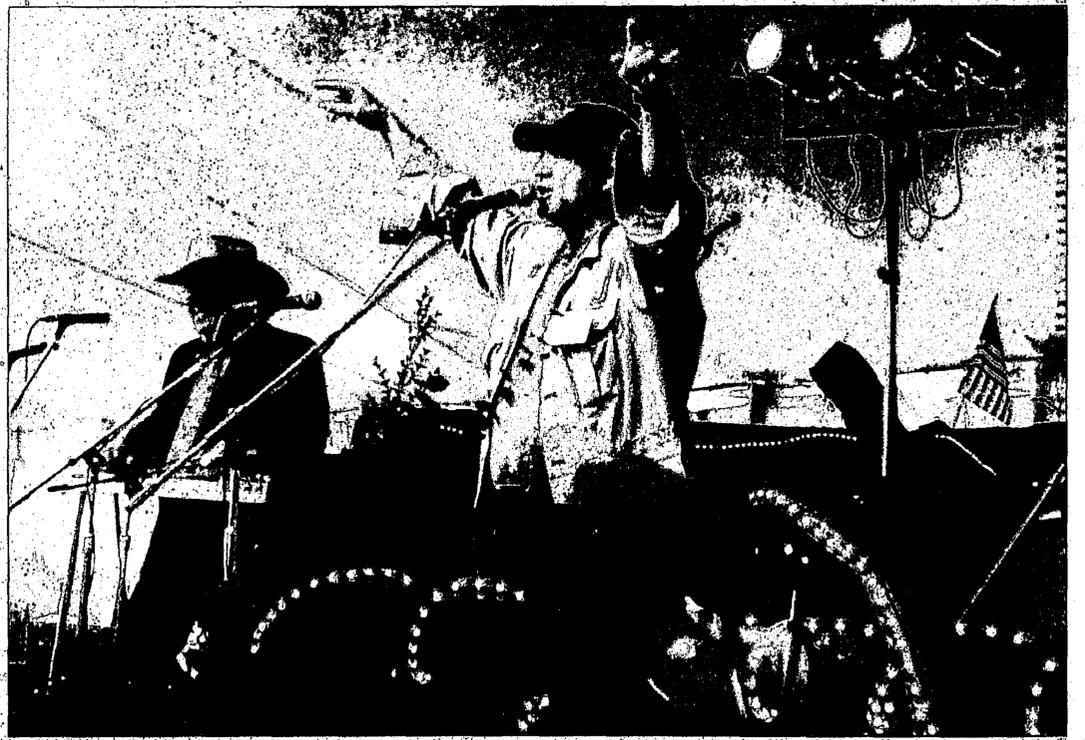
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Warriors struggle with opportunity

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Results

Football
Friday, Oct. 9
Hondo 36, Dora 0
Carrizozo 16, Loving 14
Hagerman 53, Mescalero 6
Cobre 26, Ruidoso 6

Girls Soccer
Saturday, Oct. 10
Ruidoso 6, Hatch 0

Volleyball
Thursday, Oct. 8
Carrizozo 3, Hondo 0
Vaughn 3, Corona 0
Saturday, Oct. 10
Goddard 3, Ruidoso 0

Sports On Tap

Football
Friday, Oct. 16
Ruidoso at Chaparral, 7 p.m.
Fort Sumner at Zozo, 7 p.m.
Tularosa at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 17
Mescalero at Newcomb, 1 p.m.

Volleyball
Thursday, Oct. 15
Ruidoso at Carlsbad, 6 p.m.
Hondo at Vaughn, 2 p.m.
Mountainair at Corona, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 17
Ruidoso at Lovington, 1 p.m.
Mescalero at Tatum, 3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 19
Valley Christian Academy at Mescalero, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 20
Portales at Ruidoso, 6:30 p.m.
Hondo at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Tuesday, Oct. 20
Ruidoso at NMMI, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer
Saturday, Oct. 17
Hatch at Ruidoso, 11 a.m.

The 0-3 D3-3A Cobre Indians came to Horton Field Friday and defeated the Warriors, 26-6.

For Ruidoso, it was a game of missed opportunities. Seven times RHS was within the "scoring zone" (the opponent's 30-yard line) and only came away with one touchdown.

The first few minutes of play turned out to be a harbinger of things to come.

The opening kickoff was taken at Ruidoso's 30 by Darrell Carr and returned to the Cobre 45.

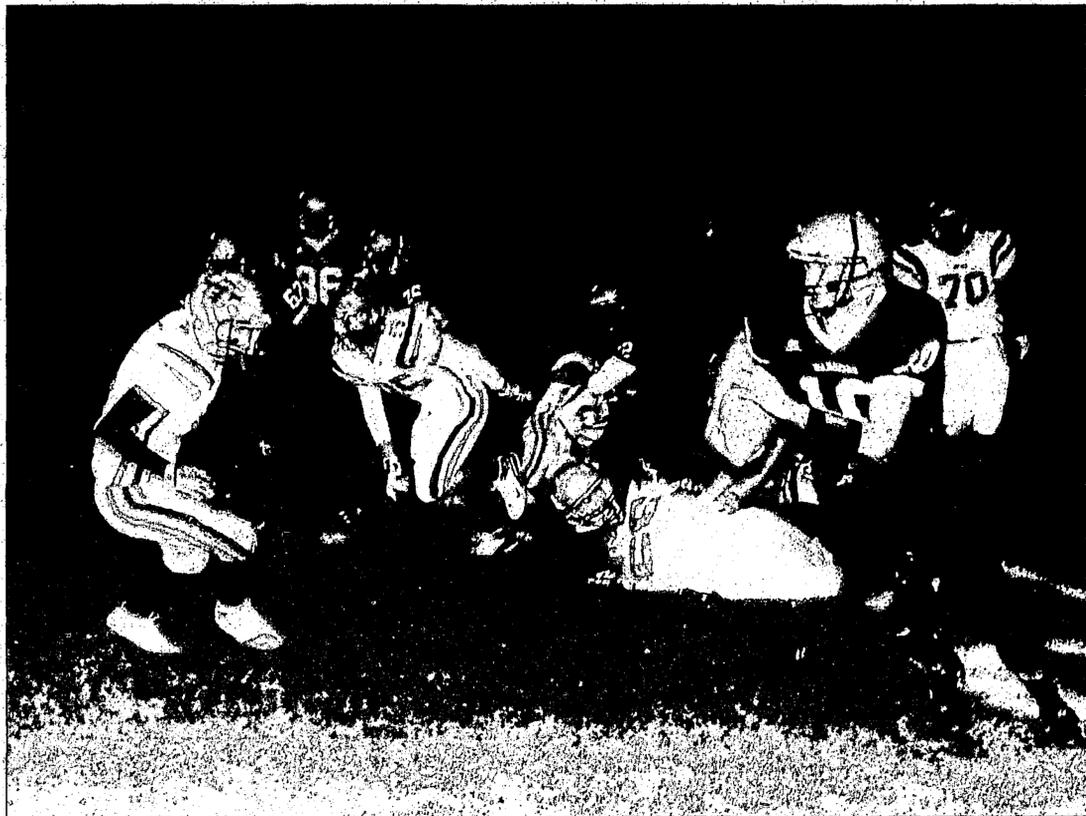
Five plays later the Warriors were sitting pretty on the 11-yard line. Three plays after that a fourth-and-goal pass-play proved unsuccessful.

"In the future, we'll strongly consider a field goal attempt because of our low success rate at putting the ball across on fourth downs," Ruidoso head coach Kief Johnson said.

"Besides, we have a good kicker in Jesse Scarafiotti.

Better to get three points on the board than zero."

Scarafiotti's kick-offs



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Quarterback Brendan Flack runs for yardage against Cobre defenders in Ruidoso's Friday loss, 26-6.

have been consistently deep so far this season.

Junior Brendan Flack started as quarterback in place of Carr who was nursing some "hurts" from the Robertson contest the

week before.

The RHS defense put up a nice goal line stand on the Ruidoso 6-yard line to deny a Cobre score in the opening minutes of play.

Shortly afterward, a

long 55-yard punt by Warrior Kayle Frierson was followed by a 69-yard run by Cobre's James Dominguez around Ruidoso's right side for a 6-point score at the 2:23 mark of

the first quarter.

An unsuccessful PAT gave the Indians a 6-0 lead going into the second period of play.

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Capitan Hi Power Shooting Club scores bullseyes

BILL RODOLPH
For the Ruidoso News

On Sept. 11-13, the Capitan Hi Power Shooting Club, Inc., hosted the Southwest Hi Power Rifle Regional Championships.

Nine shooters competed in the Friday morning 600 yard matches.

The first match of the morning was the any-sight match. Phil Overly of Lubbock won the combined sharpshooter/marksman class. Mike Irish from Capitan won the combined master/expert class.

The match winner was Bobby Adams of San Antonio, Texas. Adams was shooting his AR15 service rifle.

The second match of the day was the iron sight match. Overly again won the combined sharpshooter/marksman class, Adams won the combined master/expert

class and Timothy Pacheco of Ignacio, Colo., was match winner.

In the aggregate of the two matches, Overly was tops in the combined sharpshooter/marksman class and Pacheco won the combined master/expert class. Overall match winner was Adams.

There were two teams for the Friday afternoon team match, but when it started to hail on them, the match was cancelled.

Saturday morning was a gorgeous day. A total of 27 shooters come out for the regional championship.

The first match of the day was the 200 yard offhand match.

Ron Zerr of El Paso was the match winner. Wesley Schumaker from Albuquerque, was first high master and Pacheco was the winner in the master class.

Junior Wesley Ganaway from Lovington won the expert class

and Mike Carter from Lubbock won the sharpshooter class.

Second match of the day was the sitting rapid fire match, also shot at 200 yards.

Match winner was Tyler Webb of Silver City. First high master was Zerr and George Tapley from Albuquerque was first master. In the expert class, Gary Shaver from Ruidoso was class winner and TK Baker from Dumas, Texas, won the sharpshooter class.

By the third match of the day, the 300 yard prone rapid fire match, the wind was starting to pick up and flip-flop around.

It was somewhat tricky, but Zerr was able to stay with it and win the match.

First high master was Adrian Morley of Lovington and winner of the master class was Alan

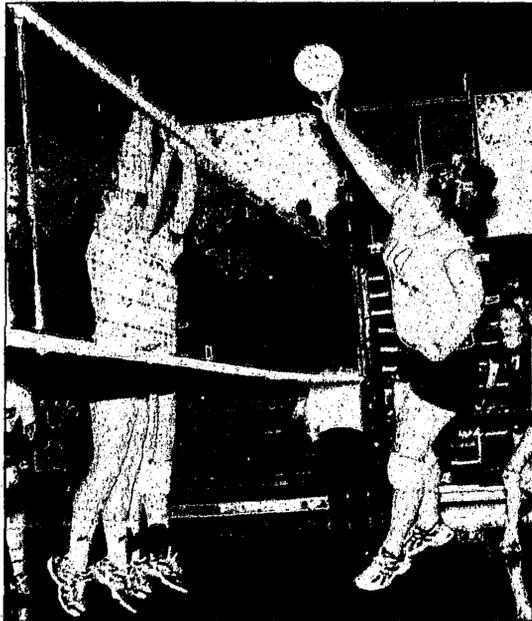
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COURTESY

Winners of the Regional Championships are, standing, l-r, TK Baker, sharpshooter class, Bill Lamb, expert class, Ron Zerr, match winner, gold medal, Adrian Morley, silver medal and winner of the hi master class and Wesley Schumaker, bronze medal. Kneeling, Alan Williams, master class, Daniel Castelo, 600 yard match, sharpshooter class and Happy the Golden Retriever.

RHS VOLLEYBALL PLAYS FOR CANCER PREVENTION



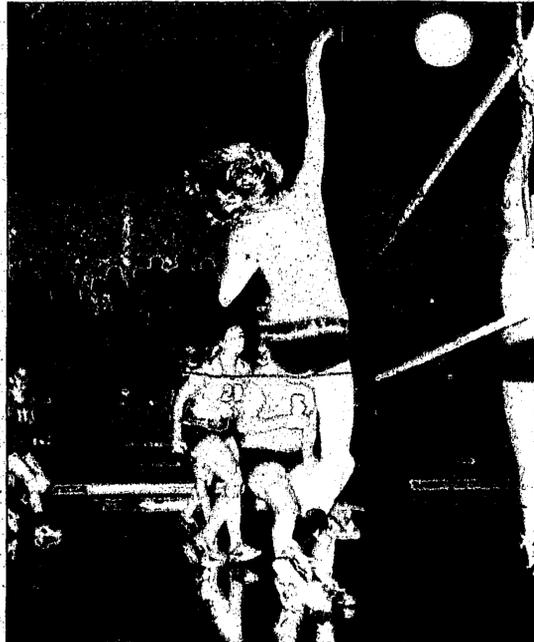
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Gabrielle Smith drives one over two Goddard defenders in Ruidoso's 3-0 loss Saturday.



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Kaylee Johnson returns a high one as Jordan Mowdy assists.



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Tiffany Winningham spikes one against a Goddard defender.

RHS girls soccer

The Lady Warriors traveled to Hatch Saturday morning for the first district game of the season and came home victorious.

After a disappointing loss to Roswell Thursday night, the Lady warriors came out strong with a 6-0 win.

Goal scorers were Lorely Enriquez with two goals, Brittany Vega with two goals and Blair Orosco and Kirby Miller also contributed a goal each to solidify the win.

The Lady Warrior defense kept their goalie safe only allowing two shots on goal from the Hatch attacking team.

Due to illnesses on the team, they played with only two subs and head coach

Ross-Chavez had to re-adjust girls to play positions that they normally did not play.

"Thursday night's game was one of the best games the girls played all season but they just couldn't find the net," Ross-Chavez said. "Ruidoso scored first early in the game, and had 24 shots on goal but just couldn't finish it."

"This win has given the girls that boost of confidence they needed and they played smart and charged the net more than they have all season."

RHS will have played district rival Socorro, Tuesday and will again face Hatch, Saturday, at home at 11 a.m.

World record holder Gone To The Mountain heads Herman Jefferson Stakes at Zia

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

HOBBS - World record holder Gone To The Mountain brings his impressive speed to Zia Park on Saturday afternoon when he headlines the Grade 3, \$55,000 Herman Jefferson Stakes over 870 yards.

First post time for the 11-race card is 12:15 p.m., with the Herman Jefferson Stakes running as the 10th race.

There is always free parking and free general admission at Zia Park.

Clyde Woerner's Gone To The Mountain has been

an 870-yard sensation and his start in the Herman Jefferson Stakes serves as a final prep for his anticipated rematch with champion Snowbound Superstar. The rematch should happen on Oct. 31 in the Red Cell Distance Challenge Championship at Los Alamitos Race Course in Southern California.

Those top-two 870-yard sprinters battled to a one-two finish in the Red Cell Oklahoma Distance Challenge at Remington Park with Snowbound Superstar gaining the narrow win. That race on May 10 is regarded as the Quarter Horse race of the year by

many racing insiders. It is Gone To The Mountain's sole defeat from six 870-yard starts.

The Wes Giles-trained Gone To The Mountain's five wins at 870 yards have all been in the past year and include his world record and two stakes wins.

He set the 870-yard world record of :43.029 when he won the Red Cell New Mexico Distance Challenge by nearly seven lengths on April 5 at Sunland Park. He was also a 4-length winner of the Master Salls Handicap at Ruidoso Downs two starts ago.

Regular rider Freddie

Martinez pilots Gone To The Mountain in the Herman Jefferson Stakes with the inside post position in the eight horse field.

Starting from the outside post position is likely second-choice Vital Winner, owned by Debra Gotovac and Charles Wright. The 5-year-old gelding comes off a nearly 2-length win in the Red River Handicap at Lone Star Park near Dallas. He made a sweeping move on the turn to rally for his 16th career victory from 34 starts.

Alex Baldillez Jr. rides Vital Winner for trainer Brad Bolen.

RHS

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At the 11-minute mark of the second quarter Ruidoso attempted a 30-yard field goal but a high snap negated the 3-point try.

With 4:04 left on the clock Cobre scored on a 2-yard plunge, completed a pass for a 2-point conversion and took a 14-0 advantage into the locker rooms at halftime.

The Indians punched another TD in with 6:48 showing in the third quarter and gained a 20-0 lead.

In the last period of play, Ruidoso got on the scoreboard when Cobre fumbled on their 26 and RHS senior Casey Williams recovered for the

Warriors.

Frierson then ran around the left side to the 4-yard line where Flack ran it in on the following play.

The Indians also scored in the fourth quarter and left town with a 20-point win.

On the bright side for the Warriors, the RHS defense kept Ruidoso in the game in the first half of play.

"Ralph Miranda made some bone-shattering hits on Cobre's offense," Johnson said.

"He collected six solo tackles, six assists and had three pass deflections. That's why we're proud to announce him as the Warriors defensive player of the week."

Nick Smith also had a good defensive effort with

three solo tackles, three assists, a blocked PAT and two hits on the quarterback, one for a loss.

Offensively, Smith carried eight times for 54 yards (his longest was 30 yards) and was named offensive player of the week.

The Warriors now carry a 2-4 overall season mark as they head into Friday's game at 0-6 D3-4A Chaparral.

The Lobos lost last weekend to Hatch Valley, 28-14.

Monday (Columbus Day), the Warriors practiced from 7:30 to 10:15 a.m. in preparation for the upcoming non-district tilt with Chaparral.

"The kids are getting healthier and I believe they're ready to breakout," Johnson said.



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Kayle Frierson tries for a reception between two Cobre defenders.

SHOOT

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Williams from Albuquerque.

Bill Lamb of Ruidoso was first in the expert class and Overly from Lubbock won the sharpshooter class.

Last match of the day was the 600 yard slow fire prone match.

The wind was still playing some tricks, but not blowing hard. Zerr was the match winner.

Adams was first high master and Pacheco won the master class. In the expert class, David Crider from Roswell was class

winner and Daniel Castelo from Socorro won the sharpshooter class.

The aggregate of the four matches determines the regional champion. Zerr shot a 792-22 to earn the gold medal and become the regional champion.

Morley was second, earning a silver medal and Shumaker was third and

took home the bronze medal.

Winner of the high master class was Morley and Alan Williams won the master class. In the expert class Lamb was tops and Baker won the sharpshooter class.

Sunday morning was another beautiful day. Sunday was "leg" day and

contestants shot a 50-shot, no-sighter Excellence in Competition match that is used to win points towards the distinguished rifleman badge, issued by the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Crider from Roswell topped all competitors and won a 6-point leg with a 473-11.

Capitan Hi Power would like to thank all the competitors for their attendance.

Mike Irish, Tammy Myers and Sha Lene Dobbs worked hard in putting on the match.

Recognition should also go to Judge JD Roehrig for the awards he made for the matches.

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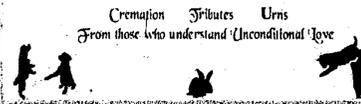
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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Oct. 9

Officer Lawrence Chavez reports being flagged down by a woman at 1:30 a.m. to report someone had burglarized her vehicle. Someone broke the vehicle window and stole a portable credit card machine and some hand tools in a bag. The credit card machine was for use at the Cowboy Symposium.

Oct. 8

Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 100 block of Fifth Street for a report of a gun found in a dumpster. The reporting citizen told Tyson he was walking by and saw the butt of the gun sticking out of the pine needles in the dumpster and called the police. Inside the dumpster, buried in the pine needles, Tyson found a black briefcase containing two laptop computers and a pellet rifle.

Officer Chris Bryant responded to the 100 block of East Santa Rosa in reference to a burglary at 12:45 p.m. Bryant reports finding a window broken and a

nearly door unlocked. Bryant and officer Joe Magill entered the home to insure no one was inside, the contacted the owner. The owner did an inventory and reported a television, a box of vintage Moosehead beer, an antique Kodak camera a small saddle and various bottles of liquor missing from the house.

Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 200 block of Crown Drive in response to a report of a stolen satellite dish. The victim reported that his satellite dish was mounted on a frame and weighed down with bricks. The frame and arm were found nearby, but the dish was gone and the cable had been cut. Another similarly mounted dish nearby was not disturbed, which the victim thought was suspicious.

Sept. 27

Officer Glenn Koshinski responded to a domestic fight in the 600 block of Carrizozo Canyon Road. Koshinski reports that when he approached the house he heard a man and

woman arguing very loudly. When he announced "police" it got quiet inside.

Koshinski entered to find only the woman in the living room. The male hid in the bedroom. Koshinski repeatedly tried to coax him out before finally entering to find him under the blankets on the bed. He told Koshinski he was sleeping. His speech was slurred and he smelled of alcohol, according to Koshinski.

The victim reported she and a friend came home to find Jerry Loya, 50, asleep on the couch. When he woke up he started cursing and yelling. The friend left. Loya and the woman then got into an argument over him cheating on her. She said, and had the marks to back it up, he hit her and knocked her to the floor. Then, when she went to call the police he ripped the phone from the wall.

Koshinski arrested Loya for battery on a household member and interference with communications. Loya was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

CARRIZOZO MAGISTRATE COURT BRIEFS

Lincoln Hill, 35, was sentenced to \$300 in fines plus court fees for a total of \$430 when Judge Martha Proctor found him guilty of not having the required vehicle emergency devices and unsafe practices (no seatbelt).

Terrence Douglas, 40, was found guilty on Sept. 1, of driving without a license. Judge Martha Proctor sentenced him to 90 days, 90 days suspended, \$300 with \$200 suspended. His fine and court fees totaled \$175. He was placed on 90 days probation.

Jason Olivas, 19, was found guilty on Sept. 1, of three traffic violation counts including no driver's license, no insurance and no registration. He was sentenced to 90 days per count with all 270 days suspended, \$300 per count with all but \$25 suspended. Olivas paid \$228 total and was placed on 270 days of unsupervised probation.

Sefereno Apachito, 26, was found guilty on Sept. 2, of driving without a license. He was sentenced

90 days with 90 days suspended, \$300 fine, \$275 suspended. With fine and fees he paid \$100 and was put on 90 days of unsupervised probation

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Rose Clinic board approved

Four new advisory board members for the Rose Clinic in Capitan were approved by the Lincoln County Medical Center Board of Trustees during the Aug. 31 meeting.

Rose Marie Smith, Patricia Garrett, Mary Ann Morrissey and Gary Tregembo will join advisory board Chair Preston Stone, clinic provider Kaaren Mahan-Riska, PA-C and clinic manager Sue Burke.

"We're honored to have these fine individuals join the Rose Clinic's advisory board," said Al Santos, LCMC Administrator.

"We've prioritized a new clinic for Capitan and will be working with Lincoln County officials to see that come to a reality as quickly as possible. We welcome their leadership and involvement."

Santos added that advisory board members compliment the hospital's board of trustees and their partnership with Lincoln County and Presbyterian

Healthcare Services by providing valuable insight in which services and facilities help improve healthcare services in Lincoln County.

New members

Smith is a long-time resident of Lincoln and is eager to promote the Rose Clinic's services throughout its service area.

Garrett is a long-time resident of Capitan and is the volunteer director of the Capitan Public Library.

Morrissey has lived in Capitan for the past five years and is a massage therapist in the community as well as a member of the Capitan Women's Club.

Tregembo lives in Capitan and is a teacher in the Capitan High School system. He is a past President of the Capitan Board of Education.

"I think the addition of these fine individuals will greatly benefit the Rose Clinic," said Preston Stone, Rose Clinic advisory board chairman.

"Each one bring a unique talent to our advisory board. Our past advisory board members has served us well and I think we're all looking forward to working together as the Rose Clinic continues to grow."

The Rose Clinic Advisory Board meets a minimum of four times each year and serves as a committee of the LCMC Board of Trustees.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

This partnership has existed since 1972 and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities. Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates a hospital, six clinics and a countywide ambulance service.

Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.

Sherrill badges come home

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The Town of Carrizozo and the members of the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department have been entrusted with a family treasure — the service badges belonging to long-time volunteer fireman R.L. "Friday" Sherrill.

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill showed the badges to the council and guests gathered for the council meeting Tuesday and read a letter dated Oct. 6, that came with them from Sherrill's nephew Joe Lane.

"I have in my possession R.L. "Friday" Sherrill's fireman badges," the letter read. "They were entrusted to me by my aunt, Mrs. R.L. Sherrill, before she passed away. I would like to donate these badges to the Carrizozo Fire Department for safekeeping and to be displayed as they chose."



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Fireman badges, belonging to R.L. "Friday" Sherrill were donated to the Carrizozo Fire Department for safekeeping and to display. Mayor Bob Hemphill said the badges represent more than 35 years of service by Sherrill.

Hemphill said he would discuss the best place to display the badges with Fire Chief Walter Hill.

The council discussed their honor in having the badges and voted unanimously to accept the gift from Lane.

Workshop focuses on grass-fed beef

LAS CRUCES — Ranchers can learn about the benefits and challenges of producing grass-fed beef on arid ranchlands in New Mexico and adjoining states at a workshop Oct. 16-17, at New Mexico State University.

The workshop, "Grass-fed in the Desert Southwest: Nutritional and Behavioral Considerations for Grass-fed Livestock," is a joint effort between New Mexico State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance.

"This workshop and others being planned will help expand the options available to New Mexico ranchers by including the production of grass-fed beef that can be sold locally."

"Our goal is to increase opportunities and profits, so New Mexico's ranch families will be able to stay on their land," said Ed Fredrickson, NMSU affiliated faculty member and USDA research scientist with the Jornada Experimental Range near Las Cruces.

"We want to examine if grass-fed livestock production, when properly managed, can be a long-term, sustainable option in the desert Southwest," he said.

"Working with livestock producers, we want to continue improving livestock grazing's impact on the land and produce healthy animals that provide consumers with high-quality meat."

The workshop will be a



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Grass-fed beef producer and board member Mimi Sidwell on the JX Ranch, in Tuumcari, gives one of her favorite cows a treat.

forum for NMSU and USDA researchers to provide scientific knowledge and for livestock producers to discuss the real-world challenges they face raising cattle on arid ranchlands. This exchange of knowledge will allow scientists to learn firsthand from ranchers about their needs and to tailor future research to meet those needs.

Fredrickson will open the workshop Oct. 16 with introductory remarks, followed by Laurie Bower, Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance's executive director, who will discuss the marketing and profitability of grass-fed beef.

"Today, only one-percent of the beef that New Mexicans eat comes from New Mexico, so there is a huge potential market for locally produced, grass-fed beef in our state," Bower

said. "And there are great advantages to raising grass-fed beef," Bower said. "On average, the meat on our tables has travelled 3,000 miles from the ranches where the cattle originate, to the feedlots where they are fattened on grains requiring huge inputs of energy and resources to grow, then on to stores where we buy it."

"When cattle are grass-fed locally and the meat is sold locally, we reduce the carbon footprint of producing that meat."

"In addition, raising grass-fed cattle is more humane for the animals, it is easier on the land, and it provides local consumers with healthy, environmentally sound and sustainable options," Bower said.

"Research shows that, compared to grain-fattened

beef, grass-fed beef has a more beneficial fat profile for humans, more vitamins and minerals, and is less likely to harbor harmful E-coli bacteria."

But connecting grass-fed beef producers with local consumers is not always easy, Fredrickson said.

"Ranchers are faced with a 'Catch-22' situation: they need regional meat-processing plants to sell the beef locally," he said. "But to be viable, meat-processing plants require year-round demand for their services, while cattle production tends to be seasonal. We can help ranchers adapt their grass-fed beef operations, so their cattle will be available at varied times."

"Another challenge in New Mexico is the limited number of local meat-processing plants, an issue we will address in this and other workshops."

The meeting will also focus on ruminant nutrition, rangeland forage and animal behavior, essential factors for successfully producing grass-fed beef in the desert Southwest.

On Oct. 16, Clint Loest, NMSU associate professor and ruminant nutritionist, will discuss the fundamentals of ruminant nutrition.

"The animals' diet determines to a large extent the meat's quality: its flavor, tenderness, fat profile, and vitamins and minerals," Fredrickson said.

Sergio Soto-Navarro, NMSU associate professor, ruminant nutritionist and forage specialist, will talk

about forages; and Derek Bailey, NMSU associate professor and a specialist in range livestock and nutrition, will talk about range forages and stocking rates. Anibal Pordomingo from Argentina, one of the world's leading experts in grass-fed beef production, will discuss fattening cattle on grass.

Grass-fed beef producer Rick Kingsbury, of Pecos Valley Grassfed Beef, will close the day's meeting with a discussion and question and answer session from a producer's perspective.

The Oct. 17 meeting will feature Andres Cibils, NMSU associate professor, rangeland livestock behavior specialist and nutritionist, who will talk about cattle behavior.

Then, Bailey will discuss breeds and stress, followed by Dean Anderson, USDA Agricultural Research Service animal scientist at the Jornada Experimental Range, who will talk about multispecies grazing.

"When cattle, sheep and goats graze on the same land, ranchers can produce more pounds of high-quality protein than on land grazed by cattle alone," Fredrickson said.

"With different animals grazing on varied plants, the overall plant mix is not changed, and there is less impact on the land."

Following lunch, Fredrickson will discuss future considerations and possibilities for grass-fed beef production in the desert Southwest.

"How we think about beef production today may be too limited: we may be able to add to existing, larger-scale operations where cattle are fattened up on grains before processing," Fredrickson said.

"This workshop will help ranchers begin thinking about expanding their options and consider the possible benefits that producing a local and regional grass-fed beef supply may bring to them, to consumers and to the land."

Kingsbury will close the workshop with a final discussion from the producers' perspective, followed by a question and answer session.

The workshop will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 16, and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 17, in Wootton Hall on the NMSU campus at 2995 Knox St. The registration fee is \$65 for Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance members and \$85 for others; the fee includes lunch both days.

To register and for more information, contact Bower at 970-390-5597 or send e-mail to info@grassfedlivestock.org.

Funding and support for this project was provided by the Washington State University Western Center for Risk Management Education, the USDA Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, New Mexico State University, the USDA Jornada Experimental Range, and the Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Fall carnival

Carrizozo PFK is sponsoring a Fall Carnival Thursday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. Booth applications are available in the High School office and are due on Thursday, Oct. 15. There will be a costume contest at 6:30 p.m. Costume contest entry fee is \$1. Call 648-2346 for more information.

Bring dads to school

Capitan PTA will sponsor Bring Your Dad to School Day, Thursday, Oct. 15. Dads, grandpas, uncles, brothers and friends to come eat breakfast or lunch with a student in Capitan Schools. Breakfast times are middle and high school 7:30-7:45 a.m., elementary 7:50-8:30 a.m. Lunch times

are K-2, 11:10 a.m.; 3rd-5th, 11:35 a.m.; middle and high school at 12:10 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be in the cafeteria of the Capitan Schools.

Zozo Woman's Club

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will host the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs District 4 Convention on Oct. 16-17.

Woman's Club members from Silver City, T or C, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Ruidoso and Carrizozo will be attending. There will be speakers, workshops, an Arts Contest, a Wine and Cheese Reception and a Friday and Saturday night banquet.

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Chuck Wagon Cook-off



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Sid and Cheryl Goodloe, above, display the cowhide branded by each of the chuck wagons and given to Sid in appreciation of his 20 years with the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. Above right, the Rocking K Chuck Wagon team after receiving their first place award and the buckle award for the National Championship, formerly awarded at Amarillo. Below, the Grubelnik Ranch, Raton, won second place for authenticity in the ranch category. Bottom photo, Sue Cunningham of the C Bar C Wagon checks her award-winning biscuits.



COOK-OFF RESULTS

Results of the 20th Annual Cowboy Symposium Chuck Wagon Cook-off were announced Saturday at an awards ceremony.

With 26 wagons in attendance including the non-competing host wagon (last year's winner, the Circle F Chuck Wagon from Petersburg, Texas), the competition was tough. Wagons competed for \$14,000 in prize money divided into the individual categories and the overall average winners.

Overall: 1. Rocking K, \$1,250; 2. Grubelnik Ranch, \$850; 3. Gayland Ward Wagon, \$650; 4. Breakaway Wagon, \$450.

Wagon Authenticity Trail: 1. Wild Cow Ranch, \$672; 2. Break Away Ranch, \$504; 3. Rocking RR Chuck, \$336; 4. Rockin' Dubya, \$168; Ranch: 1. Gayland Ward Wagon, \$528; 2. (tie) C Bar C Ranch and Grubelnik, \$198 each; 3. (tie) Rocking K Chuckwagon and Apache Creek, \$132 each; 4. (tie)

Calk-Clark Wagon and C4B Chuck Wagon, \$66 each.

Wagons traveling furthest: 1. Rocking T Chuck Wagon, Chappell Hill, Texas (724 miles) \$350; 2. Camp Cook-ie Land & Cattle, Cedar Park, Texas, \$250; 3. Rodgers Ranch, Bertram, Texas, \$200.

Meat: 1. Buzzards Circle N; 2. Grubelnik Ranch; 3. Rocking K Wagon; 4. Raftor TS; 5. Cacklebur Camp.

Beans: 1. Gayland Ward Wagon; 2. Rocking K Chuckwagon; 3. Buzzards Circle N; 4. Bear Creek Ranch; 5. Moreland Wagon Shop.

Potatoes: 1. Bear Creek Ranch; 2. Gayland Ward

Wagon; 3. Break Away Wagon; 4. Wild Cow Ranch; 5. Rising W Chuck Wagon.

Bread: 1. J.L. Cattle Co.; 2. Calk-Clark Ranch; 3. Honey Do Spoiler; 4. Gayland Ward Wagon; 5. Rocking T Ranch.

Dessert: 1. Rocking K Wagon; 2. Rockin' Dubya; 3. Grubelnik Ranch; 4. Rodgers Ranch Wagon; 5. Break Away Wagon.

The above categories were paid \$400, \$300, \$150, \$100, \$50, first through fifth place.

Biscuits and Gravy: 1. Circle F Chuck Wagon, \$600; 2. Lizzie II, \$400; 3. Cacklebur Camp Wagon, \$300; 4. Buzzards Circle N, \$200.



Services will be held Thursday 15th at 11:00 am at 1st Baptist Church across from Cree Meadows for *Pete G. Lopez* who passed away on Sunday Oct. 11th 2009

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Louise Kirkland

Louise Kirkland, 79, of Carrizozo passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at her home. She was born April 10, 1930 at Wheeling, West Virginia. She moved to Lincoln County from Chicago, Illinois in 1980. She worked at Ft. Stanton Hospital for 13 years retiring in 1993 as a Purchasing Agent.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Sparks; two sons, Buddy Novotny and Butch Novotny; 1 sister, 5 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Kirkland and a son, Roger Novotny. She was very loved and will be missed.

No services will be held and cremation is with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneuidoso.com

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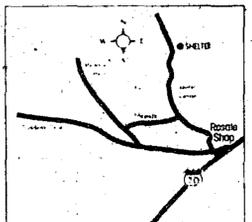


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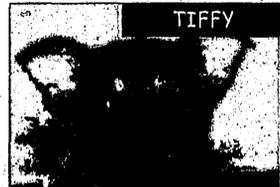
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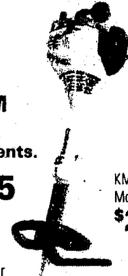
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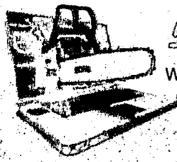
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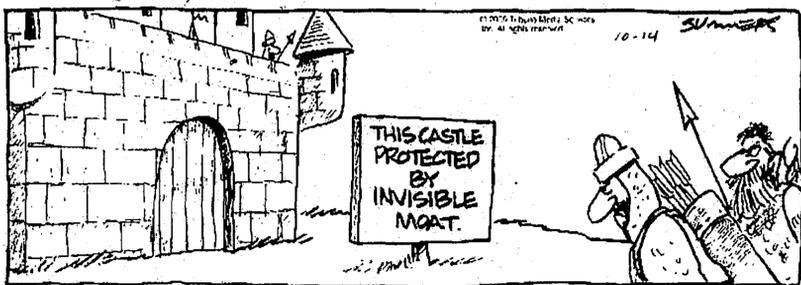
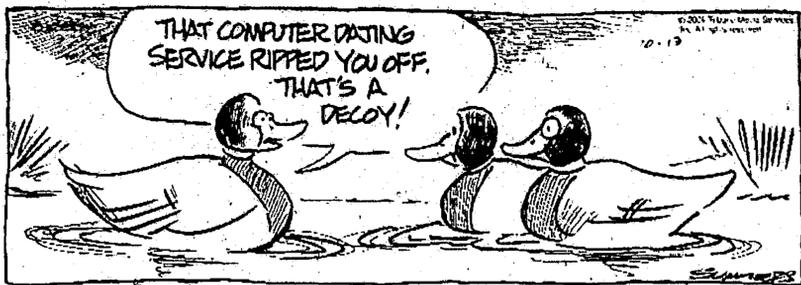
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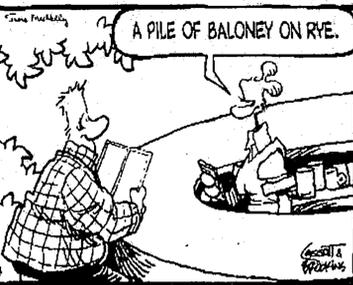
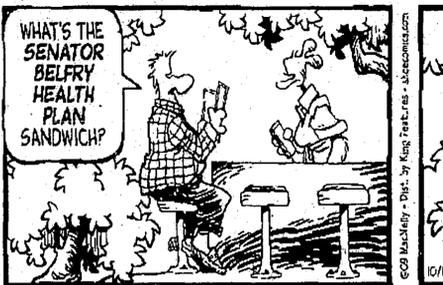
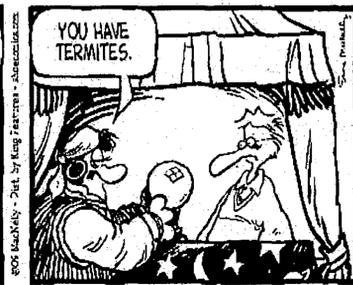
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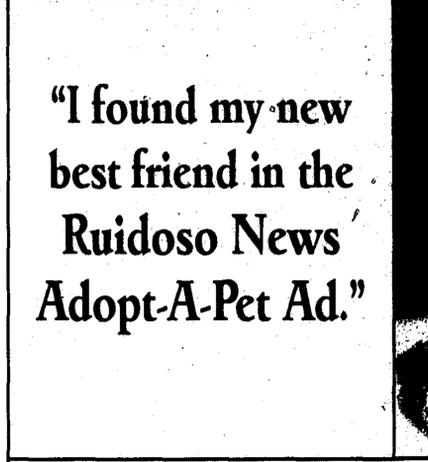
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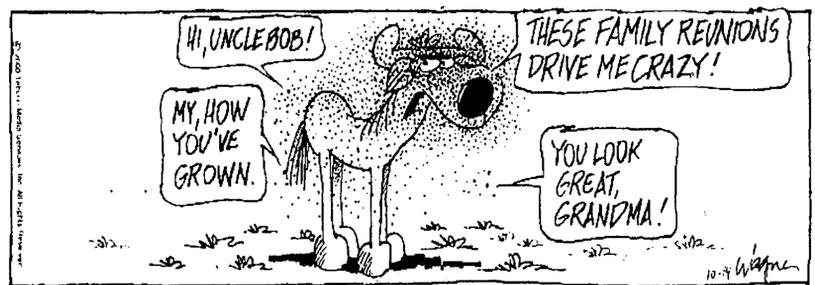
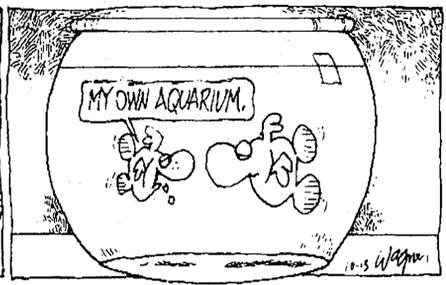
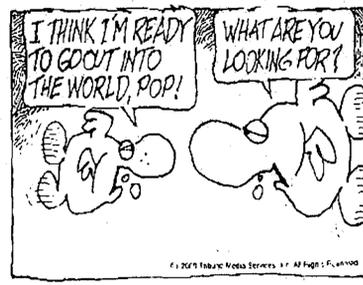
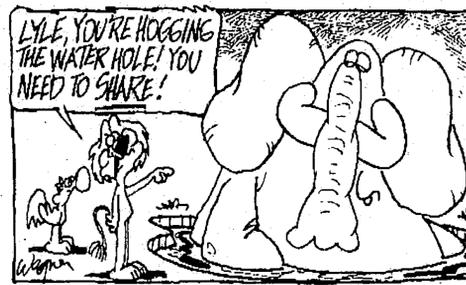
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Garage/Yard/Estate Sales 628

ALAMOGORDO GARAGE SALE
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Saturday Oct. 17 7:00am to 4:00pm
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Antiques, dishware, collector items, furniture, cookware, books, hardware, tools, auto parts, gardening supplies, clothing & more!!!
Highway 54 South, to mile marker 61, turn on to Dulce, follow the signs.
Multi Family country Sale! It's worth your drive!! Items price to sale, cash only!!

Estate Sale, 221 Swallow Dr. Pinecliff Subdivision, up the hill from Super 8. Fri 8 am-3 pm, Sat 12 pm, Household items, glass, china, turn, vintage & more. 26 yrs accumulation.

Halloween Sale Items @ Behr Barn #86. Everything 50% off.

Sat. Oct. 17, 8-2 am. Furn., chest freezer, treadmill, clothing, house wares & more. Come ready to carry! Corner of Eagle & Rowan

Yard Sale & Baked Goods. CHELSEA CHURCH IN THE DOWNS. 604 Harris Lane. Oct. 17, 9 am-3 pm. block behind Zia Gas.

Building Materials 650
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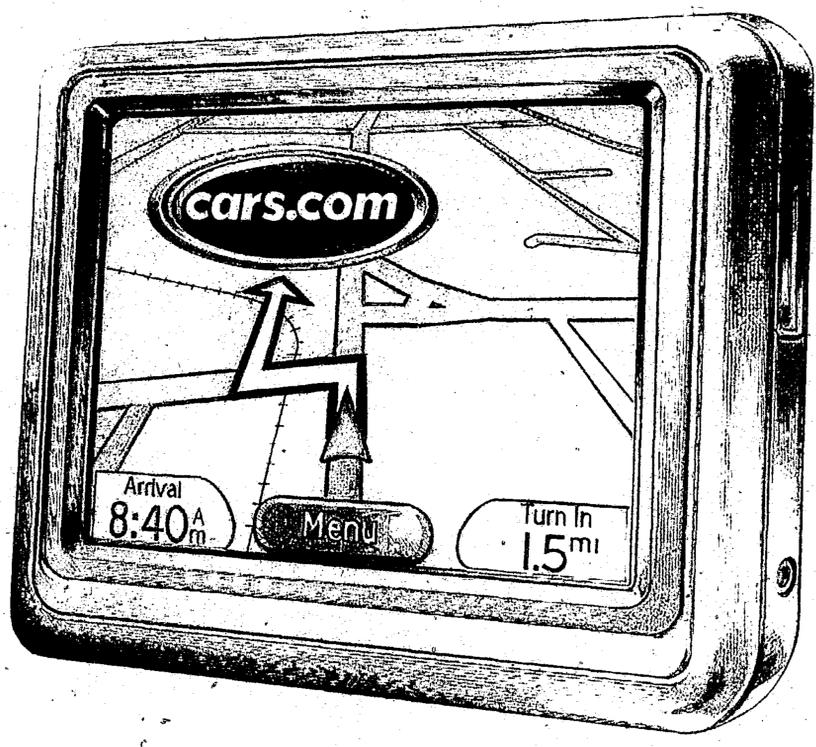
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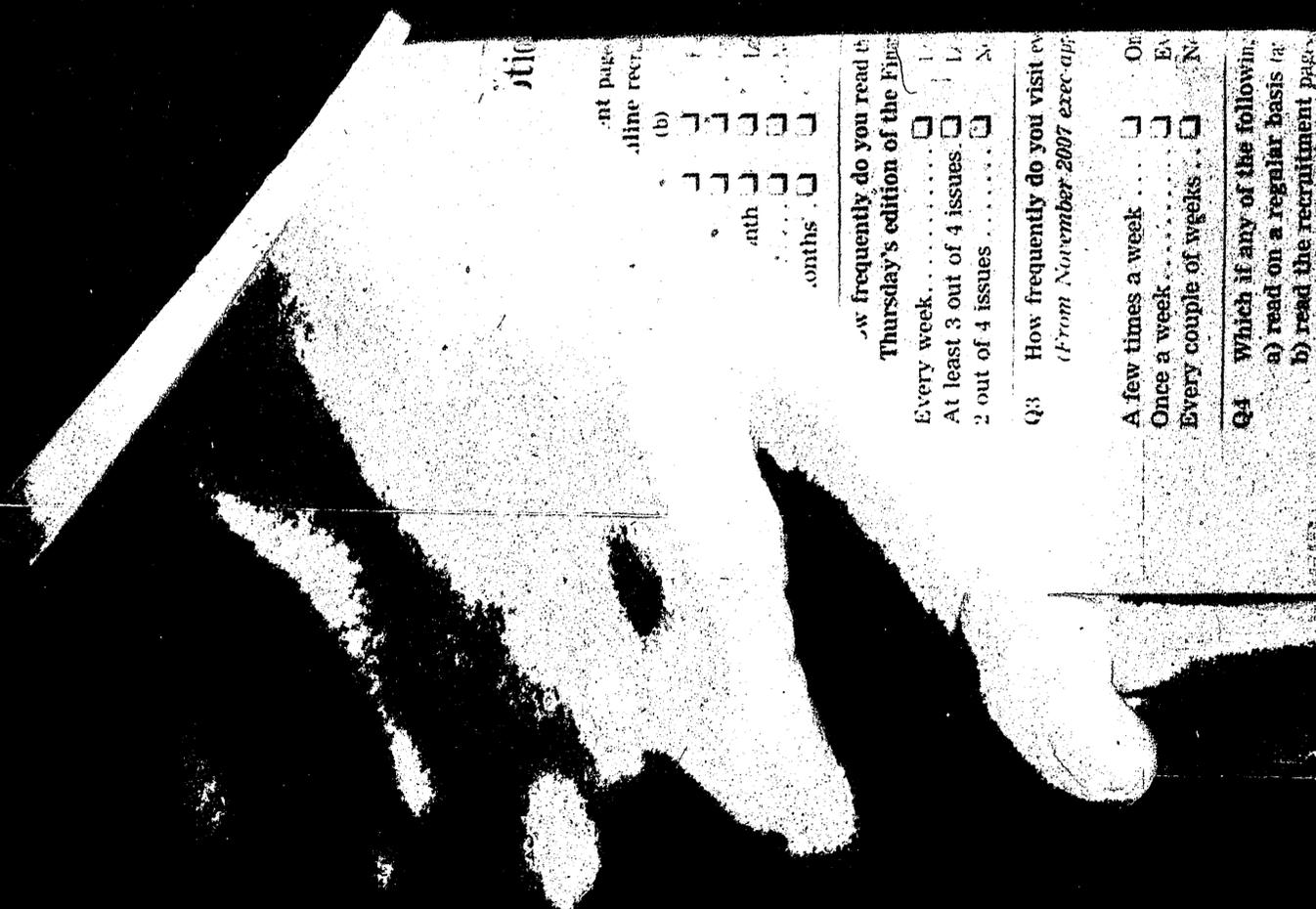
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