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JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

When life gives you snow, make a snowman, like this 10-foot tall one at 113 S. Evergreen Rd. in Ruidoso. Robert Robinson, Carlos Soto, Martin-Montes, Alex Montes, Max Stolin, Jack Hudgins, Cory Olivas, Gage Olivas, Sarah Olivas, Tiffany Thompson and Lindsay Vaughn were the creators on Tuesday.

# Bull's eye!

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## Snowstorm targets region, bringing much-needed moisture but also accidents and cancellations

**A**winter storm that early on promised eight to 16 inches of snow around the Sacramento Mountains proved true over three days.

National Weather Service forecast offices in Albuquerque and Santa Teresa said Tuesday that snow was especially concentrated in the south-central mountains.

By noon Tuesday the snowfall had ended in most areas away from the mountains, but continued for a while in the higher terrain of Lincoln and Otero counties.

The storm was similar to a late October system that delivered a foot of snow to the top of the Sacramento Mountains, said National Weather Service forecaster Brian Guyer.

"But this one also brought snows to the lower elevations," he said.

Snowfall numbers on Tuesday, however, showed the mountains receiving the biggest amounts.

### Ski Apache benefits

Ski Apache reported 16 inches of new snow. The Natural Resource Conservation Service's Snotel recording station near Sierra Blanca peak registered 13 inches of snow.

The weather service said an observer five miles southwest of Bonito Lake also measured 13 inches of snow. Ruidoso tallied five to nine inches. San Patricio received 6.5 inches. The biggest winner appeared to be in the Southern Sacramento Mountains. Near Mayhill, 18 inches of snow fell. Cloudcroft racked up 15 inches.

"It looks like the Sacramento Mountains got the highest snowfall in the state," said Guyer. "There are probably some locations in the Gila Mountains that may have gotten a foot or more, but there are few reporting locations there."

The new snow will open more of Ski Apache. Justin Rowland, director of operations, said since opening a week ago just some of the

beginner area was open. Starting Friday, 11 trails should be available. He named those as Ambush, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, East of East, Geronimo, Wild Onion, Rover, Screaming Eagle, Moonshine and Lower Moonshine. In addition to chairs three and five now in operation, chairs one and seven will be added.

"We're definitely excited, we're smiling right now," Rowland said following a Tuesday afternoon meeting in response to the 16 inches of snow.

He said snowmaking would also continue.

Even away from the mountains snowfall was measurable. Alamogordo received three inches, Tularosa four and Roswell more than an inch.

A National Weather Service forecaster from the El Paso area office said the southern part of New Mexico was "ground-zero" for the storm. Meteorologist Tom Bird said El Niño gets the credit.

"That's the way it usually plays out with El Niño; we get wetter," said Bird.

Otero County Electric Cooperative reported some power interruptions because of the storm. The utility's north area supervisor, Tiger Stanbrough said parts of the Mescalero Apache Reservation lost

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power for a time. He added that Cloudcroft had power off at times for two days.

The snows created problems for some drivers, especially mid-afternoon Monday. Many two-wheel drive cars moved at a crawl going up and down inclines as pavements quickly iced over from an hour or so of heavy snow blast.

For a time more than two-dozen vehicles were sidelined on state route 48, along so-called Swiss Chalet and Ski Run hills Monday.

And tow trucks were used by dozens of motorists since the snow

began to pile up.

"There's three of us with not much sleep in three days," said Tony Ballard, owner of Gateway Texaco in Ruidoso. "We had just little snows the past couple of years. When you get a lot of snow you get a lot of accidents."

An employee at Walker Towing in Ruidoso Downs said there have been calls all through the day with peoples slipping into ditches and some even stuck in their driveways.

Tow truck driver Daniel James, with Reliable Towing, said Monday afternoon produced a "traffic jam" near the entrance to Alto Lakes because of vehicles unable to get traction.

Downs Towing said they have been steadily busy since Sunday.

Lincoln County Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez said crews from road yards in Corona and Hondo were brought into the Ruidoso area to help Tuesday morning.

"We were out at five this morning, taking care of Alto and Hondo," said Hernandez. "We needed three blades in the Ruidoso area. And we are working."

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## Winter driving tips include common sense

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is encouraging motorists to prepare for winter travel. Driving on snowy or icy roads requires special attention to safety.

Here are some tips and suggestions from the department's southeastern New Mexico district to be ready for winter weather driving.

- The best accident prevention on snow and ice is to slow down and leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle in front of you.

- Keep your gas tank full, turn on your headlights, keep your windshield washer fluid full with antifreeze, keep winter driving chains in your vehicle, have a win-

ter survival kit which includes a flashlight, hand warmer packets, first aid supplies, high energy snacks, and read your owners manual for special instructions on driving four-wheel drive vehicles and vehicles with ABS braking on snow and ice.

- Large vehicles, such as semi-trailer trucks and snowplows, may produce dense clouds of blowing snow that make it difficult for drivers to see. When drivers encounter snow clouds they should stay back to avoid the cloud.

- Delays are common during bad weather. Leave a little early and be patient with delays.

- Know where a snowplow and

blade are before trying to pass. On multi-lane highways the plow can be in your blind spot. Before trying to pass make sure it is safe.

- Never use cruise control when roads are slippery. Using your cruise control can reduce your control of the vehicle if your tires begin to skid or slip.

- Wear your seatbelt and make sure all passengers also buckle up.

- Visit the state transportation department's Web site for current road advisory information at www.nmroads.com. The same information is available by dialing 511. That three-digit number now works in the Ruidoso area.

- Jim Kalvelage



REAR VIEW



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

**Pronghorns** in Lincoln County display the usual view flashed to those who venture into antelope country. They will flare out the white hairs on their rump when alarmed as a warning to the other members of the herd. Found on the High Plains and sagebrush flats of the American West, they weigh between 75 and 130 pounds, and stand 31 to 40 inches tall at the shoulder. A buck's horns are up to 15 inches long and have the distinctive prong on the front which gave the species its name. True horns never are shed and are made of compressed hair (keratin) growing on a bony core. The horn sheath of a Pronghorn is a little of both, keratin growing on a bony core, but shed annually. Males show a black patch on the jaw below the eye. The pronghorn's speed and its remarkable eyesight are adaptations for life on the prairie to spot and outrun predators, because there is no where to hide. The mammal can sprint as fast as 60 mph and can sustain a speed of 30 mph for miles.

**Fire Danger 'Low'**

The Fire Danger rating on the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest has been lowered from "Moderate" to "Low."

**Tree lighting**

Prepare to be dazzled when the switch is flipped at 6:17 p.m., Thursday, at the annual Christmas in the Park in Schoolhouse Park, while thousands of holiday lights signal the beginning of the holiday season.

At 6:30 p.m., children can visit with Santa Claus and add a photograph to their albums for \$2. Hot chocolate and cookies will

be served, sleigh rides will be offered by the D Lazy 2 and the Ruidoso School Choral will perform then and again at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets for door prizes will be handed out by Santa's Helpers. A person must be present at 7:05 p.m. and again at 7:45 p.m. to win.

The event is sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department. Door prizes will be provided by local merchants.

**Park celebration**

Everyone is invited to the dedication celebration of Wingfield Park to community use at 10 a.m., Saturday.

The park is located at

501 Wingfield, at the intersection with Center Street. Refreshments will be provided and the event is sponsored by the Village of Ruidoso.

**Democrats meet**

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County will conduct a monthly meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, at La Brewha, 113 Central Ave., Carrizozo.

Bring a donation for the food drive. For additional information, call Maria at 937-8394.

**Tea Party party**

The Lincoln County Tea Party Patriots invite everyone to a Christmas party

pot luck from 5:30 - 9 p.m., Thursday.

The event is at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Dr.

Bring a dish to kick off the season. Also, please bring a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank.

For more information contact ruidosoteaparty@windstream.net

**Fundraiser**

Time is running out to buy tickets for the Denise Bundy Fundraiser Barbecue set for Dec. 12. Friday will be the last day to purchase tickets, which will buy a great barbecue brisket and chicken meal at the Alto Cafe.

All proceeds go toward

building a home for Bundy, who was defrauded by a builder of the construction money her mother sent to build a home for the two in Loma Grande.

A garage sale also begins at 8 a.m. at the cafe to benefit Bundy.

The last day for the barbecue meal ticket sales is Dec. 4. The money then must be turned in to Larry Blank and the owner of the Alto Cafe to coordinate the meal and purchase the food.

Tickets are available for \$10 per person at Foxworth-Galbraith's front desk through Cesar Olvera; at the office of Dr. Jon Ogden, chiropractor, Lincoln Towers; at the Century 21 Main Office on Mechem

Drive from James Paxton; at KEDU Christian Radio; the Ruidoso News office on Park Avenue; Ruidoso Free Press; the office of John Cornelius, builder, at Century 21; from Sam Townley, Fort Stanton Corrections, Capitan; and at the Alto Cafe at the intersection Gavilan Canyon and New Mexico Highway 48.

**Calling all artists**

If you live in Lincoln County, you may apply to be part of the Grandmother of Art Tours, the Art Loop Studio Tour, July 9 - 11, 2010.

Download your application at [www.artloop.org](http://www.artloop.org) or

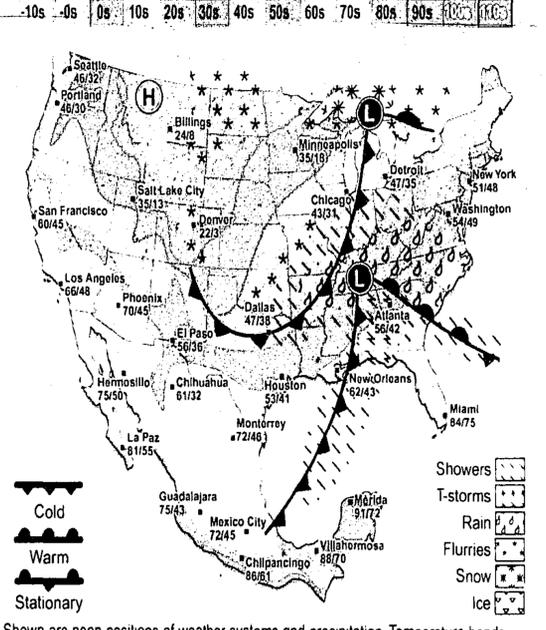
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AccuWeather 5-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
RealFeel 43°	RealFeel 23°	RealFeel 28°	RealFeel 17°	RealFeel 51°	RealFeel 48°
Humidity 53%	Humidity 90%	Humidity 77%	Humidity 77%	Humidity 22%	Humidity 27%
Sunny to partly cloudy	Mainly clear	Partly sunny and colder	Clearing, breezy and cold	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Mostly sunny
Wind: NNE 4-8 mph	Wind: E 3-6 mph	Wind: SE 6-12 mph	Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	Wind: WSW 7-14 mph	Wind: SSW 7-14 mph

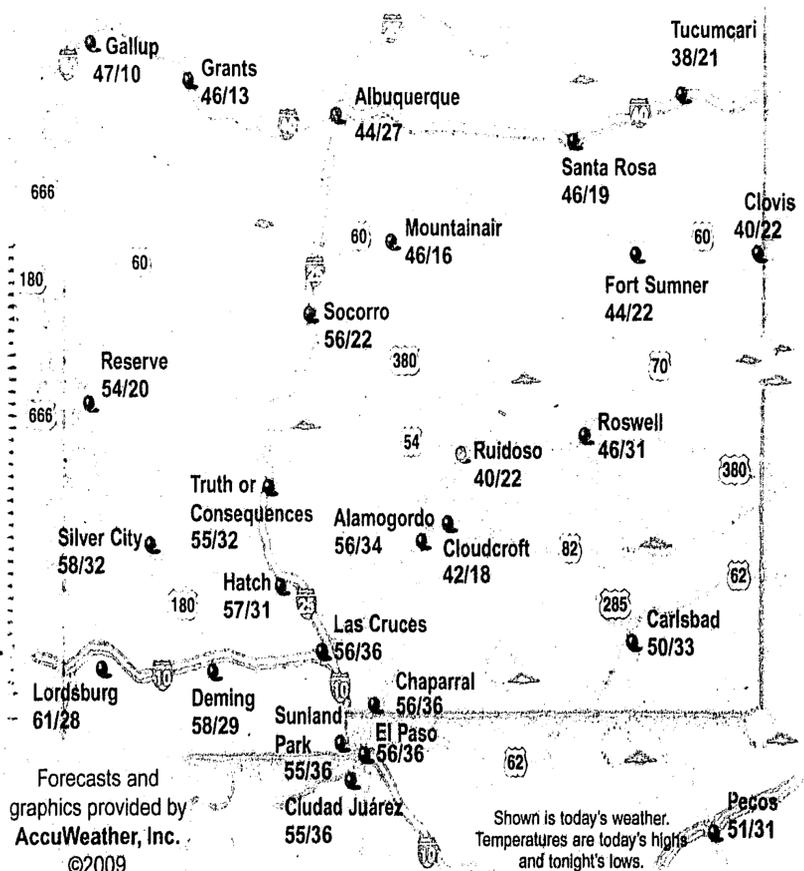
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National Forecast for Dec. 2, 2009



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

Regional Cities



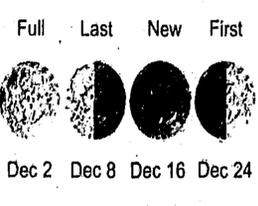
Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:49 a.m./4:56 p.m. Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 5:20 p.m./7:18 a.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 92° in Wild Animal Park, CA Low: -7° in West Yellowstone, MT

Moon Phases



Almanac

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday  
Temperature:  
High/low 28°/23°  
Normal high 53°  
Normal low 21°  
Record high 70° (2003)  
Record low -11° (1976)  
Precipitation:  
Monday 0.09"  
Month to date 0.26"  
Normal month to date 1.02"  
Year to date 16.22"  
Normal year to date 21.03"

**Pollen:**  
Grass Absent  
Trees Low  
Weeds Absent  
Mold Low  
Predominant Juniper Tree

Cloudcroft

Statistics through Monday  
Temperature:  
High/low yesterday 25°/20°  
Normal high 45°  
Normal low 20°  
Record high 59° (1953)  
Record low -1° (1957)  
Precipitation:  
Monday 0.61"  
Month to date 1.22"  
Normal month to date 1.71"  
Year to date 20.50"  
Normal year to date 26.20"

Weather Trivia

Q: How does December rank in most of the U.S. in terms of coldness?  
A: It is the third coldest month on

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	46/31/pc	43/31/pc
Anchorage	30/25/sf	27/12/pc
Atlanta	56/42/r	54/36/s
Austin	58/35/pc	56/39/s
Baltimore	50/46/r	58/34/pc
Boston	53/47/s	63/39/r
Chicago	43/31/pc	37/21/sf
Dallas	47/38/r	49/32/s
Denver	22/3/sn	18/2/pc
Des Moines	40/21/pc	31/20/sf
Deloit	47/35/r	36/28/sf
El Paso	56/36/s	54/34/pc
Las Vegas	63/38/s	60/33/s
Los Angeles	66/48/pc	66/48/s
Minneapolis	35/18/c	27/17/sf
New Orleans	62/43/c	57/42/s
New York City	51/48/pc	61/43/r
Philadelphia	52/48/r	59/38/pc
Phoenix	70/45/s	68/40/s
Reno	48/21/s	46/20/s
San Francisco	60/45/s	61/44/s
San Diego	62/50/pc	65/47/s
Seattle	46/32/s	47/32/pc
Tucson	66/41/s	64/35/s
Tulsa, OK	44/29/r	46/24/s
Wash., DC	54/49/r	58/36/pc
Wichita	42/25/pc	38/19/pc
Yuma	71/49/s	73/46/s

Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	44/27/s	41/22/pc
Artesia	47/32/s	39/22/c
Chama	38/7/s	29/1/s
Clayton	30/11/c	23/9/sn
Cloudcroft	45/21/s	42/12/s
Farmington	48/27/pc	38/21/c
Hobbs	40/14/s	31/6/pc
Los Alamos	43/24/pc	36/17/sn
Raton	34/15/c	24/4/sn
Red River	34/2/c	22/9/sn
Ruidoso	40/22/s	29/12/pc
Santa Fe	42/19/s	34/11/pc
Silver City	58/32/s	54/26/s
Taos	36/17/s	28/7/sn

Mexican Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/77/s	92/74/s
Cancun	88/73/pc	81/69/pc
Chihuahua	61/32/s	59/32/pc
Ciudad Juárez	55/36/s	54/34/pc
Leon	72/41/pc	75/40/s
México, DF	72/45/pc	73/45/s
Monterrey	72/46/pc	61/48/pc
Morelia	72/47/pc	73/46/s
Oaxaca	84/50/s	76/51/s
Pto. Penasco	72/46/pc	73/43/s
Tijuana	64/46/pc	66/46/s

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request an application, and return by Jan. 15, 2010.

All forms of art will be considered. For more information, call toll-free 877-377-6576, or visit www.art-loop.org.

Special meeting

Lincoln County commissioners will conduct a special meeting at 9 a.m., Dec. 9, in the Commission Chambers of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

The primary purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing on the adoption of an ordinance imposing a moratorium on the combination of lots in the Deer Park Valley Subdivision.

A special assessment district is being considered for the subdivision to pay for road improvements. The recommended method is on a per lot assessment.

Also on the agenda is a legislative priority discussion and a discussion of educational opportunities for a Clean Energy Economy in Lincoln County.

A final agenda will be available 24 hours prior to the meeting.

A novel idea

Steve Havill, currently residing in Ration, is returning to Lincoln County Dec. 4 to talk about how historical research is actually used in writing a novel.

Havill has departed from his well-received mystery series to bring readers the background on his recently released novel, Race for the Dying.

The author will have books for purchase including the latest Posadas County mystery series, Red, Green or Murder. The event will be at 7 p.m. at Capitan Village Hall. Refreshments following.

Museum offer

Residents of Doña Ana, Lincoln and Otero counties receive free admission to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque during December.

County Recognition Month provides residents of specific counties with free museum admission during specific months (proof of residency is required). The museum created this free admission policy to welcome and honor New Mexico residents from around the state for supporting the Museum and its numerous statewide educational programs.

Admission to the Lockheed Martin Dyna-Theater and Planetarium is by the regular charge. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day with these important exceptions: The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day and the following Mondays in 2010: Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Sept. 13, Sept. 20 and Sept. 27.

There is something for everyone at this interactive, high-tech museum.

The ancient past comes to life in the Museum's eight exhibit halls that make up the "Walk Through Time." You can see New Mexico in the Late Triassic when it was a land of tropical floodplains and giant amphibians and crocodile-like phytosaurs prowled the waterways, walk amidst the largest land animals of all time in the late Jurassic, and then plunge in to the sea during the Cretaceous and swim alongside mosasaurs and prehistoric sharks.

Other highlights in your journey through time include an active volcano, Ice Age cave, Dire wolves, mammoths, and Albuquerque's last camel!

The museum invites visitors to explore the creatures, climate, and geologic phenomena of New Mexico in the past and present, and so much more, with exhibits that appeal to all ages and levels of interest. Fun for the whole family!

The New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science, a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, is a regional center of excellence in scientific research, exhibits, and science education.

The address is 1801 Mountain Rd. NW Albuquerque. Call 505-841-2800 or go to www.NMnatural-history.org.

E-cycling

Records fell as Lincoln County and Mescalero residents and businesses discarded electronic waste of all kinds on Nov. 7 in the IGA parking lot.

Participation jumped from approximately 160 to 215 individuals or businesses, a 34 percent increase over April 2009. Participants discarded nearly 97,000 pounds of old computers, DVD players, satellite receivers, television sets and other miscellaneous electronics.

Since the twice-yearly event began in November 2006, Lincoln County and Mescalero residents have discarded through proper recycling approximately 422,000 pounds of electronic waste. This waste is properly recycled within the United States, reducing illegal dumping and contamination of soil and water resources.

Major contributors were the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce members, GSV Title, Family Vision Center, Seasons Nursery, the Mescalero Apache School, the Town of Carrizozo, Town of Corona, the Town of Tularosa, and the Village of Ruidoso.

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

Christmas Tree recycling is scheduled to begin Dec. 26 at School House Park near the swimming

pool. A new recycling event - Pots and Pans Recycling - is scheduled for School House Park in Ruidoso on Jan. 15 and 16, 2010.

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

Solar tour

Participation in the first solar and sustainable living tour of Lincoln County Nov. 21 ranged from 22 to over 40 visitors at each of the 10 sites throughout the county.

Visitors viewed PV solar equipment, solar heating and solar water heating systems, rainwater collection tanks, grey water and other sustainable living techniques at residential and small business sites in Ruidoso, Alto, Capitan, Nogal and other rural locations.

Tour visitors from both Lincoln and Otero counties joined 140,000 other Americans who visited 5,000 buildings in 3,000 communities across the county earlier in similar tours during October (National Energy Awareness Month) to see how their neighbors are reducing their monthly utility bills in tough economic times. The local tour was self-guided with presentations and handouts at many of the scheduled tour stops.

A second tour is expected to be organized for later in 2010.

Solar has never had such good utility, state and federal rebates and incentives. Otero County Electric Cooperative and Public Service Company of New Mexico, electricity providers for Lincoln County residents and businesses, both offer attractive buy-back programs with above average incentives for participation. Incentive program information is available at www.ocec-inc.com or www.pnm.com.

For more information on participation in the 2010 Lincoln County solar tour, contact Daniel Ray at 575-491-6014 or Jim Miller at 575-937-2873.

FOL schedule

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2009 Festival of Lights schedule. The Festival of Lights is a season of joyful events beginning in mid-November and running through New Year's Day with events and activities for visitors and residents alike.

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An ornament covered by recent snow casts an intriguing reflection.

"We are very excited with this year's schedule and feel that it will make this year's holiday season even more festive and special for visitors and residents alike," said Sandi Aguilar, Executive Director, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The premier event every year is the Parade of Lights. This year's parade is on Saturday, Dec. 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Gingerbread Dreams."

"Thousands of visitors and residents enjoy sitting among the twinkling lights of Midtown to view one of the most spectacular lighted parades in the Southwest," said Cynthia West, RVCC Board President. "Spectators will not be disappointed as this event has been voted a Top USA Event by the American Bus Association."

The Ruidoso News published a complete FOL schedule of events on Nov. 11 and in the annual Winter Guide printed Nov. 27. Here are the remaining events on the schedule:

Dec. 3 - Schoolhouse Park. The tree lighting ceremony at dusk, with a bonfire, pictures with Santa and hot chocolate. Produced the Village of Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Department.

Dec. 4 through 6 - A Walk through Bethlehem. Experience a genuine appreciation for the meaning of Christmas and the holiday season at the Angus Church of the Nazarene. Reservations

are recommended. For more information and to make reservations, call 575-336-8032.

Dec. 4 through Dec. 6; Dec. 11 through Dec. 13 - A Christmas Story. Presented by the Lincoln County Community Theater. This is the classic story of a 10-year old boy and his desire for the perfect Christmas Gift.

The play takes place at the Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center.

Dec. 5 - Parade of Lights. See the largest electric light parade in the Southwest as it travels through Midtown Ruidoso beginning at 5:30 p.m. Starts at Mechem and Sudderth and traveling two miles to the Chamber of Commerce office. Road closures starting at 5 p.m.

Dec. 17 - Fireside Celebration at the Lodge. The Lodge at Sierra Blanca Open to the public. Enjoy festive food from area caterers and live music 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Torch Light Parade. At Ski Apache, 6 p.m.; www.innofthemountaingods.com

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve at the Inn Inn of the Mountain Gods; www.innofthemountaingods.com

Spencer Theater of Performing Arts brings an incredible lineup for friends and family to enjoy including "Flying J Country Christmas," Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance and the Nutcracker.

For more information, log onto www.spencertheater.com or call 336-4800.

The complete Festival of Lights schedule with details, times and dates for every event is available at www.RuidosoNow.com/FOL or toll free at 1-888-71-LIGHTS.

Open House

The Ruidoso Public Library celebrates Christmas with an Open House Tuesday, Dec. 8. It's sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and cookies and hot chocolate will be offered all day.

Special entertainment will be provided by the ENMU Ruidoso Chamber Choir at 10:30 a.m. They will be singing Christmas carols in the main floor of the Library.

Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JUB cancels

The Regional Waste-water Treatment Plant Joint Use Board Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 9, has been canceled.

Regular JUB meetings are open to the public. Contact Bertha Randolph, deputy clerk, at 313 Cree Meadows Dr. or 258-4343 ext. 1003.

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# OPINION

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### OUR OPINION

## Health report a nice surprise ...

... and a positive reflection on community

We take heart in the findings that place Lincoln County near the top of the list in several categories of a first-ever state health ranking by county.

The 2008 New Mexico County Overall Health Rankings report put the Land of Lincoln at number 3 overall.

Lincoln County topped the health outcomes category, and inside that category it was ranked number 1 in mortality data.

Such data often mirrors rates of education and affluence, and no doubt Lincoln benefits from the influx of retirees who come off success-

ful careers elsewhere.

The findings also speak to the recreational aspects of living here found in pursuits as hiking, golfing, skiing, bicycling, hunting and camping.

And whether any direct correlation is proved, or even necessary, it speaks well of our hospital, clinics, EMS system, police and fire agencies, forest services, health food stores, gyms and fitness centers.

In other words, doing well on such studies reflects positively on the community. That, in turn, is one more attraction in the area's attempt to diversify and strengthen its economy.

## Encouraging signs for New Mexico's economy

The latest unemployment numbers won't cheer your heart, which will surprise nobody. It's hard to spin that data. And yet a new study takes a slightly different view: New Mexico is better able than many states to dig itself out

The jobless rate edged up from 7.7 to 7.9 percent for October, still below the nation's 10.2 percent. We're squarely in the middle, ranking-wise.

"New Mexico may have reached a statistical low point in August from which a slow recovery can be staged," wrote a state labor economist. In that sentence, pessimists will focus on "slow." Optimists will see "recovery."

Every year, I do a freelance project for a business organization that requires gathering the best data I can find from multiple sources to present an economic picture of the state. This year I can't deny that it's discouraging to tote up the job losses, falling tax revenues, familiar stores closed, emptier hotels and car dealers out of business.

But if the glass seems pretty empty, I also found progress and movement. Some companies are still betting on the future by expanding and hiring. Some public projects are moving forward. The vast majority of us are keeping up with our mortgages.

University of New Mexico economists have been using words like "grim" and "in the tank." Recently an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City depressed a roomful of people by pointing out the obvious - energy prices are down, and they've taken the state's economy with it.

He also said the state's real estate situation is worse than anywhere else in the Kansas City district. New Mexico's housing bubble was bigger than Colorado's and looks more like hard-hit Arizona and Nevada, he said.

Not so fast. I hesitate to say a Fed economist doesn't know what he's talking about, but his real estate observations don't mesh

with other sources. Our foreclosures are probably rising some with unemployment, but New Mexico is still on the low end of foreclosures nationwide - way below the national average, way below Colorado and nowhere close to Arizona and Nevada, according to RealtyTrac.

Our low rate of foreclosures, in fact, gave us an edge recently in a peculiar beauty contest - states most unlike California.

The Pew Center on the States studied the nation's worst financial basket case, the not so Golden State of California, along with eight others in similar straits. New Mexico is a long way from those nine. By the center's measure, we're somewhat worse off than Texas and Utah but a lot more comfortable than Colorado and Oklahoma.

The Pew Center measured change in revenue, size of budget gap, change in unemployment rate, foreclosure rate, state government's money management (we got a B minus) and whether a state needs a supermajority to resolve budget crises. Pew researchers say their analysis isn't a complete diagnosis of states' fiscal health, but each factor is a warning sign. Taken together, they tell us how states are faring in the recession.

More information from the Pew Center: All but two states, Montana and North Dakota, face budget shortfalls for fiscal 2010; some are contending with their largest deficits in modern history.

So you can take the political spin and blame mongering with a grain of salt. If households - or states - were living within their budgets, and suddenly the budgets shrank, is that the fault of the household money managers, economic cycles outside their control, or both?

Look at the Pew Study from another angle: If these six measures are warning signs, they're also indicators of New Mexico's ability to recover from this recession. Compared to many other states, we don't have as steep a hill to climb.

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### YOUR OPINION

## Planning and preservation a challenge

To the editor:

REGARDING THE excellent presentation to the County Board of Commissioners by Dr. Jim Miller of the economic development potentials here of renewable energy sources: Here are a few thoughts in the hope of provoking an intelligent, spirited and continuing public dialogue on the subject.

Most experts on the subject assert that the inefficiencies of renewable energy sources (wind, solar, geothermal, etc.) imply that we are many years away - if at all - from these sources being able to meet the vast energy needs of the U.S. in any significant way.

One of the main problems at this stage, as touched on by Dr. Miller, is the lack of large scale electrical transmission infrastructure to move the energy to population centers.

One of the most efficient, available, carbon emission-free and cost-effective energy sources - nuclear power - was not mentioned by Dr. Miller. However, it is conceivable that the construction of a nuclear power plant in Lincoln County could be considered a viable project by private investors and public utility companies at some point in the near future. As citizens, are we ready for this possibility? Are we ready at the county government level?

Readiness for all aspects of energy sources development here at the very minimum requires

that the county government has in place a coherent land use policy and plan. Lincoln County has no such policy nor plan. Nor does there seem to be any effort whatsoever underway by our county government to develop such a necessary policy and plan.

The recent controversy over the passage of a mining ordinance to try to regulate (some might say, discourage) an already heavily regulated industrial activity on federal public land revealed one of the main difficulties in the project: mining activity on public land could not be said to be "incompatible" with land use on adjoining private properties, since the county does not define land uses within its borders and has no plan in place to protect private property values from incompatible uses on adjoining lands.

Furthermore, the county has no effective planning function at either the administrative staff or citizen committee levels. The county government hired a "comprehensive plan" to be written by outside consultants and an unrepresentative "steering committee" made up of a majority of politicians.

Unlike successful and meaningful comprehensive planning in other jurisdictions, there was no serious attempt by Lincoln County officials to effectively and proactively reach out to the citizens of the county to determine their collective vision for the

future, including land use and economic development. And now the "comprehensive plan" sits on a shelf, ignored and gathering dust.

Attempts by the citizen Planning Commission, under the leadership of former chairman, Jim Crouse, to prod county officials to implement the plan's priorities have been scuttled by the current administration.

Surveys of opinion of visitors to Lincoln County consistently show that our highest and best asset is the sheer physical beauty of our open space and mountain vistas.

This unspoiled beauty is the main characteristic that attracts people to visit here, spend money and drive our economy. It also attracts newcomers who want to live here, work here and contribute to Lincoln County's economic development. And the clean, healthy working environment we have keeps many young people and families here who otherwise might migrate to big cities.

Preserving and enhancing these assets while encouraging economic development and looking out for the long-term well being of its citizens through intelligent planning is the primary responsibility - and challenge - for Lincoln County government.

It's high time to step up.

*Robert A. Moeller  
Nogal*

## How about some real planned parenthood

To the editor:

LAST WEEK, New Mexico Congressman Harry Teague was in Ruidoso to meet with his constituents. To his credit, he allowed people time to lay out their opinions and concerns.

During that meeting, one woman arose and gave an impassioned plea for federally funded abortion. We have an obligation, you see, to pay for the abortions of unwanted babies in the wombs of "poor women." Well, who can argue with anything that will benefit "poor women"?

As we all know, in hearing of Roe V. Wade in 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that the act of abortion is Constitutional. We also know that recent polls have shown that more than half of those surveyed do not support abortion of any kind, much less federally funded abortions.

But you can't argue the case against abortion on either a moral or legal basis: The left simply won't listen. However, I think we can make a pretty good case against federally funded abortions on another basis: personal responsibility.

As usual, those who are in favor of such issues as federally funded abortions have only one

perspective - the result rather than the cause. For too long, we conservatives have ceded the battle to the liberals by letting them argue that it is the here and now that we have to deal with, not what went on before. But this makes no sense. The "before" of an outcome occurring a year from now is "now."

Now, let's apply this logic to the case against federally funded abortion. First, this is the 21st century; to that we can all agree. I think we can also agree that we know what causes pregnancies and we know a variety of ways of preventing them when the baby is not wanted, ranging from the use of condoms, birth control pills, morning after pills, diaphragms, surgery, etc.

This having been said, why should abortion be such a big business? My view is that many women (and couples, for that matter) do not give a lot of thought to the consequences of having unprotected sex. And, if this is the case, where are the elitists who only want to help when it comes to killing a baby?

Family planning should be no less a regimen than estate planning or planning for college for one's children. So, I have an orig-

inal suggestion for the elitists who so desperately want American taxpayers to foot the bill for abortions: How about engaging in some real planned parenthood, rather than the kind that operates under that name but believe that the only real form of planning is abortion?

*William L. Haralson  
Alto*

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— Ruidoso Downs report —

# Police force veteran announces retirement

■ Robert Olshaskie cites health reasons

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A veteran of the Ruidoso Downs police department has retired.

Corporal Robert "Doc" Olshaskie, who has been on the job for 12 years, submitted his resignation, effective Nov. 27, because of health issues, said Chief Alfred Ortiz.

"As you may know," Ortiz told city councilors,

"Doc had a very serious case of cancer. He was hospitalized for quite some time. He has since been in recovery and is doing well, however he does not feel he can come back and reenter into the law enforcement arena and continue his career."

Olshaskie had been in law enforcement for more than 30 years. Prior to Ruidoso Downs, he had been with the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Ortiz told city councilors that he was made aware of

the resignation on Nov. 23, after meeting with Olshaskie.

"It was an emotional situation," said Ortiz. "We wish him well in his health and his family."

In other matters before the city council, Councilor Rene Olivo wants guidance on the role of councilor members.

"Have the duties of the councilors been changed?" Olivo asked Mayor Tom Armstrong. "Because I've been noticing lately that some of the councilors here

go beyond the duties of the councilors. I'm requesting that you and staff think about it."

Olivo said an attorney from the New Mexico Municipal League should be brought in to "remind our councilors what their duties are. I understand some of our councilors are getting out of hand."

Olivo said that's unfair to the rest of the councilors.

Armstrong said he would look into the request.

• A worker in the Ruidoso Downs Public Works

Department was honored as the city's employee of third quarter.

"He does a real good job with water and sewer projects, taking care of business," public works director Cleatus Richards said of Joe Jarvis.

• The city council approved hiring James Dunleavy as a part-time, on-call driver for Lincoln County Transit. The public transportation enterprise is overseen by Ruidoso Downs.

• The city council received reports from the Beautification Committee, Economic Development Board, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Planning and Zoning Committee.

• Hubbard Museum of the American West Director Jay Smith reported 63 applicants had applied for the Curator of Education position, with the list narrowed to 18 candidates.

• A list of public works projects outlined activities to develop the new Riverside Park.

# Downs postpones action on personnel policy manual

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Proposed changes to the Personnel Policy manual for Ruidoso Downs city employees are on hold.

But it wasn't so much proposed printed modifications presented to the city council that sparked debate, but rather an offer from a councilor.

"What I would like the council to consider, at this point on a voluntary basis, is random mandatory drug testing," said Councilor Dean Holman. "It is required of the city employees. I just don't feel like we should require them to do something that we're not required to do ourselves. If there's any objections to that, I'd like to hear them and why."

Holman contended the councilors are city employees because they are paid.

"Why are we special?" Holman questioned.

"Dean, I agree with

you," said Councilor Tommy Hood. "We have a drug testing policy with the county. It's not voluntary either. They pull your name out of a hat and you go."

Hood runs the senior citizen center in Ruidoso Downs as a Lincoln County employee.

Councilor Rene Olivo said he has no objection to the proposal.

Holman said there is another reason for voluntary drug testing of councilors.

"We are making decisions that involve not hundreds or thousands of dollars, but millions of dollars of taxpayers' dollars. Mayor, I would like you to appoint somebody to initiate and include it in the next meeting that we're going to have."

Mayor Tom Armstrong directed the city attorney to look at the legality of drug testing for elected councilors.

*"Why would you not want to do this? Are you saying we should be treated special?" Councilor Holman said to Councilor Williams.*

"Mayor, I don't think you're hearing every word I'm saying," responded Holman. "At this point I'm not calling for mandatory, but for each councilor to volunteer to do that. And let's make commitments to that."

But City Councilor Gary Williams objected to the proposal. He said the councilors are not employees.

"We don't earn wages," Williams said. "That's the key words, 'earn wages.'"

Armstrong said legal counsel could look at the question of earned wages.

Williams said city residents elected him to the council to represent them.

"And for me to admit

that I need to take a drug test to prove that is unrealistic," said Williams. "I can go back to my history. I was 35 years as a firefighter. I did random testing for 35 years. I did good. But it doesn't mean I haven't changed my mentality about drug testing. I think drug testing is important for employees who provide services to the citizens of this community."

Williams said the volun-

tary proposal is unfair.

"I don't have to," Williams reasoned of the "arbitrary and voluntary" proposal.

"Why would you not want to do this?" fired back Holman. "Are you saying we should be treated special and different than the employees?"

The mayor clipped the discussion and offered to address the personnel policy during a future meeting.



A unanimous vote of the council postponed action.

One of the measures in the 17 chapters of the personnel code would provide more detail on employee drug and alcohol testing. It would also see some administrative positions eliminated and other titles adjusted.

The city manager, a position terminated in 2008, is removed, with some duties going to an official that would be designated by the mayor.

Williams also argued for waiting to make decision because he felt the manual had a number of omissions, mistakes, and language either repetitive or unexplained.

"We need to approve a document that represents the spirit of the document and the authority behind it," Williams said. "And right now, the way it's worded, I would feel more comfortable for it to go back and get looked into."

# Griffith Spring remains water mainstay

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Griffith Spring continues to be the mainstay of water production for Ruidoso Downs.

A water department report issued last week showed the spring on the city's south side had delivered nearly 362 million gallons of water during the first 10 months of 2009. That represented 99.8 percent of production. The city's Denton Well

had provided nearly 832,000 gallons during the same time.

The spring has been a perennial water source in Ruidoso Downs. During October it delivered an average of 330 gallons per minute.

Earlier this decade the spring had delivered as much as 400 gallons a minute.

But during the summer of 2004 the spring's flow had dropped under the usual demand, to just over

200 gallons per minutes. Storage tanks came close to empty. Ruidoso sold water to the neighboring city and the state pledged \$750,000 in emergency aid. In addition, federal funding for a new well was approved in 2006.

That well was pursued to deal with any future nose-dives from Griffith Spring.

The new Riverside Well will soon be adding to the Ruidoso Downs water system.

# Downs municipal election set for March 2, 2010

Voters in Ruidoso Downs will go to the polls on March 2, 2010, to elect two city councilors.

Passing a resolution, the city council scheduled the municipal election.

But Councilor Gary Williams balked at the some of the resolution's verbiage. "On-the wording in here, 'municipal.' Can we make it city?" Williams asked.

City Clerk Carol Virden said 'municipal' is

there according to state statute.

"It is a regular municipal election," she said.

"OK, you can leave it as such," Williams responded. "But I would like to have 'governing body' capitalized. That's all. There is nothing else."

Potential candidate packets will be available after Nov. 27, said Virden.

## Filing deadline

All Declarations of

Candidacy must be filed with the municipal clerk on Jan. 5, 2010, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Residents who want to vote must be registered with the Lincoln County Clerk's office by 5 p.m. Feb. 2, 2010. That is when the county clerk will close registration books.

The two seats are currently held by councilors Dean Holman and Tommy Hood.

— Jim Kalvelage

# Village apparently off audit 'at-risk' list

■ Ruidoso's 2006-07 audit contained 13 'findings'

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The village of Ruidoso was included on a November advisory list of government entities "at risk" for lagging audits, but was not on a later list of entities that did not respond to the earlier notice.

The village submitted a Fiscal Year 2006-2007 audit to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA), which will be reviewed with village councilors at their Dec. 8 meeting by a representative of the auditing that prepared it. According to the OSA Web site, the audit contains 13 findings.

The same firm, Patillo Brown & Hill, will handle the 2007-2008 village audit, and a new auditing firm, Accounting and Consulting Group, will tackle the 2008-2009 audit,

which should bring Ruidoso close to or in compliance with audit deadlines, a spokesman for the OSA said last week.

The village is not alone, and many of its audit problems still tie back to a special audit of finances and contracts conducted in 2005 and released in 2006 with dozens of findings and 30 items referred for possible further investigation. In September, the OSA released an initial at-risk advisory list that included more than 80 governmental entities with outstanding audits. Currently, the list has 61 agencies on it.

## Audit legislation

New Mexico State Auditor Hector Balderas announced Tuesday at the interim committee on Courts, Corrections and Justice that he would introduce two bills in the January legislative session cracking down on audit interference and delinquency.

The first bill would amend the Audit Act to make it unlawful to issue a false, misleading or unfounded report to the Office of the State Auditor and intentionally hinder or obstruct an audit, special audit, examination or investigation. The crime would be a misdemeanor.

"It's imperative that individuals who obstruct audits be held accountable for their actions," Balderas said.

"The recent Jemez Mountain Public School embezzlement case is an example of a financial officer abusing their authority and allowing a school district to fall three years behind in the audit process. These negligent actions jeopardized the financial stability of an entire school district."

"The passage of this law would discourage the obstruction of audits by penalizing individuals who commit this crime."

The second bill would

suspend appropriations for government agencies that have outstanding audits.

"Outstanding audits have been a long-standing problem in New Mexico, and no agency should be given public dollars when they haven't accounted for what they have spent in the past year," Balderas said. "This bill would deter government agencies from noncompliance with audit requirements."

State law requires all governmental agencies to submit annual financial and compliance audits to the OSA. The failure to submit timely audits can create an environment where taxpayer funds are placed at risk for fraud, waste, and abuse, Balderas said.

The OSA has been working in cooperation with the Legislative Finance Committee and Gov. Bill Richardson's office to introduce the legislation this upcoming legislative session in January 2010.

# Pedestrian improvements slated for Sudderth Drive

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Some pedestrian improvements will come to a stretch of Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso next year.

New Mexico Department of Transportation engineering support manager for district two, Bob Kurtz, said the project will largely involve American with Disabilities Act upgrades at intersections, such as ramps, and some new sidewalk sections.

## Bids next year

He said the project is scheduled to go out for bids on Feb. 19, 2010, with work to start in the spring. Plans will go to DOT headquarters in Santa Fe during December.

"This is something

*"This is something that has been scheduled for three or four years."*

that has been scheduled for three or four years," Kurtz said during a telephone interview from his Roswell office. "We've been going around the district on ADA needs."

Federal ADA enhancement funding will deliver \$300,000 for the work.

The project targets Sudderth Drive from its intersection at U.S. 70 to Paradise Canyon Road.

A year later Sudderth Drive from Paradise Canyon Road to Country Club Drive could see similar ADA upgrades. Kurtz said that section of Sudderth Drive would be let in February 2011.

# EDUCATION

## Profiles in English Thomas Arrowsmith Lowe

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*Editor's note: Students in the freshman English class at ENMU-Ruidoso have written profiles on seniors in the community.*

*The students had to generate their own questions and contact a person from a list of names.*

*The list came from the Mescalero Care Center, the Senior Center in Ruidoso, and from the Sacramento Mountain group. This is the first in a series of profiles to appear in the Ruidoso News.*

"It is incredibly rewarding to be in a position to help people spiritually."

Sixty-One year old Thomas (Tom) Arrowsmith Lowe is a priest at the St. John's Episcopal Church.

He became a priest about five years ago after leaving his research on

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Father Tom helps the community any way he can. One of his prides in his church is The Soup Kitchen.

He also celebrates Mass in Cloudcroft and here in Ruidoso. His loved dog accompanies him anywhere he goes, even in Mass. One of his major challenges is to balance the demands his parish and his teenage daughter.

"In college, I always wanted to become a priest," said Father Tom. He never listened to that gut feeling though and went on to become a dentist.

His move to New Mexico made him feel stronger about becoming a priest. After divorcing his wife, he finally decided to pursue his dream to be called Father Tom.

He became a deacon, then a priest. He knew if he

could make a difference in just one person's life, it would pay him back enormously.

It has only been five short years that Father Tom has been around helping his community and he has made a great difference.

He helps residents of Alamogordo, where his parish is located, in anything they may need; whether it may be with food, utility bills, or spiritually.

Father Tom pays utility bills for those who have lost their job or need more assistance.

"I help with anything that is in my hands," he stated proudly.

The Soup Kitchen is located in his loved parish. Members of this parish gather up and cook a full meal for anyone that needs the help.

This kitchen opens only

on Tuesdays and Thursdays at five o'clock. It feeds about fifty to sixty people each of these days. "We like to see our people walk out happy and on a full stomach," said Father Tom.

Father Tom is not only a priest at St. John's Episcopal Church but also at the Episcopal Church in Cloudcroft and in Ruidoso.

He does not mind traveling or leaving valuable time with his daughter to do what he loves.

"As long as I can help those in need, I will travel anywhere," he claimed.

He comes to Ruidoso to celebrate Mass in Spanish each and every Saturday.

His 9-year-old dog named Stevie accompanies him anywhere he goes. He takes her to Mass whether it is here in Ruidoso or in his parish in Alamogordo.

"She sleeps next to the podium throughout the whole ceremony," he said.

Stevie loves going to church.

Father Tom loves animals, which brought him to the idea of having Mass for our loved animals. He called it Blessing of Animals.

"It won't make them better pets, but it's recognition of the blessing they are in the life of you, their human," Father Tom commented.

He is not aware of any other church that does this. "I love the idea of animals in the church because they are an important part of our lives and they bring us such joy, which comes from God, that they should share in our worship of God."

Father Tom faces a challenge that most parents do, balancing his parish and his teenage daughter.

"She is very involved in school which helps me a lot," he said.

She is in sports and other extracurricular activities. Since he is divorced, he struggles alone with his daughter.

"She did not want anyone to know her father is a priest. But most of her friends have already discovered that detail," said Father Tom.

When he left his research of AIDS, he was called to serving God. He will always do anything in his power to help those who need him.

He will also continue to aid people financially and spiritually.

It will not matter if he has to travel distances to preach in your community, in another language, or to humans or to animals he will accept any opportunity to help.

In a short period of five years, Father Tom has helped everyone in his community.

## RMSD uses a snow day

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One of three snow days for the 2009-10 school year in the Ruidoso Municipal School District was used Tuesday.

Superintendent Bea Eta Harris said she leans on the school bus company, Lincoln Transportation, to determine if classes will be cancelled because of snowy or icy conditions.

"He's out there between 4 and 4:30 a.m. checking the roads," Harris said. "Then we talk."

She said there's some "give and take, but always a joint decision," after talking with Lincoln Transportation's Matt Bryant.

Harris said in addition to students riding school busses, there are other safety factors to consider.

About 200 parents drop off and pick up their children at schools. And there are about 200 high school students who drive. There is also traveling for more than 200 employees.

Add in transportation needs on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, Harris said there is a responsi-

bility for nearly 1,000 people.

Deciding a two-hour delayed start to the school day often comes the evening before.

"This time, because it snowed all day, we knew we would need a two-hour delay, because we knew it was melting and would freeze over night," Harris said of Monday's decision for Tuesday morning.

That turned into a cancellation.

A cancellation the night before was described "iffy" by Harris.

The district's calendar has April 2 and 5, as well as May 28, 2010, as snow make-up dates.

Harris said it is uncertain right now if those will be needed because the state requires a certain number of days and hours for a school year.

She said administrative staff will determine if the schools will achieve the mandated amount of instruction time.

Adding to the mix are delayed starts, which Ruidoso schools have had two this year, including the one Monday morning.

## OCTOBER BUZZY BEES



COURTESY

**Nob Hill Early Childhood Center October Kindergarten Buzzy Bees,** top photo, are: Back row: Camryn Casares, Malik Bulloch, Paige Lemur, Gabriela Desiderio, Braeden Salzwedel, Nizhoni Wilson, Sadie Roser, Edmy Bravo, Connor Chase; Middle row: Nikki Potts, Princess Roque, Oziel Sanchez, Angel Sanchez, Duncan Balatche, Nathaniel Dominguez, Andres Candelaria; Front row: Leah Eisey, Shyrelle Rushing, Jael Hernandez, Matthew Dean, Vialeta Esquivel, Kalla Keaton. **Nob Hill Early Childhood Center October Head Start Buzzy Bees,** bottom photo, are: Back row: Jairemyah Rocha-Davila, Isabella Garzaa, Jazmin Born, Bianca Hernandez, Andrea Marmelejo, Abby French, Joanna Guterrez; Front row: Anika Sgambato, Adrianna Sanchez, Clayton Salas, Robert McCarty, Sarai Alcalá.

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### IDEA meeting

An advisory group to the Special Education Bureau of the New Mexico Public Education Department will meet in Ruidoso.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Advisory Panel will take input on the State Performance Plan Annual Report Indicators and have a facilitated discussion on dyslexia on Dec. 3.

On Dec 4, the panel will meet in their subcommittees and work on the goals and objectives for 2009-10.

Parents, school district personnel, and the public are invited to attend the meetings, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 3, and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Dec. 4, at the Region IX Education Cooperative offices, 1400 Sudderth Dr. The advisory panel's agenda is available on the bureau's Web site.

## Teen Spotlight

Teen Spotlight features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Giovanni Quiroz is the next teen in the Spotlight.

Giovanni is the son of Javier and Olga Quiroz and is currently in his senior year at Capitan High School.

Quiroz is a dedicated student who finds time for several activities at his school and in his community.

At Capitan High School, Quiroz is active in sports and has participated in football, basketball and track. He has participated in Tiger Football Camp, lifts weights, and has served as team manager for the Capitan Tigers.

Sports is not the only focus for Quiroz. He also finds time to be active in class government serving as secretary for this year's senior class. He was also part of the Homecoming Court.

Quiroz is enrolled in several Advanced Placement classes, and he is on the "A" honor roll.

Quiroz is also involved in the community. Quiroz attended this year's Light the Fire Youth Summit. The Summit encourages students to give back to



GIOVANNI QUIROZ

the community through service projects.

He is an active member of the VERDAD - CFD Youth Group, Overwhelmed - the Angus Nazarene Youth Group, and participates in the Praise and Worship Ministry. He also was part of a Mission Trip to Juarez.

Quiroz lists influences in his life as his parents, his older brother Pierre, Bishop Bennet Smith, and Pastors Phil and Shelly Jones.

Plans for his future include attending New Mexico State University to obtain a business degree.

Talented individuals like Quiroz are an asset to the community and role models for youth.

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# County Commission approves Constitution resolution

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Although the chairman of the Lincoln County Commission seemed hesitant, commissioners eventually approved a resolution supporting the United States Constitution, as a reminder to members of Congress of their charge to protect the nation.

The resolution was submitted by Glynis Racine, Terry Franklin and Sally Moore, three county residents who in September attended a "tea party" in Washington D.C.

The resolution already was passed by governing boards in Clovis and Eunice, they said, and is being considered by other communities such as Curry County.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the ultimate goal is to pass at the state level House Joint Resolution 27, a state sovereignty bill introduced by State Rep. Dennis J. Roch (R-Tucumcari) that was tabled during the last legislative session.

The supporters said backing from municipalities and counties should increase the chance for success.

"This resolution is just to be able to advance it to the state level. Contrary to fantasies, sovereignty bills being introduced in New Mexico and in other states are not the first step to succession," Moore said. "They are to banish unfunded mandates placed on states by the federal government. It is becoming increasingly common for Congress to pass legislation without funding for the states."

Commissioner Dave Parks said he'd also like to see unfunded mandates placed by the state on counties eliminated.

"I'm struggling with how unfunded mandates relate to support of the Constitution and the Bill of

Rights. Is there a connection there?" Battin asked.

Racine said the resolution reaffirms the First and Second Amendments to the Constitution.

"We hope to achieve a state sovereignty bill in the future," she said. "I had this described to me as you wouldn't kick out a renter without a warning notice and this is a warning notice to the U.S. government. Several bills are proposed that would affect gun rights and other restrictions on First Amendment rights. I hope counties stand up to the federal government and say that's not in your realm. If a number of different towns and counties pass it (that should create impetus) to pass at the state level."

She believes some encroachment on the Constitution and Bill of Rights already has occurred, Racine said.

Battin said that interpretation would go to the federal courts to decide.

"We all took an oath when we came into office to support the Constitution and I don't think anyone changed their minds," he said of commissioners.

But Commissioner Eileen Sedillo intervened. "I can see where they are coming from," she said. "In spite of the Constitution, things are happening in Washington D.C., man-



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Sally Moore, top, and Terry Franklin and Glynis Racine, below, campaigned successfully for the County Commission to pass a resolution reaffirming the U.S. Constitution.



dates we have no control over."

Oscura landowner Jerry Carroll told commissioners, "You took oath, all of you did to hold public office,

that requires you to uphold the state constitution and the United States Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land. No act of Congress can

alter that without passage of an amendment. However, when you are dealing with elected officials who took same oath, but fail to understand their obligation and they passed a 2,000-page bill without reading it and it is full of onerous requirements, anything we can do on this level to get their attention (is worthwhile)."

### Peaceful protest

He pointed to the September Tea Party patriots walk in the nation's capital as an example.

"They were peaceable," Carroll said, but that may not last indefinitely. "We will not be trampled by an out-of-control government. Some believe we are in the final stage of the Republic and anything this commission can do to remind them of the job they were elected to do, to protect our rights and the nation they were founded upon. Anything else is extraneous."

Franklin clarified that those attending the tea party are working toward a peaceful change.

With a better grasp of the intent, Battin told the three supporters he was proud they represented the county in Washington D.C. "It was an important thing you all did," he said. "What you are doing here is to underscore that and to remind those who may be a

little loose with the Constitution."

Parks offered a motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Jackie Powell and approved unanimously with applause from the audience.

The resolution reads that the Declaration of Independence and Constitution must be protected for future generations of freedom loving Americans.

Leadership in Congress must never consider or adopt any laws or regulations that could change or subordinate the fundamental precepts and principles found in those documents and the Bill of Rights. But Congress is considering legislation that through regulation, taxation or restriction alter those fundamental rights, including the tools given in the First and Second Amendments for people to protect themselves from abusive and oppressive government.

"It has now become necessary from freedom loving Americans along with their local and state leaders to passionately and patriotically request that our federal government refrain from any effort to reduce or regulate our rights which are defended by the Constitution," it states, calling on those approving the resolution to embrace the founding documents.

## RFD responds to house fires

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Ruidoso firefighters responded to two fires in homes the past week.

A Nov. 28 furnace fire in the 200 block of Hart Avenue resulted in mostly smoke damage.

Fire chief Tom Gavin said out-of-town visitors arrived and placed their nylon luggage on an in-floor furnace grate. The heat of the furnace began to melt the nylon, triggering the fire.

The call reporting the fire was made at 5:01 p.m., with firefighters dispatched at 5:03 p.m. They arrived two-minutes later. Gavin said much longer and the fire could have spread through the crawl space.

### Chimney fire

A chimney fire was reported Nov. 25, at a residence in the 201 block of Meander Drive. Fire crews were on the scene at 6:26 p.m., three minutes after being dispatched.

"We always get a rash of chimney fire this time of year," said Gavin. "Make sure the chimney is clean before first stoking up the fireplace. You should clean the chimney at least every other year."

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Sierra Blanca Cabins (above) stand out in red on Country Club Drive (Dianne Stallings). Facing page, top, three elk cavort in falling snow (David Tremblay). Facing page, middle, a banded dove roosts in a snow-covered tree (Stallings). Facing page, bottom, the Rio Ruidoso presents a picturesque view through the village (Stallings).

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# SNOW

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Hernandez said the Carrizozo area had a white dusting but mostly rain, though Corona received a couple of inches of snow.

A semi-tractor hauling corn overturned Monday afternoon on State Road 247, southeast of Corona. Further details were unavailable.

A semi-truck that slid off the roadway Tuesday morning closed U.S. Highway 82 in the Cloudcroft area. New Mexico State Police Captain Keith Duncan said other than that incident there was only a handful or so of accidents in the police district that covers most of Otero County and all of Lincoln County.

There may be more snow on the way. Cold temperatures and maybe more snow, though lighter, are likely Thursday night into Friday, said Guyer.

"And then there could be another significant storm early next week," he added.

## Hoops hit

The snow put a damper

on area basketball games scheduled for Tuesday. Ruidoso High School, Capitan and Carrizozo all cancelled their boys and girls games.

According to RHS Athletic Director David Lackey, "All Tuesday athletic events pertaining to Ruidoso were cancelled."

The Capitan Lady Tigers and their male counterparts were supposed to have opened their season at home against Hondo. The Lady tigers will next play on Dec. 8 at Carrizozo (5:30 p.m.) as will the boys (4 p.m.).

The boys and girls Carrizozo Grizzlies' teams were also supposed to kick off their season openers at home against Cloudcroft Tuesday but both were cancelled. Both teams will compete at the Magdalena Steer Stampede starting at 1 p.m., Thursday.

The Mescalero boys and girls basketball squads had no games scheduled Tuesday. The Apache Chiefs will next play at Tularosa (7:30 p.m.) on Dec. 10, and the Lady Chiefs, currently 5-0, will host Dexter Thursday.

- Mike Curran contributed to this article.



# Preservationist: Historical mechanism needed

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A mechanism is needed to provide help to owners of historic properties to ensure integrity is maintained and structures preserved, says Bill Strauser of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board.

He gave Lincoln County commissioners a brief overview last week of a proposal to reach that goal, but asked to be able to come back later with more members of the board and a complete plan on possible action needed by the commission.

The item was listed on the commission agenda as a request for stricter enforcement of the existing ordinance governing the historic district around the settlement of Lincoln, made famous for its link to the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid. But Strauser said he wasn't there for that purpose.

His specific concern was to achieve consistency and to encourage maintenance of historic properties.

"In the past the (historic preservation) board has not acted with consistency," he said. Two residents might come with a similar request, but one might be approved and the other denied, he said.

"I have a problem with that," Strauser said. "(Provision application) should be same for all under the ordinance."

He pointed out that Lincoln contributes significantly to tourism in the county. While many amenities can be found in Ruidoso and surrounding areas, "Lincoln and its historical cast of characters makes a significant contribution and enables the county to keep tourists here a day or two longer."

To date with few dollars, the community of Lincoln has done a pretty good job of maintaining the historical integrity, as have the State Monument Division in the settlement, he said. "But if you don't consistently enforce the ordinance, my contention is ultimately we won't have any

preservation there. Somebody in the future will take the ordinance to the legal end and at that point, we'll find out we don't have an ordinance," he said. "That's my concern."

But enforcement and preserving are two different things, he said.

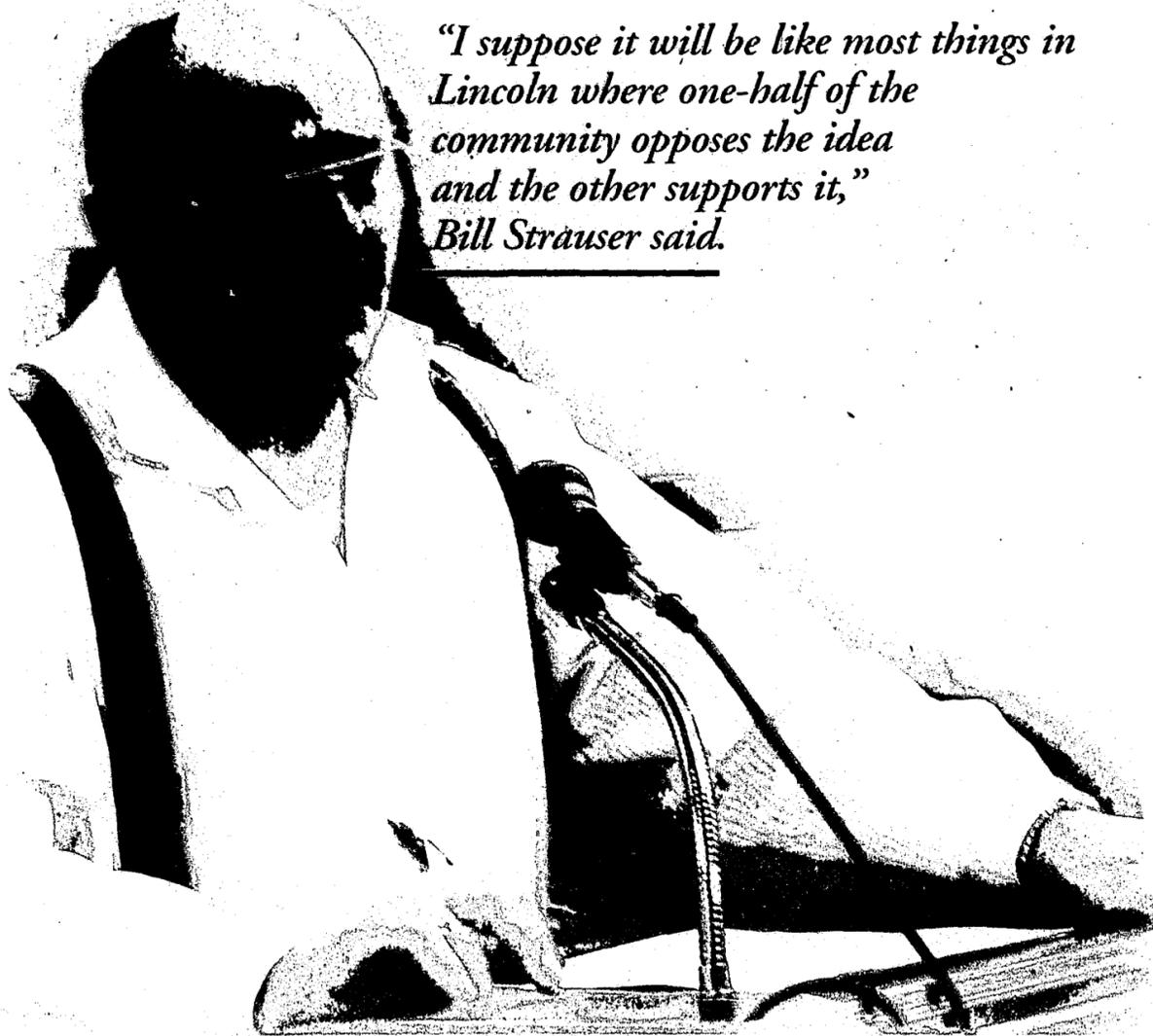
"We have an ordinance with language that states a property owner shall not allow historic property to deteriorate," Strauser said. "That's fine and dandy, but many owners don't even live there. They've inherited and wherever they are in the world, they certainly are not in Lincoln. They have little motivation to maintain it. All they're hoping for is when they retire, they may move back to the great-grandfather's land, or they're hoping real estate values go through roof and they make a ton of

money. It's pretty much one or the other."

He is proposing a possible approach to preserve some of the historic structures instead of using the ordinance as a hammer to try to force a landowner to repair or clean-up or prevent adobe from melting down. A Web site could be created to gain national interest in Lincoln and donations could be sought from private corporate entities to help fund preservation, he said.

But the preservation board doesn't have the ability or authority to create a Web site or handle money, he said. The county could help with the Web site and by acting as fiscal agent to handle any donations and working with the preservation board to decide where the money should be applied, he said.

*"I suppose it will be like most things in Lincoln where one-half of the community opposes the idea and the other supports it," Bill Strauser said.*



"I'm not talking renovation, just status quo so (a structure) doesn't deteriorate," Strauser said. "It's just a concept now. I suppose it will be like most things in Lincoln where one half of the community opposes the idea and the other supports it. I've read Western history since I could read and I suppose it will be pretty much the same. But I think there is a responsibility in the county to ensure those historic structures remain for future generations. I believe there is an economic benefit to that also."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said from his years serving on the Lincoln Heritage Trust Board, he realizes it is very important to maintain historical integrity, but as he reviewed the ordinance, he could find no enforcement

provisions.

Strauser said he was in business for years working with major national and international corporations

"I know quite a lot of people and how to go about getting sponsorships to fund some of these issues," he said. "I think a lot of companies and individuals would buy into this program to support such a historic site."

He already serves on a non-profit private corporation set up at the request of the state to help support preservation at the Lincoln State Monument. The entity donated half the money needed to preserve one structure there, Strauser said.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked if he would encounter a problem securing permission from property owners to work on

structures.

"I suspect in some cases, there would be (a problem), but if 19 buildings are in danger of falling down and if we can save 10, it would be a success," he said. "We would not be taking over responsibility from the land owner, just maintaining the historical integrity of the area."

It would be a softer approach than the county attorney going in with a hammer and threatening to take someone to court, if that do not maintain their property, he said.

"We could tell the land owner he has a very historic structure and we could help you stabilize it," Strauser said. "We would not do something to make them a huge financial gain, just maintain the structure in ways that are not that expensive to do."

# Juarez drug war deadlier than Miami, Detroit

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EL Paso - They called themselves "cocaine cowboys," and in the early 1980s, they gave Miami the highest murder rate in the world.

Daytime gunfights in the middle of the city between Colombian and Cuban drug cartels were routine. The morgue in Miami became so crowded that Dade County leased a refrigerated trailer from Burger King to handle all the bodies.

In the late 1980s and into the 1990s, the drug violence shifted to other cities, including Detroit and Los Angeles, where street gangs fought for control of the crack cocaine market. Gangs made these cities among the most violent in the United States.

## 'Deadliest' city

Today, Juárez bears the unenviable title of deadliest city in North America.

There is, however, a significant difference between the drug war in Juárez and the drug violence that occurred in Miami, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Detroit and just about every other major U.S. city, an expert said.

"In Miami and Detroit, there was never a point where the police department, where the government, lost control," said Howard Campbell, a University of Texas at El Paso professor, who is an expert on the Mexican drug cartels. "The corruption in Juárez is bad, the violence is unlike anything we've seen and there is a melt-down of public order. No U.S. city has ever been this bad."

Juárez, population 1.7 million, is averaging between 200 and 300 killings a month. Miami, which had a population of 346,000 in 1980, averaged about 20 murders a month.

Since 2008, Juárez has been mired in one of the world's massive and brutal drug wars. About 4,000 people have been killed, including police officers, businessmen, lawyers, sol-

diers, government officials and innocent bystanders. The Mexican military has stepped in and taken control of the city police department and the prison.

## A way of life

Daily violence is a way of life in Juárez, as residents stay indoors at night and executions occur in the middle of the day on busy streets. This month, gunmen executed four men outside an elementary school while classes were in session.

The same day, masked assailants shot and killed six patrons of a strip club, including a U.S. airman from New Mexico.

The storyline in Juárez is eerily familiar to Edna Buchanan, a former *Miami Herald* reporter who covered the police beat during the worst of the cocaine wars. Her coverage of crime in Miami brought her a Pulitzer Prize in 1986.

"These cocaine cowboys, as they were called in Miami, were ruthless," Buchanan said. "They would go in and shoot anyone they wanted, anywhere. If they were after a

man, they would kill the wife, the children, and if the Avon lady rang the doorbell at the same time, they would kill her, too."

As is the case in Juárez, the Miami cartels relished violence because they wanted to intimidate.

"One time they followed a man into a shopping mall and shot him in there, along with the store clerks," Buchanan said. "Then they just walked out and left everything behind. They didn't care."

In this same case, she said, the hitmen left behind the van they used to get to the mall. It was bulletproof and had gun ports and a high-performance engine. Inside the van, police found grenades and submachine guns.

"This was the first time the police department realized they were out-matched," Buchanan said. "Up until then, police officers were still carrying six-shooters. They were no match for the cartels."

But the same cockiness that made the cartels powerful and feared led to their demise, she said.

"There was too much

public pressure and outcry against them. Because everything was done out in the open, the public outcry forced the city, the state and the federal government to find a way to end it."

That happened when the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard put a stranglehold on drug trafficking into Miami by checking every ship and vessel coming into port. At the same time, city, state and federal law enforcement agencies combined to investigate and arrest the cartel members operating in the city.

## Detroit hard hit

The same drug violence that shook Miami moved to several other U.S. cities in the mid-1980s, experts said. Among the worst was Detroit, where several street gangs fought to control the crack market, which had sales estimated at \$1 million to \$3 million a day.

Before 1990, Detroit averaged 300 murders a year. In 1991, the number increased to 615. Almost all

of the killings were related to the drug trade.

Detroit had about 1.1 million residents at the time. Its population peaked at 1.85 million after World War II. Detroit is about half as large today.

Carl S. Taylor, a Michigan State University professor who is an expert on street gangs, said the violence in Detroit was brutal, but it involved different gangs at different times, unlike what is occurring in Juárez today.

"It looks like (Juárez) is at war," Taylor said. "The Detroit gangs were brazen but not as blatant, and they did more damage to each other than to civilians."

And in Detroit, Taylor said, the police, district attorney and DEA never lost control of the city's streets to the gangs.

"Once indictments and arrests were issued, the gangs were minimized," Taylor said. "We still have problems, but it is nothing compared to what is happening in Mexico."

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# SPORTS

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### Ski Report

#### Ski Apache

Officially opened Nov. 26 - For the latest snow totals, call 257-9001. The Ski report is culled from [www.skiapachesnowreport.com](http://www.skiapachesnowreport.com)

Tickets: Season passes are available by phone at 464-3600.

New snow past 48 hrs.: 9 inches  
Season total: 29 inches

Weather for Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 41. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. A 10 percent chance of snow showers. Wednesday evening, mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Weather for Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph. Thursday evening, a 30 percent chance of snow showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 14.

Skiing conditions: Variable  
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street  
Groomers Pick: Easy Street

Lifts open: No. 3 and No. 5. Gondola is closed.

Snowmaking: Yes, nightly, weather permitting, to the top of Chino.

### Results

#### Girls Basketball

Friday, Nov. 28  
Roswell 72, Ruidoso 35

### Sports On Tap

#### Boys Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 3  
Zozo at Magdalena Tourney  
Hondo at Lake Arthur, 6 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 4  
Ruidoso at Hatch, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 5  
Wingate at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.

#### Girls Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 3  
Zozo at Magdalena Tourney  
Hondo at Lake Arthur, 5 p.m.  
Dexter at Mescalero

### On Deck

#### Fundraiser Dinner

The Rocks boxing club is holding an Enchilada dinner with dessert fundraiser this Saturday, Dec. 5, at the First Southern Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs (361 East Highway 70) from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and all proceeds will go to support the Rocks boxing club. The club has been trying to purchase a ring for the church where they train, but the cost is \$6,000, and they are seeking support in this endeavor.



Javier Rubio hams it up for the fans after his first pro win.



Ring announcer Mike Adams and referee Tony Rosales prepare for the 13-bout card.

# Rumble on the mountain

## Cage fighters clashed again Saturday at Inn of the Mountain Gods

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Saturday marked Round 4 this year for the King of the Cage (KOTC) fights at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. And with each production the crowds grow larger.

The event, billed as "Horsepower" last weekend, proved to be as slickly produced as the previous three battles.

Four local fighters, Edward Misquez, Brian Chavez, Josh Salazar and Javier "Sweet Face" Rubio saw combat and acquitted

themselves well in the 6-foot high, 21-foot diameter ring. Chavez and Salazar fought in the 180-pound and 165-pound classes, respectively.

Chavez lost in 1:46 of the first round to Robert Patino of Roswell on a tap-out and Salazar was

defeated by Boy Morgan of Alamogordo on a TKO, also in the first round.

Mizquez won his scheduled 3-round bout in a speedy 36-second decision in the opening round.

Rubio (with an 11-2 amateur record) made his professional debut in Saturday's fight card against the tough veteran from Alamogordo, Brad Nordquist, in a scheduled 3-round matchup.

Rubio showed his natural talent and overpowered Nordquist on the ground with repeated blows in the first and second rounds. It was in the latter round, at the 2:53 mark, that Rubio put Nordquist out with a sleeper hold and is now 1-0 as a pro MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) fighter.

This popular Ruidoso cage fighter has a potential

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# Snowstorms cancel area hoop games

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The recent snow storms put a damper on area basketball games which were scheduled for Tuesday.

Ruidoso High School, Capitan and Carrizozo all cancelled their boys and girls games.

According to RHS Athletic Director David Lackey, "All Tuesday athletic events pertaining to Ruidoso were cancelled."

#### Ruidoso

Head coach Julie Montoya and her hardwood crew started their

season Nov. 24, with a convincing takedown of Goddard, 62-38. Four days later they ran into a Roswell buzz-saw and lost 72-35.

"We played as a team against Goddard and the results speak to that," Montoya said.

"We're a young team and Roswell came at us with an intense effort. The girls broke down, played as individuals and the results of that game speak to that issue.

"We hope to learn from that. You have to play as a unit. To do otherwise invariably leads to a nega-

tive conclusion."

With the cancellation of the Socorro tilt at Ruidoso Tuesday, the Lady Warriors now look to their upcoming home battle with Cobre, Monday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m.

The Warrior's lost their season opener, Nov. 20, to the Roswell Coyotes, 73-22. Tuesday, the RHS boys were suppose to have traveled to Tularosa for a 7 p.m. contest but that game was also cancelled due to inclement weather. Additionally, both schools cancelled classes for the day.

Next up for the

Warriors is a 7 p.m. Friday game at Hatch Valley. Saturday they will entertain Wingate at 6 p.m.

#### Capitan

The Lady Tigers and their male counterparts were supposed to have opened their season with a contest at home against Hondo. Both Capitan boys and girls games were cancelled.

The Lady tigers will next play on Dec. 8 at Carrizozo (5:30 p.m.) as will the boys (4 p.m.).

#### Carrizozo

The boy and girl Griz-

zlies' teams were also supposed to kick off their season openers at home against Cloudcroft Tuesday but both were cancelled. Both teams will compete at the Magdalena Steer Stampede starting at 1 p.m., Thursday.

#### Mescalero

The boys and girls basketball squads had no games scheduled Tuesday. The Apache Chiefs will next play at Tularosa (7:30 p.m.) on Dec. 10.

The Lady Chiefs are currently cruising along at 5-0 and will host Dexter Thursday.

# Two female gladiators show the way for others

## Meet Monica Lovato of Espiñola

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This attractive personality also has the smarts to go along with her looks and appealing charm.

Those traits and her cheerful disposition tend to hide another side of her life - cage fighting.

Going into Saturday's fights at the Inn of the Mountain Gods she sported a 4-0 professional record.

The 5-foot 5-inch, 125-pound Lovato, who first fought in the summer of 2001, is another achiever story in the world of female cage fighters.

She graduated high school in Espiñola and now



Monica Lovato smiles for the cameras at the weigh-ins Friday.

## Meet Barb Honchak of St. Louis

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This woman of action has proven herself to be an exemplary achiever in no uncertain terms.

After graduating from Western Washington University (in the state by the same name) with a B.S. in molecular biology she matriculated to Northern Arizona University and earned a Masters in ecological genetics in January, 2006.

Most people would be content with those accomplishments. Not Honchak.

Her future husband, Timm Beeman, had been training in Ju Jitsu and received a rib injury which



See BARB, page 3B Barb Honchak wins her first professional cage fight Saturday

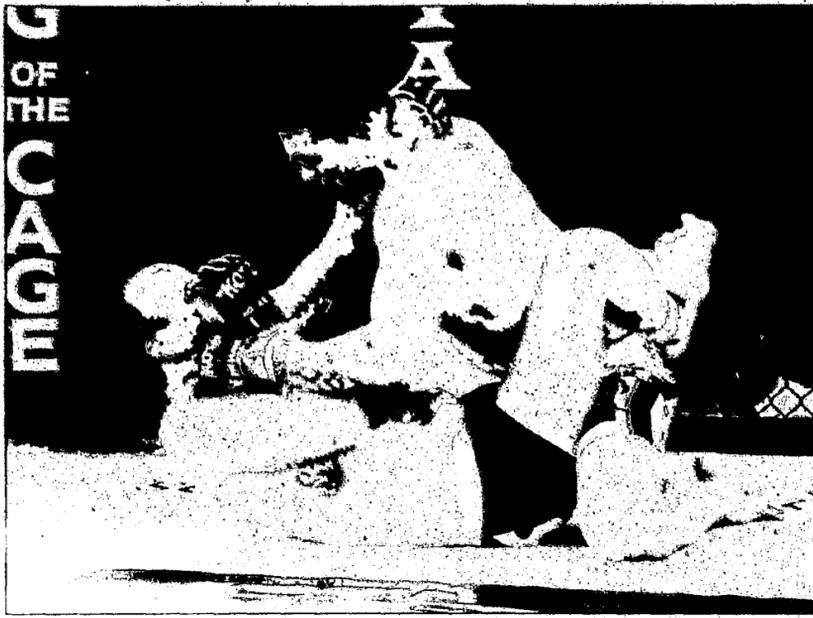
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# FIGHTS

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future in MMA. He has the personality and fight proficiency to be successful if he puts his mind to it. Another Ruidoso star, Levi Price did not fight in Saturday's event because of an injury.

The surprise fight of the night (and considered the best by many) was the co-main dustup of the evening between the accomplished Monica Lovato of Espiñola and Barb Honchak of St. Louis. Lovato brought in a professional record of 4-0 while this was Honchak's first pro bout. Lovato has proven she's tough as nails in the octagon in her past performances and was heavily favored. The St. Louis lady had other ideas from the get-go. When both fighters went to ground it was apparent from the beginning that Honchak was every bit Lovato's equal as the rhythm started to go in her favor and she more than held her own. By 3:58 of the second round Honchak gained a "rear naked" choke hold on Lovato and the Espiñola native was forced to tap out for her first professional loss.



Javier Rubio, on top, defeated Alamogordo's Brad Nordquist in the second round on a tap-out.

These two ladies are not what you think a female cage fighter might be like. Both are respectful, personable and intelligent. Lovato attends college while Honchak has a B.S. in molecular biology from Western Washington University and a Masters in ecological genetics from Northern Arizona University.

Both of these fine athletes will be underestimated, in the ring and in life.

And both earned the respect of one another. They fight, in what is largely regarded as a man's sport, but on Saturday evening they showed the capacity crowd how good cagers perform - man or woman.

This fight will be considered by some to be a setback for Lovato, however, the Espiñola fighter's mentality will most likely see it as a stumble and proceed full bore from there.

"I had seen videos of Monica and I knew she was tough and dangerous," Honchak said. "She had a better ground game than I expected but I'm comfortable with Ju Jitsu and used that to my advantage. In 10 fights I've never met an opponent I didn't like and I'm glad to include Monica in that group."

More will be heard from these two able fighters in the future. Honchak has already been invited back



Donald Sanchez retained his championship belt.

by President of KOTC Terry Trebilcock for Round 5 on Feb.26.

The men's main event of the evening, between belt-holder (150-pound class) Donald Sanchez of Albuquerque and Richard Montaño of Socorro, gave the crowd on hand, five rounds - 25-minutes - of non-stop warfare.

Both were in top physical shape and Montaño could be seen breathing through his nose half the

time in the last round. But Sanchez maintained a clear advantage on the ground and won a unanimous decision in the end.

The 3 1/2 hour event saw 26 fighters battle in 13 bouts. KOTC looks forward to the scheduled February show and will return with a full card.

"We like the local fighters on hand and we like the facilities and people here at the Inn of the Mountain Gods," Trebilcock said.

# BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

## Local boxers compete in Silver Gloves tourney

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The Rocks boxing club of Ruidoso Downs will be sending five youths, ages nine through 12, to the Junior Olympic State Silver Gloves Tournament in Las Vegas, N.M., Dec. 11-13.

Miguel Gonzales and Ethan Cuevas, both nine, will fight in the 60-pound class, Destiny Romero, 10, will fight in the 60-pound girl's class, Simon Gonzales, 11, will fight at 80 pounds and Alejandro Arguilles, 12, will fight at the 85-pound level. Daniel Sainz, 16, will accompany them and fight in a show bout.

"If we are successful at the state level we will advance to the regional tournament in California on Jan. 7-10," boxing coach George Romero said. "And if we do well there we will head for Kansas for the

national tournament.

"I believe all our competitors have a good chance of advancing in the tournaments. Coach David Ordorica and I have been working hard with our kids and have confidence in their boxing abilities."

To help raise money for this worthy cause, the club is holding an Enchilada dinner with dessert fundraiser this Saturday, Dec. 5, at the First Southern Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 and all proceeds will go to support the Rocks boxing club.

The club has been trying to purchase a ring for the church where they train, but the cost is \$6,000.

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# MONICA

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attends the New Mexico School of Natural Therapeutics full-time in Albuquerque where she will graduate in February. Her academic work won't be over though. She then plans to enroll at UNM and get a bachelor's degree in exercise science.

As with most women of action, she pursues other sports, too - like snowboarding, "which I love" and basketball.

Her energies are not just limited to sports and academics.

When in Espinola she has trained kids in boxing and has helped them acquire discipline and a sense of self-worth while trying to teach them to stay clear of drugs and gang-life.

Boxing has changed her life for the better and she believes it might affect others in the same positive way. More than 200 have participated in her boxing clinics.

"I didn't underestimate Barb Honchak in Saturday's match-up," Lovato said. "I was aware she had a Blue Belt in Ju Jitsu and I knew she would be tough on the ground - and she was. We found out she was an excellent ground fighter three weeks before the fight and we worked on that aspect of my game as hard as we could."

"After the first round I went back to my corner with both elbows hurting from the arm bars she caught me in. I knew I was stronger than Barb but she



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Monica Lovato readies herself for the second round.

was great on the "canvas."

"I love the sport, I love the fans and I always try to put on an exciting show for them. I feel I disappointed them last weekend."

It was Lovato's first loss as a pro but she feels ready to up the ante and work hard on her ground fight. The loss could make her better as a fighter in the long run.

"Barb is a talented fighter, you have to give her that," Lovato said. "When my arms heal-up I hope I'll get a rematch with her in

the February fights at IMG.

The 31-year-old Lovato (soon to be a year older on Dec. 12) had her right arm x-rayed Monday evening at an Albuquerque hospital.

No broken bones were revealed and the elbow was judged to be sprained. She will consult with an orthopedist this week.

There's an old adage that "adversity makes the man."

In this day and age, maybe it should be amended to, "and woman."

# BARB

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sidelined him for a while. He told her to take his place in the gym while he recovered and that's how she began to learn the Japanese sport of self-defense.

This was in addition to her other pursuits in snowboarding, and mountain and road biking.

"Some said I had the potential to fight but I didn't think I could do it at first," the diminutive Honchak said.

The St. Louis fighter told her husband-to-be she wanted to try cage fighting and he told her to "go for it."

And she did in September, 2007. Honchak had her first cage fight at the Cage Championships in Sullivan, Mo. - one week before she and her fiancé eloped. She won - all 5-foot 4-inches of her 125-pound frame grabbed her very first win.

"She boxed me well and I had limited skills in the ring at the time," she explained. "But she wore herself out in the first round and I got her in the second.

"I believe I suffered a finger or thumb to one of my eyes," she explained. "Other than that, the honeymoon was fine."

Honchak went on from there to establish a very commendable 8-1 record before turning professional for her bout here Saturday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods for King of the Cage (KOTC).

"My coach, Steve Berger, told me I was expected to lose to Monica Lovato," Honchak said.



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Barb Honchak is interviewed by ring announcer Mike Adams.

"It was the co-main event of the evening. I was an underdog, no doubt about it, but we had other ideas.

"I had watched her in a few videos and could see she was tough. Her 4-0 record at the time spoke for itself. People in this business know who she is.

"Once the contract was signed I trained all-out.

"In the opening round, Monica tried to get me to come in on her but I knew better than that. I thought she might make a run-in on me but she didn't.

"Her ground game was better than I expected but fortunately I was able to get a "rear naked" choke hold on her midway through the second round for my first pro win.

"She was a rough adversary but I like her, as I do all my opponents so far."

Honchak likes the constant testing of herself.

"You have to push yourself when you're in the

ring," she said. "It's a roller-coaster ride on three levels - physically, mentally and emotionally."

The St. Louis combatant believes other women should try the sport if they're so inclined.

"Don't be afraid," she said. "Find a good gym where people will work with you, respect you and take you seriously.

"I belong to an amazing team and training facility with about 20 fighters, not all of whom are competitive."

When in training for a fight Honchak normally trains five to seven days a week, averaging four hours of work a day for those days.

Immediately after her fight with Lovato she was asked to return for the Feb. 26 event at IMG by KOTC President Terry Trebilcock.

She accepted.

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## Capitan Library elves are ready for Christmas

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The Capitan Public Library Christmas Bazaar elves have been working for months preparing for the 10th Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Doors open at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5.

Offered are the 2009 versions of the bazaar's signature item – the hand-crafted, signed and dated ceramic luminarias.

Eighty of the individually designed ceramic luminarias are offered for sale. They sell early and sell quickly, so collectors need to plan accordingly.

Each luminaria is unique and the item is annually the event's top seller.

Beautifully painted Christmas decorations for the tree or for the mantle abound.

Small individual decorated trees are all ready for that special place and

wreaths to decorate a wall or a door are also among the fare.

Gifts, clothing, jewelry and individually designed crosses and new this year, handmade, insulated casserole carriers.

Also new to the bazaar is a selection of Dichroic glass jewelry. It is one of the hottest materials being used by artisans today.

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The results are stunning and are offered in pins, earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Holiday baked goods and See's Candy are on the bazaar menu again this year.

The CPL elves, a com-



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Library elves show off some of the handiwork done by many the volunteers that work for months preparing for the annual Christmas bazaar at the Capitan Public Library. L-r, Debbie Myers, Wanda Polhemus, Pat Garrett, and Linda Lauckhardt.

pletely volunteer force, begin building, crafting and sewing in August and September, meeting often

at the workshop to design and create the large volume needed for the bazaar without losing any of the

reputation quality of the items. Come early, stay long. It is a perfect place to pick up those one of kind

gifts or simply add to your Christmas decorating flair.

For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

## Doing a good deed with one search, one purchase at a time

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Similarly with GoodShop.com, consumers are helping their favorite causes by shopping at hundreds of well-known retailers including Amazon, Target, Apple, Macy's, Best Buy, Orbitz, Staples and others.

The shopping experience and the prices are exactly the same as going to the retailer directly, but by going through GoodShop, up to 30 percent of the purchase price is donated to the user's favorite cause.

Carrizozo Schools registered with the sites last

year, giving its supporters a chance to raise money for the cause every time they search the Internet or shop online.

The goal is to earn \$500 through the site this year which will be used to pay for the arts program, including field trips.

More than 85,000 nonprofits and schools are now registered with GoodSearch and GoodShop and more than 100 organizations are registering daily. GoodSearch has quickly spread via word-of-mouth and the blogger community.

Examples of other organizations listed on the site include: The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which has earned more than \$12,000; the ASPCA which has raised more than \$30,000; and The Bubel/Aiken Foundation which supports children with disabilities and has earned more than \$12,000.

Using GoodSearch is simple. Because the site is powered by Yahoo, users are assured of high quality results – but each time you search, money is generated by the advertisers for your favorite charity or school.

"Every penny counts," says Dena Odell, the arts

instructor for Carrizozo Schools.

"While doing a search or shopping online, why not raise money for our cause?"

"There is absolutely no reason not to use GoodSearch and GoodShop – it's so easy. Simply go to the school Web site – <http://carrizozoschools.org> and click on the GoodSearch tab. That will take you to both GoodSearch and GoodShop. Make sure you enter the school name and click 'Verify.'

"We know there are a lot of people who want to do good but may not have the time or the money to help out," said Ken Ramberg, Co-Founder of GoodSearch and former President of MonsterTRAK, the largest online career site for college students (now a division of Monster.com).

"GoodSearch and GoodShop make it as easy as possible. We've taken something people do every day – searching the Internet and shopping online – and have turned it into doing good."

For more information, contact Odell at Carrizozo Schools at 648-2346, Ext. 122 or email [dena.odell@carrizozogrizzlies.org](mailto:dena.odell@carrizozogrizzlies.org).

## The holidays are a special time

It has rained here last night and all day. Saturday night it rained near Mesilla Park and the streets were flooding. They are predicting up to 3 to 5 inches of snow tonight.

And, Lois and David are suppose to be here tomorrow afternoon. Interstate 10 is suppose to be a little rough from Fort Hancock to El Paso and on up to Las Cruces.

It is hard to believe there will be that much snow. Several passes and roads are already closed.

Our sympathies to Veda Lou Stephenson and her family. It will be big loss to Lincoln County. Billy was another one with that special smile.

Caroline and Gene Christman have returned to Lincoln after a few weeks absence. Caroline had major surgery on her back at Colorado Springs. But you can't keep her down. She rode all the way to Lincoln and proceeded to open the shop the next day.

We went to Lincoln to check on things and they came in while we were

there. It was a quick trip as Ralph doesn't do well there. I was trying to get what photos I can work on and got a little Christmas stuff but not much.

We were hoping to see more friends but felt we had to get back to Las Cruces.

Thanksgiving is past and now it is about time to think Christmas. We need to remember Christmas is the time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus.

Mandy Arrowsmith is probably in New Zealand now. She will be spending three months with her uncle and family and enjoying the

sights. I wish I was there with her. We really enjoyed visiting New Zealand.

The sights and the people were great. We spent Thanksgiving with friends. Lucy fixed a bountiful meal and as usual one always eats too much. We all have so much to be thankful for – family, good friends, home and health.

My news didn't make it last week so hope this week does. I seem to get busy and time slips away from me.



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## Luminaria time again in 'Zozo

JUDY FITZ  
For the Ruidoso News

For more than 18 years, Carrizozo has had many volunteers help light Town with luminarias on Christmas Eve. This year is no different.

The work starts on 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at the main fire station on Airport Road.

Coffee and doughnuts will provide energy for the folks who will prepare bags to be packed with sand and candles. About a dozen school students will move the folded bags to have sand and candles added and put on trailers.

Around noon, the entire group will stop to enjoy grilled burgers and hot dogs with plenty of sides and soft drinks.

Then there's a break in the action until Christmas Eve Day. Folks will meet at the main fire station at 9 a.m. to start placing the filled bags around town. This year, they will be invited to return to the sta-

tion for another grilled burger and hot dog lunch before they get together around 3:30 p.m. to start lighting the candles for the magical-evening.

Also new this year will be a special display done by the school students in McDonald Park. Be sure to see the unique decorations they plan to make with recycled items.

Luminaria lighting will be done around dusk on Christmas eve, and drivers are encouraged to turn their lights off as well as keep their speed down.

On Friday, Christmas Day, at 8 a.m., the bags are picked up for disposal.

The Luminaria Committee asks businesses and residents to pick up the bags in their areas and feel the calm and peace of the early morning as they visit with fellow townfolk also out picking up bags.

The luminaria event is sponsored by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce with considerable help from the Volunteer Fire



Department and the entire Carrizozo community.

We'd love to have you join us, so stop by the main Fire Station on Airport Road on Saturday, Dec. 12, and see if you, too, get hooked with the spirit of the luminarias.

For more information, call the Chamber at 648-2732.

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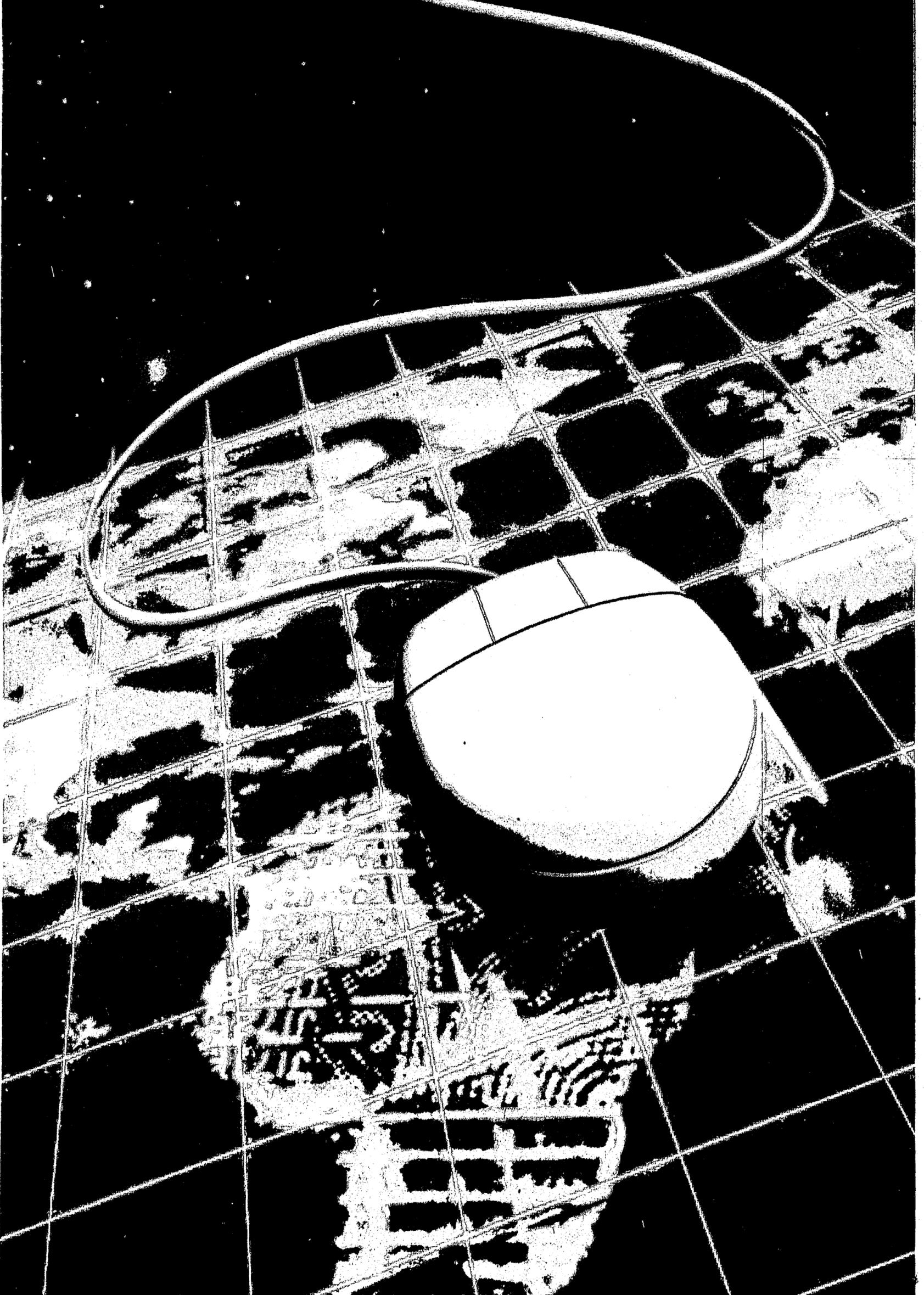
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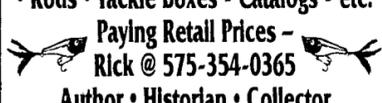
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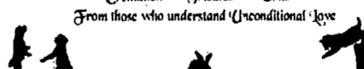
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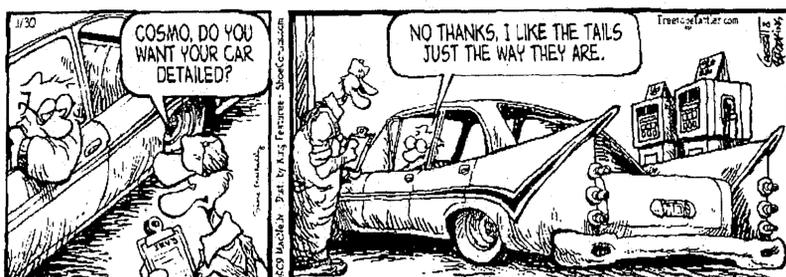
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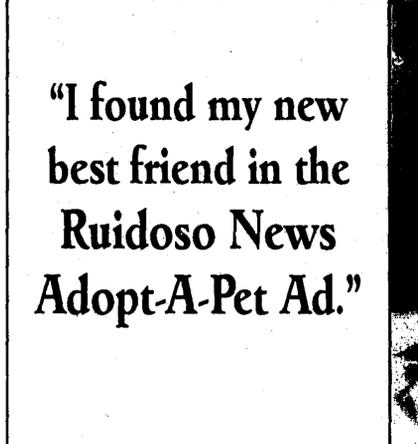
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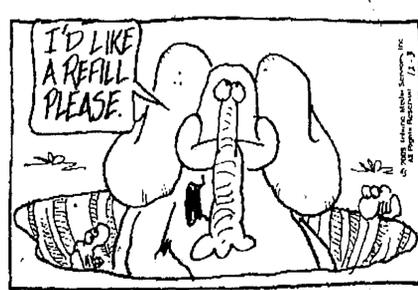
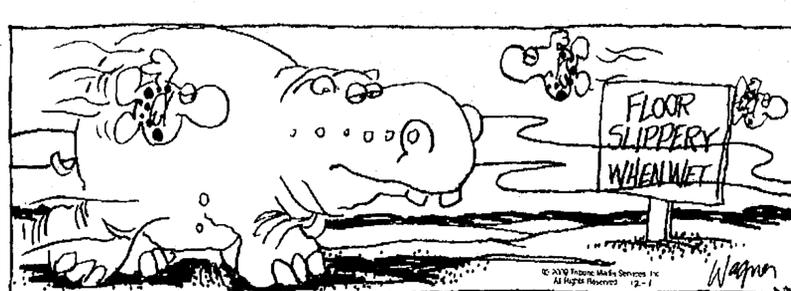
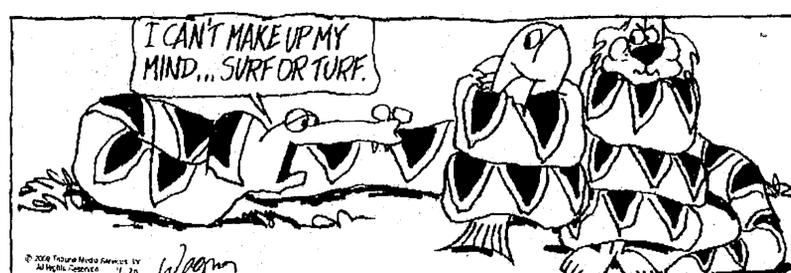


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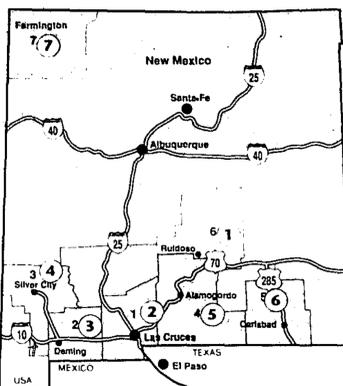
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