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# Ex-officer charged

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**R**esigned Ruidoso police officer Christopher "Corky" Condon was charged Monday with six felony counts for allegedly defrauding the Village of Ruidoso out of more than \$8,000.

The nearly 10-year member of the police department was arrested Monday night by a New Mexico State Police officer after the Magistrate Court at Ruidoso issued an arrest warrant.

Condon was taken into custody at his home in the Alto area and transported to the Lincoln County

*'Corky' Condon, formerly with Ruidoso Police, arrested and booked on six felony counts*

Detention Center in Carrizozo.

Condon is accused of masquerading as a brigadier general in the New Mexico State Guard, and taking paid time off from the police department to attend annual Army Reserve training.

The felony charges include a count of fraud over \$2,500, three counts of fraud under \$2,500, forgery over \$2,500, and forgery

under \$2,500.

According to the criminal complaint approved by 12th District Attorney Diana Martwick, Condon used false military leave to receive police leave pay in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

District Attorney's office investigator Eduardo Medrano said Condon, during a Nov. 17 interview with an FBI special agent, told the

agent that he had served in the United States Army from 1985 until 1992. It was unclear whether Condon served in the Army Reserves.

Condon told the interviewer that, after leaving the Army, he joined an organization called the New Mexico Defense Force, based in Roswell, according to an affidavit for an arrest warrant. It was there the 44-year-old claimed to the interviewer that he had reached the rank of brigadier general.

During the Nov. 17 interview, the FBI special agent said he asked

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## SANTA AND FRIENDS



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**Fate, Hope and Destanie** Sloan of Capitan gather around Santa Claus (Greg Haussler of Capitan) during Cowboy Christmas Parade festivities in Capitan Saturday. For more photos, see page 5B.

## Alborn announces try for Ruidoso mayor

FROM REPORTS

A third candidate has announced his intention to run for mayor of Ruidoso.

Ray Alborn, Planning and Zoning commissioner and Lincoln County Food Bank president, will seek the mayoral seat in the March 2, 2010, municipal election.

Current mayor L. Ray Nunley has announced he will not seek re-election to a second term.

Former Lincoln County Medical Center Administrator Jim Gibson and former Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Joan Zagone announced their candidacies for Ruidoso mayor last week. The *Ruidoso News* carried the stories on Dec. 9.

Alborn and his wife, Sue, have owned a cabin in Ruidoso since 1996.

"I chose wisely in selecting Ruidoso for my retirement years," Alborn said in a press release. "For the past seven years I have given time and effort to make Ruidoso not only a popular destination for tourists but the best place to live for its residents. It is important to preserve the environment, protect the unique quality of the village and have a government representative of

Ruidoso's population.

"We need to seek participation by residents interested in making the right decisions for Ruidoso's future growth."

Alborn was the Texas Gulf Coast Government Relations Representative for EnviroSAFE, Inc. for four years. Working in the petro chemical region, he contacted state and county legislators and negotiated contracts with industry leaders. He also worked extensively with Paul Hopkins, ex-chairman of the Texas Water Commission. According to the press release, his efforts increased EnviroSAFE's yearly sales from \$2,700 to \$2,500,000 in four years.

During the past seven years, Alborn has contributed behind the scenes in Ruidoso as president of the Lincoln County Food Bank, Planning and Zoning commissioner, finance chairman at the Methodist Church, Lincoln County Prayer Breakfast speaker and committee member, Moon Mountain Conservancy Board member, Lions Club member, and as a participant in the River Association River Clean up.

In 2008, Alborn and Sue, were named the Volunteer/Citizens of the Year by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

In 2002, Alborn retired from 40 years as a head college and high school coach in Texas to full time residency in Ruidoso. Selected as a Houston Hall of Fame Coach, he was Rice University's head football coach for seven years, Lamar University's head football coach for four years and was head coach at Sharpstown and Lamar Consolidated High Schools. Alborn's proudest accomplishment at Rice was graduating the highest number of football players in the Southwest Conference for consecutive years.

While serving as the Program Committee Representative for the American Football Coaches Association, Alborn was named the Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1980 and was a finalist for National Coach of the Year. He later was defensive line coach for the USFL's Houston Gamblers with Jack Pardee.

As head coach at a major university, Alborn managed the budget, supervised 11 assistant coaches with a large administrative staff, communicated with radio, TV and newspapers on a daily basis, traveled the state of Texas for speaking engagements and was responsible for fund raising, all while serving as "foster" parent for 95 young athletes.

## ENMU signs Alto lease

Deal could lead to ENMU-Ruidoso campus on Hwy. 220

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A 99-year lease that could make way for an Eastern New Mexico University campus in Alto was approved Thursday by the university's Board of Regents.

The ground lease would involve 139 acres that includes a partial building formerly owned by well-known benefactor Jackie Spencer Morgan.

The ENMU board agreed to lease the property for an initial annual rent of \$75,000 for the first five years. After the five years the rent would drop to \$1 a year.

Outgoing ENMU-Ruidoso president Michael Elrod said "the ground lease agreement is the first and critical step in planning for the future growth and expansion of this fast-growing college. It will however be years down the road before the state and local funding sources may become available for renovation and construction of the proposed Cedars Campus."

Elrod, who will retire effective Dec. 31, said his replacement, Clayton Alred, would continue to develop plans for future education programming and construction financing for the Cedars property.

The land and partial improvement had a full valuation of \$4,542,585 as of Jan. 1, 2009, according to a valuation notice from the Lincoln County Assessor's Office. The acreage and building, across State Road 220 from the Spencer Theater, at one time was to become the new home for Jackie Spencer Morgan. She died in 2003.

See **ENMU**, page 9A



**Food drive**

The Annual Food Drive of First Savings Bank-Ruidoso to benefit The Nest is underway for the third year. Donate any non-perishable food items at the bank, 2713 Sudderth Dr., until Christmas Eve. For more information, contact First Savings Bank staff at 257-7170.

**Public hearing**

A public hearing is set for 5:30 p.m., today on an

application for a \$50,000 Community Development Block planning grant for the Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The hearing will be conducted prior to the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m., in council chambers of the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Items on the regular meeting agenda include possible action on the CDBG Grant for the master plan, a Trails Design Master Plan report by Gerardo Garcia, a review of the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan, department policies, signs along Sierra Blanca Trail and citizen e-mail about sidewalks.

**Downs Christmas**

Christmas comes to Ruidoso Downs on Saturday.

The All American Christmas in the Park will feature Santa Claus, hot chocolate and cookies, and

music.

Christmas carols and a program will be presented by the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs and Christ Church in the Downs.

"There will be all kinds of fun things for kids," said Beautification Committee chair Judy Miller.

The annual event, at All American Park, will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. It is sponsored by the Ruidoso Downs Beautification and Parks and Recreation committees.

**Flu vaccine arrives**

More seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccine was received by the Lincoln County office of state Public Health in Ruidoso.

A vaccination clinic for both is set for both from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jan. 5, at the Ruidoso Senior Center on Sudderth Drive and Junction Road in Schoolhouse Park.

Those qualifying for the H1N1 vaccination are pregnant women, household members/caretakers of in-



**SANTA'S HELPERS**

**Volunteer Fae Harper**, above left, fills out tags for gifts being wrapped for Santa's Helpers, which distributed holiday gifts and food to families in need across Lincoln County. The program evolved over the past 22 years from Santa Cops under attorney Freda McSwane, whose husband was sheriff at the time. McSwane still oversees the massive effort. Last year, 280 families with more than 650 children, and another 70 elderly adults, received boxes and bundles of food and presents.

**Volunteer Rich Lurix**, above right, buries his hands in gifts to wrap.

**Carlos Cadena**, right, helps sort gifts to the correct boxes.



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5:00 / 7:15 / 9:30

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fant less than 6 months old, children 6 months to 59 months old, children and adults from age 5 to 64 with chronic health conditions, and health care workers and emergency medical personnel with direct patient care.

People from age 5 to 24 without any chronic conditions can receive the flu

mist only. Those qualifying for the seasonal flu vaccination are individuals who are 18 and older. The department only has 350 doses and vaccinations will be on a first-

come, first-serve basis. Until the scheduled clinic at the senior center, the public health office on Kansas City Street next to

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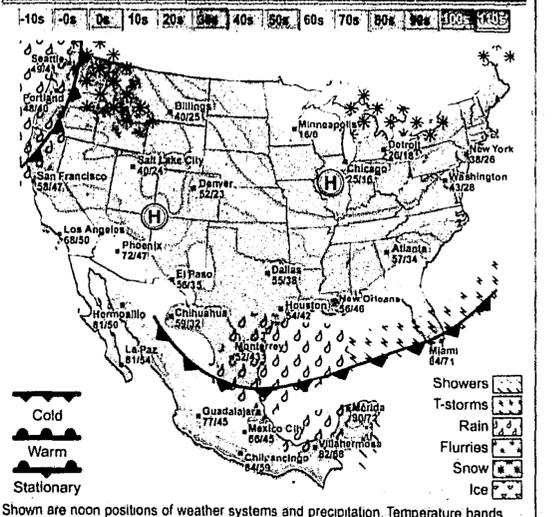
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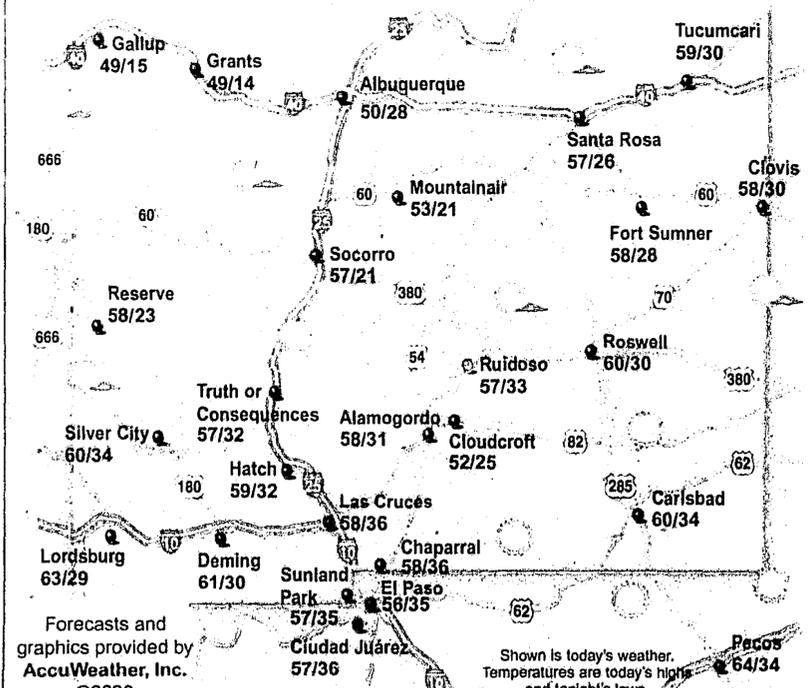
**AccuWeather® 7-day forecast for Ruidoso** [AccuWeather.com](http://AccuWeather.com)

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 59° Humidity 30% Sunny Wind: WNW 4-8 mph	RealFeel 59° Humidity 30% Partly sunny Wind: NW 4-8 mph	RealFeel 49° Humidity 38% Mostly cloudy Wind: NE 6-12 mph	RealFeel 47° Humidity 43% Sunshine Wind: SW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 53° Humidity 31% Some sun Wind: W 6-12 mph	RealFeel 51° Humidity 35% Partial sunshine Wind: W 7-14 mph	RealFeel 49° Humidity 38% Partly sunny Wind: WSW 6-12 mph

**National Forecast for Dec. 16, 2009**



**Regional Cities**



**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday

**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 50°/30°  
Normal high ..... 50°  
Normal low ..... 20°  
Record high ..... 63° (1969)  
Record low ..... -1° (1985)

**Precipitation:**  
Monday ..... 0.03"  
Month to date ..... 0.41"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.71"  
Year to date ..... 16.63"  
Normal year to date ..... 21.74"

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

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Monday

**Temperature:**  
High/low yesterday ..... 59°/35°  
Normal high ..... 56°  
Normal low ..... 28°  
Record high ..... 75° (1950)  
Record low ..... 9° (1984)

**Precipitation:**  
Monday ..... 0.01"  
Month to date ..... 0.84"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.16"  
Year to date ..... 11.16"  
Normal year to date ..... 12.63"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: Are raindrops pear shaped?

**National Cities**      **Regional Cities**

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Ablene	56/36/s	61/39/s	Albuquerque	50/28/s	53/29/pc
Anchorage	15/6/sn	11/-1/sf	Artesia	60/35/s	64/36/pc
Atlanta	57/34/s	58/37/pc	Chama	45/13/pc	45/12/pc
Austin	52/39/pc	58/36/pc	Clayton	56/31/s	52/27/s
Baltimore	40/24/s	39/24/s	Cloudcroft	52/25/s	52/23/pc
Boston	34/19/s	27/17/s	Farrington	45/20/s	47/21/s
Chicago	25/16/s	34/19/pc	Hobbs	63/32/s	63/33/s
Dallas	55/38/s	62/36/s	Los Alamos	51/21/s	47/21/pc
Denver	52/23/pc	49/23/pc	Portales	60/29/s	58/29/s
Des Moines	24/16/s	28/15/s	Raton	54/18/s	51/17/pc
Detroit	28/18/pc	30/19/pc	Red River	46/9/pc	42/8/pc
El Paso	56/35/s	64/38/pc	Ruidoso	57/33/s	55/34/pc
Las Vegas	60/38/pc	63/39/s	Santa Fe	50/22/s	48/22/pc
Los Angeles	68/50/pc	72/50/s	Silver City	60/34/s	63/35/pc
Minneapolis	16/8/pc	22/11/pc	Taos	49/18/pc	49/19/pc
New Orleans	56/46/pc	59/47/c			
New York City	38/28/s	35/25/s			
Philadelphia	40/26/s	37/24/s			
Phoenix	72/47/s	72/47/s			
Reno	42/27/r	44/25/pc			
San Francisco	58/47/r	58/48/pc			
San Diego	66/50/pc	67/50/s			
Seattle	49/41/r	47/42/r			
Tucson	71/42/s	71/39/s			
Tulsa, OK	55/33/s	55/33/s			
Wash., DC	43/28/s	40/26/s			
Wichita	46/22/pc	47/25/s			
Yuma	71/50/s	72/49/s			

**Sun and Moon**

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset  
6:59 a.m./4:58 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset  
7:16 a.m./5:12 p.m.

**Moon Phases**

New First Full Last

Dec 16 Dec 24 Dec 31 Jan 7

**Extremes**

Monday's National High/Low:  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 87° in Naples, FL  
Low: -32° in Jordan, MT

Monday's World High/Low:  
High: 112° in Marble Bar, Australia  
Low: -58° in Kisloukan, Russia

**Mexican Cities**

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	90/73/s	88/75/s
Cancun	86/73/pc	83/70/r
Chihuahua	59/32/pc	64/36/pc
Ciudad Juárez	57/36/s	64/37/pc
León	70/43/sh	76/42/pc
México, DF	66/45/r	66/45/c
Monterrey	52/43/r	60/43/pc
Morelia	70/46/r	72/45/pc
Oaxaca	76/52/pc	79/52/c
Plo. Penasco	73/57/pc	76/52/pc
Tijuana	70/45/pc	72/48/s

FROM PAGE 2A

the Lincoln County substation and Ruidoso Public Library off Cree Meadows Drive, has about 100 flu mist H1N1 doses on hand, open to people from age five to 24, who do not have any chronic conditions. Call for an appointment at 575-258-3252, ext. 6716.

An ample supply of the H1N1 vaccine is available for pregnant women and for children from six months to 59 months, individuals five years to 64 years with chronic conditions, caretakers of infants less than six months of age and healthcare workers and emergency medical service personnel with direct patient care.

A walk-in clinic is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., every Tuesday. The vaccinations are free to the public.

Alto Lakes hours

The Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District Waste Convenience Center will be closed on Friday Dec. 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday to enable Greentree employees to spend Christmas with their families. The Convenience Center will be open on a special occasion basis on Thursday, Dec. 24, for normal operating hours to serve Alto customers. Following closure on the 25th, the Collection Center will reopen Saturday, Dec. 26, for regular operating hours.

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority wishes all Alto resident customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!

For more information on the Alto collection site operation, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, or via email at lcswa@valornet.com.

Library closure

The Ruidoso Public Library will be closed for the holidays, from Dec. 24-27, 2009. The following week the library will be closed on Jan. 1, 2010.

The Ruidoso Public Library normally has hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturday the library is open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For information call 258-3704.

KEDU auction

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Elfie (in foreground) and her husband Rich Gross of Capitan ride in the annual Cowboy Christmas Parade, held in Capitan Saturday.

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KEDU Radio has been scheduled.

The KEDU Christmas Holiday Auction "Take II," is on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., live from the KEDU Studios in the Mountain Top Plaza, 1009 Mechem Dr. in Ruidoso.

This year, fans can get an early start on their holiday shopping with the KEDU Christmas Auction, providing listeners worldwide a chance to support KEDU, and get some really unique gifts in the process, via the Internet, radio and telephone.

2009 was the first year that KEDU-FM joined forces with Alamogordo radio station KALH-FM, on Dec. 5, for a previous holiday auction. There were so many items left to auction, that KEDU's board decided to continue the auction, thus allowing listeners bid on items before the

Christmas holiday arrives.

Information about the auction and items for bidding, as well as pictures, descriptions of items and donor information are listed on the KEDU station Web site.

Fans can go online and view the items to bid on during the Dec. 19 auction. Items range from dinner and show tickets, goods and services, as well as home remodel gift certificates, paintings, lodging, collector's items, dining certificates, furniture, clothing and more.

The deadline to donate items for the "2009 KEDU Radio Christmas Action Auction" is Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Jamie Estes or Harv Twite, at 575-258-1386. Or email them at: auction@kedu.us. Instructions and details are provided on the station's Web site at www.kedu.us.

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# OPINION

## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## A tale of two villages with audits

Ruidoso outlook improving, however

The Villages of Capitan and Ruidoso fared quite differently on recent audit assessments based upon reports turned into the state auditor.

Congratulations to Capitan for an "unqualified opinion" on its FY2008-09 audit filed by Thad Porch and Associates.

Ruidoso, meanwhile, is still feeling the effects of a special 2005 audit that was highly critical of various village practices.

The subsequent FY2006-07 audit contained 12 "findings" - violations of state statutes - while the next two audits - FY2007-08 and FY2008-09 -

had problems meeting deadlines.

Yet with a regional airport and regional wastewater facility, Ruidoso is a more complex governing entity than is Capitan. And, too, Ruidoso village officials do blame turnover in the finance department and the historical 2008 flood for some of the lingering issues.

The good news: Ruidoso has been removed from the state auditor's "at-risk" list after submission of its FY2007-08 audit and an update on this year's audit, which is expected to be slightly late.

Overall, we have to believe the outlook is improving.

## Tourism strategy not for the faint-of-heart

There's hardly a town in New Mexico that isn't affected by tourism, even if visitors are just passing through. And this was not a good year.

If you can agree with those two statements, maybe you can agree that there is such a thing as a good tax. I would define a good tax as one with a specific, desirable goal that takes a small bite and inflicts minimal pain.

The tourism folks are hoping lawmakers see their proposal that way.

Tourism Secretary Mike Cerletti, an industry veteran, has proposed a tax of one quarter of one percent on restaurant and banquet food. He figures this tax will generate around \$6 million a year that could be spent on marketing and advertising.

The hit on consumers would be 2.5 cents for every \$10 spent in restaurants. Of course, the lodging trade group likes the idea. Its restaurant counterpart does, too, provided the revenues are earmarked for tourism.

Presently, New Mexico spends \$2.6 million a year to promote itself. Arizona spends \$6 million, Utah \$7 million, Colorado \$15 million. And Texas, the attention hog, spends \$24 million. Compared to the Lone Star State, we're the prettier girl in the dime-store dress.

Cerletti sweetens the offer by proposing that marketing be entirely supported by the tax, which would allow the state to keep its \$2.6 million in the general fund.

This is not a new issue. In 1995 New Mexico was spending the grand sum of \$850,000. Our fellow Four Corners states were spending a lot more, and Texas, the shameless hussy, was spending \$8.6 million.

When I was reporting on the issue back then, the tourism people were on the verge of storming the state capitol with pitchforks after the Tourism Department got its budget cut. Back then our paltry \$850,000 generated \$2.7 billion in revenue. Today our \$2.6 million generates about \$5 billion.

In 2000 the industry was still fighting tourism budget cuts.

This was after a dreadful season when media coverage of our wildfires made it appear the entire state was ablaze. Plus, it snowed anywhere but here. At that point, the Tourism Association of New Mexico trotted out the results of increased promotional spending in 1998 to show impressive results in 1999.

"This is what grows tourism," said then executive director Linda Waterman. "We know advertising works."

That year the association was bucking Gov. Gary Johnson's flat-budget

mandate. "This is no time to be faint-hearted," Waterman said. "We still have the potential to make lots of money."

Now some smart aleck may argue that tourism is an industry of minimum-wage, dead-end jobs. Let's not forget that in New Mexico tourism helps support arts and entertainment - from the Navajo silversmith to the Spencer Theater - not to mention our museums (artifacts to aliens, horses to race cars), parks and monuments.

Not everybody is a chamber maid. But we could use more of those jobs too - our legions of high school dropouts have to work somewhere.

Sen. Tim Keller, an Albuquerque Democrat, told the *New Mexico Business Weekly* he thought the tax "was a rare example of when the business community and government agreed on a tax that is a win-win for both of them. The people who will be against it will be tax policy purists who generally oppose all earmarks. And from a tax policy perspective, they're absolutely right."

One of those purists is Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Arthur Smith, Deming Democrat, who said earmarks deprive lawmakers of the right to steer funds to what they consider pressing priorities.

And, with so much red ink, it's just not a good year, he added.

Sometimes you have to spend money to make money. This is no time to be faint-hearted.



SHERRY ROBINSON

MI SHE WROTE



### YOUR OPINION

## Elrod: It was a good run

To the editor:

AS I BEGIN a new journey in my retirement as President of Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso Branch Community College, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the residents of Lincoln County.

Our faculty and staff have worked diligently to provide the very best higher educational programs and services for you and the communities we serve. The college has witnessed tremendous growth over the past five years with student enrollments soaring from 600 to more than 1,000 students today.

During the same time, the campus was renovated and expanded to accommodate this growth and the accompanying

expansion of new academic and workforce education programs.

ENMU-Ruidoso represents so many things to so many people throughout Lincoln County. It is a living, dynamic institution that offers opportunities for all. I suspect the vast majority of those reading this letter today have either taken a class, or have a son, daughter, relative or friend that have participated in the wide array of learning opportunities we provide.

Education is truly the key for success and prosperity in this ever changing world. We are truly your community university that will have even bigger and better days ahead.

I wish to recognize several very important people in my life

that have stood by and supported me through the years. Debbie, my wife and best friend of 37 years is my rock. She has given of herself in order for me to pursue my career and aspirations during my 28 years of service in higher education.

My family, including my now deceased father Ralph, beloved mother and father in-laws Sue and Jake Burnett, as well as my mother Fay, son Aaron, daughter Amy, son-in-law Erik and of course our grandson Kenneth have been and continue to be the joys of our living on this Earth. To all my close friends and colleagues, I wish you the very best in the future.

Mike Elrod  
ENMU-Ruidoso

## Legislators are crabby and taxes are up

Legislators are crabby and taxes are up. The taxes in question are local gross receipts taxes.

At the Dec. 4 Indian Affairs Committee meeting Santa Fe, Sen. John Pinto, D-Tohatchi, indicated the mood. The topic was capital projects within the Navajo Nation. Some had been vetoed by Gov. Bill Richardson. Pinto said that maybe the Legislature should "take all the money that the Governor vetoed and reinstate it." He listed a number of small projects that he felt were unjustly cancelled.

In my admittedly limited experience, Pinto isn't known for talking much. That puts a spotlight on his comment. And, Pinto is the senior senator, in office since 1977 - two years more than Senate President Pro Tem Tim Jennings of Roswell.

One vetoed project was a parking lot at the Mariano Lake Chapter house in Smith Lake. (A chapter is a local government subdivision of the Navajo Nation.) Chapter President Anthony Begay came to the Indian Affairs Committee to express his unhappiness. Begay and his chapter leadership team had jumped through all the Navajo and New Mexico hoops. They had a contract and a contractor. Work had started, only for the project to get nailed by communication failures between the two bureaucracies.

"I wanted to give (the committee) a better understanding of the problems," Begay told me.

Proposals for state-level tax increases can be expected during the 2010 legislative session. The

New Mexico Tax Research Institute offers an excellent and lengthy background report on the state's present tax situation in its current newsletter. See [www.nmtri.org](http://www.nmtri.org).

Increasing municipal gross receipts tax rates is one topic.

The notion of an 8 percent rate being high has vanished. For the six months starting Jan. 1, there will be 15 jurisdictions with an 8 percent or more local rate. That's triple a year ago.

Two years ago Taos Ski Valley led the way past 8 percent. For 2010, Taos Ski Valley will charge 8.5625 percent.

"New Mexico's gross receipts tax rates have been climbing steadily upward," the Tax Research Institute says.

A key factor has been "the repeal of the 0.5 percent municipal credit, which had the effect of raising gross receipts tax rates in all municipal areas by a half percent," the institute says. Repealing the municipal credit was the clever backdoor offset for the munificent removal of gross receipts taxes from most food.

"Inevitable" has come to be Richardson's word for the tax increase picture during the coming legislative session. His approach brings to mind the radio sales manager who believed that something repeated often enough will come true. Not so fast, say rural legislators.

While it may be coincidence, a suggestion of the administration's attitude toward raising taxes versus cutting spending may be seen in the membership

of the two groups considering the respective topics. The tax increase group, the "Budget Balancing Task Force," has more than 40 members. Note the title. "Budget Balancing" means raise taxes.

*The governor says tax increases are inevitable. Not so fast, say rural legislators.*

The Committee on Government Efficiency has all of eight members. The chair is former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, a Republican. Willard Lewis, secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration under Carruthers, is a member. Two other members have at least consorted with Republicans. They are David Harris, DFA secretary for Gov. Gary Johnson, and John Gasparich, who works for Senate minority leader Sen. Stuart Ingle. Harris was deputy chief of staff for Richardson.

For the session, my bet is on taxes and crabbiness, if only because the efficiency group is outgunned. Also, the Legislature failed to entirely deal with the current budget year shortfall during the October special session and Richardson vetoes put the state even more deeply back in the hole.

Oh, by the way, projected current year revenues are down another \$50 million.

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# TAKE-OFF



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A ferruginous hawk perches on top of a pole and then takes flight with the first power stroke of his long broad wings. America's largest buteo bird of prey, the lighter version shows a white or light gray tail, rufous back and shoulders, white underparts with pale patches at the ends of the wings. He is one of two hawks that shares a characteristic of the Golden eagle with legs that are feathered to the talons.

## Village selected for National Recreation and Park Association grant

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The Village of Ruidoso was selected to participate in the 2010 Sticks for Kids program, Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager learned Monday.

The National Recreation and Park Association, in partnership with Golf

Course Builders Association of America put together a national initiative to increase participation and create sustainable programming for youth in various communities.

Almager received notification from Colleen Pittard of the NRPA, who wrote that the department will be responsible for introducing

young people in Ruidoso to the fundamentals of golf by including golf into recreation programming; camps, clinics; community festivals and other opportunities that afford community youth the opportunity to experience golf.

Almager also must prominently display the Sticks for Kids golf clubs

and have them available for use by all who inquire. She must agree to keep the clubs within the parks department and not distribute them as gift, prizes, awards or for any other reasons.

The 10 sets of clubs must be returned if the organization does not fulfill the program objectives.

"As one of 100 agencies/organizations selected, your efforts will serve as the foundation for park and recreation agencies and youth serving organizations to take a leadership role and ensure that junior golf is available to all members of your community," Pittard wrote.

"A final program evalua-

tion will be sent to all grantees electronically later in 2010."

The Ruidoso Parks and recreation Department will receive an equipment package containing 10 sets of junior golf clubs by the end of January. Resources and programming materials will be supplied by NRPA electronically.

# EDUCATION

## Ruidoso Schools athletic program goals targeted for improvement

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Changes to improve equity in the athletic program in the Ruidoso Municipal School District may go into place for the start of the 2010-11 school year.

Federal legislation that went into effect 15 years ago is prompting the changes.

Ruidoso High School Activities Director David Lackey said a New Mexico Association expert on the Title IX Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act is assisting the district.

"They don't come in and sanction you for not being in compliance," Lackey told the district's education board last week. "They come in and say 'what can we help you with.'"

Head coaches in the district have been looking at the equity need toward developing new rules. Lackey said one of the focuses is on the athletic

period during the school day. The period is described as being similar to a physical education class, but more directed on athletes and skills for a specific sport.

"What kind of small adjustments and tweaks can we make to make sure we're treating all students, male and female, which is the basis of Title IX, 'sports fairly.'"

He said "fairly" is the key word.

"For example, it costs a lot more to safely equip a football player than it does to safely equip a volleyball player. It's not necessarily equal but it's fair."

Lackey explained that schools that have an athletic period must provide the same services for all athletes if the period is "sport specific."

"If you've got the head basketball coach in there, you've also got to have the head wrestling coach, and the head golf coach. An assistant coach is not providing the same level of ser-

vice to the athletes that the head coach is. But if you work on things that benefit kids in all sports then you don't have to have all the head coaches in there."

The coaches are also looking at coordinating the athletics scheduling to save money in things like fuel for traveling to competitions.

Lackey said it makes sense to avoid sending a bus two days in a row to the same place, and instead schedule games for the same day.

The athletics goals update would also define fundraising procedures, an issue Lackey called "major."

In 2006 fundraising was identified as a possible compliance issue with the Title IX directives.

Education board president Susan Lutterman said she wants updates on the proposal.

"Title IX is not going away," Lutterman said. "And as a woman I expect equality too."

## RHS students headed to All State

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Three Ruidoso High School students are selected to play in All State bands next month.

Alexander Mazon, a junior, will play the clarinet in the concert band. Victoria Renteria, a senior, will play the clarinet in the small-school band. And Vivian Wilson, a freshman, (unavailable for photo) will perform with the tenor sax in the small-school band.

High school band director Gary Shaver said going to All State is "a neat experience." The musicians audition before a judge to make it to All State.

"The process that you go through from the first step teaches you so much," said Shaver.

"I've had students that auditioned for four years and only made it their senior year, and you can just see every year they were turning into a powerhouse. It just really made them so good even though they hadn't made it."

Shaver said the music, which the students had not seen before, can be "insanely" hard.

Hundreds of musicians attempted to be on one of three All State bands.

"We had five audition and three made it, so that's pretty good odds," said Shaver. "I'm pretty excited."

Mazon had made it to the small-school band last year and decided to go for the large-school band this year.

Wilson, who Shaver said could end up being a four-year participant in All State, will be one of two tenor sax members of the small-school band.

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ALEXANDER MAZON



VIVIAN WILSON

will practice on Jan. 6, 7, and 8, 2010, and on Jan. 9 will perform at Pope Joy Hall in Albuquerque.

The guest director for the small-school band is Chad Simons from UNM. The concert band will be led by Joseph Missal from Oklahoma State University.

## TEEN SPOTLITE

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Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community.

Bella Amezcua is the next teen in the Spotlite.

Amezcua is currently a freshman at Ruidoso High School. She is the daughter of Robyne Draper and John Amezcua.

In her first year at the high school, Amezcua has discovered the need to set goals and accomplish these every day.

She was nominated for Teen Spotlite because of her compassion and leadership abilities.

One of her teachers said, "Bella is such a bright, hard working, enthusiastic, kind and beautiful young lady."

"She has the ability to quietly influence her peers in the classroom by being involved in the learning environment every minute of class. She is a very positive leader among her peers. Bella truly deserves to be in the spotlight."

Another teacher added, "Amezcua is willing to take a stand on issues that are not necessarily the most popular with some classmates, which is a reflection of her character."

Amezcua enjoys playing volleyball, reading, and photography.

Her passion is music, and when asked about her future plans she states that she would like to be involved in the music industry.



BELLA AMEZCUA

Amezcua credits her parents, her sister Jasmyne and her favorite teacher, Mrs. Edmister, with influencing her life.

Her future plans are still in the planning stage as she is a freshman, but she wants to be successful in high school which will lead to later success.

Amezcua's leadership is an asset to her friends and peers.

## Altrusa Club makes library donations

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School libraries in Capitan, Hondo, Mescalero and Ruidoso recently received contributions from the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso.

The donations were part of the club's Reading for Fun project to promote literacy in the community.

The Mescalero Apache School's library received a check for \$350.

The libraries at the Capitan Municipal, Hondo Valley and Ruidoso Municipal school districts each got a \$300 contribution.

The Reading for Fun

program encourages school librarians to purchase books that students will enjoy, to foster an appreciation of the pleasure of reading.

Because of Altrusa's commitment to help all children learn to read, books in English and Spanish are provided three times a year for each child in the Head Start classes in Capitan, Hondo and Ruidoso.

Volunteers from the club also read the books to all the Head Start classrooms.

Literacy is a worldwide initiative of Altrusa International.

New Mexico has one of the highest poverty rates in

the country and one of the highest rates of adults without a high school diploma or equivalent.

In Lincoln County it is estimated that as many as 45 percent of adults have attained a literacy level of two or below, on a scale of one to five.

Nearly two-thirds of all jobs today require literacy skills beyond level two.

The Altrusans of Ruidoso are committed to serving residents of Lincoln County.

If you are interested in helping the community, contact membership chair Deb Sturtevant at 336-1486 for information about becoming an Altrusan.

## RHS actively enforcing tardy policy

ROCHELLE OBHOLZ  
For the Ruidoso News

On Nov 19, all RHS teachers were instructed to read to their students: "Students will receive a

Tardy Referral upon the 4th tardy in any class and will be referred to Mr. Lee or Mr. Edmister for after school detention for a minimum of 1 hour.

If a student reaches a total of seven tardies across all classes combined, the student will be assigned additional after-school detention and or guidance room assignment, to be determined by Mr. Lee and/or Mr. Edmister. This policy is in effect immediately."

Many students were unaware this was the poli-

cy. Many teachers were not enforcing the policy in the way that the administration wished.

Teachers were either being lenient toward students and untimely in their tardy referrals.

Mr. Edmister also suggested that the teachers use board work, journaling or other means of time occupation to encourage students to get to class on time.

He seems to think that the use of board work has improved the tardy situation.

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# Two audits of wastewater treatment plant match

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The regional wastewater treatment plant owned and operated by the Village of Ruidoso in partnership with the City of Ruidoso Downs was scrutinized in two audits, both for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

The nine findings in the separate audit performed by Patillo, Brown and Hill are the same as cited in the village's overall audit that included the plant as a department.

One finding dealt with the failure to establish as an autonomous entity the Joint Use Board that governs the treatment plant. The board is composed of two officials each from the village and the city, and one from the Lincoln County Commission. The village was criticized for continuing to treat the plant as a village department.

Auditors noted that in a 1974 joint powers agreement with the city of Ruidoso Downs, the intention was to create a separate entity. Currently, each town contributes a portion of operating expenses, the village 85 percent and the city, 15 percent.

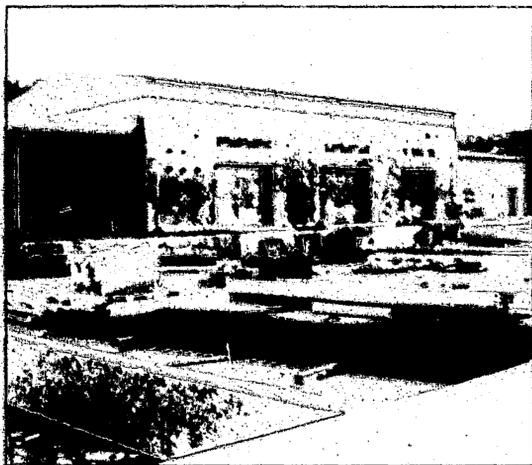
By treating the plant as a department, the village misreported financial information to various other governments, including employees accruing vacation and sick leave under the village instead of the

plant, the auditors wrote. Village officials responded that the Joint Use Board governing the plant received a federal identification number for plant construction and operations. JUB members have been negotiating municipal representation and recently voted to extend the contract of the JUB attorney to mediate and finalize discussions regarding the future of the JUB authority.

When discussion of forming a separate authority stalled earlier this year, village representatives advocated as an alternative that Ruidoso take over total responsibility for the plant, with all other users becoming customers. But Ruidoso Downs officials dissented. They said they want their city to remain a partner in the plant.

During a prior year audit and in both 2007 audits, auditors noted the wastewater treatment plant did not have a formal accounting policies and procedures manual. Employees could incorrectly reflect transactions, leading to a misstatement of financial data by the finance department. Each department had procedures, but they were not compiled into one manual.

Village officials responded that the council adopted a new Accounting & Financial Policies Manual that includes policies associated with revenues and cash receipts, expenditures



FILE PHOTO

New buildings are already in progress at the expanded Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant east of Ruidoso Downs.

and disbursements, specific asset and liability accounts, policies associated with financial and tax reporting, financial management policies and policies associated with federal and state awards.

Auditors noted in both the village and the plant's separate audits that because it has not been considered a high priority, the village and the regional wastewater treatment plant it owns and operates does not have an approved information system disaster recovery or technology plan.

The system could be rendered useless for a significant period of time, they wrote. A disaster recovery plan should be adopted, including backup systems.

Village officials responded that the council adopted a new Information Tech-

nology Policies & Procedures Manual that covers security of servers, computers and telephone systems, Records Management and Backup Policy, and a Disaster Recovery Policy.

In prior years, the village maintained a schedule showing plant expenditures, the portion billed to the city and the collections received from the city. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, the schedule could not be located, auditors criticized in both documents.

At year's end, it was necessary to estimate what the accounts receivable should be. Employee turnover created gaps in the accounting department and that duty was overlooked. One employee quit before a new employee could be hired and trained to take over the functions necessary for that

duty. Village officials responded that employees now are cross trained on the billings to the city of Ruidoso Downs for the plant, and the village manager meets with the city clerk and finance director almost weekly to review billings and other issues related to the plant.

Occasionally, the finance director for the city meets with village finance staff.

The other findings involved missing invoices, a lack of a list of outstanding checks, failure to provide proper documentation for 13 invoices for more than \$1 million, which possibly violates state procurement code, and the lack of personnel qualified to prepare the village financial statements, which were left to the auditors.

Village officials responded the new finance director will be responsible for proper procedures and maintenance of documentation for invoices and where cross training will occur; that new software was selected for the finance and utility offices where maintaining of an outstanding check will be part of monthly maintenance; and that new procurement policies and procedures manual was prepared and given to every department director and employee.

The new village manager reorganized purchasing under the direction of the finance department and

the purchasing director took procurement training and will in turn, train other employees in each department.

The new finance director and others the department will participate in preparation and review of annual financial statement submitted to the state auditor.

In another finding, auditors noted the required submission date of the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, to the New Mexico State Auditor was Dec. 1, 2008. The audit report was not submitted until Oct. 21, 2009.

Village officials responded that complication related to a golf course lease of village land and a special audit, along with a 2008 disastrous flood contributed to the delay in audits, along with staff turnovers in finance.

A new village manager was hired and more recently a new finance director, who will work to get audits submitted in a timely manner.

New Village manager Debi Lee said the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, was submitted and the village fared much better.

Auditors also are working on the FY2008-2009 audit, which is due this month, but won't quite make the deadline. "By July, we should be in good standing," she told councilors at their Dec. 8 meeting.

## Council vacates Green Meadows right-of-way

Parcel of land may remain on tax roll

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Ruidoso village councilors vacated the public interest in a right-of-way that is a never-constructed portion of Green Meadows Drive.

Several months ago, Burl Peterson requested the action after he found out he paid taxes on the land for years. Although the property was dedicated to the village, it never was accepted for maintenance or built by the original developer.

### Deed to village?

Peterson wanted the right-of-way vacated to allow the land to become part of a tract he hopes to sell. As an alternative, he wanted the land deeded to the village.

The tract of land he owns has access from Green Meadows Drive and the right-of-way is not needed, Peterson's agent, Eric Collins, told councilors at their meeting Dec. 8.

Staff checked and all village department heads said they had no need for the easement.

Village Planning Director Bob Decker explained that the right-of-way first would be offered as a split down the middle to each adjoining property owner. If an owner on one side was not interested, the owner on the other side could buy the entire right of way.

Voting against the motion to vacate was Councilor Michele Rebstock, who said she was bothered by a complaint from neighbor Dayna Lenzo, who said several property owners in the area thought the notice they

received was confusing. "It left them feeling unsure about who owned the land and what the vacation of right-of-way was about," according to a memorandum from Decker.

"She also stated that the neighbors were not contacted by the applicant when he submitted the request, which is a requirement in village code."

Decker certified that all land owners within 200 feet of the property were notified.

### P&Z concurred

A recommendation to vacate was forwarded by the village Planning and Zoning Commission in a 3-1 vote with member Beth Hood voting against, and Glen Barrow, Phillis Barnett and Bill Hirschfeld voting in favor.

Councilor Ron Harde-man offered the motion to approve the vacation, saying, "I think the village has nothing to gain or lose here."

Rebstock said vacations usually are approved for the public good, not for the benefit of a property owner to lower taxes.

If no one wants to buy the land, the status will remain the same and it will stay on the tax roll, said Village Attorney Dan Bryant.

He pointed out that when a right-of-way runs through private land, the county assessor adjusts the value down in recognition, but does not eliminate all tax on the property.

In another action, councilors ratified the mayor's appointment of Anessa Collins to the village Parks and Recreation Commission to replace Erik Padilla, who no longer is able to serve.



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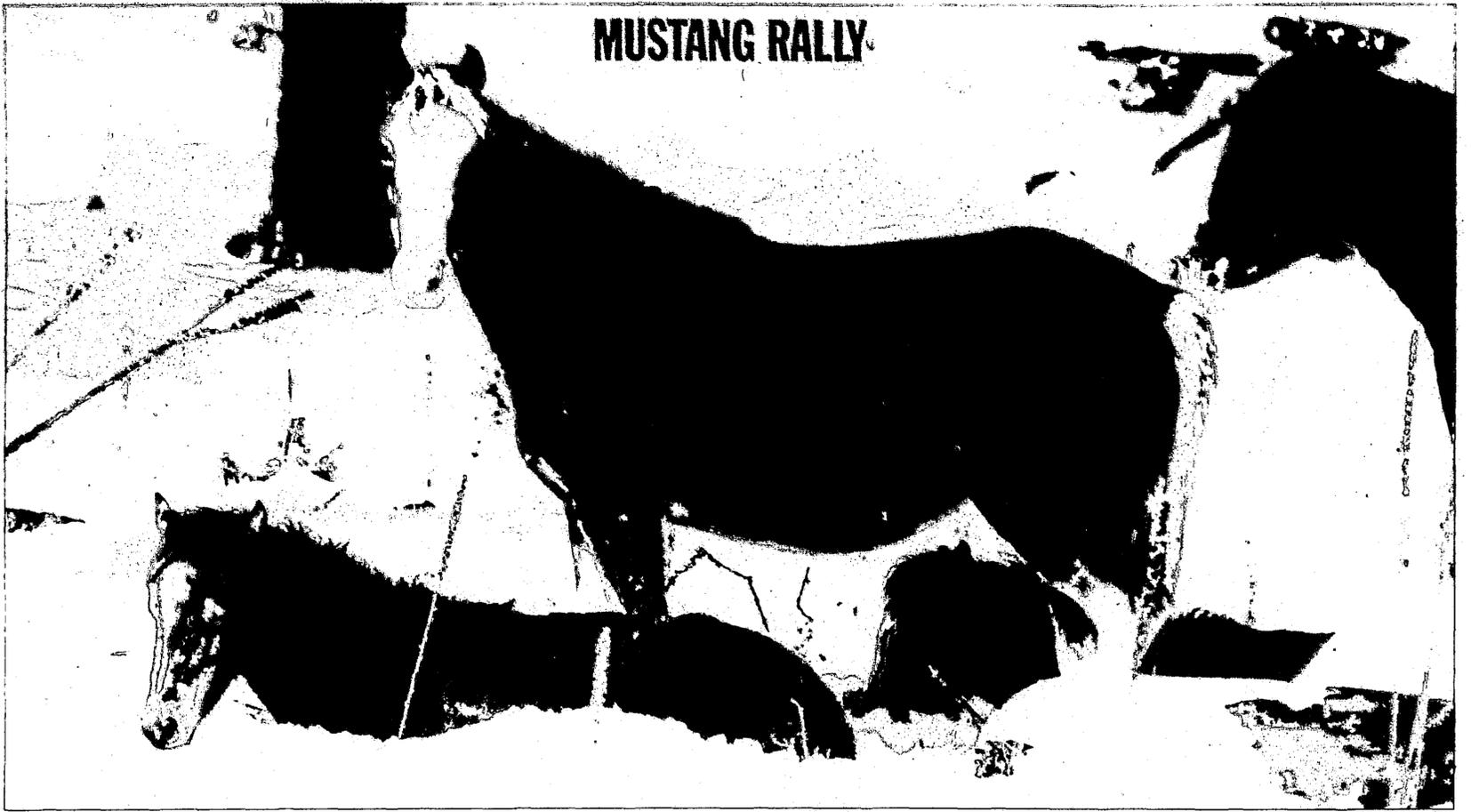
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**ARREST**

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Condon if he had attended any type of military training after he left active duty and was told he had not. When asked about travel orders submitted to the Ruidoso Police Depart-

ment, Condon declined to answer further questioning, according to the recollection of the interview.

On Nov. 11, Condon was observed in military attire during a Veterans Day salute at Ruidoso Middle School. The school district and police department named Condon the school resource officer in 2005. He was recently assigned to the high school. He retired on Dec. 8, after being placed on administrative leave in late November.

On Dec. 9 Medrano met with the FBI special agent and Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born about the investigation and Condon's military service and his rank.

The investigation revealed that Condon presented proof of military service that stated he had attended an extensive amount of school and training throughout his time in the Army, as well as several decorations and medals, including the Silver Star Medal. The Silver Star, awarded for extraordinary heroism, is the third highest military decoration.

"I'm very disappointed," Born said Tuesday. "I thought he was a good man, especially with the school resource program. And I'm sad for him. Why would you throw away your career like that?"

Condon was four years from retirement. The file will be sent to the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, which certifies police officers.

While the fraud charges allege being paid for false military leave, the two forgery counts contend Condon produced military orders for temporary duty travel, in order to defraud the police department. On June 2, 2008, the department requested travel orders, and Condon presented a copy of the orders that stated he was to report to MacDill Air Force Base in Florida from June 7, 2008, until June 28, 2008.

The second travel order was given to the department on May 19, 2009, for training at the same base for June 8, 2009, to June 20, 2009. The order said Condon would also be at the base from July 8, 2009, until July 19, 2009.

Bond was set at \$100,000 cash only Monday night. The amount was expected to be reduced. Calls to Condon's cellular phone the past week have gone unreturned.

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# Mayor's vote cuts some slack for Military Appreciation Week

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Even if expenses for Military Appreciation Week weren't turned in on time for reimbursement by the fiscal year deadline, Mayor L. Ray Nunley decided the non-profit volunteer group staging the event shouldn't be penalized.

He broke a tie vote Dec. 9 to allow reimbursement of expenses after village councilors split 3-3 on a motion to approve. Voting for reimbursement with the mayor were Councilors Michele Rebstock, Greg Cory and Don Williams, who serves on the MAW board. Voting against were Ron Harde-man, Angel Shaw and James Stoddard.

Rebstock and Cory mentioned the difficulties of heading organizations staging special events when only volunteers are involved. Shaw, Harde-man and Stoddard said other groups were held to the rules and MAW should not be an exception, although they appreciated the event and the work of founder Millie Woods and other volunteers.

Woods came to the village council meeting to appeal a decision by members of the Lodger Tax Committee to deny reimbursement for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 of \$4,661.76 and FY2008-2009 for \$2,189.21.

"If you have rules, what good are they if they are not followed?" LTC Chairwoman Cindi Davis asked. One submission is two years late and, she added, "Once you set a precedent, it is set."

Woods said the MAW

group is only two years old and in its infancy, some things were done incorrectly.

"We were poorly structured then but not any longer, she said. "We will not repeat the mistake. We are well staffed now."

### To Tally for review

Woods said she was advised to gather the information and submit it to Village Tourism Director Steve Tally for review and then to the LTC. Tally signed off on the first \$4,000 and told her what she needed to do for 2008-2009, she said.

"Cindi suggested I appeal to you," Woods said.

"They are just following the rules. We failed to file in time. We realize that, but we need money for advertising (of the next event). It's good for the community. It's all about supporting the troops and brings tourists at the same time."

Several paratroopers who were at Normandy plan to attend this year, she said. "If they feel it is that important, we should feel that."

The volunteers all put in thousands of hours on the events, she said. You can only push a volunteer so far and they will walk. Woods said she financed much of the expense out of her own pocket and will do it again,

if necessary. "The buck stops here and I'm willing to take a hit on it," she said.

Village Manager Debi Lee responded to a query from Stoddard if the council legally could allow the reimbursement. "You can because the money is available and you have the authority," she said.

Tally said he understood the position of the LTC, "But my feeling was on appeal you can make another decision." On his own, Tally has no authority to approve anything, only to review invoices, Nunley pointed out.

Davis clarified that she did not initiate the attempt for reimbursement by

MAW. "I received calls from (Woods) and explained that I don't have the power to respond for the LTC. I suggested she get the information together so when it comes to us it is the correct information. That's the procedure. So of course, I encouraged her to bring that to the LTC. I thought that was clear."

The LTC voted unanimously against reimbursement, because of the rule, not the event, she said.

Harde-man said having recently told another group no, "because they failed to follow procedures, he felt uncomfortable taking any other action.

"It's a great event,"

Stoddard agreed. "But we sat here and said no to others."

"We admonished them," Shaw added.

But Rebstock said the money for that other art-related organization comes from the village's general fund and there are different rules than for lodgers tax.

"I know how tough it is working on a big project with volunteers," she said.

Nunley said he voted to grant the appeal, because he's worked with Woods for the past two years. While he's been disappointed with the turnout for the event, he has been amazed at the effort.

## ENMU

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On Aug. 9, 2008, the Jacqueline Spencer Morgan Spencer Theater Trust donated the property to the state on the condition that the property be used for the community branch college and open space. Open space is defined in the pending lease as land reserved for parks, walking paths, wildlife habitat, or other natural uses.

The donation was described as a three-way partnership among the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, and ENMU-Ruidoso.

The lease agreement would be with the cultural affairs agency. Final execution of the agreement is still contingent upon legislative approval of the yet to be completed transfer of the Spencer property to the department.

The Jacqueline Spencer Morgan Spencer Theater Trust also has the right to approve the terms that pertain to the use of the property, according to the lease. The New Mexico Higher Education Department and the State Board of Finance also have a say.

The lease would require ENMU to construct facilities for students and auxiliary services such as administration, student housing and recreational offerings. If the university issues bonds to finance construction, the Department of Cultural Affairs would provide cooperation at no expense to the school.

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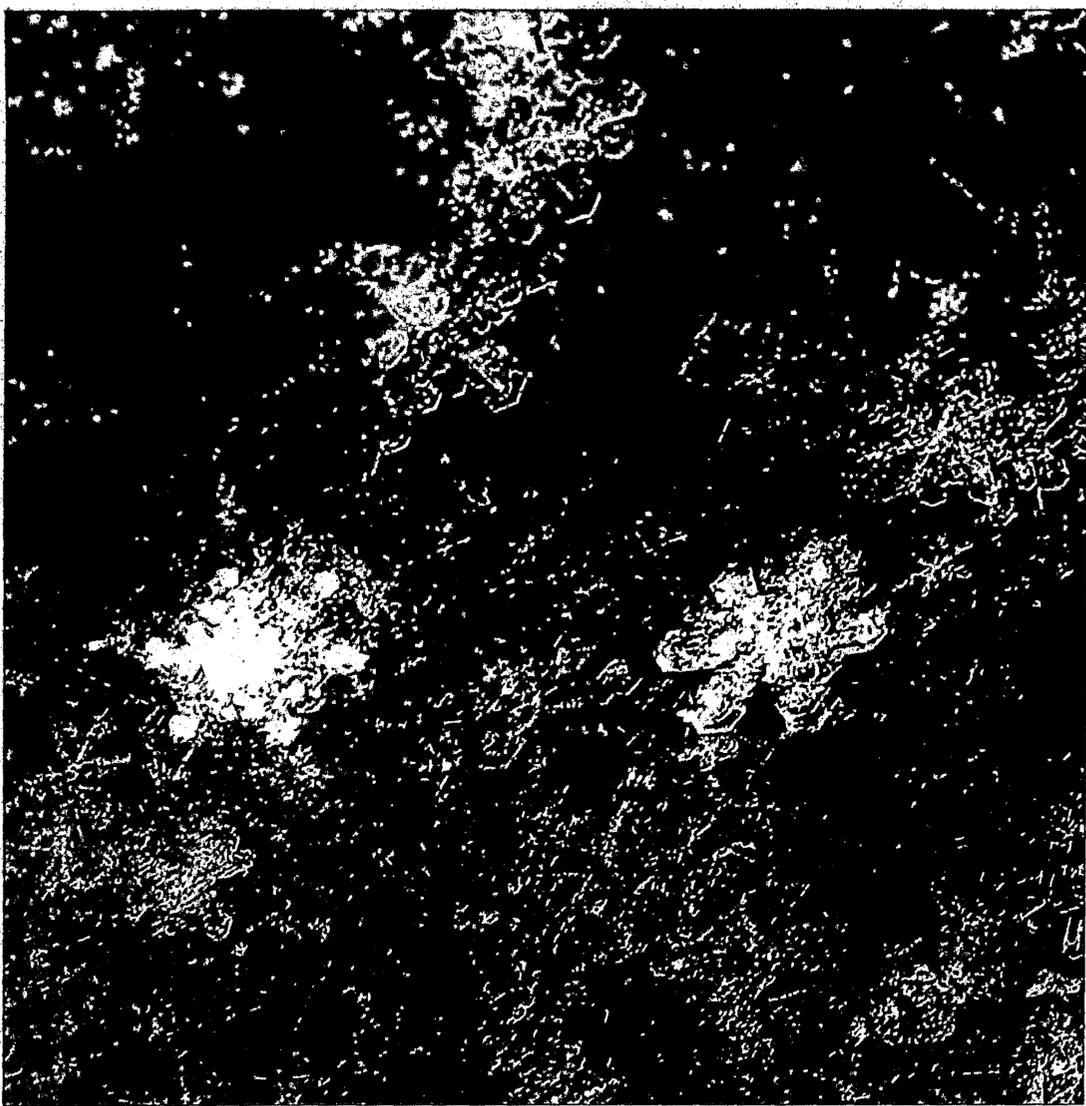


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Three New Mexico-based productions netted seven Golden Globe award nominations for 2010. The awards ceremony will be broadcast Jan. 17, on NBC.

The nominations drew praise from New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who has championed the effort to establish the state as an economically more attractive film production center with nearly limitless scenic opportunities.

Jumping on the move, Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley formed a film commission earlier this year and slid it under the supervision of the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation. To represent other communities in the county and unincorporated areas, Lincoln County commissioners appointed County Planner Curt Temple as their liaison with the state film office.

In March of this year, *The Book of Eli*, starring Denzel Washington filmed in Carrizozo in southwest Lincoln County. The production is due in theaters Jan. 15.

The New Mexico nominees announced Tuesday

by the by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association included Jeff Bridges, nominated for a best actor in a drama for "Crazy Heart," filmed in Albuquerque and Santa Fe in 2008. The production also starred Maggie Gyllenhaal.

Toby Maguire was nominated for best actor for his role in *Brothers*, which also starred Natalie Portman and Jake Gyllenhaal and was shot in northern New Mexico in late 2007.

A film titled *Georgia O'Keeffe*, about one of the state's most famous artists, was nominated for best mini-series or motion picture for television. The show was produced for Lifetime Television in the Santa Fe area. The two stars of the film, Joan Allen portraying O'Keeffe and Jeremy Irons playing Alfred Steiglitz, are nominated for best actress and actor in that category.

Music from New Mexico productions also scored with the song "Winter" from *Brothers*, written by Bono and performed by U2, nominated for best song, along with "The Weary Kind" from *Crazy Heart*, written by Ryan Bingham and performed by T. Bone Burnett.

Ruidoso Downs revises city personnel policy

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After two city council meetings and a workshop, Ruidoso Downs employees

have a revised personnel policy. And the mayor has a new position that he can name.

Excluded from the policy is a voluntary call for city

councilors to be part of the employee drug-testing program.

During the council's Nov. 23, 2009 meeting Councilor Dean Holman

said if employees are required to undergo drug screening, so should councilors. Two other council members agreed, but Councilor Gary Williams

objected. He called the idea "arbitrary." The drug-testing proposal never came up Monday night when the personnel policy manual adjustments were again considered by the council.

Delegated official

Williams, however, balked at what he called a new position in the manual called the mayor's delegated official.

"Mr. Mayor, is this going to be a full-time position?" Williams asked.

"I would ask what do you mean by full-time?" Mayor Tom Armstrong responded. "It's not something that would be eight hours a day."

Williams said with the designee being "lumped in" with titles like city manager and city administrator, he believes the position would be full-time.

"We have to understand what this is going to be," said Williams. "I need a clear answer to that question."

The person would be used when the mayor felt he or she was needed for personnel issues, responded Armstrong.

"The needs don't arise every day," he said. "But I have to have someone who does this. The mayor doesn't need to be involved in a lot of the smaller, active problems. To me it is not, it is not, a full-time position."

Up until early 2008 the city administrator dealt with personnel policy issues.

"At the time the mayor felt that he needed to have someone be the delegated official to oversee the personnel policy," said City Clerk/Treasurer Carol Virden.

"The mayor chose the city clerk, and it was brought to the council. And it was a unanimous decision that the city clerk will receive the personnel policy until such time the mayor felt the need for a city manager or a city administrator."

The mayor's delegated

official is added to the personnel policy manual's line that includes a city manager/city administrator.

Other appointed positions would be the police chief, city clerk/treasurer, and city attorney. While Ruidoso Downs has been without a manager or administrator since the beginning of Armstrong's administration in March of 2008, the position is retained should a future administration decide to hire a manager or administrator.

Stricken from the appointed executive employees category are directors of community development and recreation, public works, public safety, personnel services, planning and zoning, museum and finance.

Some of those are moved to the administrative category as department heads. And included as a department head now is a fire chief. Earlier this year the city broke apart its Department of Public Safety, returning to separate police and fire departments.

City manager question

"I'm not exactly sure where we're coming from," said Councilor Dean Holman. "Councilor Williams, are you suggesting that in addition to the city clerk that we have another position of city manager?"

"We need to have a chief operating officer," said Williams.

"We could easily be getting to too many administrators," said Holman. "We may already be there. I certainly would not be in favor of adding a city manager when we've already got a clerk. I'm too frugal with city money to even think about going there. That would be another high-paying position."

The revised personnel policy was approved, 3-1, with the mayor's delegated official included. Only Councilor Tommy Hood voted against the policy.



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## Steers step on Grizzlies Friday

### Ski Report

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

**New snow past 48 hrs.:** 4 inches  
Season total: 43 inches

**Weather for Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

**Weather for Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. West wind around 5 mph. Thursday evening, clear, with a low around 30.

**Current conditions:** Good  
**Groomed runs:** Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp, Capitan Heavy, Chino, Meadows and Geronimo.  
**Groomers Pick:** Geronimo  
**Lifts open:** No. 1, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 7. Gondola is closed.  
**Snowmaking:** Yes, nightly, weather permitting.

### Results

#### Boys Basketball

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
Ruidoso 74, Threatt 57  
Quemado 84, Capitan 46  
**Friday, Dec. 11**  
Sandia Prep 70, Ruidoso 36  
Magdalena 37, Carrizozo 32  
**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
Robertson 79, Ruidoso 58  
Hot Springs 53, Capitan 40

#### Girls Basketball

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
Carlsbad 54, Ruidoso 28  
Hondo 45, Jesus Chapel 26  
**Friday, Dec. 11**  
Silver City 50, Ruidoso 32  
Hondo 40, Artesia JV 19  
Capitan 33, Hot Springs 32  
**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
Hondo 45, Mesilla Valley 35  
Capitan 57, Quemado 24  
**Monday, Dec. 14**  
Hondo 57, NMMI 36, \*Hondo Wins 1st place in Panther Invitational Tournament at Lake Arthur\*

### Sports On Tap

#### Boys Basketball

**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
Hondo, Carrizozo and Mescalero at three day White Mountain Tournament in Mescalero.  
**Friday, Dec. 18**  
Artesia at Goddard, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
Robertson at Ruidoso, 4p.m.  
**Monday, Dec. 21**  
RHS at W. Las Vegas, 4 p.m.

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### On Deck

#### Little League Elections

Ruidoso Little League will be having its Annual Board Election on, Thursday, Dec. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Little League Baseball Field. If interested in being a part of this years board you will need to place your name on the sign up sheet which will be taped to the Ruidoso Little League concession stand window from now until December 16, or you can email or call Chris or Micah Woodul at cwoodul@windstream.net or mwoodul@windstream.net. Phone numbers are 575-937-0662 or 575-937-0663.

#### Parks & Recreation Dept.

The Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Dept. will continue its open gym for co-ed volleyball at the old Middle School upper gym on Wednesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. through January. Come by and learn or teach what you know. Ealy, Rodney and Chris are expert at the game and patient instructors for all levels of play. You are invited to come burn those holiday calories away and keep fit.

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The Carrizozo/Magdalena basketball game Friday was up for grabs until the last minute of play but when the final buzzer sounded the visiting Magdalena Steers edged the Grizzlies, 37-32.

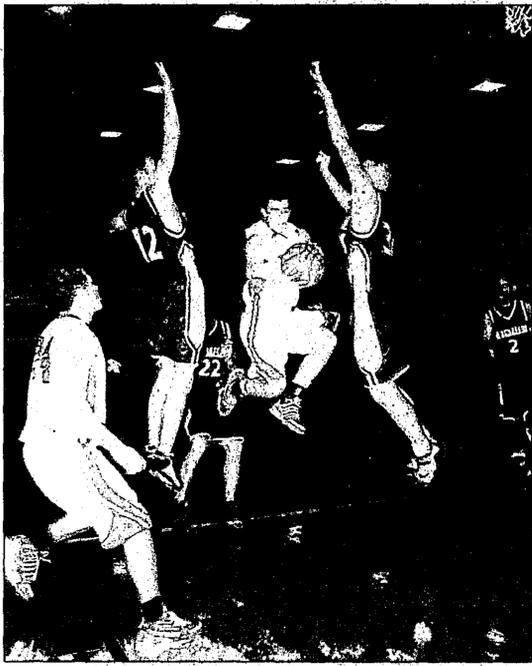
Carrizozo missed some must-make lay-ups in the third quarter which proved to be the difference in the game at the end.

"I thought we should have won," Carrizozo head coach Billy Page said. "We

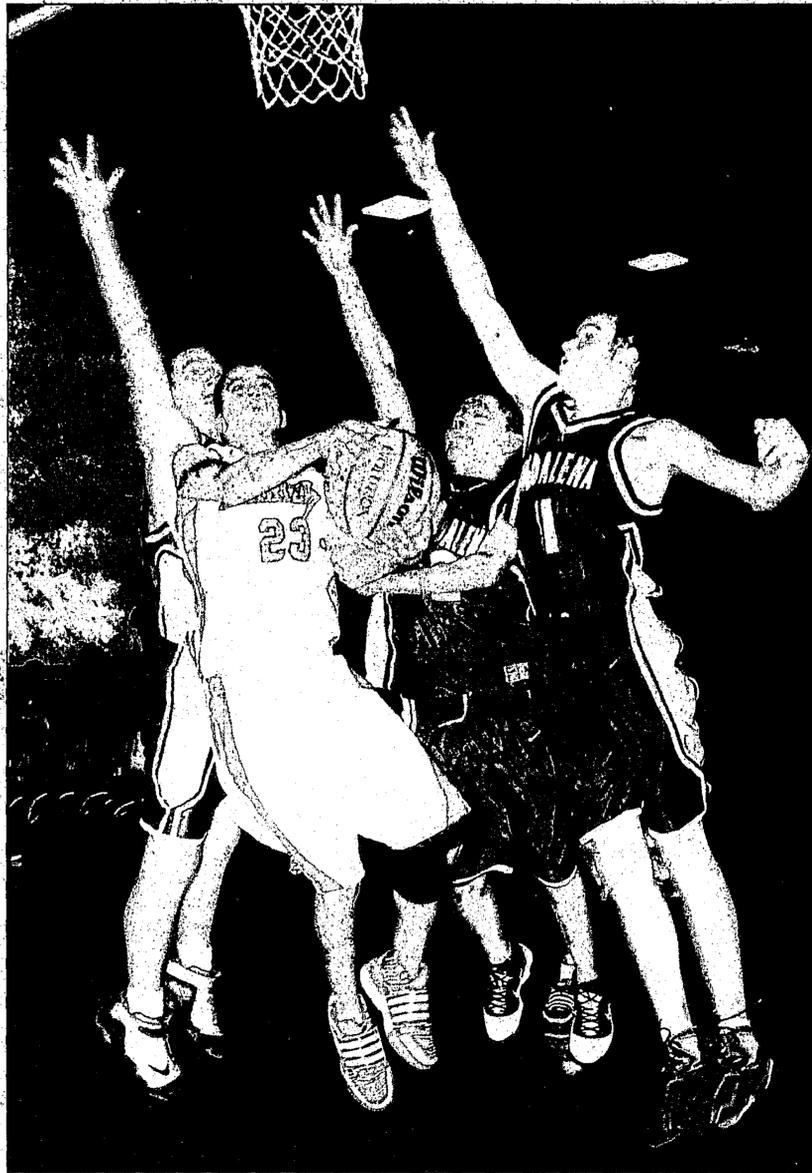
didn't attack like we should have and we got in foul trouble in the third quarter. As a result, both of our post players were on the bench in that period."

At the end of the first eight minutes of play the Grizzlies claimed a 10-7 lead and managed to hold a 17-15 edge at the conclusion of the first half. With 1:32 remaining in the third quarter Magdalena went ahead for the first time, 23-22 and took a 25-22 lead going into the final period

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Daniel Hernandez goes airborne between two defenders.



Cody Ventura goes up for two surrounded by Magdalena players in Zozo's 37-32 loss.

## Ruidoso Warriors struggle in Albuquerque

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The Ruidoso hardwood crew traveled to Albuquerque Thursday for a guaranteed three-game match-up in the Sundevil Tournament.

Their initial game with Threatt Academy (from Australia) kicked off well as they went on to win handily, 74-57.

Friday, RHS was pitted against the host team, Sandia Prep, and went down to defeat, 70-36, as it did the next day against Robertson, 79-58.

"We played well the first night against Threatt," Ruidoso head coach Dennis Davis said.

"The kids shared the ball, were aggressive and involved and did a fair job on defense."

Ralph Miranda led the game in double-digit scoring with 15, Mario Varela dumped in 13 and Andrew Gilliland and Jacob Rigsby each had 10.

In the Sandia Prep contest the Warriors were out-sized and suffered from the 6-foot-7, 6-foot-5 stature of some of the Sundevils.

"There were moments when we played them well," Davis said. "But their guards shot capably and didn't miss too many."

"We could have played them closer but we didn't. We need to do something defensively so we are closer in these types of games when our offense doesn't score like it should."

In Friday's game, Miranda was the only Warrior player in double-digits with 11.

In Saturday's contest, Robertson scored 45 points

in the first half and led by as many as 20.

"When you're down that many, you sometimes lose focus," Davis explained. "That's when you commit mental errors, such as turnovers."

"I have to say, this game was our worst focal effort this year. I expect us to play them much better this Saturday at home."

In the Robertson contest Gilliland led the RHS scoring effort with 19, Rigsby pumped in 15 and Varela collected 11.

Between now and our next match-up Friday we're going to have to really tighten up our defense," Davis concluded.

Ruidoso, now with a 2-4 overall mark, will face the 2-2 Artesia Bulldogs Friday at home at 7 p.m. and will entertain Robertson Saturday at 4 p.m.



Mario Varela, seen here in a Dec. 5 game against Wingate, scored 23 points in Albuquerque.

## Aggies' McKines, Gillenwater to miss remainder of season

JASON GROVES  
For the Ruidoso News

LAS CRUCES - According to a New Mexico State official, Aggie men's basketball players Wendell McKines and Troy Gillenwater will not return to the court this season.

"We have determined that the status of Troy and Wendell will remain the same as it was in the fall semester," said Braun Cartwright, compliance

officer at NMSU. McKines and Gillenwater were ruled ineligible to play in the team's first seven games because of poor grades.

The two were still awaiting word on their eligibility when the team played Sunday at UTEP.

There are a number of appeals that the players could pursue with the university or the NCAA, but Cartwright was unaware of any conversations to that

end. He said that university officials will meet on Jan. 12 to certify grades for all student-athletes for the spring semester.

"If we need to meet before then for Wendell or Troy, we will call an emergency meeting," he said. "As of (Monday), there is no need to meet after reviewing the information that I reviewed today."

Reached earlier Monday afternoon, Aggies head

coach Marvin Menzies continued to say that he could not control whether or not his top frontcourt players would return to the lineup.

"I have no expectations one way or the other," Menzies said.

"I have prepared in my mind to go forward with or without them. I can't worry about things that I can't control. I can control if they go to class and they did that."

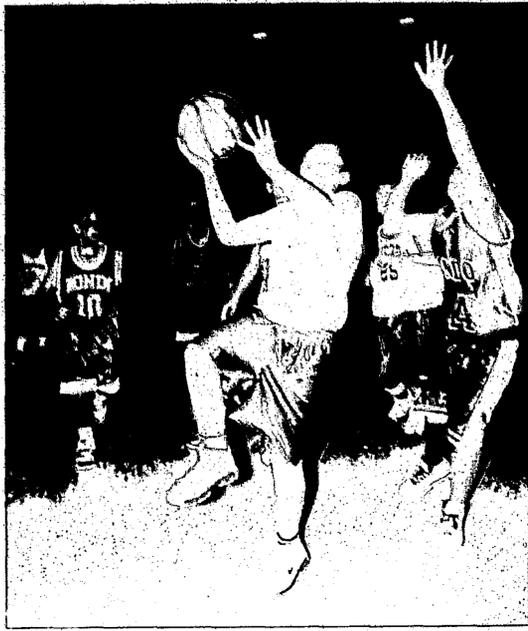
NMSU traveled to Los

Angeles for an 8:30 p.m. game Tuesday against UCLA and will play at Pepperdine Friday at 8:30 p.m.

The 6-foot-6 McKines averaged a double-double last season, leading the Western Athletic Conference with 10 rebounds per game.

The 6-foot-8 Gillenwater averaged 12.1 points and 4.3 rebounds per game last year as a redshirt freshman.

# RUIDOSO, HONDO 7TH GRADE BASKETBALL



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Cade Patterson is a multi-talented Ruidoso athlete.



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Hondo's Jordan Brody shows his dribbling talents.



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Branden Atchley hits two in Ruidoso's 44-28 win Monday.



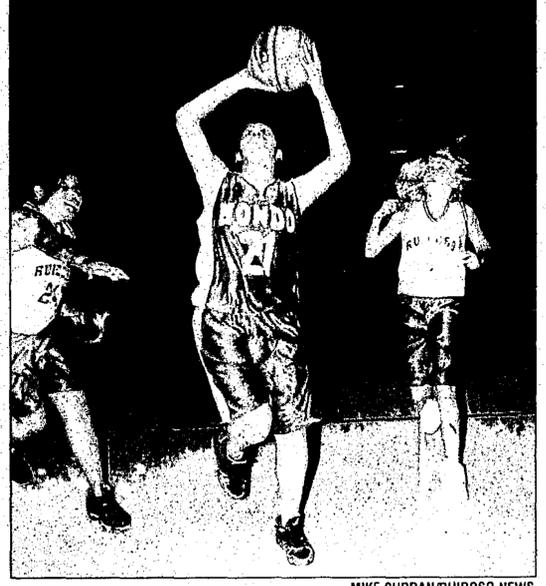
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Ruidoso's Desirae Beck drives for two.



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Ericka Hosetosevit tries to drive in for two for Ruidoso.



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Hondo's Y. Medina contributes to the Lady Eagles 27-20 win.

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of play.

With 2:48 left on the clock, the Steers had taken a 31-26 advantage and began to play a slow-down game. That strategy worked for them and when time ran out they had collected a five-point win.

"Our offense was working OK and didn't put us in a hole but we just didn't capitalize on it the way we should have," Page said. "Daniel Hernandez is a good point guard for us and is recognized as one of

our leaders and Mark Vigil, as of now, is our highest 3-point percentage shooter."

Page's style of play is to get up and down the floor as quickly as possible and his players are starting to see some success with this strategy.

"A fast-paced game is exciting for the fans and gets the kids inspired," he said. "And when your players are encouraged they will work hard for you as mine do."

As with most coaches, Page wants to improve his team's defensive capabilities.

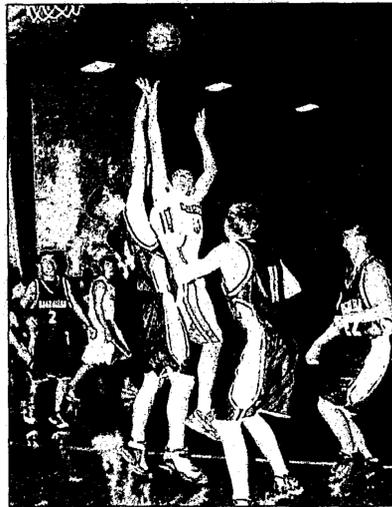
"We've played well on

defense the last few contests for most of the 32 minutes," he explained. "But we have to learn to go the entire distance and finish out games."

Vigil led Carrizozo in scoring for the night with 12 and Marshall Ventura just missed double-digits with nine.

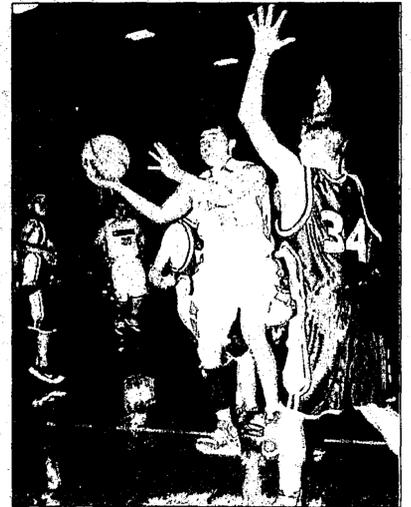
Page's squad is doing OK in spite of inexperience. Although he has six seniors on the team, only two of his athletes played on last year's team.

Next up for the 2-3 Grizzlies will be the White Mountain Tournament in Mescalero starting Thursday.



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Mark Vigil gets the best of a rebound.



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Ryan Guevara muscled his way to the basket.

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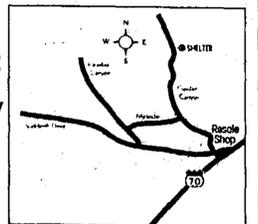


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LAUREL

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DELLA

Della is a striking, small German Shepherd mix. She is about 1 1/2 years old and weighs 95 pounds. Della is friendly and outgoing. She loves long walks and also enjoys playing with other dogs. Della is extremely affectionate with people and will make a great snuggle buddy on these cold December nights! Della has been spayed and has received all her vaccinations.

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DUKE

Duke is a handsome brindle pit bull. He is two and a half years old. Duke is very friendly and has been around other dogs and small children. He knows how to sit and loves attention.

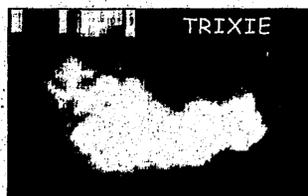
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HUXLEY

Huxley is an adorable Aussie mix puppy. We do know the mother was an Aussie mix but do not know what the father was. He is very active and playful. Huxley is about 10 weeks old now (11/23/09).

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TRIXIE

Trixie is a very affectionate and sweet kitten, about 4 months old (as of 11/23/2009). Trixie is already spayed and current on all vaccinations. She has beautiful markings!

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JUNE

June is an adorable cat, about 2 years old. She is an unusual looking cat, due to her very round head and very short legs! June is also very sweet.

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CLARK

Clark is a very sweet orange tabby kitten. He is about 4 months old as of 11/23/09. Clark is well socialized and loves attention.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Valle del Sol improvement district approved by council

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The Valle del Sol Improvement District for Phases I and II of the development has been approved by the Carrizozo Board of Trustees with the assessment to commence on Jan. 1, 2010.

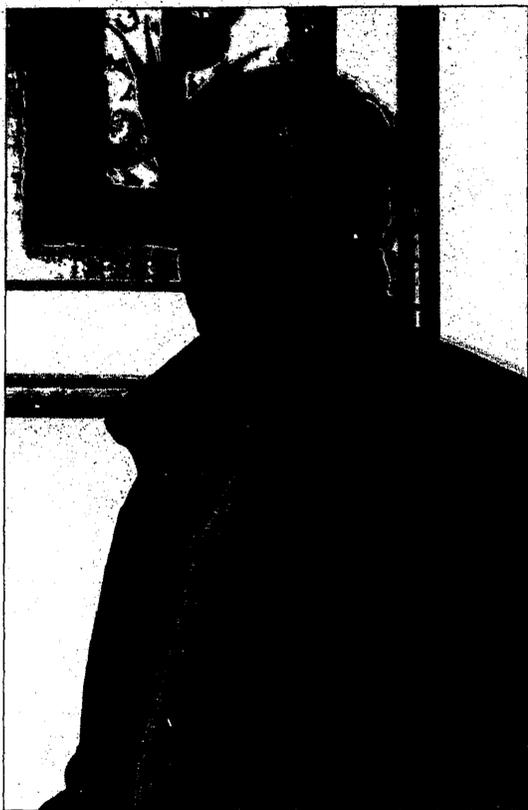
The routes of the improvement by streets or location of the improvements are shown on the plats of the Valle del Subdivision and filed at the Lincoln County courthouse.

The Town of Carrizozo has assumed maintenance of the Phase I and II, and will assume each additional phase from the developer as it reaches a 50-percent sold status to an end user.

All tracts within the proposed district, in this case Phase I and II, will be assessed and those properties adjoining the subdivision of Valle del Sol, if their only access is via subdivision property.

The assessment is \$100/year for each tract and will be prorated for the fiscal year 2009-10 with the actual annual assessment fee due on July 1, 2010 and delinquent July 15, 2010.

The assessment period shall be 15 years upon the



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Dan Dattola**, Valle del Sol developer, addresses the Carrizozo town council Monday.

assumption of maintenance of the phase, at which point, the Town of Carrizozo will assume maintenance in accordance with regular subdivision

standards. The council held an assessment hearing and took action on the item at a special meeting Monday, prior to the regular board meeting.

## LUMINARIA CONSTRUCTION



POLLY CHAVES/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Community volunteers** in Carrizozo met Saturday to sack up more than 6,000 luminarias to be set out on Christmas Eve. The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department cooked and served a burger lunch to the volunteers.

### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### Lighting Contest

Each year, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce sponsors a contest to see whose home and business has the best holiday decorations.

For the three best decorated homes, gift certificates (redeemable from any Chamber of Commerce member) are awarded in the amounts of \$100, \$75 and \$50.

The certificates are awarded to the winners at the January Chamber of Commerce meeting, held the second Tuesday of the month at noon at the Four Winds Restaurant.

For the best decorated business, an Honorary Plaque is awarded, also at the Chamber's January meeting.

The winner holds onto the plaque for the year and then passes it on to next year's winner.

Judging is done on Dec. 23, starting at 5:30 p.m., by folks staying at the local motels. Chosen at random, they are driven around town by the Chief of Police to see the entries.

If you are interested in

having your home (or business) be part of this contest, contact the Carrizozo Police Department at 648-2351. Entrants are welcome as long as they live within two miles of city limits. For more information, call the Chamber at 648-2732.

#### Capitan Chamber

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center will be closed for the holidays, so that the all-volunteer staff may enjoy the holiday time with their families and friends.

They will reopen the first week of January 2010. Thank you to the community for their continuous support of the Capitan Chamber. The chamber wishes one and all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

#### Grizzly happenings

- Thursday, Dec. 17, the Elementary Christmas Concert beginning at 6 p.m., in the Old Gym.

- Girls Varsity Basketball at Mescalero Tournament vs. Tularosa, 3 p.m.;

- Boys Varsity Basketball at Mescalero Tourna-

ment vs. Emmanuel Christian, 4:30 p.m.;

- Friday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m., late start. School dismissed and buses run at 12:30 p.m.

- Report cards, grades 1-12, will be mailed to parents;

- Wednesday, Dec. 30: Varsity Boys/Girls Basketball at Cliff, beginning at 2 p.m.;

- Tuesday, Jan. 5: School resumes for K-12th grades.

Congratulations to Sarah Ferguson for placing 1st in District Creed Contest. She will compete at FFA Leadership Conference in January.

Congratulations to Alexa Borowski for being selected as a Middle Blocker for the South A-AA volleyball all stars as a middle blocker. The match against the North will be played in July.

Congratulations to Carlos Samora, Cody Ventura and Stefan Najar for being selected for the South A-AA football all stars. Daniel Hernandez was also selected as an alternate if someone chooses not to attend.

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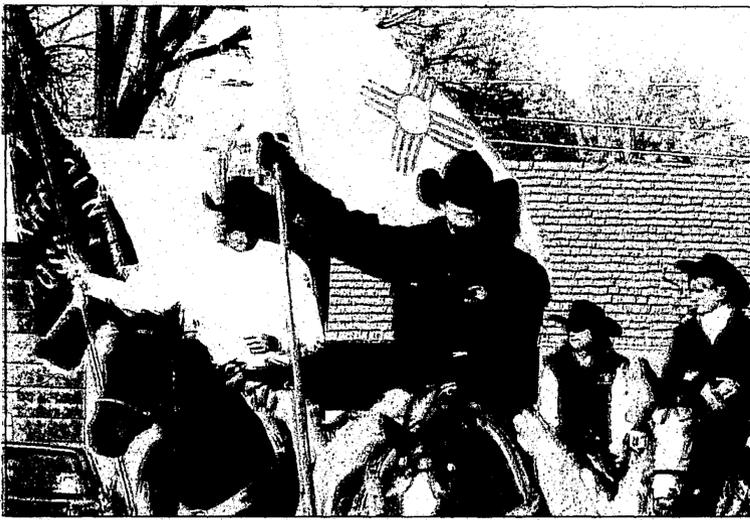
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# COWBOY SANTA PARADE



The Capitan Public Library's Cowboy Santa Parade offered fun for the kids in Capitan. Santa (Greg Haussler) was escorted in a horse-drawn wagon by Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden. Cindy Fogelsohn's musical students entertained at the library and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse mounted patrol added to the color and horsepower of the non-motorized parade Saturday in Capitan.

COURTESY PHOTOS



## Funeral services for Millie Jo Snow

87, will be Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2:00 P.M. in the Country Club Road Church of Christ in Roswell with Doug Austin officiating. Burial will follow at the Duncan Cemetery in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Snow passed away Friday, December 11, 2009 in the Mescalero Care Center. She was born August 20, 1922 in Velma, Oklahoma to Joe and Millie Hollis. She loved to travel and go fishing. She retired from GTE in the late 1970's. She had lived in Hobbs, NM from 1951 until 1988 when she moved to Warika Lake, Oklahoma and then moved to Roswell in 2001, she attended the Country Club Road Church of Christ. She married James W. Snow, Sr. in 1940 at Frederick, Oklahoma and he preceded her in death in 1988.

She is survived by her son, James W. Snow, Jr. and his wife Caron of Alto, NM; a brother, Teddy Ray Hollis of Arcadia, Oklahoma; 3 grandchildren, Walter Cody Snow of Colorado, Summer Gayle Dudley of Alaska and Tracy James Snow of California; a great granddaughter, Delaney Claire Dudley and she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Deanna Gayle Snow. Mrs. Snow loved her family, especially her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com)

# GARRIZOZO COMMUNITY CHOIR CANTATA



## Greg Doyle



Greg Doyle, born January 18, 1942 at Brooklyn, NY to James Doyle and Jane Phillips Doyle, passed away Saturday, December 12, 2009 in Ruidoso, NM.

Greg Doyle, my husband, love and best friend has passed away at home. A man of dignity, strength, courage and a true believer in God, stayed positive with an amazing attitude through these very difficult times. As many know, March 2009, Greg was diagnosed with Squamous Small Cell carcinoma, a type of lung cancer. He contracted this cancer while in the Navy aboard submarines that had asbestos for insulation in the early 60's during the Vietnam War as a Navy Seal. After an extensive stay in Albuquerque, NM where he received chemo and radiation treatment at the V.A. and UNM hospitals, he came home to Ruidoso where the doctors said it would be best, and I was by his side through it all. Greg, a true fighter, he was, all the way until the very end.

A long time resident of Ruidoso, NM, Greg was the golf course Superintendent of Kokopellif or the past thirteen years. He loved his job and crew and was saddened he had to quit the way he did. Greg was placed on hospice a short time after with Ruidoso Home Care and Hospice.

Greg had such a love for many things in his life such as working with wood, old cars, watching Nascar, painting with oils, all types of music, especially good old rock 'n' roll, teaching and working with others, nature and animals, reading, always learning, a definite engineering brain with a degree in engineering, a deep love for family and friends. I have never known someone so smart, driven and determined as my husband. We shared a very deep love and bond, and someday will be together again. I love you Greg.

Greg is survived by his wife, Manon Doyle of Ruidoso; daughter, Kristi Miller of Albuquerque; sister, Trish Chaney of Colorado Springs; brother, Phillip Doyle of Ruidoso; grandsons, Ben and Parker Miller of Albuquerque; mother in law, Dee Giblin of Albuquerque; sister in law, Michele Shipe of Alamogordo; step daughter, Marya Beauvals, of Albuquerque; step son, Eran McManemy of Ruidoso; step granddaughter, Bailey LaMarca of Albuquerque and more family and loving friends.

A memorial service will be held at LaGrone Funeral Chapel on Thursday, December 17, at 10:30 A.M. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

## Wedding Anniversary 1959-2009

### Jim and Linda Clements

Jim and Linda Clements were married at Immanuel Baptist Church in Roswell, NM on Dec. 19, 1959. Jim and Linda celebrated their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary, along with their daughter, Twila & husband, Joe Gordon who celebrated their 25th Silver Anniversary this past Feb. 4th, with an Alaska cruise in August. Continuing their celebration with a family dinner, Dec. 13th and Cattle Baron, given by their son Wazyl & wife Kim, & grandson Chris & wife Sara. With their daughters, Twila and husband Joe, Donna & husband Jay, grandchildren: Jeremy, Linda, Joshua, Devin & husband Matt; great grandchildren: Cyrus, Zachary; sister, Jean & husband Wade, niece: Glenn; brother: Wallace, attending. They will be completing their celebration with their church family and friends with a cake and go Congregatory afternoon at Ruidoso Downs at Baptist Church on Dec. 19th from 2:00PM till 4:30PM. Jim & Linda have lived in Ruidoso for 42 Years. 3 Children, 8 Grandchildren, 5 Great grandchildren



# Municipal judge pay raise in March

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A higher salary will kick in for Ruidoso's municipal judge after the March 2 village election.

The current pay of \$36,000 will increase to \$44,000 a year and an alternate judge, when needed, will receive \$100 a day, instead of \$25.

Village councilors approved the increase unanimously Tuesday, with assurance from Village Manager Debi Lee she could cover the hike in the budget.

Incumbent Judge Mike Line wrote that the current salary for the position had not been increased for several years and fell below many other towns. He submitted some examples as Taos at \$47,775, Los Lunas at \$55,000, Hobbs at \$48,000, Carlsbad at \$36,000 and Alamogordo at \$34,364. Pay for alternate judges in those communities ran from \$25 per hour to \$100 a day.

In other action, councilors:

- postponed action on amendments to the village's Comprehensive Plan 5-1 with Councilor Michele Rebstock voting against. She said she thought input should be allowed from the audience because a public hearing was scheduled and someone may have traveled a distance or had to make arrangements to

attend.

- approved a multi-award to WH Pacific and Delta Consultants for engineering services at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport.

- postponed audit reports for 2006-2007 for the village and the regional wastewater treatment plant, until January, because auditors could not travel from northern New Mexico on snow-covered roads with high wind.

- initially approved and then rescinded an agreement with Henninghausen & Olsen for professional services related to water rights and with Atkins Engineering for water rights engineering and consulting services, after discussing a subsequent item involving John Shomaker & Associates Inc. for professional geological and hydrological services.

They learned the contracts were new and not renewals.

Some councilors wanted more information to compare previous charges by the firms.

- approved the purchase of a refuse truck for \$230,800 to Trucks West and a grapple truck for \$203,713 for the Solid Waste Department.

The motion passed 5-1 with Councilor Michele Rebstock voting against. She indicated she preferred holding off on the large expenses, because of the shaky economy.

- approved a resolution authorizing the submission by the Parks and Recreation Department for a \$50,000 recreation planning grant under the Community Development Block Grant program, as part of the village's Comprehensive Plan.

- approved a mutual aid agreement for fire fighting assistance between the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs.

- approved a third renewal agreement with Nancy (Shaver) Smith to provide janitorial services for \$22,023 at the police department for one year.

- approved a memorandum of understanding between the police department and the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Unit for assignment of a 2000 Ford Excursion to the police for use by the Special Response Tactical Team. The vehicle was valued at \$19,000.

- ratified an amendment to a professional service contract between the village and the state Aging and Long-term Services Department for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, decreasing its annual award by \$742 per executive order to cut the state budget.

- set a public hearing for Jan. 12 for an ordinance amending the village's municipal code regarding solicitations and a requirement to be licensed.

# Man found dead in home

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A Ruidoso man was found dead in his home Tuesday, and police said it appeared he had died a number of months ago.

A village water department employee had gone to a home at 120 San Miguel Rd. to turn off the water because of excessive water use.

Posted on the residence were shut-off notices from other utilities.

One of the notices said gas service would be turned off in July. The employee found the front door open and went inside where water was leaking.

It was believed a frozen pipe caused the leak. It was in an upstairs bathroom that the deceased man was discovered, according to police.

"This is a sad deal, no family, no one to check on you," said New Mexico Medical Investigator Danny Sisson who responded to the location.

"Nobody missed him. He was in his late 50s and should have been working somewhere. Someone should have called. It's like no one knew him."

The body will be sent to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque to determine the cause, estimated time of death, and to identify the man.

Ruidoso Police Sgt. Ray Merritt, Jr. said there were no missing person reports and no welfare checks requested of police in recent months. Merritt said he believes the deceased is Robert C. Philpott, based on information in the home. The name was released with a hope of finding a next of kin. Philpott's age would be 59.

## RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Nov. 28

4:35 a.m. - An officer went to a River Lane residence after a woman called and said someone was trying to break in. She admitted it was her husband who she did not want to talk to. The officer issued the man a trespass notice and gave him a ride home.

9:28 p.m. - Police were sent to a home on East Drive where an anonymous caller said there was a fight in progress. Officers discovered there were no signs of a fight.

9:28 p.m. - An officer was sent to Walmart after loss prevention said there was an intoxicated man carrying a bottle of alcohol in his cart. The officer met with the loss prevention officer.

Nov. 29

3:37 a.m. - Police went to mile post 269.5 on U.S.

Highway 70 to secure a traffic accident scene until New Mexico State Police arrived. While at the location an officer assisted in locating a person from another 9-1-1 call of a domestic incident.

3:51 p.m. - A report of vehicle damage was taken at the Circle K. A door of one vehicle struck another.

Dec. 1

6:57 a.m. - Police responded to a house on Harris Lane and Short Drive because lights were on. The house was supposed to be unoccupied. Officers believed a real estate agent probably showed the for-sale home earlier and left the lights on.

7:01 a.m. - Two semi-trucks in the roadway of U.S. Highway 70 near Avalon Boulevard showed one had broke-down. A tow

truck was called to assist.

7:05 a.m. - An officer was called to the Avalon development parking lot on a report of a light pole taken out by a semi. The officer found the pole undamaged.

Dec. 2

4:26 a.m. - Police went to the Inspiration Heights Apartments on a call of an intoxicated woman trying to break down the door of her ex. An officer told the woman to go back to her apartment and if she returned, she would be taken to jail.

6:58 a.m. - Police, fire and EMS were called to a residence on G&C Lane for a woman who fell on the ice and slid a hill. Her husband carried her back into the home. Responders had to park below the hill and walk to the house because of an icy road.

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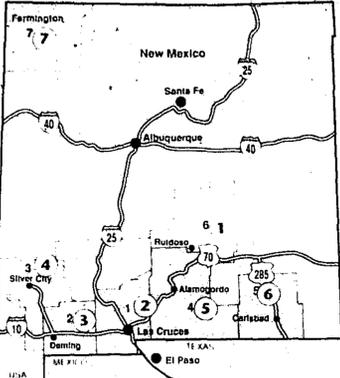
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ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
SERGIO MARTINEZ and LAURA MARTINEZ, husband and wife,  
Defendants,  
CV 2009-00253 Div. III  
AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT  
TO: SERGIO MARTINEZ and LAURA MARTINEZ, husband and wife.  
GREETINGS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc. is the Plaintiff and you are the Defendants, the same being Cause No. CV 2009-00253, Division III.

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The foregoing or married, the respective spouse of said parties, if living, if deceased, the known and unknown heirs of the respective spouse of any such party, deceased, and all unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the Plaintiff.  
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, a certain cause of action wherein Jacks Nickens is the Plaintiff and you are the Defendants, the same being Cause No. CV 2009-00363, Div. III.  
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The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is HAWTHORNE, P.A., Richard A. Hawthorne and whose address is 1221 Mechem, Suite 2, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.  
WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 9th day of December, 2009.  
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/s/ Elizabeth Ysosi, Deputy

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/s/ Elizabeth Ysosi, Deputy

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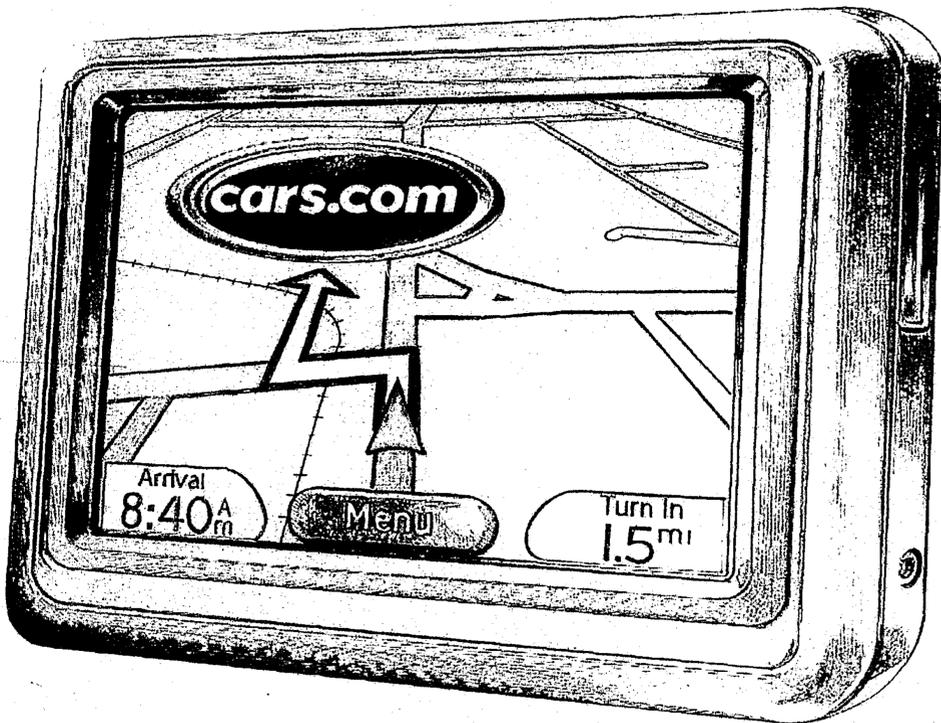
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