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Drug debate flares

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The debate over drug testing of Ruidoso Downs city councilors was raised again Monday night, during the council's first meeting of the year.

In November, City Councilor Dean Holman said if municipal employees were subject to random drug testing, so should council members. But the idea was excluded from proposed personnel policy changes adopted last month.

"Mister attorney was supposed to check and see if it is legal,"

Ruidoso Downs councilors find that the subject of testing is a touchy one

Councilor Rene Olivo said of the voluntary drug testing of the elected council. "It was claimed we're not employees of the city."

City Attorney Zach Cook said councilors are elected officials, and not employees.

"If you want to make yourselves subject to the personnel policy that's your decision if you want to," advised Cook. "The personnel poli-

cy does not apply to the city council unless you vote to make it apply to you."

Olivo suggested putting the matter to a vote at an upcoming meeting.

In November Councilor Gary Williams raised the only objections to the proposal. On Monday he said the newest comments were "irrational statements."

"I want to clarify an issue that's going on here in the city and rumors being passed on by people about my alleged drug use, particularly marijuana," said Williams. "I resent that because there's no proof to bear that. If you disagree with me in meetings over what my decisions may be, including this issue of random drug testing, fine. But do not attack my character or my integrity."

Williams said he knew the source of what he called a personal attack.

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PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY



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Mark Chino, newly sworn-in as president of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, celebrated at the inaugural ceremony Friday with his wife, Selena Chino. Serving his third, but not consecutive, two-year term as leader of the Tribe, he is the son of the late Wendell Chino, who headed the Mescalero for about 40 years.

Produce from wreck not recommended

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Undamaged produce given away after a fiery truck accident early Sunday morning may not be fit to eat.

There are questions about consuming the produce that had been sprayed by a fire suppressing foam after a vegetable-laden tractor-trailer rig hit a U.S. Highway 70 guardrail near Riverside and burst into flames.

"I wish they had called us first before giving the vegetables away," said Randy Hendricksen, senior manager of chemical technology with Chemguard Fire Suppression and Solutions. "It's not toxic. If it was me, I'd wash it off.

But for others I would not recommend the vegetables be eaten."

He said the fire suppressant is a bit like shampoo.

"If it was like watermelon, with a skin you don't eat, that's one thing. But with vegetables where the whole thing is eaten, that's different," said Hendricksen.

A family escaped injury in the accident, which happened at about 4:17 a.m., according to New Mexico State Police.

The cab of a 2007 Freightliner, which became engulfed by flames, was occupied by the driver, his wife and three daughters. All were able to get scramble out of the vehicle to safety.

The truck was east-

bound between Picacho and Riverside at the time.

"We were on the case for 10 hours because the trailer had to be unloaded because of some smoldering produce," said Lincoln County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell.

Much of the load was said to have been disposed at the landfill.

Atwell said he was told the driver fell asleep.

"He hit a quarter-of-a-mile of guardrail creating sparks, sheared off one fuel tank and ruptured another, starting the fire," said Atwell. "They saved the trailer, but the tractor ended up as just a frame and a motor."

The Hondo and the Glencoe volunteer fire

departments responded to the location.

Officers from both New Mexico State Police and the Motor Transportation Division investigated the case. The driver was cited for careless driving. Police were unable to provide a name or hometown.

A small dog died in the incident.

The Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief Team also responded and provided coats to the five people and supplied hot drinks and snacks to all at the scene.

The team's Arthur Hoopes said they were able to provide the coats through a Ruidoso Optimist Club program. He said the three children were barefooted, wearing only pajamas.

'Zozo grocery in sight

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"Yes, Virginia, there is going to be a grocery store very soon." That was the statement made by Suzi Wolfe to the Carrizozo town Council in their meeting Monday.

The news of a grocery store opening in Carrizozo is beyond "long awaited." It had become a mission of many and a hope of even more. Yet, for 4 1/2 years, since September 2005, the town has been without one.

Peter and Suzi Wolfe announced to Council that they were officially in final negotiations with GDI (General Distributors Incorporated) of Albuquerque, to open the grocery store in the building currently owned by the Wolfes at 400 Central Ave.

The news brought applause from the crowd.

Parking plan

The Wolfes presented a Letter of Understanding from GDI to the council, stating that as of Jan. 11, 2010, they were moving forward with the plans for the grocery store in Carrizozo, contingent upon approval for angle parking spaces to be located on the north side of the store on Court Street.

Peter Wolfe presented a suggested plan for five spaces on a 45-degree angle, noting that there was plenty of space between the designated 20 feet of yellow curb "no parking area" from the corner to the alley at the back of the store.

"That still leaves 60 feet and puts the parking back to the end of the dock area, still leaving the alley clear," he said.

Under review

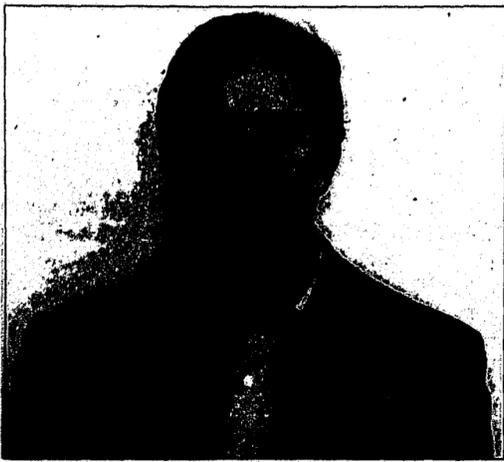
The council agreed to take the plan under review and would have an answer

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Forest supervisor

The Lincoln National Forest has welcomed Garth Smelser as Deputy Forest Supervisor, effective Jan. 4. Most recently, Smelser served as Deputy District Ranger on the Apalachicola National Forest in Florida. Smelser completed his Bachelor of Science degree at the United States Naval Academy in 1995, then served as a Naval Flight Officer for eight years. After receiving his Masters Degree at the Uni-

versity of Hawaii, he was awarded a Presidential Management Fellowship with the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C., working on forest planning and roadless issues. Having served on the Gifford-Pinchot, Monongahela, Bighorn, Inyo, and Apalachicola National Forests, Smelser brings a wealth of collaborative land management experience. Hailing from Richmond, Ind., Smelser is married to Julie Fitzpatrick and has twin 1-year-old daughters.

Alto Lakes meeting

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will conduct a special meet-

ing Jan. 15, to certify Board Election results. They will meet at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room of the ALW&SD Office, 214 Lake Shore Dr., Alto.

GOP women

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will have their January lunch meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club on Jan. 25 at 11:30. The speakers will be Jim Gibson, running for mayor; Matt Rush, running for N.M. Land Commissioner; and Susan Martinez, candidate for governor. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the speakers at noon. Lunch buffet is

\$11.50. RSVP to Karen Clontz, 336-1360.

Tech month

The Ruidoso Public Library is celebrating TECH month in January. Patrons with GPS, iPods or MP3 devices will want to come learn about the library's new services and how to use their techno device.

Today, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m., Ruidoso Director of Marketing Steve Tally introduces the adventure of Geocaching to GPS owners. Geocaching is a high tech version of the old fashion treasure hunt. Almost 870,000 treasure chests, which are now called caches, are hidden around the world (97 located in Lincoln County, including one hidden special for this program by a librarian). Caches are located in New Mexico's 34 state parks.

Geocaching provides the opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature, but still satisfy your techno addiction. It makes a great hobby for the entire family to enjoy together.

Go to www.geocaching.com prior to the program to learn more about this fun hobby. Then come to the program to learn more about this exciting activity. Bring your GPS, so you can find the cache hidden by one of the librarians.

The library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd.

'Green' projects

With the December 2010 deadline approaching for obtaining incentive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey reaffirmed the agency's commitment to helping the nation reach its "green

energy future." He is guaranteeing full environmental analysis and public review for the 31 renewable energy projects that have met the required milestones to remain on the fast-track list for expedited processing. None of the projects is located in Lincoln County, where several wind farms are moving forward on private land. Most are proposed for California.

Abbey said that this first wave of projects, 14 solar, seven wind, three geothermal and seven transmission, range in scale from as small as 24 megawatts up to 986 megawatts, large enough to supply power to 900,000 homes. Technologies vary, as does acreage involved, but, he said, "They represent the first generation of large-scale renewable energy projects to be carefully sited on public lands over the next several years.

"The BLM is committed to helping diversify this country's energy portfolio in an environmentally responsible manner."

Fast-track projects are those where the companies involved have demonstrated to the BLM that they have made sufficient progress to formally start the environmental review and public participation process. The projects are advanced enough in the permitting process that they could potentially be cleared for approval by December 2010, making them eligible for economic stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

"The fast-track process is about focusing our staff and resources on the most promising renewable energy projects, not about cutting corners, especially when it comes to environ-



Lincoln County Home Builders recently elected new officers. This year's officials, from front row left, are President Doug Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Linda Carlson, Builder Director Mike Buechter and Past President John Russell. In back from left are Executive Officer Wayne Ward, Builder of the Year Bill Cornelius, Builder Director John Benevise, Vice President Juan Olvera, Builder Director John Cornelius and Bart Garrison, Associate Director. Not pictured are Marty Martell, Associate of the Year; Jack Bartlett, Associate Director; and Tom Rigsby, Associate Director.

mental analyses or opportunities for public participation," he said.

All renewable energy projects proposed for BLM-managed lands will receive the full environmental review required by the National Environmental Protection Act and will include the same opportunities for public involvement required for all other land-use decision making by the BLM, Abbey said.

To help focus the BLM's resources on the processing of wind, solar and geothermal energy applications and electrical transmission facilities on the public lands, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar called for the BLM to establish a network of Renewable Energy Coordination Offices that would include appropriate multi-disciplinary BLM staff and resources from other federal and state agencies to assist in the processing of applications.

The BLM staff also identified nearly 23 million acres of public land with solar energy potential in six southwestern states and more than 20 million acres

of public land with wind energy potential in 11 western states. Staff completed programmatic environmental impact studies for wind and geothermal development and is working on a programmatic environmental impact study for solar development. The Solar PEIS preliminarily identified 24 Solar Energy Study Areas on BLM-administered land located in six western states.

The BLM would fully evaluate these solar energy study areas for their environmental and resource suitability for large-scale solar energy production. The objective is to provide landscape-scale planning and zoning for solar projects on BLM lands in the West, allowing a more efficient process for permitting and siting responsible solar development.

"Diversifying our energy supply does not mean that we will neglect the responsible development of the oil and gas resources on the public lands," added Director Abbey. Since Jan. 21, 2009, the BLM conducted

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ALLEN THEATRES

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13)
4:05 6:55 9:35

AVATAR (PG-13)
5:00 8:30

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG)
4:55 7:00 9:05

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 57° Humidity 18% Sunshine rising with some clouds Wind: WNW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 43° Humidity 57% Cloudy, colder with showers around Wind: NE 4-8 mph	RealFeel 36° Humidity 68% Partly sunny and breezy Wind: NE 10-20 mph	RealFeel 50° Humidity 43% Mostly sunny Wind: WSW 4-8 mph	RealFeel 48° Humidity 39% Sunny to partly cloudy Wind: SSW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 44° Humidity 44% Sun and some clouds Wind: SW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 40° Humidity 54% Clouds and occasional sunshine Wind: SW 7-14 mph

RealFeel Temperature is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highs for the day.

National Forecast for Jan. 13, 2010

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

Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 50°/28°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 20°
Record high 63° (1953)
Record low -24° (1962)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.52"
Year to date Trace
Normal year to date 0.52"

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 56°/19°
Normal high 55°
Normal low 28°
Record high 72° (1953)
Record low -14° (1962)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.07"
Normal month to date 0.33"
Year to date 0.07"
Normal year to date 0.33"

Weather Trivia:
Q: At what temperature does mercury freeze?

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset
7:06 a.m./5:17 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset
6:00 a.m./4:01 p.m.

Moon Phases

New First Full Last

Jan 15 Jan 23 Jan 29 Feb 5

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 82° in San Marcos, CA
Low: -18° in Kremmling, CO

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 114° in Avalon, Australia
Low: -67° in Oymyakon, Russia

National Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Arlene	60/39/pc	55/38/f
Anchorage	18/13/c	21/13/sf
Atlanta	51/30/s	60/35/s
Austin	59/48/c	60/49/r
Baltimore	40/24/s	44/28/s
Boston	30/21/c	36/29/s
Chicago	34/26/pc	40/25/s
Dallas	55/44/pc	53/41/r
Denver	50/22/pc	46/21/c
Des Moines	36/22/pc	35/21/c
Detroit	31/24/pc	37/27/c
El Paso	58/36/pc	55/35/c
Las Vegas	63/41/c	63/38/s
Los Angeles	64/48/pc	72/50/s
Minneapolis	38/22/pc	35/20/pc
New Orleans	54/37/pc	60/45/pc
New York City	38/30/pc	42/31/s
Philadelphia	38/26/pc	43/28/s
Phoenix	71/48/c	67/47/s
Reno	46/26/c	44/26/pc
San Francisco	58/45/r	59/45/pc
San Diego	65/52/pc	67/50/s
Seattle	51/41/sh	50/42/r
Tucson	71/43/pc	65/40/s
Tulsa, OK	50/38/pc	49/30/r
Wash., DC	40/27/s	43/30/s
Wichita	50/29/pc	43/25/c
Yuma	74/53/c	72/49/s

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

Regional Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Albuquerque	50/31/pc	45/31/c
Artesia	61/34/pc	53/35/sh
Chama	43/18/pc	41/16/sn
Clayton	58/27/pc	46/25/c
Cloudcroft	47/23/pc	39/20/sh
Farmington	46/24/pc	43/23/c
Hobbs	63/33/pc	53/31/sh
Los Alamos	45/23/pc	41/20/c
Portales	61/28/pc	50/27/sh
Raton	54/23/s	43/20/sn
Red River	46/15/pc	37/10/sn
Ruidoso	56/30/s	41/27/sh
Santa Fe	48/27/pc	44/23/c
Silver City	57/34/pc	53/31/pc
Taos	51/24/pc	42/21/c

Mexican Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/72/c	87/72/pc
Cancun	73/59/pc	79/69/c
Chihuahua	61/38/pc	59/36/c
Ciudad Juárez	57/36/pc	55/36/c
Leon	64/39/pc	71/44/pc
Mexico, DF	59/39/sh	66/43/pc
Monterrey	55/48/r	64/50/c
Morelia	68/42/pc	70/42/pc
Oaxaca	72/46/pc	61/52/pc
Pto. Penasco	72/50/pc	68/48/s
Tijuana	64/48/c	68/48/f



Fun at Winter Park

— Photos: John T. Soden —

The tube and tow recreation facility on Ski Run Road is a lot of fun this time of year. The facility has huge inner tubes, and visitors can hook onto a tow rope to get pulled to the top of the trail, then hop on a colorful tube and slide all the way down — by all manner of styles.



FROM PAGE 2A

35 oil and gas lease sales offering 2.7 million acres across the West. The 1,312 leases that sold generated more than \$136 million in revenue.

The BLM manages more land, 253 million acres, than any other federal agency.

Dem convention

Democratic Party of Lincoln County Chair Maria A. Quintana announced the date and location of the Democratic County Convention at the Democratic January monthly meeting at K-Bob's restaurant.

Elections are being held for precinct captains and delegates to the state Pre-Primary Nominating Convention, which will be held March 13 at 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center.

"By participating at the county level, Democratic voters will learn more about the political process at the state and national level, and help ensure that their views are represented," Quintana said.

All registered Democrats are invited and encouraged to attend. Anyone interested should contact the local Democratic Party at 575-653-4102 or 575-937-8394.

Childbirth classes

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) will offer childbirth delivery classes for expecting mothers and coaches on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Classes will be held in the conference room at LCMC, 211 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Cost is \$20 per class.

Future classes will be

held every month on the third Saturday at the same time and location. Mothers expecting to deliver between Feb. 1 and March 31 are encouraged to attend.

The classes will teach relaxation and breathing techniques, vaginal and cesarean births, pain management, newborn care and breast feeding.

Pregnant mothers expecting to deliver between now through early-January are encouraged to attend. Attendees should bring pil-

lows, something to drink and snacks and there will be a one-hour lunch break.

For additional information, contact the LCMC OB Department at 575-257-8275.

SBCA donations

Schlotsky's restaurant in Ruidoso will donate 15 percent of all sales today, Jan. 13, to Sierra Blanca Christian Academy.

The school is facing budget problems.

The donations will cover sandwiches, pizzas and wraps from 4 p.m. until closing. Schlotsky's is located at 2812 Sudderth Dr.

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 A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:00PM at the Lagrone Funeral Chapel for Kenneth G. Shockey who passed away December, 3, 2009 in Alamogordo. Reception will follow at the BPOElks Lodge on Highway 10 West.
 Kenneth Shockey was retired from the New Mexico State Police. He served 27 years in various stations in New Mexico, including being a driver and bodyguard for Governor John Limpins. His last five years assignment was as the District Supervisor for Otero and Lincoln Counties. After retiring in 1980, Ken became Chief of Security for Ruidoso-Sunland Racing for several years.
 In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the Race Track Chaplaincy, Lincoln County Humane Society or the Ruidoso Elks Lodge.

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OUR OPINION

Film-making efforts scattered far and wide

A relatively low-budget movie being shot in Alto this month is expected to pump \$230,000 into the regional economy.

That's the good news. The cautionary news is that, as southeastern New Mexico begins to be a player in the film-making industry, we're seeing too many cooks in the kitchen, and some have precious little experience at the stove.

We have the Ruidoso Film Commission, with a liaison to the New Mexico Film Commission. We have the Lincoln County Film Commission, with its liaison. Carrizozo has a liaison - its Chamber of

Commerce director.

There's Film Lincoln County, an umbrella that includes liaisons and high-profile business people. And there's the Ruidoso Film Office, headquartered at the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, which is assisting in the Alto shoot, called *Last Stop*.

It's understandable in the early going that groups are jockeying for position. At some point, we will need a more focused and streamlined relationship with the industry, with strict accountability for results. If we don't nurture that, this plot could be over after the first scene.

Priming the pump for racing, film-making

Economists call them economic engines, and the rest of us call them our golden geese. Whatever they're called, we need to trim spending carefully and, in some cases, feed the goose.

Two cases in point: Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and the film industry.

During the last legislative session, track supporters tried and failed to get a tax break that will allow it to compete with neighboring casinos on the Mescalero Reservation. Without it, the track might move, leaving a \$28 million hole in the Ruidoso economy. The measure, which would have cost the state about \$1.3 million, died in a Senate committee two years in a row.

Can anybody imagine Ruidoso without its track?

Legislative decision making and news coverage seem to bog down on "the racino's millionaire owner." This is immaterial. Any owner, millionaire or otherwise, who's losing money will take steps to save his business. It's not complicated. He can either try to reduce his tax burden or go someplace with more customers.

About now, I hear that old Kingston Trio song, "Desert Pete." It's about a prospector debating whether to drink the jar of water left to prime an old desert pump or have confidence in the pump: "You've got to prime the pump; you must have faith and believe. You've got to give of yourself before you're worthy to receive. Drink all the water you can hold, wash your face, cool your feet. Leave the bottle full for others. Thank You kindly, Desert Pete."

Some lawmakers are already taking potshots at economic development incentives, and, yes, we don't know how well they work, but they've been a factor in virtually every new company setting up shop in recent years.

Which brings us to that other golden goose, the film industry. People may be watching their pennies, but they're still going to the movies. In droves.

I've started paying attention to film credits. For a movie set in Minnesota, *Brothers* sure had

a lot of Hispanic names. Turns out it was filmed here, in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Abiquiu, Española, Glorieta, Las Vegas, and San Juan and Zia pueblos. It employed 332 New Mexico crew members, according to Eric Witt in the Governor's Office. People here who make their living in the industry number 3,000.

Recently *Variety*, the industry bible, rank-ed New Mexico the third-best place to make a film in the U.S., after California and New York. Three reasons: incentives, variety of scenery, and the largest crew base outside of the coasts.

But is the economic impact bigger than incentives? After dueling studies on economic impacts, the Legislative Finance Committee last year churned out a study that film people found wanting - right at the time a Michigan State University study concluded that Michigan's 40-percent tax credits for 32 film productions in 2008 generated more than \$65 million in spending and created more than 2,700 jobs.

Our legislative Business and Industry Committee in 2009 tabled a repeal of film incentives following objections by not only the film industry but the New Mexico Lodging Association. Lately, the commercial real estate trade group devoted a special section of its directory to film making, which has a large appetite for all kinds of empty space.

Some 40 states now have film incentives, and many are having this discussion. Film incentives are bound to come up again here. Last year, Sen. John Arthur Smith, said, "Next year, if our economy hasn't stabilized, we'll grasp at every straw."

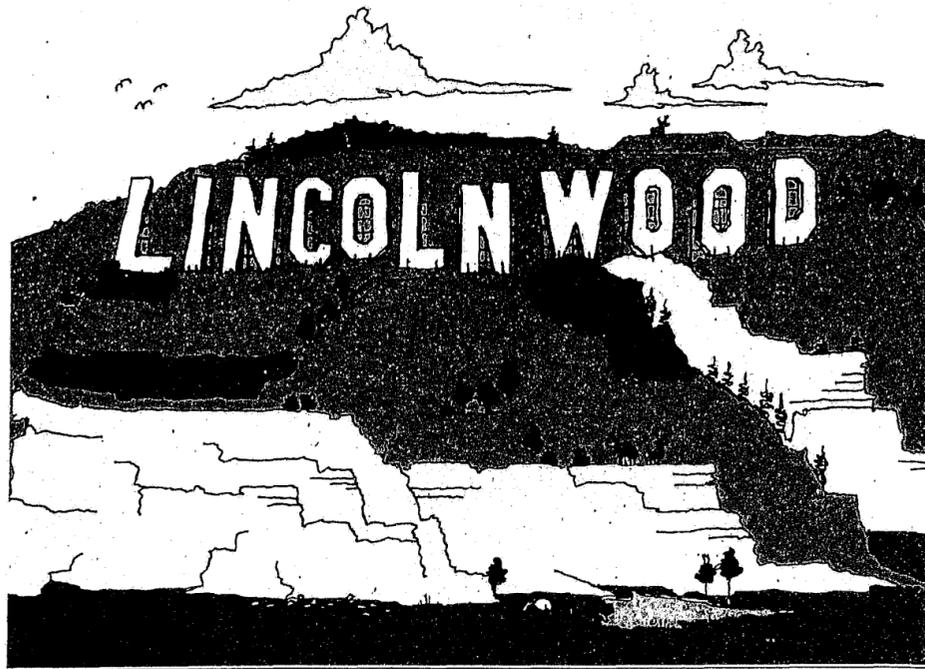
So as they ponder the millions paid, here's some math: New Mexico provides a 25 percent rebate to production companies. Before they can collect that 25 percent, they've already spent four times that amount, and it turns over in local economies.

In the coming session, as lawmakers grasp at straws, maybe somebody should hum a few lines about priming the pump.



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE.



YOUR OPINION

President can't wave magic wand

To the editor:

A YEAR AGO, if we had read in the paper that employers were hiring again, that health care legislation was proceeding without a bump, that Afghanistan suddenly became a nice place to take your kids, we would've known we were being lied to. Back then, we recognized that the problems Barack Obama inherited as president wouldn't go away overnight.

During his campaign, Obama clearly said that an economy that took eight years to break couldn't be fixed in a year, that Afghanistan was a graveyard of empires, and would not be an easy venture for us. Candidate Obama didn't feed us happy-talk,

which is why we elected him. He never said America could solve our health care, economic and security problems without raising the deficit.

Instead, he talked of hard choices, of government taking painful and contentious first steps towards fixing problems that can't be left for another day.

Right after Obama's election, we seemed to grasp this. We understood that companies would be happy to squeeze more work out of frightened employees, and would be slow to hire more.

We understood that the banks that had extorted us out of billions of dollars, were lying when they said they would share their

recovery. We understood that a national consensus on health care would not come easily. Candidate Obama never claimed that his proposed solutions would work flawlessly right out of the box, and we respected him for that.

But today, the president is being attacked as if he were a salesman who promised us that our problems would wash off in the morning. He never made such a promise.

It's time for Americans to realize that governing is hard work, and that a president can't just wave a magic wand and fix everything.

Ellie Light
Three Rivers

GUEST COMMENTARY

Time for state to defend itself

SEN. TIMOTHY Z. JENNINGS

New Mexicans have suffered through a year of sordid allegations that politics and campaign donations improperly influenced how the state invested billions of dollars. Ultimately, State Investment Officer Gary Bland resigned and the state is now on the defensive, paying high-priced lawyers to defend numerous public officials and employees against the stigma of alleged improprieties (real or imagined).

The State Investment Council and the Educational Retirement Board lost hundreds of millions of dollars on dubious investments. The former chief investment officer for the teachers' pension fund, Frank Foy, has filed a whistleblower lawsuit to try to get the money back for the state.

Shouldn't the State of New Mexico, SIC, be doing the same thing? Shouldn't they all be trying to recover the state's lost investments?

Meanwhile, the state - with state dollars - is defending the current and former state employees, including Mr. Bland, who are under a cloud of suspicion. The legal bill so far is more than \$438,000 to defend or represent various individuals in federal investigations and Foy's whistleblower lawsuit.

This makes little sense because Foy is technically suing on behalf of New Mexico taxpayers, so as the state hires lawyers to deal with this problem, it is essentially spending public money to defend itself from - itself. It is spending no money whatsoever to recover lost investment dollars.

The State Investment Council, formerly under the supervision of Bland, has spent huge amounts of money responding to federal subpoenas and to ensure that the council's employees and board members have the opportunity to be legally represented. The SIC years ago entered into a \$30,000 professional services contract with the Paul Hastings Janofsky Walker law firm from San Francisco for review of investment documents, but that contract has steadily expanded to \$5.8 million as the firm's lawyers, some of whom are paid up to \$950 per hour, began responding to the federal subpoenas and conducting an internal review that apparently led to Bland's resignation.

I have asked the state Attorney General to formally review the legality of expanding this small \$30,000 contract to \$5.8 million without a competitive bid process. Recently, the SIC signed contracts with seven additional law firms for a total of \$320,000 to represent individual staff members of the SIC, prompting the SIC to ask for emergency supplemental funding while state funding is being cut everywhere else.

Essentially, we are again spending scarce state dollars defending ourselves from ourselves.

This situation doesn't make sense. The public and the Legislature need to know exactly what all these lawyers are doing. While every individual is entitled to a vigorous defense and legal counsel, the people of the state of New Mexico are equally entitled to their own advocate throughout this process. The state should be

spending more energy and resources working to recover the investments we have lost.

Why must the state rely on whistleblowers and federal investigators to defend the interests of taxpayers? Perhaps because the state's top financial regulator, Securities Division Director Bruce Kohl, was laid off by the governor in response to the state's budget crisis. Did the governor really believe that Kohl's position was less essential than some of the political employees who kept their jobs? We may never know as the governor has said virtually nothing about who he decided to lay off.

With the state's top investment watchdog out of the picture, the state must now take extraordinary steps to protect the integrity of the state investment process. The state should be spending more time, energy and money to recover the lost funds caused by the possible lack of due diligence of a few people. Hopefully, the size of the recoveries will outweigh the tremendous costs incurred as a result of these alleged improprieties and return much-needed revenues to New Mexico taxpayers.

Finally, I want to assure you that the New Mexico State Senate is committed to protecting the citizens of New Mexico from the loss of monies that could better be spent on education and programs that protect our most vulnerable and needy citizens.

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No civil rights allowed

Her book took decades to compile, and now Cynthia Orozco of ENMU-Ruidoso recounts the struggle for justice among Mexican-Americans

By Dianne Stallings • Ruidoso News

When Cynthia Orozco researched the Mexican-American civil rights movement for a college paper, the experience convinced research was her calling and launched a 30-year project.

Her decades of work culminated late last year with the publication by the University of Texas Press of *No Mexicans, Women or Dogs Allowed: The Rise of the Mexican-American Civil Rights Movement*.

In the book, Orozco presents archival information and interviews she believes provides evidence that perceptions of the League of United Latin American Citizens as an organization aimed at assimilation, anti-Mexican and anti-working class doesn't tell the real story of the group's early activism. The book recasts LULAC as being at the forefront of civil rights movements in America.

During an interview this week, the chair of the History and Humanities Department of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso credited her mother's emphasis on education for her early inspiration.

"She's very excited" about the book's publication, Orozco said. "I'm so happy she is alive to see it. There were so many years of silence from the family, because they thought I dropped the project and it never would come to fruition.

"But anyone who looks at my resume will see that I have never focused on just one topic or interest. I am always active wherever I am, in community events and affairs. My interests are many and multi-faceted, and that's why it took so long to finish the book."

The book is aimed at two audiences, she said. The first is the academic community.

"A number of major studies of this organization, in my mind, did not properly situate it within historical context or within the context of social movements, and I wanted to do that," Orozco said.

The book also can serve as a reference source.

"A book doesn't get written by reading other books," she said. "You need to go to the source. I spent thousands of hours going through boxes of papers. No LULAC archive existed when I began and I believe my work helped create a national archive (at the University of Texas-Austin) and also helped create one at the University of New Mexico."

Her second goal was to reach a general audience. "I hope people can move through academic parts to find what is valuable for them inside this book," Orozco said.

"One of the things I hope the book accomplishes is to help people realize we had a Mexican-American civil rights movement and to rethink what we mean by 'civil rights movement.'"

Orozco was born in Cuero, Texas, a ranching and farming community. Her parents Aurora Estrada and Primitivo Orozco, were born in Mexico.

"My mother moved to the United States (South Texas) when she was about 12, and my father in the 1950s. He was a boot maker," Orozco said.

"Mother had a high school education and graduated in 1930s, which was very unusual for Mexican-American women at the time. Due to her efforts, my five brothers and sisters and I all have college degrees and are professionals."

Orozco recalled that in the 1970s, her mother was a member of LULAC in Cuero. She said



'Immigration is a really complicated issue. It will never go away. It is a permanent fixture of a capitalistic economy while there is an imbalance next to a developing country. A fence will not keep them out ... Now with the terrorist threat, things have changed and we need to protect our borders. I do believe in full participation by persons of Mexican descent once they are in the United States. They need to be bilingual and bicultural, because that is part of their own empowerment.'

Aurora participated in community organizations throughout her junior and senior high school years.

"She was a community activist, a writer and orator," Orozco said of her mother, who still lives in Texas.

Orozco attended South West Texas University, then transferred to Texas University in Austin, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1980. She went directly into her graduate education, earning a master's degree two years later and her doctorate in 1992, both in history, from the University of California in Los Angeles.

"I originally was immersed in research since 1978, when I was a sophomore and wrote a 20-page paper on this topic," Orozco said.

"From then on, I was a researcher. My first job out of college was a research position. But then I was asked to teach at the (University of Texas in San Antonio) and found out how much I loved teaching."

While working on a Ford Foundation post doctorate in Austin, she heard about the Center for Regional Studies at UNM.

"I was interested in coming to New Mexico, because I understood LULAC had three or four

past presidents who came from (New Mexico) and they would be important in understanding the national expansion of the movement," she said.

Orozco received a fellowship from the Center and during her stay in Albuquerque met a cousin of her husband, Leo Martinez, who has holdings in California and Ruidoso, including a restaurant and stucco company, and who served a term as a Lincoln County commissioner.

His cousin introduced the two and Orozco joined him in Ruidoso in 1996, where she immediately began teaching New Mexico history at ENMU part-time. From 1997 to 2000, she taught New Mexico and Hispanic history full-time in the history department at the University of New Mexico. She joined Eastern full-time in 2000 and was named the first chair of the department about three years ago.

"I've worked on this book since 1978," she said. "My professor told me this was an important topic and had not been researched. I really did become fascinated with history from that point on.

"It also was a senior's honor thesis and during my master's and doctorate work, I wrote many papers connected to it.

"When I was writing my dissertation, I was a research associate at Texas State Historical Association and was in charge of integrating Hispanic history into the Texas History Encyclopedia," Orozco said. "I wrote 80 articles (for the encyclopedia), many related to LULAC. In many cases, I wrote the first biographies of some of those leaders."

As an undergraduate, she was allowed access to private collections in individuals' homes, including the personal papers of Alonso S. Perales and Adela Sloss-Vento.

"They are two very important collections that were not yet in libraries," Orozco said. "And I also interviewed at least two major founders and a couple of (more minor figures)."

The Perales collection was acquired last year by the University library at Houston, more than 30 years after its significance to the history of the movement was known, she said.

"In pre-World War II, Perales was one of two or three of the most important Hispanic lawyers in Texas," she said.

The title of Orozco's book refers to several issues, she said, including the increasing racial segregation oriented against persons of Mexican descent in Texas and parts of New Mexico, Ariz-

ona and California.

"It was common to see signs in public places like restaurants, even hospitals and theaters, that said, 'No Mexicans Allowed,'" she said, as well as variations that included dogs and women. "Many people are unaware of segregation of people of Mexican descent. It is not as well known. Everyone is aware of segregation against African-Americans."

The reason women were included in the title stems from the founding of LULAC in 1929 and the initial exclusion of women as members. That was changed about three years later, Orozco said.

"So the title really refers to three things; the racial segregation of people of Mexican descent, despite class or color; the exclusion of Mexican citizens from the organization (to protect the group's American citizenship status); and the initial exclusion of women."

Orozco is especially proud of the personal interviews and biographical information in the book.

"When I wrote the dissertation, there were no people in it," she said. "You got a sense of the movement or effort, but not the individuals. I was very happy to conduct biographical research and I ended up describing the lives of 11 founders, all prominent people, none with full-length biographies in any books, yet all deserving of that."

Her work also is the first book to situate the significance of World War I on the Hispanic community, Orozco said.

"The prevalent myth is that the civil rights organizing by the Hispanic community didn't occur until after World War II, but this makes the direct link of how some of these veterans were impacted by the war and some of their experiences after they returned," she said. "LULAC is a result of veterans' work."

"With this book, I try to distinguish between the so-called 'Civil Rights Movement' often described as between black and white, and to argue there was a separate civil rights movement not connected in any way before the 1940s. This precedes that and was a separate parallel struggle with similar problems."

The book also illustrated that the immigration question is something the Mexican-American community has grappled with for many years, Orozco said.

"It's a really complicated question," she said. "Immigration will never go away. It is a permanent fixture of a capitalistic economy while there is an imbalance next to a developing economy. A fence will not keep them out. Too many United States employers hire, sell and rent to Mexicans."

"I believe in a path to citizenship, but I'm not sure amnesty (under President Ronald Reagan) helped with assimilation into the community. And now with the terrorist threat, things have changed and we need to protect our borders. I do believe in full participation by persons of Mexican descent once they are in the United States. They need to be bilingual and bicultural, because that is part of their own empowerment."

No Mexicans, Women or Dogs Allowed is available for \$24.95 through the UT Press Web site, <http://www.utexaspress.com>; 800-252-3206. It's also available at ENMU-Ruidoso at Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive.

Orozco is set for a book signing at 5 p.m., Jan. 20, at ENMU-Ruidoso, and another at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs in April.

EDUCATION

Coops face crippling legislation

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The upcoming effort to stretch New Mexico's budget could seriously impact Cooperative Education Services in the state.

A general fund recommendation summary from the Legislative Finance Committee would, beginning July 1, wipe out state funding for the program that assists nine Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) in New Mexico.

The Region IX Education Cooperative, based in Ruidoso, serves school districts at Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso and Tularosa.

"For the small districts in this area this would be a blow that would cripple us," said Capitan Municipal School District Super-

intendent Shirley Crawford. "There are a number of services that we are able to provide for our students because we come together as a consortium of small schools."

"We also are able to apply for grants as that consortium, grants that we would not qualify for as a district on our own."

"Classic examples are the grants that allow us to bring high levels of technology into our schools."

"Because, let's face it, it is a technology world. And if we aren't using it to teach and then expecting the students to use those tools to communicate with us, we are not preparing them for the jobs that are going to be available in this country."

"Another one is the Perkins grant. Capitan would not qualify for any Perkins grants without the consortium created

through the regional cooperative."

Some education offerings at Capitan, such as a special arts program and a welding program, would be unfunded because they are cooperative efforts.

New Mexico's Deputy Education Secretary Don Moya said the state money is only a part of the funding for each REC.

"There is federal money, and there's entrepreneurial efforts by the RECs," said Moya. "But for some RECs the state money is the majority of their funding."

Moya said he believes the Region IX Education Cooperative may have enough entrepreneurship to weather the potential of a lack of state funding.

"Disparate times bring disparate measures," said Moya.

"He vowed to advocate for the RECs during the

legislative session.

"It will have a negative impact," said Cathy Jones, executive director of Region IX. "We will be challenged to provide the services we do unless we find other funding."

The state-specific REC funding is about one-tenth of Region IX's budget. In addition to federal programs, the state's education department and local school districts help fund Region IX.

"But the school districts are also facing funding cuts," Jones said of any thought of increasing their share.

"I am extremely concerned about a loss of state revenue."

More than 65 people are employed by Region IX.

The president pro tem of the New Mexico Senate, Tim Jennings (D-Roswell) questioned if it is possible

to eliminate the education cooperative funding without infusing more money into the individual school districts.

"The cooperatives are a way of providing services especially for rural areas to meet the needs of every child in each school district," said Jennings.

"And I don't think that that's possible to do away with those."

"Most people in the finance area don't probably totally understand the true value and the needs of the regional cooperatives. They've been a godsend for children and school districts in allowing them to get the services that kids need."

Jennings said the regional cooperatives are important for students from the extremely challenged to the extremely gifted.

But he added, the state's financial problems also require doing more with less.

"Whether that's salaries or what, but if you cut programs remember there's a reason the program is there," said Jennings.

Among the services provided by the Region IX Education Cooperative are school based health clinics, physical and mental health counseling, services for children with disabilities, youth career education, social work programs, early intervention education programs, and others.

The local cooperative was established in 1984.

While the Legislative Finance Committee has recommended the elimination of Cooperative Education Services funding, Governor Bill Richardson's proposed budget supports the program.

SBCA suffers financial squeeze

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A six-year old private school in Ruidoso is hoping to solve a financial squeeze.

"Our giving is down this year, probably because of the economy," said Rachael Jones, the administrator of Sierra Blanca Christian Academy.

"And we didn't get some grants. We have also grown

and added staff."

Enrollment at the preschool through seventh grade school, housed at the First Baptist Church in Ruidoso, is presently at 33 students.

Last year the level was 26. Tuition, which has not changed in five years, is \$3,650.

"But it's not as bad as we had thought last month," said Jones. "The board met

with parents last week and we're getting donations. It got tight around Christmas, but we'll still be open the rest of the school year."

The school could educate almost twice the number of current students.

"We would like to get people to sponsor specific students because some can't afford the tuition," said Jones.

Looking for RHS grads from '74-'80

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Rick Mound is on the hunt, but not just for one person. He's looking for a few dozen.

And he's not tracking them down for overdue bills. He wants them to come to a party.

Mound is helping to organize a class reunion for graduates of Ruidoso High School from 1974 to 1980. But anyone is welcome.

"I have been trying for more than five years to get a multi-class reunion together," Mound said. "I started asking around to try and find someone from the other graduating classes."

"The biggest challenge was initially getting people to commit to helping for their own graduating classes. I mentioned to my sister Cindy, who graduated in '76 that we should try and get other people

involved to help. I crashed Cindy's reunion for the class of 1976 in 2006. We had the class of 1978 reunion in 2008. Cindy and I crashed our brother Sean's reunion for the class of 1979 last summer."

When his sister attended the class of 1979 reunion, she decided that it would be a good idea to have a multi-year reunion, Mound said.

"There are many challenges to putting together a reunion," he said. "The biggest one is locating classmates. Even just having a reunion in 2008, there are people from the class of 1978 whose contact information is no longer valid. There is a lot of time and money spent by the committee members, who put on the reunions."

For the past four 1978 class reunions, most of the work was accomplished by Lee Burrows, Kenna (Newton) Bolen, Shamara

(Dobbs) Metts, Deanna (Lopez) Olvera and Patricia (Reaves) Bailey, Mound said, adding, "I'm sure that I've left some people off of the list."

At least three classes included in the multi-year reunion have never staged a reunion, Mound said.

The current committee members for the multi-year reunion are Jon Wrye, Class of 74; Susie (Fannin) Scribner, class of 75; Cindy (Mound) Yenson, class of 76; Lori (Wright) Iannucci, class of 77; Mound, class of 78; Rick

Pritchett, class of 79; and Gracie (Rose) class of 80.

"We would like to try and locate as many people as possible," Mound said. Anyone with information on classmates for those years can e-mail Mound at rmound@verizon.net, or contact the person designated for their particular year.



COURTESY

Steppers Nicholas Aerola, Omar Garcia, Spencer Sedillo, and team captain Deandre (DeJae) Mason, practice for their upcoming performance.

Steppers to perform this month

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A three-month old Ruidoso High School dance team will present their inaugural performance later this month at the Ruidoso Middle School.

The Ruidoso Warrior Steppers organized on Oct. 24, 2009, said coordinator coach Linda Mason.

"Steppers came about

because Ruidoso doesn't have a dance team," said Mason.

"And a lot of kids in Ruidoso like to dance."

Stepping is a mixed-style of dancing found mostly in southern states, that migrated to hip-hop. The Ruidoso team is currently comprised of eight girls and four boys.

The team will perform on January 22, at 7 p.m.

Early ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Admission at the door will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. There is no charge for children from the Nob Hill Early Childhood Center or the Sierra Vista Primary School.

The team may begin competition next school year, said Mason.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

ENMU-Roswell

Registration for the spring 2010 semester at ENMU-Roswell is still open online and on campus. The spring registration will continue through Jan. 22.

Students can register on campus any time during regular business hours. Online registration is available at roswell.enmu.edu.

The spring semester begins Jan. 19 and ends May 14.

To schedule an appointment with an advisor, call 575-624-7163.

For registration information, phone 575-624-7308.

Teacher awarded

An Alamogordo teacher was one of 87 teachers from around the country honored at the White House last week.

Diana Fesmire received the Presidential Award for

Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching during an "Educate to Innovate" event in the East Room of the White House.

Fesmire began teaching in 1987 and has taught in Alamogordo's Sierra Elementary School since 1996. She is the school's mathematics lead teacher and also teaches Elementary Math and Science Methods for New Mexico State University.

"I am honored to represent elementary teachers who have a passion for math and who teach all subjects well," said Fesmire. "Every day my colleagues and I teach students to reason, justify and communicate."

This award belongs to the children of Sierra Elementary.

Fesmire has worked extensively with the New Mexico Math Leadership Team and on the New

Mexico Standards Based Assessment test.

School board

The regular monthly meeting of the Capitan Board of Education is scheduled to discuss or take action on eight business items.

Those include possible action on educational technical bonds, the purchase of playground equipment, a scoreboard purchase, and Excellence of Student Achievement award.

The board's policy on district relations with other schools, education research agencies, colleges and universities, state education agencies, and student teaching and internships, could also be adopted.

The board will meet on Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the administration building at the Capitan Municipal Schools.

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RUIDOSO NEWS

— Year in review —

Village tackled a number of challenges in 2009

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The monster lurking in the shadows the entire year, the issue that dominated dollars and future utility rates, R seemed just about tamed when 2009 rolled to an end.

Ruidoso's portion of the mammoth \$36 million price tag for a rehabilitated and redesigned regional wastewater treatment plant appeared to be covered by a combination of grants, loans and rate increases. The village's partner in the plant, the city of Ruidoso Downs, handled its 15 percent of the obligation with a property tax increase, grants and loans.

The two municipalities didn't have any option after being ordered in a court settlement to improve the health of the Rio Ruidoso into which the plant discharges effluent. They also were pinned down by federal requirements in the plant's state operating permit to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous levels in that discharge as part of restoring the river's health.

In an attempt to share the financial burden in the village with the tourists who create the demand for treatment of excessive peak flows, councilors also approved an increase in Ruidoso's gross receipts tax of one half of one percent, bringing the tax on goods and services effective Jan. 1 to 8.3125 percent. That put the village into a tie as the second highest GRT in the state. Only Taos Ski Valley levies more.

Councilors also ordered a rate study and they plan to approve new sewer and wastewater treatment rates that more equitably spread the financial hit among commercial and residential customers. For years, residential accounts carried the main share of expenses for the operation of the plant.

The new plant's target completion deadline is the end of December 2010, but already some delays are cropping up that may move that date. A battle also is expected to erupt this year over the contention of village officials that representation on the Joint Use Board governing the plant should be changed to more fairly represent Ruidoso's larger 85 percent stake in the system.

One of the brightest accomplishments of the year turned out to be tangible progress on developing a river walk trail along the Rio Ruidoso, a dream pursued unsuccessfully for decades. Councilor James Stoddard latched onto marketer Laura Doth, and together with the help of a few others, they secured funding through the National Scenic Byways program to design a path system, because Sudderth Drive, which parallels the river through Midtown, is part of the Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway.

After a devastating flood along the river in July 2008, 13 bridges were damaged or destroyed. Village Public Works officials and crews spent a year from July 2008 to July 2009, first constructing makeshift passages to allow access to Upper Canyon and some other hard-hit areas, then installing substantial temporary bridges out of box culverts to last until permanent span-type structures are built to with-

stand future flooding.

The disaster raised council awareness of the need for better rules about building along the river, and drew more attention by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to violations in the river, and by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to construction elevation issues.

Sewage pipes long ago placed in the river because the system was based on gravity were ordered removed by the USACE and the village is hunting for dollars to cover the estimated \$25 million cost of that project and of installing the lines elsewhere. About \$20 million will cover from Upper Canyon to the village limits and another \$5 million through Ruidoso Downs to the treatment plant. The work is scheduled for this year, according to Public Works Director Randall Camp.

A few other bright moments were provided by Village General Services Director Jeff Kaplan with the completion of the garbage transfer station on Gavilan Canyon, the revitalization of the village's recycling program through placement of blue recycling dumpsters and Kaplan's tackling of improvements and backups to the village's



Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lynne Lee, seated, was hired in June. Here she's flanked by some of her staff, from left: Deputy Village Clerk Bertha Randolph, Deputy Manager Bill Morris and Administrative Assistant Tawnya Lucero.

Information Technology system, long cited as a deficiency in annual audits.

A persistent Councilor Michele Rebstock finally heard the good news late last year from Street Director J. R. Baumann that federal stimulus money will go this spring toward resurfacing of Paradise Canyon, a pockmarked route along Cedar Creek that connects Sudderth Drive with Hull Road and Country Club Drive.

A new village manager was hired after the sudden departure of Dan O. Higgins. Councilors wooed Debi Lee in June from her

job as Hobbs City Manager and she seemed to settle in quickly.

One of her major goals is to catch up with annual audit deadlines since the village slipped behind after an extremely critical special state audit in 2005-06. She's said that goal will be met this year.

After more than a year of effort by village Cemetery Board members to bring home a new site because burial sites are exhausted at the current Forest Lawn municipal cemetery, councilors abandoned plans to develop another on Ski Run Road.

Tests revealed most of the land sits atop a massive rock ledge, rendering the property useless for burials.

However, the members quickly recommended a new site on U.S. 70 off the entrance to the village from the Mescalero Apache Reservation and negotiations to purchase a former salvage yard are underway.

More than \$1 million in renovations and improvements also kicked off at the Ruidoso Convention Center to ensure its ability to compete with other facilities in the state and at the Mescalero Inn of the Mountain

Gods & Casino. Working between events, the contractor is finishing a new entrance, installing new carpet and a large fireplace to greet visitors in the lobby. Updated technology will round out the new look. The work primarily was paid for with lodgers tax dollars.

Those dollars sagged last year, as did the gross receipts taxes collected on goods and services in the village, which dropped by about 15 percent from last year.

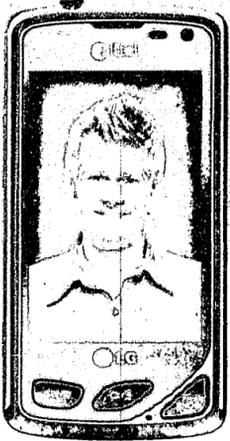
The GRT is the lifeblood of a New Mexico resort town and often determines if projects and employee raises must be shelved. With another sudden departure, that of Michael Steninger as village finance director, after a lengthy search, Nancy Klingman was hired to try to tighten department budgets.

The year 2010 will present more challenges. Besides facing municipal elections for three of the six council seats, councilors know they must work with planning and zoning commissioners on approving zoning codes to implement elements of the village's Comprehensive Plan, being revised into tangible goals from sometimes abstract concepts.

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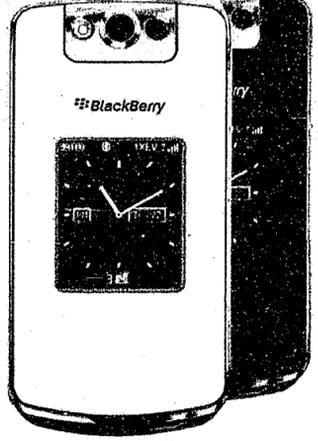
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From Ruidoso to Africa, with love

Ruidoso woman makes dresses for an orphanage in Uganda

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Walking into Ruth Black's living room in Ruidoso last week resembled a stroll through a colorful market place as tables and chairs overflowed with laces, ribbons and other trimming material.

Black and six of her friends from Hereford, Texas, were trying to meet a deadline to send more than 100 feminine sun dresses to the Lulwanda Children's Home, an orphanage outside the city of Mbale in Uganda.

As Black explained, neighbors J. W. and Jennie Trasher and their son, Mike, have spent the past six years in non-denominational missionary work building a library at the orphanage that cares for about 95 children from the age of four to 13. Many of the children lost their parents to AIDS, the lethal

auto immune deficiency syndrome that has devastated African countries.

"This past year, (Mike) told us about the little girls at the orphanage and that some ladies in Houston made dresses for them out of pillowcases," Black said. "What I especially liked was they didn't treat it like a garage sale and they didn't hand out the dresses. What made it so special is they let them go shopping for their own dresses. I got excited when I heard how happy it made them. I thought, 'I can do that.'"

"They got to try on the dresses and select their own. They love to shop like all women."

Black told the Trashers that, by the time they headed back to Africa in March, she would have 100 dresses ready.

Pointing to the photograph of one small girl at the orphanage, Black said she was especially moved when the Trashers told her the child was put in a plastic bag and thrown



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Tending to their own specialties in the work room, top photo, are, from left, Betty Taylor, Molly Scott, Ruth Black and Lois Matchett. Showing off finished dresses are, from left, Black, Scott, Betty Lookingbill and Marline Watson.

into a ditch by her mother shortly after she was born. Although she was retrieved by orphanage officials, she suffered brain damage.

Once committed to her goal, Black said neighbors Lydia Burger and Sally Minnefey began bringing her pillowcases, many donated from the local hospital auxiliary thrift shop. Others dropped off trims of every color and material.

She began in August and completed 41 dresses before her friends arrived from Hereford, Texas, where Black and her husband maintain their primary home. They bought in Ruidoso about 20 years ago. Joining her in the project were Betty

Lookingbill, Molly Scott, Marline Watson, Gladys Merritt, Betty Taylor and Lois Matchett.

"We've had so much fun," she said. "This group always gets together to do volunteer things. We kind of call ourselves the Band of Angels. We've been doing volunteer projects for 15 years. They're delighted to get to come over and spend a few days in the mountains. We hope to finish all of the remaining dresses while they are here."

The group doesn't use any commercial patterns, just their years of sewing experience and the pattern in Black's imagination. She's been turning out sewing projects since she

was in third grade and designed doll clothes.

"The dresses for the girls started out simple, but as we went along, they became more and more frilly and trimmed," she said.

Sewing is a way to "spread the word" in a material way to the little girls that they are loved, "that God loves them," Black said. It is her own type of missionary work in the absence of traveling to Africa herself.

Trasher went to the orphanage with his son last year and plans to return this year in March to stay a few weeks. The library is completed and contains more than 4,000 donated books.

The orphanage and school were built on land purchased inexpensively by Grace International, a relief organization, because the site formerly was used as a mass burial ground for people killed in civil war or victims of AIDS without families to care for their bodies.

The Lulwanda Children's Home opened in December 2004, and was the first children's home established by Grace International Children's Foundation. According to information from the home's Web site, before the home was established, the children had no one to care for them. Now they attend school to learn basic life skills, English, mathematics and other subjects five hours a day, five days a week. They receive regular medical care, nutritious meals and play time.

Child sponsorships are available. To learn more about the foundation and its projects, email GICF@houston.rr.com or check the Web site at www.ugandaprphans.org.

The United States Air Force Invites You to Attend Public Scoping Open Houses for the Potential Beddown of F-35A Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft

The U.S. Air Force (Air Force) is proposing to establish F-35A Joint Strike Fighter training aircraft at one or more existing Air Force installations within the continental United States. Potential locations currently include the Boise Air Terminal Air Guard Station (AGS), also known as Gowen Field, Idaho; Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida; Holloman AFB, New Mexico; Luke AFB, Arizona; or Tucson International Airport AGS, Arizona.

The beddown is needed to train pilots and personnel to safely and effectively operate F-35A aircraft. Training would include the use of defensive flare countermeasures, lasers, and supersonic flight in authorized airspace, and the use of inert or live munitions at approved military ranges.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force will analyze potential environmental effects associated with changes in personnel, construction of facilities, and training activities in existing military airspace and ranges to support the proposed beddown. Potential impacts will be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Open house scoping meetings are being held to provide the public with an opportunity to learn about the Proposed Action and provide input to help define the Proposed Action and alternatives. You are encouraged to attend to support the Air Force in making more informed decisions.

Jan. 25, 2010 6 - 9 p.m.	Lincoln County Manager's Building Commissioners' Chambers 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo
Jan. 26, 2010 6 - 9 p.m.	Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center 800 East First St., Mamogordo
Jan. 27, 2010 6 - 9 p.m.	The Lodge Resort Pavilion Room 601 Corona Pl., Clouderoff
Jan. 28, 2010 6 - 9 p.m.	Best Western Pine Springs Inn 1420 West Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs
Jan. 29, 2010 6 - 9 p.m.	De Baca County Courthouse Annex 248 East Avenue C, Fort Sumner

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DON WILLIAMS

VOTE TO ELECT DONALD A. WILLIAMS FOR MAYOR

DRUG

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"I am calling him a coward," Williams said of the person. "If you believe I'm using drugs, prove it."

Williams said he is opposed to drug testing because the council members are elected officials, trusted by the residents of Ruidoso Downs.

"If we're drug tested then there is a suspicion that we may be involved with drugs, and you cannot have that as a representa-

tive of this community," Williams said.

Councilors and the mayor would be subject to drug testing if they drive a municipal vehicle, said City Clerk Carol Virden.

"Mayor (Tom) Armstrong drives a vehicle, so he would be subject to that random drug testing," Virden said.

"It is pretty plain to me that if you drive one of the city vehicles, and you have an accident, you ought to be tested," said Armstrong. "I don't expect the employees for the City of Ruidoso Downs to do anything I



Councilor Williams: "I am calling him a coward. If you believe I'm using drugs, prove it."

won't ask of myself."

Holman questioned the city attorney's stand that councilors are not city employees. He claimed

Williams had previously stated that an attorney for the New Mexico Municipal League felt councilors might be city employees.

"If we are city employees then we automatically fall under the ruling of drug testing," said Holman.

"I think you're way off," responded Williams.

After eight minutes of discussion the mayor stepped in, saying the topic probably does not fit in

with the 'unfinished business' agenda category.

"Mayor Armstrong is correct," said Virden. "The issue was not tabled or postponed (at a previous meeting), so therefore it is not unfinished business."

Virden reiterated that anyone authorized to operate a municipal vehicle is subject to random drug testing. But she added councilors are not city employees.

"Give us a chance to go farther into this issue," said Armstrong. "Then we can come back and bring it back to the council."

STORE

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for the Wolfes and GDI by the next council meeting in February.

"We are very excited about it," said Suzi Wolfe. "It will be called Carrizozo Market."

Peter Wolfe said he expected the store to be in operation by April, if not sooner.

General Distributors Incorporated (GDI) was formed in 1994 when it purchased small Albuquerque-based wholesaler New Mexico Sales. New Mexico Sales, a southwestern tradition since the 1940s, had grown steadily from a small meat and cheese jobber to a full-line grocery company servicing stores throughout New Mexico and northern Arizona.

From Carlsbad to Page, and from Pagosa Springs to Phoenix, GDI has grown to provide for more than 450 grocery and convenience accounts across five states.

"These guys are real pros," said Peter Wolfe.

Wolfe said GDI will be leasing the building (from Wolfe) and the Wolfes are named as store managers. "It should work very well," he said.

A sign that has hung for several years in the window of the storefront that reads "Opening Soon" became a sad joke of sorts among Carrizozo residents. The town council, the chamber of commerce, the economic development committee and the Wolfes all tried to find a way to entice a grocer to town or find funding for someone locally to open a grocery store.

Chain stores wanted to see a larger population before they committed and Carrizozo's 900-plus number wasn't enough.

Last fall, a nationwide campaign was launched with 10 townspeople each assigned five states and instructed to contact the chambers of commerce in the capital cities to ask for help in finding a grocer willing to relocate. Chamber president Dirk Norris orchestrated the plan. Carrizozo's need was broadcast to 200 cities.

The Valle del Sol subdivision developer Dan



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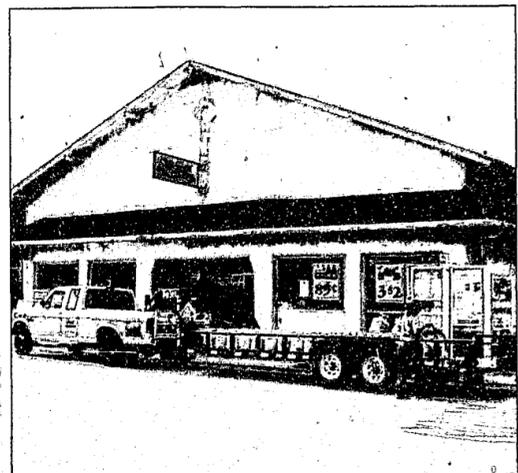
Suzi and Peter Wolfe, who addressed the Carrizozo Town Council Monday, will manage the planned new grocery.

Dattola announced last week the ground-breaking for the commercial area. Dattola said first on the list was a 6,000-square-foot building that he would construct to house several businesses, one of which was targeted for a grocery store.

When Wolfe was asked Monday night at the meeting about the possibility of that particular competition he replied, "The information I got was that Mr. Dattola would absolutely love to get some commerce going in the commercial zone of Valle del Sol. I think it would be beneficial both to him and to the citizens of the community. But, since our store here in town is a sure thing, I think it would be wise for him to start searching for other venues that we need."

Valle del Sol Project Manager Leon Ivie confirmed Tuesday that their plans have not changed with the news of the grocery store.

"We feel there is room for that type of operation to serve the community as well as a full blown grocery, pharmacy and liquor store which is what we are developing here," said Ivie. "We are proceeding as planned."



Carrizozo's last grocery, Sturgis Market, is seen closing in 2005.

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Progress? Cold traffic lights present hazard

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Recent severe snowstorms and frigid temperatures across the nation revealed an unforeseen problem with light emitting diode bulbs used in traffic lights.

Ruidoso Village Attorney Dan Bryant said because the bulbs do not generate heat like standard incandescent lighting, snow and ice stick.

"That obliterated (view) of the lights has caused traffic confusion and accidents," he said during a meeting of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Com-

mission last week. "Lawyers across the country are suing over that."

Many entities, including the State of New Mexico and towns within its borders, received stimulus money to replace standard lights with LEDs, he said.

"So I thought to myself, how are we going to keep snow and ice off the lights in my hometown," he said.

"Isn't it the law that if there is no visible light, the driver to your right has the right-of-way to proceed first?" Commissioner Vickie Williams asked.

"But people were just going because they didn't see any lights," Bryant

said. Being situated in the mountains, snow is inevitable and it would be "brainless" for the state or village not to design some sort of protection to ensure the traffic lights could be seen in the event of snow, he said.

Code outdated

The discussion was prompted by commissioners' comments about existing or needed rules to control signs involving movable lights and graphics. The code should be firmed up to better cover the newer electronic signs, Village Planning Director Bob Decker said, adding

he's received a couple of complaints about the intensity of lighting.

Distraction studies

Studies were performed to gauge driver distraction when different signs are used, he said. He asked commissioners what types of signs the staff should focus on in suggestion changes in the sign ordinance.

Commission Chairman Glen Barrow said years ago the village lost a battle to stop installation of a large two-sided electronic sign for the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino at the turnoff for Carrizo Canyon

on Sudderth Drive that commissioners feared would dangerously distract drivers.

The village was unable to stop installation.

"Two words, sovereign nation," was the reason, he said. The Inn is owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the sign was located on a spit of land where ownership was debated over the years.

A more distracting sign on a moonless night driving along U.S. 70 is the electronic messaging digital display at The Travel Center casino operated by the tribe, he said.

"You can be blinded,"

Barrow said.

Decker provided commissioners with copies of the village's code on signs in response to a previous request from Commissioner Bill Hirschfeld for a review of the rules.

"We thought movable letter signs were banned in the code," Hirschfeld said. Decker replied that 30 percent of signage at a business can be temporary.

In another incident questioned, Decker told commissioners a truck advertising a business doing roofing work at a condominium complex is legal as long as crews are working there.

Robbins to run for county treasurer

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Glenna Nell Robbins, Lincoln County Chief Deputy Treasurer, announced her candidacy Tuesday for election to the office of County Treasurer.

She will run in the Republican June primary.

Robbins has worked for Lincoln County for the past 20 years, 10 years as financial accounting officer for the Treasurer's office under Treasurers Shirley Goodloe, Janice Silva-Ware, Joan E. Park and Beverly Calaway.

For five years, she was financial director for the county manager and for the last five years, she has served as Chief Deputy Treasurer under Calaway, the current county treasurer.



Robbins: "Lincoln County is in a growth phase. I have the knowledge and experience to help guide the county through the future challenges."

she gained extensive experience in all aspects of county government, including property tax collection, distribution, investment of public money, accounts receivables and payable, as well as budgeting and reporting.

Robbins is treasurer of the New Mexico Association of Counties Treasurer Affiliate. She is a graduate of Leadership Lincoln and earned numerous continuing education certifications through the NMAC, County College, and Eastern New Mexico University.

The office of County Treasurer is a crucial position for the citizens of Lincoln County, Robbins

said. Her experience will ensure the progressive and efficient manner in which the office has been run in recent years will continue.

Lincoln County is in a "growth phase," she said. "I have the knowledge and experience to help guide the county through the future challenges."

A resident of the county for more than 20 years, Robbins married Randall Robbins, a retired public school teacher, 33 years ago.

They have three daughters: Amy Calhoun of Tularosa, Joyce Turnbow of Capitan and Coye Burnett of Chester, Calif. They also have three grandchildren.

Prior to moving to the county, Robbins' work experience was in office accounting, banking and health care.

During her tenure with the county, Robbins said

Rupp interim district judge

David Rupp will serve as the new 12th Judicial District Judge serving Lincoln and Otero counties.

Gov. Bill Richardson announced the appointment Monday. Rupp will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Sandra Grisham.

"David Rupp has been practicing law for nearly 30 years in New Mexico and I am confident he will bring a wealth of knowledge to the 12th Judicial District Court," Richardson said.

Rupp, who lives in Alamogordo, was a sole practitioner since 1980 and has knowledge in personal injury, commercial, domestic and criminal law, according to the governor's office. He earned a bachelors degree from the University of New Mexico and a law degree from the California Western School of Law.

Other local names in the running for the judgeship included former Ruidoso Assistant Village Attorney and Alamogordo City Attorney William Brogan and Don Dutton former Gaming Control Board Commissioner and a member of the village Planning and Zoning Commission. The election is in November.

Wickham worked for U.S. Customs and the Border Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Artesia as a training manager since 2008. Before that, he spent 20 years with the Border Patrol and was stationed all over the world.

A resident of Roswell, Wickham earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, and replaces Magistrate Judge Robert Corn, who retired effective Dec. 31.

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Jan 7, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Lunch - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 8, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	Opening Night World Premiere	UTEP Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall	
Jan 9, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	An Evening of Guitar with David Leisner	Western Hills Methodist Church	
Jan 9, 2010	Sat	9:30pm	Jazz@2900 with Mad Fusion* <i>Special Event</i> - not included in season ticket price	2900 Kitchen / Lounge	
Jan 10, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Afternoon Classics - Schubert/Gershwin	First Baptist Church	
Jan 13, 2010	Wed	7:00pm	Music Film Series - <i>Thirty Two Short Films about Glenn Gould</i> - Free	Trinity First United Methodist	
Jan 14, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Lunch - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 15, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	Simone Dinnerstein/ACME Ensemble	Las Cruces - NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall	
Jan 16, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	Simone Dinnerstein/ACME Ensemble	UTEP Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall	
Jan 17, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Afternoon Classics - Dvořák	First Baptist Church	
Jan 20, 2010	Wed	7:00pm	Music Film Series - <i>Note by Note: The Making of Steinway L1031</i> - Free	Plaza Philanthropy Theater	
Jan 21, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Lunch - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 22, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	EPPM/EPSCO Symphony Concert featuring Zullil Bailey	Plaza Theater (Tickets only through EPSO)	
Jan 23, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	EPPM/EPSCO Symphony Concert featuring Zullil Bailey	Plaza Theater (Tickets only through EPSO)	
Jan 24, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Pianist Lara Downes - Barber/Chopin Celebration	Western Hills Methodist Church	
Jan 27, 2010	Wed	7:00pm	Music Film Series - <i>Long Ago</i> - Free	Trinity First United Methodist	
Jan 28, 2010	Thu	Noon	BACH's Lunch - Free Concert	El Paso Museum of Art	
Jan 29, 2010	Fri	7:30pm	Maud Powell Tribute - Bach/Tchaikovsky	Western Hills Methodist Church	
Jan 30, 2010	Sat	7:30pm	Perlman & Zukerman in Concert	UTEP Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall	
Jan 31, 2010	Sun	2:00pm	Schumann and his World	First Baptist Church	
Apr 6, 2010	Tues	7:30pm	Denver Brass - Featuring Colonel Lowell Graham, Conductor	Las Cruces - NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall	
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information. For the latest snow totals call 257-9001. The ski report is culled from www.ski-apachesnowreport.com

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

New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches

Season total: 78 inches

Weather for Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Wednesday evening, a chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Weather for Thursday: A chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. Thursday evening, a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Current conditions: Excellent Mid-mountain snow depth: 36 inches

Snow surface: Packed powder, machine groomed

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp-SBT, Capitan Lite, Chino, Meadows, Snow Park, Smokey Bear, Geronimo, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Screaming Eagle and Calliente.

Groomers Pick: Calliente Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6 and No. 8. Gondola is closed.

Snowmaking: No

Results

Boys Basketball

Friday, Jan. 8

Ruidoso 73, Cobre 32

Monday, Jan. 11

Ruidoso 68, W. Las Vegas 67

Girls Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 7

Magdalena 79, Mescalero 41

Friday, Jan. 8

Socorro 64, Ruidoso 54

Monday, Jan. 11

Ruidoso 60, Hatch 35

Smokey Bear Tournament

Boys, Thursday, Jan. 7

Capitan 58, Mescalero 42

Hagerman 88, Hondo 48

Carrizozo 40, Capitan JV 23

Reserve 52, Cloudcroft 35

Girls, Thursday, Jan. 7

Hagerman 41, Capitan 30

Cloudcroft 34, Carrizozo 32

Hondo 50, Reserve 27

Boys, Friday, Jan. 8

Hagerman 61, Capitan 38

Reserve 53, Carrizozo 44

Hondo 70, Mescalero 55

Cloudcroft 55, Capitan JV 33

Girls, Friday, Jan. 8

Capitan 53, Reserve 14

Hondo 58, Cloudcroft 46

Hagerman 42, Carrizozo 19

Boys, Saturday, Jan. 9

Hagerman 80 (First Place),

Reserve 42 (Second)

Capitan 43 (Third Place), Car-

rizzo 38 (Fourth)

Hondo 68 (Consolation Cham-

panion, Cloudcroft 50

Mescalero 53, Capitan JV 30

Girls, Saturday, Jan. 9

Hagerman 50 (First Place in

Pool Play), Hondo 37

Capitan 56 (Second), Cloud-

croft 10

Carrizozo 50, Reserve 29

Sports On Tap

Boys Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 14

Mescalero at 'Zozo, 7 p.m.

Corona at House, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15

Mescalero at Capitan, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Hondo at Cliff, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Hot Springs at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

Cloudcroft at Capitan, 4 p.m.

'Zozo at Magdalena, 4 p.m.

Hondo at Gateway, 5:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 14

Mescalero at 'Zozo, 5:30 p.m.

Corona at House, 5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 15

Tularosa at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

Mescalero at Capitan, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 16

RHS JV at 'Zozo, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Ruidoso at Cobre, 7 p.m.

Hondo at Gateway, 5:30 p.m.

Smokey Bear Classic



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Rudy Chavez hits two in Capitan's 43-38 win over 'Zozo Saturday.



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Capitan's Jamie Fields (NO. 25) circles in for a score while Kasey Kessler (No. 31) blocks.



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Ray Montañño helps Hondo in their 70-55 win over Mescalero.



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Laurence Whipple of the Capitan JV tries a corner shot.



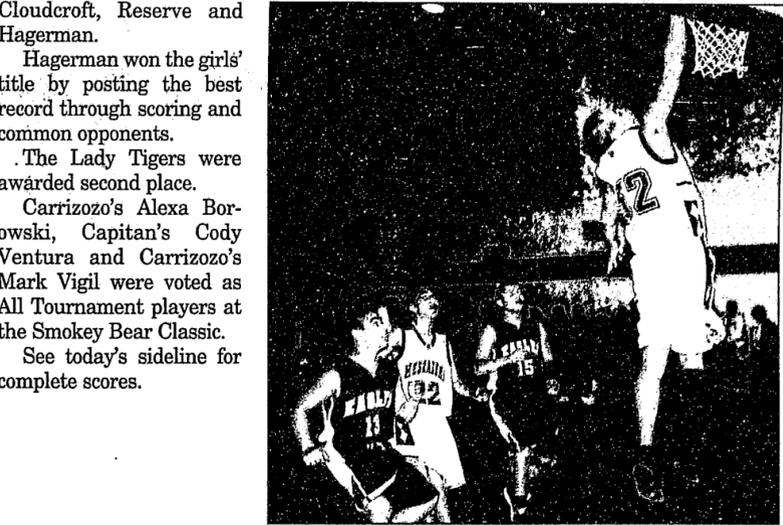
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'Zozo's Alexa Borowski scoots by a Hagerman player Friday.



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Hondo's Alicia Nieto helps her team beat Cloudcroft, 58-46.



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Mescalero's Glenn Yellowcloud goes airborne against Hondo.



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Mark Vigil checks out a close defender in 'Zozo's 53-44 Friday loss to Reserve.

WARRIORS NOTCH BACK-TO-BACK VICTORIES



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Andrew Gilliland scored 16 points in Monday's RHS win over West Las Vegas, 68-67. Coupled with Friday's 73-32 victory at home against Cobre, the Ruidoso Warriors have upped their record to 5-7 overall.



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Jacob Rigsby was high scorer Monday with 22 points. "We started out slow against West Las Vegas but the kids worked hard for the victory," Ruidoso head coach Dennis Davis said.



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Fred Botella tries a side shot against the Dons, Monday. The Warriors will have played Goddard Tuesday and will entertain Hot Springs Tuesday, Jan. 19.

LADY WARRIORS GET ON THE WINNING TRACK



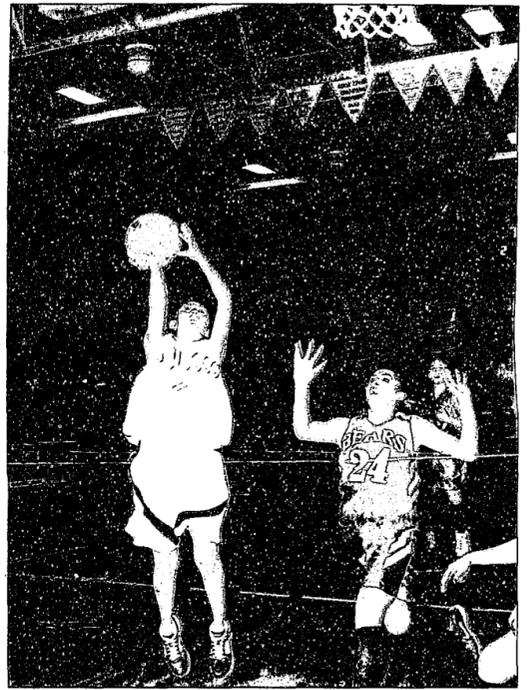
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Brittanie Vega attempts a bucket in the Lady Warriors' 60-35 win over Hatch Valley Monday night.



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Sydney Gonzales finds her shot blocked by Hatch defender Keysha Keys. The RHS girls lost at Socorro Friday, 64-54, but bounced back nicely with a 25-point win Monday.



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Talented freshman Lyndsey Saenz scored 12 points in the win Monday. The Lady Warriors are now 7-5 overall.

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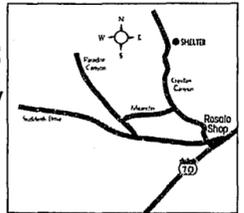
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KRISTIE

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NINA

Nina is an adorable Rottweiler mix puppy. She is about 4.5 months old. Nina is quite small and should be a medium sized dog, about 35-40 pounds, when she matures. Nina is very well behaved and already walking on a leash. She is gentle, for a puppy, and loves everyone. Nina plays well with other dogs and puppies and should be very trainable. Nina is very sweet and will make an excellent family pet. Nina is spayed and current on her vaccinations.

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Sylvia is a shy but sweet cat. She is young, about 1 year old and has short hair. She is affectionate and very quiet.

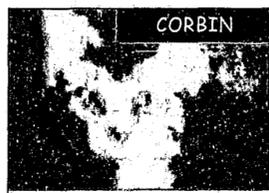
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FELICITY

Felicity is a very unusual looking kitty, and is very independent. She has beautiful orange tabby markings. Felicity is young, probably just under a year.

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CORBIN

Corbin is a feisty kitten, about 10 weeks old (as of 12/22/09). He is very affectionate and playful. Corbin loves other cats and just about everyone he meets!

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ANNIE

Annie is a very cute black and white Doberman mix. She is about 4 months old as of 12/8/2009. Annie is the most shy of her litter, but is very sweet. She will probably mature to about 50 pounds or so.

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CLOVIS

Clovis is a handsome young guy who is around 8 months old. He will be a medium size dog when he is all grown up. He weighs about 34 pounds as of 12/18/2009. He is very friendly and loves to play with his toys. Clovis does not seem to be too fond of cats though.

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You can't miss the bright yellow exterior, but if you don't stop in, you might miss the wide variety of inventory carried by Carrizozo's newest business in town.

John and Barbie Eiler have opened the door to their new business in town, Sierra Trading & Pawn Shop at 410 Central Ave.

"We drove through Carrizozo twice, each time a year apart and we just liked the town, like the people," Barbie Eiler said.

"When we decided to open up another business, we came to Carrizozo to do it. People have been so friendly. On Christmas Eve we had a woman knock on our door and hand us a plate of cookies. We have no idea who she was, but we were touched with how wonderful that small town kindness was."

The Eilers own the same



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Sierra Trading & Pawn owners Barbie and John Eiler came to Carrizozo to open their second shop because they liked the town, liked the people and there was no other pawn shop. They are a federally licensed gun dealership and offer ammunition and wide variety of items in jewelry, household, camping and more.

kind of shop in T or C (with the same name) and have been in the business of buying, selling and trading for years.

Barbie Eiler also has a background in antiques and although the store space doesn't allow for inventory, she offered that she still has the contacts

and the know-how to locate something in particular.

The Carrizozo shop, like the one in T or C, offers much for the hunter and sportsman.

"We have a Federal Firearms License so we are able to order a customer any gun he wants. We will order anything as long as

it's legal," she said. "If we don't have it here or in T or C, we can get it."

The shop also carries a wide array of ammunition.

"We don't buy by the truckload," Barbie said, "so we can't compete price-wise with the warehouse stores that do, but we are comparable and we have it on the

shelf."

The Eilers are also dealers for the SunL brand of ATVs and scooters.

Reloading supplies, archery supplies, camping supplies, household items and more fill the space in the store.

Game calls, spotting scopes, tools, games and

game systems and DVDs are also available. "We love when someone brings in something for trade," she said. The shop also deals in jewelry, gold and silver.

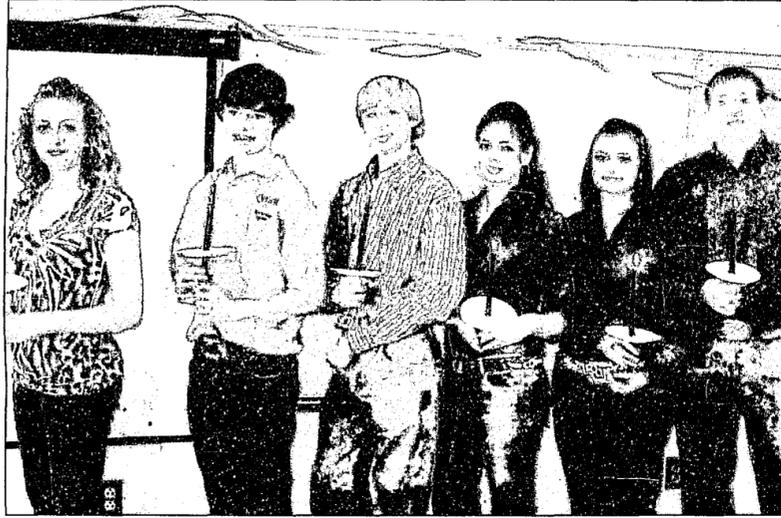
The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. They can be reached by phone at 648-LOAN (5626).

TIGER CHEERS



Capitan Cheerleaders and mascot cheered the Capitan Tigers to victory at Saturday's game in the Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan. L-r Bethany Sweat, J'nae Wood and Haley Montes. Not pictured: Alyssa Juarez-Miller. Tiger Mascot is Kamrica Pino and at times during the game, Maritza Nava

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COURTESY

2010 Lincoln County 4-H Council officers: L-r Christian Sweat, song & recreation leader; Kaleb Cleckler, reporter; Forrest Sweat, parliamentarian; Carmen Tate, secretary; Kylie Gaines, president; Wade Sulzemeier, treasurer. Not pictured: Taryn McAlister, vice president.



COURTESY

Winners of the overall awards at the program are, L-r, Kylie Gaines, Carrizozo 4-H, Home Economics Award, Citizenship Award; Wade Stearns, Rockin H, Agriculture Award; Clay Bob Stearns, Rocking H, Outstanding Novice Member; Shayna Gallacher, Carrizozo, Outstanding Junior Member; Christian Sweat, Rockin H, Community Service Award; Jenna Cleckler, Rockin H, Achievement Award; Wade Sulzemeier, Capitan 4-H, Outstanding Senior Member, Leadership Award.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan write-in

William, "Bill" Thompson signed up as a write-in candidate for the position of municipal judge in Capitan. No write-ins were reported in Carrizozo or Corona.

Candidate forums

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host two "Meet the Candidates" forums for the upcoming town elections. All registered candidates will be invited to attend and participate in this opportunity to answer the public's questions.

Dates for the forums are Friday, Jan. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 18.

The forums will be held in Carrizozo at the County Commissioner's Chambers beginning at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to write down questions which will then be asked of the participants by moderator Welda Grider, owner of Superior Title Company.

There are two candidates for the mayor's position and four for the two open trustee positions.

Art installation

The art panels designed by Rick Geary and painted

by local talent will be put in place on 12th Street to celebrate the Jan. 15 release of the movie filmed in Carrizozo last year, *The Book of Eli*.

The event is running concurrently with an art show at Gallery 408 on 12th Street, featuring the artists of Carrizozo. The work of 24 Carrizozo artists are on display at the gallery. The art installation will be dedicated at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, followed by a potluck reception at 5 p.m., at the Carrizozo Country Club.

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County 4-Her's get year-end awards

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On Jan. 3, the Lincoln County 4-H banquet was held at the Hondo High School.

It was hosted by the Hondo 4-H club, and was attended by six clubs from around Lincoln County.

For those of you who do not know what 4-H is, it can be a lot of things to different people.

It is a youth development organization administered by New Mexico State University Extension

Service.

To me, it is a learning experience where I get to show all sorts of animal slike horses, goats lambs, pigs, cows, dogs and cats.

You can do so much more by doing cooking, baking, and well, I can sit here and list all the projects you can do but there are so many things that you can do.

Also, 4-H is a great way to learn new things and make new friends.

It is a great club for kids to be in and I enjoy it so much.

The annual banquet ends the year for the participants who earn awards for their hard work throughout the year.

One of the main things that 4-H has taught me is leadership and responsibility.

There six 4-H clubs in Lincoln County.

You can get your kids started in 4-H at the age of 9 and stay in it until the age of 19.

There are different age groups: novice is the age of 9-11, junior is 12-14 and senior is 14-19.

County EMS receives all-terrain vehicle

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What is described as a true all-terrain rescue vehicle finds a home in Lincoln County.

The Argo eight-wheel drive amphibious rescue vehicle was obtained by the Lincoln County Office of Emergency Services through a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

And, it got its first use on Monday.

"It is the ultimate rescue vehicle," said Travis Atwell, the county's director of emergency services. "We can take it anywhere."

The vehicle is capable of climbing slopes of up to 30 degrees.

"It's a true all terrain vehicle that can go through snow, water and mud," said Atwell. "It would have worked during the 2008 flood."

Hundreds of people,

many campers, were stranded when the Rio Ruidoso and the Rio Bonito overflowed their banks on July 27 and 28, 2008.

Monday's mission for the equipment involved going into the Capitan Mountains to repair radio communications equipment used by the county's ambulance service that is headquartered at the Lincoln County Medical Center.

The equipment is about two-thirds up the east side of the mountains.

"There must have been 200 trees down along the forest road that goes to the repeater equipment," said Atwell.

He surmised the high amount of toppled trees was the result of the Dec. 8, 2009 high winds that buffeted the area.

"The vehicle went over many trees, but we did a lot of cutting too."

"With the snow drifts

along the way there would have been no way another vehicle would get up there."

The trip took about 1.5 hours up and 30 to 40 minutes coming down.

Atwell said a 15-member swift water rescue team, made up of firefighters from the Ruidoso Downs Fire Department, and from other volunteer departments around the county, will be assembled.

The Argo seats six people when on land and four people in water.

A stretcher has been ordered for when a rescued person is injured and an EMT is a part of the rescue operation.

The grant covered the complete cost of the vehicle. Lincoln County paid for a trailer to haul it around.

Because the Argo remains federal property, it is required to be used regionally.

Atwell said the super-sized ATV could have been

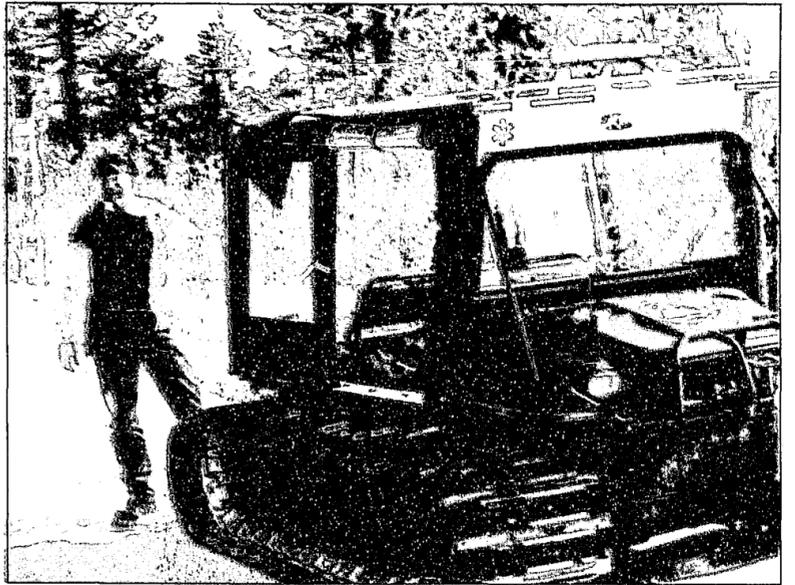


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Joe Kenmore, Lincoln County Emergency Services coordinator, stands alongside the county's new all-terrain vehicle after climbing into the Capitan Mountains on Monday to repair emergency communications equipment.

a big plus a month ago. When high winds in December toppled a com-

munications tower on Buck Mountain northwest of Ruidoso, the vehicle could have been used to achieve quicker access to the snowed in location.

Ogletree indicted by grand jury

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A former Border Patrol agent-trainee, accused of raping a woman in Ruidoso last summer, has been indicted by a Lincoln County grand jury.

Christopher Ogletree, 23, was initially charged on Dec. 10, 2009 with criminal sexual penetration, a second-degree felony.

The alleged rape was reported to Ruidoso police

by a woman who said she had been highly intoxicated on June 27, 2009, and went to a golf course fairway with the defendant. She said Ogletree raped her by holding her down and then covering her mouth and nose with his hand until she was unconscious. She later awoke on the golf course. Her underwear was missing and her shirt and skirt were twisted on her body. Later she recalled the sexual assault.

A search warrant investigation of Ogletree's cell phone revealed text messages to a friend. The messages stated that Ogletree had intercourse with the woman, according to a Ruidoso police report. Ogletree also admitted to police in a recorded interview that he had oral sex with the woman on the golf course fairway.

The Lincoln County Grand Jury issued the indictment on Jan. 5.

DWI arrests up in 2009

Drunk driving arrests by New Mexico State Police in 2009 were up 12 percent in Lincoln and Otero counties.

A report from Lieutenant Eric Garcia said District 8, which encompasses the two counties, had 160 DWI arrests last year.

In 2008 the number was 143.

Statewide 18 percent more impaired drivers were nabbed in 2009, totaling 4,182. That was an increase of 657 from the year before.

The heightened numbers were attributed to stepped up enforcement, the use of checkpoints, and saturation patrols.

"As an agency we are actively educating drivers

that DWI in New Mexico will not be tolerated," said Chief Faron Segotta.

"We will continue to aggressively enforce the state's DWI laws through a variety of ongoing operations."

Drunk driving arrest numbers from local law enforcement agencies are not included in the State Police statistics.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Dec. 29
11:14 p.m. - The owner of a Midtown shop went to police to report a \$3,900 fraud by a Colorado company. The acquisition company said they had buyers lined up for the Ruidoso business.

The \$3,900 was sent to cover the cost of an appraisal. The shop owner said she later discovered there were no buyers. Because of the multi-jurisdictions involved police recommended the shop owner contact the FBI.

Dec. 31
3:43 p.m. - An officer responded to a report of a battery and criminal damage to property in the parking lot of Sierra Mall, 721 Mechem Dr.

A motorist said he honked at a pick-up truck that was backing up to avert striking him. He said two "white kids" got out of the pick-up, pushed him into his vehicle, and closed his door, which struck him in the head.

His eyeglasses broke as a result. The license plates on the truck were from Texas.

Jan. 1
1:29 a.m. - A man and a woman face possible criminal charges after police responded to a report of a domestic confrontation.

Daniel Kinsey, 39, of Ruidoso, told police Gaylon Herrera, 39, of Capitan, accused him of cheating and then attacked him with a hatchet.

The woman said she was struck and no hatchet was used. A police report stated both were intoxicated.

3:44 a.m. - A Ruidoso Downs man was arrested after a woman said she had been punched in the face. Officers responded to a room at the Executive Inn, 307 1/2 U.S. Highway 70; fol-

lowing a 9-1-1 hang-up call. The blow caused the woman to fall back and strike her head on a desk. Jim Bernson, 24, who police said was intoxicated, was taken into custody.

10:21 a.m. - A breaking and entering, as well as criminal damage to property, was reported at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca, 105 Sierra Blanca Dr. A vehicle had its driver side window broken out. The owner said nothing was missing from the SUV.

Jan. 2
9:52 a.m. - A large carved bear and a metal sign were reported stolen from the driveway area of a home in the 300 block of College Drive. The items have a value of more than \$500 making the theft a felony. A neighbor said he had seen a red pick-up truck in the driveway the night before.

10:47 a.m. - A found wallet, belonging to a Tularosa woman, was turned into police. The finder said the wallet was picked up in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store, 203 U.S. Highway 70.

8:17 p.m. - A woman at a Camelot Drive apartment reported she had come home on Dec. 30 and discovered a back bedroom window open. She told an officer that nothing was missing.

Jan. 3
3:07 p.m. - A driver stopped on Sudderth Drive

for an expired registration ended up charged with felony possession of methamphetamine.

David Joe Lopez was arrested after a search and taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center. He was also driving with a revoked drivers license that included an arrest clause.

Jan. 4
12:32 p.m. - Police were called to an Evergreen Road residence to take a report of a domestic incident that reportedly occurred a couple of weeks earlier.

Police were attempting to interview a woman who allegedly battered two other people.

3:43 p.m. - A woman went to the police station to report that her debit card had been fraudulently used to obtain services that added up to \$95.40. The account balance was shown as empty.

The last time the woman used the debit card was in El Paso on Dec. 28, 2009.

Jan. 5
8 a.m. - An officer was dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of Excalibur Road for a civil standby as a woman was moving out of a rental unit following a court approved eviction.

The landlord said he believed a \$2,000 mattress set was missing. Police were attempting to interview the woman.

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Elzy Perry Jr.

VETERAN

Elzy Perry went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2010. Born March 14, 1923 in Glencoe, NM to Elzy Perry Sr. and Mayme (Coe) Perry, he was the sixth of eleven children. Named after his Dad and born on his Mother's birthday. Elzy Sr. planted a cherry tree in honor of his son's birth.

Elzy Jr. grew up on the Perry Ranch first helping his Mom with the chores and later working alongside his Dad drilling water wells through out Lincoln, Chaves, and Otero counties. He also drilled in Arizona for his brothers. Before the War he worked in the copper mines at Morenci, Az. along with several family members. During World War II Elzy joined the Marines and was a part of the second wave to land on Yellow Beach, Iwo Jima. After returning home, he ranched and farmed with his father for a while, and worked at various other jobs including welding. He then again took up drilling water wells until his health, at age 72, forced him to retire. He was a member of the Tularosa Methodist Church, the Elk's, the Water Well Drillers Association, and the Tularosa Lions.

Elzy's hobbies were gardening, home repair, hunting, fishing, camping and family.

He was preceded in death by his Father and Mother, Brothers, George, Lloyd, and Jimmie Perry; Sisters-in-law, Hazel, Dora, and Lola Mae Perry and Brothers-in-law, Ray Taylor, Raymond Stout, Euel Ross and Boe Rasco.

Elzy is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sharon (Curtis) Perry, who resides at the family home. They were married in Mesalero, NM at the Old Road Cafe by Judge Henry Prelo. They renewed their vows on their 25th anniversary at the Perry Ranch in Glencoe, NM with Rev. Lowell Swisher officiating. Also surviving are sisters, Nina Taylor of Lincoln, NM, Gladys Nosker of Glencoe, NM, Ruth Rasco of Alamogordo, NM and Jane Morrison of Ruidoso, NM; brothers, Leroy Perry of Dell City, TX, Don Perry of Irving, TX and Charles Perry of Artesia, NM; Brothers-in-law, Larry Curtis and wife Joyce of Roswell, NM and Reed Curtis of Roswell, NM, Sister-in-law, Patricia Popovich and husband James of Seattle, WA and father-in-law, Ivon Curtis of Alamogordo, NM.

Elzy had two children, son Ronnie Coe Perry and wife Jeanene, of Ruidoso, NM; and a daughter, Fredda Draper and husband Carl of Ruidoso Downs, NM; Eight grandchildren, Alleylene Medina and husband Manny, Anita Perry and husband Greg, Anthony Elzy Perry and wife Sonieda, Ronna Garcia and husband Michael, Kelly Chaves, Rusty Hamilton and wife Maria, Robyne Draper, Dallas Draper and wife Robyn; thirteen great grandchildren, Michael, Elaina, and Amber Medina; Donavon Perry; Melissa, Stephen, Adrian, and Vincent Garcia; Lindsey Chaves; Scout Hamilton; Jasmyne Goodman; Isabella Amezcua; Jordan and Jaxon Draper; one great, great granddaughter; Paige. Former sister and brother-in-law, Paul and Verna Blankenship; Nellie and Paul Jones; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be January 15, 2010 at 11:30 am at the Perry Ranch, Glencoe, NM. Interment to follow at the family cemetery with Chuck Moon officiating.

Pallbearers will be James Taylor, Larry Curtis, Dan Coupland, Jim Regan, Euel W. Ross and Euel E. Ross. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Loving, Lester Stout, Paul Blankenship, Paul Jones and Ray Quick DD.

His shy smile and quiet sense of humor will be greatly missed. The Perry family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.

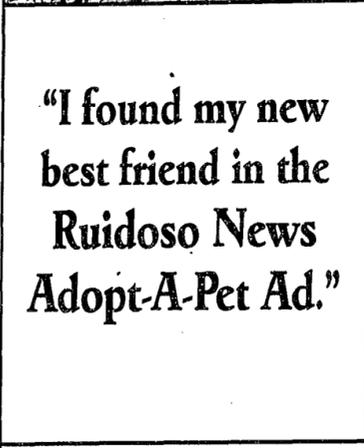
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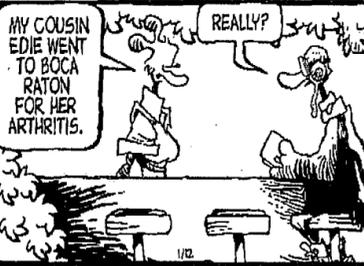
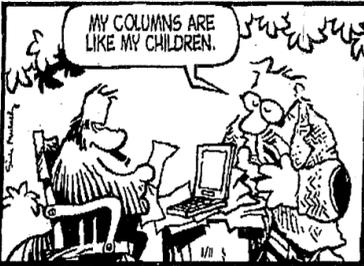


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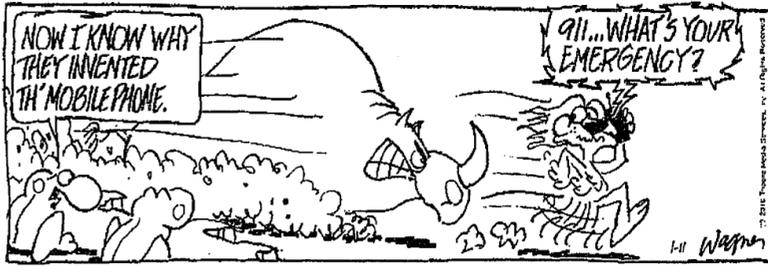
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SHOE



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A1	A1	U1	L1	T1	F4	C3	RACK 1
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A1	A1	E1	G2	V4	N1	T1	Double Word Score RACK 3
A1	A1	E1	L1	L1	R1	T1	RACK 4

PAR SCORE 195-205
BEST SCORE 255
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary 4th Edition.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ETIRP
ANSPY
NUCHAH
JENTIC

Ans:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

...and he made sense of cents.
HA HA. That's a good one.

WHAT THE BUSINESSMEN SAID WHEN THEY HEARD THE JOKE ABOUT THE MILLIONAIRE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

PAR SCORE 195-205
TOTAL 255

RACK 4 =	L1	A1	T1	E1	R1	A1	L1
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SUDOKU

THE SAHURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group
Level: 2 3 4

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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE 1/13/10
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6 1 8 9 4 7 2 3 5
2 9 7 3 8 5 4 1 6
3 5 4 6 1 2 8 7 9
1 3 2 4 6 9 5 8 7
7 6 9 5 3 8 1 2 4
4 8 5 2 7 1 9 6 3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk



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Missing my dog. While I was in the hospital my Bichon Frise was given away. I am home and miss him very much. I need my Junior, 3 years male untrained and well him back. Reward 806-349-3636 or 575-736-0172. No Questions Asked

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FOUND
Black & white female Terrier with pink collar. Found on Hwy 37. Please call 354-9148

Personals 134

Good nature, generous retired male. I am 60 and well rounded 5-D female 30-45 and more! Please provide current picture and phone number. PO BOX 1182 Carrizozo, NM, 88301

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COUNTY ASSESSOR ORDER NO. 09-57

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS

TO REPORT CERTAIN MATTERS TO THE COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR PROPERTY VALUATION & CLERKING EMPLOYMENT TAXATION.

The County Assessor hereby publishes notice to property owners, pursuant to Section 7-38-18, NMSA 1978, as follows:

1. All property subject to valuation for property tax purposes not valued by the Assessor in 2009 for property tax purposes must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010, unless it is not subject to valuation for property tax purposes in 2010. The report must contain the required information and be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office, Section 7-38-8, NMSA 1978.

2. If you have made improvements to real property during 2009 and the improvements cost more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the improvements must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. The information required on the form may be obtained from the Assessor's office, Section 7-38-8 (C), NMSA 1978.

3. All real property owned by any non-governmental entity and claimed to be exempt from property taxation under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of Subsection 7-38-8 of NMSA 1978 shall be reported for valuation purposes to the appropriate valuation authority in order to determine its eligibility status or ownership of the property has changed. The change shall be reported no later than the last day of February 2010, Section 7-38-8.1, NMSA 1978.

4. If you own property that has decreased in value during 2009, and that property is subject to valuation for property tax purposes, you must report the decrease in value to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2010. The report must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office, Section 7-38-13, NMSA 1978.

5. If you believe that your real property is entitled to head-of-family exemption, veteran exemption or disabled veteran exemption from property taxation, you must apply to the Assessor for exempt status no later than the mailing of the County Assessor's notice of valuation in order to be entitled to the exemption from 2010.

6. Exemptions: If an exemption was in effect for 2009 and the basis of the exemption is unchanged from that year, application for exempt status or use not be made for 2010. If you have previously been granted an exemption and now have a change in

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The following units of AA Storage Inc., 2247 Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88341 are past due. If payment not received within 15 days of the 2nd publication of this notice, storage contents will be sold by auction.

Auction Date: February 12, 2010
Auction Time: 11 am - 3 pm

Unit #A-12, Michael Gowling, P.O. Box 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Misc household items.

Unit #A-16 & A-17, P.O. Box 1836, San Carlos, AZ 85550. Misc household items.

Unit #D-9, Jerus Pesa, 10 Wendy Point, Mesclero, NM 88340. Misc household items.

Unit #F-18, Jason Howell, 2814 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Washer & dryer, tools, misc household.

Unit #F-0, Steven Rachee, 515 Hwy 20 East, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Misc household.

Unit #G-13, John Rankin, Ruidoso, NM 88355. Misc household items.

RESOLUTION #11-2010

UPPER HONDO CONSERVATION DISTRICT

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-15, NMSA 1978, states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, committee, or other body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution or formal action occurs shall be given seven days before the meeting to parties who have requested notice in writing;

NOW IT IS RESOLVED that the Upper Hondo SWCD be held on this 5th day of January, 2010 that:

1. Regular meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD shall be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the District Office located at 516 Lakewood Blvd (Hwy 380 West-USFS Complex), Ruidoso, NM. The agenda will be available at the office. Parties will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.

2. Special meetings of the Upper Hondo SWCD may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice in writing will be notified by telephone.

3. Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three hours notice. Parties will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.

4. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, the Upper Hondo SWCD may close

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A meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion of action is included in Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, the meeting shall be open to the public by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors at a meeting held for the purpose of the closure shall be stated in the minutes of the meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in an open meeting. The vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted closed prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and (2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the general public.

Attest:
Preston Stone
District Manager
Date: 1/5/10

This resolution was adopted and second by Jim Cooper, District Manager, and Stan Thomas, District Supervisor, on 1/5/10.

Attest:
Brenda Addison
Date: 1/5/10

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

"One (1) Standard 1/2 Ton Pick-up Truck"

DUE: Tuesday, January 19, 2010

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Office is located at 214 Lakeshore Drive, in the Village of Ruidoso, NM. Bids may be obtained by calling David Edington at (575) 336-3333.

All bids submitted must be marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Bid Title, Bid Number, Date and Time. The bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope and the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number. Bid should be sent or hand-delivered to Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, P.O. Box 750 (214 Lakeshore Drive), Alto, New Mexico 88312 by 3:00 PM Local Time, Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Bids received after that date and time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Office will review the bids and will make the final determination during a regular meeting on January 28, 2010 at the District Office, board room.

David Edington
District Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 3:00 PM in the Hotel Santa Fe, Kiva A Conference Room. Regents will act upon the agenda for the meeting and may meet in the executive session. Agendas for meetings are available at the President's Office located in the ENMU-Portales campus Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

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Construction Laborer looking for work ANY Kind of Labor. 491-0950

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Rooms for Rent 304

Room for rent good location, no pets, deposit \$365. No. 575-378-4484

Upper Canyon, Gable, micro, fridge, \$425/mo. includes util. No smoking. Dep. 575-430-7877

Warm room for rent. Male or Female, full kitchen, W/D, plenty of wood for winter. Centrally loc. 575-420-2937

Mobile Home Rental 308

109 Sky Lane, 2 bd, 2 1/2 ba, carpet, full kitchen, clean, good cond. \$700/mo. Ref. ref. 937-8301

2 bd, \$450/mo. \$350/dp & util. No pets. 575-378-4824

3 bd, 2 ba in Ruidoso Downs \$550/mo. \$300 dep. 575-937-1081

6th MONTH FREE. 1 bd, 1 1/2 ba, full kitchen, centrally located. Ref ref. 257-0872

2 bd, 2 ba, 2 bd, 2 ba; 2 1/2 ba, 2 ba, 2 ba; mobile homes, water, gas, & sewer. Call Sandy Owner/Agent, at All, or 937-4656

Capitan 114 East 2nd. 1 1/2 ba, clean modern W/D, Avail. 973-1743

For Rent in Capitan 2bd/1ba Single wide w/ laundry hook up, dishwasher & central air. \$318 Second. Call Sandy Owner/Agent, at All, or 937-4656

For rent in Capitan 3bd/2ba, dbl. wide, w/ living, dining & family room w/ fireplace. \$595/mo. Call Sandy Owner/Agent, at All, or 937-4656

For rent 2 bd Mobile. \$500/mo. \$300 dep. 575-337-0001

Located in Scenic Capitan, 3 bd, 2 bath, 14 x 8 ft. own & country model, very clean w/ decks, storage, security night light and good access. \$495/mo. \$600/dep, references required, 575-544-1028

mobile home for rent 3bd/2ba \$650+200 dep behind EMNU 808-0125

Mobile Home Rental 308

Parks/Spaces/Sites-Rent 310

RV Trailer lots for rent. Centrally located, \$225/mo. w/dep. Ref ref. 257-0872

Unfurn. Apts. - General 328

1 bd, 1 ba, \$450/mo. \$300/dep. You pay gas & electric. Ruidoso Downs. 937-1081

Studio & Barn on quiet Horse Farm. Private entrance, full kitchen, pet friendly. No smoking. \$375/mo. 378-8163

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Convenient locations. Efficiencies - 1 or 2 bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished units. Weekly, monthly or long-term. Bills paid. No Pets. 575-937-8905

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1 & 2 BR Furnished & Unfurnished Condos. Utilities Included. 257-2511

Townhouses/Condominiums 342

2 bd, 1.5 ba. Condo in Great area. Front porch \$725/mo. Call Sandy Owner/Agent, at All, or 937-4656

2 bd, 2.5 ba, fp. Good location, new carpet, backyard. \$700/mo. 937-6801

3 Units, 2 bd, 2 ba, unfurn. \$600. \$675/mo. Call THE WOODLANDS at 258-1161

Beautiful 2 bd, 2 ba furn. Condo. Completely renovated. Call Sandy Owner/Agent, at All, or 937-4656

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RENT ME!

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Furnished Houses 350

COTTAGE CENTRAL 616 Sudderth

Studio Cabin \$550 month All utilities pd. 575-257-2570

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101 River in Ruidoso Downs 3 bd, 2 ba, full furn. on river \$700/mo. \$500 dep. 378-8217

2 bd, 1 ba, \$700/mo. + bills. 2 bd, 2 ba, spacious deck & garage. \$800 + bills. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

2 bd \$350, mo +300, dep & bills - no pets location Canyon RD, Ruidoso Downs call 378-1287 or 378-4824

2 bedroom, 1 1/2 ba, 1/2 fireplace, kitchen living room, private fenced yard, nice area, nice neighborhood, \$300 deposit, no pets, \$595/month, no utilities paid, cable is included, for more information call 565-974-7304

2 newer Santa Fe style home in Alto, 2 bdr, 1 1/2 movie rm, wet bar, Easy Access! \$1700-2,000. 937-4461

Unfurn. Home - General 352

711 MAIN ROAD Lease or Lease/Purchase. 4 bd, 3 ba, Jacuzzi. Commercial zoning in Upper Canyon. Furn. Or unfurn. Long term only. \$1,150/mo. \$1,000/dep. Water & cable included. Owner/Agent Scott Roser 808-1297

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homes 400-502

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Townhouses/Condominiums 408

Spacious 3 bd, 3 full ba. Condo. \$118,900. MLS #105610. Owner Agent. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

Homes - General 412

4 bd, 2 ba. U finish kitchen & carpet, then will be completely remodeled. Near midtown. 257-0011

1 bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar., Lots of House for the money. Owner financing. \$157,000. MLS #104321. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600.

4 bd, 3 ba. Outstanding Sierra Blanca views. 1900 sq ft. Great & storage. \$219,000. Owner/Agent, Dan Bolin, AMOR Realty, 937-0600

Newly remodeled 1 bd, 1 ba near midtown. Room for second bedroom and laundry room. \$85,000. MLS #104321. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

Price Reduced! Custom home with in-law quarters. 4.25 acres. Lots of parking. Near midtown. \$212,900. MLS #104190. Dan Bolin, AMOR Realty, 937-0600.

Two homes side by side in Ruidoso. Well suited for family type setting. Terrific views. 3.5 acres. 3 bd, 2 ba. Starting at \$155,000. A Mountain Retreat. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

Land/Acreage 442

1.3 acres near Nat'l Forest, close to town. RV's allowed. \$35,000. AMOR Realty, Owner/Agent, MLS #105322. Dan Bolin, owner Financing, 937-0600

Beautiful Alto lot. Full eastern view, 1/2 acre. \$39,500. MLS #106160. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600.

Large lot RRVE. Closing costs down. Easy to build. 104097. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600.

Loma Grande area. 4.25 acres. Year round springs. 575-937-5232

Must Sell - Make Offer. 1+ acre in Upper Canyon. \$15,000. Call 937-0600

Owner Financing, closing cost down. Flat lot with all utilities. \$50,000. MLS #104476. AMOR Realty, Dan Bolin, 937-0600

Two lots all util. installed. Level access. Dirt work complete. Ready to build. \$25K each. Quick sale wanted. Dan Bolin, AMOR Realty, 937-0600

Mobile Homes/Mfg. Housing 500

1500 sq. ft. 2 Master Bedrooms, Carport & workshop. Flat lot w/yard. \$79,000. AMOR Realty, Owner Agent, Dan Bolin, 937-0600.

Well built manufactured home w/privacy & outstanding views. In town w/ paved access. 3 bd, 2 ba. Possible Owner Financing. \$159,000. A Mountain Retreat. Dan Bolin, AMOR Realty, 937-0600

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goods & services 600-668 & 2550-4137

Want To Buy 600

Looking to buy Sofa love seat recliner and med coffee table or sectional recliner, for under \$300.00. If you are interested in selling call 808-8068 Single Mom needs Furniture.

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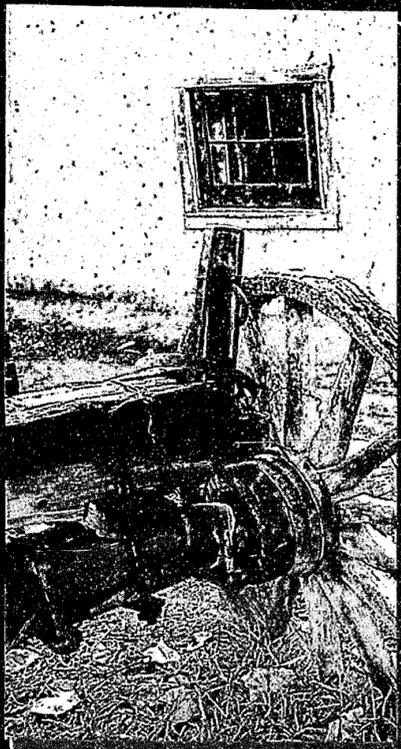
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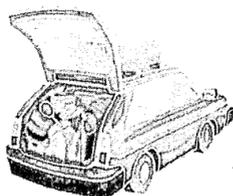
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