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## Hammons anticipates 2nd term

*Capitan's mayor wants to see projects to completion*

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Elections are over and the Legislature has gone home. The Village of Capitan, like many others, is now in the waiting room anticipating the possibility of building a budget around significantly less money.

"I think the next four years is pretty much going to be about survival," said Capitan's re-elected mayor Sam Hammons. "We don't know yet, but it looks like our Small Cities Assistance tax could be cut as much as 40 percent. Even a 30 percent cut would be \$70,000 less in our budget. That's a significant amount for us to try to do without."

Hammons, in the first days of his second term in mayor's office, is looking at what options Capitan may have.

"We are headed into our budget hearings and it makes it pretty hard to know where we stand, not knowing whether the governor is going to sign this or not," he said. "So we have to plan on the worst case scenario and go from there."

In the early days before the election, Hammons

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## Census distribution iffy

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Some Lincoln County residents are finding census questionnaires under rocks at their driveway entrances and under mats at their doors, says County Manager Tom Stewart.

He notified county commissioners Monday that he complained to census officials about the haphazard drops, which often are hard to find after a snow storm.

"The Census estimates that for every uncounted resident the community loses \$1,000 per resident in state and federal benefits per year times 10 years to the next census, a \$10,000 loss per citizen," Stewart said. "Urge everyone to please fill out and return the questionnaire. If there are questions about the census questionnaire, there is a toll

free number 1-800-923-8282.

"Assistance centers will eventually be set up at the Corona Senior Citizen Center, Ruidoso Downs Income Support Division, Ruidoso Public Library, Capitan Library. The only one currently staffed is the Ruidoso Public Library.

Officials with the Census Bureau reminded residents this week that staff will be conducting both the Decennial 2010 Census and ongoing survey operations at the same time.

As part of that effort, Denver Regional Census Center officials wanted to notify residents throughout its region that workers from all surveys are authorized by the Census Bureau, and that there are ways to identify the workforce from other individuals conducting unauthorized activities.

Though enumerators for the

Decennial Census' operations are currently in rural communities, other Census survey work continues to happen. Field representatives collect information for Census Bureau ongoing surveys that the public regularly uses. These include unemployment rates, use of government programs, changes in cost of living, crime victimization, healthcare access and quality of health information.

Households chosen for any Census survey will usually be notified first through mail in a letter describing the survey and its purpose. All census staff members coming to homes can be identified by their official Census badge, will not ask for payment to participate and do not require access to a home.

If a resident is still in doubt, they are urged to go online to

www.census.gov and click on the "Are You In a Survey" tab. They can also call 1-800-852-6159 in regards to a 2010 Census survey question.

"Both the Decennial Census and our ongoing surveys provide crucial data for our communities," said Cathy L. Lacy, Director of the Denver Regional Census Center. "We strongly encourage all residents to cooperate with Census workers on the 2010 Census and with ongoing surveys so that the Census Bureau can provide the most complete picture possible of what our cities, towns and neighborhoods need."

If a resident doesn't return their form, they will receive a follow up visit by an enumerator who will try to collect the data in person.

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## Camp Sierra Blanca off limits for Corrections Department, for now

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A lack of money guarantees that for at least one or two years Camp Sierra Blanca will not be used by the New Mexico Corrections Department, Secretary Joe Williams assured Lincoln County commissioners.

He seemed receptive to coordinating with other agencies for its temporary or possibly long-term use.

Williams was in Carrizozo Tuesday at the invitation of commissioners, who previously wrote him that because of the changing character of the area northeast of Ruidoso from rural to high-dollar residential with an emphasis on historic preservation and recreation, a prison of any type no longer is

appropriate.

Although the camp is envisioned as a halfway house for female prisoners to reenter society, "We have no plans to operate there this year or next year or the immediate future," Williams said. "We have no budget." Because the camp is small and would handle about 100 inmates, it also would be more expensive per person than larger facilities, he said.

He reminded commissioners that the camp and nearby Fort Stanton have a long history with corrections for adults and juveniles beginning in 1964 when it first was opened for young offenders. In 1975, adult male minimum security inmates

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## Forestry Department clarifies rules

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Many Ruidoso property owners think they aren't being charged for not bringing their land into compliance with village forestry management rules, because they haven't received a letter setting a deadline.

If they don't live within one of the half-dozen targeted areas for enforcement, they have assumed they weren't being penalized for noncompliance. They were wrong.

Technically, any property that hasn't been inspected and certified as being in compliance is being charged an \$8 fee on the village's monthly utility bill.

But that charge can be reduced by calling Kathy Richardson at the village Forestry Department, 257-5544.

Village Forester Dick Cook said once a lot is certi-

fied as being in compliance, the charge per month for forest management will drop to \$3.

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"Whether its in one of the target areas or not, they are getting charged the higher rate, if they are not in compliance," Cook said. "If they want the lower rate, contact forestry and we'll come out and look at the property and tell you what is needed to get into compliance. As soon as the land meets the ordinance standards, we'll issue a certificate of compliance good for five years."

This authorization for the two rates was added to the code in December 2007.

The village contains more than 13,500 parcels. Enforcement initially was targeted for the heavily-forested areas where a fire could sweep into the village

with the predominant winds coming from the southwest.

But that didn't relieve other land owners from complying, Cook said.

The goal is to see all land is compliance. Some of the specific rules aim to remove lower limbs to eliminate "ladder fuel" that could take a fire into the crowns of trees, to remove accumulated pine needles and underbrush, to create more space between trees, to create a distance between trees and homes and to encourage fire resistant materials in new home construction.

"This year, we have some unobligated cost-share money," Cook said. "So if you do it this year, there's a possibility you can get some financial help, if (the land location and owner) qualify."

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# HEAL's Heroes with Heart announced

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) announced the 2010 Lincoln County Heroes with Heart at their inaugural Award Gala held on Valentine's Day at Mountain Annie's. The Master of Ceremony was Perry Champion.

"Heroes with Heart" awards celebrate local heroes who perform extraordinary acts of kindness, philanthropy and significantly impact the lives of others in a positive way. Acts of heroism and heart must have occurred in Lincoln County, on neighboring Mescalero Apache Reservation or involved a Lincoln County citizen.

Governor Bill Richardson proclaimed February 14th as "Lincoln County Heroes with Heart Day." First Lady Barbara Richardson served as the Honorary Chairperson of the Selection Committee and personally wrote each award recipient a letter of congratulations.

Alice Warder Seely, local jeweler and owner of the Hondo Iris Farm, donated the design and creation of the Heroes award medals.

The 2010 Heroes with

Heart are:



• *New Horizons Developmental Center* has been home to many developmentally disabled adults for 32 years. The folks who work there are not just "staff" but teachers, coaches and a lot of times, family to the residents who live there. These employees often show up unscheduled to assist when they know there is a shortage of staff. Others show up on their time off for resident birthdays, holidays, surgeries and funerals. Some staff offers sewing and mending for the residents, others crochet or knit blankets, while others help with room decorating such as curtains. These acts of kindness are above and beyond the call of duty. These heroes were nominated by Fran Altieri, Executive Director of the Center.

about. They truly care about the people in their community and are willing to travel far away to support people from their congregation in their hour of need.

The Wideners are concerned about domestic violence - they teach a class on Friday nights about domestic abuse and have been active helping residents at the Nest, including participating in the shelter's internal Faith Hour. They have established a Boot Camp program that provides a place for people to stay while they get back on their feet, and a thrift shop that earns money to help with paying utility bills for those in desperate need. Randy and Vickie are heroes, everyday people doing what they are called to do and more.

These heroes were nominated by Cynthia Finger, Darla Lathan and Sue McCasland.



• *Pastor Randy and wife Vickie Widener of First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs* do in real life what some people just talk

about. They separate food that is out of date, marking labels and stocking the shelves of either the Food Bank or their storage facility.

The volunteers have also helped the Race Track and the residents of the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. These heroes were nominated by Denise Dean, Treasurer of the Lincoln County Food Bank.



• There aren't many of us in Lincoln County whose lives have not been positively impacted by the wisdom, vision and heart of *Dr. Jim Miller*. Chosen by ENMU-Portales to establish an Instructional Center in Ruidoso, Jim came with the legacy and gift for building and mentoring communities and the people who live there. He is the also co-founder of Leadership Lincoln and established the ever-popular E-Waste Recycling Program. Since retiring as Provost of ENMU-Ruidoso, he has become involved in xeriscaping, grant-writing, recycling programs and the New Clean Energy Initiative. Dr. Miller has the authentic heart of a leader, a visionary, a mentor, a friend and a man of faith. This hero was nominated by Joan Zagone.

• *The volunteers of the Lincoln County Food Bank* are an exceptional group of people who love their community and wants to make sure no one goes hungry.

The volunteers not only staff the food bank, located at the Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, but they also pick up donated food at different designated drop locations, grocery stores and from special food dri-



• *Victor Montes* is the director of the Community Youth Center Warehouse, a safe and fun place for youth.

After serving our country in the Marines for 10 years, he worked intensive surveillance with gangs, thus starting a life-long passion of helping kids. While working in juvenile corrections, Victor was called to Camp Sierra Blanca to work with troubled youth and it was there that he helped those troubled teens change their lives by giving them love, discipline and hope. He taught them to love and respect themselves. He also currently serves as the Youth Involvement Chair for Lincoln County Relay for Life, involving the youth of our community in raising money for cancer research.

This hero was nominated by Gordon & Grace Snidow.



• *Kairos Outside* is a prison ministry program

located in Lincoln County. Twice a year, it offers a free weekend of ministering those benefits up to 25 female family members and loved ones of incarcerated individuals. The program has over 40 volunteers, each of whom must complete 96-hour training, and together they must raise the \$10,000 needed for each weekend. These volunteers provide transportation and babysitting during the weekend event, as well. In 11 years, Kairos Outside has served 220 guests. These heroes were nominated by Lucy Rickman and support letters sent in by three participants in the Kairos Outside program.



• *Dr. Birgit LaMothe* is founder and chairperson of the New Mexico Organization Against Trafficking Humans (OATH). While flying to Thailand, a seat mate told her about human trafficking. Dr. LaMothe had never heard of such a thing, and certainly not in America! This revelation

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GREEN ZONE (R) 11:30 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND - 3D (PG) 11:30 1:55 4:20 7:00 9:25  
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 11:30 6:05  
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 2:25 8:00

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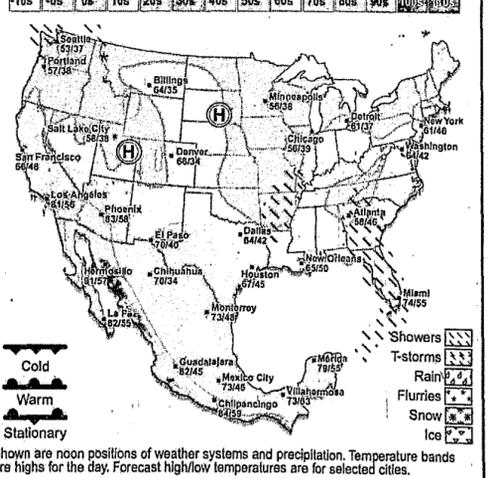
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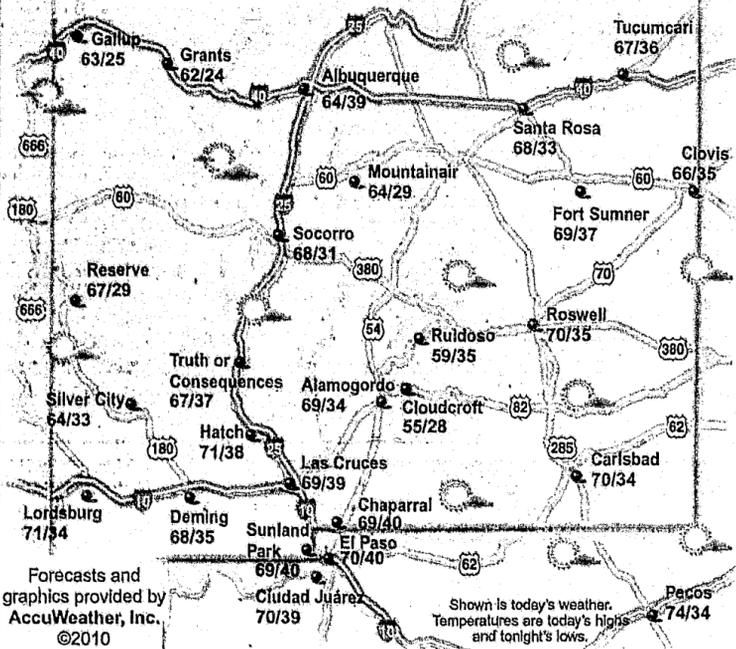
AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 69° Humidity 36% Mostly sunny Wind: N 4-8 mph	RealFeel 61° Humidity 30% A full day of sunshine Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 45° Humidity 37% Partly sunny and windy Wind: WSW 25-35 mph	RealFeel 45° Humidity 44% Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: NNE 8-16 mph	RealFeel 50° Humidity 49% Sunny Wind: NNE 7-14 mph	RealFeel 54° Humidity 30% Bright sunshine Wind: WSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 63° Humidity 26% Brilliant sunshine Wind: WSW 6-12 mph

National Forecast for March 17, 2010



Regional Cities



Almanac

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 37°/28°  
Normal high ..... 58°  
Normal low ..... 25°  
Record high ..... 71° (1966)  
Record low ..... -5° (1962)

Precipitation:  
Monday ..... 0.14"  
Month to date ..... 0.75"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.55"  
Year to date ..... 2.48"  
Normal year to date ..... 3.03"

Pollen:  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... High  
Weeds ..... Absent  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Ash Tree

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

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 58°/36°  
Normal high ..... 67°  
Normal low ..... 39°  
Record high ..... 82° (2007)  
Record low ..... 14° (1962)

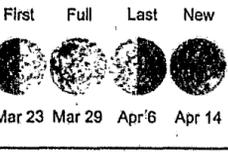
Precipitation:  
Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.07"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.30"  
Year to date ..... 1.54"  
Normal year to date ..... 1.60"

Weather Trivia:  
Q: Where is most of the world's ice stored?  
A: 90 percent is stored in the Antarctic ice cap.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:11 a.m./7:12 p.m.  
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:46 a.m./8:15 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 87° in Santa Ana, CA  
Low: -5° in Bodie State Park, CA

Monday's World High/Low:  
High: 113° in Kosti, Sudan  
Low: -38° in Ostrovnoye, Russia

National Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	66/37/s	68/49/s
Anchorage	35/24/s	38/34/pc
Atlanta	58/46/pc	64/45/c
Austin	67/40/s	71/42/s
Baltimore	62/38/s	65/42/s
Boston	57/41/s	59/42/s
Chicago	56/39/s	60/41/s
Dallas	64/42/pc	66/48/s
Denver	66/34/pc	67/28/c
Des Moines	56/39/pc	62/40/pc
Detroit	61/37/s	58/43/s
El Paso	70/40/s	75/49/s
Las Vegas	78/51/pc	79/55/s
Los Angeles	81/56/pc	76/54/s
Minneapolis	56/38/s	53/35/pc
New Orleans	65/50/pc	64/49/s
New York City	61/46/s	62/47/s
Philadelphia	63/40/s	66/42/s
Phoenix	83/58/s	82/57/s
Reno	68/39/pc	60/33/pc
San Francisco	66/48/pc	66/49/s
San Diego	74/55/s	68/55/s
Seattle	53/37/sh	56/38/s
Tucson	82/51/s	82/50/s
Tulsa, OK	57/36/pc	67/44/s
Wash., DC	64/42/s	65/47/s
Wichita	56/33/s	65/42/s
Yuma	88/57/s	88/57/s

Regional Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Albuquerque	64/39/pc	65/41/pc
Artesia	70/35/s	69/44/s
Chama	59/22/pc	55/29/c
Clayton	62/32/s	67/40/pc
Cloudcroft	55/28/s	57/27/s
Farmington	60/34/pc	64/40/c
Hobbs	70/35/s	68/37/s
Los Alamos	58/31/pc	57/31/c
Portales	68/35/s	66/38/s
Raton	62/26/pc	65/30/pc
Red River	53/21/pc	51/26/c
Ruidoso	59/35/s	59/38/s
Santa Fe	61/32/pc	61/34/c
Silver City	64/33/s	67/39/s
Taos	58/25/pc	57/30/c

Mexican Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/70/pc	88/70/s
Cancun	75/54/r	79/54/s
Chihuahua	70/34/s	79/39/s
Ciudad Juárez	70/39/s	75/48/s
León	77/46/c	80/45/pc
México, DF	73/46/c	75/48/pc
Morelia	77/48/s	77/52/s
Monterrey	80/52/pc	79/50/pc
Oaxaca	73/50/c	79/50/pc
Pto. Peñasco	81/54/s	80/53/s
Tijuana	79/52/s	70/52/pc

renewed her vigor. Now, at the age of 92, her unstoppable energy has mobilized our local and regional communities to address the misperceptions and hidden realities of modern-day slavery.

OATH is a not-for-profit organization that is well respected throughout the state and southwest. This hero was nominated by Steve Duffy & Dr. Susan Weir-Ancker.



• **Barbara Mader** has worked tirelessly over the years on various boards, through her church and through High Mesa Healing Center, a business she founded in Alto. She hosted the first-ever staff retreat for the Nest employees that included team-building and stress-relieving activities. Traditionally trained as a registered nurse, she now teaches energy medicine and alternative healing techniques. One of Barbara's biggest contributions to Lincoln County is Peace Village, a week long day camp for kids that teaches non-violent conflict resolution, music, art, meditation and peaceful self-empowerment tools. She involves age-group leaders of high school and college ages who serve as mentors for their peers. She also speaks on several holistic health topics around our community. This hero was nominated by Kate Winner.



• **Phillis Barnett** has a

deep compassion for those less fortunate, whether two or four-legged. In a small community like Lincoln County, where needs are vast and resources few, Phillis has generously donated her time and support to numerous organizations, including HEAL and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. She is kind, sensitive and respectful to those in need, never judging their station in life, but rather offering them love and hope.

She has served as president of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Ruidoso Rotarians, as vice-president of Ruidoso's Planning & Zoning Commission and as the board chair of Leadership Lincoln.

This hero was nominated by Todd Russell and Joan Zagone.



• **Andrea Reed** is the coordinator of the Dance Gallery and is dedicated to promoting wellness in our small community. Her passion for physical, mental, educational and environmental health is unsurpassed.

Serving on the Lincoln County Community Health Council for two years has allowed Andrea to network with other stakeholders who care about the overall health and wellbeing of our residents. She is an active member of the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault subcommittee of the Council where she helps create awareness and fosters prevention.

Andrea is an advocate for peace and nonviolent conflict resolution. She is an avid supporter of ENMU-Ruidoso and attends local government meetings on a regular basis. She is also a past participant of Leadership Lincoln. This hero was nominated by twin sister Angie Fernandez.



• After teacher **Yvonne Sanchez** discussed the recent ENMU Empty Bowl Event with her 2nd grade class at Hondo Elementary School, the 10 young students mobilized! On the suggestion of 8-year-old Arturo Leyra, the children decided to begin collecting pennies, nickels and dimes to fill the hand-made bowl their teacher showed them - all to help the children who live at the Nest. Slowly but surely, the bowl began to fill with shiny coins. By the time they were done filling that beautiful pottery bowl, over and over again, these amazing kids had saved over \$60! One of the students, Omar Hernandez, made a very special ornament and it was placed at the top of our Christmas tree in the shelter.

This inspired teacher inspired these fabulous children to show their servant's heart by taking care of other children in their community. These heroes were nominated by the children at the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter. The Student Heroes are Berenice Almanza, Jorge Ceniceros, Kevin Chacon, Dwaine Chavez, Yosseline Guillen, Omar Hernandez, Arturo Leyra, Fernando Martinez, Eli Ontiveros, Trevor Stokes and Madison Valdes.



• Local resident **Kevin Flaherty** wouldn't be with us if it weren't for three New Mexico Department of Transportation employees, **Art Gottlieb, Larry Velasquez and John McElroy**. The three were coming back from the monthly Transportation Commission meeting in Las Cruces when they came upon the accident in August at around 7 p.m. Art was first on the scene

and flagged down his colleagues for help. Flaherty had fallen asleep at the wheel after a particularly tiring week. He crossed the median, ran off of the road, became airborne and landed on the railroad tracks below. Our three heroes pulled Kevin from his truck just seconds before the train smashed into his vehicle. These men aren't from Lincoln County but we certainly consider them our Heroes with Heart for saving one of our hometown boys! These heroes were nominated by Kevin Flaherty.



• **Mountain Annie** is HEAL's inaugural Business with Heart. It is run by the Strathmann Family. Phyllis Strathmann, nicknamed Mountain Annie by her father many years ago because of her love of Ruidoso, along with her husband Jim, began a dinner show at Mountain Annies in 2002.

Performances at Mountain Annies include classic to contemporary variety music, western cowboy music and swing dances, European old-country folk shows, classical brass and 50s-on rock and roll.

In addition to the various dinner shows, Mountain Annies has a long-standing dedication to the many charities of Lincoln County that serve those in need.

For further information on the HEAL Heroes with Heart awards, the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter at 575-378-6378.

**Alto Lakes meets**

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will conduct a regular meeting at 9 a.m., Thursday, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

**E-waste cancelled**

Continuing poor market conditions in the electronic waste reprocessing industry have forced postponement of what has become an annual Lincoln County event - electronic waste recycling at the Sierra Mall in Ruidoso each April.

If market conditions improve, the Greentree Solid Waste Authority and its event partners - Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste, Keep Ruidoso Beautiful and the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce will resume the event on Saturday November 6th in the IGA parking lot at Ruidoso's Sierra Mall.

If local residents and businesses need to properly dispose of discarded electronics prior to the next scheduled event in November, e-waste may be taken to the Greentree SWA yard at 222 2nd street in Ruidoso Downs where it can be disposed of at a modest cost. For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at

378-4697 or toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com.

**Lincoln board**

The Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will conduct a regular scheduled meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, in the old Community Church in the settlement of Lincoln.

The agenda includes a request for a sign approval at Dolan's Outpost, an alteration approval of walkways at Dolan House, enclosing of non compliant recreational vehicle.

Old business includes ideas for preventing further damage to historic structures and Salazar property non compliance of a new modular home.

**Correction**

The phone number supplied to the Ruidoso News for last Friday's story on the Humane Society quilt was incorrect.

The correct number is 257-9841.

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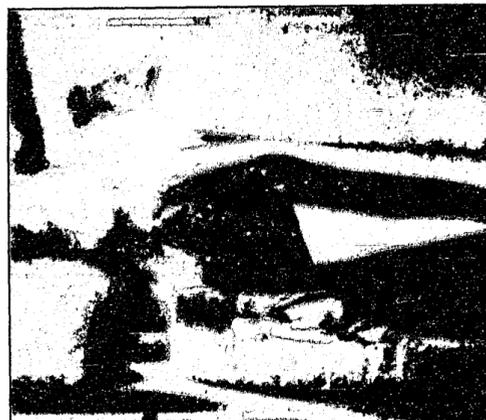
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# OPINION

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### OUR OPINION

## Mixed signals on the local economy

Bucking the national headwinds is a challenge

The economy is big news these days, whether it's viewed through the prism of energy, real estate, sports, labor statistics, health care, the national debt, budget shortfalls, even foreign policy.

Locally, we're getting mixed signals. Unemployment in Lincoln County is up – though not to levels seen elsewhere. Horse racing, a cornerstone of our economic structure, is hurting nationally, and the local track is threatening to move.

The real estate market is flat at best, and venerable Ruidoso Office Supply, which has had a Ruidoso presence

for 28 years, is closing in April. Measured against a statistical decrease in Ruidoso voter registration and school enrollment, the anecdotal evidence makes us uneasy.

And yet – look around this week. The white license plates are back, forming long lines of traffic. Ski Apache is fielding capacity crowds. Midtown is packed with vehicles and shoppers, and parking lots elsewhere are full.

What this might indicate is that, as national economic headwinds bear down on us, Ruidoso and Lincoln County remain a great place to visit and do business. Be hopeful.

## Glass is half-full on tax measures

Must be a lot of sore backs out there, what with the Legislature balancing the budget on the backs of working people, or on the backs of poor people, or on the backs of people who eat tortillas.

The Left and the Right both found much to dislike in the compromise, so maybe it's not too bad, after all. Let's take a look in the glass half-full.

Consider what didn't happen. Don't like that one-eighth-cent increase in the gross receipts tax? It started out at a half-cent. Bumped at the "tortilla tax"? It could have been a tax on all food items, if a few parties had prevailed. And it's up to local governments if they want to make that move – a clever passing of the hot (untaxed) potato.

Smokers just weren't going to walk away without a new tax, but drinkers were spared a similar tax, to the disappointment of some crusaders.

Republicans wailed about new taxes, of course, but failed to notice that the threatened rollback of previous tax cuts didn't materialize. Neither did an effort to soak the rich through a 1.5 percent surtax on higher personal incomes. Eight Democrats joined Republicans to kill this one – which produced a corresponding wail from progressives that because lawmakers were "reluctant to restore income-tax rates they'd grandly reduced on behalf of the rich, they pounced on the poor," in the words of the *Santa Fe New Mexican*.

The tax on out-of-state corporations, also sought by progressives, was stillborn. There will, however, be a lesser hit for those who itemize deductions and can no longer deduct state and local income and sales taxes on state returns.

Beverly McClure, president of the statewide Association of Commerce and Industry, in-between griping that the Legislature tried to balance the budget on the backs of the private sector, had to admit, "In some sense, our message was

heard. In some sense they met us half-way."

Another cause to cheer: The worst idea of the regular session died quietly. Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez, a Belen Democrat, thought we could plug the deficit by borrowing \$500 million against the state's Permanent Funds.

We heard a lot about "cutting the fat" in state government. State spending is down by \$700 million since 2009, according to the Department of Finance.

Nearly every state program including Medicaid, which provides health care to 300,000 New Mexico children, suffered cuts at a time when 27,000 people lost their jobs and increased the demand on services.

Factor in that education takes a large chunk of the budget and that New Mexico ranks 4th in children living in poverty, and I suspect there isn't as much fat as we're led to believe.

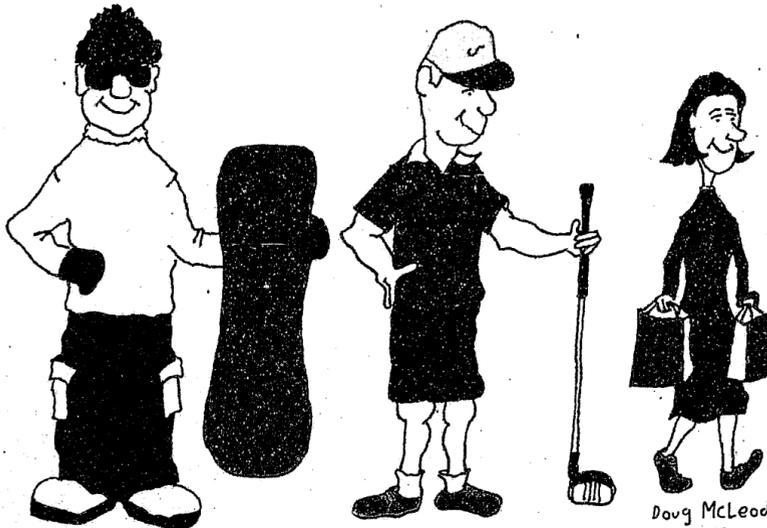
Viewed from another direction, maybe you think the reduction in education budgets (1.2 percent for public schools, 3.5 percent for higher education) and 3 percent for state agencies is lamentable, but the Senate originally proposed 3 percent cuts for all government sectors.

Yes, we can still govern smarter and more efficiently. One disappointment is that the governor convened a money-saving task force at the 11th hour that tossed out a few ideas and went home. This effort deserves to be taken seriously.

Budget projections are still a big question mark. More than a few, including Senate President Tim Jennings, a Roswell Democrat, think the assumed 6 percent increase in revenues is absurdly optimistic. Lawmakers addressed that by giving the current and future governors the authority to cut budgets if revenues fall short in the next fiscal year. It's another passing of a hot potato during an election year, but it could work.

In the next year, we should answer the big questions: What do we expect from government and how do we pay for it?

Spring Break is here. Let's put a smile on their faces.



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### YOUR OPINION

## Lobbying article misleading

To the editor:

THE RUIDOSO VALLEY Chamber of Commerce wishes to respond to the article "More Funds for Track Lobby" printed on March 12 in the *Ruidoso News*.

We feel that the headline to the story was misleading in that no new funding was either sought or received by the Chamber for its lobbying efforts.

As the article stated, the request was actually for payment of the \$10,000 previously

approved in November '09. The funds that were requested in November were not to "promote [a] GRT hike" (at the time, no GRT hike had even been proposed;) but the funds were to be used to hire a lobbyist to assist with the development and implementation of a strategy to keep the Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino in Lincoln County.

We do support the right of our citizens to vote on any GRT increase, but we must make it clear that none of the \$10,000

(discussed in the March 12 article) from the lodgers tax committee has been, or will be, used to promote a position on any future Business Retention Tax election.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has been very careful about our position as we represent over 525 businesses with a vested interest in the health of our local economy.

Sandi Aguilar  
Executive Director  
Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce

## Open letter to the Ruidoso School Board

To the editor:

I THANK THOSE of you on the School Board that have responded to my inquiry and outrage regarding the abrupt departure of Mr. [David] Bishop, former Principal at SVP. It is very difficult for me as a parent of two first graders to see them so upset over the loss of their principal.

I have no answers when they ask: "Why did he leave us?", and "What did we do wrong to make him leave?"

After reading your nearly identical responses, I must commend your attentiveness to the legal ramifications of what you write. Therefore, I will not belabor the issue with you as not to label myself officious. After 16 years as a banker in Chicago with Citibank and JPMorgan, armed with an MBA from Northwestern University, I am all too aware of what happens behind closed doors.

I am also acutely aware of the personal and community-wide devastation that ensues when contracts are not renewed for "unknown" reasons, and have learned first-hand the potential

for suffocation – of a person, an organization, a community, or a country – when Power's Sword is unsheathed.

Our community is at an inflection point, and, for better or worse, much of the burden is upon our leaders, our elected officials, to have the vision, courage, and wisdom to guide our development – educationally, economically, environmentally – towards a successful future. I grow more pessimistic each day – witnessing businesses close, hearing people croon as they cocoon in their boxes of ideological comfort – as enrollment drops, as good, smart, people leave this town. This is the path to self-destruction as a community, and as a society.

I have read the posted Board meeting minutes and wonder. No discussions of Pedagogical Improvement, Plato, or Pericles. As an instructor at ENMU, I discover that students graduate RHS without reading Maslow, Marx, Machiavelli, or even Sun tzu. I need to take time out of my HPE class to explain the teachings of St Augustine, just to make a point. Why? Who, in our educa-

tional system, is responsible for addressing the paucity of intellectual curiosity, critical dialogue, and the lack of, what I consider, basic historical knowledge? Knowledge that explains so much of what we do? Knowledge that will provide our children with the ammunition they need for success, in college and beyond? Knowledge that will give them the confidence and foundation from which then can grow, think critically, and then contribute to the world – in a positive way?

Sadly, I do not see this issue being addressed in any posting on any page of our Ruidoso Municipal Schools Web sites.

I also read the Board of Education's goals. It is my hope, with regards to Mr Bishop's removal, that Goals No. 1 and No. 3 will be met.

St. Augustine was so right, on so many levels, when he said: "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

Thank you for your time,  
Sarah Crewe  
Ruidoso

## Here comes the sun

To the editor:

SOMETIMES YOU JUST need a little perspective. Last month, while politicians and activists of every stripe were hunkered down in the Roundhouse, I met with two small delegations of African officials. They had come to America to learn about transparency and anti-corruption efforts in an experienced democracy.

They wanted to know how New Mexico was able to pass its freedom-of-information laws, and how we enforce them. They wanted to know whether our government retaliates against non-profit watchdogs. They wanted to know what we do if the executive branch openly flouts a high-court order to divulge information.

Seen from that perspective, we've come a long way toward bringing sunshine to government. The American people believe strongly in our right to over-

see our government, and we are shocked and dismayed when vital information is withheld. Although the government may try to regulate the activities of citizen watchdogs, we have an extremely robust, independent non-profit sector that participates in policy discussions largely without fear of overt retaliation or censorship. And though the executive branch may drag its feet and hold out as long as possible, a final court order has always been obeyed in the end.

So I'm going to celebrate National Sunshine Week by giving thanks for America's many sunshine guarantees. In New Mexico, thanks to a legion of dedicated activists, we now have some of the toughest freedom-of-information laws in the nation. We're beginning to speak up about the enormous moral, civic and economic price of government sepre-

cy and its bedfellow, corruption. "Transparency" is the new buzzword across public agencies and in non-profit and business sectors. Political candidates jockey to be the most open, pro-sunshine contender. In the Roundhouse and in city and county chambers, policymakers are embracing modern mechanisms for getting information to the people.

We still have to fight to enforce our state Inspection of Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act. It still takes months, sometimes years, to obtain government documents. It also takes money, time and a big chunk of sanity. But it's a worthy fight, and it's a fight we will win. In the end, we the people will assert our right to know. Please get out and assert that right today.

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# End of 'double-dipping' expected to save state millions

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Gov. Bill Richardson has signed a bill to end the practice of double dipping in New Mexico, which analysts say will save the state more than \$2.2 million in Fiscal Year 2011.

The new law prohibits public employees who retire and return to public employment, from collecting their pension in addition to their paycheck.

According to the Fiscal Impact

Report, Senate Bill 207, the Public Employees Returning to Work bill, sponsored by State Sen. David Ulibarri (D-Grants), will save the state \$4.1 million in three years. The bill also requires retirees who already work for the government and collect their pensions to pay the employee's PERA contribution.

"By getting rid of double dipping in New Mexico, we will save the state millions of dollars," Richardson said. "I also believe it's an important move to address

concerns of fairness and employee morale."

One of the big differences between the Senate Bill and House Bill 616 passed during the 2009 Legislative Session and then vetoed, is that under the former bill, current "retired with pension" employees were phased out over a one year period and their salaries were capped at \$30,000. The Senate bill grandfathered such workers, but they must pay the employee contribution to PERA.

Double dipping has been used all over the state, but especially in smaller communities, such as Lincoln County and the village of Ruidoso, where retention of years of experience is sought. One of the issues debated before passage was whether a special provision should be included for small employers or a "critical need."

The governor formed a task force last year to review the state's return to work rules and to analyze their costs, effectiveness and fairness. The recommenda-

tions of that task force laid the groundwork for SB 207.

Effective July 1, the new law makes the following changes to the state's return to work rules:

- Retirees who return to work cannot collect their PERA pension.

- Retirees must wait out 12 months before returning to public employment, including as an independent contractor.

- Current return to work employees shall pay the PERA employee contribution.

## HAMMONS

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had determined he wasn't going to make a bid for a return to the mayor's office, but with some changes in circumstances, he reconsidered and successfully landed the job at the polls.

"I really wanted to see some of these projects through to completion," he said.

Hammons said he couldn't help but want to protect what some of things that had begun or had been accomplished in the first four years in office.

"The wastewater treatment plant improvements, plans for a new senior center, turning the old fire station into a community recreation center, road improvements, old waterline replacement ... these are all projects in different stages of funding or work right now," he said.

Hammons believes he is much better equipped for this term in office. "I have a good rapport with the representatives and senators on both the state and federal level, and I've learned who the people are that I need to talk to do get things done or to get help for Capitan. I think our record for the last term shows we did a good job and I want to continue that another four years."

Looking back, Hammons said what surprised him most in his first term as mayor was discovering the amount of government red tape it took to get anything done. "And there is no consistency to it," he laughed. "If it is something they want to do, it flies through the system. Like the well we drilled with drought fund money.

"In no time at all, we had the go-ahead and the money and it was a done deal. But the next pro-

ject, any project that isn't on the government's agenda, takes months and months to even get past the approval or the engineering."

After spending some early years working road construction in Lincoln County and the Ruidoso area, Hammons knew it was a place he wanted to eventually live. Originally calling first Oklahoma, then Texas and later Roswell home, his goal was to have a home somewhere in Lincoln County.

In 1974, he and his wife Ellen built their home on the southeast side of Capitan and each time that work took him elsewhere, it was always Capitan he came home to.

Sam and Ellen Hammons were married in 1972. She worked at Cummings Grocery in Capitan for 18 years and then three years for the Village of Capitan in Village Hall.

The couple has five daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sam also had a son who passed away at age 40. The couple has been a member of the Capitan Methodist Church since 1972.

With an extensive background in different kinds of construction including highway and subdivision work, Hammons ultimately retired from Eddy County in 1999.

### Room for growth

Looking to the future, Hammons sees Capitan's water supply as a silver lining in a bleak financial forecast. "We have an abundance of water and priority rights," he said. "It gives Capitan room for growth and the possibility of marketing that resource."

Hammons said selling water to subdivisions that may be on the horizon was the more imminent possibility for using water

*"This town never had traffic enforcement before, and now we have good people working traffic. These men are sworn to enforce the law and I'm not going to tell them not to."*

for financial gain. "There are several landowners interested and with the right conditions and a very controlled structure to the agreements, this could be a very good thing for Capitan."

According to the mayor, Capitan has approximately 780 residential meters and 80-plus business meters currently in use. Another 70 extra-territorial water meters are also on the books.

The 2000 census listed Capitan's population at 1,443 but Hammons said, using the formula of the 40-year water plan that counts an average of three people per meter, the population now is approximately 2,400 people.

Capitan's budget workshops will begin March 23, and Hammons said each department head will offer their possibilities for cutting corners. "We can't cut wages," he said. "Our people are already underpaid. We'll just have to see what else we can do. Things are going to have to be very tight."

The Village of Capitan has 16 permanent employees on the payroll as well as temporary employees filling positions at the Smokey Bear Museum and serving as the municipal court clerk. The road department, maintaining 21 miles of village streets and roads is made up of three employees as is the water/waste water department. The police department numbers four employees.

### Open door policy

Hammons drew heated controversy in his first term for taking a strong stand on public input at

the monthly council meetings. Stating that council meetings are, by definition of the Open Meetings Act, for doing the business of the town, Hammons has maintained his requirement that public comment be restricted to agenda items only. That has not changed.

"It's not a place to come with gripes, complaints or politics," Hammons said. "And I'm just not going to allow it. It gets out of hand. I've offered, and I still offer, an open-door policy. If citizens have a complaint or a concern, they can come talk to me. If it is something that needs to go before the council, then we can put it on the agenda and proceed with it that way."

Hammons said it is always best to call and make an appointment to see him to make sure he's in his office. "But if they are here, and I am here, they are welcome to come in and talk."

The Capitan Police Department has also been a target for continued criticism from residents and outsiders alike. "The problems is," said Hammons, "this town never had traffic enforcement before, and now we have good people working traffic. These men are sworn to enforce the law and I'm not going to tell them not to. I do not micromanage any of the departments including the police department. I believe people should respect the speed limits and especially in the school zone."

Hammons said he is proud of the way Capitan has begun to "spruce up."

"The appearance of Smokey

Bear Boulevard just gets better and better and it's all been done because of a pride in the Village. From the Smokey Bear Market area, all the improvements done by Greg Russell on his properties, to the restaurants in the center and down to the end at Calamity Jane's, Capitan is taking on a look that welcomes people to town."

### Personal note

Hammons, before some problems with a knee, bicycled around the village on a daily basis, making regular trips up Indian Divide. "Both for exercise and just because I like it," he said. "I hope to get back to that."

Hammons likes to golf and fish and in fact, has a small bass-tracker boat he hopes to get out on Elephant Butte Lake soon. He is an avid reader, his first love being Western history and "anything Indian or about the Spanish conquistadors." He prefers non-fiction but confesses to enjoying the fiction of Louis L'Amour and Elmer Kelton.

His taste in music was a simple answer to the question. "Old country. Hank Williams, Pasty Cline. If you don't like Pasty Cline, you aren't patriotic," he said with a laugh.

At 76, Hammons knows this is his last dance in the mayor's seat, and he's fine with that. "I was encouraged by the support I received in the election, and there some things I want to do for the community. Then I'll be done and I can go fishing."

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## CAMP

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were housed there, capped at about 100. In 1996, the camp closed and inmates were transferred to Las Cruces.

That program ran a \$1.5 million budget, 96 inmates and 31 full-time jobs, he said. In 1997, Fort Stanton was used as a prison for 130 female inmates and the state Department of Children, Youth and Families took over the camp for juveniles. From 2000 to 2009, Corrections used the fort as a halfway house for adult male parolees. The budget was \$1.5 million a year and 20 full-time jobs were supported.

Corrections and CYF have been swapping properties back and forth as each targeted inmate population expanded or contracted, he said. "We indicated an interest in Camp Sierra Blanca when CYF left, but we have no budget," he said.

In 2009, the state Monument Division took over management of the 1855 fort after it was declared a historic state monument.

Williams said he has a maintenance person employed to watch over the camp, keep the lawn mowed and prevent damage. The warden of a state facility in Roswell also supervises.

"It's a great facility with new buildings," he said. "I don't know what use it may have in the future, but I think it presents an opportunity to partner with other



SCHMIDT

entities.

Chuck Schmidt, manager of the Roswell Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, called Fort Stanton a "jewel, especially in the eyes of the BLM."

After State Monuments acquired the historic portion of the fort, the BLM, which is responsible for about 24,000 acres around the fort, partnered with the agency, he said. Snowy River Passage inside Fort Stanton Cave was declared a National Conservation Area and since being discovered in 2001, miles of rare calcite formations, white crystalline deposits that glisten like snow and may be the largest continuous calcite formation in America have been found and explored. "We haven't hit the end of it yet," Schmidt said. "This is science at its finest."

Camp Sierra Blanca is part of 1,200 acres of state-owned prop-

erty and the historic fort. When Corrections and CYF left the camp and fort, BLM officials believed a shift in use was launched toward preservation and recreation, he said.

"Historically, even when the (male inmates) were at the camp, the road still was maintained as a thoroughfare to recreation areas, until it became obvious (the use) was not compatible with a prison facility for public safety," he said.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked Schmidt if BLM was considering plans for recreation around the camp, possibly along the Bonito River.

Schmidt said BLM was given two years to develop a management plan for the NCA, "and we are trying to encompass State Monument into our plans." Use of one of the historic buildings in the Lincoln State Monument was requested by the BLM as a center

from which programs can be organized. A hearing on the management plan is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., April 5, at the Ruidoso Convention Center, followed by another on April 8, at the Capitan Public Library.

With Eastern New Mexico University expanding its Ruidoso campus, the opportunity for an outdoor classroom with scientists working in the cave, may be coordinated with the university system, as well as the possibility of a fire academy partnering with the State Forestry Division.

"Corrections partners with state forestry fire fighting crews and there certainly is an opportunity to use the camp as a fire fighting academy," Williams said. "To operate it alone would cost way too much in these times."

"Is it too early to begin discussions along those lines with your department?" asked Commission

Chairman Tom Battin.

Williams warned that with November elections and a shift in the political structure, changes of direction also may occur in some state departments. But County Manager Tom Stewart said any plan involving government takes time to develop, and he is encouraged by what he heard Tuesday for the future of the fort and camp.

Battin said the state is keeping the property in good shape and the camp offers a variety of uses without much modification.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said Harlan Vincent, Ruidoso assistant fire chief, started a wildfire academy a few years ago and it was extremely popular. Schmidt said inmate firefighters have been valuable in fighting wildfires on BLM land.

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WILLIAMS

# EDUCATION

## SVP principal's contract not renewed for 2010-11

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The principal at Ruidoso's Sierra Vista Primary School will be looking for a new job.

A contract for Dave Bishop will not be renewed, said Ruidoso Municipal School District Superintendent Dr. Bea Etta Harris.

"There's no illegalities," said Harris. "It was job performance."

Unlike teachers, administrators, such as principals, are without job security.

"When something happens and you let them go it's because principals in New Mexico, and I think everywhere, have a one-year contract," said Harris.

Harris said Bishop was told last Friday that his contract would not be renewed. She said Bishop responded that he would leave immediately.

"We'll find someone in the fall," said Harris. "I don't think will find someone right now. I'll probably have to fill in the next couple of months and do double-duty."

School board president Susan Luttermann said the superintendent apparently felt a change in direction is needed at Sierra Vista Primary.

Bishop had been a principal in the Ruidoso district for nine years. He began as the principal at the White Mountain Intermediate School, and after five years there moved to the first and

second grade building at the campus.

Bishop said Sierra Vista Primary was one of two Ruidoso schools to meet Adequate Yearly Progress last year. He added math and reading scores have also improved and discipline problems have been reduced.

Bishop said during his time as a principal in the Ruidoso district he has seen more than a handful of superintendents come and go. He said he enjoyed his nine years with the district but realized he is an at will employee.

"I truly enjoyed the kids, the parents, and the diversity in the school," said Bishop.

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## RMS teams place in business competition

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Some Ruidoso Middle School students have plans and products to help needy children.

The students competed in a statewide business competition organized by New Mexico State University.

The students were challenged to build a self-contained kit and create a non-profit organization that would assist children who are poor, distressed or underprivileged in the local community or on the other side of the world.

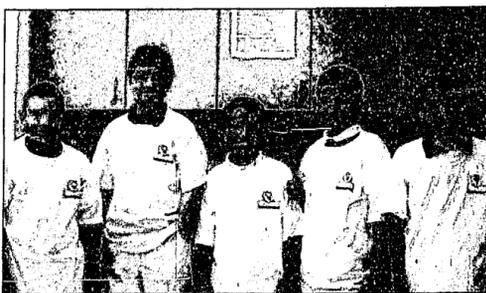
The NMSU Innoventure Competition focused on encouraging teamwork to solve real-life problems as well as giving students an opportunity to learn more about entrepreneurship and innovation. The competition nurtures a new generation of innovators with skills in technical design along with business and financial savvy.

Each team was required to write a business plan, come up with a creative marketing strategy, develop a presentation, and design and build an innovative product.

Students started with an idea or concept, and built a business organization along with a product prototype. Three teams from the middle school qualified for the final event and traveled to Las Cruces on March 11 to present their products to a panel of judges.

The 2009-10 competition added a new dimension by integrated social networking into several parts of the competition.

The Innoventure Network was used by students for networking between



AnswerAid team members, top photo l-r, Justin Hall, Kristin Eisenberg, Kylie Carpenter and Ian Shaw. Bottom photo, Survival Aid team members Alex Rosillo, Alex Gomez, Adrian Reyes, Andres Aguirre and Cristian Castro.

participants, the Innoventure directors and MBA and engineering mentors.

The networking also provided up-to-the-minute access to competition materials, up-to-date calendars and notification, podcasts, blogs and chat sessions.

Two middle school teams placed in this year's competition.

Survival Aid, a sixth grade team composed of Andres Aguirre, Alex Gomez, Cristian Castro, Alex Rosillo and Adrian Reyes place second.

The team was also awarded best over marketing plan.

The Survival Aid team developed a portable clay water filter for individual children in Africa.

Another sixth grade team, made up of Kristin Eisenberg, Kylie Carpen-

ter, Justin Hall and Ian Shaw, placed third. Their business name is AnswerAid.

The product is a complete hydroponic crop bed for growing soybeans and other legumes. The mission is to be able to send the crop bed to Manila to help children living in poverty.

All the prototypes were required to be completely functional as outlined in the organization's business plan.

The competition was held in conjunction with NMSU and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement).

The program helps students excel in math and science.

Middle school teacher Franci Bergener is a MESA sponsor at the school.

## TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Chanci Lopez is the next teen in the Spotlite. Chanci is currently a junior at Hondo Valley High School.

She is the daughter of Nikole and Henry Lopez. Academics are a priority with Lopez evidenced by the fact she holds a 4.0 grade point average.

She is involved in the Teen Leadership Program and serves as a high school math tutor.

A comment from one of her teachers speaks to her character, "When asked why Chanci wanted to be a math tutor, her answer was simple. She said, 'I want to pay it forward.' Chanci makes a difference in her school, the classroom, and the activities in which she participates."

In addition to academics, Lopez enjoys participating in sports. She is a member of the Hondo volleyball, basketball, and track teams and was named to the All-District Volleyball team.

Continuing with her "pay it forward" motto, Lopez finds time to coach Little League.

It is evident that Lopez has positive support in her life. When asked about her influences, she listed her parents for pushing her in the right direction, Mrs. Maldonado for helping her in academics, and Coach Holland for encouraging her to do her best in all the sports.

Lopez has already thought about her



CHANCI LOPEZ

future and says she would like to attend college at the University of California at Los Angeles, major in medicine, and eventually become a pediatrician.

Hondo Valley is lucky to have such a positive role model in their midst.

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## ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT'S LIST

The following ENMU-Ruidoso students were named to the President's List for the Fall 2009 semester.

To be placed on the President's List, students must have earned a 3.25 or higher grade point average while enrolled full time, taking 12-credit hours or more.

President Clayton Alred stated, "These exemplary students excelled in their studies because of their determination and commitment. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and dedication."

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## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Community band

Several school band directors in the area have kicked off an effort to form a community band. Gary Shaver, the band director at Ruidoso High School, DuWayne Shaver, the band and choir director at the Capitán schools, and Bill Lamb, the director at the Ruidoso Middle School, will split the directing duties.

Gary Shaver is urging anyone who plays a band instrument to dust it off and "get back to it." "Orchestral stringed instruments can be included if there is interest, and though the community band will initially focus on band instruments.

Rehearsals will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Ruidoso High School band room. The first rehearsal will be on March 23. Shaver said starting the

community band would give him and others a desired chance to play since they do not often get the opportunity.

### Distance learning

USDA Rural Development State Director Terry Brunner was in Ruidoso last week to present a \$499,361 grant award to the Region IX Educational Cooperative for the purchase of equipment to expand distance learning to schools in the Ruidoso area. During the presentation ceremonies Brunner said, President Obama and USDA Rural Development are working to ensure that rural New Mexico has access to a full range of educational opportunities through modern technology.

Brunner added, "The funding we have obligated to the Region IX Educa-

tional Cooperative will deliver those opportunities by expanding telecommunications, educational resources and computer networks in the Ruidoso area."

By expanding the second phase of the cooperative's distance learning system the program will connect two high schools and five middle schools with Eastern New Mexico University.

The money will extend video-conferencing and provide high definition technology in this remote three-county region. The funding is provided through USDA Rural Development's Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT).

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# As usual, Republicans dominate county primaries

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Republicans will dominate the field of candidates for Lincoln County's June 1 primary, and by default the November general election.

One Democrat signed up to run, although independents can register June 2, the day after the primary, and members of minor parties can sign up June 22.

Running for the District 2 position on the county commission are incumbent Don Williams, a retired engineer and a Ruidoso village councilor, and Mark Doth, who heads a marketing firm.

Facing off for the

District 4 commission seat are incumbent Dave J. Parks, a retired insurance agent and former Ruidoso school board member, and Kathryn Minter with the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department and a watchdog on commission issues.

Commissioner Jackie Powell is running unopposed in the District 5 position.

Rhonda B. Burrows, former Indigent Health Care Fund administrator and currently chief deputy clerk, is running unopposed for County Clerk. Incumbent Tammie Maddox will have served the state-imposed two-term limit.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Glenna Robbins is running for County Treasurer. Current Treasurer Beverly Calaway also has served the two terms allowed for county elected officials.

For the position of Magistrate Judge in Carrizozo, incumbent Martha McKnight Proctor is unopposed. Incumbent Division II Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay in Ruidoso, a Republican, is opposed by Democrat Salvador Beltran, a school resource officer and former State Police officer.

Voter registration for the primaries closes May 4.

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From left, outgoing County Clerk Tammie Maddox and Elections Clerk Yvonne Bartz sign up county treasurer candidate Glenna Robbins and county clerk candidate Rhonda Burrows.

# Changes to Downs animal control ordinance postponed

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Proposed adjustments to the animal control ordinance in Ruidoso Downs brought opposition from some residents on Monday, as had another public hearing last year.

"The ordinance will allow animal control to enter a private property for as small an infringement as not wearing a city tag," resident and former city councilor Sue Garrett testified. "My property is private and not to be entered unless there is a dire situation. A lack of a city tag does not constitute such."

Garrett said her property is not to be entered by the animal control officer unless she or her husband is contacted beforehand.

"Most situations can be

resolved through personal contact with the owner," Garrett said. "Drug dealers will have more rights than this ordinance gives an animal owner."

She called for specific fines, not what she considered "open-ended" fees.

For animals that are impounded, the ordinance amendments call for a payment to the city's contracted impoundment facility at a rate agreed upon by the impound facility and the city. Currently the release of an impounded animal requires a pickup fee of \$15 plus a \$5 charge for each day the animal was confined.

"We have experienced harassment in the past and will not tolerate our animal becoming a pawn in the political scene," said Garrett. "All animal control

ordinances need to be equally enforced. To date this has not been the case."

Resident Charlotte Lord agreed with Garrett.

"We need to put these laws on the ballot and allow the citizens to vote," said Lord. "If a petition is needed, we can get it, no problem. Making a dog at-large a crime goes against the law of the state, says the attorney general in Santa Fe. For collecting revenues for your coffers is not an adequate excuse for subjecting the citizens to outrageous fines."

In March 2009 Lord had pleaded with the city council for changes after some of her dogs had run at-large.

Resident Ellen Bizzell offered a request to table the amendments and form a committee to review the ordinance.

"I too don't like all the rules and everything that you all are trying to enforce at this time," said Bizzell. "The fees structure, there isn't one. It's kind of predetermined however you want to do it. I too think that sometimes we could be harassed if we're opposing some of these things."

One of the proposed amendments would define a secure enclosure as an area where an animal cannot escape or enter. The secure enclosure would have to have concrete or other equally strong footing to prevent an animal from digging its way in or out.

Bizzell said she has private property that is not always contained. And she questioned the existing ordinance language on vicious dogs.

"Is it a vicious dog, or is

my dog protecting my property?"

Frequent council attendee Wayne Williams testified that he has had problems with other people's dogs coming onto his yard, including an instance of having a woman "locked on her front doorstep and couldn't dare get off."

He said there are repeat offenders.

"All I know is the next time a dog comes out and threatens me on my property, or even if I'm walking on the street, I'm going to defend myself. So I would suggest that if these rules, these changes, will do something about that problem, then I would recommend you pass them," said Williams.

A motion from Councilor Tommy Hood to table a decision was met with a

response from Councilor Dean Holman to approve the amendments. Councilor Gary Williams seconded the motion to table. But Williams noted the last time the animal control ordinance was talked about was last July.

"So it's been over six months. Are we going to go another six months?" questioned Williams. He called for a decision timeframe.

"Overall it has some good provisions within it," Williams said of the amendment. "But there are some that are questionable."

While Holman called for a decision at the next council meeting, a workshop session with the mayor, council and city staff to look at the ordinance is expected to precede the April 12 council meeting.

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## Consultants receive more funds

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The Denver consulting company that has studied Ruidoso's wastewater rates since late 2008 will receive an extra \$20,000 for their efforts.

Red Oak Consulting said additional tasks requested by the village between Aug. 24 and Oct. 6, 2009, resulted in more expenses.

"We asked them to prepare some additional work particularly with respect to a transitional rate system," Bill Morris, deputy village manager to the village council. "There was a question of whether to implement these rates at one time, and we asked them to basically prepare two others, one for a three-year and one for a five-year implementation."

Red Oak Consulting had initially asked for \$36,308 above a Dec. 2008 amendment that called for compensation not-to-exceed \$58,000. The company claimed 228 extra hours had gone into the project.

"We also had been negotiating with them to bring that down to \$20,000," said Morris. "We recognized that their first presentation after they changed project managers was not ideal in any way, shape or form, and that went into the negotiations."

Morris said there was additional work by Red Oak, including workshops with the village council.

Village councilor Angel Shaw said she realized additional work was

sought. She applauded village staff for negotiating down the original \$36,000 change order.

But councilor Jim Stoddard was blunt about the increased costs.

"Are we completely bent over on this or not?" he questioned.

Village attorney Dan Bryant responded no.

"If we had brought you a proposal for \$36,300 I would have to say 'yes' to that," Bryant added. "But I think staff has done an excellent job of reducing that request for payment down to the \$20,000 number."

Stoddard noted he had been talking about the \$20,000 amount.

"Is it going to be better for us to pay it than to fight it?"

Bryant noted the village will continue to need Red Oak's services on rate structure issues.

"And so part of our thinking should be to preserve a good working relationship with them," said Bryant. "We would hate to have to start over with a new consultant and essentially have to build the process from the beginning."

The additional costs were also met with skepticism by village councilor Michele Rebstock.

"We asked them to change some numbers and I don't see how it just wasn't done by a computer. We wanted a transition from three to five to zero years," or phasing in the sewer charges that had previously been supplied by Red

Oak. "It was already in their system. We just asked them to play with the numbers a little bit."

But Morris said the spreadsheet system used by Red Oak is extensive.

"You don't just plug in a number. It is all interconnected. Because of the different rates, commercial, residential, non-residential, all of that stuff had to be considered."

In stating that the company felt a reduced \$20,000 charge was more appropriate, Red Oak's principal consultant John Gallagher said a change in project managers during the process was a factor that increased the number of hours in the added studies.

Stoddard said confidence did change when an original consultant left Red Oak, and that caused the bill to increase.

Morris concurred, noting the consultant had been working with the village since 2007, and knew Ruidoso's sewer billing system well.

"The replacement didn't have that same background," said Morris. And we took that into consideration during this (negotiating) process. We're not paying basically to have him learn about our system."

City manager Debi Lee said while there was a glitch in the process, the outcome of the study is very good.

Lee recommended carefully structuring the scope of future work.

The council was unanimous in approving a payment not to exceed \$20,000.

## Senior centers stand to gain from funds

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Some senior citizen centers in Lincoln County could see future upgrades if state borrowing is adopted.

The New Mexico Senate unanimously approved sending a 2010 capital projects general obligation bond bill to the House Taxation and Revenue Committee. After House approval, the general obligation bond projects would go to voters at the November general election.

### Bond issues

The measure would allow the state to borrow \$175 million in four bond issues. Senior citizen facility improvements, library needs, public school kindergarten classrooms and school bus purchases, and capital spending for higher education and special schools in New Mexico would be targeted.

In Lincoln County the Hondo Valley senior center would receive \$4,500 to make improvements toward building code compliance, including the purchase and installation of equipment.

The Ruidoso senior facility would get \$13,500 to plan, design, renovate and equip the center.

The Carrizozo senior center would receive \$50,000.

Another \$18,500 would purchase and install meals equipment at senior centers around the county.

In Mescalero, \$42,000 would purchase vehicles for the Mescalero Apache senior center.

The higher education borrowing would supply \$500,000 to ENMU-Ruidoso for infrastructure improvements, including energy efficiency proposals.

A breakdown of the four separate bond issues would provide: \$7.8 million for

senior facilities around New Mexico; \$7.1 million for libraries, including book purchases; \$5.1 million for kindergarten and public school transportation needs; and \$155.6 million for higher education and special school requirements.

The four funding areas will appear as separate ballot questions. If authorized, the funding would be available to the recipients during the spring of 2011.

The general obligation bonds would be repaid through the property tax. A state fiscal report estimated the impact on an average taxpayer with a house valued at \$200,000 would be about \$26 annually. But because a portion of the state's general obligation debt already outstanding will simultaneously reach maturity, the net increase in liability for the taxpayer would be approximately \$16 a year.

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# U.S. Forest Service urges caution on forest roads

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With spring months quickly approaching, area residents and visitors are eager to get outdoors and enjoy the Lincoln National Forest, but forest officials remind the public that with above normal winter precipitation, many of the roads on the Forest still are snow packed, wet or extremely muddy.

They may be impassable, especially in higher elevations.

Forest Supervisor Jacqueline Buchanan encourages visitors to enjoy their national forest, but to use extreme caution during these wet conditions.

"As we start to experience the spring thaw a road may look dry and solid, but further down that road it may still be very muddy with one to three foot snow drifts," Buchanan said. "We would like to remind those who access forest roads to make safety their number one priority, and be patient



JESSIE HANSON/RUIDOSO NEWS

The wet winter has left its tracks on back-country dirt roads.

while the forest's roads dry out."

In addition to being hazardous, driving in or around a muddy hole is a maneuver that contributes to road damage, deep ruts, soil erosion and creation of alternate routes and problem spots. That can be costly to repair and sometimes

cause irreversible damage to our natural resources. She asked drivers to act responsibly and protect the land for future generations to use.

Road barricades are up in some places for public safety and to prevent resource damage. The barricades are a proactive

attempt to protect roads and soils during the times when they are most susceptible to damage. Drivers are reminded to respect road barricades and avoid driving on saturated surfaces. Forest managers will continue to monitor the road conditions during the spring months and notify

the public of dangerous conditions or closures.

The forest's current transportation system of 2,226 miles of national forest system roads and 171 miles of motorized trails are the designated routes for motor vehicle use. A Lincoln National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map,

reflecting the existing system of designated roads and motorized trails is available to the public at no cost. This map is the official document, which shows the roads and trails that are open to motorized vehicle use.

Visit the local Lincoln National Forest office for a free copy of this map to ensure compliance when recreating on forest lands.

For Lincoln National Forest road updates or to pick up a free copy of the Motor Vehicle Use Map, visit the Sacramento Ranger District Office at 4 Lost Lodge Road, Cloudcroft, or call 575-682-2551; or the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 901 Mechum, Ruidoso or call 575-257-4095; or the Supervisor's Office, 3463 LaS Palomas Road in Alamogordo. All offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

For the latest forest information, go to [www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln).

# Forestry Department gets tough with tree-thinning campaign

300 letters mailed to property owners

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Ruidoso's Forestry Department has mailed 300 letters by certified mail demanding property owners adhere to the village's tree thinning requirements.

Village manager Debi Lee told village councilors last week that the recipients had previously been issued a letter giving them 14 months to comply with an ordinance requiring things like fire defensible space around buildings and maximum densities for vegetation.

Compliance by the 300 landowners is commanded by June 30 or they will be sent to Municipal Court.

Village councilor Jim Stoddard wondered about the potential cost of going into court.

"How many lawyers are we going to have to hire to do this?" Stoddard asked. "Is there some way they can do this without sending them to court?"

Forestry Department director Dick Cooke responded a letter had gone out 14 months before a compliance deadline which was followed by a second letter.

"And then we send this final certified letter," said Cooke. "So they've had three notifications. In truth, they were supposed to be in compliance when the act was passed several years ago."

Cooke felt at the end there will only be a few that will remain non-compliant.

"And we're in contact with them now, offering cost-sharing agreements, and we're offering everything we can to get them into compliance so we don't have to send them to court. It's only a very small percentage that ever get to court," said Cooke.

Stoddard said he did not want to waste the village attorney's time.

Lee said the Forestry Department was looking at finding volunteers that would assist one of the property owners who was without the financial ability to pay for a tree thinning crew.

"It's not our intent to be an enforcer," said Lee. "It's really more advantageous

for us to get them compliant."

Village Attorney Dan Bryant estimated he has had just four files that consumed his legal time.

"We had an excellent

process sent up with (Municipal Court) Judge Line," said Bryant. "It continues the process of bringing people into compliance.

One of the four cases was an elderly woman

without any local family to help clean up her property.

"I loaded up my two 20-year old sons who were in college. We went over on a Saturday morning and we took care of it for her,"

Bryant said. "We loaded the stuff on a trailer and took it to the Greentree (Solid Waste Authority) site."

The attorney said virtually nothing ends up being

"enforced" through a court process.

Bryant added he plans to sit down with new Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin to outline the process Line had used.

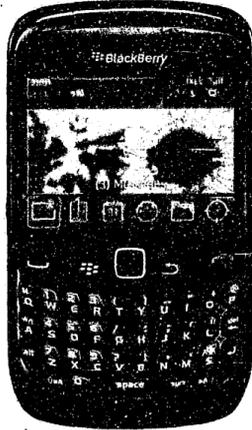
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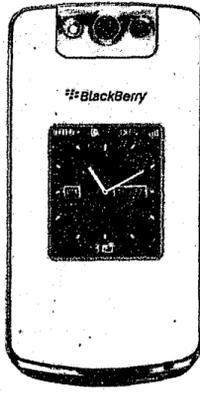
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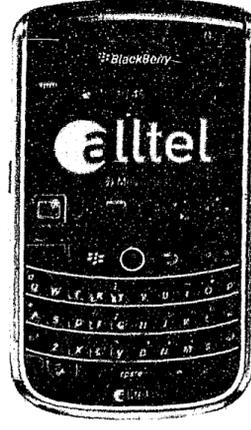
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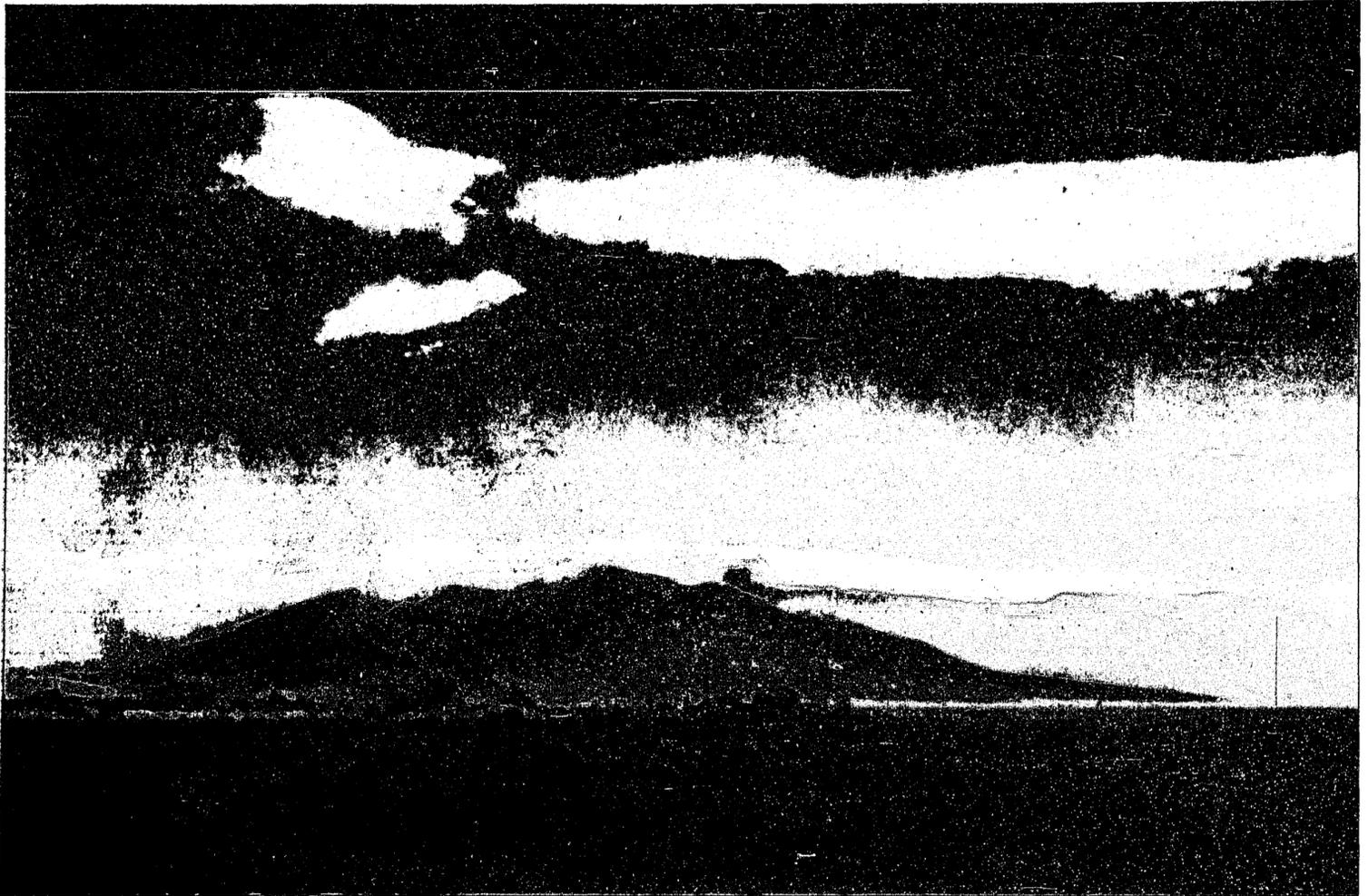


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# GOODBYE WINTER — FOR NOW



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## BLM soliciting comments on Snowy River Cave

Officials with the Bureau of Land Management began a public scoping process to solicit comments and identify issues to be considered as a Resource Management Plan Amendment and an associated Environmental Assess-

ment are prepared for the Fort Stanton Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area.

The NCA was established on March 30, 2009, when the president signed into law the Omnibus Land Management Act. The Act directs the BLM to develop a management plan for the NCA within two years of the enactment. The plan will be comprehensive in nature and will incorporate both cave and surface resource management goals and objectives.

In 2001 the Snowy River passage was discovered after more than 30 years of cavers investigating strong airflows coming through the cave. Snowy River received its name from a bright white crystal calcite formation covering the bottom of the passage. About five miles of previously unknown passage has been

mapped without reaching its end.

According to a listing in the Federal Register, the preliminary planning criteria will include 18 issues, including consultation with tribal governments and collaboration with other agencies, groups and individuals.

The Roswell Field Office initiated this planning process with a formal announcement opening the 30-day public comment period published in the Federal Register on March 9, 2010.

Public participation is an important part of the planning process. Two scoping meetings are scheduled where information about the NCA will be available, questions will be answered, and issues and concerns can be identified. The dates are:

• April 5, Ruidoso Con-

vention Center, 5 - 7 p.m.

• April 8, Capitan Public Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

Documents related to this proposal may be examined at the Roswell Field Office or on the Web at [www.blm.gov/nm](http://www.blm.gov/nm). Comments on issues and planning criteria related to the RMPA/EA for the Fort Stanton Snowy River Cave NCA can be submitted to the BLM by email at [nmrfo\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:nmrfo_comments@blm.gov); fax 575-627-0276; or by mail to Roswell Field Office, 2909 W. 2nd St., Roswell, NM 8820.

For more information and/or to add a name to the mailing list, contact Howard Parman, planning team leader: Roswell Field Office, 2909 W. 2nd St., Roswell, NM 88201; 575-627-0212; or [howard\\_parman@blm.gov](mailto:howard_parman@blm.gov).

- Jim Kalvelage  
 - Dianne Stallings

### Neva Jones Roche

died March 1, 2010 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

Neva was born September 3rd, 1927 in Stoney, Texas to William Terrell and Viola May Jones. She graduated from Paradise High School.

In the late 1940's Neva met her beloved husband Ernie Roche in San Antonio, where members of her family had relocated. They married in 1950 and settled in Hubbard, Texas where they operated the Freeze-It garage for over 24 years. In 1980 they moved to Ruidoso, New Mexico where Neva was active for many years in the real estate business and enjoyed golfing, playing bridge and filling in crossword puzzles.

Her son David and his wife, and daughter Barbara and her husband, all live in Albuquerque, sister-in-law, and daughter-in-law, all live in Ruidoso. Neva is survived by her son David and his wife, and daughter Barbara and her husband, all live in Albuquerque, sister-in-law, and daughter-in-law, all live in Ruidoso.



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## BLM to protect lesser prairie-chicken

The BLM has acquired 7,440 acres of land about 35 miles east of Roswell to protect key habitat for the lesser prairie-chicken.

The land is within a 58,000-acre Area of Critical Environmental Concern established for the species in Chaves County in 2008.

The lesser prairie-chicken is a candidate for listing as 'threatened' or 'endan-

gered" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act. The BLM and a variety of partners are supporting a range of efforts to proactively protect and enhance its native habitat.

"There are few things we do in our professional lives that are as critical and long-lasting as today's acquisition for the prairie-chicken," said Doug Burger, Pecos District Manager for the BLM. "The Conservation Fund was extremely helpful in working with the landowner to accomplish the acquisition and we want to express our deepest admiration and thanks for their efforts."

The Conservation Fund, a national nonprofit land

and water conservation organization, negotiated the purchase of the land. When the sale was finalized on March 3, the organization sold it to the BLM, which received funding from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund to complete the transaction. The LWCF funding was provided to the BLM with support from U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall (D-NM).

"We're especially pleased to partner with the BLM to protect one of the best strongholds for the lesser prairie-chicken in the nation," said Mike Ford, director of the southwest office of The Conservation Fund.

- Dianne Stallings

### Physician Assistant joins Carrizozo Health Center and Corona Clinic.

Carrizozo Health Center and Corona Clinic welcomes Certified Physician Assistant Ellen Orr Wittman, PA-C, to our family. Ms. Wittman provided clinical care services in New Orleans, Louisiana, and family practice for both the Dofia Ana Detention Center in Las Cruces and the Health Centers of Northern New Mexico. She was also a hospitalist physician assistant at Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Ms. Wittman received her physician assistant masters' degree from Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, California.

To schedule an appointment at Carrizozo Health Center, please call (575) 648-2317. Carrizozo office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Corona office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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### Ski Report

#### Ski Apache

The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until April 11. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information. 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: 222 inches  
Weather for Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 58. North wind around 5 mph. Wednesday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 33. East wind around 5 mph becoming south.

Weather for Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 58. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Thursday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Current conditions: Excellent. Mid-mountain snow depth: 78 inches

Snow surface: Powder, machine groomed

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp, SBT, Snow Park, Capitan Lite, Smokey Bear, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, Geronimo, part of Apache Bowl, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Wild Onion, Screaming Eagle, Caliente, Elk Lift Line and Cliff.

Groomers Pick: Caliente  
Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8. Gondola is open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Snowmaking: No

### On Deck

#### RHS Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the second of six scrambles at Kokopelli Country Club on March 21. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5815 (Cree Meadows) or 336-1818 (Kokopelli).

#### Chee Family Fundraiser

Gina Chee and family will be hosting the 14th Annual March Madness Basketball Tournament on March 26-28 at the Ruidoso Middle School gym. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Gina's husband, Abraham Chee, Sr., who remains in a Lubbock hospital. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated by the family. A trademark may be applied to the tournament T-shirts for donations given. For further info call Gina Chee at 464-3197.

#### Ski Apache Events

March 17: Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day Fun Event-Food, Events, Race, All Day. For info, call 464-3600.

# For the love of the sport

## Bird dog field trials in Carrizozo present inner questions as to why one participant takes part

L. M. ENGLISH  
For the Ruidoso News

"Why do you do it?" It was one of those questions that she didn't expect answered. My wife was tired of hearing my moaning and groaning. My 60-plus year old frame was full of familiar aches and pains. I pushed forward my best smile and said, "I don't have an answer for that."

It was an answer my 5-year-old grandson gave me when I ask him why he was being so naughty, during a visit several years ago.

It seemed to work on her the same way it worked on me when he used it.

She just shook her head and walked away.

I turned back to my saddle horse bent and lifted my left leg to find the stirrup.

As I pushed my horse away from the trailer, her question was haunting me. I was off to set up feeding stations for liberated quail to be used in our 4th annu-

al bird dog trials near Carrizozo.

The Hefker/Vega ranch was in great shape with the higher than usual moisture we have enjoyed in Lincoln County this year.

Back to the east of headquarters the Godfrey Mountains had a sprinkling of snow on their upper slope.

The Ski Apache peaks towering above were totally white with snow. The morning sun was painting the desert floor with a kaleidoscopic splash of colors.

I rode past the dirt tanks to the north of the headquarters a small group of mother cows were bedded down with their calves. One red calf couldn't have been over two days old. He was standing on wobbly legs with big wide eyes looking over my horse as I traveled past.

I stopped and placed water and feed in a number of pre-determined spots around the course we



COURTESY

Winners of the New Mexico Derby Classic 2010; Mayos Sliver Cloud, with Harold Mayo, Hamlin Texas; Englishire's Red Tater, with Mary English, Capitan; Lindleys Lucky Lady, with Steve Johnson, Flagstaff, Ariz; standing; Dave Higgins from Sierra Vista, Ariz.

would be using during the trial.

My mind was wondering over the things that surround a bird dog trial. How lucky we are to have so many benefactors.

Henry Vega, Jack Hefker and their families have opened the gate to their ranch and the door to their ranch headquarters so we can enjoy one of the best venues for our sport in the region.

Henry had even made signs, cut out dog silhou-

ettes and made lamps for gifts.

Dr. Steve North has a very successful medical practice in Roswell that keeps him way beyond busy. He and his wife, Faith, have four wonderful children, two still living at home.

But, with all of these responsibilities Dr. North finds the time and resources to spend this long weekend with us. He is a dynamo with seemingly boundless energies.

Steve's daughter, Leah, came out to be with her dad and visit with and charm the participants.

Beside his time, Steve secured silver inlaid spurs and engraved saddle bags for prizes to the winners in our trial stakes. Spurs and saddle bags are so appropriate prizes for a trial here in the southwest.

The trophy spurs were made by Mr. Clint Conder, a rancher and artisan from

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# Four area girls hoops teams end the season with winning records

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Once again, basketball in the area has come to a close. As always, some of the 12 boys and girls teams had successful seasons, others were so-so and a few suffered lackluster records.

On the prosperous side were five teams, including four girls squads - Hondo, Capitan, Mescalero and Corona. The Hondo Eagles were 14-9, 7-1, while the Lady Warriors finished the year with a 13-13 overall record.

#### Hondo

Under the tutelage of head coach Brad Holland this squad came a long way from the beginning of the year until their eventual March 9, 71-30 loss to Cliff in the second round of state action. Clichés are often

overused, especially in sports, but this group of girls improved as the season progressed, from week to week, and sometimes, from game to game. Don't believe it? Here's some proof.

They opened their season at Mescalero, Nov. 23, with a 65-27 loss. On Jan. 4, against the Lady Chiefs' team they lost again, but this time by nine, 50-41. On March 5, in the first round of state play, they beat the same Mescalero group of girls, 55-52, in a tight, well-played game by both sides.

The Hondo girls finished the year with an overall 20-9 record, were 9-0 in district games and were back-to-back winners of District 7.

The Lady Eagles will be a force to be reckoned with next year as they will only lose two players to graduation. Granted, Alicia Nieto

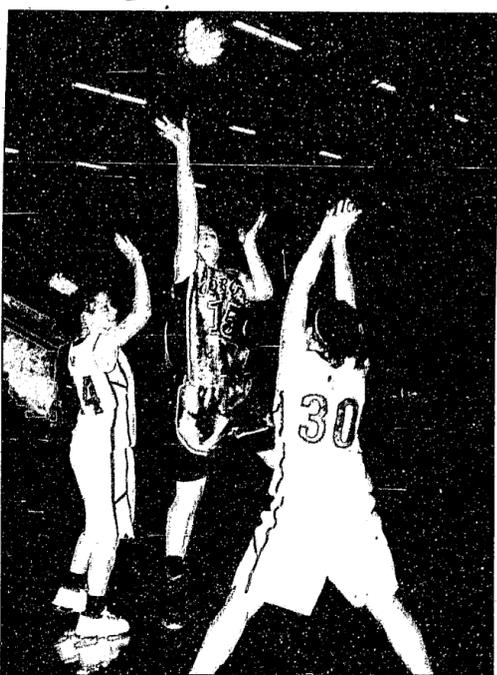
and Esther Gonzales were frontline athletes, with Nieto as a consistent high points producer, but Holland has 10 other players, some seasoned, to draw from eight months from now.

#### Mescalero

Besides the 3-point barnburner loss to Hondo, the Lady Chiefs were involved in a 2-point defeat to Tatum (Feb. 11) as well as a 1-point failure to To'Hajilee (55-54) on Dec. 18.

They were also engaged in two 1-point wins against Dexter and Gateway. The 16-10 (5-3) Mescalero team did not have one senior on their roster.

The conclusion here is, the Lady Chiefs sometimes tended towards "drama games" because of their



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Taylor Huey tries for two in Corona's Feb. 27 loss to Hondo.

# NMSU to take on Michigan State in NCAAs

JASON GROVES  
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - With his immediate attention on one of the premier programs in college basketball, New Mexico State men's basketball coach couldn't help but take a peak at the future.

"I think what we are looking at now is the beginning of something very special based on the fact that there are better days

ahead," said Menzies, who spent Sunday afternoon surrounded by his players and members of the community at the Fulton Center on the NMSU campus watching the Selection Sunday show live.

"But lets concentrate on finishing this body of work and putting us in a position where we can have a special season for our seniors who are leaving."

The Aggies reached the NCAA Tournament for the

18th time in school history and the first time since 2007.

NMSU (22-11) was seeded 12th in the Midwest region and will take on fifth-seeded Michigan State (24-8) at 5:20 p.m. at the Spokane Memorial Arena in Spokane, Wash.

"I was happy with the 12th seed," Menzies said. "Michigan State is a tough team."

"I was hearing anywhere from an 11 to 14

seed to get a 12 is all good but at the end of the day, you have to lace them up."

Michigan State shared the Big Ten title with Ohio State. The Spartans have been to five Final Fours in the last 11 years.

It didn't seem to matter on Sunday as the Aggies' players celebrated when they saw the matchup announced on CBS.

"I'm happy we still get to play," Aggies guard Jonathan Gibson said. "I

didn't want to go to the NIT or anything else.

"I wanted to finish strong like I came in. I think it's a good draw. They say the 12 seed always beats the No. 5 seed."

Gibson is the only scholarship senior on the Aggies' roster and is the only remaining player from the 2007 tournament team.

"When I was a freshman, Justin Hawkins was always talking about going to the tournament so I

knew it was big but now I'm a senior telling these freshmen how big it is," Gibson said.

Gibson and the Aggies went through San Jose State, Nevada and top-seeded Utah State to win the Western Athletic Conference over the weekend in Reno, Nev.

"I felt like I contributed more this year," Gibson said.

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# DOGS

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Chaves County. What a nice prize these spurs would be to win.

There is scarcely a horseman, cowboy or rancher that doesn't have a set of real special spurs. Maybe they belonged to his dad, granddad, a Texas ranger, made by Crockett, a gift from a very special lady, won at a big rodeo, but something has made them invaluable to the wearer.

I have a feeling these spurs might just fit into that category for winners. The saddle bags were special too. The rich leather bags had a nice engraved plate to denote the accomplishment of the winners. Steve purchased them from Daryl Andrus, Rockin A Equine and Rodeo Gear, Inc., in Roswell. Many thanks to Steve and these artisans.

As I turned my horse back toward the headquarters, I could see Mike and LuAnn Higgins' trailer setup. They have been coming to the trials since we started them on this ranch. They don't trial dogs; they just come over to help.

I thought how nice it was going to be to give them a gift certificate from Cabalas to purchase walleye fishing equipment. Walleye fishing at Caballo Lake is their passion.

I had a chance to reflect

on how fortunate we were to have such a well qualified group of judges for our trial.

Mr. Mike Aldrich lives just over the hill from our trial grounds, near Nogal. Mike is, the National President for the German Shorthair Pointer Association.

He will be serving as a judge for the National AKC Pointing Dog Trials in Nebraska this year. Mike and Sue D'Arcy will soon arrive from Las Cruces. Sue has finished more Field Champion Brittany bird dogs than any other woman dead or alive.

Mike has finished his share of field champions too. Dr. Sellett will soon arrive from Arizona. He has played this game for years and is a wealth of knowledge.

As I was finishing the east half of the course, Arizonian George Musser, was doing the same to the west half of the course. George has become a real benefactor to the Rio Grande Bird Dog Club and has spent hours helping do all the non-glamorous duties associated with trialing dogs here in New Mexico. George has put considerable financial support towards the trialing game as well.

After I finished my rounds of watering and feeding I unsaddled and got ready for the evening's drawing for the order of running in the stakes.

The drawing is an elaborate process to insure a random order of participation because time of day and which day drawn can be important to the dogs success.

Dog trialers from New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Kansas began to arrive at the ranch headquarters.

Forty three entries were drawn to compete in three separate stakes: The Region 12 Amateur All-Age Championship, The New Mexico Open Derby Classic, and The New Mexico Open Shooting Dog Classic. The stakes are established according to the status of their handlers, either amateur or professional.

Amateur stakes can have only dogs that are handled by non-professional dog trainers competing. In stakes designated as open both professional and amateur trainers can compete with their canines. Derby stakes are limited to dogs under two years of age.

Championship stakes have various qualification requirements to compete. The stakes are broken down into braces. A brace consist of two dogs competing against a standard and each other.

Each brace in these trials was to consist of one hour effort. Each stake is under the judgment of two judges. The judges must reach a winner consensus and their decisions are final.

The competition started on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 a.m. The wind speed was 10 to 15 mph as we cast off.

It seemed as if the wind got progressive more persistent and higher over the next 2 1/2 days as the trial proceeded.

By the time the trial ended near 1 p.m. on Monday, the wind was in the 30 to 35 mph with precipitation falling. Within an hour of the trial's end, snow was falling and it got much worse that evening. We were lucky to get finished before the weather got too tough.

There were 18 dogs competing in the all-age championship sanctioned by Region 12 AFTCA.

Region 12 encompasses Arizona and New Mexico.

The acronym AFTCA denotes the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America, a national organization situated in Tennessee.

AFTCA establishes a set of rules and standards governing these dog trials. The champion and runner-up champion were handled by Arizonians George Musser and Jim Shultz respectively.

Big Z's Superstition Dan was named Champion. Dan is from the Phoenix area and this is his second championship in less than a month.

No Limit Rebuy was named runner-up. Rebuy and his handler came from Flagstaff to compete. Both of these male dogs are pre-



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Englishire's Pepper, an English Pointer, pointing birds during trial.

dominately white with sparse orange markings. They ran big races throughout their hour of competition and showed excellent finished manners around their game. Both were deserving champions.

Englishire's Pepper, a white and black female pointer handled by a local sportsman Mike English, topped a field of 18 entries and was named the winner of the New Mexico Open Shooting Dog Classic.

Runner-up was a beautiful white and orange colored English setter. Traveler Prairie Girl and her handler, Greg Sand, came from Hill City, Kans., to compete at our trials. Both dogs showed excellent manners and had multiple finds and had wide sweeping races during their hour of competition.

The winners of the New

Mexico Open Derby Dog Classic were big running, wild and wooly competitors.

The winner was a big white young male pointer from Hamlin, TX. Mayos Silver Cloud did an excellent job for his handler, Harold Mayo. Englishire's

Red Tater, a male pointer, was named runner-up for handler Mike English from Capitan.

Third place went to female pointer, Lindley's Lucky Lady for her handler Steve Johnson from Flagstaff, Ariz.

Back to my wife's question "Why do you do it?" Answer: Love of the sport and the animals as well as the beautiful wild places where we test our canines looking for the right DNA to put back into pointing dog gene pool. I'll be back next year if my old body will allow me to return.

# GIRLS

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youth. Most assuredly, to the consternation of head coach Steve Baker.

On the flip-side of that equation, however, this runner-up D-8 squad should be formidable next season.

Last July, Baker took his girls to a basketball camp in Colorado and is talking about doing it again this summer.

Not only did they learn the finer points of the game but they got to see other parts of the country.

## Capitan

New Mexico coaching legend Marv Sanders (now in his 49th year of coaching) is still posting winning seasons and this year's (15-8, 5-5) Lady Tigers squad was no different.

On Nov. 30, 2007, Sanders posted his 800th victory which now puts him at 820-plus wins.

The Lady Tigers were

District 5-2A runners-up to Tularosa and lost in the first round of the state playoffs to eventual 25-5 champion Texico, 54-29.

There's no shame in that - 19 other teams lost to Texico, too, some more than once.

On an 11-player roster, the Lady Tigers will lose three players to graduation - Jordan Dalton, Ashley Pruett and Haley Montes.

On the plus side, however, Capitan will be moving down to 1A which should prove interesting and add

an unknown to that division.

## Corona

On the outer edges of Lincoln County, Corona is often overlooked in sports ... and other things as well. The school lists 39 students from grades seven through 12 on its Web site. If that weren't enough, some years rodeo is so influential in that area, it's hard to field teams in other sports.

This season, with the addition of the Gensler girls and a core of commit-

ted players, the Lady Cardinals put a competitive group of players on the hardwood. Their 13-6, 7-3, marks testify to that.

Head coach Nicky Huey had his girls clicking on all five (or is it six, seven or eight?) cylinders. Their only problem was arch-rival Hondo, whom they were unable to beat in three tries. The last of those games was a real corker. It was for end-of-the-year D-7 bragging rights and the Feb. 27, contest had just about every-

thing you would expect between these two teams - high-intensity, high-anxiety and, again, high-intensity. The Lady Eagles earned the victory but the 52-45 score didn't really tell the tale.

Six days later the Corona girls lost to Tatum in the first round of state action, 63-32.

This year's Lady Cardinals' squad has no seniors listed, so, with all things being equal, next year's battles with Hondo ought to be entertaining.

# NMSU

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"Last year I came in and did my job but this year from start to finish, I

think I did a better job. My whole family was there and that was the difference."

Reaching the NCAA Tournament is important for the men's basketball team, which is the mar-

quee athletic program at the university.

Not bad for a program that won six games in 2004-05 when Athletics Director McKinley Boston took over.

"We have invested in

the program where we expect to compete in the WAC and we expect to win the WAC championship," Boston said. "You never want to fall below the middle of the pack. Marvin and I thought that next

year's team would be the one."

While the Aggies will lose Gibson, junior power forward Wendell McKines and leading scorer Jahmar Young return as core pieces who will benefit

from NCAA play this weekend.

"We know we have good players and once we mixed together, we were dangerous," McKines said. "I don't think anybody will be happy to play against us."

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**RIA**  
RIA is a very pretty Border Collie mix. She has a medium length, wavy coat which is all black except for a splash of white on her chest and white on her toes. RIA loves to play with other dogs and gets along well with cats. She is very gentle and kind. RIA weighs just over 30 pounds. We are certain she will make an excellent pet.

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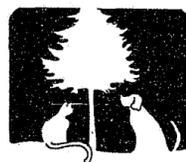
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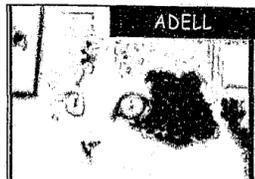
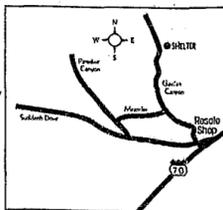
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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Mayor Petty, new trustees begin with council meeting duty

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With a new mayor at the helm, the Carrizozo Board of Trustees held their first council meeting with two new trustees at the table on March 8.

After Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger swore in Mike Petty as the new mayor and Lee Gross and Wes Lindsay as the new trustees, former Mayor Bob Hemphill handed the keys to the office over to Petty. The meeting was called back into order by Petty.

Trustee Dennis Vega was appointed mayor pro-tem. Mayor Petty appointed and confirmed that all persons currently holding the office of town clerk, chief of police and town attorney would continue in those present positions.

The council approved Leann Weihbrecht as clerk/treasurer, Rachel Weiser as the chief of police and JulieAnne Leonard remains the town attorney.

Mayor Petty clarified the public input at council

meetings would continue to be allowed with a two-minute time limited.

He asked that if the discussion was other than an agenda item, it be clarified as so before speaking.

The February activity report for the Carrizozo Police Department was presented to the council by Mayor Petty in the absence of Chief Weiser. The department handled 74 calls including close patrols and three county calls.

Fifty citations were issued of which 47 were traffic. Eighteen cases were logged including one accident, seven felonies, nine misdemeanors and eight arrests.

The Carrizozo Airport report given by Bill Hayes showed \$407.25 collected for the sale of 90.5 gallons of fuel.

The Carrizozo Municipal Court disbursed \$2,488.49 to the town, collected from fees, fines and collections.

Twelve trials were held, 50 citations docketed, two marriages performed and one bench warrant issued.

Upon the recommendation of the Lodgers Tax Committee, the board approved \$600 for the June 12 Carrizozo Cowboy Days. Roland Caster had requested \$1,000 but was told by the committee to come back in May and request an additional \$400.

Linda Rodriguez and Barbie Eiler were appointed and approved to serve on the Lodgers Tax Committee.

Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department Chief Walter Hill, Jr., requested and received approval from the council to order a new set of "jaws of life."

Hill explained that the old 1988 model of "jaws" currently owned by the department will not handle some of the metals used in today's vehicles.

With state fire funds to cover the cost, Hill said he could get a new set for significantly less by buying from the dealership for \$8,999.

Three quotes were received for the equipment. If the department finds they do not like them after



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A new Carrizozo mayor and two new trustees presided over the March meeting. Left to right, JulieAnne Leonard, town attorney; Lee Gross and Wes Lindsay, new elected trustees; Dennis Vega, Dusty Voss, holdover trustees; Mayor Mike Petty and Town Clerk Leann Weihbrecht.

a trial period, it can ship them back to the company at no cost.

Hills reported that both fire stations had new heating and cooling systems, replacing the inefficient 40-year-old systems.

Hill said that in 2011 the department would test for a new ISO rating, hoping to lower it from the current "6" to a "4."

Hill said an ISO rating

of "5" or below would then lower commercial property insurance rates.

The monthly maintenance report from Joey Thornton included the completion of the fence at Evergreen Cemetery, continued sewer line flushing, road maintenance, a new water tap at Valle del Sol as well as the new standpipe at VdS being disinfected and ready for water.

Upon the recommendation of Planning and Zoning, the trustees approved a conditional use permit for Johnny and Vickie Autrey for four RV spaces on their property on Bronco Street. The property is currently vacant.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will be at 6 p.m., Monday, April 12.

## VILLAGE OF CORONA



COURTESY VILLAGE OF CORONA

The municipal election in Corona had no contested races. Mayor Bill Hignight, left, will serve a second term until 2014; Cal West is a newly elected councilor until 2014; Sherrill Bradford will serve until 2012; Sam Seely was re-elected for a second term until 2014; and Kimberlee Smith, serves until 2012. A swearing-in ceremony was conducted by the Municipal Clerk Janet Verna on March 8, at the Corona Village Hall. The organizational meeting was the first item on the agenda at the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9. Sherrill Bradford was selected as the new mayor pro-tem for the Village of Corona.

## TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE



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Capitan Municipal Judge J.D. Roerhig, top photo, swore in Village Clerk Kay Strickland, Chief of Police Randy Spear, above left, and Chief Financial Officer Shirley Pavlovic after their appointment by the newly re-elected Mayor Sam Hammons. Roerhig, Hammons, and Trustees Dianne Riska and Ricky LaMay were sworn into office by Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor on March 4 after the canvassing of the votes.

## Comment period for Cibola Forest ends April 2

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A 30-day comment period is running on an environmental assessment for travel management on the Cibola National Forest's Mountainair Ranger District.

The project's proposed action would designate a motorized road and trail system that would provide for public access and motorized recreation travel on the district, which includes a part of northwestern

Lincoln County.

The designation would include the types of vehicles, including ATVs and motorcycles, and the times of year for motorized use. The decision will result in the publication of a motor vehicle use map.

After the map is released, traveling off the designated system will be prohibited unless authorized by permit.

The environmental assessment can be accessed on the Cibola National Forest's Web site.

Three open houses were scheduled to allow the public to ask questions about the travel management plan.

Written, facsimile, hand delivered, oral and electronic comments concerning the plan will be accepted through April 2.

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# State appeals court says land sale must go through

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An oral agreement, to sell land for a home site in Ruidoso Downs, must be finalized, said New Mexico's Court of Appeals.

The appellate panel earlier this month upheld a decision from District Judge Karen L. Parsons.

In 2001 Michael Brumlow had asked his boss if he would sell some of his property so Brumlow and his wife Karen could put a home on it.

Warren Beaver agreed, and the parties walked the specific boundaries of the land that Warren and Betty Beaver would sell to the Brumlows.

The buyers purchased a double-wide home, cashing

in a couple of retirement plans at a substantial penalty to pay for the home and improvements.

The home included a concrete foundation, deck, landscaping and other improvements.

Relying on the verbal agreement, the Brumlows spend about \$85,000.

Seeking legal advice on how to sell the property to the buyers, Beaver discovered the property was encumbered with a mortgage that contained a due-on-sale clause.

The Brumlows repeatedly asked their verbal contract be formalized, and the Beavers reportedly responded, "We will work it out."

Neither a date for a sale, nor the price, was actually

determined.

Then in March 2004, Michael Brumlow gave Warren Beaver a two-week notice of termination of his employment, and went to work for a competitor to Beaver's racehorse transportation business.

The relationship between the parties quickly deteriorated.

The Beavers changed their mind and decided not to sell the agreed upon tract of land that had already been improved.

The Beavers attempted to restructure the agreement as a "lease" and then tried to terminate the "lease" and evict the Brumlows.

According to the New Mexico Court of Appeals background information in

the case, the Beavers prepared an "agreement" that required a \$400-per-month payment.

The Brumlows complied, believing the monthly payments were for the land.

When the Brumlows began writing "land payment" on the monthly payments the Beavers stopped cashing the checks, contending the payments were for rent.

The Brumlows then offered to pay cash in the amount of the fair market value of the land.

The Beavers refused.

At that point, the Beavers filed suit to remove the Brumlows for violating a rental agreement.

The Brumlows counter-

claimed, alleging a breach of contract and fraud.

In 2008, The 12th District Court at Carrizozo concluded the Beavers had entered into a contract with the Brumlows to sell them a specific portion of their land and that the Beavers had reneged on the agreement.

The court also determined that the sellers changed their mind three years after making the contract, chose not to honor it, and attempted to restructure the agreement into a lease, which was never intended.

The property was then appraised with a value of \$10,000, and the Brumlows were directed to pay the Beavers that amount.

The Beavers then ap-

pealed the district court ruling.

In its review, the appeals court stated that there was "clear, cogent, and convincing evidence" that the Beavers entered into the verbal agreement to sell the land.

The judges also noted there was "significant specific part performance by both buyers and sellers in reliance on the contract they made."

In particular, the appellate panel noted significant improvement had been made to the land with the knowledge and consent of the Beavers.

The \$85,000 put into the property was deemed "sufficient part performance in reliance on the oral agreement."

# Crash follows admitted use of cocaine

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An El Paso man's drug use apparently played a role in a multiple vehicle collision in Ruidoso on March 7.

Police responded to the crash involving four vehicles in the 100 block of Robin Road shortly after 3:30 p.m.

Two vehicles on Robin Road had stopped, waiting for a car turning off from Mechem Drive.

The multiple chain reaction collision happened

when the last waiting vehicle was rear-ended by another.

Ruidoso police found Austin Sprague, 28, with slurred speech and an unsteady body.

Asked to step out of his vehicle, Sprague began to walk to the rear trunk area.

Before he got to the trunk, an officer lowered the rear seat and observed a rifle in the trunk.

Three pistol magazines were found on the rear floorboard.

Sprague had an item in

a pants pocket, and asked an officer if he could walk over to the river and pour out the material, according to a police report.

At that point Sprague was detained with handcuffs.

Once secured, Sprague reportedly admitted to having prescription drugs, marijuana and cocaine on his possession.

Taken into custody, he then admitted being under the influence of cocaine, having recently "shot up" a quarter-of-an-ounce of the drug.

Sprague was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence and careless driving.

He was also cited for failing to show evidence of insurance on his vehicle.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for March 23, in Magistrate Court in Ruidoso.

Sprague's bond was set at \$7,500, cash only.

No one required medical attention because of the collision.

# Ski Run Road snarled Monday morning

Traffic was snarled for a period Monday morning along Ski Run Road.

Spring break for many have brought plenty of skiers to the Ruidoso area this week.

Compounding the traffic problems on the road to Ski Apache was snow.

Lincoln County Sheriff Rick Virden said there were back-ups that his deputies responded to.

New Mexico State Police was called to a rolled over pick-up truck on Ski Run Road, about three miles

west of New Mexico Highway 48. The driver was uninjured.

Police said the driver lost control on ice and rolled into Eagle Creek. The incident happened shortly before 8 a.m.

State Police Captain Keith Duncan said because of the increased traffic on the road this week, his officers have been asked to provide additional enforcement of a 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. prohibition of west bound traffic on the road also known as New Mexico

Highway 545.

Some reports suggest

the road this week has seen

record traffic numbers.

## RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

**March 2**  
8:36 p.m. - An officer arrested a Tucson, Ariz. man in the parking lot of the Magic Forest Restaurant.

The reason for arresting Robert M. Gagne, 60, was undisclosed.

**March 3**  
1:11 p.m. - Police conducted a warrant check on Shawna Sanchez, 40, no hometown provided. The check returned with a warrant for forgery and Sanchez was arrested.

1:59 p.m. - Two officers responded to the Willow Trailer Park on a report of possible child abuse and drug uses by a parent.

An information report was turned over to the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

**March 4**  
3:45 p.m. - An officer responded to the Adult Probation Office and arrested Donna L. Ward, 44, no hometown provided, on a probation hold.

3:46 p.m. - Police were called to the west entrance of the Walmart property for a non-injury crash involving two vehicles.

A report was prepared.  
3:47 p.m. - Police went into the Walmart store after seeing a woman with

a no trespass order enter the store.

Karen Branch, 66, no hometown provided, was arrested for criminal trespass and DWI.

**March 6**  
9:01 a.m. - An officer responded to the Circle K convenience store for a dispute involving a traffic altercation on U.S. Highway 70 in the eastbound lanes.

A window on a vehicle had been broken in the incident.

9:03 a.m. - A report of harassment sent an officer to the Ruidoso Downs Diamond Shamrock.

The harassment involved an employee and an ex-boyfriend.

**Franklin Lewis Torres**

*Visitation for Franklin Lewis Torres, 42, of Mescalero will be Friday, March 12, at the Family Worship Center from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM when the prayer service begins at 6:00 PM. The funeral service will be Saturday, March 13, at 10:00 AM at the Family Worship Center with burial to follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.*

*Mr. Torres passed away Wednesday, March 10, in Ruidoso. He was born October 22, 1967 at Mescalero to Tanis and Sturgis Torres and they both precede him in death. He had lived at Mescalero all of his life. He had worked as a Hot Shot with Forestry, Mescalero Housing Authority, and Mescalero Law Enforcement, he graduated from Tularosa High School.*

*He is survived by his children, Franklin Charles Lewis Torres and Jacob Lewis Torres; brothers and sisters, Sturgis Wade Torres, Sharlene Glossip, Pauline Chino, Jordan Torres Sr., Brian Torres, Rochelle Martos, Coy Brusuelas, John Chino, and Sharon Chino. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sherri Gibbs and a brother, Jacob Salas.*

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**RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS**

**Feb. 20**  
11:30 a.m. - A woman went to the Ruidoso police station to report an engagement ring and her wedding band had been stolen. She and her husband had been staying at Hotel Ruidoso the previous weekend for Valentine's Day. Police classified the larceny case as a third degree

felony, which involves the theft of items valued at greater than \$2,500, but less than \$20,000.  
**Feb. 27**  
1:55 a.m. - Several people flagged down an officer behind the Four Seasons Mall, 2500 Sudderth Dr. A man told the officer that the front passenger window on his vehicle was

broken and his girlfriend's purse missing from the vehicle. The purse was later found in the back of a pick-up truck. A check book, debit card and other items with personal identification were still in the purse, but \$40 in cash was missing.  
**March 1**  
3:50 a.m. - A driver

traveling on White Mountain Drive was stopped by an officer because of a license plate with an expired tag. The officer noticed a glass pipe and a package of rolling papers on the vehicle's center console. Danielle C. Payne, 23, of Ruidoso admitted the items belonged to her and were

used to smoke marijuana. Payne was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia, an expired registration, and being unable to show proof of liability insurance.  
6:16 p.m. - The second time police and a fire crew had to go to a campfire in the area of 135 U.S. Highway 70 resulted in an arrest.

An officer found an open fire and called the fire department to extinguish the flames. Two homeless men, who had been camping at the location for three days, were told campfires in Ruidoso are prohibited. An hour later there was another campfire going. Arrested was Roger Redman, 32, homeless.

In addition to a charge of improper handling of fire, Redman was also charged with two counts of resisting police.

**March 3**  
8:10 p.m. - An off-duty Lincoln County Sheriff's Department deputy called into Ruidoso Police to report a suspected intoxicated driver.

Police contacted the vehicle at Sudderth Drive and Mescalero Trail. The driver, Jeremiah E. Gonzales, 25, of Nogal, initially refused to admit he had been drinking.

After his arrest he told police he had consumed five beers but did not know where the small amount of marijuana found in his car came from.

Later he claimed he knew about the pot but had not been drinking.

Gonzales was charged with aggravated DWI, first offense, for refusing to take a breath test, possession of less than one ounce of pot, and failing to provide proof of liability insurance.

**March 4**  
4:33 p.m. - A larceny of less than \$250 was reported at the Hot Spot, 2610 Sudderth Dr.

An employee said his Apple iPod, valued at \$200, had been stolen.

He told an officer that the iPod had been on the register counter.

A couple had been in the store just before the disappearance.

**March 5**  
10:10 p.m. - Officers were sent to the Canyon Creek Lodge, 900 Carrizo Creek Rd. on a report of a domestic incident.

A California man and woman were arguing over why "neither one of them would participate in active listening to the day experiences."

The couple separated for the night.

11:51 p.m. - Two juveniles were arrested for evading police and possession of alcohol.

An officer had attempted to make contact with two males walking east along U.S. Highway 70 near Sudderth Drive.

The two ran, bringing a foot chase. Police eventually caught up with Angel Prieto, 16, from Las Cruces and Jessie Carlos Roman, 16, from Ruidoso Downs.

Prieto had cans of beer in his coat.

He was also found to be missing from a Las Cruces treatment facility and a Juvenile Probation and Parole officer was notified.

**March 7**  
1:45 a.m. - Police took a firearm into custody for safekeeping.

An intoxicated woman in Midtown told police she had lost her purse in The Quarters, 2535 Sudderth Dr.

Police found the purse, and her vehicle, which was parked in a parking lot across the street.

A taxi was called to take the woman home.

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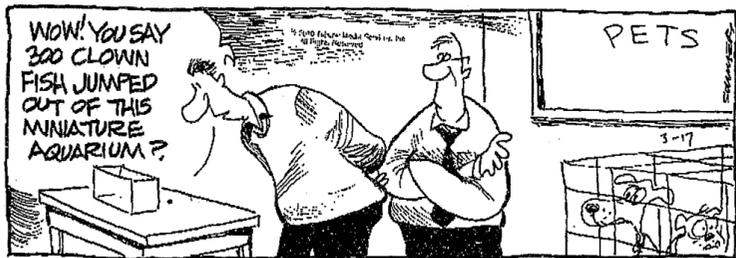
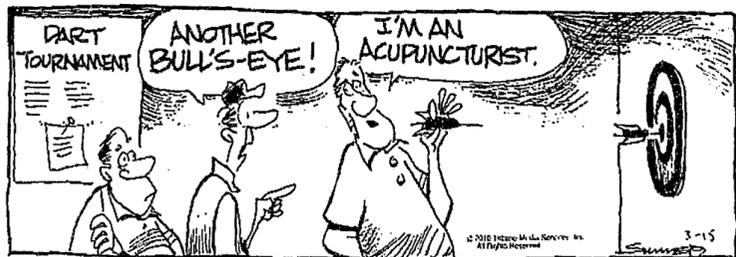
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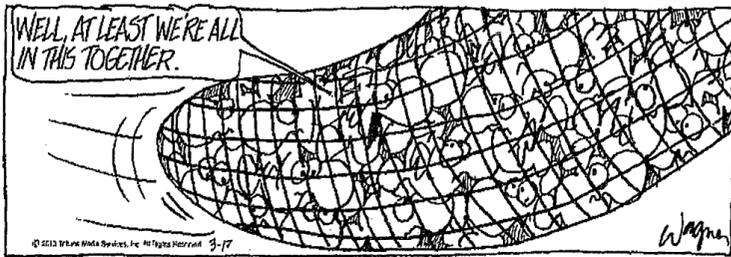
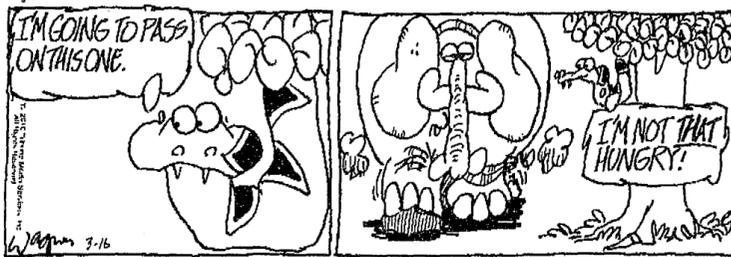
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3rd Letter Double  
Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 145-155  
BEST SCORE 227  
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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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GINVY  
ALCAN  
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PLALAP

Ans: A

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

by Mike Argillon and Jeff Knurek

I charge \$800 to fill a cavity

IT CAN TAKE A BIG OUTLAY FOR THIS.

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

**SUDOKU**

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

3/17/10

2	6	5	9	3	4	7	8	1
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4	5	6	2	9	8	3	1	7
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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](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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PAR SCORE 145-155  
TOTAL 227

RACK 4 = 92  
RACK 3 = 10  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2010-03

"District Legal Services"

DUE: Thursday April 1, 2010

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District wishes to receive proposals for District Legal Services. Complete specifications are contained in the Proposal Package that is available at Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District office located at Lakeshore Drive, in Alto, New Mexico, or by calling David Edington at (575) 336-4333.

All proposals submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Proposal Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the proposal is not opened by that date and time, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Proposal" along with the Proposal Number. Proposals should be sent or hand-delivered to Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, P.O. Box 759 (Lakeshore Drive), Alto, New Mexico 88312, by 3:00 PM local time, Thursday, April 1, 2010. Proposals will not be publicly opened. Proposals received after that date and time will be returned unopened.

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors will review the submitted proposals and make their final determination during a regular Board Meeting on April 22, 2010 at the District Office, board room.

Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District reserves the right to accept or reject all or any proposals, waive minor technicalities and enter into contract negotiations with the firm whose proposal best serves the interests of the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District.

David Edington  
District Manager

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200-232

**Health Care 232**

**Healthcare**

Experienced Dental Hygienist needed. Please mail resume to Dr. Sally L. Waters, PO Box 473, Ruidoso, NM 88355

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For Rent/Rent-To-Own in Capitan Subdivision. 2 bd, 2 ba. Large home with living, dining, family rooms. \$775/mo. Best Properties, LLC 575-354-0600

Large 3/2ba home on 5 fenced acres south of Capitan off hwy 48 horse stalls, hay barn and tack room, good pasture 575-937-9331

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