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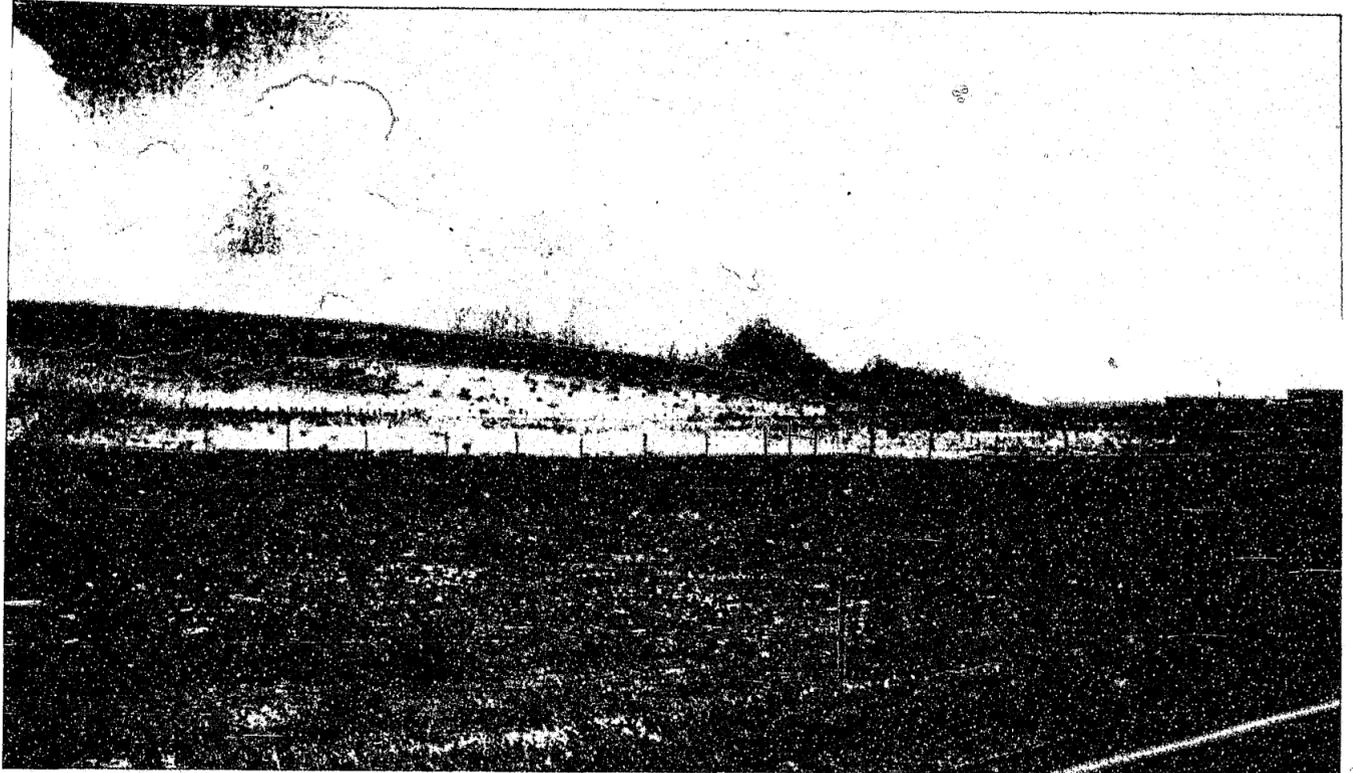
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The Brewer Fire created a wall of smoke east of Capitan Friday, eventually burning 380 acres but causing no injuries or damage.

Fires extinguished

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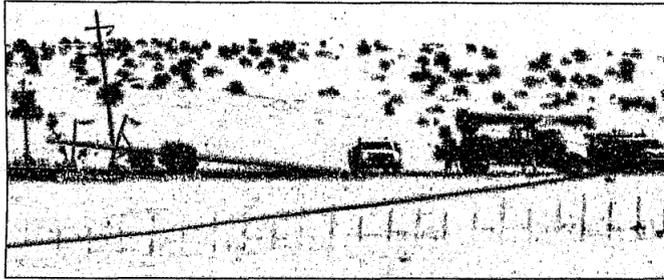
Five brush fires between Friday and Monday remind us that winter is quickly drying out

The fire season has gotten underway in Lincoln County, with a handful of wildfires since last Friday afternoon. All have been snuffed out.

But fire officials were bracing for more dangerous fire conditions.

The size of Friday's Brewer Fire east of Capitan was increased over the weekend to an estimated 380 acres.

The mostly grass blaze was reported shortly after 1 p.m. A downed power line near the Lincoln County Fairgrounds was deemed the cause of the Brewer Fire. At the time the area was under a high wind warning and a red flag warning. At the nearby Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, winds Friday afternoon were sustained at 35 to 52 miles per hour, with a peak gust during the fire of 71 miles per hour.



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The Brewer Fire was blamed on a fallen power pole due to high winds gusting to 71 mph. The downed wires interrupted electrical and phone service to the area.

Volunteer firefighters from the Capitan, Bonito and Lincoln departments, along with crews from the Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Mescalero, and New Mexico State Forestry worked to suppress the flames.

The blaze, which had crossed U.S. Highway 380, threatened

structures, but none burned. Police had closed the highway between Capitan and New Mexico Highway 220 for a part of the afternoon.

Dan Ware, with New Mexico State Forestry, said containment lines held Friday night. A State Forestry inmate work camp crew moped up the fire area on Saturday

and looked for any hot spots.

Late Saturday morning it was reported that there was little to no fire activity evident.

The other fire Friday was in the Rio Ruidoso Valley, east of Fox Cave. The Buckhorn Fire burned a revised 74 acres. The blaze initially had been estimated at 260 acres.

It ignited about an hour after the Brewer Fire started. Two structures, a barn and a shed, as well as a fifth-wheel trailer, were destroyed by the fire.

A property owner, James Hovland, was cited for improper handling of fire.

"It's dry out. People need to be smart with hot objects," said Lincoln County Director of Emergency Services Travis Atwell.

The fire had moved from the Hovland property to neighboring land and onto a part of the Lincoln National Forest.

A neighbor's home also suffered

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Councilor clarifies stance on manual cost

Angel Shaw, who sits on the JUB, voted to approve a cost exceeding cap set by village council

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The difference between a \$200,000 limit Ruidoso village councilors wanted to pay for a training manual for the new regional wastewater treatment plant and what was approved by the board that governs the plant is smaller than \$120,000, Councilor or Angel Shaw clarified.

Shaw is one of two new village representatives on the supervising Joint Use Board, composed of councilors from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and one Lincoln County commissioner. She was comment-

ing on an article in the Ruidoso News that pointed to the \$120,000 difference between the \$200,000 figure and the \$320,000 approved for the manual and related items by the JUB two weeks ago.

"The JUB voted not to exceed \$320,000, so therefore the village of Ruidoso's portion is 85 percent of the cost, or \$272,000," she pointed out. That figure exceeds the figure offered for negotiations by \$72,000, not the full \$120,000. The City of Ruidoso Downs is responsible for paying 15 percent of the cost, or \$48,000.

When talking about expenses, the split financial responsibility often is overlooked by everyone from the council up to officials in Washington D.C., she said. After checking with for-



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mer councilor Ron Harde- man about whether he intended the \$200,000 to be a "not to exceed" amount or a point of negotiation, she determined his intent was the latter, Shaw said. "The manual cost was submitted within the original budgets presented by Molzen-Corbin (& Associates) for the manuals," Shaw said. "As a councilor, I did not have

that budget to review when we, the VOR Council, made that decision on the \$200,000 number, although I was in full support of lowering the cost."

She complimented the village staff on an excellent job of finding an addition error by Molzen-Corbin and providing some in-house services that also helped lower the amount.

"When I was appointed as a JUB member (this month), the first thing I did was organize binders to help me make better decisions," Shaw said. "My hope is to get this plant completed and working using the funds that have been secured from both parties, the city and village, and through the federal and state grants and awards so we can meet the compliance of the settle-

ment agreement, the New Mexico Environment Department, the permits and all the others who started this project so (we) do not face fines or end up in court again for noncompliance. Then I can concentrate on an equitable and fair approach to maintain the new facilities.

"There will be mistakes made, as they have been in the past, and I am sure as they will in the future. But we as communities have gotten much better at watching the dollar and questioning the system so at the end of the day, we can be sure we did all we could."

Ruidoso councilors were scheduled to discuss the training manual issue at their Tuesday meeting.

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Clinic meeting

A stakeholders meeting of citizens interested in the design of the proposed new Capitan Health Clinic is set for 6:30 p.m., April 7, in the Capitan Library.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart will introduce the project and the anticipated timeline for breaking ground in the coming months. Greg Holman of ASA Architects will present the proposed design of the structure and comments will be collected.

A poster of the intended design will be left in the library after the presentation for the information of people who cannot attend the meeting.

Questions may be addressed to the county manager.

The county has applied for a Community Development Block Grant.

Democrats meet

Members of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County hope to see plenty of registered party members at their monthly meeting Thursday, at K-Bob's Steakhouse on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso.

The social hour/dinner off the menu ordering

begins at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m.

This month's guest topic will be health care. Also to be discussed are the Communications Committee and an update on the DPNM Pre-Primary Convention.

Udall in Roswell

U.S. Senator Tom Udall will travel home and make visits in central and south-east New Mexico through Thursday April 1.

The Senator's schedule includes stops in Bernalillo, Lea, Eddy and Chaves counties.

On Thursday, Udall will meet with the Dairy Producers of New Mexico from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at 5106 S. Main St., Roswell.

After that, he will meet to discuss housing needs in southeast New Mexico, from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. at the Region VI Housing Authority, 106 East Reed St., Roswell.

GOP offices

The Republican Party of Lincoln County and the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County have opened an office in Lincoln Towers, 1098 Mechem Dr.

The Republican office will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. for an open house planned for Saturday in Suite 313.

The public is invited to stop by for light refreshments, and meet and greet with the RPLC and FRWLC Board members.

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County's next meeting is 11:30 a.m., April 26, at Cree Meadows Country Club.

The buffet is \$11.50 that includes soup, salad and sandwich bar. Scheduled



COURTESY TONY DAVIS

Joe Campos, candidate for Lt. Governor, mingles at Chileo's Restaurant on March 29 with the Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountain Area. From left, Beth Hood, Sandy Smith, Nikki Murphy, Maria Quintana, Judy Foulds, Campos, Marcia Wilhelm, Joyce Westerbur, and Gail Price. Campos was in town for the District 6 New Mexico Municipal League meeting and some campaigning. Campos has a record of recruiting renewable energy projects for the Santa Rosa area and his NM House District. He is a small business owner, mayor of Santa Rosa and has been a Guadalupe County Commissioner.

speaker in Janice Arnold-Jones, candidate for governor.

Sign up with Karen Clontz at 336-1360.

Elk program

Staff from the New Mexico Game and Fish Department will help people learn more about elk in the state during a program April 12.

Sponsored by the Sierra Blanca Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish, and U.S. Forest Service Smokey Bear Ranger District, the free program is set for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., April 12, at the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office, Fire Operations Building, 901 Mechem, Ruidoso.

Seating is limited.

The presentation will cover general elk biology, the history of elk in New Mexico, elk range throughout the state, how elk popu-

lations are surveyed, setting harvest limits and using research in management.

For more information, contact Stewart Liley, Elk Program Coordinator, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at 505-476-8039, or Dan Ray, Wildlife Biologist, Smokey Bear Ranger District at 575-257-4095.

Capitan soldier

Army Capt. William B. Morris has returned to Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska after being deployed to Afghanistan for one year.

The soldier is one of 3,500 members of the 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Richardson. Airborne combat team members included soldiers assigned to one of six battalions and regiments of the 25th Infantry Division.

The airborne brigade

served in three eastern provinces of Afghanistan, which included the Paktya, Paktika and Khost. Some of the challenges the brigade soldiers faced included poverty, unemployment, security, and management of natural resources and government institutions.

Soldiers improved roads, provided vocational training in construction and civics, improved and reopened 29 schools, remodeled six medical clinics and improved three district courthouses.

While deployed in Afghanistan, he was decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal, and promoted to captain.

Morris, a battalion communications officer, is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment. He has seven years of military service.

He is the son of David B. and Patricia L. Wilkerson of Dean Drive, Capitan. His wife, Micah, is the daugh-

ter of Mike and Vickie Mahler of W. Gray St., Olney, Texas.

The captain graduated in 1999 from Capitan High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in 2003 from Lubbock Christian University in Texas.

First Friday series

The Capitan Public Library's First Friday Adult Lecture Series on April 2 presents Mary Jane Cooper and Friends on the topic, "Ranching in Lincoln County."

The Coopers have been ranching in Arabela since the mid-1900s. They will present information about ranching in New Mexico, past and present.

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E. Second St. They begin at 7 p.m. and are free of charge.

Following the lecture, refreshments are served. If there are questions, call the library at 354-3035.

Librarians here

Four hundred librarians are coming to Ruidoso for the New Mexico Librarian Association Conference from April 7 through April 9, as local librarians welcome their fellow librarians for a READ rally.

Titled: "Evolve, Enrich, Empower, Libraries Transform!" the program will be conducted at the Lodge at Sierra Blanca and the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Conference sessions interest public, school, and academic librarians as well as archivists, library trustees, museum curators and records managers.

Visit the conference Web site at www.nmla.org for registration and program information.

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County creates new position; manager addresses complaints

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A new position of Geographical Information System specialist was approved by Lincoln County commissioners after a lengthy discussion and some criticisms from current employees and the county assessor.

But days after the meeting March 16, County Assessor Paul Baca said he now has a better understanding of the situation.

"It's possible that they do need help, because apparently there are a lot of addresses needed in the county," he said.

Rural Addressing Director Connie Stone not only has to assign numbers and names and confirm locations never before charted accurately, but she also must go back in and re-address thousands. "I said this is a disservice to the taxpayers when it is not," he said.

"I need to sit down with her and get a better understanding of what she meant. I called the commissioners and (the county manager) to let them know there was a misunderstanding. She is doing other things than just addresses. She does a lot of other things. (County Manager Tom Stewart) needs someone to go out and actually do addressing."

Stewart proposed hiring the specialist, but when the advertisement for the position appeared in the newspaper, it set off a flood of dissatisfaction with the grade at which the employee was to be hired.

"I share the frustration of having to attempt to manage an equitable compensation plan which tries to recognize the valuable contributions, experience and education of each of our employees," the manager wrote in a memorandum to commissioners.

The actual title for the earlier hire is administrative assistant for fixed assets and the person is paid at \$15.4407 per hour to bring the county into Government Accounting Standard Board and audit compliance, he wrote:

"Being able to offer this employee grade 26P, \$15.4407 per hour enabled the hiring of an experienced, Bachelor of Arts college degree project manager."

The job advertisement brought 16 applicants, including one from a county employee. The top five were interviewed by a panel of four and Stewart said great strides have occurred in accounting for county property, including breaking out land, which does not depreciate, from buildings. "I look to expand this position's responsibilities as time progresses," he wrote.

He held off selecting the GIS specialist until after the commission meeting to



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November, because smaller communities in the county need help with locating and addressing property for the Enhanced 911 system.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said he believed the position was approved when the budget was passed.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she hadn't had a chance to check on how such positions interact in other counties and she wondered if the hiring would mean the GIS office would be open five days a week, because she's received complaints from residents who want to arrange a new address and can't reach anyone in the rural addressing office.

Stewart said it's a matter of staffing and the goal is to have someone in the office at all times.

He asks much more from that department than an appraiser from the assessor's department, he said. The person must create signage, addresses and answer the phone to give information and correcting feedback on the master street addressing guide from the state.

She must interface with the 911 system and serve as a public safety coordinator to ensure all data is accurate. She locates roads and driveways with a Global Positioning Satellite system.

"The number of errors out there sometimes is overwhelming," he said. "We're getting down to some very accurate specifications on addresses." The level of expertise required is enormous and right now the county only has Rural Addressing Director Connie Stone to depend on. There are critical positions in the county which are only one person deep.

Walter Hill, chief appraiser for the county and a 19-year employee, previously sent a letter outlining possible wage inequities that concern employees he contended were afraid to speak out. But he received no feedback from any commissioners.

Battin told Hill that while he had the right to express his opinion, the decision was one between the manager and the commission. He suggested speaking to the manager was the right course.

But Hill said he thought some of the points raised by employees may be legitimate and should be considered to save taxpayers a few dollars.

Powell apologized saying commissioners should have written back, "but I

didn't know what to say I'm looking into it the best I can. But you're right and I apologize. These are difficult situations."

"That's why no one complained before," Hill said, adding that if the discussion was not to be opened, "that's pretty sad."

Battin said commissioners received the information and some appeared in the newspaper. In his opinion, the complaints should have gone to Baca and Stewart. They are management decisions.

Hill said he tried several years ago but was rebuffed.

Baca said he would like more interaction and communication between the addressing and assessing departments. But a few days later, he said several of his remarks and criticisms were based on a misunderstanding and that he now looks forward to a better relationship between the two departments. He has spoken with Stone and apologized, he said.

Stewart said Stone, who is on a four-day week, 10-hour a day schedule, has asked for assistance for quite a while. The databases of assessing and addressing need to match, he said. "In Ruidoso every single subdivision, each lot has a number whether there is a house or not," Stewart said. "Some lots may only be 20 feet wide and there may be one house on four lots."

Battin suggested the new position be approved and that Baca and Stewart work together to cement some coordination between the two departments.

Baca suggested it may be time to evaluate each employee, using qualifications and performance to determine pay equity as the village of Ruidoso did with a hired consulting firm.

"I know it's costly, but I think we owe it to employees," Baca said, noting that his employees deal with a great deal of technology and go through extensive training.

Powell said enhanced skills and technologies need to be recognized, "but evaluations needs to go beyond resumes, they need to go into how (a person) works in the office."

Commissioner Dave Parks offered a motion to approve the position, seconded by Williams. It passed 4-1 with Sedillo voting against.

Battin said, "I think we've all been enlightened here."

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OUR OPINION

Four opportunities in waiting

Our economic future looks promising

It wasn't by design, but four stories in Friday's *Ruidoso News* all share a major component.

- The headlines:
- "Survey buoys ENMU"
 - "Lincoln County to target Fort Bliss tourism"
 - "Ruidoso spearheads recreational bike trail system"
 - "Film Lincoln County NM forms as umbrella group"

The shared component: Economic development.

At a time when our community ponders the possible loss of one industry and the recession has made us fiscally nervous, here are four potential blockbuster economies stand-

ing quietly at the entrance to our future: a university, the military, recreational biking and the film industry.

During uncertain times, these are four opportunities that, with shrewdness and foresight, we can control. In a sense, the elements are already here: a growing branch campus partnering with the state and the Spencer Trust; Army and Air Force Bases within hours' reach; a bike initiative only \$11,000 short of a matching grant; and unparalleled scenic attractions.

More than ever, we need civic involvement and smart, selfless leaders with vision.

When liberals and conservatives remained friends

When I moved to New Mexico in 1975, political discussions weren't about Democrats and Republicans, they were about Mama Lucys and Cowboys.

Interesting place, I thought. In Grants I interviewed a local attorney, Walter Martinez, whose voice was so soft it was hard to believe he was Speaker of the House and a ring-leader of the Mama Lucy Gang, a coalition of Democratic liberals (and a Republican or two) that ran the House. Their favorite watering hole was Mama Lucy's, a coffee shop and bar in the Plaza Hotel of Las Vegas.



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

Other prominent Mama Lucys were House Majority Leader David Salman, of Mora; Appropriations Chairman Bill O'Donnell, of Las Cruces; Eddie Lopez, of Santa Fe; and Gene Cinelli and Raymond Sanchez, of Albuquerque.

David Salman's recent death calls up memories of the Mama Lucys and reminds us what a liberal used to be just when our so-called national dialogue about health care and any other issue has nearly unraveled.

These men didn't fit the liberal stereotype.

The self-effacing Eddie Lopez worked for a uranium company. One of the smartest people ever to serve the state, he was the Roundhouse numbers guy — one of few who actually understood those budget bills.

Bill O'Donnell was a professor and dean of the School of Education at New Mexico State University. He was such a strong believer in education that he recruited students wherever he found them. O'Donnell once recruited a young man as he labored in the fields. The future assistant dean told O'Donnell he couldn't go to college because he didn't own a pair of shoes. O'Donnell offered to buy him some.

Salman's passion, along with politics, was his ranch. He ran cows and started a raspberry farm, which became the largest private employer in the state's poorest county. He was a one-

man economic development pro-

gram — on his own dime. Did they break the bank? Not that I recall. Lopez used his brains and clout to create the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, one of the state's great success stories. Thanks to the MFA, thousands of families with modest incomes got home loans. And I believe the

MFA is one reason why the state's foreclosure rate is far below the national average.

Salman used his position to introduce tax incentives for solar heating and power systems and push energy savings in public buildings to control costs. He was

a primary sponsor of the state's school equalization funding formula, which was for many years a national model. Alamogordo can thank him for the International Space Hall of Fame. He supported environmental causes and introduced the first bill to legalize medical marijuana.

I once heard Salman say he didn't understand why his successors were reluctant to call themselves liberals. To him, it was still an honorable identity.

Liberals, at their best, are idealistic reformers, but they can get carried away and drive change faster than the average Joe or the budget can stand.

Which is why then-Gov. Bruce King helped install a new set of brakes — the Cowboys, a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats led by Gene Samberson, a Lovington Democrat. In his book, King recalled the two sides "could work together and we all remained friends."

It wasn't that friendly, but even at its worst we never heard from the Cowboys, "You lie!" And Mama Lucys wouldn't have vilified moderate Democrats during the divisive debates on health care.

I miss those guys. Recent history reminds us that Dems have long struggled to maintain unity, but they're still the Baskin-Robbins of politics, while Republicans offer one flavor. The growing number of independents tell us the parties could take some lessons from an earlier time.

Springing into Spring...



YOUR OPINION

Paula and Johnnie save the day

To the editor:

I HAVE LIVED IN Ruidoso all my life and I have never experienced such wonderful service.

I want to give special thanks to Paula Sedgwick and Johnnie Gubanski from My Sister's Closet for going above and beyond with their customer service.

They helped a young woman

from El Paso when she forgot her dress for her best friend's wedding. When she got as far as Mesalero, she realized the dress was still hanging in her closet in El Paso. The bride's court was wearing maroon and the owners of My Sister's Closet gave her a beautiful bright red dress, which matched her Aunt Chris's bright red dress.

Her husband said, "Something like this only happens in the movies." He was happy because he ended up with Cinderella.

Paula and Johnnie saved the day. This experience just reinforces the reason to support our local businesses.

Chris Chavez
Ruidoso

Learning to live landlocked

MARY EMERICK
Writers on the Range

When I lived in southern Alaska, everything revolved around the ocean. Our island was reachable only by plane or boat, and you couldn't get anywhere dry or metropolitan without hopping an Alaska Airlines jet.

The sea was the only constant in a place that seemed beset by continual change — people moving in and out through boom and bust; even the land itself, slowly rebounding from the weight of ice laid down long ago.

Strait or around by the ocean?" I'd ask a friend, bound for the small village of Port Alexander.

Here I can drive. If I wanted to, I could set out on one highway and end up, days later, in Key West. Living here I feel more connected to the rest of the world, whereas in Alaska I could pretend we were our own country, surrounded by water, inviolate.

Last August, my co-worker, John, and I hiked in Hells Canyon, surveying an ancient trail for the Forest Service. It was over 90 degrees and we quickly gulped all of our water. "There'll be water in Somers

pinning us down for days under tarps. I miss the seductive calm days when I could paddle far out, past the kelp to where the sea lions swam.

At the same time, I'm learning the value of being surrounded by a great expanse of land. I'm learning why people settle, why they homestead. There is something to memorizing a mountain, to waking up to the same beloved view. It makes me believe in things that have not yet lasted for me, things like love, and marriage.

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Barges steamed up from Seattle with supplies; the ferries disgorged tourists and newcomers. We had our own language of charts and shoals, beaches and bights. Our food came from the sea — king salmon, sockeye, beach greens, crab. We defined our hours by the tide and our kayak trips depended on the size of the ocean swell.

Each year we lost someone to the ocean. Often, we never knew their fate, only that they were gone.

Five months ago, I moved inland, to a remote corner of northeast Oregon. Though I knew I would be miles from any ocean, I did not fully comprehend how my life would change. This is a terrestrial life, and the people here are tied to the land. They ranch it, raise horses on it, travel through it on skis or snowmobiles. They have been here for generations.

They speak of distances in hours: six hours to Portland, 10 to Seattle. In Alaska, we indicated distances by landmarks: "Are you going through Chatham

Creek," John assured me. We passed through wide, grassy benches where people had committed to the land, running sheep and cattle in a dry landscape, the river thousands of feet below.

Water was here, though we had to hunt out ephemeral streams by following the folds of the land and studying the vegetation. Settlers never took water for granted; they had to harness it for irrigation and drinking. They're all gone now; only their stories remain.

Standing on the Tryon Bench, my throat parched, I wondered how they'd come to pick this particular place and if it had grown on them, the dozing silences, the meager trickle of a stream.

Landlocked living requires a different way of looking at the world. It feels more permanent without the forgiving tides washing away beach campfires, the landscape constantly rearranging itself from storm surge. I miss the moody sea, though it was both a challenge and a curse while working, sometimes

and ice become too oppressive, I can drive down to Imnaha, where spring comes earlier. Or if it's deep snow I crave, I can travel on snowshoes through the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

Back in August, the canyon fell away in deep wrinkled folds. In the hidden breaks there were blackberries sweetened with the sun, ponderosa with their bark swiped by the claws of bears. John and I stopped to filter water, its icy taste more precious because it was so rare.

Landlocked, I have come to feel like the country is wrapping itself around me. I want to hear the old stories.

I want to know how to become attached to a piece of land so that it becomes a part of my history. This feeling of belonging to someplace: That is what I am after.

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County taxable property values increase in 2009

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Lincoln County taxable property values increased by \$19 million over the 2009 total, as reflected in new notices of value mailed out March 1.

County Assessor Paul Baca told county commissioners Tuesday the 1.5 percent increase brings the new taxable value for Lincoln County to \$1.038.5-billion.

But property owners have 30 days to protest or file for exemptions. The outcome of protests and exemptions could affect the bottom line, he said.

"We have received 65 protests," Baca said. "Some are large commercial, because of the economic downturn in Ruidoso.

"We didn't think we

would receive that many protests," because most properties don't differ from the previous year. We have 58 exemptions filed under low income and disabled. That's an increase from 2008, when we only had 17 who qualified. That's a \$45,780 loss in value."

The full value of the \$19 million is \$57 million, Baca said. New Mexico taxes on one-third of market value. This was not a reappraisal year. The figure represents mostly new construction and the effect called "tax lightning," when someone sells a home.

The sale does away with the 3 percent annual tax value increase cap imposed on homes held by owners. The taxable value is brought up to current levels the following, he explained.

Baca explained that the increases in non-reappraisal years such as those reflected in the new value notices are more significant now than before 2001, when the law prohibited increasing the value of a sold home beyond improvements and the cap.

"So the increase is not necessarily indicative of a change in the market," Commission Chairman Tom Battin confirmed.

Baca said his office also is looking at 1,080 veterans' exemptions for more than \$4 million in taxable value.

"We ask them to bring in the information every two to three years, but we don't purge, if one is not renewed," he said. "Some of our veterans can barely walk. It's not fair to them," Baca said.

"If we find out an

address has changed, we may call and find out if they are using the exemption in another county."

Another 82 exemptions are recorded for disabled veterans, which could mean as much as a \$4 million, he said.

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway informed commissioners that the Federal Reserve left the benchmark interest rate unchanged, "essentially zero."

Reading from a government memorandum, Calaway said the market and economic indicators remain weak. The interest target stayed at zero to 0.25 percent, and the federal agency is not expected to begin tightening monetary policy until later in the year.

"We're getting what I

consider good rates at our local banks," she said. "I don't know if we will make the amount in the budget, but we will try."

Officials with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue set a delinquent property tax sale for the county tentatively in April at the commission office in Carrizozo. She hasn't received a specific date, but a sale usually falls on a Thursday, she said.

"We started with 127 and are down to 16," Calaway said. "As always, we try to collect all of these. I have one or two in an estate and family members are thinking about letting the property go to sale, so we may have a sale this year," she said.

A list of the sale properties can be obtained from her office for a \$5 fee,

Calaway said.

She hopes Baca will help her locate each lot or tract in advance, the treasurer said. "I like to look at any properties before they go to sale," she said.

County Clerk Tammie Maddox said Diane Shoemaker, deputy clerk and image technician in her office, achieved certification as a public official by attending course work last year.

"This is a great opportunity the commission gives to employees," she said, but in an election year, time is more limited and she doubted any others could manage this year to attend the county college that provides the course.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said the certificate requires a lot of course work.

County clerk Maddox resigns; Burrows likely interim

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Lincoln County commissioners will conduct a special meeting at 9 a.m., Monday to appoint an interim County Clerk.

Incumbent Clerk Tammie Maddox, who has served the maximum allowed two elected terms, resigned effective Tuesday to arrange her retirement in line with a new law. County Manager Tom Stewart said he will recommend the appointment of Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Burrows as interim clerk, pending the outcome of the November elec-

tion.

Burrows is running unopposed in the Republican primary for the position of county clerk and has no Democratic opposition, although independent and minor party candidates do not sign up until after the June primary.

Stewart said her appointment would provide continuity in the office.

He said Maddox was in Santa Fe conferring with officials from the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico about the fine points of her decision, which was prompted by the adopting of Senate Bill 207, a new



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law that will take effect July 1, and restricts the return to work of employees with PERA.

Stewart said public employees across the state are re-evaluating their situations with the new rule that they would have to sit

out a full year, instead of 90 days, before they could be hired by a state or county government agency.

"Professional development, career decisions and the financial planning that goes hand in hand with that have caused people to re-evaluate with this new bill," he said. "For 25 years, these people planned on retirements and suddenly to go from 90 days to a one-year sit-out sets their personal planning on its ear. Tammie assessed the situation and after counseling, decided to resign effective today, so she can sit out the 90 days required by the old rules. While there is no

promise, she hopes to come back to work June 30, prior to effective date of the new law."

Stewart said the bill can be hard on small counties where people with experience and qualifications may be limited.

"We small entities have problems getting qualified people to do these jobs," he said. "Having to sit out a year - it's not like the state or county is losing any money with the new law and retirees paying their half (of their PERA contribution) without gaining any additional benefits.

"I know double dipping is hard for some to swallow,

but we're talking 25 to 30 years of service and people are living longer. I think retirement plans around the country are experiencing growing pains."

The statutory restriction on two terms for elected county officials in counties such as Lincoln has been handled by the deputies in those department and the statutory officials working well together, he said. When a person leaves office, they often have the opportunity to be hired as a chief deputy, he said.

The meeting Monday will be in the commission chambers at the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

Governor's office promotes volunteerism efforts in state

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The Governor of New Mexico, along with the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism, wants to celebrate the volunteer efforts of thousands of New Mexicans throughout New Mexico.

A formal awards ceremony will be staged for the 2009 recipients and their guest on April 16, at the Albuquerque Hilton. Details of the event will be available on the NMCCV Web site: www.newmexserve.org.

An individual or group may only be nominated for one category. Nominees may self-nominate.

Members and staff of

the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism, its Awards Committee or judges are not eligible to nominate or to receive an individual award.

A panel of judges with significant experience in volunteerism and/or service will carefully review every application. Staff reserves the right to reassign a nomination if another category is found to be more appropriate.

With the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award, the nomination must focus on service activities that occurred between Jan. 1, 2009 and Dec. 30, 2009.

The categories and criteria are:

- Governor's Lifetime Achievement, which honors an individual who, over the course of his or her lifetime, has made significant contributions to New Mexico through volunteer efforts (either as a volunteer, a manager of volunteers, or a combination of both).

- Governor's Volunteer Award, which is aimed at recognizing just a few of the many volunteers helping to make New Mexico a better state, while promoting and inspiring further volunteer efforts.

The Governor's Volunteer Award is presented to New Mexico residents who demonstrate exemplary volunteer service to their communities. The Governor's Volunteer Award will

give special consideration to service seeking individuals who provide youth with caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, marketable skills and opportunities to serve. Although special consideration will be given to service activities that either benefit or involve young people, the Governor's Volunteer Award recognizes service to and by all ages.

- Governor's Corporate Volunteer Program Award, which recognizes a for-profit organization that runs a particularly effective employee volunteer program. Corporate philanthropic commitments are considered, but the volunteer efforts of the organization are the primary factor.

- Governor's Nonprofit Volunteer Program Award, which recognizes a not for profit organization that exemplifies exceptional volunteer management practices.

- Lieutenant Governor's Civic Volunteer of the

Year Award, which honors an individual who has improved his or her community through civic engagement. Minimum qualifications are five years of continuous or near continuous service in at least three different areas of the community.

- Governor's Volunteer Administrator of the

Year Award, which honors a paid or volunteer manager who exemplifies solid volunteer manage-

ment skills.

- Governor's Youth Service New Mexico Awards, which honor youth who have performed outstanding service in their communities and are making a positive impact in their local areas.

Award categories include Individual youth, ages 14 and younger; Individual youth, ages 15-18; and Youth group.

The original plus one copy of the completed application package must be postmarked by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, and sent to the NMCCV office at 3401 Pan American Freeway NE Albuquerque, NM 87107.

For more information, call 1-888-549-6913 or 505-841-4837.

Health executive needed in Carrizozo

A full-time executive director is needed at the New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo.

The Director would be responsible for personnel and programs for the 19-bed long-term health care facility for developmentally disabled adults.

Residents at the licensed intermediate care facility range in age from the mid-20s to more than 80. Some younger residents have been successful in finding employment, according to the center's Web site.

Community integration is an important aspect of New Horizons Developmental Center. "Residents are regular customers at local restaurants and coffee

houses. They worship at nearby churches and take part in Senior Center events. They borrow books and videos from local libraries and the Bookmobile. They attend school athletic events and root for the home team. They shop at discount stores, gift shops, and grocery stores. They visit art galleries, theaters, zoos and museums," the Web site stated.

Participation in Special Olympics also is available.

Program services are individualized and developed by residents, guardians/family members, a qualified mental retardation professional, occupational and physical therapists, a speech therapist, developmental disability technicians, a mental

health clinician, a registered nurse and a dietitian.

Some of the qualities being sought in the new executive director are to be able to express ideas clearly and to establish effective working relationships with the public, community, state and federal representatives.

Applicants must be able to pass employment physical, drug/alcohol screening, and background check. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To receive a detailed job description/application, call Liz at 575-648-2460 or e-mail resume to liz.nhdc@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Downs personnel policy updated

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A change to the Ruidoso Downs personnel policy manual will address term employees that become permanent city workers.

Term employees are positions that are funding through a grant, and the job is created solely for the duration of the grant. If the grant ends, the term position goes away.

Probationary rules

"The way your ordinances are now, if an employee is in one department and moves over to a different department, and they've already done their probationary period, they have to do another probationary period in the new

department," said the city's legal counsel Zach Cook.

"When we adopted the new personnel ordinance we adopted the term position. And its not exactly clear that if a term employee goes into a different department whether or not they have to redo that probationary period."

The change from a term employee to a permanent or classified city worked will now require a new probationary timeline of 12 months. The requirement could be waived by the mayor's delegated official.

The previous policy stated that if a term employee took a permanent position, a new probationary period would not be required providing there was no break in service.

Cook said the new language in the personnel policy will bring parity among city employees.

The clarification was unanimously approved by the city council.

Ruidoso Downs established the term employee status when employees were hired for the city's public transportation program, Lincoln County Transit.

Grant timeline

The positions only last as long as grant funding for the transit department's operations remain in place.

Term employees are eligible for insurance benefits, vacation and sick leave, and participation in a retirement program, just like regular employees.

EDUCATION

Mescalero suicide hearing held on Capitol Hill

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Last year's rash of teen suicides from the Ruidoso Downs to Mescalero Apache Reservation area captured attention last week on Capitol Hill.

The U.S. Senate's Committee on Indian Affairs heard testimony from a 15-year-old Mescalero boy who is a sophomore at Ruidoso High School.

"The first time I had to deal with teen suicide was when my sister Danielle's friend killed himself, when I was in the seventh grade," said Coloradas Mangas. "It was hard for me to see my sister in that stage. The second time was when my sister Kiana's friend killed himself two years ago. Next was in September of 2009, at the beginning of the school year. That's when it really started to take a hard toll. My friend killed himself. He was a good person and a helper to all."

That was the start of several suicides over several weeks.

"Two weeks later my sister Kiana's other friend killed herself. That was a hard one. Not only for her, but for a lot of youth on the reservation as she was a friend to all," said Mangas. "After that another two weeks went by and my other friend killed herself. Two weeks later my other friend killed herself. That night I didn't know what to do. I had no one to turn to or talk to."

Mangas said he went to church to be with a youth group.

"As I was at church I got a message I thought I never would get. A text message from my friend saying she loved me and that I'll always have a place in her heart. I didn't know what to do. They only other thing I could do was call the police who didn't respond. I went and walked in the woods from 9 p.m. to midnight. I looked everywhere, every tree, and I found her. It was a good thing I found her when I did, otherwise she would be gone forever."

Mangus told the senators he sought help with the psychologist at a mental health clinic on the reservation. But he added that he was an exception because the stigma and shame keeps most youth from going to mental health professionals.

Native American youth suffer suicide rates more than three times the rate of the general U.S. population, the highest of any group in the country.

"When I look at the resources that our neighbors have in the town of Ruidoso, I can't help but notice how limited our IHS (Indian Health Service) hospital is when it comes to basic care, and more importantly mental services. We have a mental health clinic with only one full-time psychologist."

One psychologist to serve a community of 4,500 children, youth and adults. It is my understanding that she is currently on administrative leave indefinitely. With her gone we have a huge gap in the continuity of care."

But Mangas applauded the community, noting the tribal administration now understands a need to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health issues. He noted the tribe has applied for a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant.

"Due to the most recent rash of suicides a new program started in the community called the Honor Your Life Program," Mangas testified. "It is a SAMHSA funded program that is designed to implement and evaluate a comprehensive early intervention and suicide prevention model."

He said talking about dying is the only way to break a tribal culture of silence that is taking the lives of his friends and other youth.

"I believe in change," said Mangas. "I believe that we can meet the needs on our reservation. First we need to increase program awareness and cooperation, targeting both youth and adults to get involved in these programs."

"Second, by helping the mental health clinic become fully staffed, getting faster hiring approval for these clinicians, and ensuring faster Medicaid approval for persons referred to residential treatment centers."

Mangas said having more support is vitally important.

He noted the Ruidoso Municipal School System had four providers, and felt the reservation needs more

than one psychologist. "Other things that I believe would help prevent suicide is by giving the youth more things to do so it would get them away from drugs, alcohol and idle trouble. We need more leadership activities to inspire our youth to change their life course. Sometimes I think our community forgets that a tribe's legacy rests in its children and not in how well tribal enterprises operate."

Mangas also told the committee that a youth shelter would provide young people a place to stay when things become "very toxic" at home.

"We have heard from other youth that if they just had a place to go for the night, that they would not have made an attempt on their life."

Randy Grinnell, the deputy director of Indian Health Service, said every year several communities in Indian Country experience "suicide clusters," or crisis episodes when suicides take on an ominous and seemingly contagious form.

"In these communities the suicidal act becomes a regular and transmittable form of expression of the despair and hopelessness experienced by some Indian youth. Access to adequate care is critical for those seeking help for their loved ones in crisis, or those left behind as emotional survivors of such acts."

The director of suicide prevention efforts at the White Mountain Apache Reservation in Arizona, Novalene Goldish said youth suicide is destroying American Indian communities.

The chair of the Committee on Indian Affairs, Senator Byron Dorgan (D-North Dakota) said the hearing, titled The Preventable Epidemic: Youth Suicides and the Urgent Need for Mental Health Care Resources in Indian Country, is a very important subject.

"We have clusters of teen suicides that are very troubling. We need to put a spotlight on it, when they think things are helpless and hopeless," said Dorgan.

While not testifying before the committee, Jeremiah Simmons, the coordinator of the Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention program at the Mescalero Apache Schools, said but for Mangas, no other Indian youth has had such an opportunity to speak about the public health implications of youth suicides.

He added that news coverage of the testimony sheds "some much positive light onto the situation that we been faced with."



COURTESY

Local high school students celebrated Kick Butts Day last week to promote awareness about the dangers of cigarette smoking and to discourage the practice.

RHS celebrates Kick Butts Day

The Students Against Destructive Decisions chapter at Ruidoso High School along with the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program at the School Based Health Center took a stand against "Big Tobacco" in their celebration of Kick Butts Day. The activities occurred during lunch times last Wednesday, March 24 at Ruidoso High School.

There are more than 2,000 kids under the age of 18 who become new daily smokers each year in the state of New Mexico.

More than 2,100 adults die each year from their

own smoking.

Smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined.

According to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, "Big Tobacco" spends \$47 million dollars marketing tobacco products in New Mexico. New rules issued in September 2009 and March 19, 2010 by the Food and Drug Administration will help restrict the sales and distribution of cigarettes and tobacco to protect children and adolescents.

Key parts to the new

laws are banning of flavoring in cigarettes, prohibit the distribution of packs fewer than 20, prohibiting sponsorships at events, and prohibiting the distribution of free samples.

The SADD Chapter had contests, displays and prizes during the lunch time celebration of Kick Butts Day.

The day was designed to encourage teens not to smoke or use spit tobacco. In addition, for those who have a tobacco addiction, resources are available through the School Based Health Center at 258-4859 and 1 800-QUITNOW.

Kindergarten registration is in April

Kindergarten registration around Lincoln and parts of Otero counties, as well as Child Find Developmental Screening, will take place during April in each community.

The kindergarten registration is for children who will be five years old by Sept. 1.

The screening, which looks at development, vision, hearing, nutrition and dental health, is for children birth to five years of age.

Ruidoso registration and

screen will take place April 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

In Capitan, the program is set for April 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Cummins Gymnasium at the Capitan Schools.

Tularosa registration and screening will take place April 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Tularosa Elementary School.

Corona is set for April 13, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Corona Auditorium.

Carrizozo High School's

gymnasium (Old Gym) will host the registration and screening April 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cloudcroft is scheduled for April 22, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Cloudcroft Elementary School.

Registrations at Hondo will take place April 30, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Hondo Valley School's Multipurpose Room.

In addition, Head Start registration will take place in Ruidoso, Capitan and Hondo for preschool children.

ENMU Ruidoso enrollment grows

Enrollment at ENMU-Ruidoso continues to grow. The community college announced the spring semester has 1,013 students registered, or a 4.3 percent increase.

"The vast majority of classes are filled to their maximum allowable number," said ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred. "Students are discovering that they can take classes either during the day,

evenings or on the weekends, depending on their work or family commitments. We expanded our general education offerings and career and technical education classes this year in response to requests from students, employers and the community."

Alred stated that with the expanded program offerings and new classes, combined with the recent expansion of the campus

facilities, students are now able to take classes in Ruidoso without having to transfer to or enroll at higher cost universities or colleges in New Mexico.

"Our entire college staff and faculty have worked hard since the first of the year to inform students, parents and the community about the benefits and exceptional value being made available at ENMU-Ruidoso," said Alred.



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FIRES

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some minor damage in the incident. Six other buildings were threatened, but structure protection crews held back the flames.

"I kept thinking surely my cabin was gone," said nearby landowner Gina Langley, as the flames jumped U.S. Highway 70 and climbed a hill on the north side of the road.

"I could not believe it when I walked up there Friday night and the fire had stayed away from the cabin. They (firefighters) did a great job. It was an unbelievable response."

Crews from volunteer fire departments at Glencoe, Hondo and Arabela responded to the Buckhorn Fire. Municipal fire departments at Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs also assisted, and Atwell's Emergency Services Office was at the location.

The highway in the valley was closed for several hours because of the fire.

A small fire on Sunday was reported around mid-afternoon. The Zinn Fire consumed about 1.5 acres near U.S. Highway 70, about three miles east of Devil's Canyon.

A woman, Melinda Apachito, was cited for improper handling of fire after reportedly disposing of hot ashes outside, said Atwell.

"Quit dumping ashes outside, right on the grass," said Atwell. "Dig a pit and soak the ashes with water."

The citations for the two fires in the valley were issued under state law.

"We are citing everybody that does this," said Atwell. "There is zero tolerance this year."

He said state forestry officials are considering going beyond just citations, and in some cases may take offenders into court on civil charges, to try to recoup the cost of fire suppression.

On Monday a blaze off Pine Lodge Road (State Highway 246), about halfway between Capitan and Roswell, burned an estimated 500 acres.

State Forestry's Ware said the fire was contained around midnight early Tuesday, and crews spent the rest of Tuesday mopping up. The Marley Fire burned through state, federal Bureau of Land Management, and private lands.

Also on Monday afternoon, 10 acres south of



MARTY RACINE/RUIDOSO NEWS

On Monday morning, nearly three days after it started, the Brewer Fire had left nothing but charred grassland in its wake, as seen from east of Capitan on Highway 380.

Picacho were scorched, and flames destroyed an old, unoccupied house. Atwell said the Glencoe and the Hondo volunteer fire departments responded. The fire, which escaped from a trash-burning barrel, was 100 percent contained by late in the afternoon.

weather conditions and heavy fuel loads in forested areas impact wildfire danger, especially as communities expand closer to the woods.

Red flag out

Windy conditions Tuesday afternoon brought another round of red flag warnings for eastern and southern New Mexico, especially for areas below 7,000 feet in elevation. Very dry winds, along with unseasonably warm temperatures and low humidity levels, conspired to create high to extreme fire dangers, said the National Weather Service. And the conditions were likely to return Wednesday.

In the wake of the recent fires, New Mexico deemed March 28 through April 3 as Wildfire Awareness Week.

The focus for this year reflects on how changing

weather conditions and heavy fuel loads in forested areas impact wildfire danger, especially as communities expand closer to the woods.

"Wildfire can occur in New Mexico at any time during the year, depending on conditions," said Deputy State Forester Tony Delfin. "We must think smart and not let wildfires start."

The agency reported that overall the potential for fire is lower this year than it was last year because of better rain and snowfall.

Statewide, between Jan.

1 and March 29, there have been more than 60 wildfires that burned about 11,000 acres. A year ago the count was 264 fires that consumed 63,589 acres.

But the incidence of wildfire in southeastern New Mexico has been growing. For the past several years some parts of the region experienced dry winters and extreme fire danger.

The Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief Team provided food and beverages to fire responders who worked the Friday and Sunday fires in the valley.



COURTESY ARTHUR HOOPES/SIERRA BLANCA DISASTER RELIEF TEAM

Agencies respond to the Buckhorn Fire near Glencoe Friday, which burned about 78 acres and consumed two structures. No injuries were reported.

Thinking smart

New Mexico State Forestry is recommending that residents, especially those who live in areas with dense vegetation, grasses and trees, take steps to protect against fire.

- Create a 30-foot defensible space around homes.
- Pile firewood and other flammables away from structures.
- Keep access roads free of debris and vegetation to improve access and escape in case of fire.
- Clean off needles and other debris from roofs and gutters.
- Consider constructing or renovating with fire resistant building materials.
- Prune trees near structures and remove excess ground fuels such as tree branches and pine needles.

- The agency also has tips for visiting forested areas.
- Build campfires only in approved areas.
- Never leave a campfire unattended, and be sure it is dead out and cold to the touch before leaving.
- Never park vehicles in tall grass or shrubs where fires can be started by hot catalytic converters.
- Never toss lit cigarettes from a vehicle.
- Abide by smoking restrictions in forested areas.
- Never use fireworks in forested areas.

Lincoln County requires outdoor burning first be called into the sheriff's department, and at times prohibits burning if conditions warrant.

Outdoor fires are always banned in Ruidoso.

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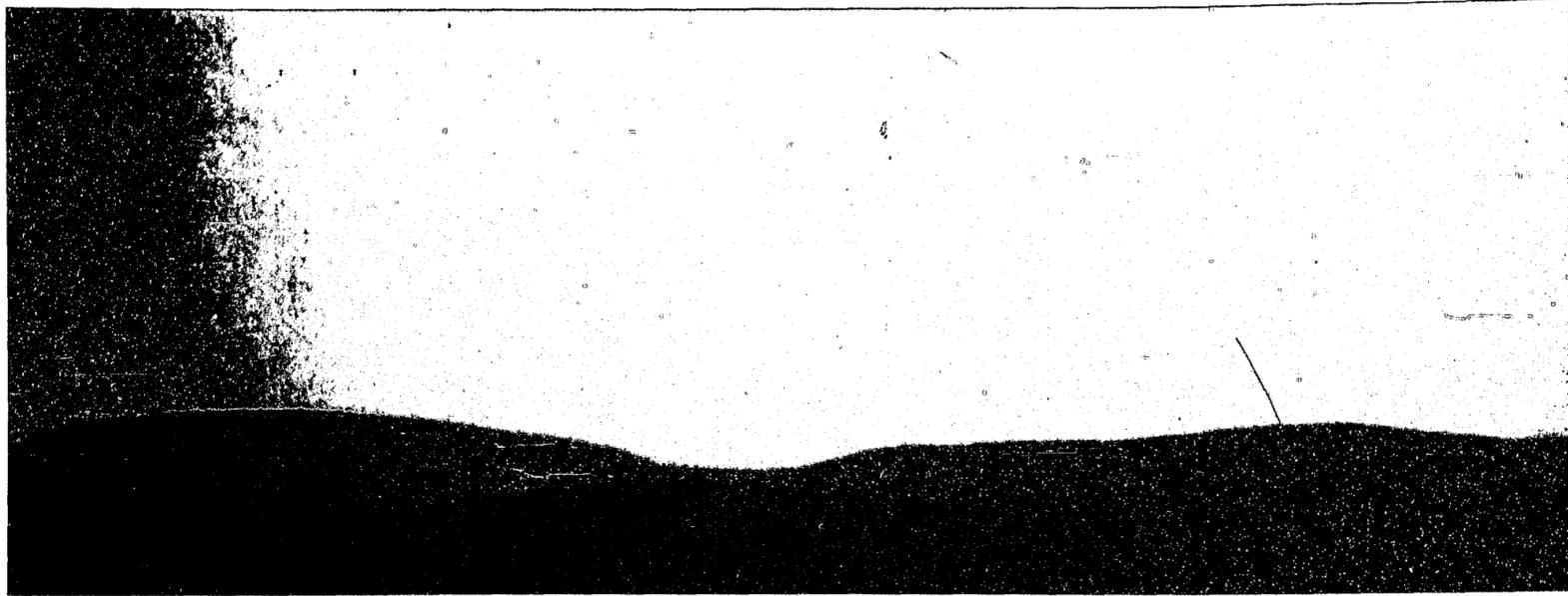
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FULL MOON RISING



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

A full moon rises over Lincoln County Monday evening. The moon is an oval due to atmospheric distortion and is a beautiful russet color.

County leaves animal ordinance unchanged

■ Non-action comes despite efforts from humane groups

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Despite pleas from those who worked on proposed changes to Lincoln County's animal control ordinance for county commissioners to consider adoption of at least some wording clarifications, a motion was approved to leave the ordinance "as is."

At a meeting March 16, Commissioner Don Williams suggested not adopting any changes, because the county has no capability to enforce anything more stringent.

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked Williams if his words amounted to a motion, and offered a second. Commissioner Dave Parks cast the lone vote against the motion.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin thanked Barbara Culler and others associated with humane groups in the county for their work in gathering

input and proposing changes. "We will continue to look at this as we go along," he promised.

Bob Moeller of Nogal attempted to slow the motion toward no action by pointing out that Sheriff Ricky Virden indicated at a previous meeting some of the clarifications would help his deputies perform animal control-related duties.

"I think maybe there are some things put in there (representing) the hopes of animal rescue and people's attitude changing toward animals, but others are just clarifications to make the job easier," Culler said. "It clarifies what is required and what is not for the owner."

In the field, a lot of deputies have different opinions (about what the ordinance requires) and animals can't speak for themselves. This helps define what is a dangerous or a vicious dog.

"It gives them more of an option and doesn't cost more. The deputy would go after the dog anyway. If

you don't want to do licensing, I really wish you would at least look at the clarifications."

Moeller asked that before commissioners "decide to do nothing," and realizing it is hard to pick out what may be most important, the county manager, the county attorney, Culler and Virden sit down and go over the recommendations. Virden could pick out what he felt was helpful to the animal control job, and commissioners may, "find a way to incrementally improve the animal control situation," he said.

Parks noted the increase in the fee for sterilization of animals from \$25 to \$40, and said he didn't want police knocking on doors to determine if dogs and cats were spayed and neutered. Culler countered that the fees only pertained to impounded animals, those picked up for running at large and creating litters.

Three humane groups are active in the county. Comments were received from the Humane Society of Lincoln County, which operates a shelter and has contracts with the county and some municipalities, including Ruidoso. The sterilization fee is part of the overall adoption fee when animals leave the shelter. "They don't adopt out a pet until it has been

spayed or neutered," Battin said.

Partners for Animal Welfare helps with the cost of spay and neutering of pets, and Miracles Paws for Pets subsidizes sterilization of feral cats, Culler said.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said, "I think the big question is who issues the licenses."

Culler said licenses can be handled several ways.

Animal control can do the paperwork, or veterinarians could receive a portion of the fee to cover the administration work. Other businesses also can be involved.

Culler said she would like to see more use of microchips to identify animals and ensure they have received rabies shots, because many are picked up without a collar and tags can't be found. The

information can be changed with the chip distribution company, if owners move.

"The chip just tells which company to call," she explained. "If someone is bitten, they'd like to know the dog has rabies shots."

Several commissioners, including Battin, said they heard from many in the community urging the commission to take no action.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Downs sets animal control workshop

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The animal control ordinance in Ruidoso Downs will get a city council review and discussion during a work session on Thursday.

Proposed changes to the code were looked at by the council earlier this month and received comment from city residents. Some contended the amendments would make the ordinance that deals with dogs and cats overbearing and take away property rights.

Mayor Tom Armstrong had called for holding the workshop on April 1, at 2 p.m.

"Can we make it later?" City Councillor Tommy Hood asked Armstrong. "I had some people that complained about the time at two o'clock. I have some people that tell me they work and they would like to attend the meeting. They would like to put their two cents in."

Noting that he also would be working

during the day, Hood suggested the work session begin at 5 p.m.

Councillor Gary Williams wondered if overtime for staff would be an issue with the later time.

"We need to consider how many of the staff members would be attending," said Williams. "We have spoken many times today about costs."

Armstrong responded only a few staff members would need to be in attendance. He felt the city attorney, clerk and animal control officer would likely be at the meeting.

City Clerk Carol Virden said just animal control officer Peggy Lu Jane would require overtime pay because the clerk is salaried and the legal counsel is on contract.

The 5 p.m. time was approved by all city councillors. Any action to change language in the animal control ordinance would have to come during a public hearing during a regular meeting of the council, not during the workshop.

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'Census Day' prods reluctant residents to join count

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Thursday is Census Day, but a lot of Lincoln

County residents have snubbed their noses so far at returning the 2010 Census forms.

While one-half of the forms nationwide had been mailed in as of March 30, the participation rate for the county was 26 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

During the census in 2000 Lincoln County had an overall participation level of 38 percent, the lowest turnout of all 33 counties in the state.

Statewide the current rate was a 44 percent. For the entire census 10 years ago the New Mexico rate was 65 percent.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce is urging residents to mail back their census forms. The chamber said the census means \$1,000 per person per year in federal funding, and the county lost an estimated \$5.4 million over the past 10 years because of undercounting. The census provides

funding for local health, education and social programs, as well as proper representation in the legislature.

At 9 a.m., Thursday, the chamber will hold a meeting on how to learn to spread the word of the importance of participation in the census. The meeting is at the chamber offices.

The meeting is organized in conjunction with Census-It's in Your Hands Lincoln County Committee.

In Ruidoso, the U.S. Census Bureau puts this year's participation rate as of March 30 at 23 percent. During Census 2000 the total village rate was 36 percent. In Ruidoso Downs the level is at 24 percent. In 2000 it had been 44 percent.

And at Capitan, the present participation is put at 38 percent. In 2000 Capitan's response had been 54 percent.

For most residents, this year's questionnaire was trimmed to 10 questions.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

March 13
4:07 p.m. - Police responded to a residence in the 400 block of 3rd Street on a report of a missing person.

A woman had said her husband had left their house. The man then exited the home and told police he had earlier gone for a walk.

March 15
5:30 p.m. - Police were called to a location in the 200 block of Carter's Lane for a possible suicidal person.

The man resisted getting onto an ambulance gurney and began spitting, according to a police report. Shawn J. Forte, 18, of Mescalero was charged with assault on a health-care worker for spitting and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

March 16
10:27 p.m. - Officers were sent to a residence in the 100 block of Sleep Hollow Road following a 9-1-1 call that was disconnected.

The dispatcher said before the hang up she heard a man yelling in the background. When police arrived they observed a man and a woman arguing, but no signs of physical violence. The two were separated for the night.

March 17
12 p.m. - A resident in the 110 block of Chaparral Drive notified police of a burglary at his dwelling. Someone had entered the home. Missing was a flat screen television valued at \$1,500.

3:47 p.m. - A woman told police that her residence in the 100 block of Pine Trail had been burglarized sometime around the middle of December.

The crime was unreported at the time. Taken was a laptop computer, \$1775 worth of DVDs, and a radiant heater.

Police said the items had previously been recovered and a suspect identified.

4:18 p.m. - A woman went to police to report custodial interference.

But when an officer contacted the District Court there was no record of custody paperwork. The woman was advised to contact her attorney.

4:42 p.m. - An officer took a report of a stolen bicycle from a home in the 500 block of Wingfield Street.

The bicycle, valued at \$200, went missing sometime over the previous week.

8:10 p.m. - A Midtown merchant called police to report two shoplifters. Reported taken by a woman from the Timber's Mall, 2553 Sudderth Dr., were 40 strands of turquoise valued at \$400.

A man with the woman took a small wooden bear. Told to stop, the couple reportedly hurried out of the mall.

Police were unable to locate the suspects.

March 18
1:30 a.m. - An Alto woman was arrested for consuming an alcohol beverage as a minor.

Ruidoso police were assisting with traffic control at the scene of an accident at the intersection of State Route 48 and Ski Run Road.

An officer said he heard tires screech and was nearly struck by an oncoming car.

The driver, Jennifer Carter, 19, was arrested after police said a half-empty bottle of vodka was found in the car.

Carter later posted bond at the police station.

6:57 p.m. - A possible case of stalking was reported to police.

A woman said a pickup truck, matching one that belonged to a man she had a protective order against, had passed her home several times and flashed its lights.

March 19
10:21 a.m. - A residential burglary was reported at a residence in the 100 block of Mockingbird Lane.

The family had just returned from a vacation.

Missing were golf clubs, two horse saddles and tools, with a combined value of \$5,600.

Police were able to collect fingerprints from a window that was believed to have been the access point.

March 20
12:12 p.m. - Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Grove Drive for a person reportedly threatening suicide.

When police arrived no one was at the home, but it was learned the person had a cell phone.

The phone provider was contacted and the person's location, at the U.S. Highway 70 Travel Center Casino, was determined from the phone's signal. The person was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center.

12:38 p.m. - A person who found a snowboard in the 1000 block of Main Road turned it into police. Later in the day a man came into the police station and described the snowboard he had lost. The information coincided and the snowboard was turned over to the man.

March 21
8:09 p.m. - Police responded to a business at 200 Mechem Dr., where windows had been broken. Rocks were found at the location. The case report was forwarded to the department's Criminal Investigation Division for review.

March 22
3:02 a.m. - Officers were sent to a location in the 2800 block of Sudderth Drive, where a man said a break-in was taking place. The man said he left the building after hearing loud bangs, voices, and then two more bangs.

Police found a back door had been kicked in. Nothing was taken and no evidence of rummaging around.

11:26 p.m. - Police were called to a residence in the 200 block of Paradise Canyon Road where a woman said her daughter had gotten a strange cell phone call.

A report on the use of a telephone to harass or annoy was written.

Cody Posey release imminent

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Convicted four years ago of killing his father, stepmother and stepsister, Cody Posey is close to becoming a free man.

The now 20-year old was released Monday from the Youth Diagnostic and Development Center in Albuquerque and will spend several months living in what the New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families calls a facility to reintegrate back into society.

Posey was 14-years old when he was charged with killing his father, Paul Posey at the Hondo area ranch the senior Posey managed. Also shot and killed during the July 5, 2004 event were Posey's stepmother Tryone and younger stepsister Marilea Schmid.

The teen confessed to the deaths at their home on the ranch owned by now

retired ABC reporter Sam Donaldson. It was Donaldson who discovered blood in the manager's home the next day.

Cody Posey told Lincoln County sheriff's investigators that after years of abuse he went inside the house where is stepmother was reading a book and shot her twice in the head. After hearing the shots, Paul Posey went into the ranch home and was shot. Then the teen turned the gun on Marilea Schmid. Cody Posey told deputies that he next buried the bodies in a manure pile and disposed of the gun.

A trial that had been moved to District Court in Alamogordo began on Jan. 16, 2006, with Judge James Waylon Counts presiding. Some witnesses at the trial testified that Paul Posey was abusive and cruel to his son. Defense attorney Gary Mitchell also contended that the teen's stepmother was also abusive. Never denying that Cody

Posey killed the three, Mitchell said the boy snapped from his treatment. Prosecutor Sandra Grisham however portrayed Posey as boy who wanted to get rid of his family.

Three weeks after the trial started, the jury convicted Posey of first-degree murder for the death of his stepsister, second-degree murder for the shooting death of his stepmother, and voluntary manslaughter in the death of his father.

The majority of the jurors wrote to Counts asking for juvenile sanctions at sentencing.

On Feb. 23, 2006, Cody Posey was sentenced as a juvenile with the Children, Youth and Families Department to keep him in custody until the age of 21. He will reach that age later this year.

The trial and sentencing hearing had attracted daily news coverage on Court TV.

Two Capitan burglaries investigated

Sometime after 10 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, break-ins and burglaries occurred at two Capitan businesses.

According to Capitan Police Chief Randy Spear, culprits broke into Calamity Janes Coffee & Eatery, 500 W. Smokey Bear Blvd.

and money was taken. Police believe that in the same time frame, Dr. Ray Seidel's office at 445 5th St. was entered illegally.

Chief Spear said nothing seemed to be missing at this time.

Spear said there are some "persons of interest"

the department is looking at because of some evidence left behind at the scene at the burglaries.

Contact Chief Spear with any information on the burglaries at the Capitan Police Department at 354-2153.

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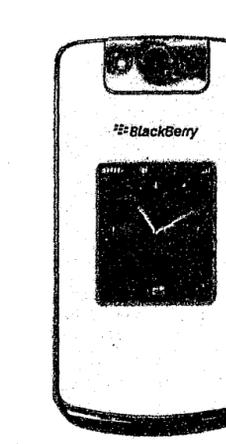
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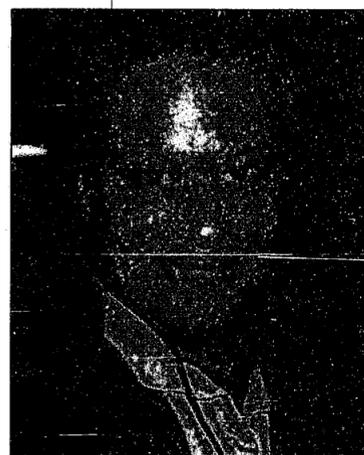
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Ski Report

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: 235 inches

Weather for Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Windy, with a west wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Windy, with a southwest wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Weather for Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. Windy, with a southwest wind between 30 and 35 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph. Thursday evening, a slight chance of rain showers before midnight, then a slight chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy and windy, with a low around 30. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Current conditions: Good
Mid-mountain snow depth: 50 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, The Face, part of Apache Bowl, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Game Trail, Screaming Eagle, Mesalero, Ring Tail, Elk Lift Line, Cliff and Little Bear.

Groomers Pick: Elk Lift Line
Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) and No. 8. Gondola is open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays).

Snowmaking: No

Results

Baseball

Thursday, March 25
Santa Rosa 10, Capitan 5
Friday, March 26
Capitan 11, Dexter 6
Saturday, March 27
Roswell 12, Ruidoso 9
Roswell 6, Ruidoso 3
St. Michaels 15, Capitan 4

High School Softball

Thursday, March 25
Loving 13, Capitan 0
Dexter 15, Ruidoso 0
Friday, March 26
Capitan 12, Hope Christian 9
Saturday, March 27
Capitan 10, Ruidoso 0

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Tuesday, April 6
Capitan at Tularosa, DH, 4 and 6 p.m.
Ruidoso at Portales, DH, 4 and 6 p.m.

High School Softball

Thursday, April 1
Ruidoso at Cobre, DH, 3 p.m.
Friday, April 2
Capitan at Dexter, DH, 4 p.m.

On Deck

RHS Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association, in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the fourth of six scrambles at Alto Lakes golf and Country Club on April 6. The event will begin at 1 p.m. For more info or to sign up call 257-5815 (Cree Meadows) or 336-4232 (Alto Lakes Golf Shop).

Lady Tigers look good ... again

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The Capitan softball girls are under some pressure. That's only to be expected after winning District 4-1A-2A the last three years. The 2010 version of the Lady Tigers already looks "good to go" at 5-2.

In their opening game of the season, March 6, they downed Tucumcari at home, 17-2, with great pitching and outstanding hitting.

Last year the team got to the state semi-finals before losing to Jal, 6-3.

And they only lost two of their players to graduation.

First year head coach Rodney Griego likes his team's chances this season.

"This year's squad has a nice mix to it," he said. "We have speed and show good promise at hitting and fielding. Our squad has

four seniors but two eighth-graders start for us - at first base and right field. It's a well-rounded team."

Griego, to bond his team as one playing unit, has his girls practice and warm-up together, with older, seasoned players throwing to younger ones.

With Alisha Autrey the Capitan girls look to be strong in the pitching department, too. The Lady Tigers' hurler has been starting for five years now, including Capitan's first probationary season when the school started a softball team. Two other players on the 2010 team were also on that initial softball squad, too - Jordan Dalton and Brooke Ceballos.

The team acquitted themselves well last week at the Lindsey Callaway Tournament in Dexter.

The Lady Tigers lost their opening game Thursday to District 3



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The 2010 Lady Tigers softball team is in the hunt for Capitan's fourth straight district title.

power, Loving, 13-0, one of the top-ranked teams in 1A-2A.

"Obviously, we didn't hit (Capitan collected three hits) and the four errors we

committed didn't help matters either," Griego explained.

Friday's match-up with D5-3A Hope Christian was more positive as the

Capitan girls won 12-9 while banging out 12 hits.

"In the top of the seventh we were up 12-3,"

See TIGERS, page 2B

Regulators to shoot 'Outlaws and Clowns'

JACK SHUSTER

For the Ruidoso News

The Lincoln County Regulators, armed with six guns, lever guns, and scatter guns, will gather at the Cowboy Action Shooting Range and Old West Town at the Ruidoso Gun Club range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso Downs on Saturday morning, April 10 to shoot "Outlaws and Clowns," the theme of their April Cowboy Action Shooting match.

Cowgirls, cowboys, and buckaroos, as well as spectators are urged to dress Western and get ready to have some fun. Cowboy Action Shooting is the fastest growing family shooting sport in the world.

Competitors will shoot four stages based on an Old

West version of the movie Zombieland. In this version, the West has been decimated by a virus related to mad cow disease. This virus turns everyone into outlaws. Only a handful of real cowboys remain, including Rusty Fillins, the town dentist. Shooters will help Rusty fight the bad guys but outlaws are not his greatest fear. Clowns are.

Stages for "Outlaws and Clowns" have been designed by Match Director Rusty Fillins, with imaginative scenarios written by Rusty Fillins and "Westernized" by Sgt. Shuster.

Rusty is about to confront a bunch of outlaws all by himself and the competitors have arrived on Stage One to help him. They are both outnumbered and in a



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Cowboy Action Shooters lining up at the Lincoln County Regulators' loading table

fix when Tallahassee, an experienced outlaw fighter shows up. The shooter begins the stage with the line, "Thank God for red-

necks."

Shooters are in another fix with Rusty Fillins on Stage Two and the outlaws are coming in thick.

Unfortunately, Rusty gets so excited he can't remember anything but Rule One

See SHOOT, page 2B

Corona track girls grab top position at meet

RON HOKE

For the Alamogordo Daily News

Tularosa claimed the boys' title and Corona came from behind in the last six events to edge Tularosa and Mountainair by two points on the girls' side at the Mountain Top Invitational at Bob Cerny Stadium in Tularosa on Saturday afternoon.

The Cloudcroft boys scored 71 points to finish third behind the Wildcats (87) and Capitan (76) while the Lady Bears finished fifth with 54 points.

The event, hosted by Cloudcroft, was held at the Tularosa High School venue because the Cloudcroft Athletic Field had not fully recovered from this past winter's heavy weather conditions.

The Wildcats put 40 points on the board in the field events and held a 20-point lead through most of the running events.

In the field, Trevor LaPaz and Eddie Barreras went 1-3 in the shot put

and 1-2 in the discus for Tularosa, while Emery Coleman and Chance Brill added a 1-3 in the high jump.

The Wildcats tallied most of their points on the track in the sprints with wins in both the 400- and 800-meter relays and a first by Coleman in the 100-meter dash and a second by Jim Coleman in the 200.

The 100 was the closest race of the afternoon as Emery Coleman edged Cloudcroft's Chris Simpson by an eyelash at the finish. Both athletes' times were well under the state qualifying standard for the event.

Cloudcroft's Ben Faust tallied 21 points to win the high-point award for the boys. He won the javelin in a state-qualifying effort, finished second in the shot put and triple jump and was third in the discus.

On the ladies' side, the team title wasn't decided until the conclusion of the final event.

Tularosa had a 13-point lead over Corona with six events remaining but only scored two points in the next five events as they didn't field relay teams in either the 800-meter or medley relays.

Corona tallied 23 points in the 400 and 200 and entered the 1600-meter relay eight points ahead of Tularosa and 12 points ahead of Mountainair.

The Tularosa relay quartet of Tara Calderara, Cheyann Bartram, Dakota Rice and Ashley Porter needed a win in the event to claim the title or a second to tie Corona.

Calderara ended her lead leg third and Bartram gained a spot to second within 10 yards of the leading Cloudcroft runner before she handed the baton to Rice.

Rice grabbed the lead on the back straight and was about 15 yards in the clear when she handed off to Porter.

Porter was chased down by Lady Bear Kelsey

Proctor with 100 meters to go and the Mountainair anchor passed both Porter and Proctor in the sprint to the finish, leaving the Lady Wildcats two points shy of the Lady Cardinals and tied with the Lady Mustangs for second.

Corona's Taylor Huey was the individual star of the day as she won four individual events in state qualifying times and distances as she tallied 32 points for the Lady Cardinals and won the individual high point award.

Kelly, Shelly and Kristi Gensler combined for the rest of the Corona points that included two individual wins, a second and three thirds.

Combined, Huey and the Genslers scored 71 of the Lady Cardinals 72 points.

The Lady Wildcats got individual wins from Bartram in the triple jump and Leeann Richardson in the javelin to go along with a win in the 400-meter

relay. Rice added seconds in the high jump and 300 hurdles, Kassie Hardison was second in the 100 and Talisa Bigmouth was third in the javelin.

For the Lady Bears, Proctor grabbed the only individual win as she and Cammy Dees finished 1-2 in the 800.

Dees was also instrumental in two other events for Cloudcroft as she and Jorden Scott finished 3-4 in both the high jump and triple jump.

Tularosa picked up a couple new state qualifiers in the meet.

Wildcats Coleman and LaPaz qualified in the 100 and discus while Barreras qualified again in the discus.

Cloudcroft's Faust and Simpson both qualified again in the javelin and 100 respectively.

Both Tularosa and Cloudcroft will be competing this coming Thursday as Tularosa will host the Rose Relays.

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The 10 and under Rapids and Red Bulls enjoy Saturday soccer.

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Tanner Perrin started the first game against the visiting Roswell Coyotes who won 12-9.



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Kayle Frierson in a rare miss. Roswell won the second game 6-3.

TIGERS

FROM PAGE 1B

Griego said. "We then gave up five walks, suffered some errors and before you knew it we were only up by three. Fortunately, my girls held them off to save a Capitan victory."

In that contest, Dalton slammed a homer, with one on in the sixth, over the left field fence as the high wind almost blew it foul.

Saturday's game with Ruidoso saw the Lady Tigers walk off the field at the end with a 10-0 win on 11 hits.

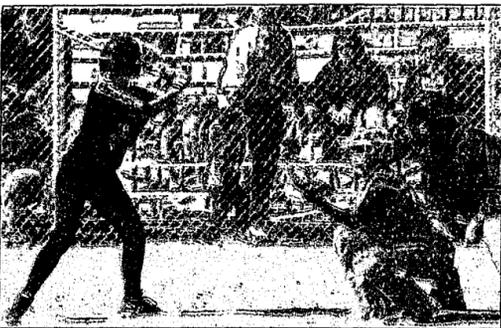
At the Dexter tourney Autrey went 4-for-7 (.571), Dalton was 4-for-7 (.444) and Sidni Hughes had a 3-for-9 (.333) series. Dalton was voted All Tournament for Capitan.

Friday, the Lady Tigers start a home-and-home series at Dexter (4 and 6 p.m.).

"These four games should be very competitive," Griego said.

April 23, Capitan will begin district play in a four-straight series with Lordsburg.

"We had a decent fifth-place tournament at Dexter," Griego said. "But we could have done better."



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's Teyna Montoya bats at the Dexter tournament.

"We have high expectations this season but we're going to have to work hard to achieve what we want. First things first. That means winning district

again. "State play goes from May 13-15. Last year we were close. We would like to advance further this year."



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Jordan Dalton receives All Tournament honors.

SHOOT

FROM PAGE 1B

and that's how to pull teeth with a shot of Rotgut and an old pair of pliers.

The competitor has to remind him to shoot with the line, "Rule Two: double tap."

The competitors and Rusty have chased the outlaws to a frontier circus where Rusty's real nemesis shows up. Rusty doesn't know which way is up when he has to face a bozo, his greatest fear, on Stage Three and the shooter will have to get him to focus on the target with the line, "Look at this clown."

The shooters and Rusty have just about cleaned out all the outlaws and clowns

but, on Stage Four, Rusty just goes on and on about the bag of roasted peanuts he found while looking for Twinkies in the abandoned Mercantile.

With the last of the outlaws getting close, each competitor will have to warn Rusty to drop his nuts, stop talking and start shooting with the line, "Time to nut up or shut up."

The four stage "Outlaws and Clowns" Cowboy Action Shooting match will be followed by a single stage Wild Bunch Action match, a new Single Action Shooting Society competition.

Known as "the hottest game around," Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a combination of SASS Cowboy Action Shooting and Action

Shooting.

The sport uses 1911 Pistols, Lever Action Rifles, and 1897 Pump Shotguns.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: single action revolvers; lever action rifles; and side by side double barreled, pre-1899 pump, or lever action shotguns.

The shooting competition is staged in a unique, characterized, Old West style. Contestants shoot in several one-to-four gun stages in which they engage steel and/or cardboard targets.

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Action Shooting is the requirement placed on authentic period or western screen dress. Each participant is required to adopt a shooting alias appropriate to a character or profession of the late 19th century, or a Hollywood Western star, and develop a costume accordingly.

Registration for "Outlaws and Clowns" begins on the range at 9 a.m. and shooters are asked to pick a Single Action Shooting Society age-based, standard or costume shooting category when they register.

"Outlaws and Clowns" will begin officially at 9:30 a.m. with Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a mandatory safety briefing.

The shooting starts at 10 a.m.

The Match Fee is \$10, cash or check. SASS rules will apply.

There will be a \$3 one-day insurance fee for non-members of the Ruidoso Gun Club.

Competitors will need a minimum of 40 pistol cartridges, 40 rifle cartridges and 16 or more shotgun shells.

All ammunition must be lead only. Shooters not fully equipped are invited to borrow the firearms of the experienced. All ammunition must be lead only.

For the Wild Bunch Match, shooters can bring any 1911 style handgun, any pump action shotgun, and any pistol caliber lever gun.

Participants and specta-

tors are urged to bring a sack lunch, non-alcoholic beverages and lawn chairs. Anyone up to helping set up targets and getting the Old West town ready for the match is invited to stop at the range at 3:30 on Friday afternoon.

Membership in the Lincoln County Regulators may be also purchased at the event.

The Lincoln County Regulators dress Western, shoot Western and never use their real names. It's the closest you can get to the Old West short of a time machine.

For information about the "Outlaws and Clowns" match, call or email Lincoln County Regulator Special Constable John Steele at 937-3023 or srwood@valornet.com.

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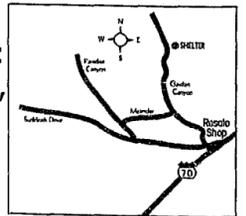
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Rollie is a happy boy who is about 6 m. o. and weighs 44 pounds. He is friendly and loves to play, especially with his favorite toy of the day.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

FFA teams headed to state

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Blizzards and long distances to contests had county FFA judging teams staying home or competing on a limited basis as the season eases toward the State Contest in Las Cruces April 6-9.

Representing Lincoln County schools will be Corona FFA, Capitan FFA, Hondo FFA and Carrizozo FFA.

The Roswell contest on March 20 was smaller than usual because so many schools around the state cancelled at the last minute due to ice and snow storms.

Capitan was the only county team to compete in that contest.

Carrizozo took a young (except one senior) Meats team to the Texas Tech Invitational at the end of last week.

"The team did a nice job for having three eighth grade students and only one senior on it," said FFA advisor Mike Gaines. "This was only the second Meats contest for the 8th grade members." Gaines said that out of the New Mexico teams attending, Carrizozo places fourth, and was 12th counting all 52 teams.

"Thanks to all the parents, students and staff for helping us make this possible," he said. "And a special thanks to Melody Gaines for her help as bus driver, secretary, coach, etc."

Having missed the Roswell contest, Carrizozo and Hondo opted to make the long trip to Quemado last weekend.

The weather was measurably better but cold and some snow managed to remind the students that winter was not giving up just yet.

Teams are traveling to Portales for a contest mid-week, March 30-31.

This contest will wind up the invitational qualifiers and determine teams for the final contest at state next week.

Roswell (March 20)

Ag Mechanics (26 teams): 22. Capitan: Ben Corona, Layne Southard;

Individual scores(80):
32. Layne Southard;

Horse (25 teams): 3. Capitan: Royce Black, Kaleb Cleckler, Taylor Preston, Kirsten Wilson;
Individual (76): 17-19. Royce Black, Kaleb Cleckler 22. Kirsten Wilson;

Livestock (32 teams)
10. Capitan #1: Jenna Cleckler, Kaleb Cleckler, Haley Montes, Forrest Sweat; 29. Capitan#2: Christian Sweat;
Individual (90): 3. Haley Montes 44. Kaleb Cleckler;

Poultry (10 teams)
8. Capitan: Royce Black, Wade Shearer, Preston Taylor;

Individuals (32): 17. Royce Black;

Wildlife (31 teams)
15. Capitan #1: Ben Corona, Wade Shearer, Kaydn Traylor, Jnae Wood; 25. Capitan #2: Walker Bymoan, Tanner Preston, Layne Southard;
Individuals (99): 27. Kaydn Traylor;

Wool (18 teams)
2. Capitan #1: Jenna Cleckler, Haley Montes, Kirsten Wilson, Jnae Wood; 12. Capitan #2: Tanner Preston, Christian Sweat, Forrest Sweat;
Individuals (57): 2. Jenna Cleckler 12. Haley Montes 18. Jnae Wood;

Texas Tech Invitational (March 25)

Meats (52 teams)
12. Carrizozo #1: Alexa Borowski, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Mason Huston;
Individual (168): 23. Shayna Gallacher 71. Alexa Borowski 76. Mason Huston;

Quemado (March 27)

Ag Mechanics (14 teams)
5. Carrizozo #1: Ryan Guevara, Don Myers, Fernando Najera, Wade Sultemeier; 13. Carrizozo #2: Arturo Najera, Joshua Ventura;
Individual (42): 16. Fernando Najera 20. Ryan Guevara;

Crops (14 teams)

9. Carrizozo: Johnathan Smith, Lauren Smith;
Individual (42): 9. Lauren Smith;

Entomology (3 teams)
1. Carrizozo: Alexa Borowski, Fernando Najera, Johnathan Smith, Wade Sultemeier;
Individuals (10): 1. Alexa Borowski 2. Fernando Najera 3. Wade Sultemeier;

Forestry (3 teams)
3. Hondo: Stephanie Gomez, Esther Gonzales, Celena Sanchez;
Individual (11): 2. Esther Gonzales;

Homesite (6 teams)
3. Carrizozo: Mason Huston, Tanner Huston, Stefan Najar;
Individual (17): 5. Tanner Huston 8. Stefan Najar;

Land (7 teams)
7. Carrizozo: Tanner Huston;
Individual (20): 14. Tanner Huston;

Livestock (12 teams)
7. Carrizozo: Lane Carter, Joel Ferguson, Marshal Wilson;
Individuals (41): 8. Joel Ferguson;

Wildlife (22 teams)
13. Hondo #1: James Chavez, Noellee Frances, Irving Gomez, Montana Prudencio; 21. Hondo #2: Prudence Ruiz;
Individual (68): 36. Irving Gomez;

Wool (7 teams)
2. Carrizozo #1: Joel Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Tessa Hendricks; 7. Carrizozo #2: Jacie Thornton;
Individual (19): 4. Shayna Gallacher 5. Tessa Hendricks 10. Joel Ferguson.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Numbers in front of names and teams indicate placing. Some teams were not complete teams of four members, therefore garnering a lower total score and placing the "team" lower in the contest.

KEEPING IT GREEN



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

A new recycling container is in place the Capitan Post Office making the twice-daily dumping from the inside container a simpler job for Ol' George Tippin, volunteer recycling czar. L-r, Debra Ingle, Greentree Solid Waste Authority operational supervisor, Tippin, Postmistress Kristi Sepkowitz and Helen Tippin. The Capitan container was funded by Keep New Mexico Beautiful and the New Mexico Recycling Coalition sponsored one for the Alto Post Office. The funding was granted based on the amount of material collected for recycling at the Capitan Post Office. In 2010, Tippin said January - March collections already total three tons.

WEED OF THE WEEK

Welcome to a new season of Lincoln County Cooperative's Weed of the Week.

The season begins with a quote taken from one of LCCWMA's weed identification brochures.

"Weeds are undesirable not only for their appearance and aggressive nature but also because they are unhealthy for our native wildlife and limited watersheds. Non-native weeds choke and erode creeks, streams, and rivers; prevent abundance of birds and wildlife; are toxic to livestock, and have a negative impact on the state's economy." To summarize, weeds are BAD.

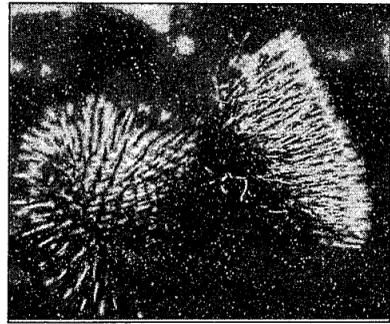
Now, I think nearly all of us here in Lincoln County, unfortunately, are familiar with thistles. Probably most of us are able to recognize either the Musk or the Bull Thistle. These two thistles are closest to each other in size and plague nearly every lawn and field in our county.

This week we'll focus in on Bull Thistle. It's not uncommon for the bull thistle to drop an incredible 20,000 seeds PER flower head, and as you can see from our second picture, each plant has plenty of flower heads.

Bull thistles usually come in packs, they quickly form huge stands and are great at taking over areas. Footholds are gained easily with their seed production.

Bull thistles hail from Eurasia and have been taking over native riparian areas of North America since the 19th century, possibly before then.

A biennial, this weed reproduces from seed only and has a two year life cycle. A Bull thistle's first year will be in the form of a spiny rosette with a fairly deep 28-inch taproot; its second year it will produce its many-branched stem, its flower heads, and its seeds.



At maturity Bull thistles are between 1- and 7-feet tall. Bull thistle leaves are lance shaped with sharp spines at their tips and are covered with prickly hair on top and cottony hair underneath.

Flower heads are 1-2 inches long and 1-2 inches wide. The flower head is bell-shaped and covered in sharp spiny bracts. Usually pink or purple, the Bull thistle flowers turn white and cottony in appearance once they have dropped their seeds and have begun to die.

Eradication: In order to battle this noxious weed seed set *must* be prevented.

Hoe plants up at their roots when they are in their rosette form, or mow once they have bolted, being sure to bag all flower heads.

The USDA approved herbicides are very effective on the Bull Thistle and is 120 grain natural vinegar if used correctly.

LCCWMA offers herbicides to Lincoln County residents at Cost plus 10 percent. Call their office in Capitan at 575-354-2220.

Article by Rebekah Toler for the Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area.

COUNTY BRIEFS

First Friday

The Capitan Public Library will host their monthly First Friday event at 7 p.m., April 2.

Learn about ranching in Lincoln County. The presentation will feature Mary Jane Cooper and friends. The Cooper family has been ranching in Arabela since the mid-1900s. They will present information about ranching in New Mexico, past and present.

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E. Second, Capitan and are free of charge.

Following the lecture, refreshments are served. For more information, call the library at 354-3035.

Team Noble

Capitan High School's newest club, Team Noble, will be hosting a spaghetti

dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 2, at the Capitan Church of Christ.

They will begin serving food at 5 p.m. for \$6 per person. There will be a silent auction, live music by the Rio Grand Redo, and Miss Rodeo NM Teen-Bethany Sweet, Lincoln County Fair Queen Jenna Cleckler, Eastern NM State Fair Queen Haley Montes, and Miss Northern NM McKensy Nall will be in attendance. All proceeds will go to Team Noble, the anti-bullying club of CHS. For more information, contact Chris Olmstead at 575-937-1779

Capitan Clinic

There will be a stakeholders meeting of interested citizens to collect comments on the final design of the proposed Capitan Health Clinic at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, in the Capitan Library.

County manager Tom Stewart will introduce the project and the anticipated timeline for breaking ground in the coming months. Greg Holman of ASA Architects will present the proposed design of the structure. A poster of the intended design will be left in the library for the information of people who cannot make the meeting.

'Zozo Woman's Club

The Carrizozo Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting on at 6 p.m., April 8, at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue.

This month's speakers will be Bonnie Soley and Tona Macken. They will show slides from their trips around the world. They will also offer some suggestions for women traveling alone and tips for packing lightly. For more information

contact Tona Macken at 354-9760.

Corona Star Party

Alan Hale and astronomers from Albuquerque and Alamogordo Astronomy Clubs will bring telescopes to Corona on April 22 for a Star Party.

A solar observation time will be held at the Corona School Thursday afternoon, and an Evening Star Party with star viewing and telescopes will be held at twilight at 131 Shae Rd. Public is invited.

Admission is free. Call 505-573-8230 for information.

Memorial

There will be a Memorial Service for Jerry Carroll at 11 a.m., April 17, at the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo. Potluck meal will follow.

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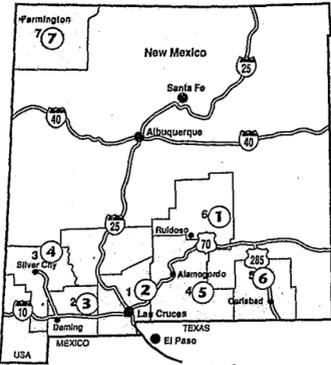
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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, No. CV2009-00385 AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff, vs. VALARI M. CHAVEZ, a single woman, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 201 Highway 246, Corralito, New Mexico 88316, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in the SW/4 of Section 3, Township 39 South, Range 14 East, Lincoln County, New Mexico, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point 255.88 feet (257' 10 1/2") North of the South-west corner of said Section 3, thence North 73.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes 06 seconds East, a distance of 295.10 feet, thence South a distance of 173.00 feet, thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 06 seconds West, a distance of 295.10 feet to the said place of beginning.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on April 2, 2010, on the first steps of the Twelfth Judicial District Court Courthouse, City of Corralito, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the judgment granted Aurora Loan Services LLC was awarded judgment on January 27, 2010, in the principal sum of \$147,292.16, plus outstanding interest on the balance through January 31, 2010, in the amount of \$8,134.76, plus late charges of \$104.88, plus recoverable escrow balance in the amount of \$1,774.01, plus attorney's fees in the sum of \$800.00 and costs in the sum of \$553.54, with interest on the judgment. In addition, the judgment, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this sale shall bear the rate of 1.75% per annum from date of the entry of the judgment until paid.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements contained herein are subject to the lien of the judgment and the lien of the mortgage of the entry of the judgment until paid.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SALE, PLEASE CONTACT THE AUCTIONEER AT (575) 354-2220.

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By:

Faisal Sukhroni, Special Master, 2222 Park West NW Albuquerque, NM 87120

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF LINCOLN, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD EDWARD RUSH CONE, Deceased Cause No. PB-2010-04 Division III

NOTICE TO CREDITORS RUSH EDWARD CONE has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of RICHARD EDWARD RUSH CONE, Deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are requested to present to the undersigned within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, Rush Edward Cone, c/o H. John Underwood, 1221 Mechem, Suite 5, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County, Post Office Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.

DATED: 2/10/10

H. John Underwood, H. JOHN UNDERWOOD, LTD., 1221 Mechem, Suite 5, Ruidoso, NM 88345

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SECOND NOTICE OF ELECTION (Sections 1, 2, & 5)

Notice of Supervisor Election for the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, Lincoln County, New Mexico, 173-20-49 NMSA 1978).

To all registered voters situated within the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, county of Lincoln, State of New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st Tuesday of May, 2010 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., polls will be open to elect three supervisors of the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act.

Polling locations will be: Upper Hondo SWCD, 516 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitlan, NM 88316

The positions to be filled are position #1 currently being filled by Preston Stone, position #2 currently being filled by Robert Runnels, and position #3 currently being filled by James Sanchez. Positions #1 and #2 may only be filled by resident owners of land within the district. Position #3 must be filled by a resident of the district.

Eligible voters within the district shall obtain and cast their ballots at the polling place on the day of the election.

OR Eligible voters who will be absent on the day of the election may request an absentee ballot application by mail, by phone, and in person. Absentee ballot applications will be available between April 4, 2010 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at:

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Completed absentee ballots must be received at the address above not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2010.

Voters are asked to bring proof of residency to the polling location. This can be a current utility bill, or other documentation of district residency.

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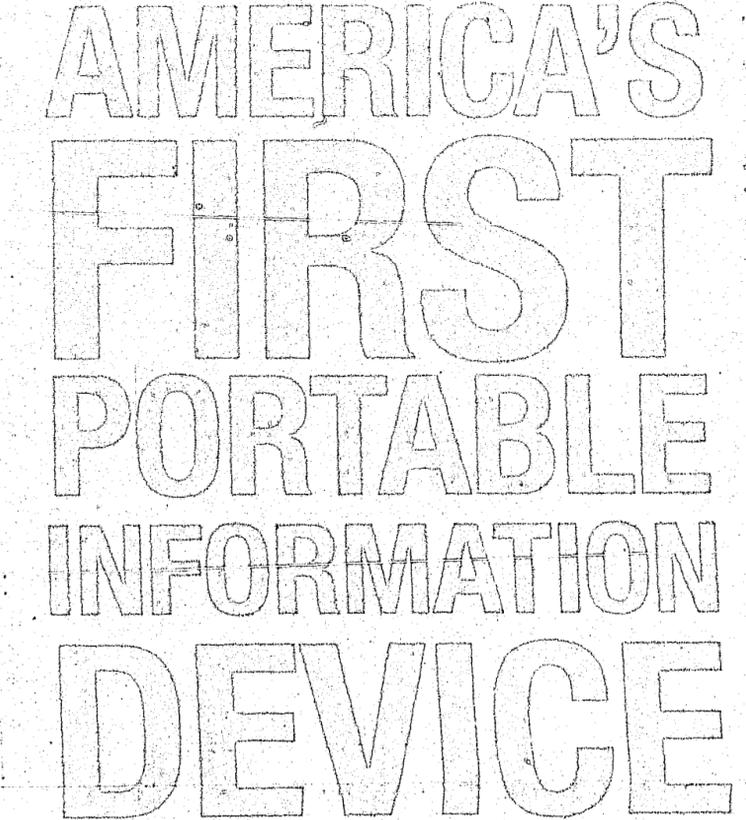
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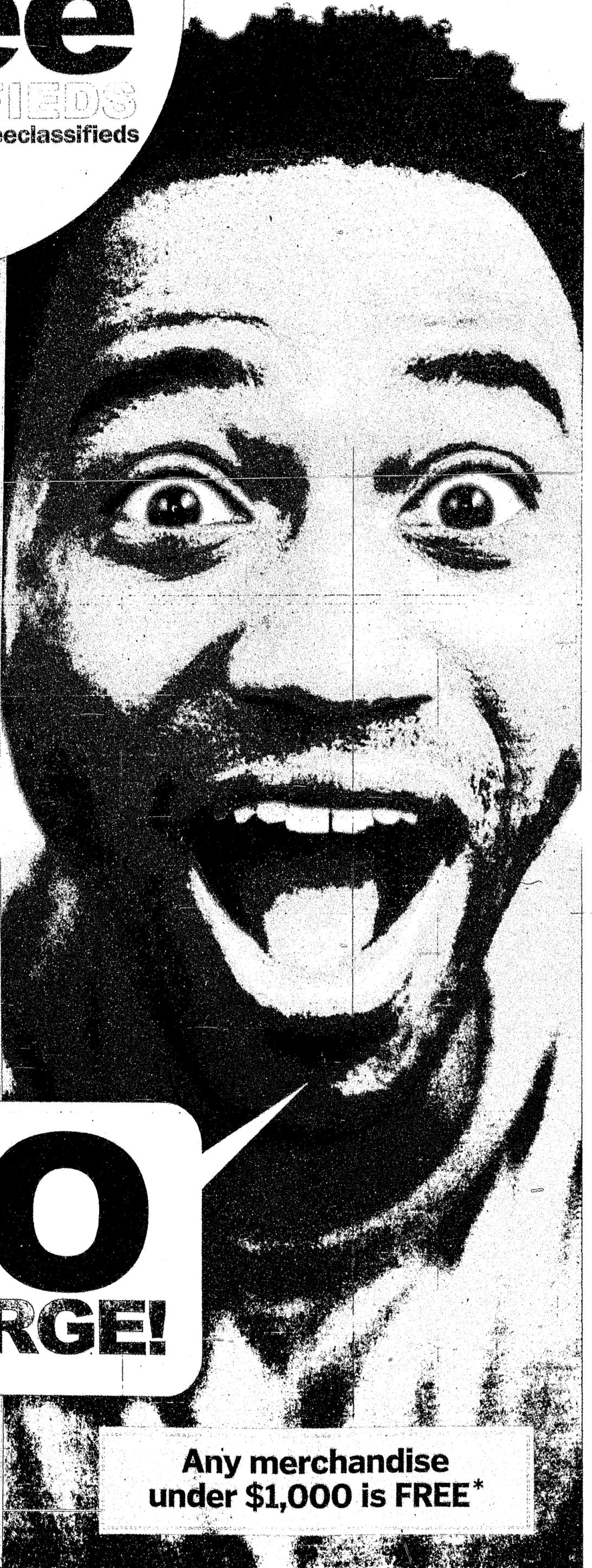
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