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A 'great joy'

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Escondido Hills, a neglected, controversial subdivision in Ruidoso Downs, reverts to single-family residential zoning

A controversial subdivision within the Agua Fria neighborhood of Ruidoso Downs has been voided by the city council.

In endorsing the recommendations of the Ruidoso Downs Planning and Zoning Commission, city councilors affirmed Monday that zoning for Escondido Hills has returned to R-1 (single-family residential) after the developer was granted PUD (planned use development) zoning in 2005.

The council also called for vacating the subdivision's survey plat on file with the Lincoln County

Clerk's office.

The owner of the 7.23-acre subdivision, C & S Resort Properties of Odessa, Texas, had been notified through a letter from the city's legal counsel in January that they had failed to comply with the terms of a development agreement and the agreement terminated. The developer was also told that the PUD zoning expired. For several years there had been little or no activity at the property and neighboring landowners complained of

Escondido Hills being an eyesore and even a health and safety hazard.

City Councilor Dean Holman noted during Monday's council meeting that the Planning and Zoning Commission had called it "a matter of law" that the zoning returned to R-1.

"It does revert as a matter of law from PUD to R-1 because under your ordinances, if you don't build a project then the project goes away," said city attorney Zach

Cook. "They didn't perform with the ordinance; therefore the PUD has gone away."

Cook said the council was being asked to simply recognize that the PUD designation was terminated according to city ordinance.

"I have heard opinions, both ways, that it has never been a R-1 and that it was a R-1," said Holman. "Does this make any difference? And do we know if it was a R-1 before? Has it ever been a R-1?"

Cook responded the property had initially been deemed R-1.

"Your ordinance says that whenever you annex property, if

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Riordan murder trial off to slow start

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Every story has three sides - the two opposing views and the actual facts. In a court of law, the defense and prosecution work to secure the favor of a jury by the presentation of those facts, or sometimes, by pointing out the lack of documentable facts.

Such was the cadence of the opening remarks Monday in the trial of J. Tyrone Riordan (also known as Jay or J.T.) who is charged with an open count of murder and tampering with evidence.

Riordan is accused in the death of Johnathan J. Lopez, 20, whose decomposed body was discovered in a shallow grave in a wilderness area near Arabela in January 2007, five months after he was reported missing.

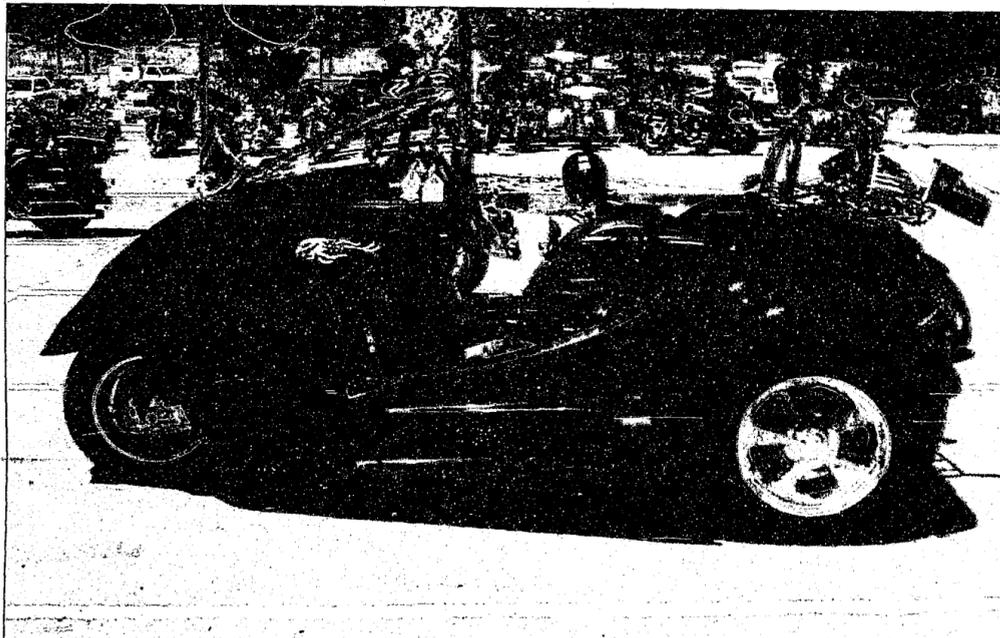
A slow and delayed start to the trial included a request from defense attorney Jim Walker to not allow witnesses to use the term "murder" but to instead refer to the incident as a homicide or death so as to not suggest the admission of murder to the jury.

District 12 Judge Karen Parsons denied the request, saying the witnesses shouldn't be restrained from giving testimony in their own words, but added she would give the necessary instruction to the jury.

District Attorney Diana Martwick told the jury in her opening arguments that what they could expect to hear during the testimonies from law enforcement, witnesses and family.

Martwick painted a brief verbal picture of

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COURTESY JOHN T. SODEN

One of the more unusual motorcycles in this year's spring rally hardly looked like a motorcycle.

40,000 expected for Golden Aspen

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The annual Golden Aspen Rally has zoomed into the Ruidoso area.

The motorcycle rally is expected to draw 40,000 enthusiasts from around the country, said organizer Patric Pearson.

"Last year we were down a little bit with the weather and everything. I think for this year we'll be back on track where we were two years ago. The weather looks promising for the rest of the week and so we're looking for 40,000 plus riders here in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County," Pearson said Tuesday.

Continued high unemployment and an economy slow to recover from the 2008 recession have impacted some participation in the rally, said Pearson.

"I think for us, what we're seeing as a trend over the last few years, it's kind of decreased as far as the night stays. We're getting a lot more people coming out on Friday and Saturday, where we used to have a people come on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

"The positive is, I think, a lot of people are holding off on with some other trav-

el and coming to Ruidoso."

The center of the events is at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track. The rally started today and includes poker runs, field events, a trade show, and the American Motorcyclist Association's National Road Riding Convention.

Pearson said there will also be helicopter rides along with a large vendor show.

Annual parade

The rally's annual motorcycle parade will begin Saturday at 10 a.m., with thousands of participants riding south on Mechem Drive, onto Sudderth

Drive, and then onto the Ruidoso Downs Sports Theatre Complex.

Saturday night will feature Blue Oyster Cult in concert at the racetrack.

Pearson said of those who are pre-registered, some regulars from Florida are again signed up. For this rally he expects to see a boost in participation from the northern part of the state.

Capitan tops property tax increases

County approves rates in special session Tuesday

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Unlike last year, when the average property tax rate in Lincoln County declined by 4.69 percent, the 2010 mill rate will be up on average by 3.53 percent.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved the Certificate of

Property Tax Rates during a special meeting on Tuesday.

The largest tax rate increase will occur in Capitan. The rate on residential property inside the village will rise 17.78 percent, to a rate of 18.184 mills.

The rate on non-residential property will increase by 16.94 percent to 22.734 mills.

The rate is applied to each \$1,000 of taxable value of a property, which

is one-third of the assessed value.

For a residential property inside Capitan with an assessed value of \$150,000, and thus a taxable value of \$50,000, the upcoming property tax bill would be \$909.20. A year ago, on the same valuation, it had been \$771.95.

Bond has impact

"The (Capitan) village council voted to increase their rate by two mills," said Lincoln County

Treasurer Beverly Calaway.

"Another thing that did affect the rate in the Capitan area was the Capitan school board voted for what they call it a technology-education bond. And is an increase that is passed on to the property tax also."

After earlier talking with Capitan officials to make certain their numbers were correct, Calaway

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Standing proud and tall: Fort Stanton stables and silos get new look

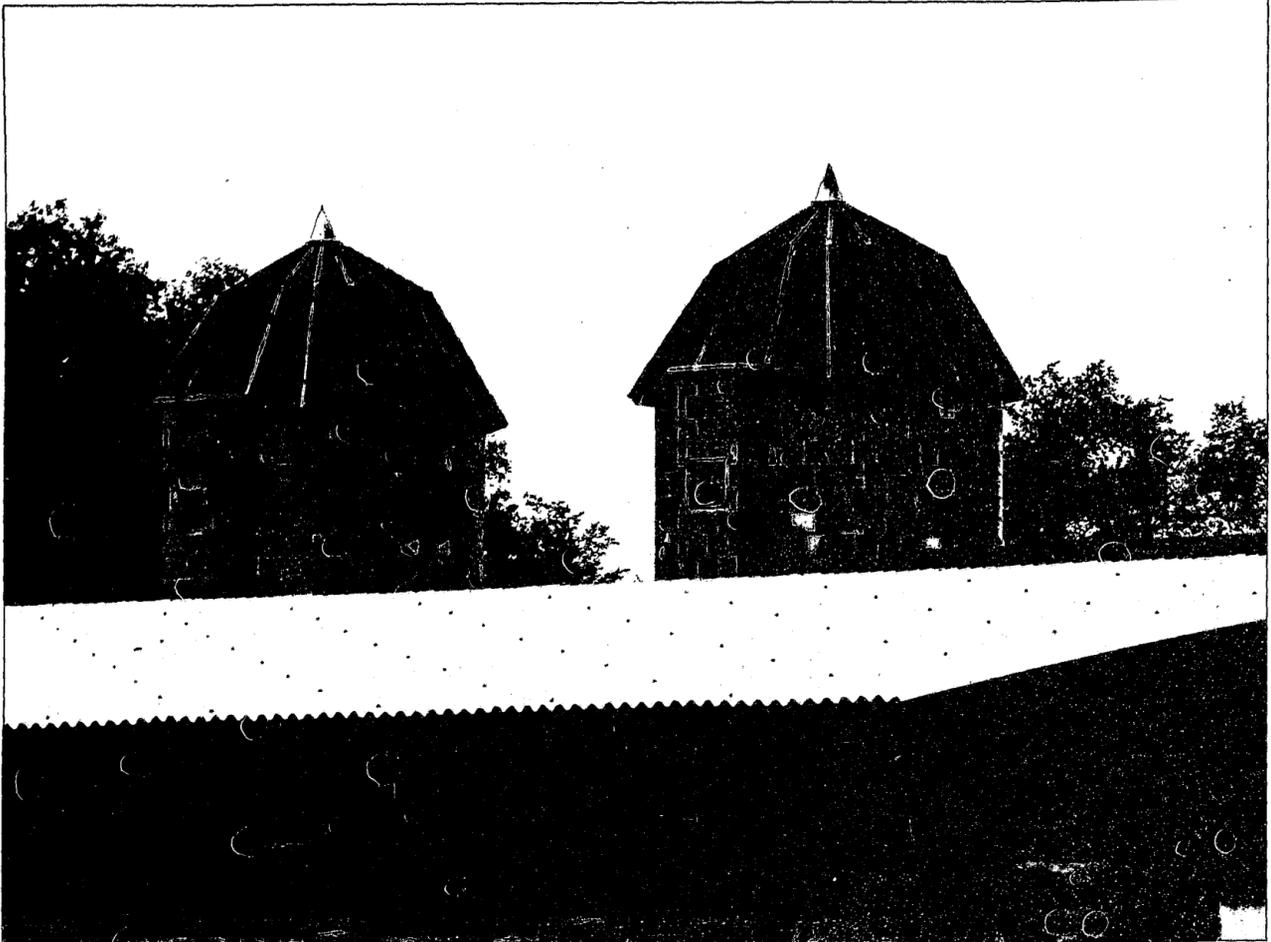
After more than six years the Fort Stanton historic Stables and Silos project that was to clean up the area, redo or replace tumbled down walls, rusted tin roofing and shoring up other parts of the stables has been completed.

New tin roofs on the horse stables look so much better than the twisted ugly rotting tin that had been there for decades.

We began this project about six years ago. I walked the ground with Barbara Heiser, a Fort Stanton advocate and member of the Outryders. People told us it could not be done. But with a lot of guts and strong arms we did it."

It was not easy by any means. However, what would a cavalry post be without a historic stables area?

Fort Stanton had one of the best in terms of above-ground structures. But old tires, glass, furniture, junk, chain link fencing, tree branches, leaves and fill were left from decades of abuse. Now it has been turned into a show place the public can enjoy. We still have a lot to do to make it into a restored stable circa the 1860s, but we have several groups looking to adopt a stable or stall. We need more people to help or to donate funds so anyone interested please contact Sanchez or Heiser at 575-653-4821 or 336-1337).



project was the silos re-roofing project completed in August. With the help of Cornerstones Community Projects' special report, many volunteers who donated time, money for sand and lime, lumber and stain, and prayers to see it through everything just

looks much better. We have been vindicated. People in Santa Fe told Sanchez it would cost \$1 million to do the clean-up and stabilization. This project has cost less than \$200,000. I think sometimes people exaggerate the costs

when they want to overwhelm or stop you. We had many volunteer hours put in by the Outryders, and the work crews from Civigenics. Then we had some nice donations of private money, Capital Outlay funding and a lot of good publicity as

well as those great photos taken by David Tremblay to photo document the project. The New Mexico GSD division helped with asbestos abatement and both Martin Hibbs, and Marty Dallman from GSD helped as project managers.

The signature silos which date back to the 1930s now have new roofs. No longer are the silos' tiles only partially attached and no longer are there gaping holes that allowed birds, rain and leaves to accumulate. They can stand proud and tall as they should

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Wood permits

Beginning today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will sell wood permits for piñon and juniper cut and collected on the Fort Stanton National Conservation Area (NCA). Wood collection areas on the NCA have been established on U.S. Highway 380 between Capitan and Lincoln.

Permits will be available from the BLM's Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second Street, and the

Valley of Fires Recreation Area, off U.S. Highway 380 west of Carrizozo.

Wood permits are available to the public for personal use only. Wood cannot be resold for monetary gain. Each cord of fuel wood will be \$15.

Members of the public can purchase a minimum of one cord of wood and up to six cords per person. Permits are non-refundable. Wood permits will only be sold to the person that will use the fuel wood and must be in their pos-

session during loading and transportation. Wood permits cannot be purchased for a third party. Wood permits will not be sold by phone. Permits may only be obtained in person at one of the two locations.

Wood tags must be validated before leaving the wood cutting areas. Validate the tags by notching the appropriate month and date on the tags and attaching them to the load of wood. Permits and load tags can be checked at any time by a BLM ranger,

other agency employees or county and state law enforcement officers.

Maps of open wood cutting areas will be attached to permits at the time of purchase. Other maps of additional cutting areas will be available as they open.

Driving off-road is strictly prohibited and violators can be fined.

Roads to and from some wood cutting locations are narrow and steep with lit-

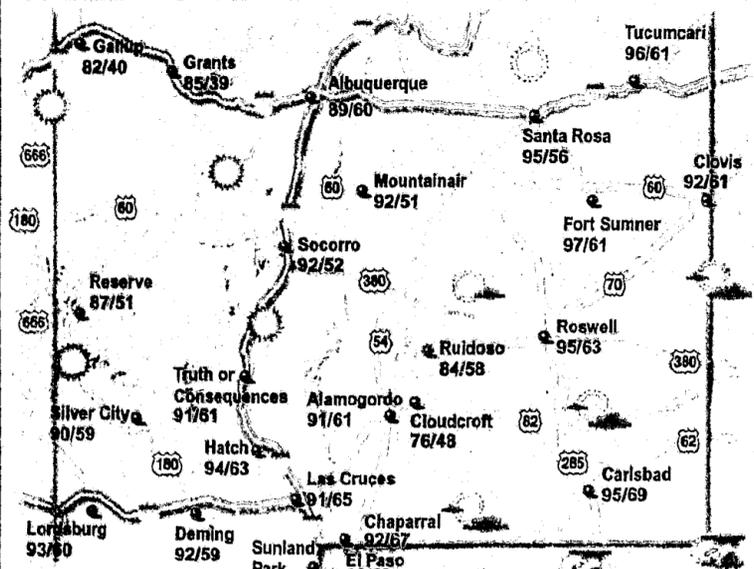
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

Table with 7 columns: TODAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY. Each column includes RealFeel, Humidity, and Wind information.

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

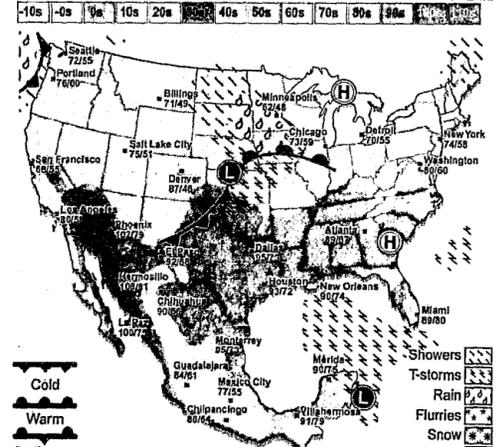
Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso Statistics through Monday. Temperature: High/Low 73°/54°. Precipitation: Monday 0.19". Pollen: Grass High, Trees Low. Weather Trivia: Q: What hurricane was both the latest and earliest on record?

National Forecast for Sept. 15, 2010



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

Table with columns for National Cities and Mexican Cities, showing Today and Thursday forecasts for various locations like Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Mexico City.

Weather summary section including Sun and Moon, Moon Phases, and Extremes.

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tile or no turnouts available. Wood is being moved out and piled near the closest road or access point.

Do not block roads when collecting wood.

Most of the wood is still green and may not be cured enough for use this year.

Piñon and juniper trees are being thinned on the NCA to reduce hazardous fuels in selected areas in order to reduce the potential for wildfires and to benefit wildlife habitat. Wood cutting areas will be open as weather permits. The areas will be closed during periods of high fire danger and when wet weather increases the risk of damage to roads and natural resources.

Dems in Carrizozo

Members of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will meet from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, at the La Brewja Cafe in Carrizozo.

The session is open and anyone interested is invited to join the meeting for "good company and great food." Everyone can order from the menu and purchase from the list of soups, sandwiches and salads.

Charity lunch

The Ruidoso chapter of the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does will have a charity lunch from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Ruidoso Elks Lodge located west of the "Y" on Highway 70.

Proceeds go to local charities. Plenty of parking, all welcome, including bikers.

Lunch includes homemade pulled brisket sandwiches, beans, chips, drink and dessert for \$8.

GSWA board

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority Board has rescheduled its September meeting for Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m., in the new administrative offices of the new Greentree Solid Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Center east of Ruidoso Downs.

The new facility including the meeting and training room is located at 26590 Highway 70. The Transfer Station and Recycling Center is currently not open for use by the general public but is expected to be later this Fall following completion of construction and final inspection by the NM Environment Department Solid Waste Bureau.

The public is invited to attend the board meeting. For more information,

contact the GSWA office at 378-4897 or toll free at 1-877-548-8772.

Alto Lakes

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

Phones for Soldiers

More than 150,000 American troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers and the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County are calling on all Americans to support the brave men and women in the armed forces by donating used cell phones.

Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to collect more than one million cellular phones this year to help keep troops connected with their families.

Local residents can support the collection effort by donating their old cell phones and accessories at the Republican Party Office in Ruidoso, 1096 Mechem Dr., Suite 313, or at Radio Shack, 102 Whitlock Rd., in Ruidoso.

Childbirth classes

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, will offer childbirth delivery classes for expecting mothers and coaches on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes will be held in the conference room at LCMC, 211 Sudderth Dr. Cost is \$20 per class.

Classes will be held every month on the third Saturday at the same time and location listed above. Mothers expecting to deliver between now and Oct. 31 are encouraged to attend.

The classes will teach relaxation and breathing techniques, vaginal and cesarean births, pain management, newborn care and breastfeeding. Pregnant mothers with expected due dates between now and the end of October are encouraged to attend. Attendees should bring pillows, something to drink and snacks and there will be a 1-hour lunch break.

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

FamilySearch

Village of Ruidoso Public Library became the newest FamilySearch affiliate library this month. The new designation means library patrons will have greater and more convenient access to the wealth

of Genealogical resources available through FamilySearch.

FamilySearch is the world's largest repository of genealogical records and manages the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records of genealogical significance from over 130 countries.

FamilySearch is extending access to its collections by circulating microfilms of the historic records through select public libraries. It is a priceless resource for local residents interested in discovering their family tree.

"Less than 5 percent of the world's genealogical records are available online, and most family history researchers cannot afford to travel to an archive nationally or worldwide to find the historic records they are seeking," said Paul Nauta, FamilySearch public affairs manager.

If FamilySearch has filmed the records they need, Lincoln County residents can travel to the Ruidoso Public Library to access those records.

FamilySearch has over 200 camera teams filming historic records in 45 countries on any given day. These records are then circulated to public patrons through FamilySearch centers worldwide.

For example, FamilySearch has filmed over 60 percent of the Civil Registration (birth, marriage and death records) of Italy. If you have Italian ancestry, chances are you will be able to extend your Italian research by conveniently using the FamilySearch films through the Ruidoso Public Library.

There is a fee of \$5.50 to order a microfilm. Once the film arrives, patrons use the microfilm readers at the Ruidoso Public Library to peruse it. The library staff can help patrons see what films are available, place film orders, and answer research questions. Patrons can also search the Family History Library Catalog online at FamilySearch.org to see what records FamilySearch has available to order through the Library.

"The Library is pleased to obtain the status of a FamilySearch affiliate library," says Library Director Beverly McFarland. "With this addition, patrons will be able to search beyond the two online genealogy websites, Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest, which are currently available through the Library website at www.youseemore.com/RuidosoPL."

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule for the week of Sept. 13-18.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit www.holloman.af.mil.

Mrs. Ruidoso

Sheree Channel, Executive State Director for the Mrs. New Mexico Pageant, states the pageant is seeking applicants for the title of Mrs. Ruidoso.

Once selected, the lucky lady will advance on to represent her community in the 2011 Mrs. New Mexico Pageant to be held on March 13, 2011 at the Albuquerque Journal Theatre located in the Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts.

Local titleholders will compete to win a prize package valued at over \$8,000 including an all expense paid trip to the nationally televised Mrs. America Pageant.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old (no age limit), married at the time of competition and a New Mexico resident, no performing talent required. Celebrating its 35th year, the Mrs. America pageant is the only competition to recognize the one person who contributes so much to modern day life... America's married woman.

To request the official application or for informa-

tion, call Channel at 970-674-0944 or www.mrsnewmexicoamerica.com

Diabetes grant

The Mescalero Apache Tribe has been awarded a federal grant to continue to deal with diabetes on the reservation.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) will provide \$263,950 for diabetes education and prevention initiatives. The program will emphasize cardiovascular disease prevention in those previously diagnosed with diabetes.

"It is crucial that we continue to encourage preventative health programs among our local tribes as we fight the diabetes epidemic," said U.S. Representative Harry Teague (D-Hobbs).

"This funding for the IHS Special Diabetes Program will go a long way toward supporting the health needs of New Mexico's Native American community," the 2nd Congressional District repre-

sentative said in announcing the grant award.

The program provides \$150 million annually for diabetes treatment and prevention services at 399 IHS, tribal and urban settings across the country.

At nearly 17 percent, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest age-adjusted prevalence of diabetes among all racial and ethnic groups in the country.

Ruidoso News feted

Three writers from the Ruidoso News have won awards in the annual Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the New Mexico Press Association.

Editor Marty Racine won an award for editorial writing, Julie Carter won for general interest columns, and sports editor Mike Curran scored in the sports column category.

They will receive their plaques at the NMPA convention in Bernalillo Nov. 13.

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OUR OPINION

Crime stories should make us vigilant

Good people must take a stand

The headlines were unnerving: 5 charged in shootout; Ruidoso man on the lam; Jury to be selected in high-profile murder trial; Minors nabbed in SID sting.

These and other crime-related stories in the paper last week knocked track issues off the page, reminding us that, as a small town isolated in the southern Rockies, we're not completely immune to the dysfunction of modern times.

The good news is that the various police agencies are on the case, with arrests, warrants and investigative procedures. Even the letter to the editor in today's paper has a happy ending, due to police vigilance.

Meanwhile, the good citizens of Ruidoso and Lincoln County must work with each other, neighborhood associations and law enforcement personnel to ensure our safety and peace of mind.

Campaign and the economy: Martinez short on details

It's the jobs, stupid. Recently, our two candidates for governor talked about the economy before tough audiences. Republican Susana Martinez addressed a packed ballroom of real estate and construction industry trade groups, and Democrat Diane Denish spoke to a king-size gathering of CEOs.

These are people who make the decisions to hire or lay off employees, to expand or shrink operations. From political candidates, they've heard it all before, and they're not easily impressed.

On several bread-and-butter issues, the two candidates have similar positions: They won't raise taxes. They oppose a state cap and trade law and other heavy-handed regulation. They would shrink state government, beginning with exempt positions. They would review the state's economic development incentives.

On cap and trade, Denish said: "I disagree vehemently with the governor. We shouldn't checkerboard those solutions. We can't control what goes on around us." She also said she would start with a clean slate on the Environmental Improvement Board.

And because the governor's sudden concern for his legacy has produced several ill-considered regulatory proposals, she added, pointedly, "I'm not worried about my legacy because if I do a good job, my legacy will speak for itself."

On tax lightning, Martinez would organize a task force that includes Realtors. Instead of mandating measures in the state energy conservation code beyond even the model international code, Martinez would encourage change through incentives.

Martinez recognizes the contributions of the film industry, but she wants a new cost-benefit analysis of incentives and asks why one industry deserves a 25 percent tax credit. Denish is generally supportive of film, but her review of all incentives would include film.

Denish, a former small business person, is particularly focused on small business. Her plans include increasing access to credit, expanding micro-lending, tax credits for creating new

jobs, and improving customer service at state agencies. "I'll be your customer service governor," she said.

Strategically, she sees high-tech, renewable energy jobs as the key to economic recovery, but not to the exclusion of non-renewables: "It doesn't mean

we have to fight each other or give up on traditional industries." She also supports expanded transmission capacity and broadband initiatives in small communities.

Denish was on familiar turf. Listening to Martinez, I liked her energy, but her rote answers to questions sounded like a spelling bee final; from the beginning she's been short on specifics.

She has "special initiatives" for job growth but didn't say what they were. New Mexico's business climate is unfriendly, she said. No argument there, but she offered no remedies other than tossing around newly learned statistics: "We tax 158 services." Gosh, really? She never named the tax - it's called the gross receipts tax, which everybody in her audience deals with routinely - and never said what she would do differently. She said she would "bring jobs by removing corruption in the system." So, when we're squeaky clean, jobs will just magically appear?

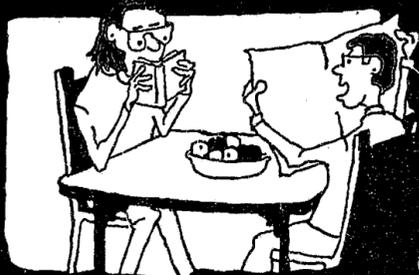
Her one concrete proposal is to place a moratorium on all regulations enacted in the last few years "and allow the economy to have a jump start." All recent regulations? Even those with industry support? And this will jump start the economy?

What I have heard in private industry, again and again, is they want fair and predictable regulation.

The context of the two talks was also revealing. Denish moved easily among the captains of industry. Martinez was shielded by her handlers. When Denish said, "Right now is the time for someone who understands business to be governor of New Mexico," she had credibility. When Martinez said, "I'll be the best partner you ever had," her audience wasn't entirely convinced.

My favorite statement from either came from Denish: "There is no magic wand for the challenges we face."

"A shootout, three wounded..."



"I just love those Drew Gumber stories of the old West."



"This happened last week..."

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YOUR OPINION

Police were thorough, sympathetic

To the editor:

ON AUG. 28 my niece and I were visiting in Ruidoso and became victims of our vehicle being broken into and all of our belongings taken. The police were summoned, as we had noticed them parked not far from where our vehicle was located.

I am writing to acknowledge the efficient and courteous treatment that we received from the officer that came to our aid. His name was K-9 Patrol Officer

Matt Christian. He was thorough and sympathetic.

Just three and a half hours after reporting the break-in, we received a call from the Ruidoso Police Department, Sgt. Proctor, informing us they had recovered all of our belongings. Officer Christian and Sgt. Proctor had gone above and beyond their duty searching the area for our things. I can't tell you how excited we were to know that they had gone to that much trouble.

We were fortunate enough to have recovered everything. I can't help but believe that who ever took the things meant to go back and pick it up but the police beat them to it.

Everyone complains about our law enforcement and I just feel these two gentlemen needed to be acknowledged and thanked for a job well done.

Adrienne Verkler
Lisa Pearce
Artesia

A veteran for Teague

To the editor:

THE RACE between for Second Congressional Representative between Congressman Teague and former Congressman Pearce offers voters a choice between two distinctly different candidates.

While both are conservative, and while neither can claim the "outsider" label so valuable in the 2010 context, their records point to a clear choice on issues ranging from concern for the environment to independence from their party leadership. Pearce was close to the oil industry and rarely reflected concern for the

environment even regarding protection of our Districts Otero Mesa. Pearce rarely bucked his party leadership. Teague had taken a more balanced view on environmental concerns and has broken with his party on several key issues.

But for me, as a Vietnam vet, the most important distinction relates to their records on veterans issues. Teague sought and won a seat on the Veterans Affairs Committee and there has fought for issues to help vets: he put the VA on a two year budget cycle which ensures that the VA is not short of funds to help vets

every year. He also pushed legislation to address veteran homelessness, to improve mental health care for vets and to provide economic opportunity for vets. Steve Pearce never sought to play a role in aiding vets and surprisingly voted against pay raises for vets. I found his lack of interest in veterans issues surprising inasmuch as he himself is a veteran.

I know that there are many more issues of concern to voters of the second district, but on this issue, I believe the choice is clear.

Edmund McWilliams
White Oaks

THEIR OPINION

U.S. Postal Service hurts small business

TOM McDONALD
New Mexico Press Association

It's no secret that the nation has been riding out a deep recession for a couple of years now. At the Las Vegas Optic, where I have been publisher for nearly six years, we have faced these hard times by making tough decisions.

Last year, for example, we made the move from carrier delivery of our newspaper to mailed delivery. It saved us money. Getting our product to our customers is a costly endeavor, and we were thrilled to find a more affordable option with the U.S. Postal Service.

Of course, we're not the only small community newspaper that gets delivered to subscribers through the mail. In fact, most U.S. newspapers deliver via the post office. It's a real advantage for not only newspapers, but other businesses as well, including those who depend on direct mail to reach consumers. Plus, nonprofits take advantage of the reasonable rates when sending out their newsletters and other mass mailings.



But now, the federal government is poised to hit us with a big increase. It will be tough to absorb for anyone who depends on the post office to conduct business. And, frankly, it's a bad business move for the Postal Service.

Last July, the Postal Service proposed a rate hike that's 10 times the rate of inflation. That runs contrary to a 2006 law that prohibits USPS from raising the postage rates higher than the rate of inflation. The law is based on sound reasoning - raising rates should not be the way the Postal Service makes up for lost revenue; instead, it should control costs and create greater efficiencies.

It doesn't take an MBA to know that when revenue drops, expenses must be reduced. That's how newspapers - and many other businesses and industries - are surviving this recession. It's not easy, but it has to be done.

The Postal Service, however, isn't thinking that way. Instead of taking a look at its existing contracts and negotiating with its workforce to reduce costs, postal officials want to use a

legal loophole in the law that allows for a larger rate hike in extraordinary circumstances - arguing that the recession is just the circumstance that loophole is referring to.

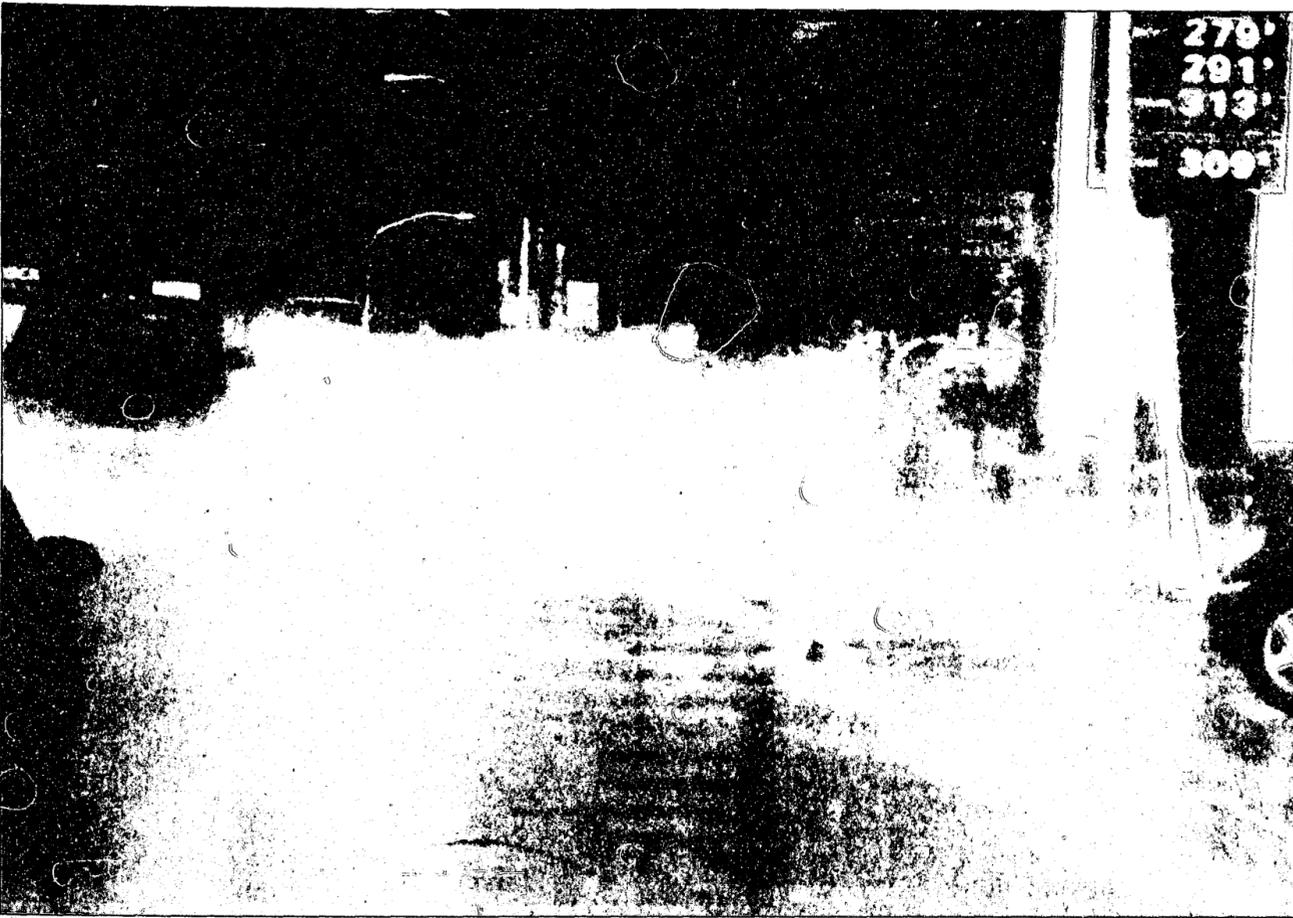
Meanwhile, for community newspapers that deliver through the mail, our costs would increase 8-10 percent with this latest proposal. That's going to hurt free enterprise, and it will ultimately be passed down to the paying consumer.

And, yes, jobs are at stake here - hundreds of thousands at the USPS, and several million private-sector jobs that depend on the local post office to deliver their products, advertisements and catalogues.

Why is it that when government entities face financial hardships, rather than having to make the tough decisions, they pass the cost on to the public, their customers, but when a private business struggles financially, it's either cut costs or go out of business?

Doesn't exactly seem fair, does it?

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BLURRED VISION

Rain and standing water splashed up by tires blurred the picture for drivers on U.S. Highway 70 along Ruidoso Downs' west side for a time Monday afternoon.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Monsoon makes a curtain call, soaks wide area

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Monsoonal moisture returned to the Ruidoso area Monday and Tuesday, after taking a break since late August.

Heavy rain fell for part of the afternoon on Monday in parts of Ruidoso, sending runoff cascading on sections of roads like lower

Sudderth Drive and parts of U.S. Highway 70.

The National Weather Service said they had received a report from an observer of .59 of an inch of precipitation in the southwest part of the village.

A reporting station in Capitan noted that .4 of an inch fell there.

A flood advisory was issued at 12:19 p.m.

Monday.

The arroyo and small stream flood advisory covered south central Lincoln County. Radar had indicated heavy rain from a strong thunderstorm along the Lincoln and Otero counties' line north to near Hondo.

The area between Arabela and Picacho was also impacted by heavy rain. That storm moved north-

east.

About an hour later another arroyo and small stream flood advisory was posted for a section of central Lincoln County. Heavy rain was reported from a thunderstorm between the Nogal to White Oaks.

Carrizozo also reported hard rain for a short time.

The weather service considers mid-June until late-

September a timeframe that historically brings half of the annual precipitation, as the monsoon season in New Mexico. But forecasters are quick to note the season can be variable.

Helping 2010 precipitation was an El Niño in the tropical Pacific Ocean, which helps feed moisture into southern New Mexico. But the El Niño has been

fading and is being replaced by a La Niña, the Climate Prediction Center said last month.

La Niñas often mean less winter precipitation in New Mexico. On Monday the center said indeed a La Niña was in place and would last at least through the 2010-2011 winter.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

Surreal: Downs couple wins \$30,000 in state lottery

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It was worth the wait.

Last week, Travis Simmons of Ruidoso Downs revealed a \$30,000 prize playing the New Mexico Lottery's \$3 Crossword scratcher game.

"It was surreal," he said. "You don't expect something like this to happen to an everyday Joe."

The 30-year-old mason found the game's top prize after purchasing the ticket on Labor Day, forgetting he had it, leaving bed the next night to reveal only three of the game's 79 letters, tossing it onto the kitchen table, and then playing it in full some 18 hours later.



Nap interrupted

Although he dawdled over the game for three days, Simmons interrupted his wife's nap to share his discovery.

"I heard this giggle and

he said, 'Babe, I think I just won \$30,000,'" Jacki Simmons recalled for lottery officials in Albuquerque.

"We triple-checked it and then I checked it a fourth time," Travis Simmons said. "It was just such

a shock."

Bought at IGA

The couple bought the winning ticket while grocery shopping at Lawrence Brothers IGA in Ruidoso. Travis Simmons said the

prize is bound for the bank. "We're buying a house so

it's greatly going to help us."



The red sun on New Mexico's state flag is an ancient symbol of a Native American people called the Zia. The Zia believed that the giver of all good gave them gifts in groups of four, hence the four rays on the four sides of the sun.

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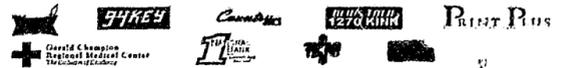
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EDUCATION

PNM grants still up for grabs

Teachers wanting to engage their students on energy-related issues can still apply for Energy Exploration Grants of up to \$2,000 from the PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation.

The grant cycle opened April 15, and online applications for the 2010-11 school year are due Oct. 15.

"With our Energy Exploration Grants, we encourage teachers to ask a question about energy or energy-efficiency and tell us their creative ideas to address that question in their classrooms," said Diane Harrison Ogawa, executive director of the

PNM Resources Foundation. "Energy is a growing issue, and today's students are the key to its future."

Sample questions are available at www.pnm.com though the fund encourages teachers to create their own, innovative questions that would pique the interest of their students.

Teachers at public or private, nonprofit pre-K through 12 schools located in communities served by PNM are eligible to apply for the grants. Last year, the PNM Fund awarded grants to 42 teachers.

For program rules, tips on how to write a successful grant application and

access to the online application, visit www.pnm.com.

Contact Kristin Rortvedt at 505-241-2864 or by e-mailing at fund@pnm.com.

The PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation, has been increasing the quality of life in New Mexico by supporting nonprofits and education through philanthropy and community engagement for 27 years.

Since 1990, more than 900 classroom grants totaling more than \$1.8 million have been awarded to New Mexico teachers to aid them in encouraging students to face challenges and develop their skill sets.

EDUCATING WOMEN



COURTESY

Jan Kennedy, president of the local P.E.O. chapter, and member Suzy Komara, present a \$500 Murdell Weatherby Holbert scholarship check to ENMU-Ruidoso education student Sharon Wilson. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a women's organization with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students. Seven women founded the organization in 1869 as a sorority at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The meaning of P.E.O. had remained a secret, though in 2008 the sisterhood indicated it stood for "philanthropic education organization." Kennedy said P.E.O. is passionate about its mission: promoting educational opportunities for women.

TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community. Tanner Wapaha is the next teen in the Spotlite.

Tanner entered her junior year this fall at Ruidoso High School. She is the daughter of DeLys Wapaha.

Involvement in school activities is important to Wapaha. As a dedicated student, she has consistently been listed on the High Honor Roll.

She is an active member of the RHS Chapter of the National Honor Society, Colorguard, the tennis team, and MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement).

Wapaha is also involved in SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and is the 2010-11 president of that organization.

The sponsor of SADD Linda Tobkin commented, "We are excited to have Tanner as the SADD President this year. I feel she will provide solid leadership for our group."

Wapaha spends time with the First Baptist Church Youth Group. She enjoys her association with this group. Her life is obviously busy, but she still finds time to work at Subway where she has been employed for two years.

Positive influences in her life come from her friends and the adults and interns at the First Baptist Church Youth Group.

As Wapaha enters her junior year, she is already thinking about her future plans. She plans to attend college at Baylor



TANNER WAPAHA

Medical School and pursue a degree to prepare her for a career as either a trauma surgeon or a coroner. Her career choices reflect her concern for humanity.

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ENMU - RUIDOSO COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Harvesting rain

Learn how to properly design, develop, and use rainfall harvesting and grey water systems with Jim Miller. Course topics include design and placement of rainfall harvesting equipment and systems, review of New Mexico grey water law and regulations, system design, installation, and use.

The class will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at ENMU-Ruidoso. The fee is \$35 or \$25 for seniors.

Clueless Astronomy

Join James Crowder to study the stars, planets, and galaxies in this basic, conceptual class from 7-9 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 16 through Oct. 13.

The fee for the class is

\$79 or \$69 for seniors.

Volunteers

Volunteers fill important roles within organizations, and it is critical to keep them motivated. There are many reasons why people become volunteers. Learn to recognize some of the basic motivators to maximize and reward the experience for your volunteers with Susan Finch. The fee for the class is \$65 or \$55 for seniors and is scheduled for Sept. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the college.

New Mexico Movie

This month's New Mexico movie is *Ace in the Hole*. Filmed in Albuquerque and Gallup, this 1951 film stars Kirk Douglas and was directed and co-

written by Billy Wilder. The story is based on the real-life story of Floyd Collins, a Kentucky miner who was trapped in 1925. He was trapped close to the entrance of the mine but two subsequent cave-ins separated him from his rescuers. He died 18 days later from starvation and exposure.

The local cub journalist covering the story won a Pulitzer for his coverage. Walter Newman, a radio writer, gave the story to Wilder, and Lesser Samuels provided the finishing touches. The film will be shown Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., at the college. There is no fee, but registration is requested.

To for more information on any of these classes or to register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Magic Bus

Officials with the Hubbard Museum of the American West announced last week a unique program that would provide funding to bring students to New Mexico's original Smithsonian affiliate museum. Through a collaborative funding effort of the

museum, the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation, and the Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation, the program, called Joan Dale's Magic Bus, will be scholarship based and provide area school districts with funding for educational field trips.

Many school districts

have cut back dramatically on field trip budgets which prevent students from being able to visit museums, historic sites and cultural attractions. Joan Dale's Magic Bus will provide the funding for students and teachers to take advantage of the many educational programs, including the direct computer links to the Smithsonian, available at the Hubbard Museum.

Applications for field trip funding will be made available to local schools. The program will be administered by Jeannine Isom, curator of education at the Hubbard Museum of the American West. Exact program details, including

class size minimums, schedules and educational programming will be announced in the near future.

GO Bond

The community college board of ENMU-Ruidoso has gone on record in support of the education funding general obligation bond question that will appear on the statewide ballot on Nov. 2. General Obligation Bond Issue D would make \$155 million available for education projects around New Mexico.

If approved by voters, ENMU-Ruidoso would receive \$500,000 from the sale of the bonds to reno-

vate the student services area on the campus to improve functionality. The funding would also install air conditioning for computer systems, expand the security system on the campus, and finance an energy conservation system.

"We'd like a solar array on the roof, more a demonstration size," said Clayton Alred, the college's president. "The air conditioning is needed infrastructure for computer equipment."

In a resolution adopted by the college board this month, the renovations were seen as an enhancement for citizens throughout the entire Ruidoso Valley.

Voters in New Mexico decide several bond issues at the November general election every two years for items such as education, libraries and senior programs.

Enrollment up

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is up 7.9 percent compared to the fall 2009 semester.

"The increase from last fall to this fall is an indication that ENMU is serving the educational needs of our student population," said Clayton Alred, the president of the branch community college. The college's headcount on Sept. 3, 2010 was 1,063.

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REVERT

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it's not expressly zoned through the regular zoning process, then the default is R-1. The city annexed this property. It was never expressly zoned anything, therefore under your ordinances it becomes an R-1."

Agua Fria and other land then to the east of the city were annexed into the municipal limits in 2004.

City Councilor Gary Williams, who said he owned property in Agua Fria, pointed to a lack of activity at Escondido Hills.

"The property out there is in disarray and is a safe-



Ruidoso Downs City Attorney Zach Cook discusses Escondido Hills at Monday's council meeting.

ty hazard," said Williams. "My question to the city - and the public works director is not here - is what is

the city doing to prevent any type of liability that could be brought against the city even though this

owner has put the property in default? Is the city liable for any issues that could be brought up in a lawsuit

because of safety issues?"

Cook responded the city does not own the property.

"If you're saying there are issues out there that the city needs to get rid of that the city created, I would recommend that the city mitigate that."

Williams said there are weeds and other problems on the property.

"It's trashed. You've got broken water lines, sewer lines out there. Debris all over the place."

Williams said the owner must clean up land.

Cook said the city must enforce its ordinance dealing with violations of trash and other issues.

In August the Planning and Zoning Commission

had been told of safety concerns at the property.

In a response to an Aug. 18 notification letter about the reverted zoning for Escondido Hills, one adjacent homeowner said all of the couple's window views overlook the undeveloped property.

"I understood that the property adjoining my back property line was set aside for a common use park or recreational area. Having it sold and rezoned to multi-family units was disturbing to us to say the least," wrote Don and Karen Lee of Bandera, Texas.

"To receive your notice of revision of the Escondido Hills zoning to R-1 brings great joy to our hearts."

TRIAL

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Lopez as he was at the time of his death, 19 years old and living on his own at the 29 Pines apartments in Ruidoso even though his mental capacity was that of a 10-year-old.

The prosecution's first witness was an emotional and teary Lopez's aunt and legal custodian, Joann Lopez. She described her nephew as a sweet and kind but simple boy that everyone liked. She said she and her sister checked on him daily to make sure he was adjusting to living on his own and taking his medication as needed.

She recalled clearly the last time she heard from him, Aug. 27, 2006, when he called her from a pay phone at 29 Pines. They made plans for his birthday, which was the next day. He wasn't there when she went to get him and for a week, she kept going back

looking for him to show up. "That wasn't like him," she said. "He never did that."

On Sept. 6, Joann Lopez reported her nephew missing to the Ruidoso Police Department.

Martwick walked the jury through the testimony they would hear from the James and Michael Woodall, brothers that were at the scene of the murder and who gave law enforcement officials Riordan's name when they were arrested.

The testimony from Juana Martinez, allegedly a girlfriend of Riordan's at the time of the murder and reportedly also at the scene, became somewhat defensive if not combative. When the DA questioned her about a letter she had written while in juvenile lockup, that the prosecution considered to be tied to her knowledge of the Lopez murder, she became flip-pant in her responses.

Martinez was only 13 at the time, and when ques-

tioned about her statement of involvement, her inability to recall what she had said was cause for delay. She was offered the written statement to review and refresh her memory and the court recessed for lunch while she did so.

The defense

What defense attorney Jim Walker doesn't possess in stature and demeanor, he makes up for in direct maneuvering.

"You've heard of Goldilocks and the three bears," he said to the jury. "Well ladies and gentlemen, what we have here is J.T. Riordan and the three snitches."

Walker went on to declare that there was not one shred of physical evidence that links J.T. Riordan to the death of Johnathan Lopez.

He told the jury they would hear the testimony of two people, the Woodall brothers, who admittedly beat Johnathan Lopez, and from Juana Martinez, who,

according to Walker, "changed her story a number of times depending on what her mood was or what she was doing or thinking that day."

Walker said there were several stories told over the course of the investigation.

"I'm not going to predict which story they are going to tell this time," he said. What I expect, however, is that the story will hinge on, or the basic salient features of the story are going to be, that Johnathan Lopez, far from being this innocent creature that has been portrayed by the state, was in fact riding around with the Woodalls and went to the Biscuit Hill trailer residence with them."

Walker pointed out that at first, the rifle that Lopez allegedly began threatening them with belonged to one of the Woodall brothers and then later it somehow became the property of T.J. Riordan.

Refuting some of the main points of evidence pointing to Riordan as the

primary suspect for the murder of Lopez, Walker assured the jury that again, there would be a lack of solid evidence to prove Riordan's involvement as pointed to by the "snitches."

"There was a continual need for those witnesses to

shift the blame to someone other than themselves," he said. "Of course they were willing to testify. It got them set free."

Five days have been allotted to the trial, which moved slowly into the process and continues at press time.

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RATES

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said she was told the village had not asked for a rate increase in years.

"And the last couple of years they said they had gone into the red. And that's what made them go to DFA (New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration) and request a rate increase."

Calaway said Capitan's rate, compared with other municipalities in Lincoln County, is still lower.

"Even though this is a large increase for this year, they're still well within the rates of the other municipalities."

A property classified as residential in Ruidoso will have a tax rate of 26.209 mills applied to the 2010 property tax bill. A Ruidoso resident with a home worth \$150,000 would receive a \$1,310.45 tax statement. In 2009 Ruidoso's tax rate had been 25.988 mills.

For Ruidoso Downs the mill rate will be 29.209, up slightly from the 2009's rate of 28.905.

In the unincorporated areas around Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, which are inside the Ruidoso Municipal School District, the residential property tax rate will be 21.391 mills, a small increase from 21.124

Calaway: "Even though [Capitan] is a large increase for this year, they're still well within the rates of the other municipalities."

last year.

In much of the Alto area, which is in the Capitan Municipal School District, the new rate of 14.922 is a just over 5 percent increase from the 2009 mill rate.

Lincoln County Assessor Paul Baca noted the rates have held very steady for the past 10 years, possibly because of a doubling of valuations since 2001.

"We're hoping that that's it because the (New Mexico) Department of Finance and Administration is the one that sets the rates and apparently it's dependent on the governmental entities' budgets. They make sure they're collecting enough money from the taxes and they set the rate accordingly. All we (assessor's office) do is send in the certification of values and then DFA looks at values and they set the tax rates."

But in 2010 the rise in

the county's total valuations was less than 2 percent to \$1.038 billion. That is the smallest increase in recent history.

"In the last year or so we haven't had an increase of that much because the property values are getting closer and closer and we don't have the big, old jump that we used to see every year where the market was increasing so rapidly," said Baca.

"It's mostly new stuff (construction and improvements)."

With rates now certified, the county treasurer's office will review over the figures again and then begin to compute tax bills.

The bills will be printed in Albuquerque and returned to the county to go into the mail from Carrizozo. The state requires the bills are to property owners by November 1.

"We usually have them out by Oct. 25," said Calaway. "We like to get them out a little early because they come at a bad time of the year with holiday shopping."

A minimum of one-half of the bill is due by Nov. 10 and becomes delinquent after Dec. 10. The second half is due by April 11, 2011 and becomes delinquent after May 10.

Residential mill rate per \$1,000 of taxable value

Location	2008	2009	2010
Ruidoso School Dist.			
In Ruidoso	26.543	25.988	26.209
In Ruidoso Downs	29.175	29.159	29.209
Non-municipal	21.600	21.124	21.391
Carrizozo School Dist.			
In Carrizozo	25.052	23.921	24.202
Non-municipal	20.209	19.153	19.797
Corona School Dist.			
In Corona	21.355	20.648	20.601
Non-municipal	17.197	16.661	16.644
Hondo School Dist.			
All Non-municipal	20.195	21.026	21.048
Capitan School Dist.			
In Capitan	16.034	15.439	18.184
In Ruidoso			19.042
Non-municipal	14.705	14.178	14.922

Non-residential rate per \$1,000 of taxable value

Location	2008	2009	2010
Ruidoso School Dist.			
In Ruidoso	31.277	28.905	30.010
In Ruidoso Downs	35.170	33.917	34.937
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In Capitan	20.888	19.441	22.734
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To determine the approximate amount of your 2010 Lincoln County property tax bill, multiply the property valuation from the county assessor's office (arrived in the mail earlier this year) by the tax rate and divide by 1,000.

For example, a residential property in Ruidoso with a taxable value of \$51,250 would multiply \$51,250 with the Ruidoso tax rate (26.209 mills) to arrive at 1,343,211.3. Divide by 1,000 to arrive at a tax bill of \$1,343.21.



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County voices frustration over provider program

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A frustrated county manager told Lincoln County commissioners that state officials failed to tell him the amount of a possibly supplemental payment to the county under the Sole Community Provider program.

Aimed at compensating a hospital for unpaid care, when it is the only one in a county, the program at the end of each fiscal year has unused dollars and offers them to participating counties as supplemental payments to be matched. The return to the county hospital, the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, is \$4 for every \$1 of match. "I really am disappointed in the whole process," he told commissioners at their August meeting. "The amount of the supplemental was promised a week ago and the state still had not provided it."

"What's going to happen, the state will wake up

and say approve this within the week and I'll be caught flat-footed trying to get you together for a meeting. You could say no to the supplemental, period. Or you could allow me to approve anything up to budget cap of \$735,000. That would preclude a special or emergency meeting. The lady who runs the program is on jury duty, but I've been harping on this for weeks to get it out."

Last year, after an initial supplemental payment of \$130,119 was approved and paid, New Mexico Human Services found more money and "an additional supplement" of \$49,425 was approved and paid.

"My guess this year is it will be \$179,000," Stewart said. He recommended and commissioners approved giving him permission to move ahead with the payment not to exceed \$226,024, which with the regular SCP payment of \$508,976 would top out the \$735,000 budget. No special meeting will be needed.

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EVEN OPPONENTS OF THE BUSINESS RETENTION PLAN AGREE WITH US

At Tuesday's debate before the Rotary Club of Ruidoso, opponents of the Business Retention Plan revealed that supporters have the facts on their side. Consider the following when you vote:

On the impact of the Ruidoso Racetrack and Casino leaving Lincoln County, opponents say...

"My home value would go down and my taxes would go up."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

On the Business Retention Plan costing just \$19 a year, opponents say...

"That figure is correct."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

On where opponents came up with their own figure of \$114, opponents say...

"I didn't do the math. At the time it made sense."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

On their claim that the racetrack only accounts for 3% of our economy, opponents say...

"I really don't know how we came up with that. I'm not an economist."

– Glynis Racine, at the Ruidoso Rotary Club debate, 8/31/2010

The truth about what a YES vote for the Business Retention Plan will do:

- Level the playing field. Currently the Mescalero Casino pays the state 9% while the racetrack casino pays 26%!
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October 5, 2010 marks the beginning of Shrimpy's Shrimp and Wing Shack's third year. Janice and Rick Wood came to Ruidoso four years ago from Cripple Creek, Colorado where they owned and operated the "Last Dollar Inn" a traditional style Bed & Breakfast for 13 years. Prior to that Janice was a CNA, and Rick was the Production Manager at "Western Horseman Magazine" in Colorado Springs. When they sold their B&B they decided it was time to do something a little different, and Rick was tired of cooking breakfast everyday, so Shrimpy's was born. They sometimes like to call Shrimpy's their little tropical island in the desert southwest.

As you walk through the doors of Shrimpy's you will be transported to a tropical paradise, including grass thatched counters, beach chairs and nautical items galore. The felling of lying on a beach watching the sunrise is not the only piece of paradise you will experience at Shrimpy's.

The food is unbelievable as the atmosphere. You can dine in or make your order to go. Remember the heated patio is open year round for your dining pleasure. If you are having a party you can call ahead for large orders and they will have it ready when you come in.

Several guests have told Janice & Rick that the Seasoned & Steamed, Peel and Eat Shrimp they offer tastes like little miniature lobster tails. If you don't want to peel your Shrimp try the deep Fried Shrimp or the Grilled Shrimp on a Stick. Perhaps Shrimp is not your thing then try the Wings or Fish. Many guests say the English Style Fish & Chips are so much like when they use to live in England they can close their eyes and imagine they are back home. If you just want a sandwich then Shrimpy's is the place for the best Fish Sandwich in town. As for the Hot Wings the choice is yours, have them hot or not, but with seven flavors everyone can please their palate. You may select one of the more docile flavors like BBQ or Teriyaki, or perhaps for the more adventurous the Cajun Kickers will be your choice. If those are not hot enough then try the award

winning Lip Ripper wings which won Shrimpy's 1st place in the morning of fire hot sauce contest. There is even a hotter wing they offer buy you will have sign to a release to order those.

Rick still keeps his cowboy boots and hats close by but they don't quiet go with the theme of Shrimpy's. Now he dresses as though he just walked in off the beach, so keep your eyes open as you go through Midtown and he will be the one standing there on the sidewalk in the shorts, Hawaiian shirts and sandals even during the winter blizzards. If you have been to Shrimpy's before come on back and see the new menu items or daily specials they offer. If you have not been in yet don't waste anymore time thinking about it. Janice & Rick invite you to come to Shrimpy's and;

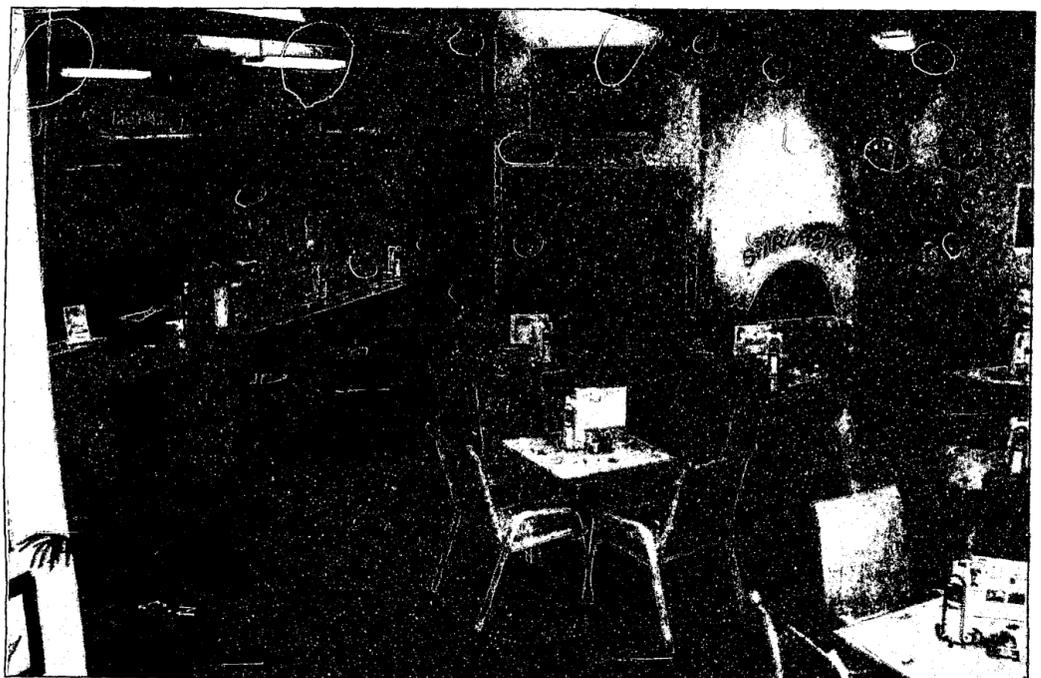
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Sports On Tap

Football
Friday, Sept. 17
RHS at West Las Vegas, 7 p.m.
Hondo at House, 3 p.m.
Capitan open
Saturday, Sept. 18
Mescalero at Zuni, 2 p.m.
RHS JV at Carrizozo, 6:30 p.m.

On Deck

Parks Dept. Open Gym
OPEN GYM at the Auxiliary Gym of the Horton Athletic Complex is here. Starting Monday, Aug. 23, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will have the lower gym at the old Middle School open for basketball and volleyball. Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. will be co-ed volleyball and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. will be for adult men's basketball. It's time to start your tune-ups for the adult leagues starting soon. Get in shape and begin filling your rosters. We are presently looking for referees, timers, scorers, and sponsors. For more info call 257-5030.

LCUSBC Starts Bowling
LCUSBC Bowling Association announces the start of the fall/winter bowling season. Leagues for men only - MXD - Senior - and, if enough interest, women only, youth and high school which started Sept. 7. For more info call RBC (Hans) at 258-3557 or LCUSBC (Linda) at 258-4047.

Prep football recap: All fall down

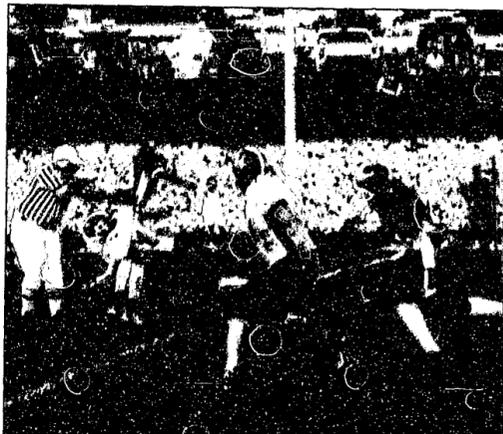
MIKE CURRAN
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The weekend's football games were not stellar efforts for local teams. Ruidoso lost a tough-played contest at Horton Stadium to Hot Springs, 18-15, Hondo, in their season home-opener, got unexpectedly stomped, 51-6, Mescalero · was blanked at Loving, 40-0, and Capitan lost in Fort Sumner, 41-13. Carrizozo had an open date.

Ruidoso

Behind only 12-7 in the opening minutes of the third quarter, Warriors' running back, Brendan Flack, galloped 50-plus yards for the apparent go-ahead touchdown ... only to have it brought back on a holding call.

"Penalties, especially the call-back on Flack's TD run, hurt us all night," RHS head coach Kief Johnson said. "On defense, before the game, we had made some personnel changes and the kids stepped up nicely, especially in the second half. They



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Luis Montañó tries a first-quarter pass over the middle in Hondo's 51-6 loss to Roy Friday.

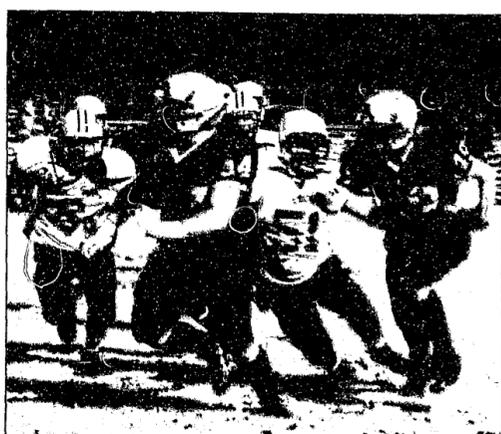
allowed only one score in the last 24 minutes of play."

The game was Ruidoso's to win, however. Late in the fourth quarter, the Warriors came up with a 4th-and-4 first down to the 50-yard sideline on a screen pass from quarterback Jessie Scarafiotti to Gage Whipple. Another Scarafiotti pass to Forrest Sanchez put the ball in the 35 with 1:17 left on the clock.

The Scarafiotti-to-Sanchez pass combination worked again to the 13-yard line. Whipple then ran to the 10 with 43 seconds left in the game.

The potential go-ahead drive was stopped on a subsequent quarterback pass that was picked off near the end zone and run back to the Ruidoso 15-yard line where the clock ran out.

"Nearing the end of the first half we were up 7-6," Johnson said. "In high



ALEXANDER MAZON/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Forrest Sanchez carries the ball for the Warriors while Tanner Chavez blocks in Friday's 18-15 loss to Hot Springs.

school, you always want to win the first half going into the locker rooms. Unfortunately, Hot Springs scored in the last few seconds and took a halftime lead of 12-7.

"It was then we made some additional adjustments to our defense.

"On that side of the ball, Tanner Chavez had another great game and Jacob Rodriguez and Bruce Klinekole performed to our expectations. At the defen-

sive tackle position, freshman Mathew Carr proved himself varsity worthy.

"Offensively, we moved the ball well but procedure penalties hurt us, badly.

"The kids fought to the bitter end and took the loss tough. We'll jump right back into it and work hard to win the next one."

In the rushing department, Scarafiotti gained 151

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Ruidoso area residents to participate in New Mexico's largest golf tournament

The Pueblo of Santa Ana - Ruidoso residents, Daniel Nunez and Tom Moore, Capitan resident, Anthony Romero, and Alto resident, Elliott Taylor, will compete in the Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open, New Mexico's largest championship golf tournament.

The tournament will take place between Sept. 16 and Sept. 18 at the award-winning Santa Ana Golf Club and Twin Warriors Golf Club on the Pueblo of Santa Ana, located between Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

"We are thrilled that Daniel Nunez, Tom Moore, Elliott Taylor and Anthony Romero will be participating in the Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open," said Roger Martinez, director of golf at the Santa Ana

Golf Club and Twin Warriors Golf Club.

"With one of the nation's leading state tournament cash purses, we expect the tournament to be challenging and exciting while testing the skills of the nation's top professionals as the courses are considered two of the best in the country."

Considered one of the top 10 prizes for a state open golf tournament, the Santa Ana Star Casino New Mexico Open's purse is \$100,000 with an estimated \$15,000 awarded to the winner.

The tournament will qualify a field of 156 professionals and amateurs and utilize both Santa Ana Golf Club and Twin Warriors Golf Club for the first two rounds.

After the field is cut to

low 50 and ties including amateurs, the final round will be played at Santa Ana Golf Club.

Past winners of the tournament include Lee Trevino, Paul Stankowski, Brian Kortan, D.J. Brigman, Michael Letzig and Notah Begay III.

The tournament will also host the Jack Hardwick Memorial Charity Pro-Am on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Ninety professionals and amateurs will play in the double shotgun-style tournament to raise money for Special Olympics of New Mexico, Corky Clark Foundation, and the Sun Country Junior Golf Foundation.

Santa Ana Golf Club and

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COURTESY

Local golfer Elliott Taylor will compete in the New Mexico Open Sept. 16-18.

Mountain Muzzleloaders to hold black powder shoot

JACK SHUSTER
For the Ruidoso News

The Mountain Muzzleloaders, the newest arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club, will hold their next organized black powder shooting event on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Ruidoso Gun Club range on Hale Lake Road in Ruidoso Downs.

Black powder shooters will gather on the Pistol Range and unloaded a vast array of long rifles, powder horns, cappers, possible bags, black powder and lead balls, all from the 1800 to 1850 era.

Visitors are welcome and invited to bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and non-alcoholic beverages.

Smoking on the range is also prohibited due to the prevalence of gunpowder! Black powder muzzle loading firearms at the match will include percussion cap and flintlock rifles in calibers ranging from .45 to .50 from makers such as Connecticut Valley Arms and Thompson Center Arms.

There will probably be a hand-crafted flintlock or two in the competition. These are the historic long guns made famous by the mountain men, trappers and explorers of the frontier.

The Mountain Muzzleloaders match will begin with a mandatory Safety Briefing from Bob "Smokepole" Vickers of

Alto, former Field Representative for the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association. The event will feature four 30-minute matches of five rounds each, firing at targets placed at a distance of 25 and 40 yards and the smoke will be thick. Shooters will post their own targets for each match.

If you are a skirmisher or a mountain man, a competitive black powder shooter or a hunter, an historian or just someone who wants to learn more, you're invited to the match.

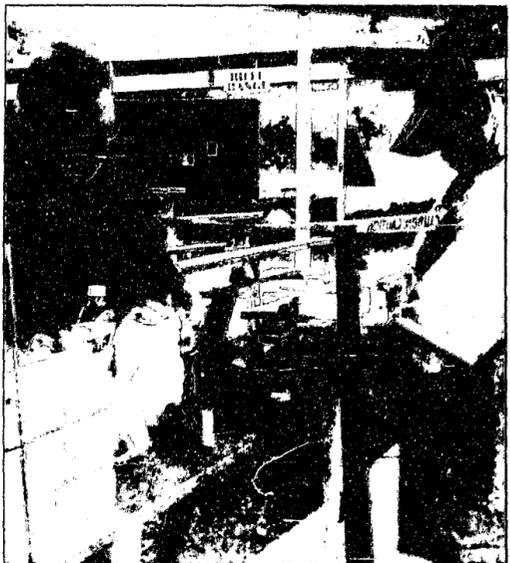
The Mountain Muzzleloaders arm of the Ruidoso Gun Club fosters the enjoyment of all shooting sports and wants to promote, support, nurture, and preserve

our nation's rich historical heritage in the sport of black powder long rifle shooting.

In addition to competition, the black powder shooters who attend can discuss and plan everything from recreational and educational programs to historical and cultural activities.

The group could be active in match competition, hunting, gun making and safety, historical reenactments, exhibits, and other related programs

For more information about the Mountain Muzzleloaders and the upcoming black powder shooting event on Sept. 25 at 1 p.m., contact "Smokepole" Vickers at 808-1329.



COURTESY

Shooters load up at the loading bench.

RECAP

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yards on 22 tries and Flack recorded 64 yards on 13 carries.

On the receiving side, Sanchez caught six for 138 yards and Flack pulled in eight for 95 yards.

Defensively, Scarafioti recorded 17 tackles with 18 assists, Flack was 10 tackles and eight assists and Andrew Baca had seven stops with nine assists.

RHS will travel to 1-2 West Las Vegas Friday for a 7 p.m. tilt.

Hondo

Say what you want about 6-Man football, the Hondo Eagles are a perennially tough team statewide.

They won the state title in 2008 and lost by two points (72-70) in last year's championship battle.

They opened their season Sept. 3, with a 66-39 drubbing of the San Jon Coyotes (at San Jon). Last Friday the Eagles entertained the Roy Steers.

Admittedly, the Steers are tougher than the Coyotes, but still, one anticipated a closer contest than Friday's 51-6 debacle at Chavez Field.

On the first play of the first offensive series visiting Roy struck with a 65-yard run for a TD and led 8-0 after a successful conversion.

That should have been a harbinger of things to come.

After receiving the kick-off, the Eagles fumbled on their first offensive play and the Steers recovered on Hondo's two. Two plays later, Roy was up 14-0 at the 9:01 mark of the first quarter.

At 3:44 of the same period, the Steers struck again



ALEXANDER MAZON/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Brendan Flack gained 64 rushing yards in Friday's effort.

on a 40-yard gallop around their left side and increased their advantage to 20-0.

With 37 seconds left in the quarter the Eagles put up a touchdown on an Andrew Padilla pass to Adrian Vazquez to cut the lead to 20-6. Roy went on to score 31 more points while Hondo went scoreless.

"Our guys did not come on the field to play," Hondo head coach Brandon Devine said. "Counter plays can kill you in 6-Man football and offensive mindset did us in Friday. We over-pursued and the runner left by the back door."

"Roy is a tough competitive team - they came to hit - they came to run - and they set us back on our heels. I believe the next time we play them this season will tell a different tale."

Devine sees what his team will be working on this week.

"The right psychology is sometimes difficult to teach," he said. "First of all, we're going to have to get

mean. Our boys are good but they're young. They need to understand the keys of what they have to do in certain situations."

The 1-1 Eagles will have to get it done before they face the 0-2 House Cowboys, Friday at 3 p.m.

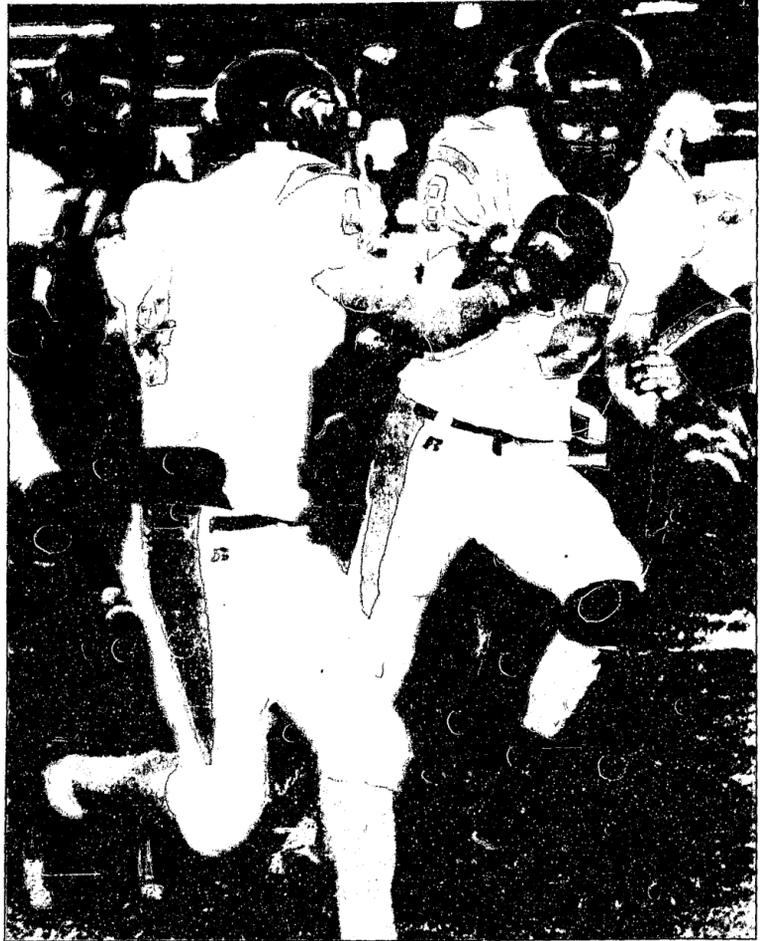
Mescalero

Last year, the Mescalero Apache Chiefs beat the D4-2A Loving Falcons at home for their only win of the 2009 season. Friday, the Falcons returned the favor with a 40-point win margin.

"Our boys just couldn't contain Loving, offensively," Mescalero head coach Godfrey Cordova said. "They have four or five players who are very fast and got around us. Their tailback continually broke into the clear."

"Our kids played hard, physical football and you can't ask for more than that. Loving played smart and utilized their speed."

"They picked their holes and sped by. They also exploited their quickness and agility at the wideout position and in the sec-



SCOT STINNETT/DE BACA COUNTY NEWS

Logan Eshom, No. 8, hands off to Tyler Neill in Capitan's 41-13 loss at Fort Sumner Friday.

Capitan

ondary." Saturday, the Chiefs will travel to the Zuni Thunderbirds for a 2 p.m. contest.

Tigers

down, 41-13. Fortunately, both of Capitan's losses were in the D2-1A league. In the Fort Sumner loss there were nuggets to be found. Capitan finished the contest with 235 yards from Logan Eshom passes. Rudy Chavez caught two for 66 yards, Tyler Neill had three receptions for 93 yards and Tony Padilla pulled in two for 46 yards. In the rushing department, Reuben Mendoza chewed up 32 yards on five carries, Neill gained 27 yards on five tries Eshom recorded 18 yards on seven

runs. Capitan threw up goose-eggs for the first three quarters until the 4:53 mark of the last period when an Eshom-to-Padilla 45-yard pass play and PAT hit for seven points.

With three seconds left in the contest, Eshom scrambled for a 13-yard TD run. The kick failed and the Foxes took a 28-point win. This Friday the Tigers will have an open date and prepare for their upcoming home district clash with Mescalero on Sept. 24, at 7 p.m.

GOLF

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Twin Warriors Golf Club have received numerous awards and accolades including Golf Magazine's

Silver Award, Forbes' Top 10 Casino Golf Courses, and Meeting & Conventions' Gold Tee Award.

The Santa Ana Golf Club has hosted more major championships than any other golf club in New

Mexico. Five New Mexico Open Championships, three nation-wide golf tour events, two PGA Professional National Championships, the US Women's Amateur Public Links Championship, the Regional PGA Cham-

ionship, the U.S. Open Qualifier, the Senior U.S. Open Qualifier, 15 State Four-Ball Championships, and more than 30 USGA qualifying events, have been played at Santa Ana Golf Club and Twin Warriors Golf Club.

In addition, the tournament's host hotel, Hyatt Tamaya Resort and Spa located next to Twin Warriors Golf Club, will provide special room accommodations and packages for tournament players and guests. Reser-

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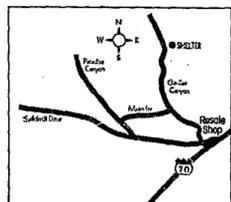
Trooper is a handsome shepherd mix. He is around 10 months old, plays well with other dogs and is very friendly with people. Trooper is easy to walk on a leash and minds well. He weighs about 45 pounds.

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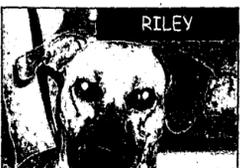
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New Corona research facility groundbreaking Sept. 28

CORONA – The public is invited to a ceremony Sept. 28, at 2:30 p.m. in Corona for the groundbreaking of a facility that, when completed, will provide a richer learning environment for New Mexico State University students through distance education, field trips and support for graduate research projects.

The first phase of the Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability, located on the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center, is expected to be completed in May 2011.

"The long-term vision for the new facility is to attract prominent researchers, improve student success, enhance onsite ungulate hunting programs, and lead the way in rangeland research in the United States," said Mark Gladden, director of development for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

When completed, the \$1.5 million state-funded first phase will consist of indoor and outdoor multi-use meeting/exhibit areas; library/meeting room for outreach activities and student use; offices for the Corona research center,

visiting faculty, staff and students; and a kitchen/meal preparation facility.

Because the new facility is centrally located in New Mexico, it has garnered support from many statewide organizations, legislators and local governments, as well as the executive branches of the State of New Mexico.

The new facility will facilitate centralized meetings for statewide interests, as well as host exciting new outreach activities in a secluded, picturesque, rangeland setting.

"The new facility will offer a structured and convenient environment dedicated to education and outreach," said Shad Cox, ranch manager for the Corona center.

"A dedicated, all-weather forum will allow more flexibility in scheduling with the opportunity to address issues in a more timely manner. We are already planning for increased outreach activities and events at the new center."

Students will truly get hands-on experience as they will be able to take what they learn in the classroom and apply it right outside the front doors of the facility.

And, with computer technology that brings students and researchers information in real time, they will be able to do such things as monitor livestock on the ranch through an electronic collar that is relayed to nodes placed around the ranch and then sent to the sustainability center.

Cox said that with distance education, students at the ranch will be able to take courses without having to drive three hours to the main campus.

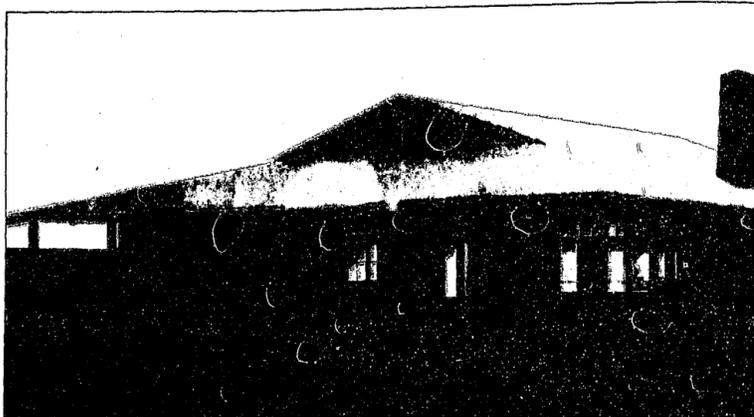
People at the rural facility will be able to interact with anyone in the world with the technology available.

Whatever the needs of the students are, workshops or classes will be assembled to meet them.

The center will be located one and one quarter miles northeast of the ranch headquarters and will offer students a view of the Gallinas Mountains from where the facility sits.

This first phase includes 3,450 square feet of enclosed space with an additional 2,800 square feet of covered porch area.

The project was initiated by CRLRC Advisory Committee members, who spearheaded the legislative action, which resulted in



This artistic rendering shows what the new Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability facility will look like when it is completed. (Kells and Craig Architects, Inc.)

\$500,000 in appropriation, said Tim Ross, interim department head of the Department of Animal and Range Sciences.

In 2008, NMSU set the center as a legislative priority and worked with the CRLRC Advisory Committee to acquire and additional \$1 million for the facility.

"The advisory committee recognized a need for a facility centralized in New Mexico to meet the needs of ranchers in the state, but also to address the needs of people moving into rural areas who may not be engaged in traditional ranching activities," Ross said.

Because of this, the center will have a strong role

in rural development. Ross said they hoped to investigate quality-of-life issues, such as alternative and renewable energy, and water quality systems that are applicable and affordable at a ranch or homestead.

The center will also help educate people in rural New Mexico in the areas of rangeland, livestock and wildlife management, with the potential to study alternative energy topics, from solar pumps to big wind.

"The first phase of this vision is being accomplished through the dedication of the State of New Mexico and a handful of invigorated NMSU alumni," said Gladden.

"Additional support is critically needed to furnish the facility and to complete phase two; which involves the construction of overnight accommodation pods for faculty, researchers, students and guests."

Lowell Catlett, dean of the College of ACES, will attend the groundbreaking ceremony, along with state legislators.

Attendees of the ceremony can meet at the ranch headquarters 2:30 p.m., and can then drive out to the site of the groundbreaking.

The headquarters are eight miles east of Corona on County Road A031.

For a map, go to <http://coronasc.nmsu.edu/>.

Old friends passing

Several long time friends have passed away the past week.

Our sympathies go all the families of Veda Lou Stephenson, Juanita Sultemeier, Bob Harcrow and Tommy Tyree.

There are a lot of memories with these friends – schools, beginning of the Lincoln County Fair and with the law.

It has been a hectic week. Ralph got bad Wednesday and I had to call the EMTs but he still wouldn't go to the hospital.

I called the doctor early Thursday morning

and he got him to go. He had a stent put in an artery Friday. He is doing fair – just needs time.

Wayne Dunlap, of Albuquerque and Lois and David Coleman arrived Sunday morning to visit their parents, Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap and to check on their father.

We went to the doctor Monday afternoon and who did we see? Sue Stearns.

We were able to have a nice visit and catch up on what has been going on since we last saw each other.

I hope to catch up on more news for next week.



LINCOLN TRAILS ROSALIE DUNLAP

Corona Library wins state drawing

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The Village of Corona Public Library was recently the recipient of a drawing held by the New Mexico State Library.

The library was awarded the books, *Wild Animals I have Known* by Ernest Thompson Seton and *Ernest Thompson Seton: The Life and Legacy of an Artist and Conservationist* by David L. Witt.

Witt is curator of the Seton Legacy Project at the Academy for the Love of Learning.

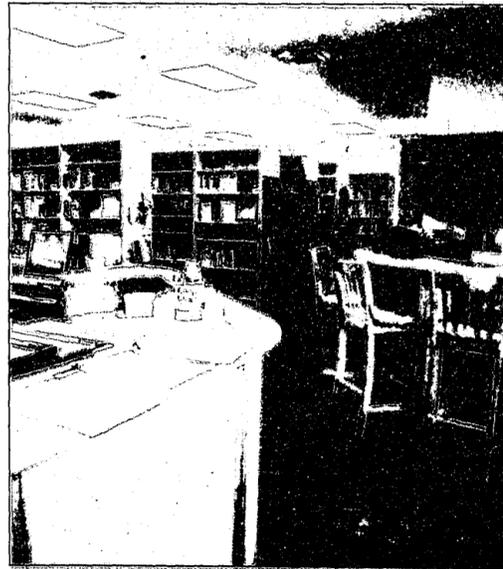
Witt and Beth Crist, library development director at the State Library, have de-signed an array of discussion topics and hands-on activities for librarians, designed to tie in with the New Mexico

History Museum exhibit "Wild at Heart: Ernest Thompson Seton."

The goal of the exhibit and the State Library activities are to help children and adults discover the trail-blazing writings of Seton, a world-famous conservationist, artist and co-founder of the Boy Scouts.

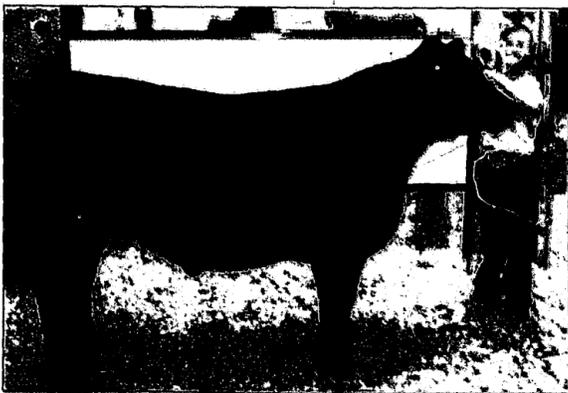
All of the related materials are available to public and school librarians, teachers and members of the public on the New Mexico State Library website at www.nmstate-library.org.

The award books were provided by the Museum of New Mexico Foundation's Spiegelberg Shop and are available for check-out at the Village of Corona Public Library, located behind Corona Village Hall.



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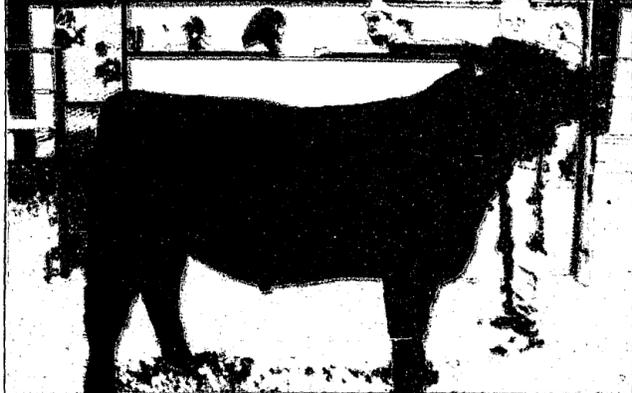
The Village of Corona Public Library is located at 481 Main in Corona, and is home to more than 11,450 books and other media. They can be reached at 575-849-5513.



TOP BEEF

The Grand Champion Market Steer at the Lincoln County Fair was shown by Aubrey Brandenburger, Corona 4-H, at left. The Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer, at right, was shown by Marshal Wilson, Carrizozo FFA.

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Cards are welcome but no gifts please.

New case of check fraud found

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There may be a new case of a bank check taken and diverted before it gets into the mail.

Ruidoso police were called to Lawrence Brothers IGA on Sept. 7, after a manager became suspicious of a check presented at the store.

While one officer went to the store, another cop drove to the home of the man who allegedly tried to cash the check.

The man came up with a story about getting the check from a Carrizozo man for the payment of car parts. He said he was told the check was good.

But at the grocery store, the manager-on-duty said the check did not look right and he called the bank.

He was told the account actually belonged to a Ruidoso woman and he then realized the check was fraudulent.

Questioned further, the man who had presented the check then told the officer that he had found the draft on a street "and tried to cash it."

When the account holder was contacted by police, she said that check number had been made out for an insurance payment and placed in the mail drop at Ruidoso Village Hall.

A police report said a warrant would be sought

for the man.

Earlier this year checks were reported taken from payment envelopes that had been placed in the personal mail boxes at the ends of driveways, with the red flag raised to alert the mail carrier, and a possible thief, that there was mail inside.

A Ruidoso man, Richard L. Crenshaw, 29, was charged with 47 counts in that case.

He was accused of stealing the several checks and "washing" them of the payee's name and payment amount.

The checks were then rewritten and used to make purchases by Crenshaw, a criminal complaint alleged.

Ruidoso police respond to new shooting threat

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Just 48 hours after Ruidoso police responded to a Labor Day shooting involving people in their late teens to 20 years old, officers took no chance with a call of a person claiming to have a gun.

Especially when the man reportedly stated the people in his group were friends of those involved in a gang shooting on Sept. 6.

The incident began about 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 8 along South Hickory Road.

A woman told police one of the people in a vehicle with three occupants said he would kill her son and his family.

After the vehicle left police found the group at a trailer park on Paradise Canyon Road.

When the group started to run they were ordered to stop, and four did.

At gunpoint, police ordered the four to their knees with their hands on their heads.

The four people were separated, handcuffed and read their Miranda rights.

Questioned by an officer, Patrick "Anthony" Sanchez, 19, of San Patricio, said he did not know anything about a South Hickory Road situation.

But, he later admitted being at the location for a fight. Sanchez said at the

location other people at a property said they had guns and threatened him.

After receiving permission to search Sanchez' vehicle police found two open cans of beer, a smoking pipe and a large bong.

Each of the drug paraphernalia items smelled of burnt marijuana, according to a police report.

Both Sanchez and Mesha Rue, 20, of Ruidoso Downs, admitted drinking beer, police said, and were arrested.

Sanchez was charged with being a minor who had consumed alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia. Rue was charged with being a minor who had consumed alcohol. Both were later released on bond.

Weekend crime spree reported

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A brief crime spree was reported along a part of Sudderth Drive last Friday and Saturday.

Overnight someone knocked over a carved bear, valued at \$400, at the Carniceria Chihuahua Market at 1501 Sudderth Drive.

And a 14-foot aluminum ladder was taken from outside the business.

At the Budget Lodge, 601 Sudderth Drive, the soft convertible top of a parked car was cut. Police said it appeared the 14-inch slice was made with a thin blade knife.

The estimated cost to replace the top was \$600.

At Copy Rite Ruidoso, 1600 Sudderth Drive, a glass door, valued at \$500, was smashed.

Police believe a person used a stripped green and white polo shirt to cover their hand and punch the glass.

The shirt, which was found at the foot of the door, was taken for evidence.

In the 500 block of Sudderth Drive, a vehicle was entered and about \$360 from a bank deposit bag was taken.

A woman said she believed her husband might have left the vehicle unlocked after unloading groceries.

Again, at the Budget Lodge, police were notified

of a suspicious person entering a back window of the motel.

Witnesses said they saw a man on a bicycle ride to the back of the motel and climb through a window.

A motel worker said that particular room was not rented at the time.

When questioned by officers, Brian Keith Roney, 50, of Haslet, Texas, said he had a key to the room, but admitted he was in the room without paying.

He said he had rented the room several days earlier and kept the key.

Roney was arrested for criminal trespassing and was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center when he was unable to post bond.

Veda Lou Stephenson, 76

Veda Lou Stephenson, 76, of Carrizozo, passed away Friday, September 10, 2010 at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

She was born January 2, 1934 in Carrizozo, NM to Claude and Georgia (Rustin) Brantim. She was an active member of the Carrizozo Methodist Church and Canyon Cowbells. She was a retired school teacher, coach and former school board member.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy K. Stephenson in 2009.

She is survived by her son, Mitch Colwell and his wife Audrey of Albuquerque; daughters, Stacy Hendricks and her husband, Mark, of Carrizozo and Tawn Hill of Albuquerque. Survivors also include grandchildren, Jesse Hill, K.C. Hendricks, Tessa Hendricks, Megan Colwell and Christine Colwell.

A funeral service was held September 14, 2010 at Carrizozo Methodist Church with Ray Wells officiating.

Interment followed in the I-X Monument Hill Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robbie Hooten, Bill Mershon, Sonny Watts, Mike Petty, Jack Walthall and Wally Ferguson.

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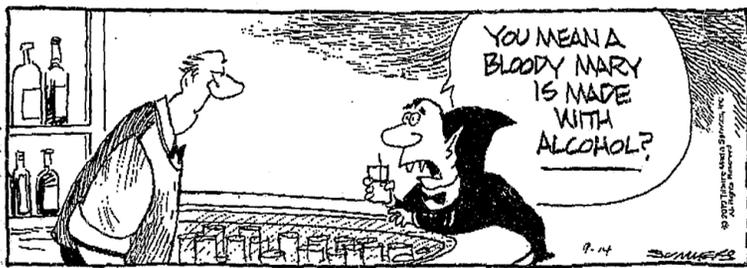
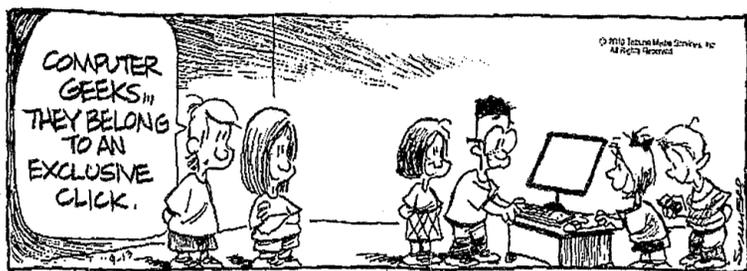
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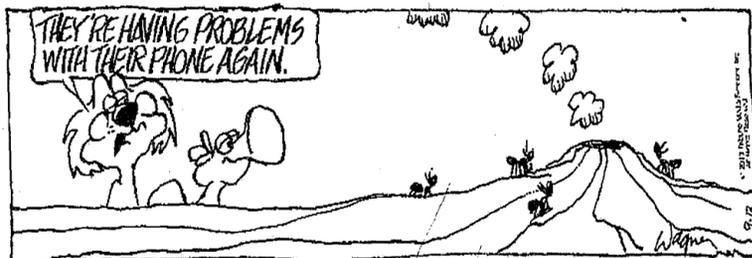
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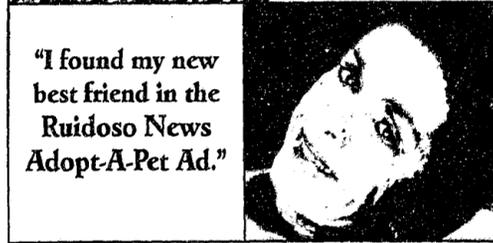
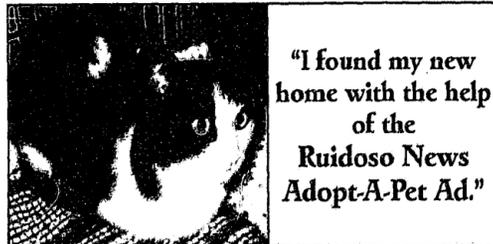
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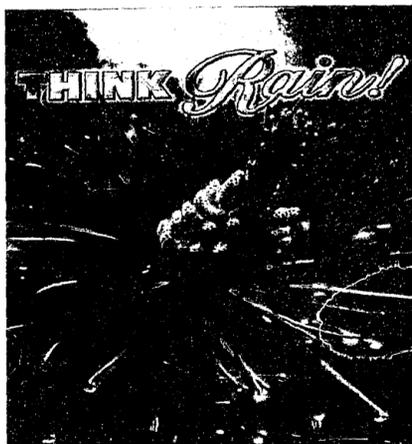
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LEGAL NOTICE
The Eastern New Mexico University Board of Regents will meet on Friday, September 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room on the ENMU Portales Campus. Business sessions will be held during the meeting. Agenda for the meeting is available at the President's Office located in the ENMU Portales Administration Building. The public is invited to attend the regular meeting. The Eastern New Mexico University is an EEO/AA institution.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 22, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the north-east entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Ruidoso, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above named defendant in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 620 Sagebrush, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at this sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to one month right of redemption.
Peter Baca, Special Master
P.O. Box 213
Ruidoso, NM 88301
(505) 648-9925

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL S. LINE, Deceased
DIVISION III
CAUSE NO. PB-010-19
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
KARAN K. LINE has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MICHAEL S. LINE, Deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present in writing within two (2) months after the date of the publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. All claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, Karan K. Line, 125 McBride Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (575) 258-4317

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-10-91
BAC HOME LOANS SERVING, L.P.
vs.
TERRY L. GOFF, TAMMY K. GOFF
Defendants.
THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, in Case No. CV-10-91, on August 10, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-08-391
BILLY G. McDONALD, aka BILLY G. McDONALD, DIXIE
vs.
JAMES R. McDONALD, DIXIE
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Ambrosio Chavez Diversion Dam and Drop Structure #1
The project consist of restoring the Dorn Diversion Weir by the Dorn Diversion Dam and Drop Structure to the Pre-flood conditions. The project shall include removal and disposal of debris, a new gabion basket drop structure with a head-dam intake structure, riprap, grading, water control and sediment control.

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ENMU-Ruidoso
ENMU-Ruidoso invites letters of interest for a vacancy on the Branch College Board. The term of service begins upon appointment by the Board and continues until the February 2011 election. To serve, members must be twenty-one years of age, a qualified voter, and a resident of the college taxing district. Interested parties should cite their qualifications for service on a policy-making board. Letters will be accepted until October 1, 2010. Additional information available at www.ruidoso.enmu.edu/about%20us/collegeboard.html
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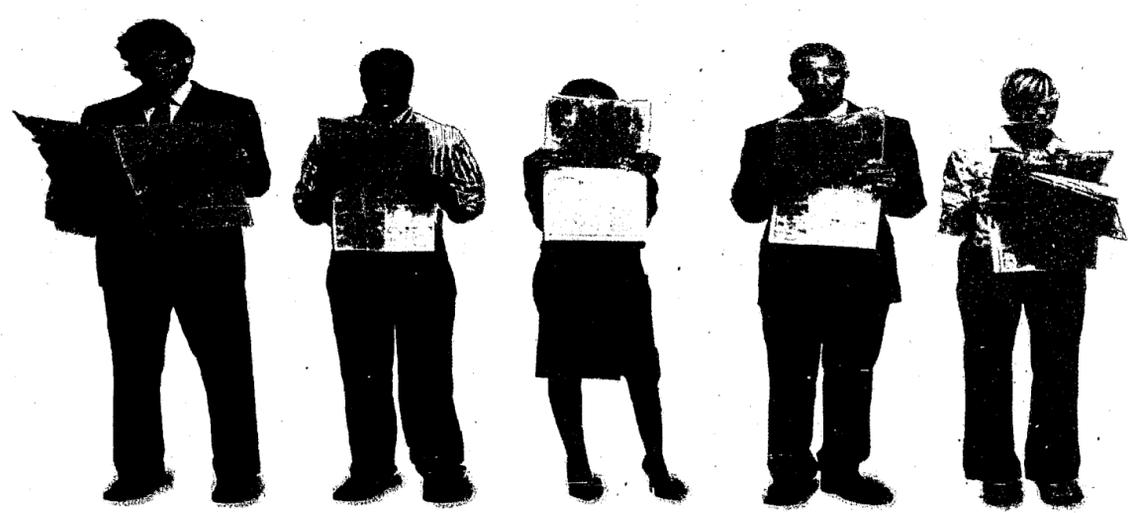
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