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School bond is set

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Ruidoso Municipal School District to put improvement plans before voters

Voters in the Ruidoso Municipal School District will be asked this winter to approve \$14 million in borrowing for school improvement.

The education board Tuesday evening scheduled a regular school district election for Feb. 1, 2011.

In addition to selecting members of the five-person school board, a general obligation bond issue will be on the ballot. The bond question will request the borrowing to "erect, remodel, make additions to and furnish school

buildings within the district, to purchase or improve school grounds, to purchase computer software and hardware for student use in public schools, and to provide matching funds for capital outlay projects."

A \$14 million 2010-2015 Facilities Master Plan, adopted last month by the education board, prioritized projects that would be funding through the requested borrowing.

Drainage issues at Ruidoso High School topped the list at \$1.5 million. District technology needs were estimated at \$1.2 million. Completion of the middle school (a second access road, fields and landscaping) was put at \$3 million.

Reconfiguring student populations, to create pre-kindergarten through second grade, and third through fifth grade environments, was called a \$1 million endeavor.

A roof replacement at Sierra

Vista Primary, the fifth priority, was also a \$1 million project.

Renovation of the high school science wing would cost an estimated \$3 million.

Rounding out the 11 items in the plan, were: a roof replacement at the Horton Complex, which is the former middle school campus; a retaining wall repair at Horton Stadium; playground upgrades at the White Mountain schools complex; demolition of some buildings at the Horton Complex along with a new entry; and deferred maintenance projects.

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Village: reroute Cedar Creek

Environment Dept. has to weigh in

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The attitude of environmental officials about disturbing the flow of Cedar Creek to prevent future massive flooding at the Paradise Canyon and Hull Road intersection will dictate the road and drainage design there.

Culverts and pavement were ripped out at Starlite and Paradise off Hull in July 2008, when heavy flooding occurred on the Rio Ruidoso and its tributaries.

Village Street Department Director J. R. Baumann would like to reroute the flow to run directly from Hull into the Paradise Canyon drainage, bypassing Starlite.

"I'm guessing if we include Starlite, that would be a 40-foot-deep dig," he told village councilors Tuesday. "If we eliminate that crossing, the cost would be significantly less. It's a two-year project and we can't start until the new bridges are in place."

The village lost 13 bridges in the flood and concrete box culverts were installed as temporary crossings until more flood-resistant types could be designed and installed. Because the village already owns all the box culverts that will be removed as the new bridges are installed, a "huge savings" will be realized when drainage work at the Paradise/Hull intersection is undertaken, Baumann said.

In any case, he anticipates the road in that area will be raised as much as 6 feet to allow the stream

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MAKING HIS POINT



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Retired Army Major John D. Shoop addresses Ruidoso Middle School students Wednesday during the annual Veterans Day observance. Shoop is a Viet Nam veteran and a substitute teacher for grades K-12 at Ruidoso Schools. The school held the observance one day early because of Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled on Thursday and Friday.

Procedure guides traffic code ordinance

Village Council agenda item turns complicated

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What looked on the agenda like a quick approval of the Uniform Traffic Code and associated fees and fines Tuesday turned into a convoluted discussion of procedure and process.

When the words stopped flying between staff and Ruidoso village councilors, Village Manager Debi Lee stepped in, trying to simplify what needed to be done and work out a way to secure a vote without compromising councilors' concerns.

She succeeded, but only after huddling with Village Attorney Dan Bryant to

draft an appropriate motion. She handed copies of the draft to each councilor for review before Councilor Denise Dean offered the motion, which passed unanimously.

The motion specified adoption of Ordinance 2010-12, adopting by reference the New Mexico Uniform Traffic 2010 compilation as prepared by the state Municipal League with modifications and deleting sections that duplicate or conflict with the Ruidoso Municipal Code.

The motion also updated the village's Appendix A Fee Schedule, a compilation of all municipal service charges, fees and fines, but only relating to the fines, fees and penalties associated with the UTC.

The other fees listed,

such as forestry, solid waste and water, previously were approved by the councilors, although a few had to be reminded of their prior action. The entire schedule was presented to show that the traffic code fees and fines would be incorporated with the approval.

Ruidoso Police Chief Joe McGill said Village Engineer and former planning director Bob Decker, Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin and he reviewed the ordinance.

"Based on the amount of time the officers spend on citations, we increased the fines (the portion that goes to the village) by 20 percent," McGill said, adding that Deputy Chief DeWayne Goar did not recall an increase in the past 20 years.

"The fees have nothing to do with us, only the fines come back to the village," Goar told councilors.

McGill said references to licensing bicycles and to railroad crossings were removed, because they do not apply to the village.

Councilor Jim Stoddard noticed a \$232 fine for racing on streets and said he thought it should be more. Goar said that figure was removed to leave the amount up to the discretion of the judge. Village Attorney Dan Bryant elaborated that these fines are the lowest on the rung of courts. As the offenses become more aggravated, they move from municipal to magistrate and then district court.

Stoddard also criticized

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Altrusa birthday

Altrusa International of Ruidoso hosted their 40th birthday celebration on Oct. 30 at Innsbrook and it was attended by more than 40 past and present members.

Guests were treated to appetizers and a lovely cake bearing the Altrusa emblem.

Both past and present presidents were recognized as were Elder Emeritus Shirley Newhouse and Diane Vowel. Our special guest was Marie Line who expressed her appreciation for the work of the

Altrusans and for the fact that this years mammogram program was dedicated to her son, Mike Line.

Mayor Ray Alborn read a proclamation stating that October was named Altrusa Month.

In the proclamation he named all the services that are provided by the dedicated members of the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso: low cost mammograms, supporting the Nest and the Lincoln County Food Bank.

Also mentioned was Altrusa's commitment to literacy by providing books three times a year to

Lincoln County Head Start students, providing money to the elementary libraries of Lincoln County to purchase books, and providing scholarships for adults returning to college.

If you would like to know more about joining Altrusa, contact membership chairman Deb Sturtevant at 336-1486.

Above, pictured left to right, are Mary Lou Estes, Eleanor Shockey, Jean Kuykendall, Karen Morris, Beth Sayner, Jill Van Gilder, Mary Kay Sarrett, Sue Macfarlane, Sue Ludwig, Helen Woodfin, Wonda Harmon.

Prescribed burns

Two prescribed burns are to be implemented beginning Saturday and continuing through Nov. 19 on the Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger Districts of the Lincoln National Forest.

The Poul/Gobbler prescribed burn is 174 acres in size and located in Turkey Canyon just south of Ruidoso Downs and north

of the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The Rail Splitter prescribed burn is 1,200 acres and located south of the Weed community on the west side of Highway 24.

Weather conditions will be monitored throughout the burn period to ensure fuel conditions, weather conditions such as wind, temperature, and relative humidity are met prior to ignition.

Burning will be conducted during the daytime and smoke will be visible from Piñon, Weed, Sacramento and Ruidoso Downs. Residual smoke is expected to drift into canyons in the residential areas of Ruidoso Downs.

The goal of the prescribed burns is to reduce hazardous fuels around the Wildland Urban Interface and reintroduce fire into a fire-adapted ecosystem.

For more information call Smokey Bear District Office at 575-257-4095, or the Sacramento Ranger District Office at 575-682-2551, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information on the Lincoln National Forest, go to www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln or for the latest fire information, follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/lincolnsmokey.

Parks & Rec meets

A special meeting of the Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Commission is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Monday, in council chambers at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

The agenda includes accepting the resignation of Anessa Collins; an update on Bike Lanes info from the New Mexico Department of Transportation by Village manager Debi Lee; an update on Bike Trails on U.S. Forest Service land by Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager; Bike Events for funding of Trails by Joe Coakley; and update on the Special Event & Noise Ordinance by Almager; an update on grants submitted; and an update on other projects.

Almager will also report on a Design Competition, a Military Recreation Destination designation involving Grindstone Stables and a Community Recreation Center.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commis-

sion will meet at 9 a.m., Nov. 18, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

In compliance with the Zoning & ACC Application Handbook, applications must be submitted to both the Zoning District and the ACC for most repairs, replacements and improvements. The applicant is responsible to comply with all requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, Restrictive Covenants, and the ALG&CC Bylaws.

To avoid delay of permit reviews, ensure the appropriate number of copies are provided when paperwork is submitted, as noted on Page 6 of Zoning & ACC Application Handbook.

The final agenda for the meeting will be published at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Velasquez on KEDU
Jaci Velasquez will be the new co-host of the Family Friendly Morning Show with Doug Griffin on KEDU-FM, 102.3, weekdays from 4 - 7 a.m.

Velasquez has sold over four million albums and has graced more than 50 magazine covers. She has won seven Dove Awards including New Artist of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year.

"I'm so excited to be a part of such a lovely legacy that is the Family Friendly Morning Show," Velasquez said. "Having the opportunity to share my love for my family, music and ministry

is the core of what this show is about."

Velasquez will be sharing moments as a wife and mother of two young boys. Each morning will offer listeners the opportunity to start their day with Doug and Jaci as they welcome special guests and connect with listeners over topics of the day.

Fort Lone Tree

Fort Lone Tree's ninth annual fundraiser will take place Sunday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Food and great deals will be available at a silent and a live auction. Reservations are required. Tickets are available for a \$10 suggested donation.

All proceeds will benefit camper scholarships and special projects at the Christian camp and retreat facilities.

Fort Lone Tree is also seeking those who would like to be an auction donor, event host or a guest. Contact Eric McNamara at 575-354-4265 for more information, to make a donation, or to make a reservation.

Fort Lone Tree is located six miles northeast of Capitan.

Downs recycling

Monday will be recycle day in Ruidoso Downs.

Mayor Tom Armstrong issued a proclamation this week pledging participation in America Recycles Day 2010 on Nov. 15. The theme of the day is "It All Comes Back to You."

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 51° Humidity 51° 32° 39%	RealFeel 58° Humidity 54° 31° 28%	RealFeel 50° Humidity 48° 23° 34%	RealFeel 43° Humidity 44° 36° 47%	RealFeel 53° Humidity 55° 41° 31%	RealFeel 61° Humidity 58° 35° 32%	RealFeel 60° Humidity 53° 35° 38%
Mostly sunny Wind: NW 7-14 mph	Plenty of sun Wind: S 6-12 mph	Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: NNW 6-12 mph	Rain and drizzle possible Wind: NW 7-14 mph	Bright sunshine Wind: W 8-16 mph	Bright sunshine Wind: NW 6-12 mph	Bright sunshine Wind: WSW 4-8 mph

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Regional Cities

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Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:31 a.m./5:03 p.m.

Friday: Moonrise/Moonset
12:03 p.m./11:09 p.m.

Moon Phases

First Full Last New

Nov 13 Nov 21 Nov 28 Dec 5

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 88° in Fort Isabel, TX
Low: 2° in Big Piney, WY

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 115° in Roebourne, Australia
Low: -47° in Summit Station, Greenland

Almanac

Ruidoso

Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/Low 54°/30°
Normal high 58°
Normal low 26°
Record high 75° (1973)
Record low 8° (1953)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.35"
Year to date 14.04"
Normal year to date 20.36"

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

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

Alamogordo

Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/Low 63°/31°
Normal high 66°
Normal low 38°
Record high 79° (1980)
Record low 23° (1955)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.30"
Year to date 12.38"
Normal year to date 11.74"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: What is a broken spectre?

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National Forecast for Nov. 12, 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.

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	64/37/f	59/37/f	Albuquerque	50/25/s	49/26/s
Anchorage	37/30/sf	38/29/sf	Artesia	64/39/pc	68/37/s
Annapolis	68/42/s	67/48/s	Chama	45/14/s	44/10/pc
Austin	77/50/t	68/47/s	Clayton	51/23/c	47/25/pc
Baltimore	63/33/s	66/38/s	Cloudcroft	47/23/s	50/10/s
Boston	57/42/s	62/43/s	Farmington	44/18/s	46/21/pc
Buffalo	65/47/c	63/39/c	Hobbs	66/35/c	60/31/s
Chicago	74/44/l	65/40/s	Los Alamos	44/22/s	47/16/pc
Dallas	44/19/s	42/18/sn	Portales	62/30/c	59/27/s
Denver	49/34/r	42/26/pc	Raton	46/15/pc	44/19/pc
Detroit	64/42/pc	60/43/pc	Red River	47/12/s	47/10/pc
El Paso	61/30/s	63/34/s	Ruidoso	51/32/s	54/31/s
Las Vegas	62/48/s	65/46/s	Santa Fe	50/19/s	52/27/pc
Los Angeles	78/50/s	81/52/s	Silver City	56/25/s	61/30/s
Memphis	44/30/r	39/25/sn	Taos	47/9/s	45/13/pc
New Orleans	74/60/pc	77/59/s			
New York City	58/49/s	62/49/s	Mexican Cities		
Philadelphia	57/40/s	63/42/s	City	Today	Sat.
Phoenix	77/49/s	73/49/s	Acapulco	88/72/s	88/72/s
Reno	56/27/s	51/33/s	Cancun	84/63/pc	82/64/pc
San Francisco	62/47/pc	63/49/s	Chihuahua	72/38/s	72/37/s
San Diego	73/53/s	73/52/s	Ciudad Juárez	61/30/s	63/34/s
Seattle	51/36/c	50/42/r	León	67/41/s	62/43/s
Tucson	69/38/s	73/37/s	Mexico, DF	75/44/s	75/45/s
Tulsa, OK	62/37/c	56/32/pc	Monterrey	62/39/s	75/57/pc
Wash., DC	61/38/s	64/45/s	Morelia	80/47/s	80/51/s
Wichita	50/32/r	53/32/pc	Oaxaca	84/48/s	82/48/pc
Yuma	73/50/s	78/52/s	Puerto Vallarta	75/52/s	77/52/s
W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partially cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.			Tijuana	77/50/s	77/50/s

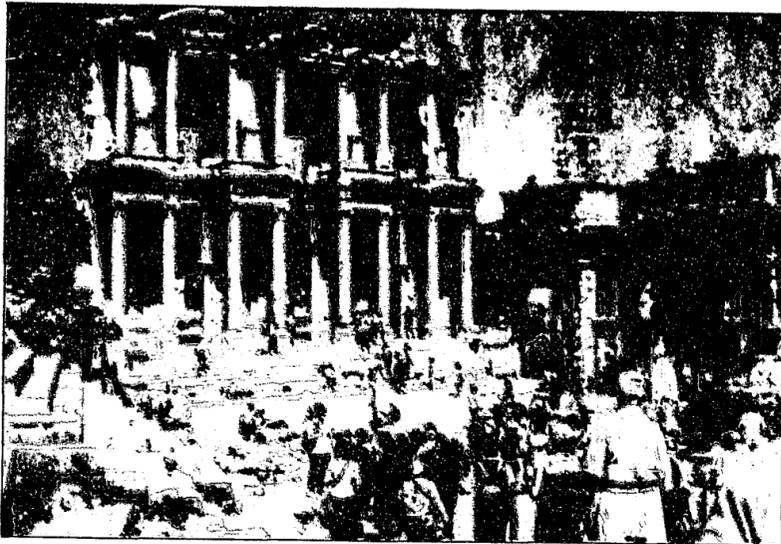
Turkey trot

Join us at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 17, as we travel to western Turkey.

Join Paul Durham on his two trips to this fascinating country to discover their culture, the history and people.

Durham is a retired educator having taught in New Mexico and California. On his tours of Turkey, he visited Troy, Istanbul, Ankara, Aegean Sea, Antalya and King Midas' Tomb, just to mention a few of his stops. Through his photographs, you will see places you might not have known existed. Group discussion is welcomed and encouraged while viewing the photos.

This trip leaves at 2 p.m. and travel time will be approximately 1-1/2 hours. Departure for tours will be in the children's classroom



at the Ruidoso Public Library.

This is the last tour of "Travel the World @ your Library" so we will be drawing names for the prizes awarded after the Turkey presentation.

While at the library, be sure to view the artwork of foreign countries, presented as part of Art in Public Places, a program of the Ruidoso Regional Council of the Art. Community artists were invited to show

their works as well as a showing of Judy Pekelsma's "Summer in Italy, a collection of Paintings."

The library is located just behind Ruidoso Village Hall, at 107 Kansas City Rd.

rosa and Capitan, and Windstream Communications.

The Nov. 6 event was sponsored by Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, the Greentree Solid Waste Authority, the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department, Lawrence Brothers - IGA, Schlotzskys and the Lincoln County Recycling Committee.

Eco-Servants, Ruidoso Schools, ENMU-Ruidoso, GSWA, the PNM Green Team and Keep Ruidoso

Downs Beautiful provided 40 volunteers and staff.

Christmas Tree recycling is scheduled to begin Dec. 26 at Schoolhouse Park near the Swimming Pool.

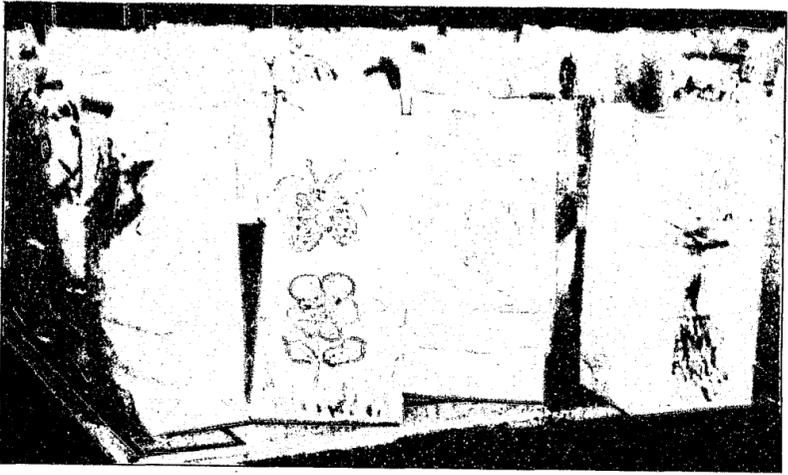
For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697 or toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or Keep Ruidoso Beautiful at 257-5030. General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.gswa.org.

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Candlelight Vigil

The 4th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held at the NEST Domestic Violence Shelter to honor survivors and victims of domestic violence, to mourn those lost to domestic violence and celebrate community advocates working to end violence against women and girls.

The vigil was held in the family room at the shelter. The children at the Nest hand decorated each luminaria bag, which was lit for the ceremony. HEAL staff, board members and family attended the event. Deacon Bob Racicot offered the Anglo prayer and read a poem written by a prior resident on the day she entered the Nest two years ago and Pastor Sal Lopez offered prayer for the women and their children in Spanish.



Shelter Supervisor Terry Thompson read the infamous poem "Please Remember Me," and Selena Chino shared the Native belief that all people are connected and nature is an integral part of who we are. Residents of the Nest and HEAL staff shared a poem and personal stories of

abuse and recovery.

One staff member encouraged the residents to keep working towards a life free from violence. She stated that "if I can do it, so can you. I am a survivor of domestic violence and now I am a successful business woman with a wonderful husband who is here with

me tonight."

The Annual Candlelight Vigil is closed to the public, due to confidentiality.

Pictured are luminarias made by the children at the Nest for the Annual Candlelight Vigil.

For information on services of the Nest, call 575-378-6378.

FROM PAGE 2A

In the proclamation Armstrong encouraged buying more recycled products. Each year Americans generate almost 230 million tons of solid waste, or more than 4.5 pounds per person per day. While the country has reached an overall recycling rate of 33 percent, Armstrong said more can be done, especially by closing the loop and purchasing products made with recycled materials.

Recycling a success

Records fell again as Lincoln County and Mescalero residents and businesses discarded electronic waste of all kinds Nov. 6, in the IGA parking lot at Ruidoso's Sierra Mall.

Participation jumped from approximately 215 to 236 individuals or businesses, a 9 percent increase

over the last event in November 2009.

Participants discarded 55,390 pounds of old computers, copy machines, satellite receivers, television sets and other miscellaneous electronics. Since the event began in November 2006, Lincoln County and Mescalero residents have discarded through proper recycling approximately 477,390 pounds of electronic waste. Residents and businesses in the region participate on a per capita basis in excess of the larger urban areas of Albuquerque and El Paso.

This discarded waste is properly sold, recycled within the United States, reducing illegal dumping and contamination of soil and water resources. Material that for which there is no recycling market is properly disposed of in the Otero/Lincoln Regional Landfill.

Among the many business or organizational contributors at the e-waste event were the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Century 21 Aspen

Real Estate, GSV Title, Seasons Nursery, the Mescalero Apache Tribe, several local school districts, the Towns of Carrizozo and Corona, the Towns of Tula-

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OUR OPINION

New 'zoning' concept in Midtown intriguing

It may impact the district over coming decades

Ruidoso's Midtown shopping district looks far different than it did 20, 40, 80 years ago. It's a cinch that it will change still further over the decades.

How it evolves is subject to forces such as the village's comprehensive master plan, the changing face of tourism, the drift of the economy and, perhaps, new concepts such as Form-Based Zoning, which was presented recently to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

To read about it, Form-Based Zoning has esoteric applications such as "the form and mass of buildings in rela-

tion to one another," and "the scale and types of streets and blocks."

Cutting through that kind of think-tank lingo, we deduce an emphasis on pedestrian-friendly streets and sidewalks, mixed-use activity, an attractive and proportionate scale in architecture and landscaping, and an atmospheric sense of communal vitality.

There are challenges. Unlike Burro Street in Cloudcroft, Ruidoso's pedestrian hub doubles as a state highway, hemmed in by a river and narrow canyons.

What can we do? What do we want? Let's hear more.

Richardson's education 'reform' was too simple

My friend and I are discussing the legacy of Gov. Bill Richardson. Aside from all the controversies, what did he really do for New Mexico?

"He finally got education reformed," my friend says. "Replaced the old state school board with a cabinet secretary so there would be accountability. Freed up money from the permanent fund so there would be money to improve pay for teachers. Got full-day kindergarten and pre-K. These ideas had been around for years and there was a huge coalition in support. Richardson got it done."

True enough. Richardson spearheaded the drive for an amendment to the state Constitution, which changed the formula for the amount of money that could be withdrawn from the permanent fund and the structure of the education bureaucracy at the state level.

"But education still isn't fixed," I said. "You know the numbers. We're still 49th. Whatever was done didn't fix the problem."

Readers, you know the numbers, too.

Well, she says, that's because of other things. Teachers are not allowed to discipline students, so classrooms are chaotic and the teachers can't teach. Truancy and absenteeism are still rampant. There still isn't an incentive for good teachers to teach in problem schools, so the worst schools have the least experienced teachers.

So the changes that have been made weren't enough. In order to make all those improvements produce actual results, something else had to be done and they didn't do it.

And then there is the problem that people with knowledge and experience — such as all the retired scientists and engineers in this state — can't go teach in a public school without taking education courses that they refuse to take, so we have an enormous resource being wasted. This happens to be a pet peeve of mine.

Most of those retired scientists and engineers worked for the national labs, the military, or something else sponsored by government; in other words, American taxpayers paid for their careers and all that priceless professional experience, which is now lounging on a beach somewhere sipping drinks with little umbrellas in them.



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TRIPLE SPACED AGAIN

Another friend is a retired military officer who came back to New Mexico. As a young man, he had been an elementary school teacher for a few years. He told me: "Any man is crazy to teach in public schools now. You put your hand on a little girl's shoulder because she's crying and the next thing you know someone's called you a sexual predator and your life is ruined."

And then there's all that testing. A teacher friend says that between the testing and the paperwork, he doesn't have much time left to teach. This is a teacher's-eye view of the new mania for accountability.

So the administrative reform solved the problem, but the problem isn't solved. In other words, it wasn't the whole problem. The state government restructuring task force is invited to read this observation.

Government sometimes addresses an issue on the basis of what government knows how to do rather than going for the tough thing that is knotty and convoluted, cannot be explained in sound bites and might be opposed by some interest group.

According to an old story, a fellow was wandering around and around under a street lamp. Someone asked him if anything was the matter. "I lost my keys," he said.

"Where do you think you lost them?"

"Somewhere in that parking lot over there."

"Then why are you looking here instead of there?"

"Because this is where the light's better."

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YOUR OPINION

E-cycling attracts a great turnout

To the editor:

It WAS a great turnout Saturday at the fall Lincoln County electronics recycling day at the Sierra Mall in Ruidoso. In the few years this has been going on it has to be a record collection with 237 business and individual/family units delivering what amounted to five large commercial roll-offs of computers/peripherals, office equipment, TVs, etc.

The stuff came from all over the county, including Corona, and will undergo partial recycling rather than totally go to a landfill.

Many thanks to Debra Ingle, Jim Miller and crew from principal sponsor Greentree Solid Waste Authority and other workers and organizations who participated. And thanks to Jimmy Goodwin and Schlotzsky's for

delivering a plate of sandwiches to the workers at noon. The TCBY unit of the restaurant also provided some 30 election precinct workers a welcome ice cream treat on Election Day, Nov. 2, as has been their custom.

Hang on to your future E waste and look for the next recycling day.

Bart Young
Keep Ruidoso Beautiful

GUEST COMMENTARY

Fed's 'quantitative easing' a hoax

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In a press release this week, the Federal Reserve announced plans to undertake quantitative easing measures, "purchas[ing] ... \$600 billion of longer-term Treasury securities by the end of the second quarter of 2011, a pace of about \$75 billion per month."

Quantitative easing is the sly euphemism used to describe a policy whereby, instead of attempting to pass another highly visible stimulus package through Congress, the central bank purchases the federal government's debt obligations.

If we didn't know better, we might speculate that, considering its profligate spending, the Fed has a cache of wealth in a secret vault somewhere, some tangible value to back up its decision.

Careful to characterize its latest move as a legitimate treatment for an ailing economy, the many voices of the Fed have stressed that the maneuver is a value-for-value exchange as opposed to a gratuitous handout to the banking/creditor class.

While the Fed is paying for something — government Treasury bonds — it is acquiring that something at a price that no one in a market completely free from coercion would ever ante up for such rotten debt.

Though the Fed is nominally independent, insisting that it is objective, detached and above politics, it is, needless to say, just another bribable arm of the state and about as independent as the judiciary (that is, not very).

Were its ideas about economics even somewhat viable, that would mean that the Fed has discovered a way to create something of value from thin air, solving the scarcity problem and eliminating the need for any kind of economic arrangement at all.

But the Fed's paper money, like all of the state's unfounded, wonder-drug remedies, is utterly

worthless, a gilded facade to cover a decaying system.

By diluting the money in our wallets, essentially dividing our dollars into parts and pretending those parts are worth as much as the original bills, the new round of quantitative easing is a veiled tax.

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Quantitative easing therefore operates to drain the real wealth out of productive society for sake of the banking elite, relieving their books of the debt that only an institution financed by brazen theft would buy; this is the perverse spectacle of the state-created and -backed central bank buying the state's securities with the state's fiat currency.

I can scarcely imagine a more dishonest example of outright artifice and chicanery, but we still somehow regard Ben Bernanke as a benevolent and omniscient caretaker with the motivation and ability to rescue the economy.

If the securities that the Fed are buying weren't priced so far above their real value, which is close to zero, there would be little incentive for the banks to sell at all; after all, the bonds form a part of what has been a state-corporate scheme for years.

"[T]he U.S. Federal Reserve," explains *The Economic Collapse*, "lends huge quantities of nearly interest-free money to big U.S. banks, which they turn around and invest in U.S. Treasuries [i.e., government debt] which bring in a return of three percent or so. In essence, it is a legalized way for the big U.S.

banks to make mountains and mountains of free money."

Now, though, the U.S. dollar is worth so little — and the Fed is offering so much — that the banks can hit the jackpot while the Fed swears that it is fostering liquidity in the lending market for ordinary people. A stateless society, without propped-up and favored corporate banks, would not necessarily rule out banks as such, but it would certainly preclude the kind that dominate today, namely fractional reserve banks.

These banks are, as described by George F. Smith, those that "issu[ing] certificates in excess of the actual money they [have] in reserve."

The obvious fraud at the heart of the fractional reserve system is concealed and protected by the state's parolous interference in economic life. Among the most powerful ingredients of that interference is the state's monopoly currency, which is detached from the effects of true competition by legal tender laws that forbid natural currencies.

A system that allowed free market banks or credit unions to circulate their own currencies would reestablish the link between money and the things or services it is exchanged for; ratios between competing currencies would, in turn, provide the kind of price information that the state's coercive system is so perilously lacking.

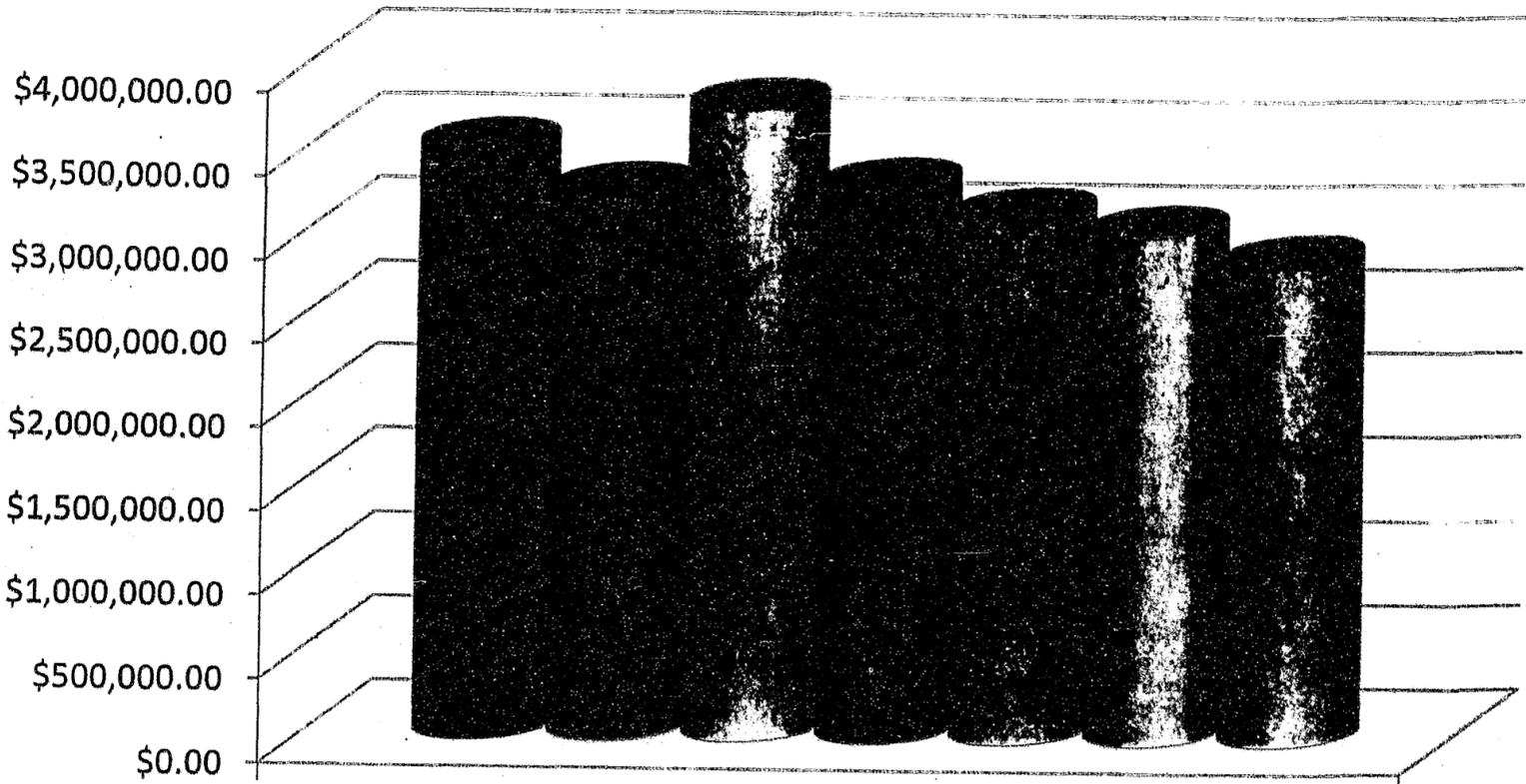
The Fed is showing the world what many have always understood, that more regulation and state involvement in the marketplace and in banking are jeopardizing rather than protecting the average consumer.

The free market, emancipating the working class and shattering privilege, is the lone answer to the corporate morass we're stuck in today.

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Ruidoso GRT Months Received Same Period Each Year

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Gross receipts tax collections increase

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Gross receipts tax collections in the village of Ruidoso are up by 6.9 percent more than last year in the first four months of the current fiscal year.

According to charts from Village Engineer Bob Decker based on information from the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, the big boost came in GRT collected in July that arrived to the village by check in September for \$1,014,856.44. The total represented a record high for that month.

The check was \$93,216

more than last fiscal year and \$64,525 more than the previous high of \$950,331, recorded in FY2008-2009. Checks from the state lag two months behind the month of collection.

Gross receipts tax collected in the village in May hit \$651,296.99, down from the high in 2008-2009 of \$869,753 and from last year's \$709,931. The check was received in July.

In June, \$887,257 in GRT was collected, up from \$783,258 last fiscal year for that month and down from the high of \$957,587 in 2008-2009. The check arrived in August.

Collections from August

totalled \$931,824, up from \$846,140 last year, but down from 2008-2009, which saw \$993,584. The check was received in October.

The four months accounted for \$3,485,233 in GRT this fiscal year, compared to \$3,260,969 last year for the same period, a difference of \$224,264.

Village Capital Projects Director Randy Camp told councilors at their meeting in late October that sewage flow is a good indicator of an economic rebound and can tell them what months saw the most visitors. The sewage flow this year shows a healthy tourist

season and a local economy on the mend, he said.

The total collected in FY2009-10 was \$8,834,529, which fell below the \$9,675,724 in FY2008-2009, the highest year in the village's GRT history. It also was below the \$9,523,633 in FY2007-2008 and the \$8,920,765 in FY2006-2007, but beat FY2005-2006 and all preceding years.

The village's GRT tax will increase in January, reflecting a 3/16th of a cent business retention tax approved by voters in September as an incentive for Ruidoso Downs Race Track not to move.

Currently, the overall GRT in Ruidoso sits at 8.4375 percent and includes an extra 1/8th of a cent increase in the state's GRT that took effect in July. Other municipalities with the same percentage tax rates are the political subdivisions in Española, Red River and the El Prado and El Valle de Los Ranchos water and sanitation districts in Taos County. At 8.6875 percent, Taos Ski Valley comes out as top in the state.

A breakdown provided by the village shows that of the more than 8 cents per dollar charged in taxes on sales and services, the state

receives the biggest share at 5.125 percent, the village's GRT is 3.0625 percent and the county GRT is 0.2500 percent.

The village's 3.0625 percent GRT is broken down into:

- Municipal GRT - 1.25 percent
- Municipal Environmental - 0.5625 percent
- Municipal Infrastructure - 0.25 percent
- Supplemental Municipal - 1.0 percent.

For every \$10 purchase of non-food items, 84 cents is added for the sales tax, Food and medicines were excluded from the GRT in 2005.

— Lincoln County Commission —

Proposed defensible space ordinance dropped

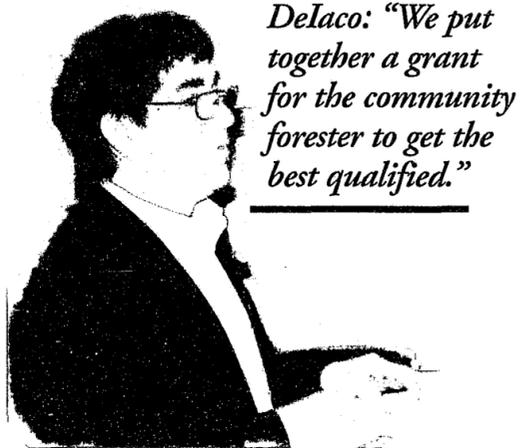
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With no action, Lincoln County commissioners watched a proposed ordinance that would have required the creation of defensible fire fighting space around homes fade into the sunset Friday.

The ordinance that would have covered uninhabited areas of the county and initially suggested by Commissioner Dave Parks was rejected by the commission in July, but he asked to reconsider a discussion or hearing for the December monthly meeting.

After listening to County Manager Tom Stewart and to former Ruidoso forester Rick DeIaco about the progress of federal cost sharing projects with private homeowners through the county aimed at reducing fire hazard and fuel, Parks said, "Let's let it go."

"I'm opposed to this, to bringing it back up," Commissioner Jackie Powell said. "Ruidoso has its forestry department and recently, utility bill went out with monthly charges of \$7 to \$9 per lot to pay for this department, and as much as \$35 a month for five acres. We're already doing this with our community forester. We don't need



DeIaco: "We put together a grant for the community forester to get the best qualified."

to add red tape."

DeIaco, who now is with the South Central Mountain Resource Conservation and Development District, is working with Otero and Lincoln counties.

"We put together a \$155,000 grant for the community forester to get the best qualified," he told commissioners. "Your county is contributing \$100,000 over three years and we're putting up \$50,000."

"We have several cost share projects working in Lincoln and Otero counties. I spoke to (Stewart) the other day about creating a mini-cost share program with some matching dollars. We haven't set the geography of that yet. But let's say Alto or a particular subdivision is coming up

and you want to get it fire wise before it is open.

"We can target with this money a 70 percent-30 percent split depending on the slope and tree density. Of course, it's voluntary. That's the main gist of the rural community forester."

He said Otero provided \$2,000 for an administration secretary and Lincoln gave \$7,000.

"Since we provide the majority of the money, do we get the majority of the forester's time?" Parks asked.

"Absolutely," DeIaco replied.

Stewart said he uses Title III federal dollars for cost-share, because state money cannot be used on private land tied to the constitutional "anti-donation

prohibition.

While Title II money previously could be used for weed control, it was restricted a few years ago solely to actual search and rescue missions or fire wise fuel reduction projects.

"We are going to receive I think four years of program money," Stewart said. It arrives around Jan. 1. The checks began at \$55,000, but are reduced by 10 percent each year.

The deadline to use all of the money is September 2012. If the dollars are not committed, they revert back to the U.S. Treasury, he said.

"So I discussed with Rick that we provide \$25,000 for the first year rural forester (who was hired in August) and we'll extend additional money up to \$100,000 and try to get Otero to help, if they want work," Stewart said. "We want to convert the money to actual work on the ground and offer cost sharing to property owners who are at threat and deemed in areas of most concern. We want to make sure the money goes to good use."

Stewart said crews just completed 300-plus acres on Alto Mesa and are moving to 56 acres on Moon Mountain and then to Fort Stanton using American

Restoration and Reinvestment Act money.

DeIaco described efforts to foster free market development of industries to use the resulting woody material to ensure a future source of funding when grants may not be available.

"Will all that happen if we don't pass this ordinance?" Commissioner Don Williams asked.

"Every time Eddie Tudor, State District Forester in Capitan, finds additional sources of funding, he comes to me and we make it happen," Stewart said.

"What would this (ordinance) accomplish that is not already happening?" Williams asked.

Stewart said passing the ordinance would require establishing a forestry department at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Parks said he was extremely happy to see larger tracts addressed.

"This ordinance does not," he said. "It's pure defensible space. I don't have a problem, if you think this really is working. I don't want more government than anyone else, but I don't want anybody endangering their neighbors just because they don't want to cut some trees."

Williams, who also is a Ruidoso village councilor,

said in the village, defensible space around homes is mandatory and the village can step in to do the work and charge the homeowner, if he won't comply.

Parks said the village ordinance reduces fire insurance costs, because it mandates defensible space. After the Kokopelli Fire in 2002 burned 29 homes, it's passage helped bring back insurance companies that refused to write any more policies in the county.

In other business, commissioners granted an exemption to the county tower ordinance for a New Mexico State Police communication tower on Buck Mountain, because it advances communications to the area for emergency services. County fire, law enforcement and ambulances operated by local government are exempt.

"That applies as well to a state police tower since it is a public safety related service," Stewart said. He and county tower consultant Mel Patterson recommended granting the exemption.

"Since the ordinance took effect, we completed one special use permit and we have five in the works and one just adopted yesterday, so six in process," Stewart said.

BUSINESS

Mescalero gaming revenues show increase

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The economic downturn that began in 2008, and impacted revenues and employment at casinos in the Ruidoso area, may be ending.

For the first time in three years, net gaming revenues from the Mescalero Apache Tribe's casino operations were up during the third quarter.

The Inn of the Mountain God and the Casino Apache Travel Center reported a net win of \$19,968,641 for this past July, August and September, a 3.3 percent improvement from the third quarter of 2009.

Net win is the amount wagered on gaming machines less the amount paid out in winnings or prizes.

Information filed with the New Mexico Gaming Control board showed the

most recent quarter was also a first turnaround for tribal casinos collectively in New Mexico, though the statewide increase, at 1.6 percent, was half the pace seen by Mescalero gaming.

The 14 tribes or pueblos with gaming reported a total of nearly \$180 million for the quarter, up almost \$3 million from July, August and September of 2009.

The third quarter has traditionally been the strongest part of the year for the Mescalero casinos and other gaming tribes in the state.

Mescalero recorded its best year in 2007, when net win was reported at \$72,963,720. In 2008 the annual net revenues dropped to \$70,844,350.

During 2009 the amount had fallen to \$66,646,218. If the 3.3 percent increase realized in the third quarter continued for October,

November and December, the current year could bring nearly the same amount seen during 2009, potentially halting two years of declines.

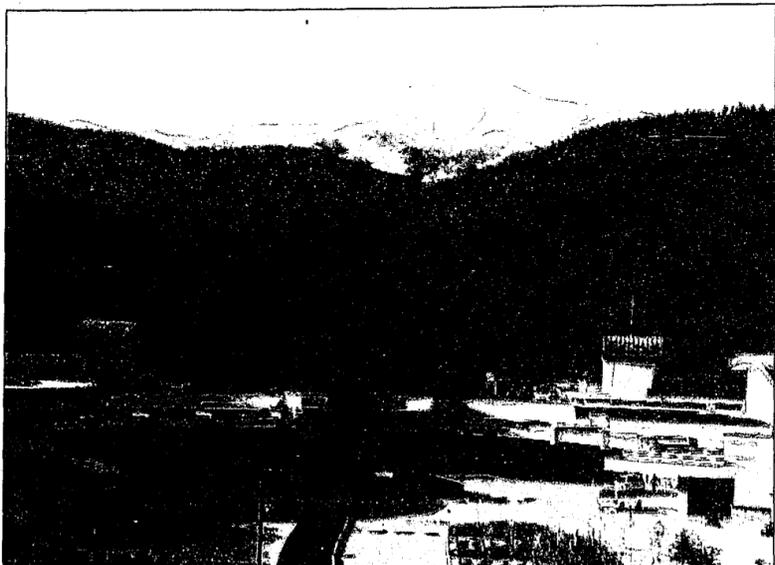
The current quarter is normally the softest for Mescalero and casinos as a whole in the state.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe opened the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino in March 2005.

It replaced an older casino and hotel along the shore of Lake Mescalero. The Casino Apache Travel Center on U.S. Highway 70 opened in May 2003.

This winter the tribal gaming will extend to a third location. Some slot machines are expected to be added to Ski Apache's Elk Lodge.

Under gaming compacts between the gaming tribes and the state, New Mexico collects a share of the net win. Mescalero began mak-



FILE PHOTO

The Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, opened in 2005, is the jewel in the crown of the Mescalero gaming holdings. Revenues from gaming show a third-quarter increase, the first in three years.

ing the revenue sharing payments in 2005. The total amount of revenue

sharing paid to the state for the third quarter was \$16,346,155, an increase

from the \$15,872,502 delivered during the third quarter of 2009.

PNM rates could head higher soon

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PNM bills could head higher on a number of fronts over the coming several years, in part because of government mandates.

But a proposed additional charge, requested because of required energy cutting initiatives, may be trimmed.

A hearing examiner at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) on Tuesday recommended the electric utility's proposed additional energy efficiency charge be trimmed.

The so-called "adder," a line charge on PNM electric bills, currently recovers the cost of efficiency programs such as turning in power-guzzling refrigerators or switching to compact fluorescent lighting.

The increase in the adder would address a "disincentive" that energy efficiency programs create, said Gerard Ortiz, PNM's executive director of retail regulatory services.

"If you look at the utility business, we are probably if not the most capital intensive business in the world, close," Ortiz said.

"We have to install billions of dollars in produc-

tion facilities, hundreds of millions of dollars in transmission facilities to deliver the energy to the customers. So if you look at our costs breakdown, most of our costs are related to fixed costs. And those costs are the same regardless of the amount of energy we deliver."

Ortiz said revenues that utilities obtain from customers are based on what the meter reads.

"If you use 10 percent less energy you'd get a significant bill reduction. But unfortunately PNM's fixed costs haven't changed at all. And so that is the so-called disincentive to the utility energy efficiency program. Basically, when PNM implements a program that helps customers save energy, we end up under-recovering our fixed costs."

The requested increase in the adder would fill the gap, which PNM said in their May 5 filing with the PRC would be \$6.2 million for 2010.

PRC hearing examiner Lee Huffman called on PNM to reduce the adder increase based on its filing timeline.

Huffman noted the May 5 filing date was one-third into 2010.

"PNM shall recalculate its interim adder in this case based on staff's proposed two-thirds of the year method," Huffman wrote in his recommended decision.

The energy efficiency charge currently adds 1.88 percent to PNM bills. If the PRC approves the recommended change, the adder would increase to 2.73 percent.

PNM has proposed that each bill include the sentence, "The energy efficiency line on you bill pays for programs that save energy and avoid the cost of new electricity generation."

If approved by the PRC in December, the 2010 adder would begin in January 2011.

In a separate request filed this summer, PNM is also asking state regulators to approve a general rate increase that would average more than 21 percent for residential customers in PNM South, which includes Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

That would take effect in two phases, in 2011 and 2012. The PRC is reviewing the utility's request.

Last week the state's Environmental Improvement Board, on a four to three vote, approved a cap-and-trade program to reduce carbon emissions in New Mexico.

Beginning in 2012 facilities such as coal- and gas-fired power plants would

have to further cut carbon emissions.

The power industry had opposed the program, contending it would be very costly.

Pat Vincent-Collawn, president and CEO of PNM Resources, voiced disappointment with adoption of the cap-and-trade program. "Because of the impact this new law could have on our state, our company, and our customers, we will actively work with them again to evaluate all options, including legal," Vincent-Collawn said.

PNM spokesperson Susan Sponar said the times are trying for utilities and their customers.

"The reality is that there are a lot of potential and real upward pressures that are pushing the cost of electricity and energy in general up, which goes to the value of offering energy efficiency programs," Sponar said.

"They do a couple of things. One, it offers the customer an opportunity to manage their energy and hopefully lower their bills. And two, energy efficiency programs are considered the cheapest resources that utilities can use on behalf of their customers. So rather than investing in more expensive generation, we're investing in something that helps reduce energy use, and it's cheaper."

Media News group publisher resigns

Las Cruces Sun-News Publisher Jim Maxwell has resigned, effective immediately.

"I miss my family," Maxwell said. "While I love southern New Mexico, I'm thinking of moving to the coast to be closer to them."

Maxwell had been the newspaper's chief executive for the past three months.

Prior to that appointment, he was group publisher for Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership community publications in Silver City, Dem-

ing, Carlsbad, Alamogordo, Ruidoso and Farmington.

Maxwell's abrupt departure will not disrupt the Sun-News' continued quality service and dedication to Las Cruces and the surrounding region, said Sergio Salinas, TNMNP's CEO and publisher of the El Paso Times.

"Las Cruces deserve quality news, information and service," Salinas said. "Our commitment remains steady."

A new publisher will be announced shortly, he said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IMG golf tops

Golfweek magazine has named Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino's Championship Golf Course among the top 50 "Best Casino Courses" in the United States for the fourth consecutive year.

As one of New Mexico's top public golf clubs, the course also has earned recognition as one of Golf Digest's "Top 40 Casino Golf Courses," as "the most underrated golf course in the Southwest" by Travel and Leisure magazine and also sits at No. 12 among the "Top 20 Tribal Golf Courses in North America" as ranked by Native American Casino Magazine.

The issue of Golfweek hits newsstands Dec. 10.

Gas prices rise

Gasoline prices have moved higher over the past week. In Ruidoso, some stations bumped the regular grade of gas to \$2.899 per gallon. Pump prices around Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs ranged from \$2.759 to \$2.899 on Thursday morning, a somewhat unusual spread for the area.

The wholesale price of gasoline has risen by nearly a dime in a week. Over the past month it has increased about 20 cents, according to commodity markets.

The AAA New Mexico on Thursday put the statewide average price of regular gasoline at \$2.764, up from \$2.742 a week ago. A year ago the pump price was \$2.668 on average.

Diesel prices in the state averaged \$3.163 on Thursday, up more than 9 cents over the past week.

The Website newmexicogasprice.com, a site where motorist post prices in their communities, had gas prices ranging from \$2.50 in Las Cruces to \$2.89 in a handful of New Mexico locations.

Domino's award

Brian Bailey, owner of 11 Domino's Pizza stores including one in Ruidoso,

was awarded the International Franchise Association Gold Franny Award for operational excellence. The award was presented at Domino's 50th birthday rally in Las Vegas.

Bailey was selected for the award from more than 1,100 store owners in the United States.

The Franny Awards were created more than 20 years ago by the International Franchise Association and designed to honor excellence among franchisees.

The Domino's Pizza Leadership Team selects the award recipients.

"Brian's personal commitment and leadership made his franchise tremendously successful in 2009," said Scott Hinshaw, Domino's executive vice president of franchise operations.

"I am thrilled to honor Brian with a Gold Franny award for his hard work in making Domino's the preferred pizza delivery company in his area. He is an inspiration to his peers and truly deserving of this honor."

Tourism finalists

Four finalists to fill Ruidoso's tourism director's position are expected to be interviewed and evaluated today.

Lodgers Tax Committee chair Cindi Clayton-Davis said a village evaluation committee would meet with the four.

"Of course it's a process after that," said Clayton-Davis. "You have contract negotiations. The selection has to be approved by the village council. It doesn't go that fast."

The village would like to have the several-year-old tourism director position filled by the end of the year.

"There are four great candidates. Very, very strong candidates," Clayton-Davis said.

The village's first tourism director, Steve Tally, resigned effective Oct. 31. He returned to his previous lodging employer, the former Hawthorn Suites, now The Lodge at Sierra Blanca.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Nov. 2
9:54 p.m. - An officer went to the Allsup's at 2820 Sudderth Drive after a store clerk said a package of marijuana was found on the sidewalk in front of the convenience store. The item was placed into police evidence.

Nov. 3
11:03 a.m. - Police and ambulance personnel responded to Thriftway Supermarket, 304 Mechem Dr., for a woman who sup-

posedly took an overdose of medications. She was taken to the emergency room of the Lincoln County Medical Center.

8:15 p.m. - A possible domestic incident in the 100 block of Paradise Canyon Road was determined to have been an argument between a father and daughter.

Both parties said there had been no physical contact. The father said his daughter was intoxicated.

Mesha Rue, 20, of Ruidoso was issued a citation for underage drinking.

Nov. 4
6:34 a.m. - A broken window on the east side of the First Baptist Church building at 270 Country Club Drive turned out to be a break in. A large screen television, valued at \$1,000, was taken from the church. It appeared the glass was shattered by a rock. A nearby door of the church was propped open

by a rock.

Nov. 7
7:49 a.m. - Police were dispatched to an apartment in the 200 block of Camelot Drive for a domestic situation. Police were unable to interview a woman at the apartment because she refused to open the door. A man who had left the location later returned and told officers there had not been any physical contact between him and the woman.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Nov. 2
No time provided - The magistrate court at Ruidoso requested an officer be sent to pick up a woman who was named in an outstanding warrant. The officer arrested Krystal Kayitah, 20, no hometown provided.

No time provided - A man went to the police station to report his passport had been stolen more than a year ago.

He told an officer that his former wife took the passport.

Nov. 3
2:56 p.m. - The magistrate court notified the police department that two people wanted on warrants had turned themselves in and needed to be processed.

An officer arrested Ervin Randolph, 43, and Alex Paloco, 21. Their hometowns were not provided.

7:56 p.m. - During a traffic stop an officer learned the driver was wanted on an outstanding warrant.

The driver, who was not identified in a police blotter, was initially taken into custody. He girlfriend post-

ed bond.

Nov. 4
4:26 p.m. - A report of allegations of harassment and threats was taken by an officer.

The event reportedly happened during a Little League ballgame two days earlier.

4:28 p.m. - While at magistrate court an officer arrested a person on an outstanding warrant.

Renetta Saldana, 25., no hometown provided, was also charged with tampering with evidence.

9:59 p.m. - A traffic stop resulted in the issuance of some non-traffic citations. Two unidentified people in the vehicle were cited for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 5
12:08 a.m. - A traffic stop resulted in the driver being taken into custody on two outstanding warrants. Rosemary Harrington, 27, no hometown provided, was also charged with concealing identity.

Nov. 7
4:36 p.m. - An officer arrested a man following a

traffic stop. Navy Delgado, 22, no hometown provided, was wanted on a valid warrant from Roswell.

Nov. 8
9:52 a.m. - Police were dispatched to a residence in

the 200 block of N. Central Drive for a possible unresponsive person. The New Mexico Office of Medical Investigator was called to the location of the unattended death.

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Village, Humane Society agree to new contract

Land swap completed

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The Humane Society of Lincoln County was granted another contract with the Village of Ruidoso to provide animal sheltering services for lost and abandoned animals.

At the village council meeting late last month, Ruidoso Councilor Angel Shaw thanked society officers for cooperating with the village during a tight financial year.

"We asked you to reduce the cost and you did, and you showed us you needed \$63,000," she said. "You go over and above and beyond to provide services, because of your love of animals."

Village Manager Debi Lee told society President Wendy Foist she appreciated what members do and added that she just adopted a dog from the shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road. Councilor Jim Stoddard said he also adopted his cat, a former Tomcat he named Bill Clinton.

To show that other entities in the county also contribute to the shelter and try to shoulder their percentage of the load, Foist told councilors the society also has contracts with the City of Ruidoso Downs and the Village of Capitán.

The Lincoln County Commission also contracts



Humane Society of Lincoln County officers, foreground, were praised by Councilor Angel Shaw for going "above and beyond to provide services because of your love of animals."

for services.

In other action, councilors:

- approved a contract with Diversified Lenders Inc. for the purchase of Incode Financial Software. The budgeted amount of \$96,980 was changed to \$105,060.54, because of the exclusion of a reserve amount of \$8,081.84, to be included in the first payment. The cost will be

absorbed in the Information Technology budget.

Shaw noted that the initial price was estimated at \$325,000. Lee said she was honoring a commitment to councilors that the cost would be shared with other departments and funds when all audits are completed and balances are verified.

Shaw said while she knew financial tracking technology must be updat-

ed, she was uncomfortable signing a contract that blindly committed the village.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the general fund should not subsidize enterprise funds and the village is supposed to operate utilities at service rates high enough to cover costs, which include a software system.

Dean offered the successful motion for approval

with a cap of 8 percent interest. The first and last payments, each \$8,081.58, are due at the signing of the lease, followed by 34 monthly payments of the same amount beginning Nov. 5. After the payoff, the software may be purchased for \$1.

- approved a \$270,000 grant hazardous fuels reduction project with the state Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, Forestry Division.

Village Forestry Director Dick Cooke said this is part of a \$576,000 program of cost sharing with private landowners through the village. Cooke said projects are morning north and west of Mechem.

Ten percent of the grants is reserved to cover administration fees and \$134,000 previously was used to buy forestry vehicles.

Once approved, the village can use the money in any area deemed at risk. The new area is east of Cedar Creek and south of Snowflake Ridge, Cooke said.

As for the resulting debris, a landowner can use it for fuelwood, or it may be suitable for small sawmills or bear carvers. The remainder can be sent to Sierra Contracting to be turned into mulch.

The land swap between the Village of Ruidoso and developer Bill McCarty was completed in late October, Village Councilor Jim Stoddard announced at the recent council meeting.

Stoddard said Councilor Rafael Salas and he sat in for the closing that exchanged 211 acres southwest of the intersection of Gavilan Canyon and Warrior Drive for 63.97 acres off Ski Run Road deemed unsuitable for development of a municipal cemetery as initially proposed.

Former village mayor L. Ray Nunley championed the exchange while he was in office, contending it would provide better well water for the village.

In other village news, Mayor Ray Alborn said former village councilor Ron Hardeman, a retired teacher, was sworn into office as an alternate municipal judge, backing up Judge Beverly Rankin. Municipal judges do not have to be attorneys.

Village Manager Debi Lee said the quarterly report for the village shows all departments are below budgeted expenditures for the first three-month period.

"We're very proud of that," she said Monday.

-Dianne Stallings

CREEK

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water to flow through. He was unsure of the number of box culverts that would be required, saying it will be up to the engineer who designs the project.

Village Engineer Bob Decker, who was a professional engineer in Arizona and recently became licensed in New Mexico, said he would prefer for liability reasons that an outside engineer be hired to put a seal on the plans, although he could help with the design and at meetings with officials from environmental agencies.

Baumann recommended the same approach, that an engineer be hired to see the type of permitting that will be required for working in a wetlands.

"If it turns out to be a mess working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the New Mexico Environment Department, we should hire a contractor (to do the work and deal with the agencies)," Baumann said. "If not, we could do the work in-house and use the money from the Municipal Arterial Road Program," which requires a 25 percent local match.

"We will be physically changing the stream flow," he emphasized.

Councilors voted unanimously for Baumann to proceed and to use MAP money, if possible.

In other action, councilors:

- approved an agreement with Richard A. Vigil to provide professional services as part-time teen court coordinator for the Lincoln County DWI grant Program for \$1,200 per month, plus gross receipts tax.

- approved an award to Mission Linen for uniform services for the Solid Waste Department, the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, and for the Parks and Recreation Department.

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CODE

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the low fine for driving while intoxicated and consumption of alcohol from an open container, but was told that only applies to passengers in a vehicle, not the driver, who would be subject to much stricter penalties.

McGill said Sudderth Drive through the historic tourist shopping core in Midtown is a state highway and pedestrians are allowed to cross the street without being fined.

Councilor Gloria Sayers said she didn't like to adopt new rules the village can't enforce. Lee stressed she thought it was important to have the rules, because in areas such as River Rendezvous, "You don't want people crossing outside the crosswalks. I compare it to speeding laws. You don't fine every speeder either, but you need the laws. The goal is a safe community."

Bryant recalled that about 10 years ago, a woman was killed on a crosswalk and crosswalk designations were removed. The state Department of Transportation eventually classified Sudderth Drive from Country Club Drive to Grindstone Canyon as a pedestrian walkway with a 25 mph speed limit.

Stoddard said that information should be attached to the rules so the reasoning is known by future councilors after Bryant departs as village attorney.

"I'm not sure that drivers are aware that pedestrians have the right of way," Mayor Ray Alborn said, and suggested more flashing signs at intersections with that informa-



GOAR, LEFT, AND MCGILL

tion. Goar said pedestrians still must be visible to drivers and give cars a chance to slow down; they cannot just dart out into traffic. Crosswalks can give a false sense of security to pedestrians, he added.

Stoddard said \$125 was too light for cruelty to animals and he was sorry to see forestry fees in Appendix A, so that he would be forced to vote on them before a task force charged with reviewing the fees submits recommendations.

Lee told Stoddard the council already adopted the forestry fees, but later, after receiving complaints, asked for a review. However, until councilors change them, the fees are adopted and are part of Appendix A.

"I'm disappointed the way it is presented, all dumped in the same basket," Stoddard said.

Lee clarified that the vote to approve would have no effect on any fines or fees, except those connected to the traffic code, but Stoddard and several other councilors including Sayers were not immediately per-

sued. Eventually Lee won them over by assuring the councilors they will receive a copy of the UTC fees and fines broken out separately with the ordinance. She apologized if combining them into the Appendix A confused them.

"Prior to tonight, none of the traffic and court fines and fees were in Appendix A and we're pulling them in, increasing them where we thought the village was getting short-changed," Bryant told councilors. "The rest like forestry already were in there and adopted previously. You're not setting new numbers on those tonight."

A compiled schedule of fees is a more user friendly reference for people to view on the village website, he said. Decker said the court costs were added to inform citizens what the total expense would be for a violation, not just the fine.

Decker said court costs are established by the state. The fines come to the village. Rankin said for a \$50 penalty, \$18 would go to the village and \$32 for court costs. For a \$47 speeding ticket, the village

receives \$15 and the rest goes to the state.

Resident Andrea Reed asked what the money is used for that goes to the state. Goar said \$20 goes to the Corrections Department for housing of prisoners, \$3 to traffic safety to buy training and equipment, \$6 to court automation and \$3 for judicial education.

Dean said she didn't see any reference to Ruidoso's law against traveling with animals unrestrained in the back of a pickup truck. Goar replied that is a criminal offense, not a traffic offense. Dean sheepishly acknowledged that she learned from reading the UTC that traveling with her dog in her lap is a violation.

Goar said distractions can fall under careless or reckless driving and result in a fine based on circumstances and judge discretion from \$5 to \$500 under the recommended fee schedule, compared to a set \$82 fine.

BOND

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A recommended facilities master plan was assembled over a four-month period earlier this year by the Blue Ribbon Committee made up of school district officials and public members. The plan was called a "guide" by a contracted educational planner, and not set in stone.

The previous Ruidoso Municipal School District bond election was in February 2006, when voters approved borrowing \$26 million, much of it to construct a new middle school that opened in August 2009.

In addition to the borrowing question, four of the five education board seats will be decided. Normally three seats would be on the ballot, but the resignation of Rafael "Rifle" Salas and the board's appointment of Marc Beatty required position 4 to go to voters.

Position 4 will be for a two-year term. The other three positions will be for four-year terms. The only education board seat not on the ballot will be that held by Kerry Gladden Eastep.

Voting will occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Absentee ballots will be sent by the Lincoln County Clerk's Office to any registered voter in the district that requests a ballot from Dec. 13, 2010, through Jan. 28, 2011. In addition to mailing back the ballots, voters may mark an absentee ballot from Jan. 7, 2011, until Jan. 28, 2011, at the clerk's office in Carrizozo.

Jan. 4, 2011, will be the final day for district residents to register with the clerk's office to vote Feb. 1.

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Home health care is common sense applied in the philosophy of healing. Recognized for its logic and practicality in improving the condition of the infirmed and debilitated, home health has morphed into our modern day home health businesses with much advancement in how care is delivered.

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Home health care offers many advantages to patients.

Home health decreases time in inpatient facilities because those treatments and therapies are now realistic to be accomplished at home.

Home health also lessens the need to attend appointments, which can become a significant stress factor for many patients.

Lincoln County and Mescalero areas are large, spanning over 7,800 square miles.

Many of its residents live in rural areas, many miles away from the closest major city, Alamogordo.

Patients can find it difficult to arrange for transportation from friends and relatives and may be too ill or physically unable to drive themselves to follow up appointments or outpatient services.

In some cases, such as joint replacement surgery,

it may be contraindicated for patients to get in and out of certain vehicles for a period of time.

Being at home is natural, conducive to healing. It allows the patient to receive much needed care and therapies in a place of comfort and familiarity.

Patients at home can receive visitors and be close to relatives and their pets. This forms the base of a holistic healing approach and coupled with the necessary medical treatments and services, give the patient more control and a sense of independence. Some patients find being at home easier to more readily participate in their recovery.

Samples of services that can be provided in the comfort of your home are:

- Nursing care that offers physical assessment, administration of IV medication and medication management;
 - Wound care, after-care of surgery, ostomy care, diet instruction, teaching of disease process, bowel and bladder care;
 - Coordination of services, performing, or drawing labs, and may include home health aides to assist with bathing and dressing.
- Medical social workers are available to provide services that may include

short-term counseling services, referral to and coordination with community resources and assistant with living arrangements, finances and long-range planning.

Physical Therapy Services incorporate specialized programs under the doctor's order, for after care of joint replacement surgery, gait and balance improvement, transferring training, strength training and use of assistive devices such as walkers, wheelchairs or canes.

Another major benefit of having the Physical Therapy services at home is that is usually fully covered by Medicare, as opposed to the outpatient therapy limits mandated by Medicare of 2010.

Under Medicare coverage for outpatient therapies, there is a cap of \$1,860.00 for both physical therapy and speech pathology combined.

This means it could be very easy to exhaust your benefit for those services in the outpatient setting.

If your therapies exceed the limit, you must request for an extension.

An example of this would be a patient who has a total knee replacement surgery and is unaware that he could receive physical therapy in his home,

along with nursing services, right after he is discharged from the hospital.

The patient could inadvertently end up going to outpatient therapy, (finding a ride there, and perhaps traveling lengthy distances), and exhausts his Medicare cap.

Afterwards, the patient could still be in need of more physical therapy and could end up paying for the additional services.

In addition, a physical therapy program at home improves goals in recovering because patients have less chance of missing appointments.

Therapists can evaluate their patients in their true and natural environment, in privacy with less interruption in sessions.

With nursing services in conjunction with physical therapy, a patient's chance of developing infection or other complications are also minimized and any change of condition or concern is reported immediately to the physician that the patient is under the care of.

It is important to ask questions and inquire about the services you want with your doctor.

He or she may not know all the benefits of home health.

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Medicare or call the number on the back of your insurance card to see if home health is covered under your plan.

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Remember to understand your choices and voice your concerns. You are the decision maker in your health care.

This article is courtesy Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice and the Lincoln County Community Health.

SHELTER NEWS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

We want to thank the kind people at Casa Blanca Restaurant for their generosity.

Without our solicitation, they have agreed to donate all coins that are tossed into the fountain outside the entrance to their restaurant to the Humane Society.

At right is a photo of Shawna Wright, one of the managers of Casa Blanca, along with the restaurant's fountain and the Humane Society Logo.

This past week, we witnessed a dramatic dog rescue on Mechem Drive.

At approximately 6 p.m., a Husky and a Jack Russell Terrier were running down the middle of Mechem Drive.

A truck ran over the husky and drove on without stopping.

However, three cars, including ours, stopped to try to lend aid to the

Husky.

Although he was yelping, the Husky apparently suffered no serious injuries, but he was very frightened.

We all tried to get a hold on the dog, but he and his buddy, the Jack Russell Terrier, took off up Cedar Creek Road.

We all got into our cars and our caravan followed the dog up the road.

At some point, we were joined by Officer Chris Eisenberg, the animal control officer for the Village of Ruidoso.

He coordinated our rescue efforts, finally resulting in the apprehension of the two dogs about a half mile northwest of Mechem.

After checking to make sure that the dog was OK,

Officer Eisenberg called the Humane Society shelter manager at her home.

She had already received a call from the owner of the dogs, who was looking



COURTESY

Shawna Wright, of Casa Blanca, stands near the restaurant's fountain with the Lincoln County Humane Society logo in the background signifying the donation to the shelter of the coins thrown in the fountain.

for them. The dogs were returned to their owner that evening.

Thanks to everybody who made that event have a happy ending.

We want to wish all the best to Tim Keithley, the former general manager of MTD Radio, who is moving on. Tim has been the co-

host of the radio show, "Pet Stop," with Bill Haralson for the past year.

Tim and his lovely wife Melanie are the proud parents of a baby boy they have named T.K.

Pet Stop will continue to be heard on KRUI, 1490 on your radio dial. It airs at 9 a.m., on Saturday morning.

Free Web conference gives Alzheimer's tips

Free Webinar on Nov. 16 will address caring for Alzheimer's patients at home.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, nearly 11 million Americans are providing care for someone with Alzheimer's disease or dementia without assistance.

The non-profit National Private Duty Association (NPDA), along with the New Mexico Chapter, has announced that it will host a family caregiver education Web conference entitled "Caring for Someone with Alzheimer's at Home," on Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. EST.

The free live and interactive web conference will provide families with advice on steps to help them provide the necessary care.

"November is recognized as National Family Caregivers Month," said Sheila McMackin, president of NPDA. "NPDA is hosting this valuable event to raise awareness of family caregiver issues during this

important month. Our goal is to provide education to families dealing with the special needs of Alzheimer's patients. Keeping someone with Alzheimer's at home can be challenging, but very positive. Our experts will provide insight and education to support caregivers facing this situation."

The Web conference topics will address issues relating to patient assessment, care plans, caregiver education, safety, and other care issues related specifically to Alzheimer's patients and the disease itself.

Pre-registration for the event is required.

Sign up today by visiting the registration link at www.privatedutyhomecare.org.

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Bankruptcy complicates fire truck delivery Mobile variance denied

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The unexpected bankruptcy of a company involved in the manufacturing and assembling of three refurbished fire trucks for Ruidoso prompted the Village Council to approve some contract changes.

At the council meeting late last month, Fire Chief Tom Gavin explained the situation and that delivery on the trucks will take nine more months. Specifications already were approved by the State Fire Marshal for use of Fire Fund dollars, and cannot be changed without re-starting the entire process.

Councilors approved an extension of the contract for \$1,142,000 between the village and Fire Trucks Plus Inc. of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., for the purchase of a 75 foot aerial engine and two Class A pumbers.

The contract was required because of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy declared by Wolverine Fire Apparatus, the manufacturer originally contracted in 2009 to build the apparatus. The Spartan chassis also did not meet 2010 emission standards.

"No one saw the bankruptcy coming," Gavin said. "The company has built 400 trucks and been in business 30 years. They still plan on coming out of Chapter 11, but we don't have the time to wait." The company's assets (including 22 trucks on order for various clients) are tied up in the bankruptcy court, but Paul Batista of Fire

Trucks Plus, who also had trucks at Wolverine, is willing to finish the village's trucks, Gavin said. "I'm confident he can do it and he's provided interim apparatus for us to use. He even would send more."

Councilor Angel Shaw said working out a solution showed initiative on Gavin's part. Mayor Ray Alborn said he and Village Manager Debi Lee were relieved to learn the village was fully protected until the new equipment arrives.

"And this doesn't change the financial picture at all," Shaw added. Gavin said Batista sold one village truck for \$135,000, and can either send the money back or leave it in place to help him finish the refurbished trucks with the appropriate deduction from the price.

"I'm very concerned about all the money laid out and he took our trucks with 22,000 miles on them that we hadn't paid for yet and now we have to wait nine more months," said Councilor Jim Stoddard. "Did he post a performance bond for delivery?"

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said a performance bond was not required in the original contract, but the village could go back and try to negotiate a bond.

"How could Batista sell our trucks, if they weren't paid for," Councilor Don Williams asked.

Batista took the 2004 trucks in which the village had some equity and marketed them to clear an amount in excess of the money owed to pay the debt, Bryant said. "At the end of the day, we will have three refurbished trucks

and have a loan," the attorney said.

Gavin clarified that Batista fronted the village the money to pay the debt based on what he thought he could sell the former village trucks for, because the first loan had to be paid off before the state would approve a new loan. The previous trucks did not perform well in Ruidoso's mountainous terrain and tight turn-arounds, and could not carry enough personnel, the fire chief said. The ladder truck was cited for 36 major defects. Correcting them would have cost more than buying another engine.

Why sell new trucks for refurbished older models, and leave the village unprotected, Councilor Gloria Sayers asked.

"New doesn't necessarily mean better," Gavin replied. "We never have been unprotected. We have \$420,000 of their equipment at no cost to the village."

"If they are adequate, why not keep them?" Sayers asked.

Gavin said the New Mexico State Finance Authority office won't loan on models older than 10 years.

Sayers asked why the purchase of the refurbished trucks wasn't staggered, and Gavin said one truck was retained, a refurbished 1995 in use today. "We still have trucks running that were purchased before I was hired," Gavin said.

Sayers asked why a company wasn't selected in Albuquerque or somewhere closer than California for servicing convenience.

Gavin said companies in El Paso and Albuquerque will service the units, as they do village grapple trucks and Street Department equipment. Sayers said she prefers to see New Mexico businesses used.

Gavin said he's worked hard in the past to find New Mexico companies to buy older trucks and sell the village newer ones, but "they wouldn't give us anything," for the older equipment. "I gave up after several months. I was convinced it couldn't happen with the money the village had to spend," he said. "I walked away for four or five months. Batista approached me and the numbers added up. We did it on a Texas state contract that is used a lot in New Mexico and was competitively priced. About \$90,000 is the most we can afford in Ruidoso. I'm to the point I just want to get these trucks built."

Sayers asked why she just heard about the situation in October, when the bankruptcy apparently occurred in April.

"As soon as I read about it, I went to (Lee) and we talked to Paul and he said don't panic; they will deliver on time," Gavin related. "Two months ago, (Batista) said (Wolverine) might come out (of bankruptcy), but he's not on our time line. Paul hired the Wolverine engineers who were building the trucks."

Apparently still dissatisfied with the answers she received, Sayers ended up casting the lone vote against the successful motion to approve offered by Shaw.

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A singlewide mobile home on a property zoned R-1 (residential) in Ruidoso Downs must be moved.

Derekk Chavez appealed an Oct. 5 denial by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ruidoso Downs City Council Monday upheld that decision by a 3-1 vote, with Councilor Rene Olivo against.

"All I'm asking for is to see if we can put our singlewide trailer that we have paid off on R-1 zoning for doublewide," Chavez requested of city councilors.

Chavez had told the planning commission last month that the singlewide was placed on a 5.8-acre property owned by his father in Turkey Canyon, south of Colorado and Dakota lanes. Chavez described the trailer as "in storage."

Planning & Zoning Director Steve Dunigan said the city's zoning ordinance states a variance may only be granted for hardships created by physical characteristics of the land.

"I think, in this particular case, the reason that planning and zoning turned down the request is that this is not a variance related to the land. It's more of a convenience, basically asking for a financial hardship or a convenience factor which is not what we hear on variances for land use."

City resident Pam Williams told the council the Chavez's were a hard working and dependable couple.

"I feel like they're not asking for a handout. They're asking for a hand up."

But resident Joyce Gustafson said the city council needed to uphold the rules.

"If we allow one person to do it then someone else will come in and fall in right behind them. Why write the ordinances if we're not going to stand behind them?"

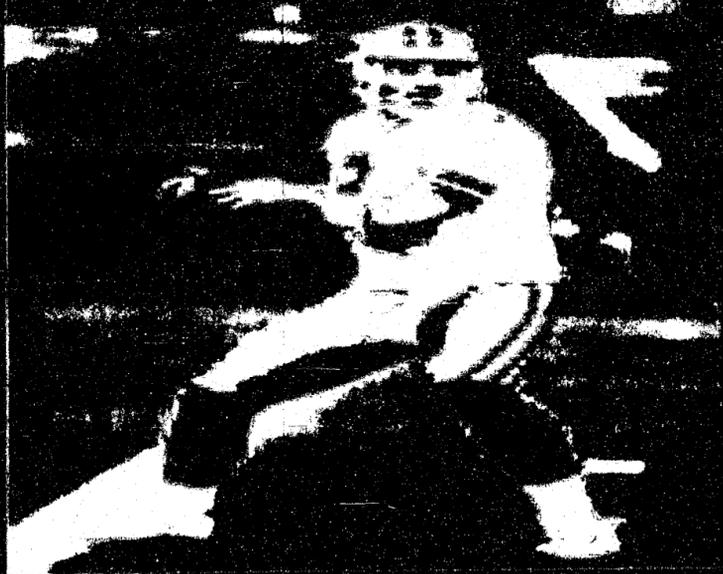
City Attorney H. John Underwood said code excludes mobile homes in R-1 zoning, adding that a variance would be improper.

"If the five-acre tract of land were situated such that it was on a hillside and there was only one flat level spot, or something of that nature, that is what the purpose of a variance is for. We do have zoning in the city for mobile homes, and I think that is M-1 and M-2. Unfortunately this piece of property is not so zoned. So if the applicant wanted to apply to the city to rezone his property that would be far more proper. But the problem that you have with a rezoning of a single piece of property within a generally residential district to M-1 is you end up with spot zoning and that is prohibited as well."

Underwood said he understood that in the past there had been singlewides allowed in R-1 districts.

"I don't know when that approval came but it may well have come before this ordinance was a matter of law. I couldn't encourage the council to vote for this because it was done in the past. I think the only way to have consistent zoning and to have people who buy their properties based upon the zoning, are their ability to rely upon the city upholding its ordinances."

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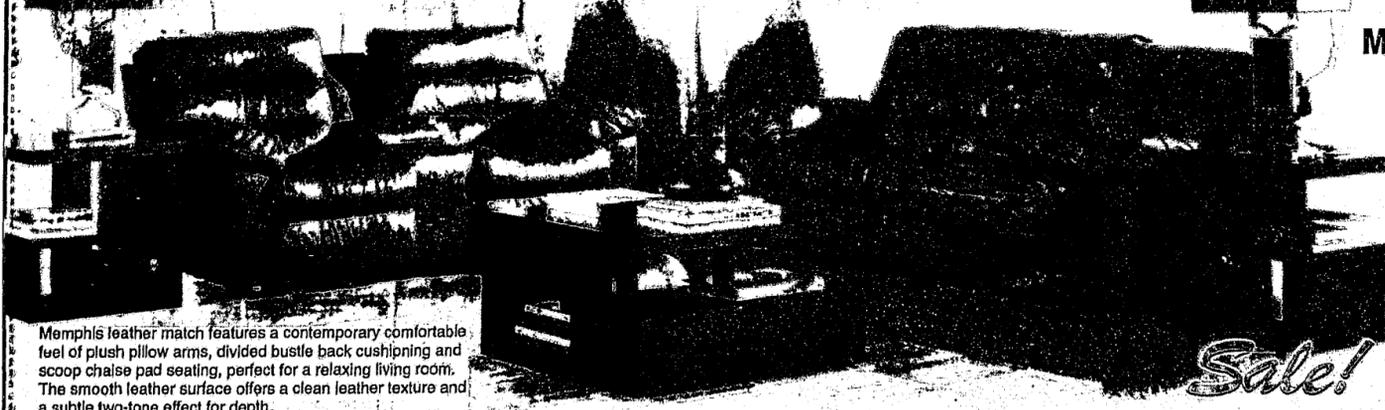
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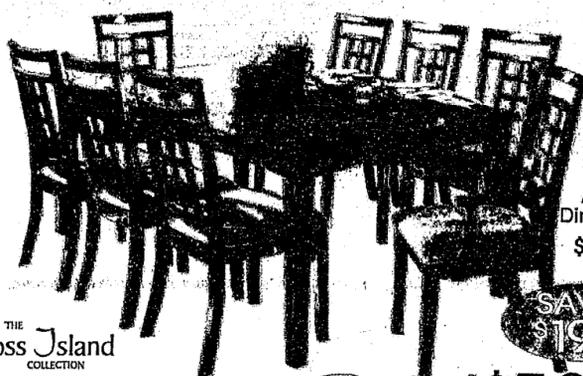


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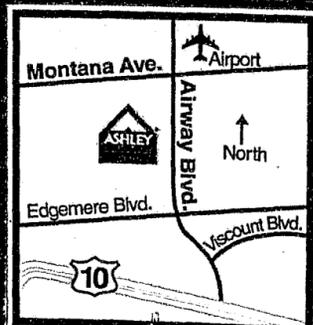
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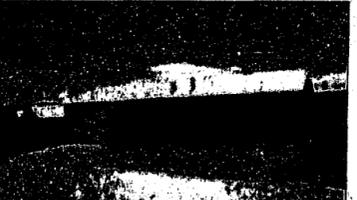
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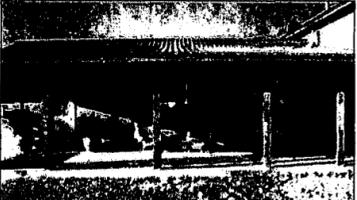
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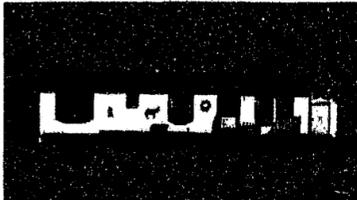
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Netters begin play for state titles

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The chase for glory began Thursday in Rio Rancho for three Lincoln County volleyball teams.

In Class B, both Hondo and Carrizozo are competing.

Ruidoso is competing in 3AAA.

Hondo had a good first day of competition at Cleveland High School, winning their first two games.

The Lady Eagles were victorious over Victory Christian 21-19, and 22-20 and then walloped Walatowa 21-13 and 21-3.

Carrizozo won their first match, with 21-10 and 21-7 games against Vaughn. They then took the second match of the day with a 21-12 and 21-9 victory over Quemada.

Then they ended the day with a 21-19, 14-21 split with Grady. This gave

Grady the top seed and set Carrizozo's Friday match against Victory Christian.

Hondo plays Quemada Friday morning.

"We did really well all day," Carrizozo coach Pam Allen said. "We made some mistakes against Grady and that cost us."

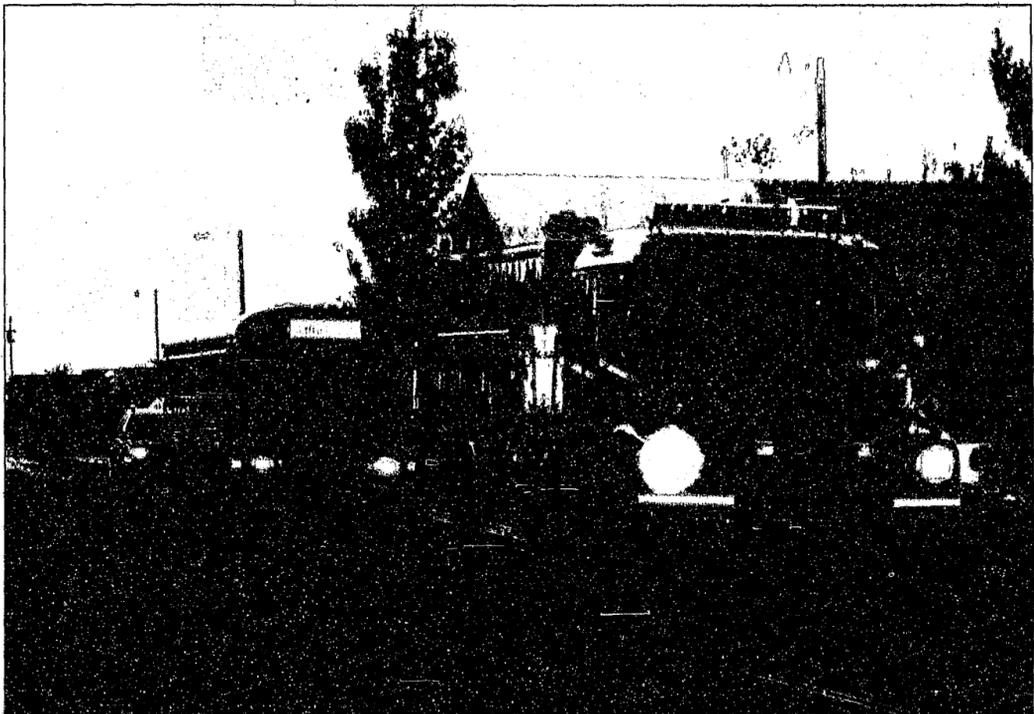
As the No. 1 seed, Grady plays Walatowa.

Hatch beat up on Ruidoso 21-10 and 21-7 in their first match at Santa Ana Star Center, also in Rio Rancho Thursday morning.

The Lady Warriors recovered from the defeat with a victory over Santa Fe Indian School 25-15 and 25-19 later in the day.

The early loss meant the Lady Warriors had to take the court for a third game Thursday, playing Shiprock. The results of that game were not available at press time.

Go to www.RuidosoNews.com for updates.



A firetruck escorts the Carrizozo Lady Grizzlies' volleyball players bus up Central Street as they depart for Rio Rancho and the New Mexico State Volleyball playoffs Wednesday evening.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Mescalero Apache records its best-ever season in '10

MARK RUDI
Alamogordo Daily News

MESCALERO - After losing to Capitan 60-6 and dropping to 1-4 on the season, Mescalero Apache head coach Godfrey Cordova Jr. knew he had to change the offense.

The spread formation wasn't working for the Chiefs, and they had only scored 26 points in their first five games, with their one win being a 6-0 overtime victory over Cloudcroft in Week 1.

"I was running an offense that was really not made for what we had," said Cordova Jr., who finished his first season as the team's head coach. "I spent the weekend going to the drawing board. I already had some ideas of what I wanted to run and changed it all up that week. We came out the following week against Questa and just played a physical game, which they weren't expecting."

Cordova Jr. changed the offense to a single-wing formation, taking away the wide receivers and adding more linemen and running backs.

The Chiefs never ran to the outside and only ran up the middle.

"We just pounded inside. We had some big kids," Cordova Jr. said. "Our philosophy was (get) three or four yards, three or four yards, three or four yards."

In Mescalero's next game, they scored 27 on their way to a 27-24 win over Questa.

The next week, the Chiefs beat Magdalena 38-19 and Carrizozo in overtime 40-34 to improve to 4-4 and were fighting for a playoff spot going to the final game against Mesilla Valley Christian.

But the SonBlazers held Mescalero to 18 points, beating the Chiefs 48-18.

Mescalero finished the 2010 season 4-5, 2-2 in District 3-1A, just missing out of the Class 1A state

playoffs. The four wins are the most in the program's history.

"It was a pretty good season," senior running back Craig Valdez said. "Coach is pretty good, we ran a new offense and it helped out a lot. I think that's why we got more wins."

Cordova Jr. has implemented some other changes in the Chief football program. He put a weight-lifting program and summer workouts in place, something that wasn't there before.

"These kids didn't know how to lift," Cordova Jr. said. "Now we implemented the bigger, faster, stronger program here. ... It's something I've been around for the last 17 years as I've been a coach. I have a passion in the weight room and the kids know that."

"I don't jack around in there. It's work time in

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An empty saddle

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No cowboy knows when he's saddled his last horse or swung his last loop so living larger than life every single day is not a bad way to live. For Richard Fry, it was exactly how he lived.

Race horse trainer, roper, school teacher, realtor, father and best friend - Richard excelled at all those things. With his life cut short at the age of 61, he left a legacy of laughs, love and adventure.

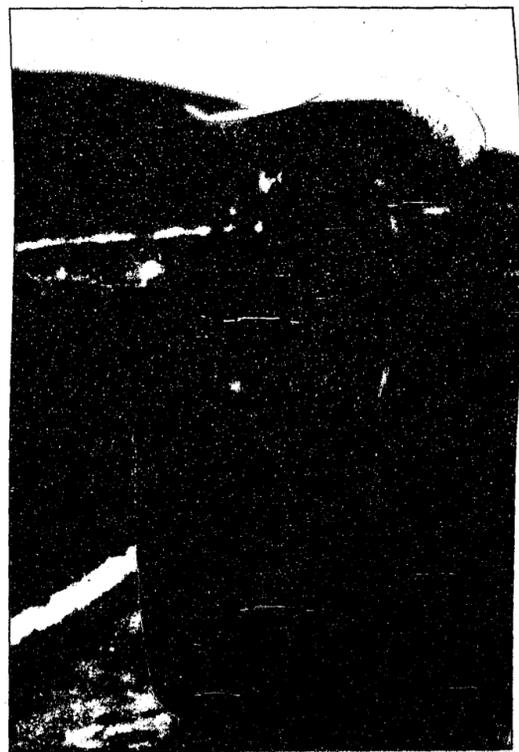
He passed away Oct. 5, 2010 from a heart attack leaving a daughter Zane, son Nathan, the love of his life, P.J. Dietmeier and a legion of friends that will miss him dearly.

Richard was often heard to say, "I don't want to get old," and knowingly lived a fun, fast-lane lifestyle that didn't accommodate old age. But the days he had, he made count.

A former math high school teacher and calf roper who grew up Gatesville, Texas, Richard raced horses on the New Mexico circuit and in the last years lived in Stanfield, Arizona.

Richard began training Quarter horses in 1982, becoming one of the most successful trainers in the Southwest. He was a favorite with celebrities and locals alike putting him in the "who's who" of the racing world with winners of 450 races from 3,602 starters to his credit.

His starters also finished second in 502 races and third in 400, for a 37.5 win-place-show percentage. He conditioned champion Special Phoebe (\$139,963), Grade 1 winner Whirling Reb (\$133,508), stakes winner and the eventual broodmare of the year Fortune Of Delight (\$100,269). He also trained 15 other



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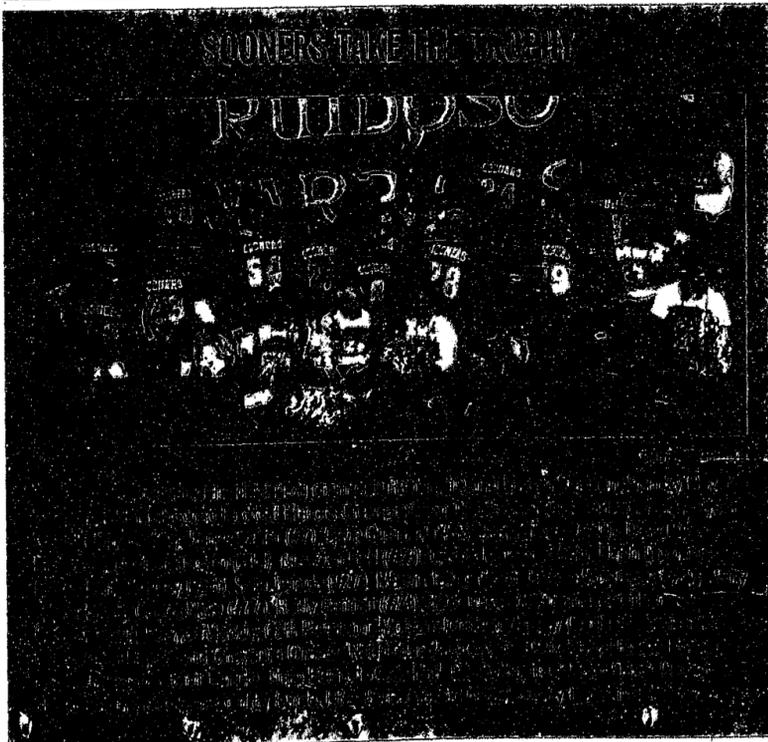
Richard Fry

stakes winners that won a total of 37 stakes.

The highlight of his racing career came in 1994 when jockey Chris Zamora rode 2-year-old Noblesse Six to win the 36th running of the Grade I All

American Futurity in Ruidoso. Trained by Richard and owned by Steve Chavez of Albuquerque, the son of Streakin Six covered the

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Futurity will have a \$500,000 purse.

The November 15 supplemental fee for each of the races is: \$2,000 for the All American Futurity, \$1,600 for the Rainbow Futurity and \$1,400 for the Ruidoso Futurity.

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EMPTY

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440-yards in :21.35 seconds, the fastest time then for any All-American at that distance for a \$1,125,024 purse.

In 2004, he found the real estate sales in Arizona booming and as he did in every other endeavor of his life, he took on a new career with gusto, becoming one of the top real estate salesmen in his field.

After 26 years of retirement from roping, he started back team roping at local jackpots. And in Richard's usual way, he was soon winning regularly and in the last six years of his life, he won dozens of buckles, saddles and a pile of cash.

The crown on that venture for him was last

December in Las Vegas, Nev., at the World Series of Team Roping Finale. Richard and his partner and life-long friend Jim Saunders, won the #10 division. That victory came with a check for more than \$100,000.

According to close friends, Richard said after the win that he felt like he'd accomplished just about everything he dreamed of at that point, winning the All American and the World Series; two occasions where he'd won more than \$100,000 in one day.

With a deep booming voice that could be heard from a distance, Richard was the center of attention at gatherings. He was not bashful and within minutes of meeting someone, he had made a new friend.

Lady Luck seemed to fall to Richard's wooing, even if she took some dedi-

cated courting. A natural risk-taker, he was the kind of guy who would sit down at the Black Jack table with \$100 bill and leave the next morning with 10 thousand dollars, and more.

He'd have a big crowd gathered around him all night long, putting on a show and enjoying every minute of it.

For those that knew and loved Richard, the World Series Team Roping Finals will be a little quieter, a little sadder. A moment of honor and silence will be given in honor of Richard and the several other members that passed during the year.

The best that folks could do to honor Richard would be take up life with the same zest and zeal that he did, knowing that now, he is the life the party in the great beyond.

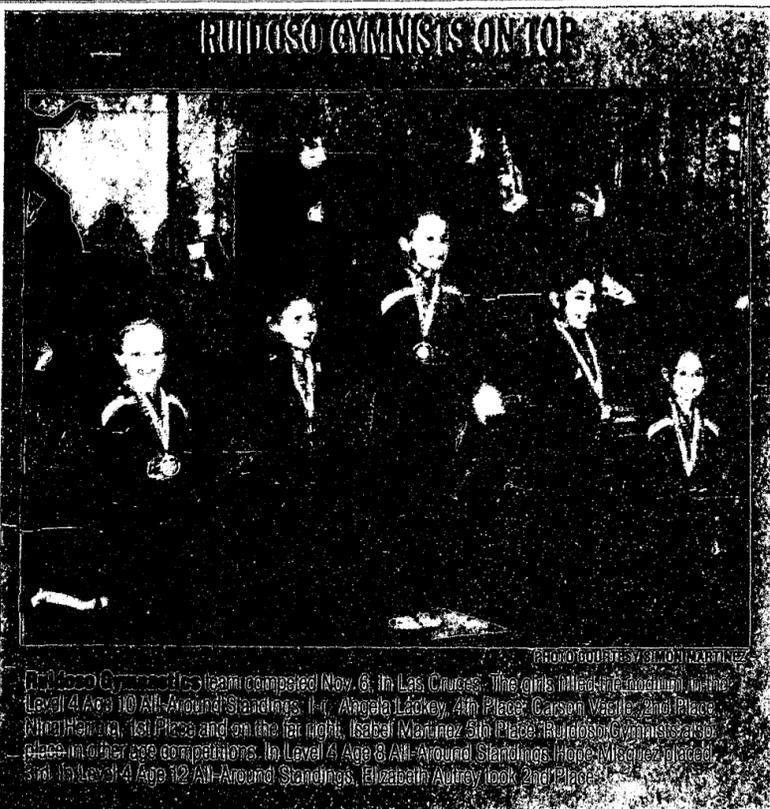


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 The Ruidoso Gymnastics team competed Nov. 6, in Las Cruces. The girls placed 1st in the Level 4 Age 10 All-Around Standings. In the Level 4 Age 8 All-Around Standings, Hope Miguez placed 3rd. In Level 4 Age 12 All-Around Standings, Elizabeth Aubrey took 2nd Place.



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Doing their personal best

Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics (RHAA) opened the short course season with seven swimmers competing at a swimming meet in Las Cruces September 24, 2010.

"I was very pleased with all the swimmers," coach Cisco Bob, Jr. said. "All of them swam at least one personal best on their first meet of the season."

Jannah Salcido, 7 years old, competed in the 50 Free with a time of 1:18.20. She also completed in the 50 Butterfly, 50 Back, and the 50 Breast.

"Jannah did really well for her first meet," Bob said.

Her brother Joseph, 8 years old, competed in the 50 Free, 50 Breast, 100 Back, 100 Free, 50 Back and 200 Free. He swam a personal best in the 50 Breast with a time of 1:09.06.

Karly Pearson, 8 years old, took some time off swimming and is back with the team. Karly competed in four events, two

of which, the 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle, she clocked personal records.

Emma Pearson competed in six events, pulling out two personal records, in the 50 Breast and the 100 Breast.

Sydney Annala, 11 years old, competed in six events. She swam four personal bests in the 50 Free, 50 Breast, 100 Back, and 50 Back.

Sarah Perez, 13 years old, competed in three events. She had personal bests in all three. She swam the 50 Free, 100 Back, and the 500 Free.

Cisco Bob, III competed in 8 events and had 6 personal best. Cisco placed 1st in the 50 Free with a time of 29.42, 1st in the 100 Free with a time of 1:06.26, and 1st in the 200 Free with a time of 2:19.80. Cisco placed 3rd in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:42.64 making a personal best.

Cisco placed 3rd overall in high points in the 9-10 age group.

CHIEFS

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there because that carries over onto the field. We had some kids that were real weak become strong. The big difference with us up front was that we weren't (a team) that was just big, round bodies that couldn't move anybody. We became big, round bodies that had some strength in us, and that makes a big difference."

Cordova Jr. said he finished with 30 students, which is the most he's had, and the players started buying into the program he wanted them to learn.

"It all started with the summer workouts. We

came in, everyone started doing their part," junior quarterback/free safety Godfrey Cordova III said. "Here comes two-a-days, and that's when we started to build our team together."

"Everyone connected and we're a big family out here. We got our first win against Cloudcroft, I don't think anyone was expecting we were going to win," he said

Mescalero will get a majority of the team back for the 2011 season, graduating only five seniors from the 2010 squad. The Chiefs return seven juniors and four sophomores, making next year's squad a veteran team.

"We'll be a senior ball-club ... the seniors that I'll have next year are pretty

dedicated," Cordova Jr. said. "This will be their second year with me in the weight program and most these guys follow me into track. I pushed all of them into basketball to work on their agility. It gives them a chance to get away from me for a while. Because in the summer it's nonstop all summer long."

In addition to the weight and summer program, Cordova Jr. encourages his players to play basketball in the winter to work on agility and track in the spring to work on speed.

"I'm ready to come back and see if we can get some more wins," Cordova III said. "Hopefully, make it to the playoffs next year. We just got to stay strong and stay healthy."

Correction

The final score of the Cardinals vs. Tigers Little League Championship game was 27-6. The picture in last Friday's Ruidoso News Sports incorrectly identified Tyler Woodul's number as #40. Woodul is the ball carrier in the picture and wearing #12.

RUIDOSO MENS LEAGUE BASKETBALL

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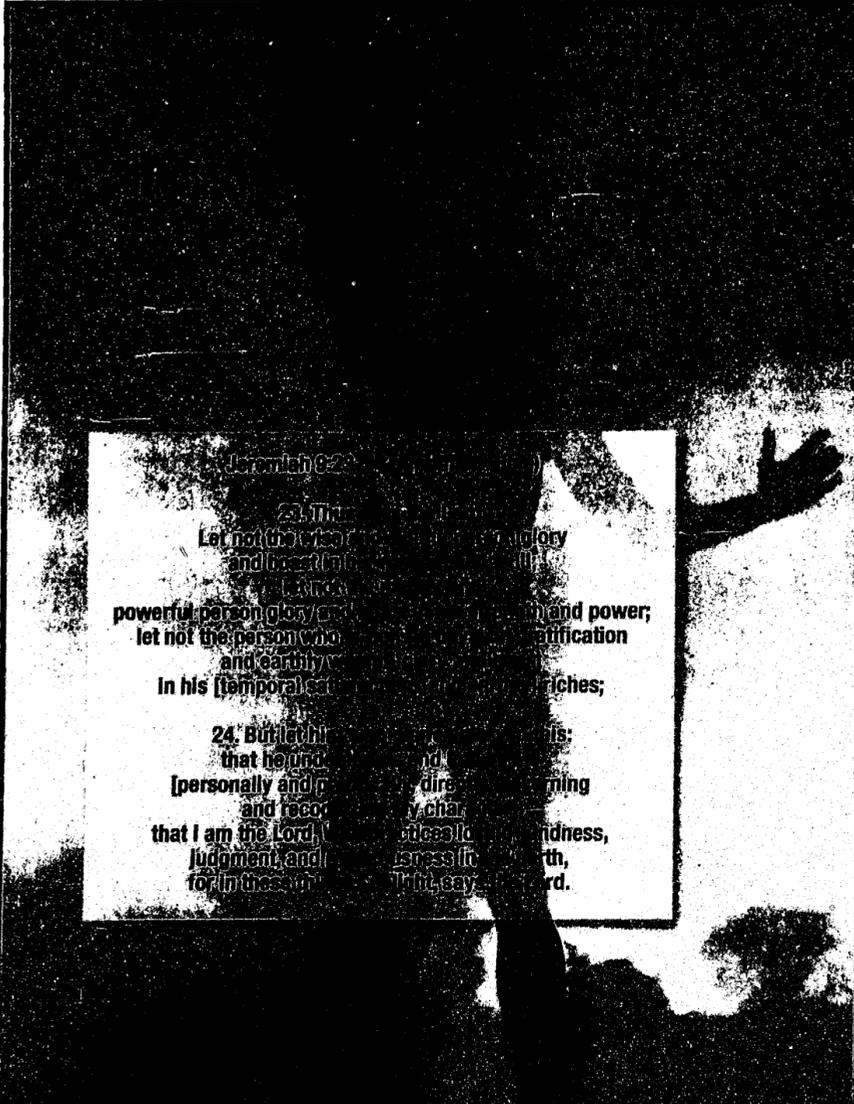
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RELIGION

We are not privy to the mysteries of heaven

I get a huge number of questions about heaven, and even though I keep reminding readers that I'm in sales, not management, the queries keep coming:

Q. Raised in a religious atmosphere, I was led to believe that when we reach heaven, we'll experience eternal joy and happiness.

But what if our loved ones don't get to heaven, and we do? How could we then experience eternal joy and happiness?

- M., via email

A. There are only two possible entrance standards for heaven: 1) Almost every soul gets in except for Hitler, Mao, Pol Pot, Osama bin Laden, and telemarketers who call at dinnertime, and 2) only true believers in whatever turns out to be the true faith get in. I vote for No. 1.

Q. I'm in a second marriage and often wonder what heaven will be like. My hubby's first wife died of cancer. Will they

meet again in heaven (as I've always thought) and then ... what of me?

- D., via email

A. I think all three of your souls will be together in heaven. I think there will be no jealousy because you'll all realize the inclusive power of love.

I also believe that your husband's first wife will ask you, "Did you ever get him to pick up his socks?" Some things even heaven can't change.

Q. With regard to pets in heaven, I came across this Bible verse: "For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts is the same; as one dies so does the other."

They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts; for all is vanity. All go to one place." Ecclesiastes 3:19-20. Any thoughts?

- E., via email

A. I know this verse, but 1) there's no concept of heaven for people or animals in the Hebrew

Bible (Old Testament); 2) the author of Ecclesiastes was a grumpy cynic.

The author of, "Vanity, vanity, all is vanity" never had his granddaughter, Daisy, wrap her arms around him and say, "Pappa, I love you!"

Q. Do Jews believe in signs or angels? I lost my dear father in June 2009 and I never stop thinking about him.

Several weeks ago, right after Rosh Hashanah, while driving home, a white Jeep pulled into my lane, directly in front of me.

The license plate read, "LUVWILL." I gasped. My dad's name was William.

Was this a sign or just a happy coincidence?

- R., via email

A. Abraham received a visit from angels, Jacob wrestled with an angel, and an angel spoke to Moses from the burning bush.

However, none of them had license plates. I believe in angels.

I believe in signs but try not to make too much of them. (It makes people think I'm crazy and there are already too many people who think that about me already.)

The great Jewish philosopher Martin Buber thought that miracles were really the accounts of natural events recorded and retold by very enthusiastic participants.

I mostly agree with him, except for the old woman who looked just like my dead grandma, Sara, who appeared in a Cincinnati synagogue the day I was ordained.

We tried to find her after the service but she'd disappeared.

I thought I saw a license plate on that day that read, "WHYDONTU-CALL." But I could be wrong.

Q. I'm an agnostic Methodist who grew up in a small Southern community. I earned my Eagle Scout and God and Country Awards.

A while ago, I discovered that several older church members participated in KKK rallies, got drunk and did other despicable things.

That got me thinking that much of what I'd learned in church was subjective and phony, appealing to simple-minded people who either can't or won't do any critical thinking.

I understand the need of most people to believe that something

special happens after we die.

I'm not one of those people anymore. I'm comfortable with the fact that when I die, that will be the end-period.

Nevertheless, some churches do good work. Maybe if we took religion out of churches and just concentrated on "good work" the world would be a much better place, with less crime and no war.

I think religion makes many people crazy.

- C., via email

A. I'm sorry about your disillusionment with religion, but congratulations on your Eagle Scout award. (By the way, did you return half of your God and Country Award?)

I agree with you that organized religion can sometimes attract people who don't take the time to learn and live its moral teachings.

However, these hypocrites no more refute religion than corrupt politicians refute democracy, or bad artists refute beauty.

Try to get over the idea that only dumb hypocrites are religious.

Start with reading Francis Collins, go on to C.S. Lewis, then work back through Einstein and

Kant to Maimonides, Augustine, and all the way back to Aristotle and Plato.

You'll be amazed at how many really smart people are very religious.

Also, look at the good done by truly religious people while the drunken bigots of your childhood were disillusioning you.

The good people in organized religious institutions who run the soup kitchens, and provide life-saving hope and care for millions of oppressed people are doing all that good work to make God's love real in our broken world.

That's a clear, coherent and sustaining reason for their efforts and sacrifice.

Of course, non-religious people also do good work, but I'm proud to detail for any skeptic the massive record of goodness compiled by people of faith.

I'll tolerate shallow, condescending religion-bashing on some days, but not today.

Good luck doing the good works I agree we should all be about in our broken world.

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to god-squadquestion@aol.com.

God doesn't give up on you

What a change! The Texas Rangers with new owner and president have gone from the cellar to the rooftop.

No! They did not win the World Series, but they did win the American League championship.

On the way to the World Series, they beat Tampa Bay and the New York Yankees.

It is amazing what a little knowledge and experience can accomplish.

Nolen Ryan and the new owner and made a turn around that is just wonderful.

Both Ron Washington

and Josh Howard are men who have been reclaimed from the trash heap.

Both have been drug abusers and Josh was out of professional sports for two years. Josh Howard was an exceptional athlete and had everything going for him until a car wreck took his parents and baseball away from him.

He went into period of losing focus and losing the foundation for his life. He got into a culture that was godless and filled with folks who encouraged him to do the wrong things.

He got on drugs and was eventually kicked out

of pro baseball. You would think that he was washed up as far as baseball was concerned.

But God is a God of miracles and recovery. Josh called out to God for help and received Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. What a change!

He became and all-star, a most valuable player, and, most of all, a winner. All the while, he had someone to hold him accountable, another human being, who cared about him.

All of us need a savior, and all of us need someone to hold us accountable.

His testimony of God's forgiveness and love is impacting young people today.

The world may put you on the trash heap, but God

is always willing to work a miracle and recover you from the destruction of the world. God is available to any and all who will call upon Him.

If you do "You Tube," you can go on the internet and find this tremendous testimony of Josh and hear how he turned to God to be delivered from drugs and alcoholism.

And he gives all the glory to God for his recovery. His life is a testimony that God does not give up on anyone.

The problem is this ... we give up on ourselves.

If you give up on yourself, you have no help for today, no hope for tomorrow.

If God doesn't give up on you, why should you give up on yourself.



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He will judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

Psalms 72:2

Greg Doyle

In Remembrance of my Dear, Sweet, Husband, Greg Doyle, who Died here in Ruidoso, Dec. 12th, 2009. Greatly Loved and missed By so Many, he remains in my heart forever with love.

Mignon Doyle

Maerina L. Candelaria

Born August 16th, 1947
Pass away November 8th, 2010

Survived by Sons Frank J. Candelaria and Flor Reyes, Their Kids Adrian, Andres and Lenna Candelaria Daughter Carol "Sugie" Jean Richardson-Kids Ashley, and Leeann Richardson and Jonah Mendez Candelaria. Sisters: Rosemary Lopez, Carol Sanchez, Carmen Burch. Brothers Leroy, David Lopez, and George Guebara

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Gordon H. Stricler

Visitation for Gordon H. Stricler, 82, of Ruidoso will be Friday, Nov. 12, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM with the funeral service on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 10:00 AM also at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, burial will follow at Ft. Stanton Cemetery.

Mr. Stricler passed away Monday, November 8, 2010, in Alamogordo, NM. He was born June 19, 1928 in Arkansas City, Kansas. He moved to Ruidoso in 1995 from Barstow, California. He was past owner/operator of Stricler Truss Company in Barstow, he was past president of Barstow Rotary Club, past president of Mojave Valley Museum and he loved and taught his children. He had served in the U.S. Navy and attended the First Country Church. He married Mrs. Catherine Stricler on September 3, 1949 at Barstow, California.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn of Ruidoso; his children, Frank, Lenna, and Andres of Ruidoso; his grandchildren, Carol, Ashley, and Jonah; his sisters, Rosemary Lopez, Carol Sanchez, and Carmen Burch; his brothers, Leroy, David Lopez, and George Guebara.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at 10:00 AM at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, 220 Junction Road, Ruidoso, NM. Burial will follow at Ft. Stanton Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 12, 2010, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, 220 Junction Road, Ruidoso, NM.

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The cowboy went to war

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They all dressed alike once they got there. Field and combat olive-drab uniforms, laced-up military-issue combat boots and a rifle just for starters.

In a sea of soldier faces, you can't tell the cowboys from the accountants. Not in any of the previous wars and not now. But there have always been plenty of men of all ages that left the ranch and headed to war.

Sadly, it took me until I was well into adulthood before I realized the dangers these "boys" and most were just boys, put themselves in when they proudly went to defend their country.

There's something built into the male that moves him to do just about anything to become a soldier and fight for what he has known as home, family and freedom.

New Mexico's Claude Hobbs, the oldest of 10 children, was drafted in 1942 in the Army Automatic Weapon Battalion and away from his \$1-a-day job driving mules to build dirt tanks with a fresno and breaking horses for \$5 a head.

His first stop was the beaches of Normandy. Before he was able to come home, he saw five major conflicts and earned bronze and silver stars as well as two good conduct



CLAUDE HOBBS 1942, WORLD WAR II



GEORGE BAKER, KOREAN WAR



FRANK VANBUSKIRK, 2009, AFGHANISTAN

method in Afghanistan, he'll find it even if it's not "Army issue."

Northern New Mexico cowboy Frank van Buskirk spent four years fighting government red tape to be allowed into the service. His burning desire to fight for his country set him on a journey that ultimately landed him with the Rangers in southern Afghanistan on a fire base.

There in the remoteness of the country was an Afghan horse that was about to meet a New Mexico cowboy. Frank soon became friends with Achmed (his name for his new steed) who learned there was more to life than being petted and standing around.

Frank found an old saddle in a shed that was cov-

ered in decades of dust and had extremely dry leather --crumbling and brittle with age.

Making do with what was at hand, he soaked it in motor oil to soften the leather so he could make repairs. He found a snaffle bit and made a head stall for it out of the parachute cord that came tied around the Army supply packages.

Frank's dedication and sacrifice were highlighted, along with the horrors of war, with good moments with Achmed. The other notable to his story is the fact that he turned 60 years old shortly after returning home to New Mexico.

As Claude Hobbs put it in recalling his war years 65-plus years ago, "You see a lot of things you forget,



and a lot of things you don't forget."

And for that reason, thanking a veteran isn't just a "holiday" action. It's something that should be done every day for every one of them that have ever served, whether they wear a cowboy hat or not.

Julie can be reached for comment jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

White Oaks Veterans Day BBQ will honor local soldier

JULIE CARTER
jcarter@ruidosonews.com

The No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks is hosting the 5th Annual Veteran's Day BBQ, Saturday, Nov. 13.

For this year's event, the No Scum Allowed Saloon is featuring "one of their own" currently serving in Afghanistan.

A box will be available for guests to put items in to be sent to Matthew Daniel.

Daniel is the son of Curtis and Marcia (Marc) Payne, of Capitan. He is a 1998 Capitan High School graduate and lived in White Oaks in 1982-84 and again in 1992-93.

Daniel's wife and three children are living in Fort Hood, Texas, during his deployment.

Currently Daniel is in the U.S. Army, 4th Infantry Division, Aviation Brigade, Unit 4-4 TF Gambler out of Fort Hood, Texas, stationed in FOB Sharana, Afghanistan. He is a Chief Warrant

Officer 3 and Maintenance Test Pilot for the CH-47, Chinook, heavy lift helicopters.

The division's main objective in Afghanistan is support.

The soldiers move equipment, building supplies, other supplies and troops to and from other bases in and around Afghanistan.

They fly on average 6.5 hours a day, 4-5 days a week and move about 30,000 to 50,000 pounds a day.

The days Daniel is not flying missions, he is spending them on maintenance of the aircraft.

His unit lives in tents, eight men to a tent, and their bathrooms and showers are also in tents.

They are in the mountains at an elevation of about 7,400 feet surrounded by 10,000- to 12,000-foot peaks.

The terrain and weather is quite similar to Lincoln County and they get plenty of snow

According to his family,



Daniel is very honored to be chosen for the Veterans Day soldier of honor.

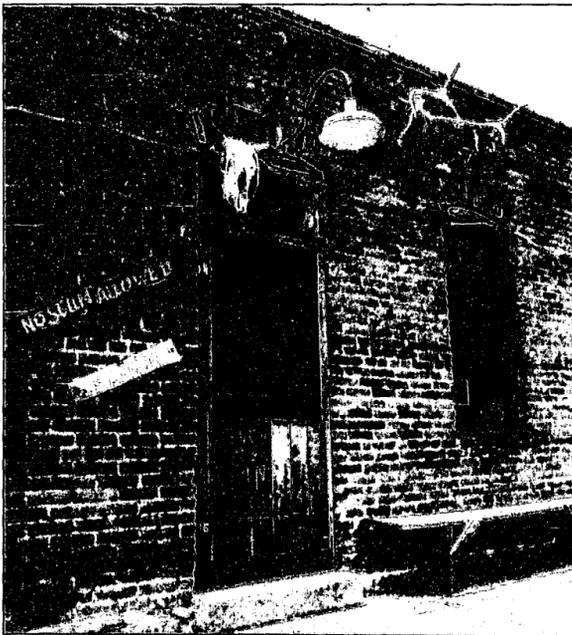
He is going to fly a flag in his helicopter on the next mission for all the folks at the No Scum Allowed Saloon.

Daniel will get a certificate describing the mission and whom it was for and when he comes home, he will bring the flag and certificate and present it to the saloon.

Suggested items for the box: snacks, nuts, beef jerky, books, magazines, wipes, chapstick, sunscreen, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, razors, hand

warmer, and anything else need in day to day use. No pork items allowed. The saloon opens at noon and the music starts at 1 p.m., continuing until 4 p.m. A group of local musi-

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cians have "banded" together for the event and are calling themselves the No Scum Allowed Band.

Complimentary Texas-style baby back ribs will be served.

Bring the name and

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The Capitan PTA is planning their annual Christmas store at to be housed at Capitan Schools and open during school hours.

The store will be open Nov. 29-Dec. 18.

The PTA will also be conducting a food drive in the elementary during those same dates. All donations are welcome. Food

drive items must be non-perishables.

Vet's breakfast

The Veterans Memorial Breakfast in Carrizozo is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Methodist Church across from the Carrizozo Schools campus. All veterans are invited.

We are on the Web
www.ruidosonews.com

COUNTY BRIEFS

Corona Craft Show

The 3rd Annual Craft Show sponsored by the Senior citizens of Corona will be at 9 a.m., Nov. 20 at Corona Zia Senior Center in Corona.

Some of the things available will be a Posole Dinner offered for \$5/plate, knit-

ted, crochet-ed and tatted items, candles, jewelry, candy, and much more.

Turkey dinners

The Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo is hosting their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

The dinner, to be served Nov. 18, from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. in free of charge.

Call 648-2893 for take-out.

Volunteers and donations are welcome.

The Assembly of God Church dinner is 12:30 p.m., on Thanksgiving Day. Meat will be furnished;

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Artists of 'Zozo

Gallery 408's second annual "Artists of Carrizozo Exhibition" will be Nov. 20 through Dec. 20.

The opening reception will be Saturday, Nov. 20,

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For more information and/or to register, call Sherry Savas at Gallery 408 at 648-2598 or email Gal-lery408@tularosa.net.

Holiday Hoedown

Artists or a crafters interested in selling their

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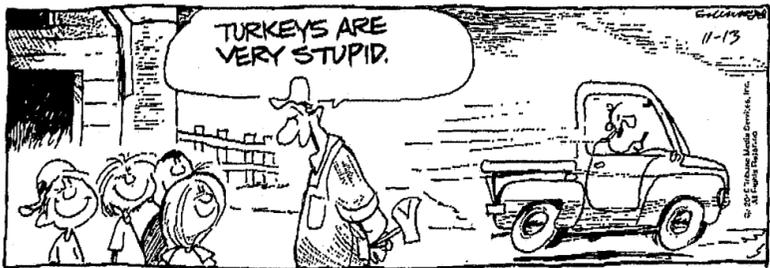
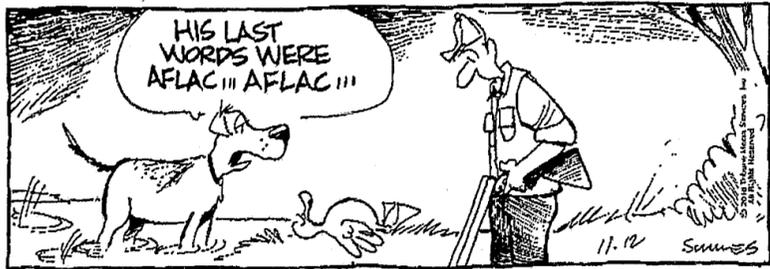
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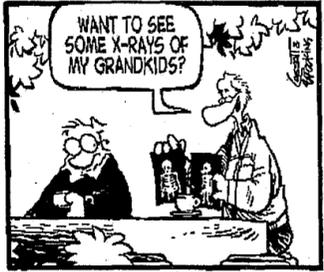
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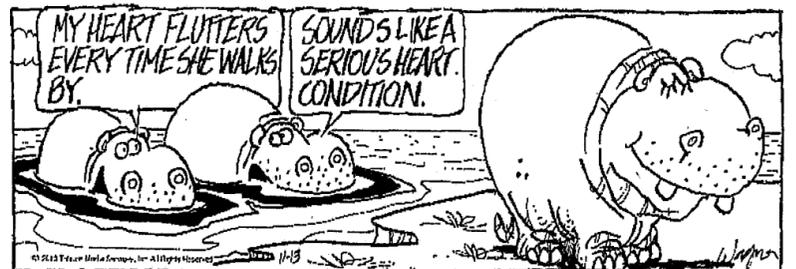
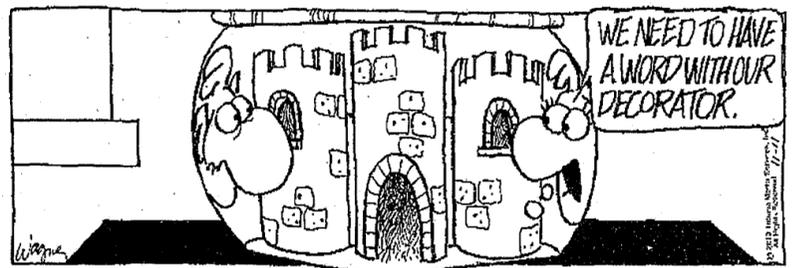
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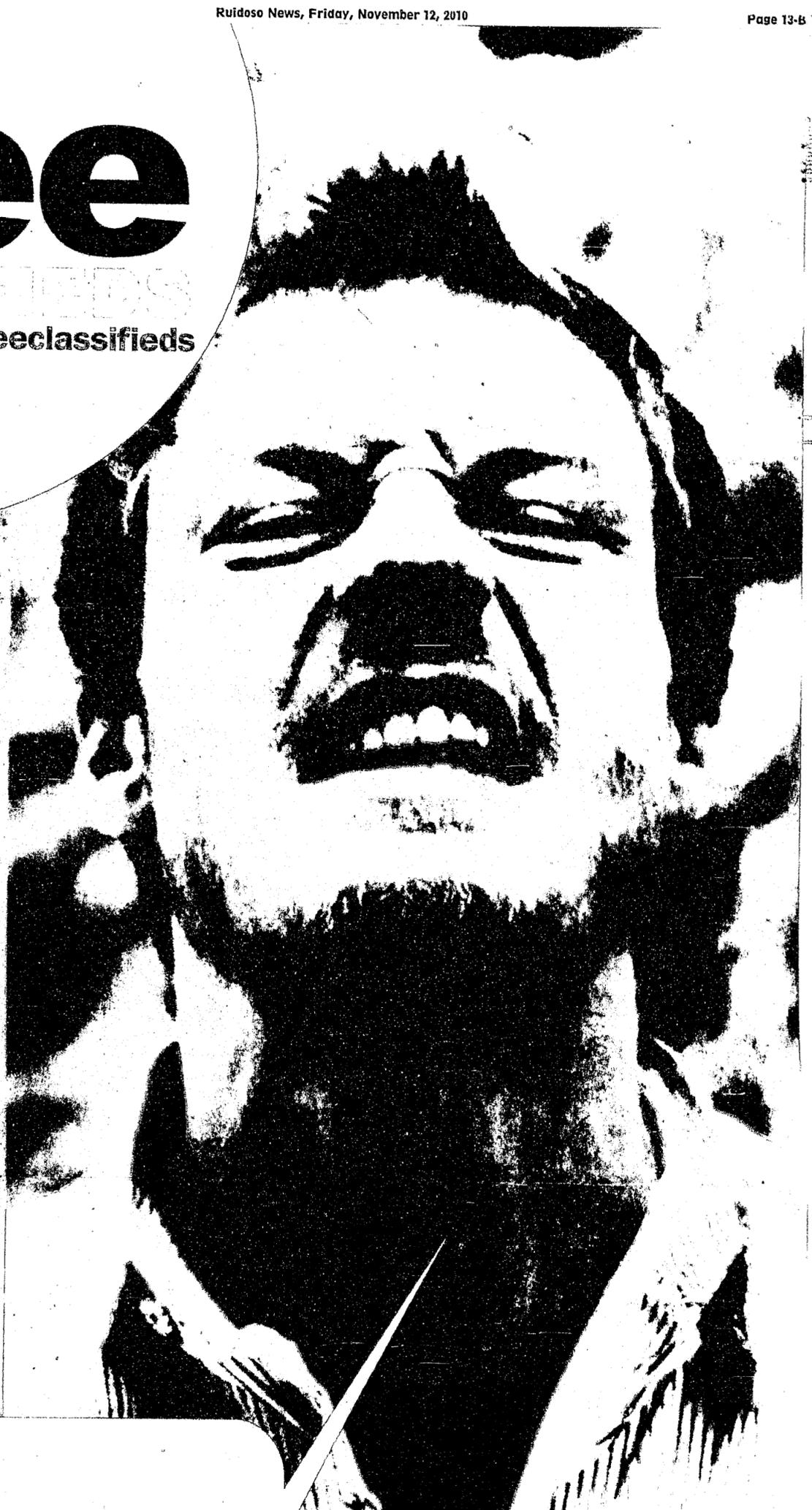
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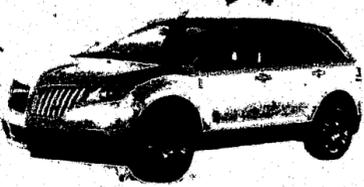


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