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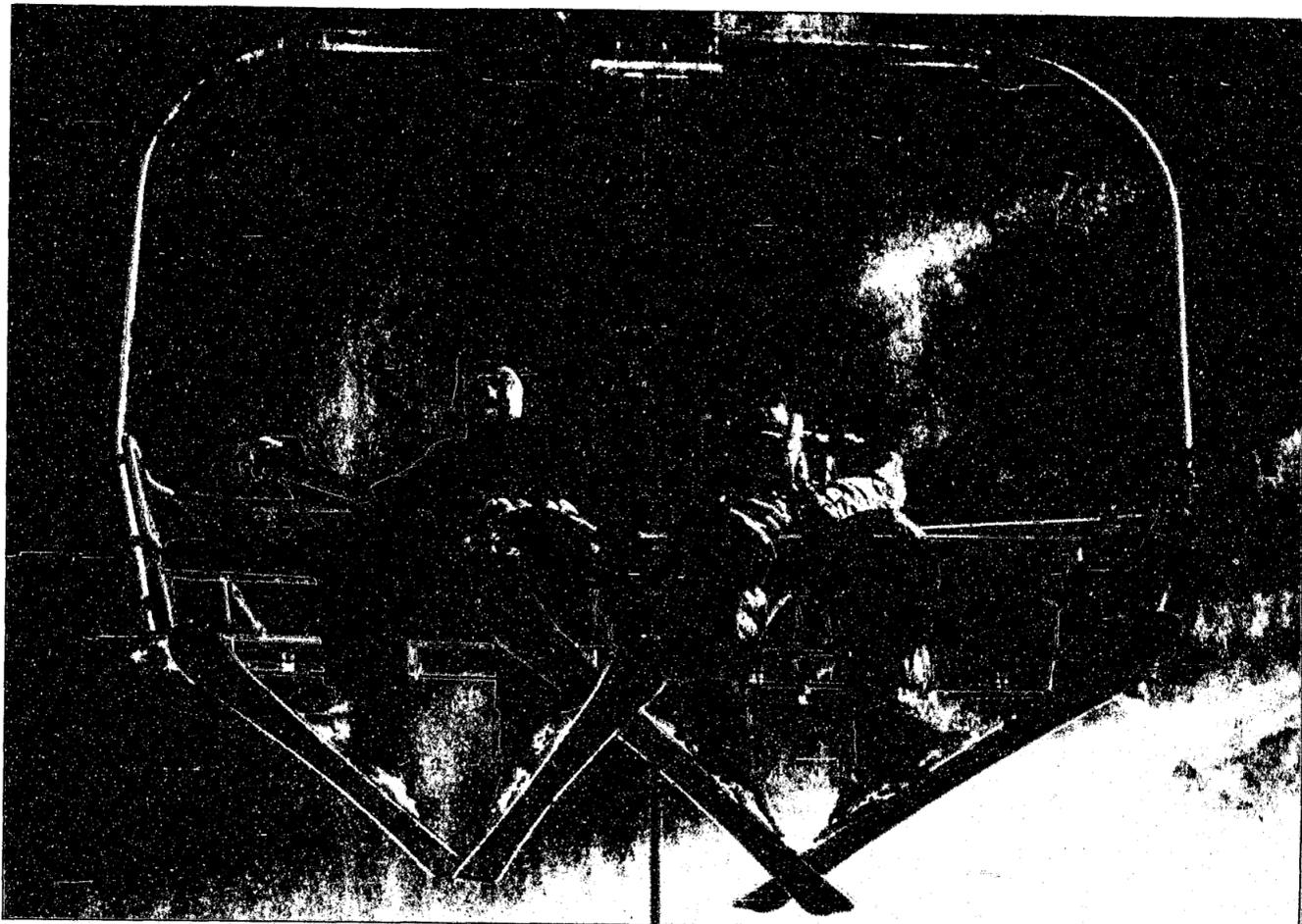
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Two women ride Chair 3 to the top of Easy Street ski run at Ski Apache Saturday. The ski resort opened Thursday with a base of over 12 inches of man-made snow on the lower slopes. Hundreds of skiers and snow boarders took advantage of the opportunity to get in some early season snow time.

BY HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Pearce: Return to fiscal sanity

Rep.-elect visits Ruidoso on 'listening tour' of district

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The Nov. 1 general election sent a message to Washington, D.C., that U.S. Rep.-elect Steve Pearce describes as a "wave."

The election, which not only elected Pearce, a Republican from Hobbs, returned control of the House of Representatives to the GOP.

"We have to find 30 of us that will say 'no' to leadership on both sides," Pearce told a group of about 60 during a listening session Tuesday at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Pearce was visiting on the second of a five-day tour of his 2nd Congressional District that encompasses southern New Mexico.

"And I love our leaders, don't get me wrong," he continued. "I like Mr. (John) Boehner (R-Ohio) and Mr. (Eric) Cantor (R-Va). But they got furious because I'm sitting out here with this group of 30 saying we're going to slow it down. And leaders always just want things easy. Please, just don't be trouble to me. I'm sorry, but we're here to represent our constituents."

Pearce said similar "struggles" are taking place on the Democratic side.

"I'm not picking on the Democrats, but they took place over there when they elected Nancy Pelosi. She just got a huge failing grade from the American public for her policies and they picked her again because she was able to elbow enough room around. This tug of war is just starting, so the people who think this election did something, it's only started something. The election now needs to be followed by activism. We didn't get it done. We now just are getting to where we can get it done. So I encourage you, please stay vocal."

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U.S. Constitution must be upheld to the fullest.

"We had George Bush, when he was trying to push the first Patriot Act, they asked about the Constitution," Seidel said. "His comment was 'It's just a piece of paper.'"

"Those are the things that are stirring things up," replied Pearce. "That's one of the things that the 100 new members, I'll tell you, have a deep, deep abiding love for the words on the piece of paper and the interpretation of the Constitution."

With President Barack Obama's call for a wage freeze on federal employees, an audience member asked Pearce about Congress and the president.

"I expect to see us have a bill that says Congress will go right along with federal employees who are making two times what the regular private sector employee is."

Pearce said he would prefer a rollback in federal government salaries to make a dent in deficit spending. He also called for trimming the rolls of federal employees.

"It took one person to run the Lincoln National Forest in the '70s. Do you know how many it takes to run it today? You've got no more acres, it's still a million acres."

The representative-elect said today there are 142 forest employees.

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Cougar observed in Alto

■ Big cat stalls woman on her walk

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Following her normal walking route last week, an Alto resident was startled when several deer burst from the trees, running across the street in front of her at full speed.

A second later, she saw why, as a mountain lion emerged from the forest in chase. Seeing the woman, he stopped about 10 yards away, hesitated, took six steps toward her and then left.

"I've encountered bear before, but not closely and I wasn't scared, but I was frightened of the cougar," said the woman, who asked not to be identified. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, what if it comes after me. What can I do?' My husband said it was good I didn't run. The lion took about six steps toward me. I stepped backwards slowly and called my son on my cell to come and pick me up. It was unnerving. We were about 10 yards from each other when I started backing up and then he left."

The lion appeared within two blocks of her home on a route she walks nearly everyday. She always carries pepper spray and her cell phone as a precaution, she said. In the future, she may add a walking stick as a potential weapon.

As her son was driving her home, they spotted the cougar sunning itself in front of another house.

The experience rattled her, because it was so unexpected to see a lion where

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Lynn Budd, a volunteer at the Hubbard Museum of the American West, contemplates purchasing a period outfit to wear when young students visit the museum. The clothing was part of the museum's first inventory sale that began Friday and will end Jan. 1. Items include limited edition prints by Peter Hurd, Michael Hurd and Susan Wamsley. Jewelry, pottery, T-shirts, books and an assortment of other items are for sale at up to 75 percent off marked prices. Free gift wrapping will be offered. Member discounts do not apply on sale items, and there is no admission fee for shopping. The Hubbard Museum at 841 U.S. 70 West, is open year-round from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org or call 575-378-4142 for information. The Hubbard Museum of the American West is owned and operated by the City of Ruidoso Downs.

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RealFeel 63° Humidity 17% 61° 40° Mostly sunny and warmer Wind: WNW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 67° Humidity 22% 62° 40° Plenty of sun Wind: NW 4-8 mph	RealFeel 66° Humidity 17% 65° 43° Mostly sunny Wind: SW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 66° Humidity 12% 67° 41° Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: WSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 61° Humidity 22% 62° 38° Sunny to partly cloudy and mild Wind: WSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 54° Humidity 40% 52° 34° Partly sunny Wind: W 6-12 mph	RealFeel 57° Humidity 39% 49° 28° Mostly sunny and not as cool Wind: N 3-6 mph

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Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 32°/19°
Normal high 53°
Normal low 22°
Record high 70° (1949)
Record low -19° (1976)
Year to date 20.65°
Normal year to date 20.99°

Precipitation:
Monday Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.74"
Year to date 20.65"
Normal year to date 20.99"

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

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

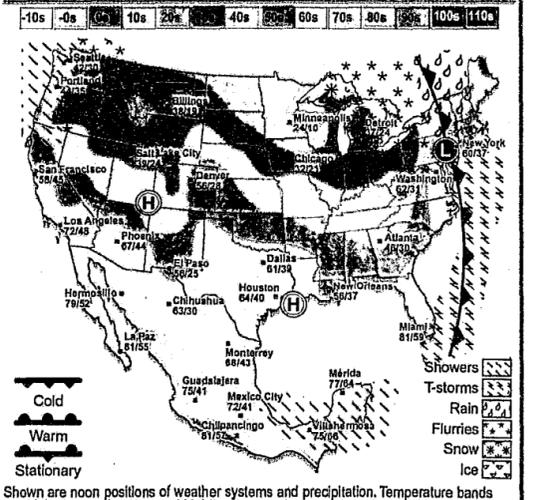
Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 47°/27°
Normal high 59°
Normal low 31°
Record high 73° (1999)
Record low 0° (1976)
Year to date 12.39"
Normal year to date 12.18"

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.74"
Year to date 12.39"
Normal year to date 12.18"

Weather Trivia*:
Q: What three storms rarely occur in the U.S. during late November?
A: Thunderstorms, tornadoes and

National Forecast for Dec. 1, 2010



National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	64/34/s	62/31/s	Albuquerque	51/27/s	56/30/s
Anchorage	12/3/s	21/15/sf	Artesia	70/34/s	72/32/s
Atlanta	46/30/s	54/37/s	Chama	44/12/s	48/18/s
Austin	66/31/s	69/44/s	Clayton	56/26/s	55/27/s
Baltimore	62/38/r	48/28/pc	Cloudcroft	51/25/s	55/25/s
Boston	57/40/r	49/33/pc	Farmington	42/18/s	49/24/s
Chicago	32/21/c	33/20/pc	Hobbs	66/32/s	70/31/s
Dallas	61/39/s	66/41/s	Los Alamos	47/22/s	50/25/s
Denver	56/28/pc	55/30/s	Portales	62/27/s	62/28/s
Des Moines	30/21/s	36/16/s	Raton	53/18/s	53/17/s
Detroit	37/24/st	37/25/pc	Red River	41/10/s	45/11/s
El Paso	56/25/s	69/29/s	Ruidoso	61/40/s	62/40/s
Las Vegas	56/38/s	60/43/pc	Santa Fe	47/22/s	53/24/s
Los Angeles	72/48/s	74/50/pc	Silver City	56/24/s	61/28/s
Minneapolis	24/10/pc	38/30/c	Taos	46/10/s	50/14/s
New Orleans	56/37/s	64/42/s			
New York City	60/37/f	45/35/pc			
Philadelphia	62/35/f	44/32/pc			
Phoenix	67/44/s	70/48/pc			
Reno	46/28/pc	49/35/c			
San Francisco	68/45/pc	59/49/c			
San Diego	67/49/s	68/52/pc			
Seattle	42/30/c	38/30/c			
Tucson	70/33/s	76/39/s			
Tulsa, OK	52/30/s	54/30/s			
Wash., DC	62/31/r	45/30/pc			
Wichita	48/24/s	53/25/s			
Yuma	69/46/s	74/47/pc			

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:48 a.m./4:56 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 2:26 a.m./1:51 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 93° in McAllen, TX
Low: -17° in Bridgeport, CA

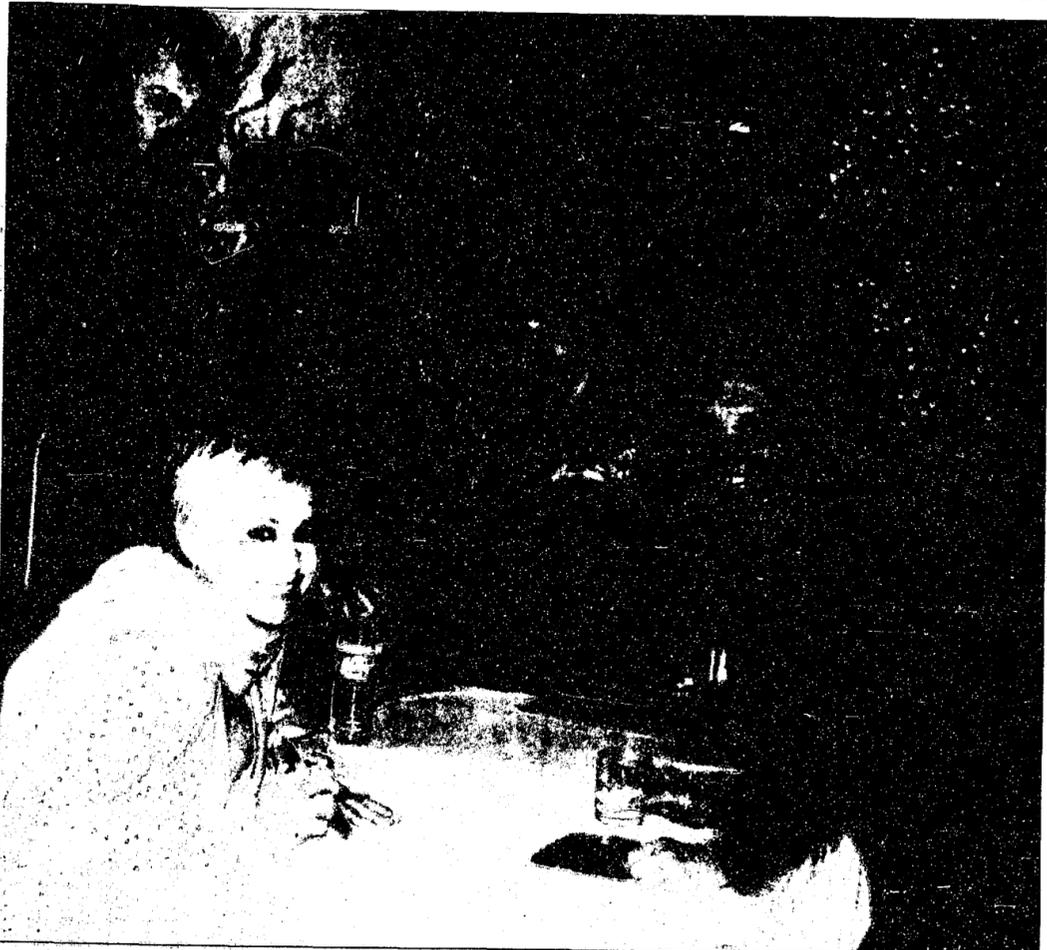
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 106° in Curtin, Australia
Low: -64° in Oymyakon, Russia

Moon Phases

New First Full Last

Dec 5 Dec 13 Dec 21 Dec 27

*A: Thunderstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes.



Country music artist Lorrie Morgan, at left, shares smiles with local songstress Sawyer Ward post-performance at the Spencer Theater on Saturday, Nov. 27. Morgan, a four-time CMA Female Vocalist of the Year winner, was performing songs from her new release "I Walk Alone" as well as past hits and country music classics.

COURTESY KATHLEEN MCDONALD

Blood drive

Another Ruidoso community blood drive will take place the next two days at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Dr.

Sponsored by the Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary, United Blood Services will collect donations on Thursday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donors will receive points redeemable at the blood service's online store for items such as t-shirts and movie tickets. Free cholesterol testing will be provided to every donor.

Participants are asked to bring a photo identification and donor card.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call UBS at 888-676-LIFE or visit the website www.unitedbloodservices.org and enter the sponsor code RUI.

Fort Stanton open

The volunteers at Fort Stanton, Inc. are pleased to announce that the Fort Stanton Museum will be open on weekends from December through March 2011.

The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. There is no fee to visit the Museum, but donations are appreciated.

"We are delighted to open this winter," commented Clinton Smith, President of Fort Stanton, Inc. "Our volunteers do a great job and we wanted to make sure that the public had the opportunity to come out and see the museum and visit the fort during the winter months."

The Museum will not be open on Christmas Eve and

Christmas Day in observance of the holidays.

Since the new museum opened in April 2010, more than 9,000 people have visited the Fort Stanton State Monument. The museum features a display about the history of the fort from its creation in 1855 as a military fortification to the present day.

"We intend to do more programming this year, beyond Fort Stanton Live!" commented Smith. "We hope to draw more attention to the site so that we can continue to help preserve the Fort and its buildings."

"We will be announcing a schedule of events in January, and we are excited about the coming year. Being open on the weekends is just the beginning for us."

If you are interested in joining Fort Stanton, Inc., or if you are interested in volunteering, all the museum at 575-354-0341.

Parade of Lights

"Snowy with a Chance of Sparkle" is the theme of the Parade of Lights held on Dec. 4.

Parade Marshal is KOB-TV meteorologist Steve Stucker.

Please be aware that due to the parade, portions of Highway 48 (Sudderth) will be closed Saturday afternoon beginning at approximately 4:30. All residential roads along Mech-em Drive from Sudderth north to Porr Drive will be closed and traffic rerouted except for parade entries.

The intersection of Sudderth, Robin, and Carrizo Canyon roads will be closed at approximately 4:30 p.m. and traffic rerouted.

Westbound Paradise Canyon Road will remain open prior and during the

parade for detoured traffic.

All roads intersecting the parade route will be closed at approximately 4:45 p.m. Public parking areas are located at the corner of Wingfield and Center streets and along Rio Street just north of Midtown.

LCMC meeting

The next meeting of the Lincoln County Medical Center board will be held on Monday, Dec. 6., in the LCMC Board Room.

Safety training

There will be a possible Forest Worker Safety Training Class held in Ruidoso on Dec. 13-16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The location is to be determined.

Who should become safety certified? Any forest worker who regularly operates a chain saw and/or mechanical equipment in the woods should get safety certified. Employers of certified workers are entitled to reduced workers' compensation insurance rates. Drivers of log trucks also qualify for the reduced rate if they are certified through this program.

Forest Workers who need to take this safety training course should contact or request training application from Orlando Romero at 505-470-0032 or email at orlando@forestguild.org before Dec. 8 in order to sign up for the class.

In order to qualify for the reduced workers' compensation rates, workers are required to attend this initial four-day safety training program and maintain their certification by attending an annual one-day safety re-certification course.

If the worker neglects to get re-certified, they will be required to re-take the full four-day safety course before re-qualifying for the reduced workers' compensation insurance rate.

The cost of the training class is \$80/student for the regular four-day class and \$84 for one day recertification class, for the next few classes.

The New Mexico Forest Industry Association is the sponsor of this program.

Food drive

A Rotary Club of Ruidoso canned food drive is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 11, at Sierra Cinema. Allen Theatres will provide free admission to all three theaters that will be showing current features. 3D movies are an exception.

Admission per adult is two food items. Children are one canned food item.

Foods collected will be provided to the Lincoln County Food Bank.

Childbirth classes

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, will offer childbirth delivery classes for expecting mothers and coaches on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Classes will be held in the conference room at LCMC, 211 Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso.

Cost is \$20 per class. Future classes will tentatively be held every month on the third Saturday at the same time and location listed above. Mothers expecting to deliver between now and Jan. 31, 2011 are encouraged to attend.

The classes will teach relaxation and breathing techniques, vaginal and cesarean births, pain man-

agement, newborn care and breast feeding.

Pregnant mothers with expected due dates between now and the end of August 2011 are encouraged to attend. Attendees should bring pillows, something to drink and snacks. There will be a one-hour lunch break.

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

Tree lighting

Join Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn and others at 6:15 p.m. Thursday for the annual Christmas in the Park celebration.

The mayor will flip the

switch to light the thousands of lights strung around the trees and other decorations at 6:17 p.m., in Schoolhouse Park on Sudderth Drive. The event is sponsored by the Ruidoso Parks & Recreation Department.

Santa Claus will be on hand to visit with children at 6:30 p.m.. The Ruidoso School Choral will perform at 6:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m.

Visitors can sip hot chocolate and much cookies while waiting for their turn at sleigh rides provided by Grindstone Stables.

Door prizes provided by local merchants will be given out at 7 p.m. using ticket stubs. The event will conclude at 7:30 p.m.

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OUR OPINION

County was prudent to go slow on LGAG

Entity needs to protect its interests

Lincoln County has belatedly joined the consortium formed to protest proposed rate hikes by Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM).

That the county commission didn't jump on board with earlier commitments from the Village of Ruidoso and the City of Ruidoso Downs is probably prudent; a governmental entity needs to cover all its bases and protect its interests before partnering with other agencies, whose agendas and roles in any initiative might differ or even conflict.

And that includes potential partners such as far-flung Alamogordo, Deming, Lords-

burg, Silver City and the counties of Grant, Hidalgo, Luna and Otero.

One salient provision added by the county should strengthen cooperation and transparency among members of the lobbying group, named the Local Government Action Group (LGAG).

Another good move by the county reversed the original intent that meetings of the LGAG would not be considered public meetings, nor would records be considered public documents. Now, presumably, LGAG sessions will fall under the Open Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.

Debt-reduction plan calls for sacrifices

After years of delivering truckloads of federal dollars to New Mexico, Pete Domenici has returned to an old love — deficit reduction. Lately he and former White House budget director Alice Rivlin stepped up to champion the Bipartisan Policy Center's plan to reduce the deficit.

Domenici, Rivlin and their fellow travelers have the luxury of proposing measures their former bases might find disturbing. The plan, 60 percent spending cuts and 40 percent tax increases, would reduce the budget deficit by \$5.9 trillion over the next nine years.

There's something for everyone to like and dislike, but the most controversial would be a new 6.5 percent national sales tax, an overhaul of Medicare in 2018, and cuts in Social Security benefits. Like the plan advanced by the president's commission, we've heard objections from the right and the left, along with glum predictions that neither plan will survive the political blast furnace.

Still, Domenici's keen political instincts haven't dimmed in the last year, so I doubt he would invest his energies in a futile exercise.

"If you don't dream of something like this and have the guts to expect more of people than they're currently exhibiting, it wouldn't be worthwhile," he told *The Daily Beast*, an online newspaper.

And yet, Domenici is a realist, and he calls for sacrifice.

"The definition of 'leader' is going to be somebody, man or woman, who understands the problem and says, 'I'm going to vote for things on the basis of whether they're good for America ... not whether they're good for my election,'" he said.

In other words, our lawmakers will have to risk their political careers to do the right thing. And they have to compromise.

To those who question that likelihood, Domenici and Rivlin wrote in the *Washington Post*: "Our plan shows that a group of Democrats and Republicans (including 19 former White House and Cabinet officials; for-

mer Senate and House members; former governors and mayors; and business, labor and other leaders) can craft a viable blueprint to tackle the nation's most serious long-term economic challenges."

It was heartening that members of the president's commission and the Domenici-



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

Rivlin panel could not only listen to each other but give up some sacred cows. "This is going to require compromise, even from someone as conservative as me," said Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican and commission member.

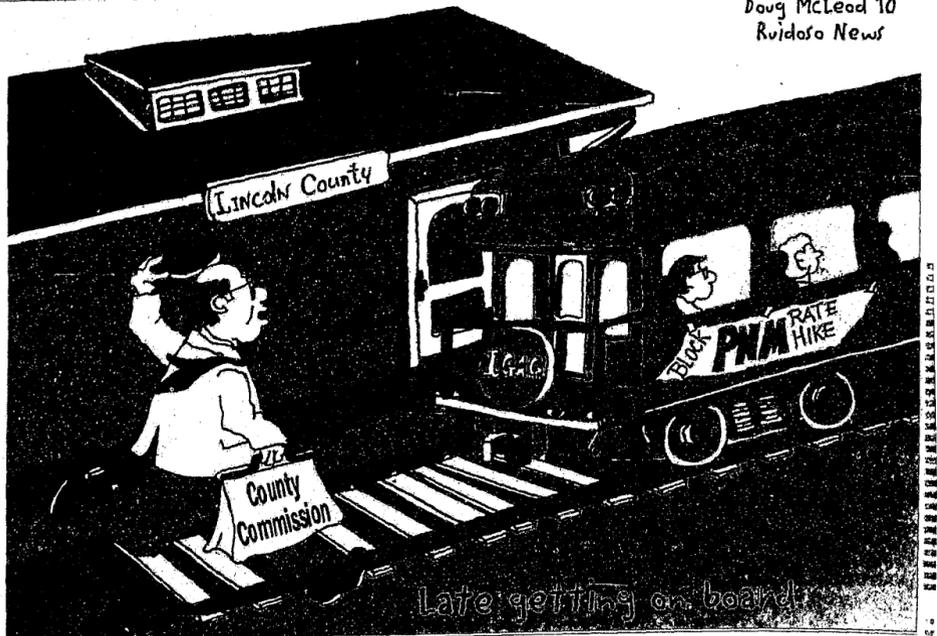
The public must see the urgency and make personal sacrifices, just as people did during World War II, Domenici says. Otherwise, an unchecked federal debt "will overtake the economy itself, increasing our dependence on China and other foreign lenders, draining our resources and reducing our living standards. This risks economic crisis and threatens to turn America into a second-rate power," Domenici and Rivlin wrote.

"Everybody must sacrifice," Domenici said at a news conference, so that "a quiet killer that is eating away at the foundations of America... will not eat us alive."

This was Domenici's message in September when he spoke at the Domenici Public Policy Conference in Las Cruces: "Our children... would probably have a second-rate standard of living. And if you don't feel it yet, you should. We're kind of getting poorer."

The nation will eventually have to pay so much in interest that there won't be much left for anything else, he said. And he warned that cuts alone won't get us to where we need to be. He should have added that the federal trough won't be nearly so generous with New Mexico.

This is familiar turf to Domenici. In 1986, as Congress and President Reagan grappled with a record deficit, Domenici wrote, "The deficit, simply put, remains the foremost policy and political problem confronting the nation."



Doug McLeod 10 Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Sticker shock on property tax came later

To the editor:

IN THE NOV. 26 issue of the *Ruidoso News* there was an interesting article on the Tax Lightning issue in New Mexico. Previously, I had only read about the issues in Bernalillo County. Sticker shock is putting it mildly.

I have to disagree with the statement from County Assessor Paul Baca, which was "...when a person buys a pre-existing home in New Mexico, they know the taxable value will match the sale price and go up."

My wife and I bought our Ruidoso home in 2007, moving here from Arizona. Of the two realtors we dealt with, neither of them mentioned this issue.

Additionally, if you look at a realty listing for a home, the current property tax is listed, not a projected one. The decision to buy our home was partially based on the advertised property tax and is also the amount used for estimating the escrow for the loan.

Our shock came with our first tax bill, as the property tax for our home doubled from the amount we thought it would be, which had a significant effect on our monthly payment. So, regardless of some people's thinking, this issue is not as black and white as they think.

John Hawker
Ruidoso

Weird double standard

To the editor:

ALTHOUGH THIS point has been made, I think it is worth repeating:

American citizens going through TSA security checkpoints at our airports are subjected to outrageous pat-downs of our private parts, while, at the same time, we can't ask suspected illegal aliens for identification because it would be considered "profiling."

Are we now attending the Mad Hatter's tea party?

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Fed up with the Fed

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What happens to a car company that makes crummy cars, a restaurant that serves lousy food, or an insurance company that poorly serves its policyholders? Unless they mend their ways, they lose customers and eventually go out of business. That's how a free market works.

The notable exceptions are entities that enjoy special protection from government. Thus, Uncle Sam bails out select private businesses (e.g., GM, AIG, Fannie Mae); enlarges inefficient government bureaucracies (e.g., FEMA, EPA); and preserves monopolies for poorly performing government-created institutions (e.g., the postal service and the Federal Reserve System).

Then there's the Fed, Uncle Sam's central bank.

Congress created the Federal Reserve System in 1913 to promote stable money and banking, and to lessen the disruptive ups and downs of the business cycle. The Fed has failed dismally.

Under the Fed's supervision, boom-bust cycles have continued. Three of them — the Great Depression, the stagflationary period from 1974-82, and the current "Great Recession" — have been devastating. Bank failures have occurred in alarmingly high numbers. The dollar has lost 95-98 percent of its purchasing power.

Tragically, the Fed appears to have learned little from its mistakes. Its current policy of "quantitative easing" continues its long tradition of creating bubbles by deliberately implementing inflationary policies. Citing the official Consumer Price Index, the Fed justifies its aggressive inflationary QE2 policy by asserting that price inflation is too low.

People living in the real world may disagree. In the last year,

the Commodity Research Bureau's food index has risen 27 percent; cotton's price has more than doubled to an all-time high; and oil and gasoline prices have posted double-digit gains. The costs of eating, driving, and wearing clothes are trending higher at the very time the Fed plans to inject hundreds of billions of dollars (trillions, if needed) to prop up Washington and Wall Street.

What concerns me about the Fed's current course (apart from the danger it poses to the purchasing power of our income and savings) is the totally arbitrary way in which it is proceeding. The Fed has arrogated unprecedented discretionary powers to itself.

Indeed, the Fed now has a free hand to create however much money it wants and buy whatever financial assets it chooses. There is no oversight or accountability. Even the Inspector General for the Federal Reserve, the Fed's official watchdog, has been left in the dark.

It is anomalous that there should be such a powerful, unrestrained institution as the Fed in our body politic. Its awesome, arbitrary powers make a mockery of constitutional checks and balances; it threatens not only our money, but liberty itself.

The chairman of the Fed is commonly referred to as the second most powerful person in the country. In a democratic republic, should the second-most powerful policymaker be unelected?

Why won't Congress at least audit the Fed? Rep. Ron Paul has proposed this for years, but a majority of his colleagues seem afraid to take this simple, prudent step. This is the same Congress that routinely demands microscopically detailed access to the financial records of private-sector corporations. Why the double standard?

If there is going to be a central bank (and that is a big "if"),

it needs to have a simpler focus than the Fed's current mission statement. The 1970 amendments to the Federal Reserve Act state that the Fed should "promote effectively the goals of maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates." These goals are misguided and unattainable.

First, the premise that the central bank can promote employment is erroneous. It is based on a spurious academic theory called the Phillips curve that posits a supposed trade off between inflation and employment. Unemployment is fundamentally a price problem, not a monetary problem; therefore, unemployment can only be cured by the presence of a free market in wages. Employment is not the responsibility of a central bank.

Second, central bank tampering with interest rates is the fundamental cause of the artificial boom-bust cycle; thus, the Fed or any successor institution should forever cease from tampering with interest rates.

Finally, focusing on "stable prices" is looking at the problem backwards. The Fed shouldn't try to influence prices any more than a nurse should influence the readings on a thermometer. The "fever" that causes prices to rise and purchasing power to fall is unstable, unreliable money. "Heal" the money, and prices will take care of themselves.

The sole mission of the Fed or any alternative guardian of our country's money should be to preserve the integrity of the monetary unit. That means an end to fiat money and a return to constitutional, honest money. The Fed, as currently constituted, must go.

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U.S. Rep.-elect Steve Pearce gets some advice from Alto resident Ron Rhoads at the Ruidoso Convention Center Tuesday.

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PEARCE

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"You have these bureaucracies grow. We must get serious about the size of government. We cannot continue to expand this many people that get paid this much. They say it's good that Congress doesn't know what comes after a trillion."

The government's "too big to fail" response during the 2008-2009 financial crisis was raised by Alto resident Tony Davis.

"I'm not in favor of the bailouts," said Pearce. "I think the bailouts are one of the symptoms that made people so angry because we're taking your money and giving it to Wall Street people who've taken very risky things."

"I'm a believer in the free market where you take a risk and have a potential to get a reward. But what we did in the bailouts is we said 'you did this very risky behavior and we're not

going to let you suffer the penalties.' If they had suffered the penalties, those major corporations would have suffered tremendous losses and their stocks would have gone down. That's the disciplining mechanism of the free market."

Pearce said the latest effort to stimulate the economy and create jobs, Quantitative Easing, is simply printing money.

"Now where does that money come from?" Pearce asked the group. "It's coming from you, in inflation. What happens is the country starts to spend too much money for things like this. Countries buy our Treasury Bills, that's how we borrow money. You as an individual say 'I'm not sure they can pay that back.' You quit buying treasuries. And other countries stop buying them."

Pearce said earlier this year China quit purchasing U.S. treasuries. He said that could force the U.S. to start printing money, creating inflation and "taking

dollars from you."

While advocating for deep cuts in government spending, Pearce held with his long vision of a national sales tax.

"It's a twofold part. You don't add the sales tax on top of the IRS. You simply disband the IRS and put the 'fair tax' in."

Pearce said the "fair tax" would ensure that those who are paid in cash pay their share. But the Obama administration's floating of a value added tax (VAT) would hurt the economy, he said.

"The VAT tax adds taxes at every level. It's like a sales tax at every level. The 'fair tax' is only at the final use sector. The VAT tax really sucks a lot of money out of the economy."

Asked what a national sales tax rate should be, Pearce said many believe 17 percent would equal taxes collected today.

"But then, you as the public, when you pay this 17 percent and you begin to see bailouts coming from that 17 percent, you the

public should insist that, if you've got that kind of money, it needs to be 12 percent."

Taxes and regulations impede job creation, said Pearce.

"Tax increases kill jobs. Tax cuts create jobs. If we want jobs we're going to have to address taxes."

Pearce talked about a business owner who attended a Monday evening listening session in Santa Rosa.

"He's got on his blue work clothes and he's got hands that are really greasy. He's a diesel mechanic who tows and repairs trucks. He said the government is telling me what tires to put on my trucks now," Pearce said, speaking to the need of reducing regulations.

Ed Vinson, president of the Capitan Board of Education, told Pearce education funding needs to match the federal mandates.

"We're not getting any money to fund those demands," Vinson said. "It

seems like every time a new law is passed we almost have to hire another staff member to fill out all the forms that come from Washington."

Bureaucracy at the U.S. Department of Education siphons off much of the funding for education, responded Pearce. He pointed to educational money for children with disabilities.

"It started in the '70s, and it was funded at \$1 billion," Pearce said. "Then President Clinton put it at \$2 billion."

"How much money did you get during the Bush administration for kids with disabilities?" Pearce asked Vinson.

"It didn't go up," Vinson replied.

Pearce said today \$11 billion dollars annually goes into the program.

"You're never going to improve education because these people (U.S. Department of Education) are, number one, trying to justify their jobs and they're laboring you all by giving you more forms to fill out."

Pearce said he would prefer sending federal block grants to schools to cut some of the bureaucracy.

"Then you would have education driving the system instead of the bureaucracy."

He also said parental responsibility is needed to have children at school ready to learn.

"I can't emphasize it all enough. The problems we're facing with bailouts, the problems we're facing with Congressional pay, the problems we're facing with tax reform and spending is because we the people weren't really involved."

Pearce urged people to remain active.

"What is the best way for me personally to impact your thoughts?" asked Alto resident Ron Rhoads. "How can I reach you?"

Pearce said people need to keep the movement of last month's election going.

"Many of the senators were not up for election but I guarantee you, they got the message," Pearce said

of the general election. "You could have made a thousand phone calls. You could have had 10,000 people calling, saying 'Don't vote for that bill.' The election will cause more votes to not be cast for bills than any single thing Americans can say."

Pearce pointed to the decision by Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Mich) to drop from a reelection bid.

"Bart Stupak, he was pro-life. He allowed himself to be bent double by his leadership and vote for that healthcare bill with the abortion provisions in it. And he, two weeks later, simply said he was not going to run for office. That's because of 'we the people.' They didn't call him. They didn't write him a letter. He could feel that swing of emotional opinion. That's the most effective."

Pearce said Republican leadership in the House has committed to putting a bill before the Senate every two weeks to do away with government control of the healthcare system.

Pearce embarked on the five-day tour of his district Monday. In addition to Ruidoso, stops on Tuesday were scheduled for Cloudcroft, Alamogordo and Las Cruces. The tour is expected to hit Deming, Lordsburg, Silver City, Grants and other stops before concluding Friday in Los Lunas for a statewide Tea Party event.

The 16 locations will provide constituents an opportunity to speak with and hear from the representative-elect who will take office on Jan. 5, 2011.

The 63-year-old former New Mexico legislator served in Congress from 2003 to 2009. Pearce was unsuccessful in a 2008 bid for the U.S. Senate, and Harry Teague (D-Hobbs) captured the 2nd District House seat. Pearce defeated Teague in November.

The listening tour had been touted by Pearce as a way to "get his marching orders straight from the business owners and workers he represents."

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COUGAR

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people walk their dogs everyday, the woman said. "I didn't walk Thursday, but I did Friday and Saturday, but I was nervous because their pattern is to stalk" prey, she said. She's much more vigilant than she used to be on her daily exercise routine.

Mountain lions often are sighted in the village of Ruidoso and surrounding developments as they follow plentiful deer as prey, sometimes substituting family pets. No attacks on humans have been reported in Ruidoso, but have occurred in other areas of the West, said Mark Madsen with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department office in Roswell.

When Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart heard about the encounter with the Alto woman, he sent e-mails to county commissioners and others on his list alerting them to the sighting and urging homeowners in Alto to be careful. He also reported the incident to the County Sheriff's Department and was told the lion had been sighted several times in the area.

"What do you expect when you have a street out there named Cougar Lane,"

he said with a chuckle, knowing that the latest encounter ended without injury to human or the cougar.

Madsen said the public can check out information about cougars on the agency's website at www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

In 2008, the population of adult cougars in New Mexico was placed at between 2,041 to 3,043. Hunting is regulated by setting harvest limits for the estimated population for each Cougar Zone composed of one of more Game Management Units.

Where humans encroach on wildlife habitat, the number of cougar sightings and attacks on livestock and pets is on the rise, according to information gathered from several wildlife websites offering safety precautions for hikers.

Cougar attacks on humans are extremely rare. In North America, about 25 fatalities and 95 nonfatal attacks were reported over the past 100 years. But they are on the rise in the western United States and Canada during the last 20 years, compared to the previous 80.

A high percentage of cougars that attack domestic animals or people are yearling to 2-year-old cougars who have become independent of their mothers. When these young ani-



Human fatalities from cougars are rare but increasing in the western United States where residents encroach upon their habitats.

mals, particularly males, leave home to search for territory of their own, and encounter territory already occupied by an older male cougar, the older one will drive off the younger one, killing it if it resists. Some young cougars are driven across miles of countryside in search of an unoccupied territory.

If confronted by a cougar, reactions that may help include:

- Stop, pick up small children immediately, and don't run. Running and rapid movements may trigger an attack. Remember, at close range, a cougar's instinct is to chase.

- Face the cougar. Talk to it firmly while slowly backing away. Always leave the animal an escape route.

- Try to appear larger than the cougar. Get above it by stepping up onto a

rock or stump. If wearing a jacket, hold it open to further increase your apparent size. If you are in a group, stand shoulder-to-shoulder to appear intimidating.

- Do not take your eyes off the cougar or turn your back. Do not crouch down or try to hide.

- Never approach the cougar, especially if it is near a kill or with kittens, and never offer it food.

- If the cougar does not flee, be more assertive. If it shows signs of aggression such as crouching with ears back, teeth bared, hissing, tail twitching, and hind feet pumping in preparation to jump, try shouting, waving your arms and throw anything available. The idea is to convince the cougar that you are not prey, but a potential danger.

- If the cougar attacks,

fight back. Be aggressive and try to stay on your feet. Cougars have been driven away by people who have fought back using anything within reach, including sticks, rocks, shovels, backpacks, and clothing, even bare hands. If you are aggressive enough, a cougar will flee, realizing it has made a mistake. Pepper spray in the cougar's face is also effective in the extreme unlikelyhood of a close encounter with a cougar.

If you live in cougar country, prevent a conflict with them by using the following management strategies around your property, and, if possible, encourage your neighbors to do the same:

- Don't leave small children unattended. When children are playing outdoors, closely supervise them and be sure they are indoors by dusk.

- Modify the habitat around your home. Light all walkways after dark and avoid landscaping with plants that deer prefer to eat. Where a deer goes, a cougar may follow. Shrubs and trees around kids' play areas should be pruned several feet to prevent cougars from hiding behind them.

- Don't feed wildlife and feral cats, or deer, raccoons, and other small mammals. Remember predators follow prey.

- Close off open spaces under structures. Areas beneath porches and decks can provide shelter for prey animals.

- Feed dogs and cats indoors. If you must feed outside, do so in the morning or midday, and pick up food and water bowls, as well as leftovers and spilled food, well before dark. Pet food and water attract small mammals that, in turn, attract cougars.

- Keep dogs and cats indoors, especially from dusk to dawn. Left outside at night, small dogs and cats may become prey for cougars.

- Keep outdoor livestock and small animals confined in secure pens. For a large property with livestock, consider using a guard animal. There are specialty breeds of dogs that can defend livestock. Donkeys and llamas have also successfully been used as guard animals. As with any guard animal, pros and cons exist.

- Although costly and not 100 percent effective, a chain-link or heavy woven wire fence that is 10 feet high with 3-foot extensions installed at a 65-degree angle on each post may keep cougars out of an enclosed area. To increase effectiveness, string barbed wire or four electric wires between the extensions, alternating positive and negative wires.

EDUCATION

School district facilities plan accepted by state

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An updated Facilities Master Plan for the Ruidoso Municipal School District has been accepted by state officials. School district Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said the approval was granted by the New Mexico Public School Facilities Authority.

"We were very happy to see that after months and months and months," said Harris. "Finally PSFA said it's good."

Harris said there was a cautionary note from the authority that the master plan needed to be looked at annually.

"And it will make perfect sense when we go for the GO (general obligation) bond election we'll have to look at it next year and make adjustments."

Voters in the Ruidoso Municipal School District

will be asked on Feb. 1, 2011 to approve \$14 million in borrowing for school improvement.

The \$14 million 2010-2015 Facilities Master Plan, adopted in October by the district's 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 eleven 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.

A recommended facilities master plan had been 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.

OCTOBER BUZZY BEES



COURTESY

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Head Start Buzzy Bees for October are **Back row:** Daniel Price, Jayden Mendoza, Adrianna Sanchez, Drake Collingwood, Andrea Maul, Reyanna Harris, Andrea Gutierrez. **Front row:** Logan Yarbrough, Hailee McGill, Josiah Saiz, Noel Magana, Andrian Orozco.



COURTESY

Nob Hill Early Childhood Center kindergarten Buzzy Bees for October are: **Back row:** Evanne Evans, Javier Marrufo, Kylee Blaylock, Cristyan Ogden, Brian Rosales, William Yankee, Jahziel Armendariz, Sofia Maines. **Middle Row:** Abigail Gallardo, Felipe Huerta, Taliyah Montoya, Brady Belcher, Ellison Hanna, Jacqueline Maul, Matthew Hooper. **Front row:** Garrett Ammons, Ilyanna Egans, David McCaw.



COURTESY

Thirteen Ruidoso schools' students will take part in statewide choirs next month. **Back row, l-r:** Andi Harrelson, Abby Proctor, Taylor Wapaha, Shelby Ashburn, Jacqueline Pride, Kody Rowe, Wanta Wirth. **Front row:** Hannah Tester, Briana Stoddard, Wakinyela Little Spotted Horse, Sierra Edmister, Khaliya Sago, Mariah Diaz.

Students named to state choirs

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Thirteen choral students from the Ruidoso Municipal School District have been named to state choirs.

They will participate in rehearsals before performing in concerts in January.

The students were in competition with choral students from across New Mexico with no consideration for school size, size of program or experience, said instructor Waynta Wirth.

Ruidoso High School students Shelby Ashburn, Mariah Diaz, Jacqueline Pride and Abby Proctor were named to the Treble

Choir, which will perform in Albuquerque on Jan. 5-7. RHS freshman Taylor Wapaha will sign alto in the Youth All-State Choir.

Ruidoso Middle School students were also selected for the Youth All-State Choir. Kody Rowe will sing tenor and Andi Harrelson will be soprano 1 in the select group of singers in grades seven through nine.

The Elementary All-State Choir will include six Ruidoso students: Briana Stoddard, fourth grade; Blake Bright, sixth grade; and Hannah Tester, sixth grade.

The three will sing in the alto section.

Sierra Edmister, fifth

grade; Wakinyela Little Spotted Horse, sixth grade; and Khaliya Sago, sixth grade, will all sing soprano.

The Youth All-State and Elementary All-State choirs will rehearse and perform in Las Cruces Jan. 27-29.

The choral students are under the direction of Wirth and Danny Flores.

"We're very pleased at all of our kids," said Flores. "Ms. Wirth and I see approximately 180 kids every day. Some of them are drama students. Some are choir students."

The students gave the school district's education board a taste of their talents in November.

Ruidoso High to start night classes

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This is the first time Ruidoso High is hosting night school.

Night school is for students that are failing one or more classes.

Tutors will be provided. Night school will start next semester. Students that will attend night school will have to stay after school from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays.

Also, students with

more than 10 absences will have to attend as well, due to the number of hours a student is required to be at school.

Some students already hate the idea and others are thinking it will be a good thing.

Teen sexual behavior statistics show trend for younger choices

In 2009, 48 percent of New Mexico high school students and nearly 11 percent of middle schools students had sexual intercourse, according to a survey of almost 46,000 students from across the state.

Among Lincoln County students, 52 percent of high school pupils and 13 percent of middle school students said they had sexual intercourse.

"We know from the survey that some children are making the decision to become sexually active as early as the sixth grade," said Health Secretary Alfredo Vigil, MD.

"This is important information for local communities, school districts and especially parents so they can talk with children early about making healthy choices.

In addition, we must educate students at an early age about how to stay safe from sexually transmitted diseases and how to prevent pregnancies."

Data on high school students' sexual behavior has not changed much over the years, except for two measures.

The percent of high school students reporting having sex before age 13 has decreased each year since 2003 (9.6 percent in 2003; 7.4 percent in 2009). In 2009, 7.2 percent of high

school respondents to the survey said their first intercourse was before age 13.

Among the sexually active, the percent of New Mexico students who used alcohol or drugs before having sexual intercourse has decreased (31.7 percent in 2003; 23.1 percent in 2009). In Lincoln County about 21 percent said they consumed alcohol or took drugs before sex.

The Department of Health supports programs that give scientific, balanced and complete information to young people so they accept the information and know what to do with it.

Department programs emphasize the importance of abstinence while also providing critical information about how young people can protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and diseases.

The Department spends about \$800,000 on community education teen pregnancy prevention programs which combines community-based volunteer service and curriculum-based learning so that youth feel more connected to their community and their school.

The Department also spends \$2 million a year to provide confidential family planning services to teens statewide.

The Public Education Department is responsible for the statewide Graduation, Reality and Dual-Role Skills (GRADS) Program.

This program, currently in more than 35 New Mexico High Schools, includes elective classes and technical assistance for teen parents to ensure high school graduation of teen parents, to promote healthy multi-generational families and to reduce risk taking behaviors.

The New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, conducted every other year by the New Mexico Department of Health and the Public Education Department, collects data self-reported by students from most of the 89 school districts in New Mexico.

The survey was completed by 22,249 high school students and 23,628 middle school students.

The survey also collected data about mental health; tobacco, drug and alcohol use; physical activity, nutrition and body weight; personal injury and violence, including bullying; academic performance; and resiliency factors, which include relationships with family, school, adults and peers, community involvement, life skills and constructive use of time.

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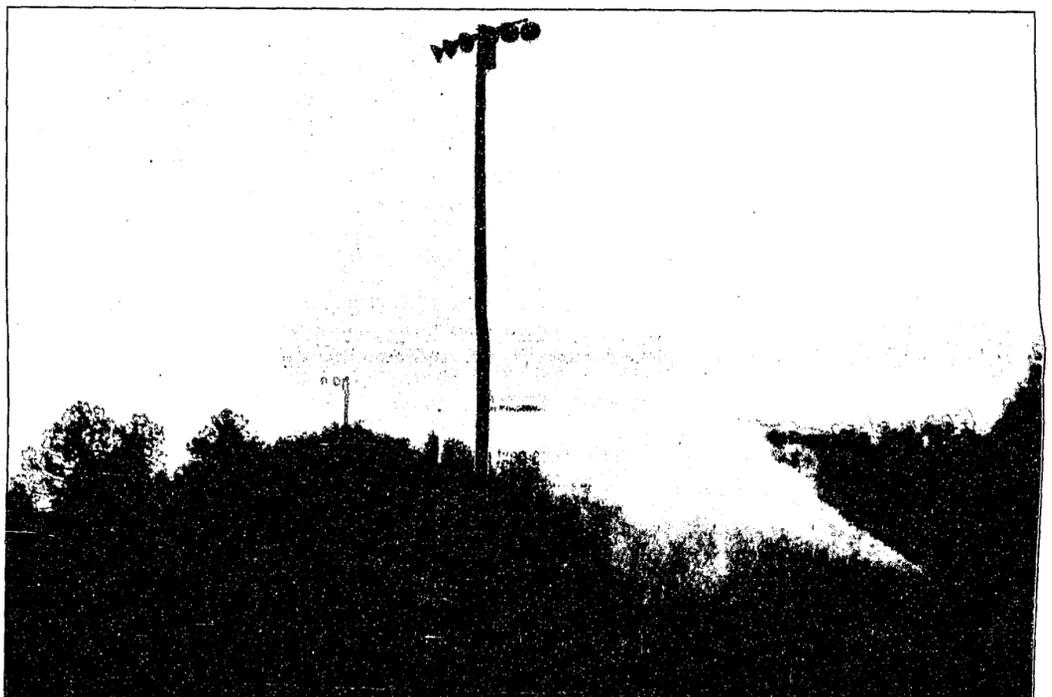
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BRRRR!

Cold temperatures descended on the Ruidoso area Tuesday morning, following an inch or two of snow at some locations the previous 30 hours. The marquee at Pioneer Bank in Ruidoso attests to the chill. The cold was good for snowmaking at Ruidoso's Winter Park, at right, along Ski Run Road.

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Hiker rescued from cold conditions early Sunday

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A lost hiker in the White Mountain Wilderness northwest of Ruidoso was rescued during blustery cold conditions over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Ryan Roderberg, 45, of Dallas, was found by a search team from the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department early Sunday morning.

Cell phone helps

The Search and rescue was activated about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, said New Mexico State Police Captain Keith Duncan. Roderberg used a cell phone to seek help as darkness settled in.

"He was hiking alone,"



COURTESY ARTHUR HOOPES

Members of White Mountain Search & Rescue prepare to search for a lost hiker Saturday. The hiker was found safely.

said Duncan. "I think he had a dog with him. He hiked out with rescuers, was checked by EMS and released."

Bonito Volunteer Fire Department assistant chief Robby Hall said Roderberg

was found about 12:30 a.m. Sunday in the rugged ter-

rain near the top of Norman Canyon, west of Pennsylvania Canyon, which is accessed from Nogal Canyon Road.

'Good shape'

"He was in good shape," said Hall. "He was real cool. We knew he was getting cold so we actually packed a jacket. I had a bunch of heat packs. He warmed up pretty quick especially when we started hiking and got out of the wind."

"The wind was blowing. The wind made the wind chill factor real low."

In addition to state police, Lincoln County Emergency Medical Service, and the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department, members from White Mountain Search and Rescue, Alamogordo Search and Rescue, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office also responded to the report of the missing man.

"Very severe weather conditions. High winds, low temperatures" said Arthur Hoopes of the Sierra Blanca Disaster Relief Team, which supplied snacks and drinks to emergency responders.

Sustained wind speeds in the mountains were estimated at 30-40 miles per hour at the time, with gusts in the 60-70 mile per hour range.

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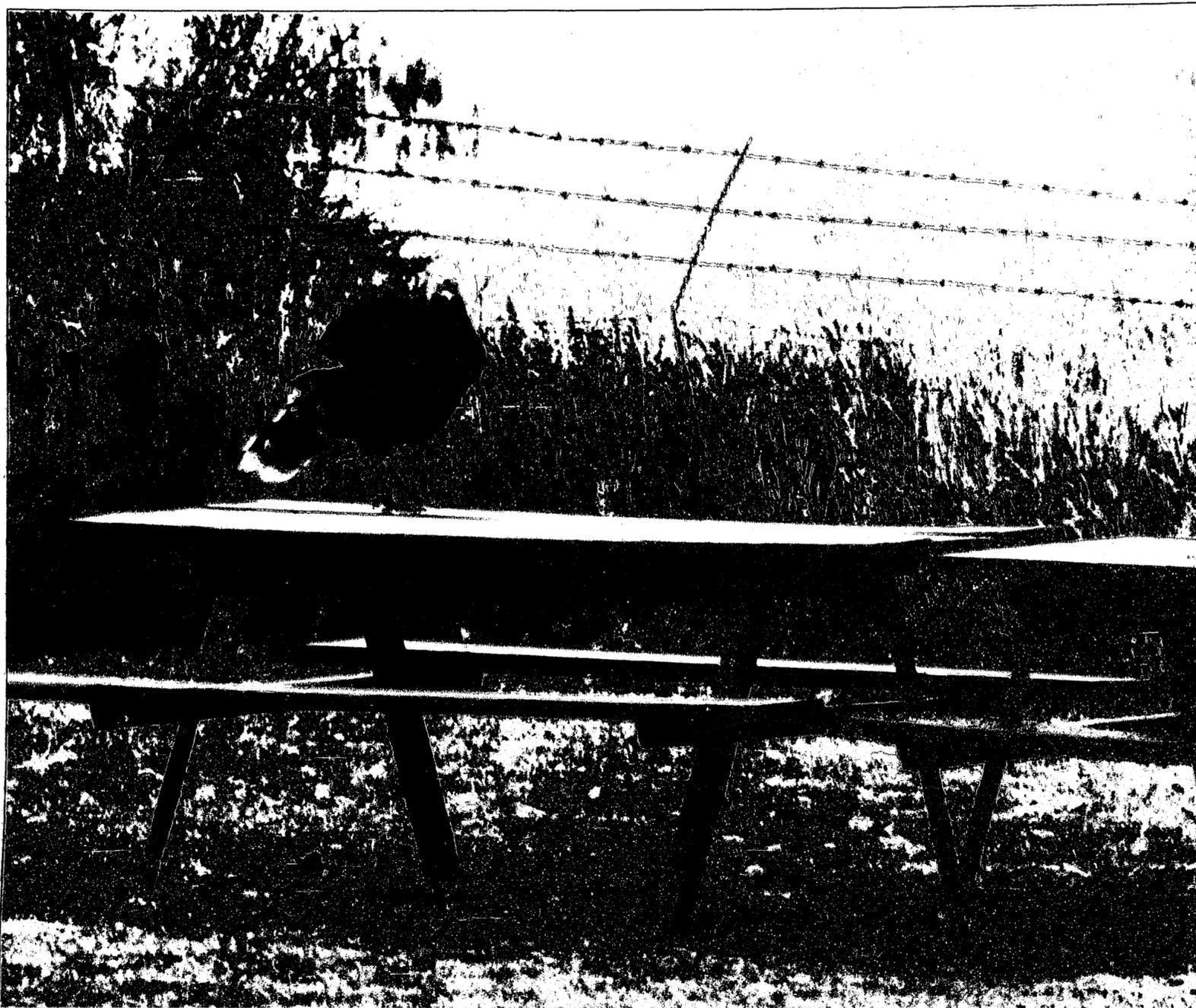
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A wild turkey settles in for Thanksgiving dinner on a picnic table at photographer David Tremblay's home, apparently confident that he wasn't on the menu.

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Riverside Park may be project-worthy

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Ruidoso Downs' Riverside Park, under construction, may count toward a required \$1 million in Rio Ruidoso restoration projects.

The Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee voted to include the park on the list of projects to be considered for funding credit, said Cleatus Richards, the city's public works director.

"They are requesting additional review and input from Stream Dynamics before making a final decision," Richards said.

Stream Dynamics is the watershed management firm assisting with river restoration projects. Richards said he is trying to schedule a meeting with Stream Dynamics to discuss the Riverside Park

project.

A 2008 settlement of a river pollution lawsuit naming Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs as defendants called for at least \$1 million in approved projects to restore the Rio Ruidoso, its tributaries and associated ecosystems within five years. The Ruidoso slice of the improvements, based on wastewater treatment plant cost-sharing, would be 85 percent. Ruidoso Downs would be responsible for 15 percent, or \$150,000. The city hopes the new park would largely cover the city's portion.

The lawsuit alleged the regional wastewater treatment plant put excessive levels of phosphorus into the Rio Ruidoso. The settlement established that the restoration projects could be funded in actual dollars or in-kind services, such as

a municipality undertaking the work on their own. A reasonable method for valuing in-kind services for credit toward the required commitment would be used.

One of the envisioned components of the new park would be walking paths.

"On the bad side, the recreation trails (grant) application that we submitted was not funded this cycle," said Richards. "They have given us suggestions for the next cycle. We'll try once again under that program."

The New Mexico Recreational Trails Program awards grants for trail projects. The program is funded by the federal government. The grant could help cover a part of Ruidoso Downs river restoration requirement.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

TREE LIGHTING PROGRAM AT SCHOOLHOUSE PARK

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P&Z discusses commercial zoning

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A previous comprehensive plan compiled by Design Workshop in Santa Fe for the village in February 2006, promoted the concept of clustered development and neighborhood centers.

Members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission wondered at their meeting last month if that approach still is viable or was ever practical for a mountain tourist town.

Commission Chairman Beth Hood said the consultants encouraged clustered development and certain areas of the village zoned as C1, neighborhood commercial, were designated as suitable for that purpose.

Those areas included around the Swiss Chalet off Alto Crest Hill, two locations on Mechem Drive and another in Midtown, as well as going east out of the village.

"What they were talking about was creating activity centers within a certain distance from an intersection to allow a lot more mixed uses and high density residential feathering out to single-family residential," said Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris, who also is village planning director.

"You find that a lot more of that in a city," he said. "Albuquerque has them."

"I like the idea, but the reality is there is no spot that isn't steep and hard to develop that would support high density residential," Hood said. Looking at the extensive list of principal permitted uses that includes 50-unit hotels, retail bakeries, galleries, convenience food stores, drug stores, public buildings, restaurants and beauty parlors, she was amazed at the variety of uses allowed in the C1, neighborhood commercial district.

"Most of those are the things you would want if you lived in a business transition area," Morris said.

"You see that in cities," said Commissioner Angie Schneider-Cook, an attorney. "They want that. They want to be able to walk to things. I'm not sure that is practical in our community."

"The uses are designed to be next to a residential area without causing too many problems," Morris said. "The convenience stores are without gas pumps, so they are more like small food stores, and it's a retail bakery, not a large bakery complex. They would be next to the community that would use them the most, but not cause problems. There are no restaurant size limitations. You could say liquor only as part of a restaurant and put a size on it."

He pointed out that drug stores, convenience store and some other structures are limited to 2,000 square feet or less, but not restaurants.

The C1 designation also covers Upper Canyon and the multiple cabin rental businesses there.

Hood questioned if allowing single-family and duplexes in C1 is a good use of valuable commercial space.

Commissioner Larry Wimbrow said the neighborhood character and land prices should dictate if a single-family or two-family unit is appropriate.

Commissioner John



Hood: "Now the hard work comes."

Cornelius, a builder, said he thought the uses were appropriate for a transition area, including having single-family homes. "You want a mix, unless there is not much C1 land left," he said.

Under conditional uses in C1, which require commission review and approval, commissioners decided to leave the long list alone to give them a greater range of options based on compatibility.

Commissioner Arthur Hinz asked Morris if a multi-family dwelling creates the need for some commercial uses.

Morris agreed that residential development comes first and it produces a market for commercial enterprises.

Hood saw a reference to prohibited uses, saying it was the first time she encountered that phrasing. The list included no garage sales on premises, no commercial stables or outfitters

in C1. Morris said prohibitions allow commissioners to ensure specified incompatible uses don't try to come into a district.

The C2, community commercial zone, primarily affects the main thoroughfares of Mechem Drive and Sudderth Drive, with a few other scattered areas.

"Do we want a maximum square footage in C2?" Hood asked. "We're supposed to promote pedestrian and tourist use and limiting the size of buildings to me makes sense."

But Cornelius pointed out that Lawrence Brothers grocery and Cattle Baron restaurant both exceed the 2,000 square foot maximum.

"This is our main commercial district," he said. "In that area, you need size to be a viable business."

Hood asked that if larger buildings are allowed, could the commission limit the height of structures.

Cornelius said, "We're not getting the big-box stores yet like Walmart. The old one (on U.S. 70) is still there. In C2, you expect to drive there. In C1, you live there and C3 is Midtown and walking."

Morris said height and

other development standards could come later, including requiring access, parking and landscaping for water recharge and visual impact. Uses are the focus now.

"C2 is the typical commercial district," Morris said. "It is not pedestrian-oriented usually. I wouldn't be too concerned about size. Building is self-regulating because the larger the size, the more parking and landscaping is required. I'm not aware of any large commercial parcels left. That will come more in redevelopment. We build smaller up here."

Commissioners didn't object to the principal permitted uses in C2, but Hood chuckled at some of the conditional uses, such as shooting galleries, games of skill, penny arcades, dance halls, boxing arenas and lumber yards. Some of those uses are outdated and Morris should consolidate the list, she suggested.

Cornelius said he would like to see something specifically addressing a tattoo parlor as a conditional use, but Hood said in the village attorney's opinion they are treated like beauty parlors.

"Now the hard work comes," Hood said. "Mr. Morris has to work on the wording for a public hearing."

Downs may connect Pinecliff to sewer system

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Additional homes in a part of Ruidoso's Pinecliff Subdivision may get access to the Ruidoso Downs sewage collection system.

Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards said a meeting between officials of the two municipalities was held on Nov. 22.

"The village is going to request somewhere around 60 connections to that line," Richards said.

An 80-foot sewer line extension from Ruidoso Downs to just inside Ruidoso's village limits was installed in mid-October to connect a home with a failed septic system. The extension created friction between the municipalities until a court ordered the hook-up.

On Oct. 12, Ruidoso village councilors deemed the need an emergency and approved the cross-border tie-in. That same evening Ruidoso Downs councilors said the hook-up, using the city's system, was not an emergency and could wait. The New Mexico Environment Department said the failing septic system needed to be connected because it violated state law.

Richards said progress has resulted from the Nov.

22 meeting.

"I think they're now aware of our requirements for that connection. And we will be having additional meetings. Nothing was really resolved. I think it was kind of a feeling out process. At least it is now moving, I think, now in a good direction. We are talking and I think the Village of Ruidoso now realizes the importance of both communities sitting down and talking things out rather than airing it in the press."

A projects status report from Richards to city officials said Ruidoso Downs staff is developing requirements for such connections to include the metering of flows and shared responsibilities for maintenance of the sewer line to the regional wastewater treatment plant. Compensation for the use of the city's sewer line would also be an issue, noted the status report.

A sentence in the report that stated the Ruidoso Downs Public Works Department's objection to the October excavation for the Miriam Drive sewer extension was removed from the document.

"I just want to take it out," Mayor Tom Armstrong told councilors Nov. 22. "It will be addressed a little bit later on."

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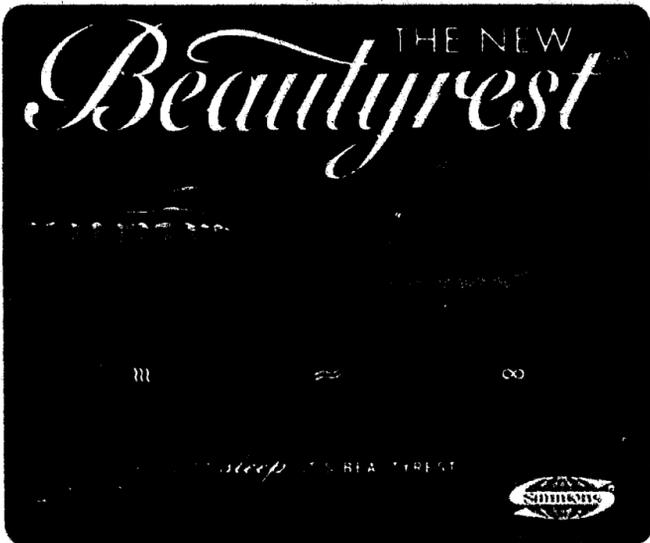


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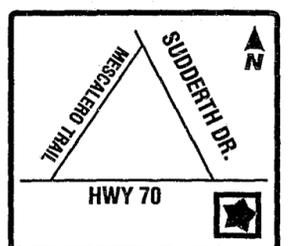
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

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

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New snow past 48 hrs.: 2 inches
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Mid-mountain snow: 16 inches
Weather for Wednesday: A few clouds from time to time. High 56F. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday evening, a mostly clear sky. Low 37F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.

Weather for Thursday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Snow surface: Machine groomed
Groomed runs: Bunny & Easy Street

Lifts open: No. 3 and No. 5
Gondola is closed.

Snowmaking: Yes

Sports On Tap

Basketball

Boys

Thursday, Dec. 2

Capitan at Hondo, 7 p.m.

Carriazo at Magdalena tourney, Dec. 2-4

Friday, Dec. 3

Hatch at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4

Ruidoso at Tularosa, 7 p.m.

Capitan at Cloudcroft, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Artesia at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

Capitan at Carriazo, 7 p.m.

Girls

Thursday, Dec. 2

Robertson at Ruidoso, 6:30 p.m.

Capitan at Hondo, 5 p.m.

Carriazo at Magdalena tourney, Dec. 2-4

Saturday, Dec. 4

Capitan at Cloudcroft, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Capitan at Carriazo, 5 p.m.



Javier Rubio, left, avoids a left cross from Patrick Dixon.



James Flores has matters in hand as he wins his third fight in a row and remains undefeated.

KOTC brawl at IMG

Six area cage fighters give maximum performances as James Flores wins his third straight bout and goes undefeated

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Saturday's King of the Cage (KOTC) "Zero Tolerance" 11-bout rumble at the Inn of the Mountain Gods gave a sold-out audience all they could want and then some.

Of the 22 combatants to enter the octagon, seven were from the Ruidoso/Mescalero area. All the locals acquitted themselves well.

KOTC, which is noted for its slickly produced extravaganzas, once again did not disappoint the filled hall of eager fans.

Although the competitions were not televised as a live-feed this time they were filmed for upcoming pay-per-view scheduling and moved along briskly from a 7 p.m. start and were concluded by 9:15.

This was the eighth KOTC event at IMG and it was announced before the fights began, that even though the contract between the two business entities is up, King of the Cage and the Inn of the Mountain Gods are in negotiations for a new arrangement, which will return this popular sport to Mescalero.

As of now, KOTC expects to be back at IMG in mid-2011.

Ring announcer, "Big Poppa Schnake" thanked all of the loyal fans for their consistent support.

Albert Harris

In the second bout of the evening, Ruidoso fighter, Albert "Two Dogs" Harris faced off against Julian Navarez in the 160-pound division for a scheduled 3-round affair.

For the first 1:30 the two fighters traded stand-up punches until they went to ground with Navarez on top who rained down blows

on Harris.

That fight was stopped at the 2:04 mark of the first round and awarded to Navarez for repeated strikes.

Monongye/Castillo

In the fourth bout of the evening - two Mescalero warriors - Jerry Castillo and Preston Monongye were pitted against each other in the 205-pound division.

Monongye was awarded a TKO at the 2:01 mark of the second round by referee Tony Rosales for repeated blows to the face of Castillo.

James Flores

One of the most anticipated contests of the evening in the amateur ranks came in the sixth match between Coloradoan Grant Hobbs and local

favorite James "The Scorpion" Flores in the 135-pound division.

Hobbs, coming into the fight at 6-1, and noted as a tough customer, as was the undefeated 2-0 Flores, gave the fans the match of the night.

Before Saturday, both fighters had won all of their matches in the first rounds and it was expected by many that this fight would be no different.

Flores knew this would be his roughest match so far and had trained hard for the coming contest at Mike Widener's Southwest Personal Fitness.

Both of these fighters are former high school wrestlers of note.

The local warrior was

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'A whole world into focus'

As I've told you previously, my father was an accomplished architect. But more than that, he was a gifted mathematician.

Somewhere, I'm sure, probably an influential teacher, who may have scarcely known my future father existed, said something at just the right time



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and snapped his whole world into focus.

Forever afterward, the realm of math was his. But like most other intellectuals he had his flaws.

With all due respect, and with love, I must tell you my father was disorganized in almost every thing else. He didn't have time to think about the mundane things of life ... like dri-

ving a car, learning to boil water and picking out his wardrobe of the day.

That's where mom came to the rescue. Every workday morning she would lay out his freshly pressed Brooks Brothers suit, oxford shirt and contrasting bowtie.

She would be there at the front door to hand him his briefcase as he headed out to catch the bus to the Alcoa Building in town.

In the evenings she would

drive halfway to town and meet him at 6 p.m. because, at that time, the buses quit running out to our area at 5:30 p.m. It was just as well she drove because dad was terrible behind the wheel of a moving vehicle.

His head was always on some mathematical problem and he didn't have the will, or inclination, to concentrate on other things.

Mom would have his dinner laid out at 6:30 p.m. every

workday evening and at 7 p.m. she would take him to a computer center a few miles away so he could research mathematics and architecture for two hours. In those days, a good computer was the size of a small house.

Dad was absent-minded and a slob at heart. He had three drafting tables in his office and they were constantly a mess.

He always seemed to know

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Aggie head coach expresses concern over football program

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - Following Saturday's loss to the University of Hawaii - his team's 10th of the season - in this year's season finale, New Mexico State Aggie head football coach DeWayne Walker gave an honest assessment of where he thinks his program stands.

"I think this project we

have football-wise is bigger than me," Walker said. "Hopefully we can sit down collectively and really find out the best plan. I think now is when you start. I look at this as really my first year. And I think we have to put a pretty detailed plan together on how we approach this thing ... from the top on down."

Walker didn't go into great detail, but it was clear that NMSU's second-

year coach does not believe the Aggies have similar resources compared with other teams in and around the Western Athletic Conference.

Walker spoke about how the Aggies have one strength and conditioning coach, while other programs in the country have "anywhere from four to six."

He talked about the need to possibly instill a

national recruiting budget and to judge NMSU's "academic structure," compared to the school's competitors.

"I think you have to look at everything," Walker said.

"I really believe the more you give, the more you get. And I just really believe we have to study what are you giving? Because I think this can get done. I really do. But, it's going to take a pretty

detailed plan with everybody involved for us to get it right."

NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston didn't disagree that Walker could use an "additional strength coach," and additional academic support as well.

Walker and Boston are scheduled for a three-hour meeting on Monday to discuss the state of the program.

"(The) football budget is comparable - on the average - of most of the programs ... in the middle of the WAC," Boston said. "Which is really what our goal was."

Boston said that, while he believed the Aggies could win, Walker's assistant coaches were some of the lowest-paid in the country.

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relentless from the opening

bell and gave no quarter to Hobbs.

Flores was consistent on his takedowns throughout all three three-minute rounds and was accordingly awarded a unanimous decision by the judges at ringside.

"This was my toughest fight to date," the 32-year-old Flores said afterward.

A few more contests like this and Flores will have to make a decision about joining the professional ranks.

Andrew Vasquez

In the next bout, Ruidoso amateur Andrew Vasquez, at 4-1, took on Fabian Vasquez in the 160-pound class.

The local fighter is a quiet-spoken competitor and one you naturally want to root for, but for all his ability he was taken out in the second round on an arm-bar submission.

David Monongye

In the eighth bout of the night Mescalero warrior, David Monongye was defeated by Gabe Vasquez



LIBBY CORRY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

James Flores stayed focused throughout his bout.

at the 1:25 mark of the first round on strikes.

Javier Rubio

In the 11th and last match of the night, Javier "Sweet Face" Rubio took on Patrick "Skar" Dixon of El Paso in the professionally ranked 175-pound

division. Dixon is 31-years-old and has 10 years of experience under his belt.

Rubio, 10 years younger, was 3-1 coming into the fight and was looking for contender status in the KOTC ranks.

Both fighters met in the

center of the octagon at the opening bell and Rubio struck first with a big looping left to the head of Dixon, which drove the Texan to his knees.

As Rubio rushed forward to try to finish off the downed fighter, Dixon recovered quickly and took



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Andrew Vasquez enters the octagon to face Fabian Vasquez.

the local warrior to the canvas on his back. With Dixon on top, the El Pasoan reined down repeated blows to Rubio's head until referee Rosales stopped the fight midway through the first round and awarded Dixon the match on strikes.

Although no firm date was announced when King of the Cage would return to the Inn of the Mountain Gods, KOTC Event Manager Mike Low said, "We're not going anywhere and plan to come back here in the months to come."

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where things were, though.

My mom and dad were a great team and without mother I seriously doubt my father would have sur-

vived.

Moms and dads are important.

As usual, I know you're rolling your eyes and wondering what this has to do with sports. As well you should. It's my feeble attempt to talk about the importance of focus in the

things we do.

Recently, I watched one of the local cage-fighters work out in preparation for a tough, important upcoming fight at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The second time I saw him spar – and after talking to him for a while – it dawned on me

he was properly focused, driven and had things in perspective.

To the best of my knowledge, his love life was in order, drugs were out of the question and harmful emotions were set aside. All of his concentrations were on the coming

battle ahead. He knew this would be the roughest fight of his amateur career, but his pride, talent and intelligence led him down the correct path. He made no predictions about winning but he gave himself the best chance to do so.

Last Saturday, James

Flores' dedication, focus and commitment paid off. He won a bruising three-round slugfest with Grant Hobbs. It was a unanimous decision by the judges.

Yep, a whole world came into focus for Flores that night. My dad would have understood.

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"I could think of some things that, if the economy was better, we could provide," Boston said.

When asked about the University of New Mexico and San Jose State - the two teams the Aggies beat this year - Walker said both programs have more recourses than NMSU does.

"I think when you look at

your competition, I think that's where we have to look at," Walker said. "Where is our competition? And then we have to look at, where are we? And that's what we have to gage it off of. What do we have to do to close that gap in terms of our competition?"

The Aggies finished this year with a 2-10 mark, while last year NMSU had a 3-10 record.

It is worth noting that winning football games has been difficult for some time at the school - the Aggies'

last bowl appearance was in 1960, the longest post-season drought in the country.

"Obviously you have to really evaluate on the field," Walker said. "Our talent level, our schemes, where we need to improve, what areas we need to recruit."

"But we also have to look at what's going on off the field. We just have to really look at this football program, this whole program's entirety (instead) of just singling out one group over another group. We've got a

lot of work to do, I think, to really get this program going."

Davon House, a senior cornerback on the Aggies, said he didn't want to comment directly on the resource issue.

"We believe the building stages is just about over now and it's time to start getting W's," House said. "And I believe with a lot of hard work and dedication, it will happen. We're only a player or two away or a play or two away from getting that done."



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NMSU head coach DeWayne Walker assesses the Aggie program.

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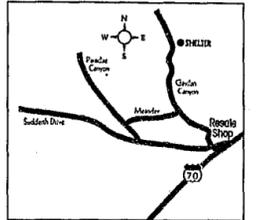


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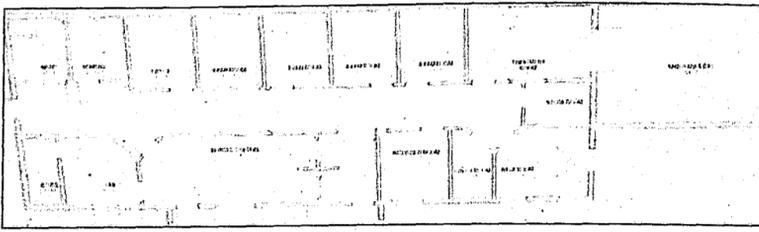
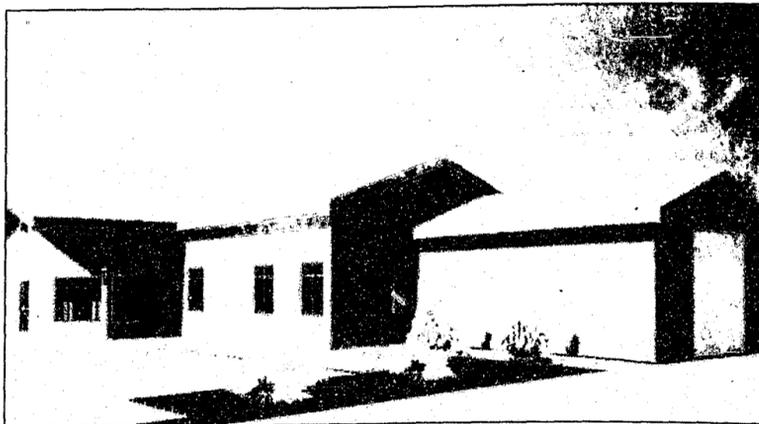


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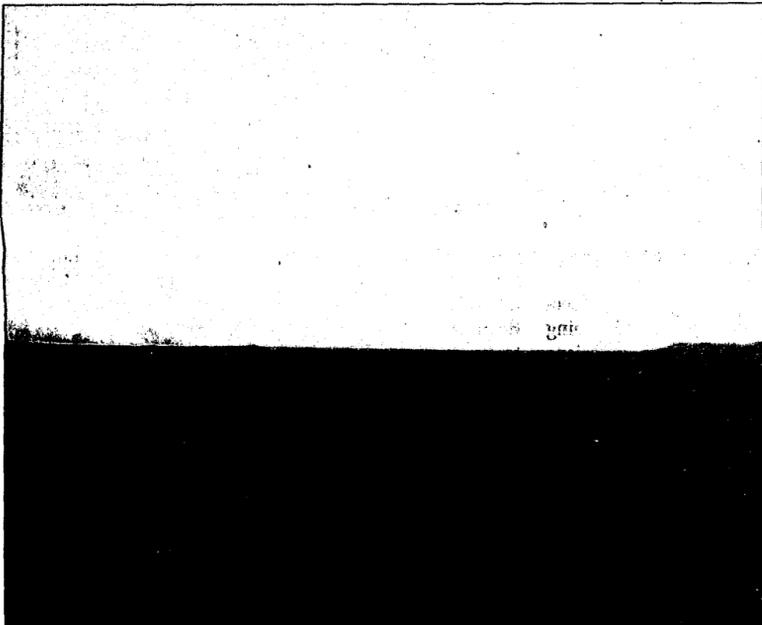
Capitan Clinic goes to bid



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSONEWS

A pre-bid conference for the long-awaited Capitan Clinic will be held Dec. 7 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. According to County Manager Tom Stewart, there has been a lot of paperwork flowing back and forth between his office and Santa Fe, but approval to proceed with the bidding has been granted. The \$1.1 million dollar project is funded by a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and \$655,000 in county funds. Bids will be opened Dec. 16 with the award to be given by the Board of County Commissioners at their Dec. 21 meeting. "I am hoping to have the project complete by summer 2011," said Stewart, "We'll have to see what the winning bidder says his timeline will be. I want to make sure we do this project right, so I am not so hung up on time as long as we keep the project moving." Above are photos of the architect's renderings of the future clinic.

WHITE OUT



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

The "white stuff" falling in Carrizozo on Sunday was not snow as was the case in many parts of the state. The high-velocity winds from the southwest brought on a White Sands relocation program, putting so much dust in the air that the mountain range to the west and southwest were only a vague outline.

'Zozo and Capitan host blood drives

Carrizozo and Capitan Schools are sponsoring a Blood Drives in early December.

Carrizozo Schools will have United Blood Services available on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.

Call the school at 648-2347 to make an appointment.

Capitan Schools will sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 8, from 1 p.m. - 5:30p.m. in the Bloodmobile in the school parking lot.

United Blood Services needs your help to meet their goal and make sure they have enough blood on hand for the Holiday Season.

They appreciate the community's support in the past and count on them to help continue the success of the blood drives.

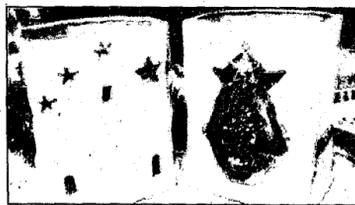
As a thank-you, all donors receive points redeemable in the on-line store at United Blood Services. Get shirts (long-sleeve or tee's in your size), ice cream, movie tickets and more.

Donors with scheduled appointments get bonus points and avoid tele-recruitment phone calls. There is always a need for blood and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community.

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every two to three seconds and most people will need blood in their lifetime.

Call 575-625-9743 or visit the website at www.bloodhero.com for information or to schedule your appointment.

BAZAAR



Capitan Public Library Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. New and old favorites of handcrafted gifts, See's Candies, baked goods and more will be available. Shop early for the best selection.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Luminaria bagging

Luminaria bagging will take place Dec. 11 at 9 a.m., at the Carrizozo Firestation. Coffee and donuts to start the day. Volunteers for the luminaria project are also lagging. Lunch will be served to the volunteers.

Call Judy Fitzgerald if interested in helping in any way. Phone 575-648-2514.

p.m. in the Head Start building. It is open to grades 6-12, staff and parents free of charge through Jan. 1. Community members can join for a \$5 per session.

The classes will be led by Tierney Riddle, certified Zumba Dance instructor. Bring exercise clothes, water and sneakers and "party yourself into shape."

Zumba Dance

The Carrizozo After-school Program is hosting Zumba Dance fitness classes beginning Nov. 29, Mondays from 5:30-6:30

Golf course hours

Valle del Sol Golf Course hours of operation beginning Dec. 3, will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

"Thanks for your support and enjoy the holidays. We'll see you in the spring," says management.

Dance at the Nike

Get your invitation from Sandy at 430-8146 to dance at the Nike, Dec. 4, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beverages and snacks available and music will be by CDS & Co.

Community Cantata

The Community Cantata at the Carrizozo Trinity Methodist Church will be Sunday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. An all-community chorus will sing "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" by Pepper Choplin. The event is open

to the public.

Santa Parade

The annual Cowboy Santa Parade in Capitan sponsored by the Capitan Public Library will be Dec. 11, at 12:30 p.m. No motorized vehicles.

Refreshments at the library afterward with gifts for the kids.

Corona Cantata

On Sunday, 3 p.m. Dec. 5, the Corona Community Choir will present the annual Corona Christmas Cantata titled "Celebrate the Child" at the Corona Presbyterian Church. This yearly production is

a joint effort of representatives from all the churches in the community and really does begin for us the holiday season.

Everyone is invited to come and join us in a musical celebration of the reason for the season.

Pre-Story Hour

The Village of Corona PreSchool Story Hour, normally held on the third Thursday, will this month be held on Dec. 9, 3-4 p.m. at the Corona Library.

Soldier Help

To help send packages to soldiers station overseas this holiday season, send a donation check or donations for the boxes to the No Scum Allowed Saloon, P.O.

Box 56, Carrizozo, NM, 88301.

For more information call Allison at 615-403-1335 or email her at noscumallowed@yahoo.com

Holiday Hoedown

The 21st Annual Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown is Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Woman's Club clubhouse.

Doors open at 9 a.m., with hundreds of gift options ready for shoppers. A green chile lasagna lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for \$7 plate. Christmas Wassail and punch will be served 2-4 p.m.

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Pawned pistol leads to suspect's arrest

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A pawned pistol led to the arrest of a 28-year old Ruidoso man on charges of possession and disposing of a stolen weapon.

Ruidoso police arrested Justin Jones at his Fir Drive home Saturday, on a warrant issued by Ruidoso Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay Nov. 5.

Ruidoso Police Detective Doug Babcock had been investigating Jones since Aug. 2, when the homeowner reported the theft. Jones had reportedly been entrusted with a key to the home to water the plants in the owner's absence and allegedly knew where the pistol was hidden.



Justin Smith

In a September interview, Jones allegedly told Babcock that he met the homeowner at a Super Bowl party in January 2010 and was invited to the home a few times. Jones reportedly admitted knowing where the pistol was hidden.

Jones denied taking the weapon and agreed to take

a voice stress test, but never showed up to take the test.

On Nov. 5 the stolen pistol was pawned at a local Pawn Shop.

The woman who pawned the pistol allegedly told Babcock she purchased it from Jones in August. She reportedly said he came to her workplace and offered to sell her the pistol.

LaMay ordered Jones held on a "No Bond" warrant. Jones is charged with receiving a stolen firearm and disposing of a stolen firearm.

According to court records, Jones had pled guilty to a charge of battery on a household member in LaMay's court Nov. 7 and was awaiting sentencing on that charge.

CARRIZO MAGISTRATE COURT CASES

Nov. 8

Rico Aguilar, 27, of Roswell, appeared in court, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to driving while intoxicated and speeding.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Aguilar to 90 days in jail, with 89 days suspended and credit for one day served, and a \$500 fine, with \$200 suspended, on the DWI charge and a \$15 fine for speeding.

Proctor also ordered Aguilar to pay \$302 in court costs and serve 364 days of supervised probation.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston arrested Aguilar Sept. 18 when he reportedly observed Aguilar riding a motorcycle on Carrizo Canyon Road with no tail lamps. Huston reported smelling alcohol on Aguilar when he stopped and that Aguilar failed a field sobriety test.

Heather Owings, 24, of Capitan, appeared in court and pled no contest to a charge of possession of a controlled substance (misdemeanor).

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Owings to a 364 day suspended jail term, a \$1,000 fine, with \$500 suspended and ordered her to serve 364 days of supervised probation.

Proctor also ordered Owings to pay \$148 in court costs.

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Johnny Parker arrested Owings Aug. 23 after investigating prescription pills stolen from a purse at Alto Country Club Aug. 21.

Parker reported some pills fell allegedly fell from Owings apron when she was talking to a supervisor and some of those pills were identified as having belonged to the owner of the purse. Parker also reported finding some of the missing pills in and around Owings truck.

Cynthia Hanson, 26, of Alamogordo, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge from driving on a suspended or revoked license and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Hanson

to a suspended 90 days jail term and suspended \$250 of a \$300 fine.

Proctor also placed Hanson on 90 days unsupervised probation and ordered her to pay \$81 in court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston cited Hanson Oct. 2, at 12:15 a.m. on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso when he stopped her and found her license suspended for failure to appear in court.

Jason Pillar, 38, of Ruidoso, appeared in court and pled no contest to a charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of speeding (74 mph in a 55 mph zone) and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Pillar to 364 days in jail, with 357 suspended and seven days to be served, a \$1,000 fine, with \$700 suspended, and 357 days of supervised probation.

Proctor also ordered Pillar to pay \$81 in court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston cited Pillar July 7 when he stopped him on Highway 54 and noted that he knew Pillar had been arrested for DWI.

Pillar had pled no contest to DWI and speeding in Carrizozo Magistrate Court in July 2010.

Mathiah Torrez, 19, of Ruidoso Downs, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed under a plea and disposition agreement Torrez reached with Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge of driving on a suspended or revoked license and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Torrez to a suspended 90-day jail term, 90 days unsupervised probation and suspended \$250 of a \$300 fine.

Proctor also ordered Torrez to pay \$81 in court costs.

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Rex Beard cited Mathiah Sept. 18 when he stopped Mathiah for speeding on Highway 48 and found that her license was suspended.

Wendy Cartier, 59, pled no contest to amended charges of disorderly conduct and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charges of aggravated assault on a peace officer and battery on a household member and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Cartier to 364 days in jail, with 360 days suspended and credit for four days served and suspended \$900 of a \$,00 fine on the resisting arrest charge and suspended a 182 days sentence and \$450 of a \$500 fine for the disorderly conduct.

Proctor also ordered Cartier to serve 542 days of supervised probation, pay \$126 in court costs and to write a letter of apology to Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Pat Montes.

Montes arrested Cartier Oct. 8 after responding to a 911 call from her husband. Cartier was reportedly throwing objects at the woodstove when Montes entered the home and, holding onto her walker with her left hand, she threw a large, white porcelain object at Montes, missing him with the object but striking his shoulder with her hand.

Cartier reportedly said she was breaking her things to keep her husband from getting them.

Nov. 9

Judge Martha Proctor bound Michael Sheridan, 28, of Ruidoso Downs, over for trial in District Court on charges of failure to renew his sex offender registration by Dec. 31, 2009 and failure to notify the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department of a change of residency.

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Charlie LaBelle filed the charges against Sheridan Nov. 1 when he allegedly learned that Sheridan had moved to Deming without notifying the Sheriff's Department, as required by law.

Sheridan is listed on the New Mexico Secretary of State Corporations Divisions website as the agent for Ruidoso Printing and Graphics, LLC, a company that closed when Sheridan reportedly moved to Deming.

DISTRICT COURT CASES

Oct. 22

Faustino Miranda appeared in court for a probation revocation hearing.

Judge Karen Parsons revoked Miranda's probation and ordered probation to continue and ordered Miranda enrolled in Wright House. She ordered him held in custody until a bed became available at Wright House.

Miranda allegedly admitted using methamphetamine, a second violation of his probation.

He is on probation for an Oct. 2007 conviction on three counts of attempted possession of methamphetamine, which was amended from three counts of possession of methamphetamine.

Miranda was give three years on probation for the conviction.

Nov. 10

Judge Karen Parsons ordered the case against Henry Dominguez remanded to Magistrate Court Division II.

Defense attorney Freda McSwane and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz signed a stipulation on the case.

Dominguez was charged with driving under the

influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in August 2010.

Nov. 12

Judge Karen Parsons issued a release order for Orlando Cervantes.

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman notified the court Nov. 10 that the State was dropping charges of felon in possession of a firearm and possession of stolen property against Cervantes.

Zimmerman said the State would have trouble proven that Cervantes was in possession of the weapon in the state, although he admitted having the weapon on tribal lands and that the man who gave Cervantes the stolen weapon on Dec. 16, 2009, said he told Cervantes the weapon was not stolen.

Zimmerman also stated that Cervantes was released from probation Nov. 12, 1999, not July 7, 2000, as the State believed when the charges were filed.

Cervantes was on 18 months probation for possession of cocaine from a May 1998 conviction. In July 1989 he tested positive for drugs and was sentenced to a substance abuse treatment program.

In 2000, Adult Probation and Parole gave Cervantes an unsatisfactory discharge from probation recommendation.

Nov. 16

Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson notified the court Nov. 16, that charges were being dismissed on Amanda L. Bethard.

Bethard completed the District Attorney's pre-prosecution diversion program Oct. 28.

Bethard had been charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and attempted selling or giving alcohol to a minor in June 2009.

Nov. 18

Judge Karen Parsons ordered the case against Karen Diann Berry remanded to Magistrate Court Division II.

Parson noted there was a misunderstanding of the victim's position in the process, hence and issue as to whether there was a knowing of waiver of the preliminary hearing.

Ruidoso Police Corporal Mike Weaver arrested Berry on charges of false imprisonment and battery on a household member.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Nov. 3

7:56 p.m. - During a traffic stop Officer Christopher Rupp discovered the driver was wanted on a warrant. The driver, whose name was not included in a brief report, was taken into custody and his girlfriend posted bond.

Nov. 4

9:59 p.m. - Officer Rupp initiated a traffic stop which resulted in two people in the vehicle being issued non-traffic citations for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The names of the two were not disclosed.

Nov. 5

12:08 a.m. - Officer Rupp initiated a traffic stop which resulted in the driver being taken into custody. Rosemary Harrington, 27, no hometown provided, was arrested for two outstanding warrants and a charge of concealing identity.

Nov. 12

8:30 p.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela and fire chief Kenny Ellard responded to the gas pumps

at Walmart for a call of a car on fire.

4:32 p.m. - While on patrol, officer Valenzuela was dispatched to the area of West Drive and Allison Lane on a report of graffiti. The officer took a report.

Nov. 14

3:40 p.m. - A resident went to the police station to report that his 37-inch flat screen television had been stolen from his residence in the 200 block of Spring Road. Officer Joseph Bailey took a report of larceny.

Nov. 19

4:39 p.m. - The police department received a phone call about a person at magistrate court that had outstanding warrants. Officers Bailey and Carole Jones arrested John D. Bayless, no age or hometown provided, on three warrants.

Nov. 20

3:53 p.m. - A request for an officer at Walmart was cancelled after store officials said they would handle the alleged shoplifting incident. But officer Jones did issue a no trespass order to Wendell Chico, 39, no hometown provided.

4:13 p.m. - Officer Bailey initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 70 near Avalon Boulevard and ran a drivers license check on the driver, David Carter, 37, no hometown provided. The check showed his license was suspended or revoked and Carter was arrested.

7:33 p.m. - Police responded to a report of shoplifting at Walmart. Rachel Ferguson, 22, no hometown provided, was taken into custody.

8:29 p.m. - A non-injury accident involving a vehicle and a deer occurred along U.S. Highway 70 between mile posts 264 and 265.

10:25 p.m. - A report was taken of a private property crash without injuries in the Walmart parking lot.

Nov. 21

1:34 a.m. - Kenneth Berry, 52, of Ruidoso Downs, was taken into custody on a charge of driving while intoxicated following a routine traffic stop.

8:09 p.m. - A report of harassment was taken at a location on West Circle Drive. The victim reportedly knows the suspect.

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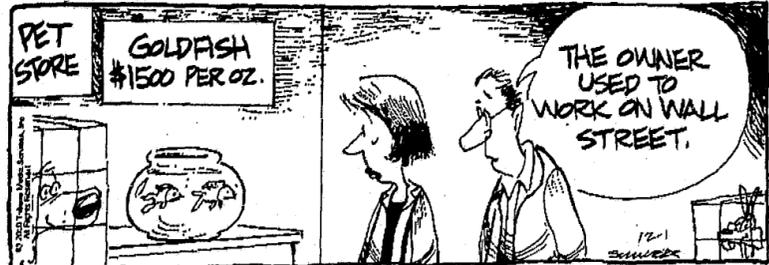
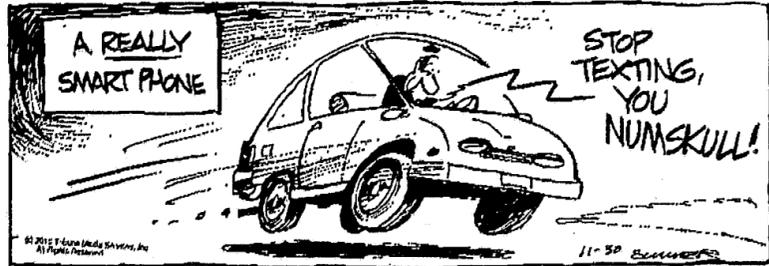
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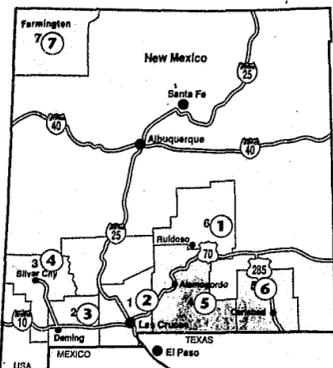
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No. CV-09-244

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendant in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Block 9, Cree Meadows Country Club Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, February 3, 2010, and described as follows: Beginning as the Northeast corner of said Lot 9, Thence Northerly along the Eastern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence East along the Eastern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence South along the Southern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence West along the Western boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence North along the Northern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence East along the Eastern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence South along the Southern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence West along the Western boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land; Thence North along the Northern boundary of said Lot 9 a distance of 163.2 feet to a point on the line of the herein described tract of land.

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