

# RUIDOSO NEWS

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## Old Man Winter wakes up

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### Snow, wind, cold forecast to slam area

It has been just over a week since the winter solstice. Now Mother Nature is expected to drive the point home.

The National Weather Service Tuesday said a potent storm system would begin to move into western New Mexico today, and expand rapidly to the south and east. Snow was forecast to begin blanketing the central part of the state this evening with the Sacramento Mountains getting into the act overnight.

"I would just tell people to get prepared for the potential of accumulating snow," said Ken Widelski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in New Mexico. "Shopping or any necessary preparations should be done

in advance of the time the snow begins."

A brisk cold front would infiltrate the region, dropping snow levels into the valleys tomorrow. And strong winds across southern New Mexico could create near-blizzard conditions around the mountains.

"We have the storm system gathering energy over the Pacific Northwest. It's traveling toward the south and the southeast approaching New Mexico," Widelski said Tuesday.

The Ruidoso area, which falls under the domain of the NWS forecast office in Albuquerque, is predicted to receive anywhere from two to five inches of snow, with perhaps six to ten inches on mountain peaks. The southern

Sacramento Mountains, which includes Mescalero and Cloudcroft, was cautioned to expect four to eight inches, likely more on mountain tops, especially along western slopes, according to the NWS forecast office at Santa Teresa.

Meteorologist Dave Hefner said strong winds would also be a component of the wintry weather.

"This will create near blizzard conditions with blowing and drifting snow," Hefner said.

"Heavy snowfall, along with blowing and drifting snow, could create very hazardous driving conditions with poor visibility and roads possibly becoming impassable."

Forecasters said there was the potential for high winds Thurs-

day in the south-central mountains, recommending that anything outside that could blow away should be brought indoors or tacked down.

The predicted strong winds prompted Lincoln County officials to forbid outdoor burning today and tomorrow.

"Winds are forecast to pick up over the next two days to about 30 miles per hour," said Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart. "So no open burning Wednesday and Thursday. We may lift for Friday."

The winds and temperatures would certainly be a factor with the storm said Widelski. "We've got a strong cold front that will be slamming into the area during the day Thursday. And behind

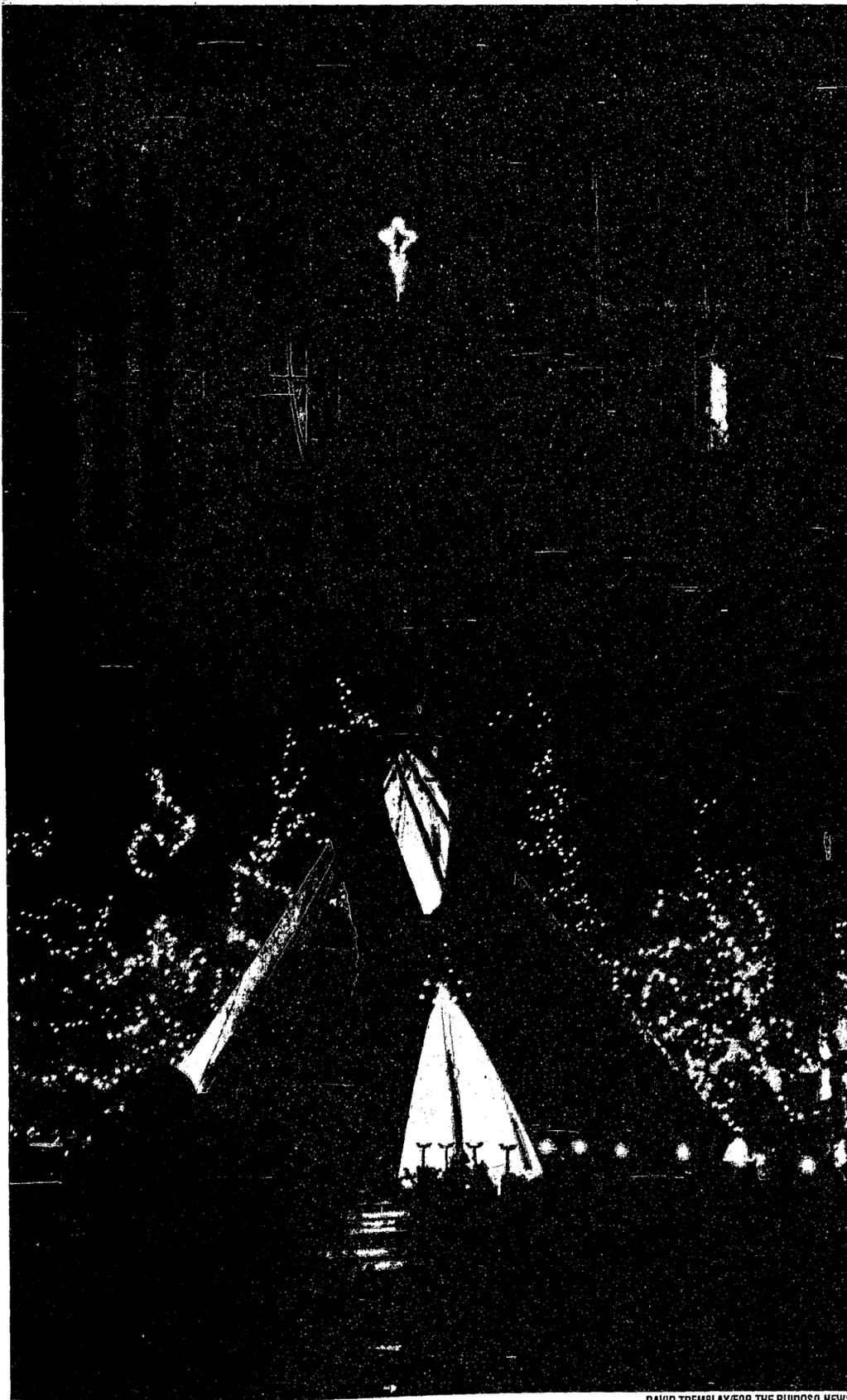
that front we're going to see temperatures at Ruidoso only in the 20s during the day on Friday. And Friday and Saturday nights we could see temperatures into the single digits and teens for lows. The cold air should stay locked in at least through the first of the year."

Any snow will have a hard time melting over the coming days. The NWS said it has been a while since such a wintry event has happened.

Despite a strong La Niña, which lends to drier and warmer winters for southern New Mexico, Widelski reminded residents it is wintertime.

"Just because you have a La Niña doesn't mean you're going to have no snow at all. We've had less storms than we saw last year but it doesn't mean we won't have any snow."

### MIDNIGHT MASS IN MESCALERO



DAVID TREMBLAY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Photographer David Tremblay captured this image during the Christmas Midnight Mass at St. Joseph Apache Mission.

### 'Tax lightning' still strikes state officials

■ Assessment system punishes home buyers

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State officials continue to work on a solution to a property tax system in New Mexico that caps annual increases on homes retained by owners and slams house buyers with "make up" taxes.

Lincoln County Treasurer Paul Baca said he and his chief deputy attended a session of the New Mexico Tax Research Institute in Albuquerque on the phenomenon called property "tax lightning" and heard that officials still are trying to solve the problem.

"In 2009, a bill (to end the system) died in the Senate and nothing was done," he said. "But they

are looking at a new bill to alleviate the (problem)."

However State Sen. Tim Eichenberg (D-Bernalillo) contended that before a law was passed requiring real estate agents to inform new buyers that their taxes could jump substantially, it still should have been the responsibility of the real estate agent handling the deal as a matter of ethics, Baca said. The agents could have received estimates from county assessors, abstract or title companies to give potential buyers.

"He's a Realtor and former state property tax director," Baca said. "Two years ago, legislators passed a law requiring a form from Realtors (about the taxes) based on the listing price, although that may

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### Indigent care budget could feel the strain

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The budget that covers health care for the medically indigent in Lincoln County may be strained this fiscal year as the number of claims increase.

County Commission Chairman Tom Battin noted at the commission meeting last week that if claims continue at the same rate as the first six months, the ending total on June 30, 2011 will be about \$90,000 higher than last fiscal year.

County Manager Tom Stewart laid part of the blame for the increase on care of prisoners in county jail. Most of those incarcerated do not have insurance and are consider indigent, he said.

"We're running well ahead of prior years in mental health care claims," Stewart told commission-

ers. "I'm in a quandary. I am contemplating using general fund money, about \$50,000, in lieu of reducing Indigent Health Care Fund money for our citizens."

Voters approved allocating a gross receipts tax increment to finance the indigent fund aimed at the working class struggling with medical bills. State Medicaid is designed to cover the unemployed and low-income residents and the Sole Community Provider program reimburses community hospitals for uncompensated care.

Stewart said another option to using general fund dollars would be to reduce the number of claims paid for citizens to cover the prisoner claims, but he thought that would violate the intent of voters who approved the GRT.

Commissioners approv-

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DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Friends, family members, Lincoln County commissioners and County Manager Tom Stewart surprised local historian Johnson Stearns last week by recognizing him as Lincoln County Centennial Story Teller, part of New Mexico's celebration of 100 years of statehood. Stearns was told the invitation to the meeting was to recite a poem about Christmas, but when he finished, Stewart read a commission proclamation also declaring Dec. 21, as Johnson Stearns Day. Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor, Howard Parman of the Bureau of Land Management and historian Lynda Sanchez were among those offering remarks about the nonagenarian's considerable contribution to preserving and passing along the history of the area. The proclamation noted Stearns' colorful style of relating history with enthusiasm and humor, and his effort to maintain files of significant documents, photographs and vignettes of the region's history.

Capital Outlay

A series of New Mexico Legislative hearings to obtain citizen and community comments for State Capital Outlay funding were announced by the Southeastern New Mexico

Economic Development District/Council of Governments, including a session in Ruidoso Downs.

The hearings will be conducted in the five county region covered by the Development District. Local governments, communi-

ty based non-for-profit organizations and others seeking assistance in acquiring funding assistance for capital construction or equipment projects from the State of New Mexico are encouraged to attend the hearing in their county.

"It is critical that those seeking Capital Outlay funding assistance attend one of the hearings," said Hubert Quintana, Executive Director of the Development District. The hearings will provide those seeking funding the opportunity to meet face to face with their local Legislators to discuss their funding needs and the reasons to have the State assist with their proposed project.

The proposed projects must have a project of life of at least 10 years and cost no less than \$25,000. Capital Outlay projects that are approved by the legislature and governor will be funded by state-issued Severance Tax

Bonds or General Fund Bonds.

The hearing in Ruidoso Downs is set for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Jan. 6, at Ruidoso Downs City Hall.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments is the area-wide planning organization serving Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero counties and the 21 municipalities within the five counties.

For application forms to request Capital Outlay funding, call 575-624-6131 or e-mail hqsmmedd@platautel.net.

Holiday recycling

Americans throw away 25 percent more stuff between Thanksgiving and the New Year's holiday period than any other time of the year, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The extra waste amounts to an additional 25 million tons of waste or about 1 million

extra tons per week. Here's how Lincoln County and Mesalero residents can reduce and recycle at this, the trashiest time of the year:

The annual Christmas tree recycling program at School House Park in Ruidoso until Jan. 16. Both green and flocked trees (fake snow) are accepted. All tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed for the safety of the crews and machinery.

Send e-cards and electronic invitations to guests. An estimated 2.6 billion holiday cards are sold each year in the United States, enough to fill a football field 10 stories high

When making mail order purchases, request that your name be removed from the retailer's catalog mailing list.

Getting a new plasma TV, PDA (personal digital assistant), and flat screen monitor. For Christmas? Recycle your older discarded equipment at the Solid Waste Authority or at the twice-a-year e-waste recycling events - 1st weekend of April 2011

Be sure to take along a reusable shopping bag when heading out shopping at your favorite Lincoln County retailer.

Request that mail order retailers ship your merchandise using paper for packing instead of polystyrene packing filler

Reuse bows and ribbon that are in good condition.

Create a coupon book to give services such as babysitting, yard work, home repair, special dinner or household chores etc.

When selecting a gift, consider choosing the one packaged with the least amount of material or one packed in material you can recycle in your local program

It's common for new gifts to replace items that still have a useful life. Remember to donate these items to your local reuse organization such as the LCMC Thrift Shop, the Humane Society Thrift Store, local church, or to

the NEST domestic violence shelter.

Remember to recycle the corrugated cardboard you have amassed. Take out the plastic wrap and Styrofoam before recycling

Recycle the molded plastic discarded from many new objects after removing the paperboard from inside. Paperboard containers also recycle with mixed paper.

For more information on holiday season recycling contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org

Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m. Jan. 3, for the regular monthly meeting in the district's building, 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

The new time was approved by the board. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

The meeting will cover regular business for the district, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

Additionally, the agenda may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations. All residents of the district are welcome to attend

GOP caucuses

Officials with the Republican Party of Lincoln County remind members of the Precinct Caucuses and Biennial Organizational County Convention set for Jan. 8.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with business at 10 a.m., at Cree Meadows Restaurant and Golf Club, 301 Country Club Road in

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NEW YEARS EVE 2010 DANCE (BAILE) Saint Jude's Center San Patricio, New Mexico 8:30pm till 12:30 am \$10.00 per person Children under 12 \$5.00 Party favors included, food and soft drinks available by committee & guild, door prizes Music By: Bobby Richardson, Gabé Polaco, Dave Montes, Sandra & Franklin Rodela

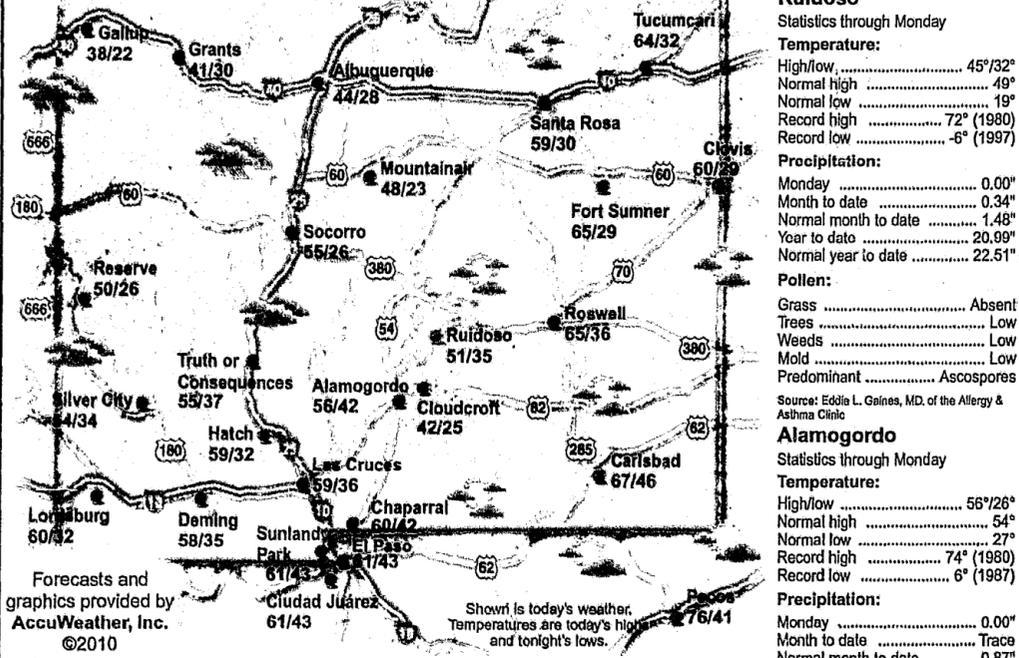
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

Table with 7 columns: TODAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY. Each column contains RealFeel, Humidity, High/Low, and a brief weather description.

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Regional Cities



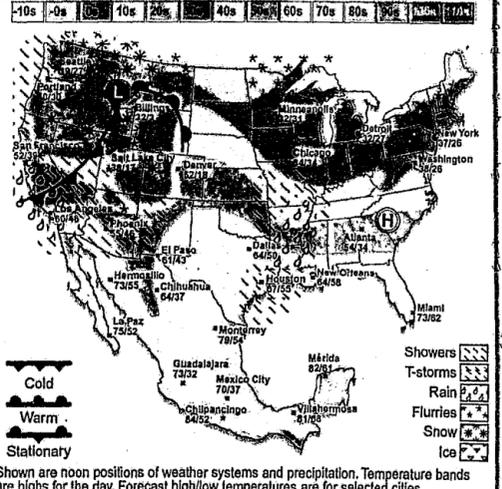
Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:05 a.m./5:05 p.m. Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 1:25 a.m./12:30 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: High: 75° in India, CA Low: -11° in Farson, WY. Monday's World High/Low: High: 116° in Gascoyne Junction, Australia Low: -50° in Nuiqsut, USA

National Forecast for Dec. 29, 2010



National Cities

Table with 2 columns: National Cities and Regional Cities. Each column lists cities with their Today and Thursday High/Low temperatures.

Mexican Cities

Table with 2 columns: Mexican Cities. Lists cities like Acapulco, Cancun, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juárez, León, México, DF, Monterrey, Morelia, Oaxaca, Plo. Penasco, Tijuana with their Today and Thursday High/Low temperatures.

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.



Jennifer Chadwick, left, administrator of the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation, recently received a donation check from the from Linda Langston, President, Federated Women's Club of Ruidoso at the Women's Club.

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Ruidoso.

The purpose of the convention is to elect new County Central Committee members, new county officers, and a new county contingent of members to the State Central Committee.

Self-nominations will be accepted for the positions of county officers and State Central Committee membership. Self-nomination declarations must be submitted to the RPLC Secretary before 5 p.m., Jan. 3, to be on the ballot. They may be e-mailed or mailed through the U.S. Postal Service to Karyl Williams, Secretary Republican Party of Lincoln County, P.O. Box 1707, Capitan, NM 88316 or Secretary@rplcnm.org.

Include your name, the office for which you wish to run, your e-mail, telephone and mailing address. Write-in nominations will be accepted from the floor at the convention, but will not be listed on the ballot. Donations would be appreciated to help defray the cost of the facility.

Mescalero tribute

Mescalero is a place to watch. So says True West Magazine in their Janu-

ary/February edition.

The magazine, which reports about events that happened during the Old West era, also includes articles on travel, books and preservation. The annual Top Ten True Western Towns was added in 2006, and includes a list of locations to watch for the future.

The magazine focused on the St. Joseph Apache Mission church that saw construction start in 1920 and take almost 20 years to complete.

"The Catholic Church was ready to shutter it about 15 years ago, but volunteers stepped in and have been restoring the mission ever since," the magazine article said. "More than \$1.6 million has been raised (and spent). More than 20 local youth have received job training to work on the project; those skills are then used to get them jobs. The mission (which also serves as a veterans memorial) is a remarkable community effort."

Last year True West Magazine placed Lincoln on its Top Ten list.

'Build a Box'

Over 510 colorful shoe boxes filled with toys,

school supplies, and other items were dropped off at the collection site in Ruidoso during National Collection Week. It was National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child, and the gift-filled shoe boxes are now in the process of being shipped to needy children around the world.

Even though National Collection Week is over, it's not too late to pack a shoe box. Operation Christmas Child has launched "Build A Box," an online tool offering a personalized and convenient way to send Christmas gifts to even more children.

The "Build A Box" process is simple: At www.samaritanspurse.org, donors select a child's age and gender; shop through an online selection of toys, necessity items, and school supplies; and finish it off with a personalized note of encouragement. The gift boxes will be assembled by volunteers at Operation Christmas Child's processing center in Charlotte, N.C. Through tracking technology, donors can "follow the box" to find out where it will be delivered.

For more information, call 303-745-9179 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Evelyn Pellman Breuninger

July 24, 1921 - December 27, 2010



On Monday, December 27, 2010, Mrs. Evelyn Pellman Breuninger passed away at the Mescalero Care Center from this life into eternal glory with God the Father in Heaven. She was born to Margaret Pellman Robinson and U.S. Army Lieutenant Joseph Ford in El Paso Texas on July 24, 1921. She is survived by her children: Pam and Godfrey Cordova of Mescalero, NM, Danny and Erin Breuninger of Albuquerque, NM, Rosemary Ruiz of Tempe, Arizona, and John and Jeri Breuninger of Green Bay, Wisconsin. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 25 years, Mr. William D. Breuninger, a daughter, Joan Breuninger Coon; her companion of many years, Mr. Bruce Balatche; her mother, Margaret Pellman Robinson; her step-father, Darlind Robinson; her brother, Albert P. Robinson; a younger brother that died in infancy, and many uncles and aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces; plus many of her dearly beloved friends. Rosary service will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at St. Joseph's Mission at 8:00 p.m. and the funeral mass will be on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at 10:00 p.m. also at St. Joseph's Mission.

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Jan 29, 2011	Sat	7:30pm	EPSO/EPPM Drahms Double Concerto	Plaza Theater (tickets only through EPSO)
Jan 30, 2011	Sun	2:00pm	International Competition Winners	UTEP Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall
Apr 2, 2011	Wed	7:30pm	Quintet Quartet Night of Tango	Las Cruces - NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall
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### OUR OPINION

## Season, weather a good combination

Village is filling up this week

**T**raffic is congested, lodges and hotels are full, and anecdotal evidence suggests the old town is full of winter enthusiasts, holiday shoppers and party animals heading toward New Year's Eve.

On top of that, the weather forecast is promising for a shot of winter beginning late today — during a La Niña year otherwise bringing warmer, drier conditions. Wind should give way to snow, to be followed by a cold snap. This will attract even more visitors.

It all adds up to a belated Christmas gift for the busi-

ness community, which is long used to established seasonal trends mixed with uncertain weather events. This week is all that in spades.

Meteorologists remind us that all weather trends have their exceptions. If we had warm, dry days last winter during El Niño, we might as well have a wet and cold spell during La Niña. We'll put it in the bank in anticipation of the dreaded spring winds.

So enjoy 2010's final chapter. We welcome all our visitors and remind them, once again, conserve water and have a great time.

## The biggest elections money can buy

**O**n her retirement, a friend dedicated herself to public service and has since served on boards and run for office a few times. In the recent election, she lost her race for county commission.

"My opponent spent \$95,000. \$95,000! For county commission! I raised \$6,000 from my savings and by asking everyone I knew for money," she said. For the lesser offices, she wonders, how does an ordinary person finance a campaign?

It's disturbing that in a time when entire programs will live or die on \$1 million or less, Susana

Martinez spent \$5.76 million and Diane Denish spent \$7.03 million on the primary and general elections for governor, and congressional candidates altogether spent nearly \$10 million. Hector Balderas dropped upwards of \$180,000 to remain State Auditor, far outdistancing his opponent; the Treasurer's race was also lopsided, with James Lewis spending more than \$24,000 to his opponent's \$1,300 (reported a week before Election Day). In the Attorney General's contest, Gary King spent some \$484,000; Matt Chandler, \$283,000.

What did these barrels of money buy? Advertising. But instead of allowing us to get to know the candidates or teaching us about their positions, the campaigns churned out a flood of distasteful mailers and TV commercials that made us keep our fingers near the mute button on the remote.

Oddly, only Diane Denish, who lost the nastiest race, seemed remorseful. On Election Night, she said: "We are in an era of great cynicism. Sound bites and catch phrases without a whole lot of substance behind any of it. The competition of ideas has lost out to the competition of gotcha. We are all - me included - guilty of playing along with it."

"I just hope in the future we can break the cycle of attack-driven politics — and have real conversations about what's important — jobs, economic security, clean air and water... health care and education."

The winners had no regrets. Their trash ads worked. Campaigns would have been a lot less trashy without the flow of dough from outside groups, including national political party committees. In the 2nd Congressional District, \$1.6 million (including \$768,000 from the Defenders of Wildlife

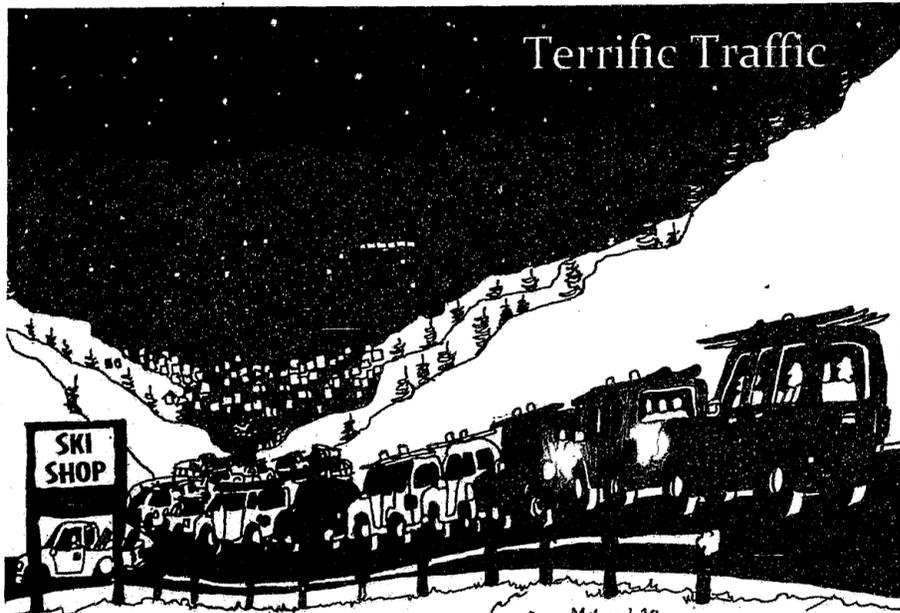
Action Fund) was spent to blast Pearce, about \$1 million (half from the National Republican Congressional Committee) to tar Teague, according to the watchdog Sunlight Foundation. Supporting messages got spare change of \$200,000.

The 1st District race drew \$3.8 million from outsiders, about two-thirds of it (including nearly \$1 million from the American Action Network, \$549,000 from the NRCC, and \$417,000 from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce) to pound Democratic incumbent Martin Heinrich and the rest, nearly all from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, to bash Republican challenger John Barela. Just \$400,000 went for support.

We were repeatedly assured that this spending orgy wouldn't happen again because a state law passed in 2009, to take effect conveniently after this election, caps individual, businesses or political action committees contributions at \$5,000 per election. Federal restrictions cap contributions from private donors to congressional candidates at \$2,300 per election.

But court cases early this year have pretty much undermined any perceived reforms. The U.S. Supreme Court removed limits on political advocacy by corporations or unions; in two other cases, one by Attorney General Gary King targeting liberal groups, decisions supported so-called educational nonprofits' right to not reveal their funding sources. So it's now easy for groups with important-sounding names to camouflage their funding or for corporations or unions to campaign for or against candidates.

We still have the biggest elections money can buy. But not the best.



Terrific Traffic

Doug McLeod 10  
Ruidoso News

### YOUR OPINION

## A cheaper treatment plant

To the editor:

**THANKS** to L. Ray Nunley, John Waters and John Underwood, the treatment plant cost \$30 million more to build than what was proposed, with an

additional cost of \$2,500 a day to operate than the plant we proposed.

In addition, if the village would have gone with our proposal, the plant would have been

online in 2007. Our type of plant was built in Aztec, and it has been online since December 2009 and with minimal cost.

Carl Kelley Jr.  
Ruidoso Downs

## Bullying forced pupils from school system

To the editor:

**I HAVE HAD** many jobs in my life: I served our great country, I am a student, a manager of a local convenience store and I was born here in Lincoln County. The most important job that I have is being a mother. I have three wonderful children ranging from ages twelve to three.

Here is my dilemma. I recently had to remove my children from the Ruidoso School system because of bullying. My twelve year old, an honor student, was recently the victim of bullying.

I realize through research that this is not an uncommon occurrence in the United States. My

job as a parent is to protect my children whenever possible. How can I do that if where I send her to school is a hostile environment?

I was not even notified by the middle school that this was happening. When I finally was informed by my daughter it had been going on for well over two weeks. I contacted the school and was told that it would be handled.

The bullying just intensified from there. I finally removed my children from the school system here in Ruidoso to keep them safe.

I know from speaking to other

parents that this is an ongoing issue. So when do stand up and say enough is enough? When are we as parents going to say something has to change? Mine came when my honor roll student would come home crying on a day to day basis.

We need tougher rules in our school system when it comes to this issue. Young people all over our country are dying. Read the headlines, this is not an issue exclusive to here.

However, we can do something so our youth does not become a statistic.

Joline Whitaker  
Concerned Parent

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## Homeland Security abuses its power

KEVIN CARSON  
Author, political commentator

**L**ibertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne used to point out (*The 7 Vital Principles of Government*) the obvious truth that, no matter what promises are made by the sponsors of a law you favor, and no matter what their stated rationale for it, once it's passed it will be interpreted and enforced by people utterly unaccountable to you. And it will most likely be interpreted by people you don't like, to serve the interests of the powerful.

In World War I the Wilson administration and legislative sponsors of the Sedition Act assured the public it would be used only to prosecute those who actively interfered with the war effort or hampered conscription — not to harass dissidents who publicly criticized the government or disagreed with the war on policy grounds. The ensuing mass arrests of left-wing dissidents under the Sedition Act, including Socialist presidential candidate Eugene Debs, were the largest repression of dissent in American history from the Civil War to the present.

More recently, we've seen the abuse of RICO statutes, ostensibly passed for the comparatively narrow purpose of fighting organized crime, to suppress political movements out of favor with the government.

Now we're seeing an especially instructive example of this phenomenon: Homeland Security's seizure, at the behest of the music and movie industries, of the domain names of dozens of websites which were accused (but not charged, tried or convicted) of promoting copyright infringement. You just go to a URL, and in place of the former website you see a menacing Department of Justice logo. Please note that the "infringing activities" of some of the websites which were shut down consisted entirely of providing search engine results linking to torrent sites. So apparently there's no longer even a safe harbor for those who link to alleged "copyright infringers."

Most people who supported the USA Patriot Act and the creation of DHS, no matter how unjustifiably, presumably believed that those extraordinary grants of power would be used only for the purpose of fighting genuine terror networks like Al Qaeda and preventing terrorist attacks on the United States. It should be abundantly clear now that those people were had.

Homeland Security is expanding its mission into areas totally unrelated to the ostensible purpose for which it was initially sold to the public. And it is engaging in this mission creep under the influence of powerful economic interests totally unaccountable to the public: Namely, Joe Biden's friends in the MPAA and RIAA.

The Copyright Gestapo has admitted as much: Erik Barnett, an "assistant deputy director" of Immigration and Customs

Enforcement, admits the sites were shut down without due process of law entirely on the basis of allegations from the entertainment industry. Never mind due process in the old-fashioned common law sense; there was never even an administrative hearing where the site owners were given an opportunity to challenge the allegations before the shutdowns.

The fact that a government agency can seize domain names by administrative edict, without first proving guilt to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt, indicates that all those promises about "due process of law" in the Fifth Amendment weren't worth the paper they were written on, either.

Meanwhile, two other Homeland Security fiefdoms — TSA and Border Patrol — teamed up with Tampa cops to conduct a bus station checkpoint which allegedly caught some illegal aliens and stopped a drug-related cash smuggling operation.

So basically, it doesn't matter that the vast expansion of police powers after 9-11 was sold to the public as an extraordinary measure for the specific purpose of fighting Al Qaeda. Now the government has this almighty big hammer, and it's by-God gonna hammer nails wherever it feels like looking for them.

If you supported the creation of DHS, based on the promises of Bush, Cheney and Ashcroft, you were fooled. There's an old saying: Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me.

## HAVE A HAPPY, NOT A MERRY



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

A few Ruidoso residents noticed a greeting sign on the tennis court fencing welcomes visitors with "Happy Holidays," and they wondered if political correctness hit the normally resistant Ruidoso. But Village Councilor Rafael Salas, who formerly headed the village Parks and Recreation Department responsible for the decorations, said that's not the case. "Those lights first went up in 1992, when the same person who ran the convention center also supervised the parks department and we were trying to refurbish some lighting," he said last week. "But when we started the Christmas in the Park event, it came up once and I was asked if that was politically correct, and I said it was, and as long as I was director, it would stay that way. We still use Christmas in the Park and have a Christmas greeting at the Senior Center. I'd be in favor, if someone wants to buy the village a new sign for the tennis courts."

## Rural phone dispute settled after 10 years

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A 10-year effort to obtain telephone service to a home in western Chaves County has been closed. But the case has not been forgotten.

In 2006, Aubrey Dunn, Jr. filed a formal complaint against Qwest Communications, accusing the telephone company of refusing to provide telephone service to his residence despite being in the Qwest service area.

US WEST, which was acquired by Qwest on June 30, 2000, had told Dunn that summer that it would cost \$239,569 to extend services to his rural location and he would be responsible for a lion's share of the expense. Dunn asked Qwest to remove his residence and his ranch from their service area. In September 2000, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, which has authority over utilities such as telephone companies, began researching the issue.

The ranch is about 20 miles west of Roswell. In a correspondence with the PRC, Dunn said he was at a loss over the availability of telephone service to his home considering the technology beginning available in the 21st century.

"How can technology place a man on the moon but it cannot place a phone in my home?" he wrote.

Cellular phone service was available at the location, but that changed

when the federal government began requiring wireless providers to change from analog to digital signals. Dunn said that disrupted the cell service.

In response to the PRC complaint, Qwest also said they had "no plans at this time to construct, or deliver, wireless services in this area."

### Others unwilling

Other telecommunications carriers apparently were unwilling or unable to provide landline service to the ranch which was several miles north of Pine Lodge Road in western Chaves County. Adjacent territory provider Penasco Valley Telecommunications estimated they would have to install about 10 miles of buried cable to reach the ranch and the cost would be similar to the quote advanced by Qwest.

New Mexico regulations require phone companies provide service in their territories with the company responsible for the cost of any line extension of up to 1,000 feet from the nearest distribution terminal. Beyond 1,000 feet, a special fund can provide a maximum of \$25,000 to extend service to the fringe areas of service territories. Above the \$25,000 limit the costs are the responsibility of the customer.

In June 2007, Dunn again wrote the PRC stating the switch to digital wireless signals essentially ended telecommunications at his home. Contacting 9-1-1, following an accident

at the ranch, required extra time because of the lack of analog service.

The June 2006 complaint against Qwest was dismissed by the PRC on Dec. 23, 2010 because of a lack of case activity since May 2007.

Contacted on Tuesday, Dunn said he had moved his ranch to a location further west inside Lincoln County, about halfway between Roswell and Capitan.

"We have a phone line now," Dunn said of the new location. Penasco Valley Telecommunications services the location with the Lincoln-Chaves counties line the service boundary between Penasco and Qwest.

He said his former ranch and other residents in that area now has wireless service through Southwest Communications.

But Dunn said the experience showed a lack of responsibility on a number of fronts.

"Really, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) should be making them provide service," Dunn said. "If they've got an area they need to cover the area."

Dunn, who was a 2008 candidate for the 2nd Congressional District in southern New Mexico, was also the former CEO of First Federal Bank based in Roswell. Washington Federal Savings acquired the bank which has branches at a number of locations including Ruidoso and Capitan.



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# EDUCATION

## School board elections Feb. 1 Ruidoso Municipal Schools has four contested positions

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All four of the incumbents up for re-election to the Ruidoso Municipal School District school board have challengers at the Feb. 1, 2011 election.

Long-time education board member Susan Lutterman, who is currently the president of the board, will be challenged by Cecil Davis of Ruidoso, according to candidate declarations filed with the Lincoln County Clerk's office last week.

Davis is a contract employee at the Hollywood Post Office facility.

Marc Beatty, who was appointed to the school board earlier this year when Rafael "Rifle" Salas resigned, will have Curt Temple, of Ruidoso, attempt to unseat him. Temple is Lincoln County's planning director.

Rhonda Vincent will be challenged by Nicklaus Herrera, who owns a wrecker service. Both are from Ruidoso Downs.

Long-time board member Frank Sayner has two others vying for his position.

Devin Marshall and Fred Romero join Sayner on the ballot. Marshall is a real estate agent who had shown an interest in being on the education board when Salas resigned. Romero has been with the Region IX Education Cooperative at Ruidoso for

18 years.

In the Capitan Municipal School District, three board seats have contested races.

Incumbent Nathaniel Dunn of Nogal will be challenged by Gary Tregembo of Capitan. Debra Kae Anderson will attempt to unseat Steven Dirks. Both are from Capitan.

And past Capitan school board member Danny Haynes will attempt to regain a seat on the board at the expense of incumbent Robin Rhodes Parks.

In the Carrizozo Municipal School District, three education board positions all have choices.

D'rese Arceche will try to replace incumbent Steven Harkey.

Current board member Henrietta "Sissy" Griego will be challenged by BillieJo Guevara and Rosemarie Lea Kratochvil.

Incumbent James Guevara has two district residents, Patsy Vallejos and J. P. Ventura, also vying for the seat.

In the Hondo Valley Public Schools, Joseph Torrez, of San Patricio, will face incumbent Kyrt Goldston of Tinnie.

Donna Faye Brady, of Tinnie, will challenge current education board member Corinne Prudencio.

Incumbent Godfrey Gomez of Glencoe is without a declared candidate challenger.

In the Corona Municipal

School District all the candidates for four positions are unopposed.

Alena Brandenberger of Claunch is the sole candidate for position one. Incumbents Richard Gage and Shad Heath Cox are without challengers. And Terri Racher is the only declared candidate for the remainder of two years of a four-year term. Gage, Cox and Racher are all from Corona.

Just one of the three ENMU-Ruidoso seats on the February ballot is contested. F. Lynn Willard, the present chair of the community college board, will be challenged by Julie Gilliland.

Gilliland is a minister and musician at The Church out of Church and works at KEDU-FM.

Incumbent Michelle Yvette Perry, and Brad Treptow, who was appointed to the board in October, are unopposed on the ballot.

Treptow was selected to the board following the vacancy created when Tim Harkins resigned.

Also on the ballot at the Feb. 1 election for the Ruidoso Municipal School District is a \$14 million bond question.

The school district will ask voters to approve the borrowing to make improvements to buildings and other infrastructure. The loan would replace previous bonding that will expire.

## RED FEATHER DINING



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Red Feather Theater supporters have a meal in the Ruidoso School Performing Arts Center hallway, courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, before a variety show performance Saturday, Dec. 18. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse purchased and prepared the food, then donated the proceeds to the Red Feather Theater Company.

## Graduate New Mexico now has Lincoln County program

EcoServants has begun its Graduate New Mexico program in Lincoln County and the surrounding area with the goals of 350 people going back to High School or GED with no cost to them.

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EcoServants are also seeking 125 volunteers, four hours a year or more, to identify and bring potential graduates in and/or help them through a difficult but rewarding process of achieving a high school diploma.

If these volunteers

wished to work in schools, EcoServants could cover the cost of the Ruidoso Municipal Schools background check.

While this may seem a lot to do, we are also engaging in a mapping project to highlight all of the wonderful local community service providers we have.

For instance, if a person wanted to know how to get health care, food stamps, dental care, protection and more, we will construct a map free to the community with these places marked.

Stephen Carter and Joshua Salazar will be coming by with a survey in order to get an inventory of public services with in our community.

Call Carter with any questions or if you wish to volunteer at 575-808-1204.

## Local teacher captures PNM grant

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A Ruidoso teacher was one of 38 educators in New Mexico that captured an Energy Exploration Grant from the nonprofit PNM Fund.

White Mountain Elementary School teacher Laura Marlene Bryant was awarded a \$2,000 grant to look at what controls energy absorption and reflection in the sound transmission of musical instruments.

"Energy Exploration"

Grants support New Mexico teachers who want to engage their students on the issue of energy, a topic critical to our economy and quality of life," said Diane Harrison Ogawa, executive director of the PNM Fund, a division of the PNM Resources Foundation.

Teachers in Alamo-gordo, Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Deming, Las Vegas, Rio Rancho, Ruidoso, Sandia Park, Santa Fe and Tularosa received grants during 2010.

At Tularosa High School, teacher Christine

Webber Ball received a \$1,950 grant to explore reading and saving energy.

Holloman Middle School instructor Jeff David Gephart was awarded a \$1,994 grant to look at how scientific developments have changed the way electricity is produced and how additional developments will change the way power is produced in the future.

The PNM Fund annually awards grants of up to \$2,000 to teachers in its service territory.

A total of \$69,500 in energy-related funding was awarded in 2010.

### EDUCATION BRIEFS

#### Red Feather play

The Red Feather Theatre Company will present a classic play, Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," Jan. 14-

15, and Jan. 21-22.

Curtain time is 7 p.m. in the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center at 125 Warrior Dr.

English tea will be served 30 minutes prior to

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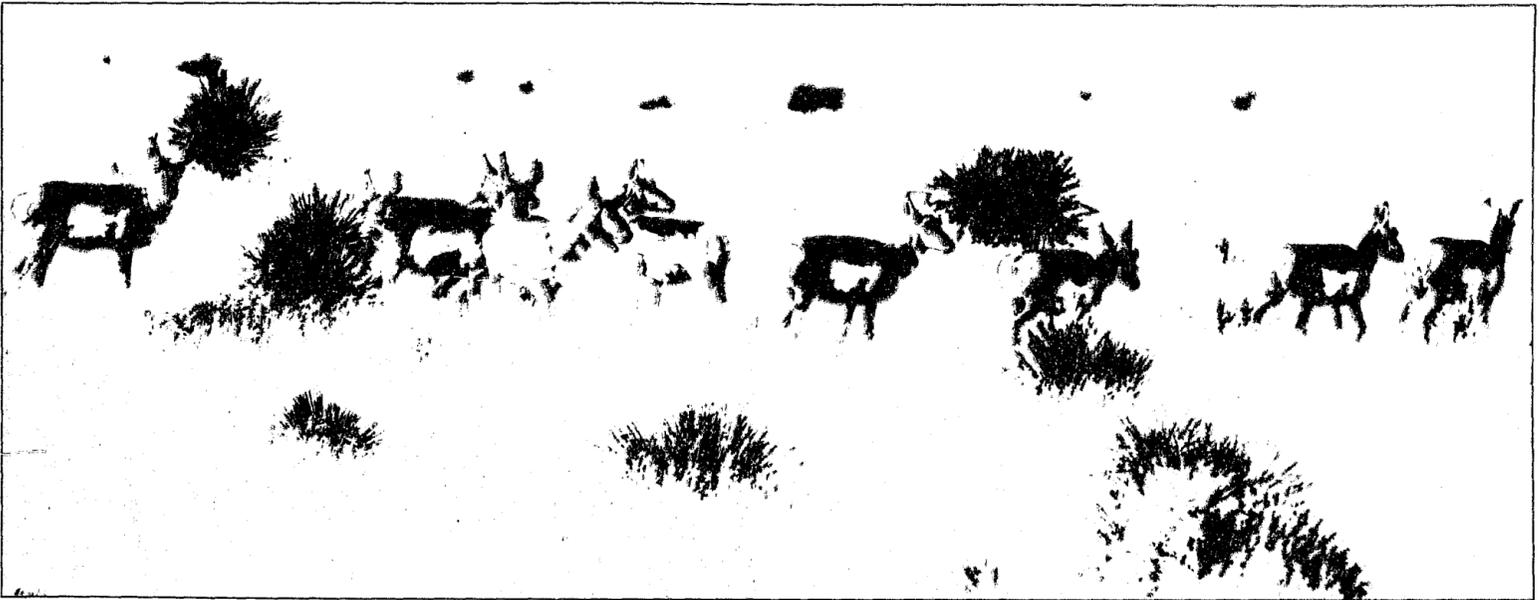
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COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

**This herd** of pronghorn were grazing north of the Capitan Mountains. A pronghorn can run exceptionally fast, being built for maximum predator evasion, and generally is accepted to be the fastest land mammal in the New World and the second-fastest land animal, second only to the cheetah. The pronghorn can sustain high speeds longer than cheetahs and has a very large heart and lungs, and hollow hair. Although built for speed, it is a very poor jumper and their ranges often are affected by fences. They can be seen going under fences and the Arizona Antelope Foundation advocates removing the bottom barbed wire from the fences or installing a barbless bottom wire.

## Santa Fe bureau launched for 'Ruidoso News' and sister papers

■ To focus on Gov.-elect Susana Martinez

LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS

The *Las Cruces Sun-News* is re-launching its Santa Fe bureau to expand its statewide report. Veteran newsmen Milan Simonich will lead the coverage, which will be featured in the *Ruidoso News*.

Operating under the Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership umbrella, which owns seven newspapers in New Mexico and one in El Paso, Texas, Simonich initially will focus on the upcoming legis-

lative session including Gov.-elect Susana Martinez, the nation's first female Hispanic chief of state.

After lawmakers adjourn, he will delve into a broader coverage including the border, water, mining and other subjects important to New Mexicans.

Simonich will be based at the Roundhouse, the state capitol building in Santa Fe.

"Re-establishing our Santa Fe news bureau demonstrates our commitment to our New Mexico communities," said Sergio Salinas, CEO of Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Part-

nership. "Milan's deep, rich experience will keep our readers informed on a wide variety of subjects, particularly state government and how it shapes our daily lives."

Simonich, 53, has been a newspaper editor and reporter for 32 years, the last two as metro editor of the *El Paso Times*. Prior to joining the *Times*, he worked at two metropolitan dailies, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and *The Denver Post*.

While at the *Post-Gazette*, Simonich at various times taught newswriting at three Pittsburgh col-

leges and universities.

He was part of a *Post-Gazette* reporting team in 2002 that covered the rescue of coal miners trapped in a flooded mine near the small Pennsylvania town of Quecreek.

The coverage became the book *All Nine Alive: The Dramatic Mine Rescue That Inspired and Cheered a Nation*.

At *The Denver Post*, Simonich was night city editor and then the city desk editor in charge of coverage for its flagship Sunday edition.

Simonich handled both editing and writing duties

in Pittsburgh. On writing assignments, he spent much of his time on the road, covering some of the region's bigger stories. They included an angry man killing six girls at an Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster County, Pa., the trial of a woman charged in the murder of her wealthy husband on the Ohio Turnpike, and a profile of Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and his hometown of Findlay, Ohio, before Super Bowl XL.

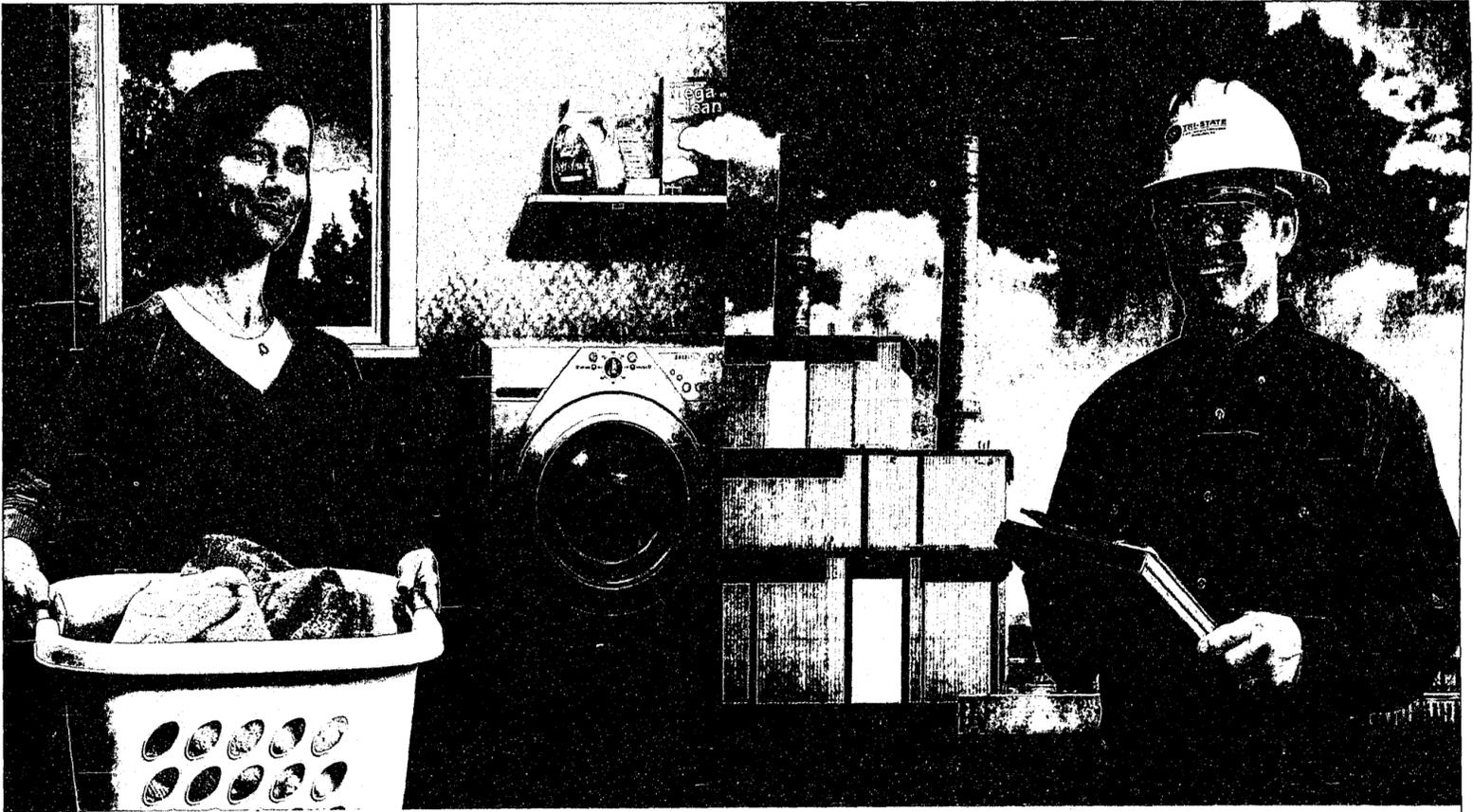
In addition to his editing responsibilities at the *El Paso Times*, he wrote a series called "Hidden El

Paso" and, more recently, a column on UTEP men's basketball.

Simonich grew up in Pueblo, Colo. He received a bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Northern Colorado in 1979. Journalism and English were his areas of study.

Simonich plans to launch a daily blog, which can be found on [lcsunnews.com](http://lcsunnews.com).

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## TAX

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not be exact market price. He said he would sponsor a bill to cap all the values and if that didn't go through, he would try to pass a bill to benefit all the taxpayers."

However, the senator wasn't specific about what measures would ensure that benefit, Baca said.

"I asked him if anything in his bill would allow us to move values where everyone's are equitable instead of all over the board like now. He said no, just a cap all the values to stop them from increasing substantially," Baca said.

County assessors want property values to be equitable first and then cap them, he said.

Baca and Commissioner

Dave Parks recalled that the current 3 percent cap was initiated primarily because property values and related taxes jumped so high in Santa Fe earlier in the decade. Long-time residents found they could no longer afford to pay the taxes assessed on homes they had owned for generations.

"We can't roll back values," Baca said. "It started in Santa Fe, where valuation went up so drastically and people who lived there a long time couldn't afford the taxes."

Tax lightning "was one of those unintended consequences," Parks said.

Baca said State Sen. Mark Boitano (R-Bernalillo) was hit by tax lightning a few years ago and was angry and wanted to take subjectivity out of the process, but the assessor said while certain stan-

dards are followed by appraisers, all subjectivity could never be removed.

"I don't know how you can do that," he said.

### Market value in play

Baca said he wanted to clear up the impression that the value of a home being sold equates to the sale price. He said his appraisers seek market value and that may or may not be reflected in the sale price.

"The sale price is not necessarily the market value," he said. "The listing price we don't even use, because we know it is not going to sell for that."

Agents could supply buyers with an estimate, he said, because, "We have to supply the estimated tax form to the Realtor, if they ask for it."

Baca said assessors receive calls from people

who cry over the telephone about their mortgage payments increasing when the tax bill comes in drastically higher than expected, a tough situation for a young family on a budget. He commented on a letter in the newspaper from a couple angry about their taxes almost doubling over what was charged to the previous owner before the house was sold.

The author of the letter said neither agent mentioned the (potential property tax increase), and that the low taxes paid by the former owner played a part in their decision to buy the home. But the taxes doubled and had a significant effect on the monthly payment, he said. Baca said he looked up the property and determined that the valuation was based on about 85 percent of market, "so it was not even the sales

price."

The state assessors affiliate is pushing to solve the problem "one way or the other," Baca said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she agreed it is up to a real estate agent to do his or her job and inform the prospective buyers.

Parks said after the 3 percent cap was applied, a judge ruled in Bernalillo County the system couldn't be used, because there might be 20 houses and all have a 3 percent increase, except one that sold and its taxes tripled and, "that's tax lightning. Most of the griping is people who say they didn't know that would happen and I agree their Realtor should have told them."

Baca said many times when people call, they are angry at his office.

"We're just doing our job," he said. "If we don't do

it, we're breaking the law."

Baca said another Senate Finance Committee hearing is scheduled on the issue and he'll keep commissioners informed about any action.

In other issues, commissioners agreed that Powell could attend a one-day conference in California on public-private green energy initiatives, and County Clerk Rhonda Burrows handed out certificates of election to the newly elected county officials, including herself, commissioners-elect Kathryn Minter and Mark Doth, re-elected Commissioner Powell and County Treasurer-elect Glenna Robbins.

Burrows will deliver the two other certificates to re-elected Magistrate Judges Martha Proctor in Carrizozo and Lorena La May in Ruidoso.

## STRAIN

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ed 94 of 96 claims filed under the IHCF for a total of \$33,389.94, making the year to date amount, \$202,114.86.

The average monthly amount this year is

\$33,085.81 compared to \$26,234.85 last year, Stewart said. Projected out for the full year at that average rate, the ending cost would be \$404,229.72 compared to \$314,818.20 last year, he said.

Commissioners may need a special meeting to discuss the detention center costs in general, he said.

The decision about the \$50,000 could come during a budget review.

Battin pointed out that the cost to counties of providing care for state prisoners is one of the main issues of the New Mexico Association of Counties for the January session of the State Legislature, specifically the extensive length

of stay in county detention centers for some convicted felons, combined with the associated health care expense that then falls to the counties.

"We're trying to be responsive to the needs of the detainees, but..." Stewart said, trailing off his statement.

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked about using electronic ankle bracelets as a method of monitoring, instead of incarceration.

Stewart said that option also is part of the NMAC's thrust.

"I will update you on the progress and I will testify in Santa Fe, if needed," the manager said. "I hate to think that people are getting into trouble to have their health care needs met, but I'm leaning that way. Ankle bracelets might be all right for non-violent offenses. I don't want to release people, if they are there for violent offenses. The district attorney has the latitude and I am working with her on that, but the judge has the ultimate call."

Commissioner Dave Parks called the detention center-associated expenses the largest unfunded mandate faced by counties.

Stewart said one man who was supposed to be transferred to a state prison "immediately," sits in the county jail three years later.

"One year is supposed to be the limit," he said. "I don't understand."

County Sheriff Rick Virden agreed, said the long stays are unwarranted.

"You check on their health insurance?" Commissioner Eileen Sedillo asked.

"Yes, we do," Stewart replied, "Most don't have



*Parks: Detention Center-associated expenses are the largest unfunded mandate faced by counties.*

any. If you give me the O.K., we will put aside \$50,000 from the general fund and if at the end of the year, an excess is left in the IHCF, we might not use it."

By law, claims must be paid in order of seniority and many counties who are operating in deficit for indigent health care can't cover all their bills and pay as they can handle them, Stewart said.

IHCF Administrator Scott Annala said with half of the year gone, 60 percent of the budget remains.

"I think we will be fine," he said. "By next year, we may run into problems, especially if the state insurance (subsidy program) isn't revived." He's hoping to hear about the status of the state insurance when he goes to Santa Fe early next year, he said. The new

federal insurance pool being discussed is separate from state insurance coverage, he said. "It's not a source of relief, as far as I can see," Annala said.

Commissioner Don Williams asked about Stewart's projection for the IHCF budget.

"In mental health care and indigent health care for detainees, it is projected to go over in a January to February time frame," Stewart said.

Under the Sole Community Provider program that compensates the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso for unpaid care based on more than \$3 for every one local dollar paid, 69 of 76 claims were approved for \$84,039.47, for a year-to-date total of \$581,109.56.

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# Energy conversion system blowing in the wind.

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Lincoln County may approve a countywide wind energy conversion system ordinance in February.

During a review of a pared down, 10-page draft of a proposed ordinance last week, commissioners rejected the concept of wind districts and opted instead to apply the ordinance across the county with the exception of incorporated municipalities.

They will decide in February whether to adopt fees to cover staff time in handling applications for wind tower permits by developing companies that include First Wind Energy and Shell Wind Energy.

County Manager Tom Stewart reminded commissioners that at their March meeting, a lengthy and restrictive proposed ordinance was reviewed and put aside for a two-month public comment period. At their meeting in May and after reviewing written comments from members of the Corona Landowners Association and development companies, commissioners decided not to adopt the ordinance. They asked the interested parties to get together and see if they could come up with a simpler version that worked out any sticking points.

"Curt Temple, our planning director, assumed the mission of working on an agreeable ordinance," Stewart said. "He corresponded and met two times with concerned parties to

produce the attached ordinance for discussion. He points out that commissioners will have to establish a permit procedure.

"The timeframe between now and the Jan. 13 commission meeting is very tight in terms of affording sufficient public notice."

Commissioners agreed to move the public hearing to their February session.

Temple said the draft was reviewed by all sides and was revamped several times. Some additions were included from the Corona Landowners group and from the companies.

Jim Miller, former president of the Ruidoso campus of Eastern New Mexico University and an advocate of alternative energy development, also was involved as a neutral party to help smooth out any lingering issues, Temple said.

Leon Porter with the landowners association said the process was lengthy and members appreciated the commission giving them an opportunity for input. They think the ordinance will represent the county well and that developers will be able to work with the terms as they come into the county, without being too restricted.

Commissioners Eileen Sedillo and Jackie Powell said they heard compliments about the process and the resulting product from those participating.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said the aim was protection of the public and landowners, while

allowing development to occur.

Earlier, before commissioners decided to apply the ordinance countywide, County Attorney Alan Morel said the proposed ordinance was a "very good draft," but he had a few minor comments.

He pointed out the wind districts were proposed as overlay districts, which is a zoning concept, and because the county has no zoning, he would prefer applying the ordinance countywide.

If the activity is restricted to districts, the commission must declare a legal reason.

Temple said no maps would be needed if the ordinance was applied countywide.

"I would think you would want the same regulations, if one sprung up near Ruidoso," Morel said. "And what exactly do you want them to supply in an application, the same as to the state or minimal? We need to refine that and do you want to charge any fees?"

Battin said he had the same problem as Morel restricting areas of development. He has seen a wind farm go into an area and then expand significantly later, he said.

Temple said the districts were created based on the areas identified as wind avenues, including the whole southeast, but excluding places such as Ranches of Sonterra and Alto Lakes Village, where a wind farm might create

negative impacts.

"But since they have to meet certain criteria, it would be hard to go into an area close to population centers," he said. He will review what information and fees are being required by other counties for applications, Temple said.

"I thought if we were

ward, Curt Temple will have to take time to review them and (County Assessor Paul) Baca too, the effect of payment in lieu of taxes. It will take some of your staff's time and commissioners should take that into consideration and ask companies and department directors to suggest some

county. More important would be to watch the New Mexico State Legislature, which is considering some regulations for adoption.

Sedillo said based on her past experience, she doesn't trust the state. "It may harm us in some way we don't understand," she said. "So far, no one has asked for any bonding, which is good. I just don't want wording in state law to interfere."

Battin asked Porter if delaying action until February would create any issues for the landowners. Porter replied there is no rush for passage as far as landowners are concerned.

"The state is looking at an ordinance, along with independent power producers in New Mexico," he said. "It may be to your benefit to have this in place and then look at what the state does."

Sedillo said with a change of administration at the state level including the governor, "It could be awhile before we see anything come out of the state."

Temple said he was contacted by an attorney for the Legislative Counsel office asking for a copy of an early draft of the wind ordinance, "because they were looking at something up there." He will send the office the new draft, Temple said.

Battin said he hopes in the future, the same process of interaction and consultation of involved parties can be used to develop other ordinances.

*"The state is looking at an ordinance, along with independent power producers in New Mexico. It may be to your benefit to have this in place and then look at what the state does."*

moving ahead today, we could define that before the hearing," he said.

Porter said the landowners would leave the decision to commissioners whether to go with districts or to apply the ordinance countywide. "We understood it could be countywide and we're perfectly fine with that," he said.

Temple said he also received that feedback from representatives of the development companies.

Although Morel said he wasn't sure a fee was necessary, Porter suggested an application fee should be charged to cover the time required for staff review.

"I think the county does need to take a look at fees, because as these come for-

fees."

Battin directed Stewart and Morel to come back with suggestions for appropriate fees and application information.

"I think there should be some fee," the chairman said.

Powell joked it should be minimal, "like \$5 or a cup of coffee."

Sedillo said Temple is doing a great job with the wind ordinance and she would like him to attend a conference on the bonding process in Denver, Colo. of associations of counties requested by the state of Wyoming.

But Stewart said he has not yet seen the agenda for the conference and is not sure it would benefit the

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## Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
The snow resort 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](http://www.ski-apachesnowreport.com).  
Tickets: Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.  
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Season total: 14 inches  
Snowmaking: Yes  
Mid-mountain snow: 24 inches  
Weather for Wednesday: Windy with a few showers developing later in the day. High 46F. Winds WSW at 25 to 35 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.  
Wednesday evening, windy, rain and snow showers in the evening will become snow showers late. Low 33F. Winds WSW at 25 to 35 mph. Chance of precip 50 percent.  
Weather for Thursday: A few snow showers possible, windy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper teens.  
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Lower Moonshine, Captain Lite and Captain Heavy  
Lifts open: No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 7. Gondola is open.

## Sports On Tap

**Basketball**  
**Girls**  
Thursday, Dec. 30  
Cliff at Carrizozo, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 4  
Hondo at Capitan, 5 p.m.  
**Boys**  
Thursday, Dec. 30  
Cliff at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Cobre, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Jan. 4  
Ruidoso at Socorro, 4 p.m.  
Hondo at Capitan, 7 p.m.

# Local fighter to Silver Gloves

*Twelve-year-old boxer Jesse Gonzales heads to regional tournament in California*

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The Rocks Boxing Club of Ruidoso Downs has one of their boxers advancing to the Region VIII Silver Gloves Championships in Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 6-9.

The annual Silver Gloves competition is open to all amateur pugilists, age 10 to 15 years old, whereas Golden Gloves is for all non-professionals 16 and over.

Gonzales has been with The Rocks Boxing Club, which fights out of the First Southern Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs, for almost a year and has had nine fights. On Nov. 20, which was billed as "Saturday Night at the Fights," the church featured 19 fights and Gonzales fought Thai Ewing of TNT Boxing in the 12th bout. The local fighter won a well-deserved decision over Ewing in three rounds of scheduled

**"Jesse has really evolved as a fighter over the last year. This time he will be fighting in the 12/13-year-old, division."**

George Romero  
Church Youth Director

boxing in the 11/12-year-old, 70-pound weight class. Gonzales had improved greatly over his previous bouts and showed good vision, smart counter-punches and trained movement. Ewing was one of the top amateur boxers at the time.

Eleven-year-old Destiny Romero won her fight at the same event and earned the right to go to Pasadena also. Her father, First Baptist Church Youth Director, George Romero, feels she needs more ring experience before competing in such a high-profile

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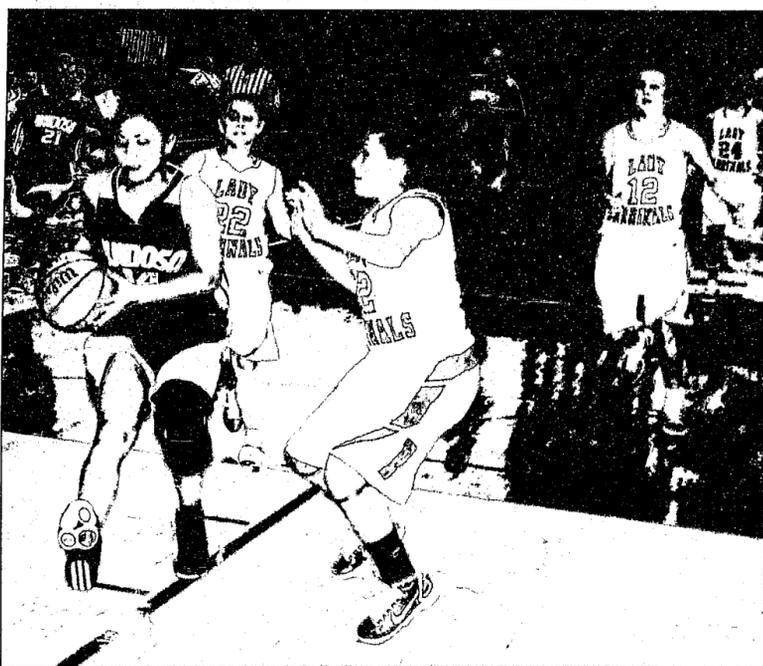
Jesse Gonzales thankfully accepts a donation from Christina Chavez to go to the Silver Gloves.

# LADY WARRIORS PLAY AT GODDARD TOURNEY



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Claudia Morales tries for two against Robertson Monday at the Goddard tournament in Roswell. Ruidoso lost to the Lady Cardinals, 46-42.



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Brittanie Vega hustles down the Goddard hardwood in their first game at the tournament.

# Aggies return to practice with room for improvement

JASON GROVES  
*Las Cruces Sun-News*

LAS CRUCES — The development of a basketball team involves taking several small steps forward while avoiding the significant backward steps that can ruin your season.

Saturday's 73-53 loss at home to Saint Mary's was New Mexico State's worst home loss since losing by 21 to UTEP last year. Prior to that, it was an 81-58 loss to Denver in 2004-05.

"It gives us a lot more to work on so when we get in another game like this, we have a little more experience," Aggies freshman

guard Christian Kabongo said.

The loss to Saint Mary's snapped a four-game Aggies win streak. NMSU coach Marvin Menzies admitted the Aggies aren't ready to play with a team of the Gaels' caliber.

It also exposed some deficiencies as the Aggies enter Western Athletic Conference play this week at Idaho and Boise State.

Among the most obvious — or disturbing, was the Gaels' 16 offensive rebounds, their 17 assists on 31 field goals compared to NMSU's seven and 15 turnovers.

"They were looking for

their teammates and we were taking, 'me' shots," Menzies said. "We were getting better but we took a step backward in two or three areas. The offensive rebounds, the assists and our ability to turn people over."

Perhaps the Aggies deserve a pass for failing to rattle Saint Mary's guards Mickey McConnell and Matthew Dellavedova.

But getting outrebounded for the third consecutive game isn't a good sign for a club that is still missing leading scorers Troy Gillenwater and Hamidu Rahman, who are expected to return at some point dur-

ing conference play.

"We need size," Aggies junior guard Hernst Laroche said. "I think when they are back, we are going to have more boards. We feel good. We just need to clean up some stuff and we are going to be alright."

Louisiana-Lafayette outrebounded the Aggies 48-23 in an 82-76 Aggies win on Dec. 21. Saint Mary's outrebounded NMSU 34-27 and Pacific had a one-board advantage on the glass.

Not only have the Aggies been outrebounded, but teams have extended

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New Mexico State University's Gordo Castillo, left, and Tshildzi Nephawe both go for a rebound on Thursday against Saint Mary's. The Aggies have been outrebounded the past three games, a string they hope to break as WAC play opens this week.

# Notre Dame, Miami coaches see Sun Bowl game differently

**BILL KNIGHT**  
El Paso Times

EL PASO - Notre Dame head coach Brian Kelly and Miami interim head coach Jeff Stoutland addressed the media Tuesday at the Hawthorn Inn - each coming from a different perspective.

"We are certainly humbled to be here," said Kelly, who is finishing his first season as Notre Dame head coach.

"There was a time when we were in a position that a bowl game wasn't a certainty for us."

Notre Dame won its final three regular season games to finish 7-5 and become bowl eligible.

"Our situation is a little different," said Stoutland, who will remain with the Miami staff under new head coach Al Golden. "This is our last game - not only for our seniors, but for many of our staff."

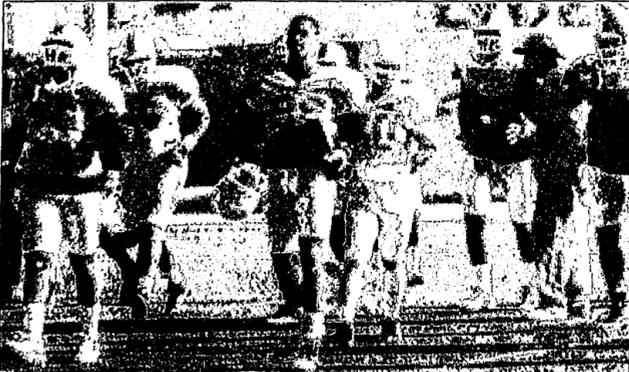
Miami head coach Randy Shannon was fired after the Hurricanes lost their final two regular season games to finish 7-5.



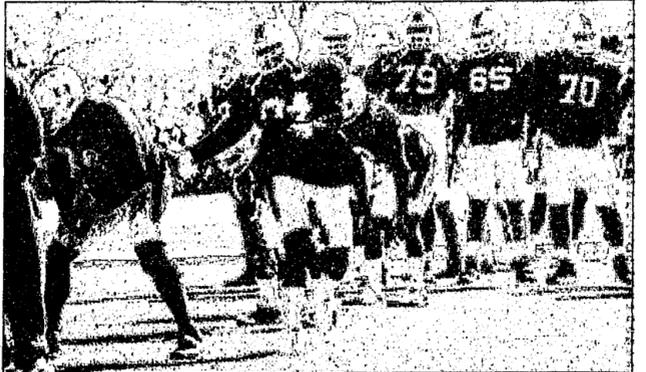
Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly, left, and Miami coach Jeff Stoutland exchanged a handshake at the conclusion of a press conference Tuesday at the Hawthorn.



Notre Dame quarterback Tommy Rees looks for a receiver during drills Monday at the Socorro Activities Center.



The Miami defense, left, and offense ran drills at the start of Tuesday's practice at Burges High School stadium.



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tournament.

"Jesse has really evolved as a fighter over the last year," Romero said. "This time he will be fighting in the 12/13-year-old, 70-pound division."

The young fighter's father, Andy Gonzales and Dave Ordorica will accompany the budding pugilist to the event as coaches.

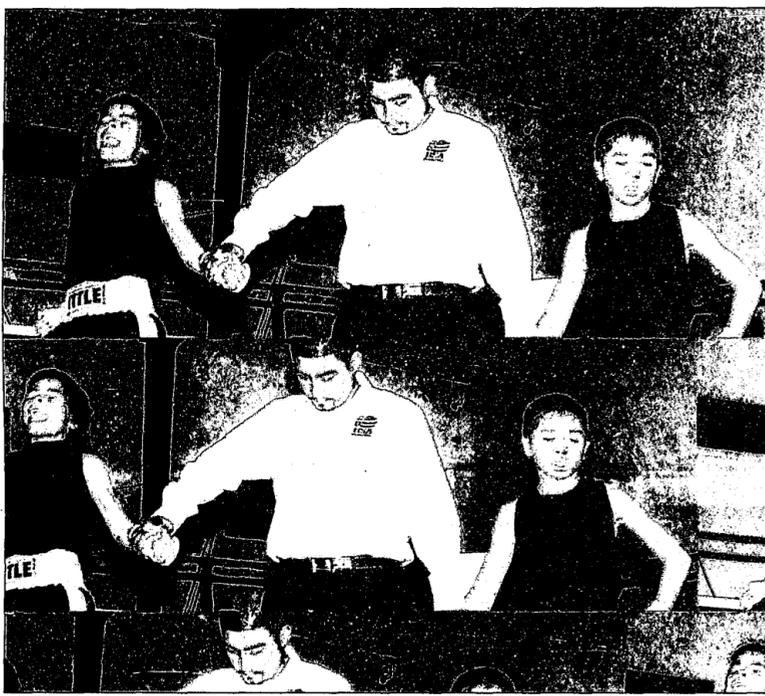
The cost of the trip will exceed \$1,000 and to date the boy's father has received donations from Frontier Medical, Servi Gas and Dr. Lynn Willard of the Ruidoso Animal Clinic.

The elder Gonzales would like to thank all who donated for their generosity.

A new sign-up year will take place Jan. 2, at the

Ruidoso Downs First Southern Baptist Church for young athletes interested in learning the art of pugilism. The cost for registration is \$75 an athlete, ages ranging from 8-30.

"If it weren't for Pastor Randy Widener and the church we wouldn't be able to hold these fights, which help to keep kids off the streets and give them a sense of purpose," Romero said. "We would also welcome any donations toward Jesse's trip to California as well as aid to The Rocks Boxing Club. There are many less fortunate kids who can not afford registration fees. As we are a non-profit organization we operate solely on what we make from events and fundraisers. If anyone can help with this worthwhile cause please call 808-0129, 937-2441 or RDFSBC at 378-4611. Thank you to all who have donated in the past."



Rocks Club boxer, Jesse Gonzales celebrates his Nov. 20 victory over Thai Ewing.

FILE PHOTO

## AGGIES

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possessions on the offensive glass.

The Aggies are allowing 10.6 offensive rebounds per game on the season, but are giving up 18.3 the past four games.

No team took advantage of it more than the Gaels, who had 22 more field goal attempts and a 34-8 advantage in the paint against a team who has prided itself on establishing the post and winning the rebounding battle.

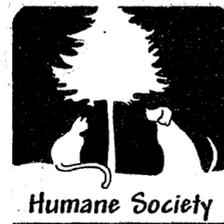
The Aggies returned to practice Monday.

"We've got to look at who the different culprits are and get them better," Menzies said. "I think we have a great group and I'm very optimistic about our potential in conference."

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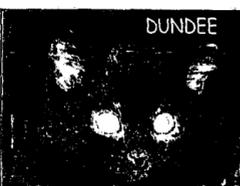
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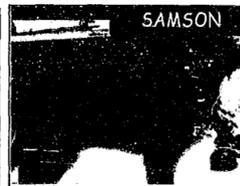
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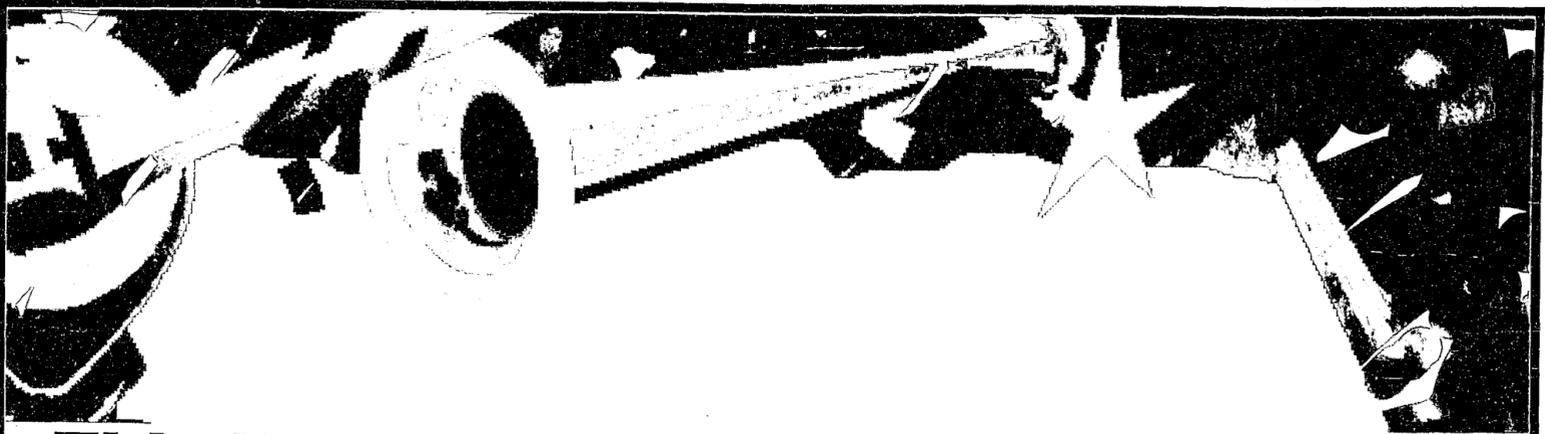
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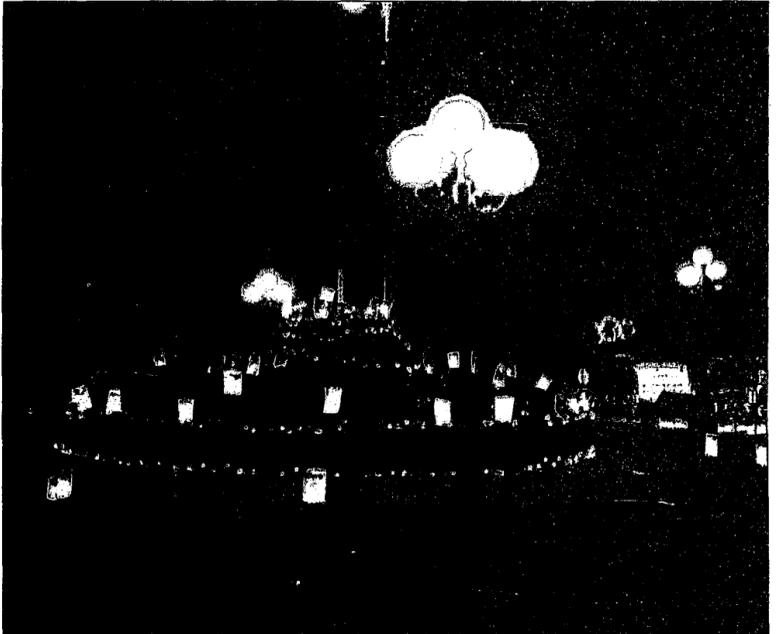
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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Christmas festivities in Carrizozo



Photos by Polly Chavez

The little town of Carrizozo is full of tradition when it comes to the Christmas holiday.

Early in the month of December the preparations begin for several annual events beginning with the Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown followed by the creation of the luminarias to placed on the streets on Christmas Eve.

Methodist Church hosts the Carrizozo Community Choir Cantata (photo top left). This year's program was called "I Hear the Prophet Callin'." Scott Shafer, was the music director with Jane Shafer at the piano. Narrators were Barbara Culler and Bob Curtiss.

Top right photo, Santa visits with a Carrizozo youngster when he arrived in town Dec. 18 aboard a

Carrizozo firetruck. Sponsored by the Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department and funded by donations and fundraisers, Santa visits the elderly and shut-ins first, then the children, delivering candy and gifts.

The luminarias were placed around the churches and in McDonald Park this year.

Pastor Hayden Smith and his family placed the "farolitos" around the First Baptist Church. (photo, middle row, far left).

The Christmas Lighting Contest hosted by the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce declared some new winners this year.

The judges were selected at random and were reportedly "rough" this year.

The lights had to be Christmas-theme oriented, not too busy, not too dull along with a complete list of other criteria. Finally scoring revealed winners to be:

First place: Reuben Zamora at 1000 B Avenue;

Second place: Josie Barela at 207 Aspen;

Third place: Rose Wheeler on Lava Loop.

This year's Business Winner was the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce for their decorations (especially the Train Set) in McDonald Park. (Middle row right and both bottom row photos.)

The winners will be given a certificates valued at \$75, \$50 and \$25 to be spent at any Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce member business.

They are also invited to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 12 noon at the Four Winds

Restaurant to be given their prizes.

The Carrizozo Chamber extends their congratulations to the winners.

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# Illegal immigrant denied appeal

## CAPTAIN SAM

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An illegal immigrant from Mexico, arrested following a contact with Ruidoso Downs police almost two years ago, will remain in prison until his term is completed and he is again deported.

Adalberto Gallegos-Soto was an undocumented immigrant who has lived intermittently in the United States for many years, according to court documents. He had two misdemeanor convictions, in Illinois and Colorado, for driving under the influence.

He was also convicted in 2003 in Colorado for one count of sexual misconduct, which brought a 160-day jail sentence followed by deportation.

On Feb. 5, 2009, Gallegos-Soto was suspected by a Ruidoso Downs police officer of being in the

United States illegally. The U.S. Border Patrol was contacted and an agent confirmed that Gallegos-Soto was an illegal immigrant from Mexico and was arrested.

The defendant pled guilty in federal court to returning to the United States and was sentenced to 46 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release. On appeal, Gallegos-Soto's counsel questioned if the sentence imposed by the district was "unreasonable." The defense said the sentence overstated the seriousness of his prior conviction for sexual misconduct. While the misconduct was a misdemeanor under Colorado law, the U.S. Court of Appeals at Denver said it was a crime of violence that mandated an extended sentence. A presentence report had noted while a misdemeanor in Colorado, the offense was

punishable by imprisonment for up to 18 months, which qualifies as a federally defined felony. The court also stated that reentry into the United States following a conviction of a crime of violence is a serious offense.

Gallegos-Soto argued that the prior offense was relatively minor, and a letter from the victim described a single attempt to touch the victim. A statement from the victim and her family forgave the defendant.

The appellate panel disagreed with a shorter sentence and called the term "not unreasonable as it served the dual purpose of reflecting the seriousness of defendant's prior criminal history and protecting the public."

Gallegos-Soto also argued at the sentencing hearing that he would not return to the United States because his family had a

farm in Mexico where he would live and work after being deported.

The district court made the statement at the end of the sentencing hearing, "You know, I've heard 'I will not return to the United States,' - what do I sentence, 500 or 700 a year - so I figure at least 250 or 200 times a year. They all come back."

Gallegos-Soto's counsel responded that violated a directive that a sentencing court must make an individualized assessment based on the facts presented. But the Appeals Court said the district court did consider the defendant's arguments for a lenient sentence but it was not unreasonable for the court to be skeptical about the defendant's claim that he would not return given his own failure to comply with his prior deportation, which was the basis for the most recent charge.



**COURTESY PHOTO**  
Veteran Volunteer firefighter Sam Pirelli has been elected Captain of the Ruidoso Downs Volunteer Firefighters. Pirelli has been a firefighter for 20 years and has been with the Ruidoso Downs volunteer firefighter for seven years.

### DISTRICT COURT CASES

**Probation restarts**

Beau Hirsch, 20, appeared in court Dec. 10 for a probation revocation hearing.

Judge Karen Parsons ordered Hirsch to begin a new five-year term of probation and to obtain psychotherapy treatment, alcohol abuse treatment and to obtain either a job or enroll in school. Parsons ordered Hirsch held at Lincoln County Detention Center until a space became available at House of Hope, where she ordered Hirsch to spend six months.

Parsons order also included a requirement for Hirsch to testify against Dennis Grimes, identified by police as the ringleader of a group that burglarized numerous homes between November, 2008 and January 2009.

Hirsch pled no contest to charges of racketeering, conspiracy to commit racketeering and two counts of burglary on July 10, 2009 under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

Under that agreement, the State dismissed eight charges of burglary, 10 charges of breaking and entering, six charges of larceny, two charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, two counts of receiving stolen property, two counts of attempted burglary and larceny of a firearm. Parsons sentenced Hirsch to five years probation on Sept. 4, 2009, as per the agreement.

use and ordered her probation to continue with a 60-day diagnostic evaluation.

Crockett had been convicted with three counts of theft of a credit card. She had been charged with eight counts of theft of a credit card.

On July 26, 2010, Truth or Consequences police and New Mexico State Police responded to a party, where they found and arrested Hirsch. Officers Stewart Johnson and J.C. Apodaca reported that Hirsch threatened to kill them and "make sure their children never grew up." State Police patrolman Daniel Chaves arrested Hirsch on a charge of resisting, evading of obstructing an officer and a probation violation.

**Evaluation ordered**

Latasha Crockett, 39, appeared in court Dec. 21 for a probation revocation hearing.

Judge Karen Parsons revoked Crockett's probation for continued alcohol

### RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

**Dec. 19**

10:50 p.m. - Corporal Lawrence Chavez reported being advised to be on the lookout for a maroon Ford Explorer that had been driving on the wrong side of the road on Sudderth

Drive.

A few minutes later, dispatch advised Chavez the vehicle was in the parking lot at 1717 Sudderth Drive.

Chavez booked Martin for driving under the influence of intoxicating drugs or liquor and possession of

drug paraphernalia. Martin's bond was set at \$2,000 cash.

**Dec. 22**

11:22 a.m. - Sergeant Dale Harrison responded to the 200 block of Sunny

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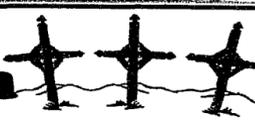
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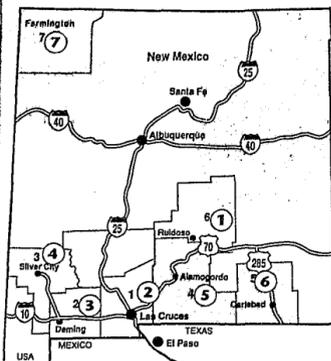
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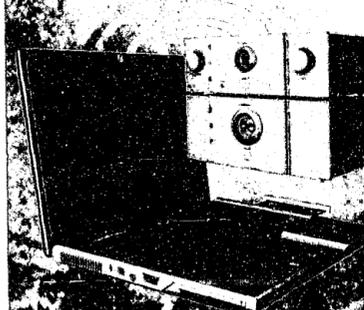
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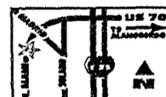
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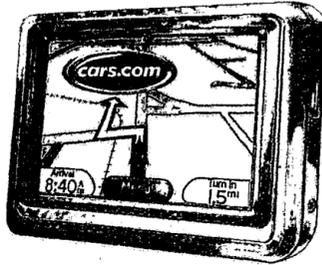


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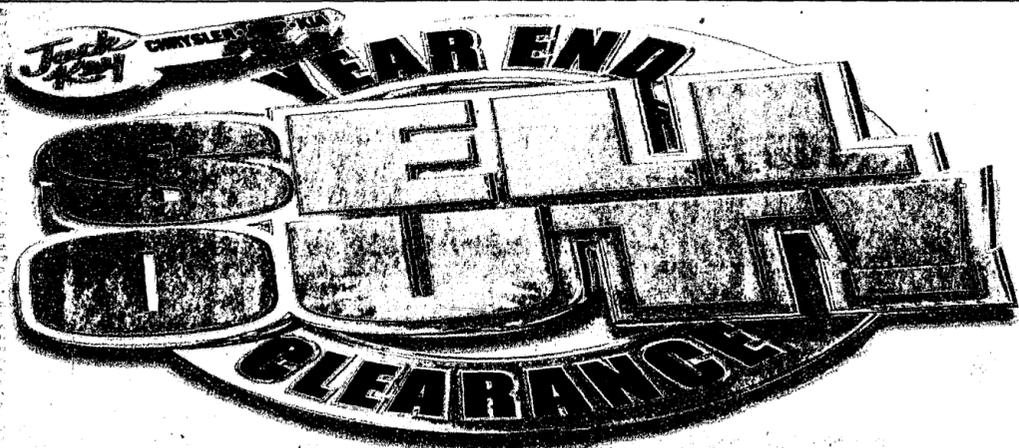
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