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## District tackles bullying

**Superintendent Harris: "We really need to do something systemic."**

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Dealing with bullying in the Ruidoso Municipal School District is getting increased attention.

Education board members Tuesday were provided with the book *Bullying at School*. The same book will be given to all certified staff. And book groups will be started on each school campus.

"Ruidoso schools definitely do not have our head in the sand. We know that that happens, not only in our district, but every other district," said RMSD Board President Susan Lutterman.

Schools Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said the book was written by a pioneer on school bully/victim information, Dan Olweus.

"He began research in 1983 in Norway and Sweden about bullying. It was sort of a national issue. And in the years since then he's worked in several countries including here in the United States."

Harris said a program established by a U.S. firm will be used to help deal with bullying issues.

"It's systemic. It's not just targeting seventh and eighth graders, or fifth graders or 11th graders," Harris said of the program. "It's a K-12 program. We'll do training of teams from every school."

To start, every student in the district will take a survey.

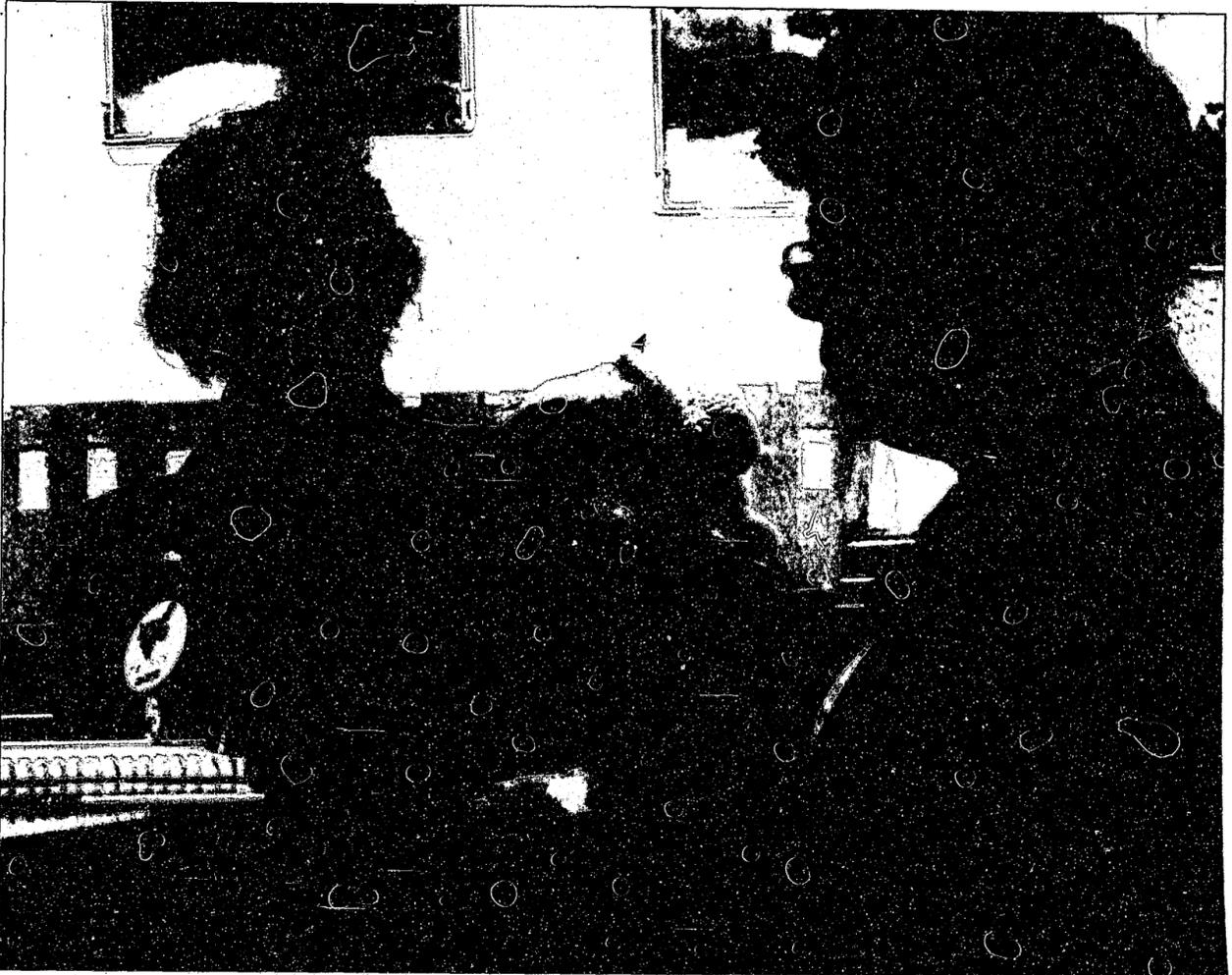
"You do a survey to establish a baseline of kids who feel threatened or kids who feel victimized. So we establish a baseline before the trainers come."

Harris said awareness of bullying has become a nationwide issue, receiving attention in newspapers and on television, through programs such as Challenge Day on the "Oprah Winfrey Show."

Mr. Heaton (Principal George Heaton) at the middle school has arranged with the Challenge Day people to come in April to work with the seventh and eighth grade students. But they'll only work with 100 students at a time and they won't go below seventh grade. So we were under some pressure to find something that's more systemic."

Trainers from a Dan Olweus bully prevention program will also be used in the district.

"I don't want to say we're being reactive," Harris said. "We had



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Ruidoso school district superintendent Bea Etta Harris (right) responds to school board President Susan Lutterman's questions about bullying in the schools.

already started looking at this before we got the letter in the newspapers and other things. But we're trying to not just sit by and let the usual discipline thing take care of it because it's not."

Questioned by education board member Marc Beatty about recent bullying issues, Harris said she had not heard of any so far this week.

"I think it's an ongoing issue. When you look at the data (in the Olweus book), more children report aggressive behavior and bullying in grades one through five than six, seven and eight. But in our district it becomes more of an issue when they're bigger kids, although the children who are reported as being bullies, if you look back, there was a history. So that's why we really need to do something systemic. You don't suddenly become a bully when you're in the seventh grade. And victims don't suddenly become victims in the sixth grade."

Harris said combining the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program with the Olweus and Challenge Day initiatives will compliment one another to create a "comprehensive approach."

The Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports program component actually grew out of a

more encompassing December mandate from the state Public Education Department that determined the Ruidoso district had a "significant disproportionality, by race and ethnicity, in the total number of disciplinary removals of students with disabilities who are American Indian/Alaska Native."

The district was told to shift \$88,458 of its special education budget to provide comprehensive early intervention services to address the disparity.

"There were a lot of people that worked with me," said Sandra Hatch, the district's special education director. "My main concern was making a decision on which students we wanted to address. The consensus was we would do all ethnic groups and not just the Native American group, that we would look and see which students were involved in all this discipline last year. I basically started with a group of about 60 for the school district and then looked to see what office referrals they had this year. They had to have at least three last year and they had to have at least three this year. It narrowed down to 20 students for the whole entire district, which is really manageable."

Harris said the issue goes beyond behavior and can include

academics. She said that was already being looked at before the Dec. 8 letter from the Public Education Department.

"We were able to bring things together that were already in place to make it a coherent whole," Harris said. "We had some pieces in place. We had already started working with the middle school about all their referrals, not just from some kids. We were already moving to those decisions before this notice came."

Harris said she sees good coming from bad news. The superintendent pointed to another proposal in the district's Behavior Management Support for all Students plan that calls for holding a World Café to bring diverse groups together.

"Diverse groups of parents, students and staff to address

"What can we do as a community about bullying?" We are hoping to do that this spring."

Another idea in the \$88,458 plan includes extra social work services for Native American students.

The overall plan had gotten high praise by the state's special education department.

"She (Sandra Hatch) submitted it, went to a special ed directors meeting, and at that meeting she was told it was the best plan in the state," Harris said. "She was told we should do a webinar."

The district has applied to the Public Education Department for a grant, to potentially cover some or all of the cost.

"I think that that increases the likelihood of us being awarded at least part of that grant," Harris said.

### More than half involved

The latest research shows that more than half of all children are, at least on occasion, directly involved in bullying as a perpetrator, victim, or both. And many of those who are not directly involved witness others being bullied on a regular basis. No child is immune - kids of every race, gender,

grade and socio-economic sector are impacted. But it doesn't have to be this way. As parents we have the power to help reduce bullying.

Here are Education.com's top 10 actions you can take to help address bullying:

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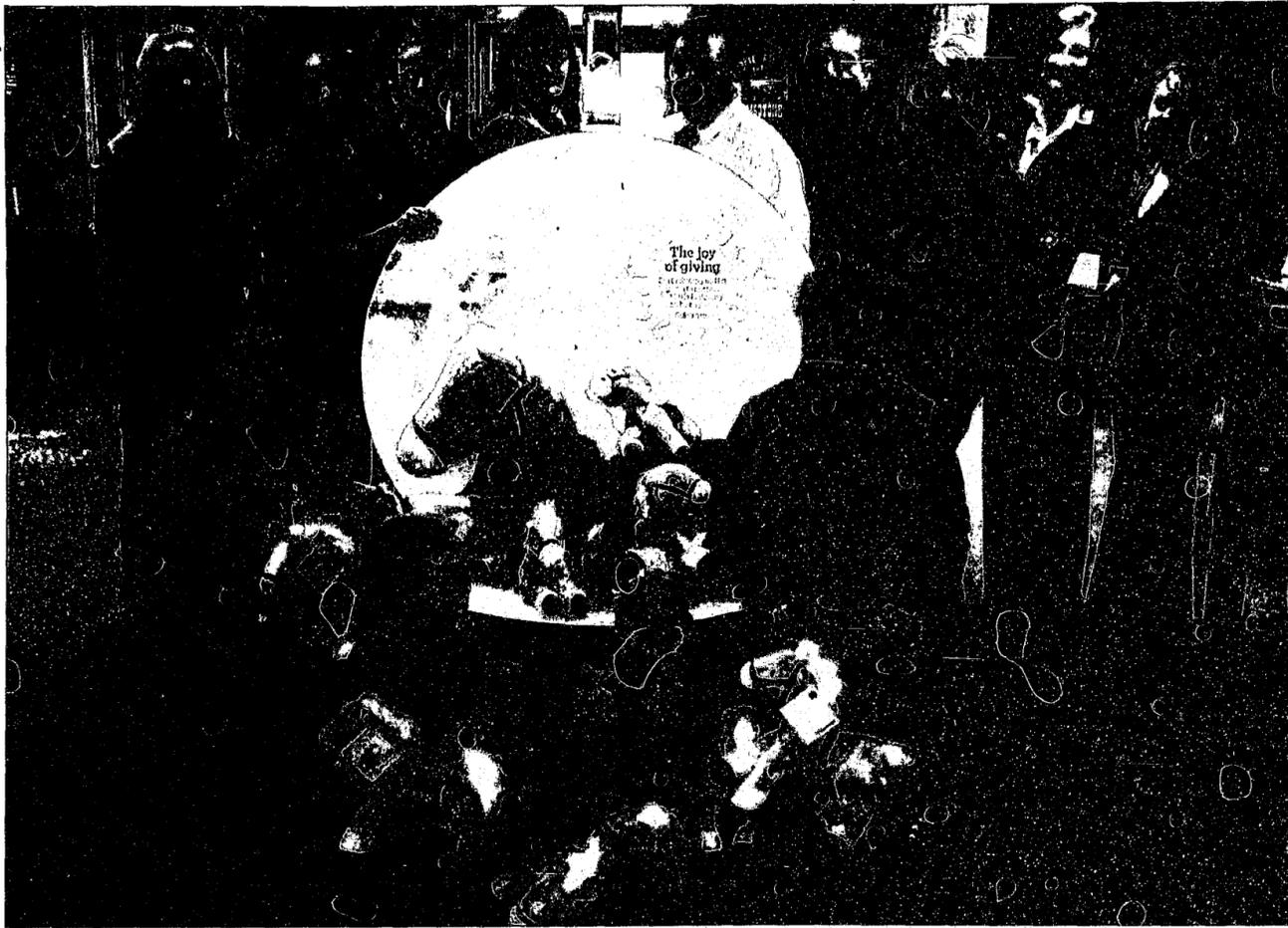
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**Wells Fargo** Bank donated Lightning, the 2010 Plush Pony, to the Community United Methodist Church Imagination Station Day Care, Thursday at the Wells Fargo Bank on Sudderth Drive. Wells Fargo Bank has a Plush Pony made each year for the holiday season for customers who open a new account. The ponies are named after a real horse that pulled the Wells Fargo Stagecoach. After the holidays, each bank gives the large plush pony to a local non-profit organization. Pictured, from Imagination Station, l-r Charlotte Musgrave, Paeg Salzwedel, Zachary Musgrave, Darian Martinez, Olivia McCoy, Patrick Kimbrell and Nisha Hoffman. Wells Fargo Bank employees, l-r, Kristen Bewley, Jessica Reyes, Heidi Cerullo, Rose Woodall, Juan Chavira, Raul Luevano, Bethany Martin, Savannah Lanik and Alesia Beveridge.

**Burn to resume**

The Raven Ridge pile burn on the Lincoln National Forest's Smokey Bear Ranger District will resume next week.

Fire management officials said the burn, which was started last week, will pick up again on Jan. 18 and continue through Jan. 20, weather permitting. The burn will be located off of Cedar Creek, behind the Smokey Bear Ranger Station. Smoke will be visible in Ruidoso.

The slash piles were produced from thinning operations that will promote forest health. Fire officials will monitor the burn along with smoke conditions.

For more information or questions call the Smokey Bear Ranger Station at 575-257-4095.

**Meet-and-greet**

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a meet-and-greet with candidates for the Ruidoso Municipal School District and the ENMU-Ruidoso College boards on Jan. 18.

The informal session, which will enable the public to meet individually with the nine school district nominees and the four ENMU-Ruidoso candidates, is from 5 - 7 p.m. at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca. Each candidate will provide a short biography and running stance to be provided in a printed flyer.

The Ruidoso school board candidates are: Position 1 (4-year term), Susan Lutterman and Cecil Davis; Position 2 (4-year term), Curt Temple and Marc Beatty; Position 3 (4-year

term), Nick Herrera and Rhonda Vincent; Position 4 (2-year term), Devin Marshall, Fred Romero and Frank Sayner.

ENMU-Ruidoso board nominees are: Position 1, Brad Treptow; Position 2, Michelle Perry; Position 5, Julie Gilliland and Lynn Willard.

A formal forum with a question-and-answer format for the Ruidoso Municipal School candidates will be hosted by the Ruidoso Education Association at 6 p.m., Jan. 27, at the Ruidoso School Performing Arts Center.

**Storm ready**

Lincoln County was recognized Thursday as New Mexico's third community to be labeled StormReady by the National Weather

Service.

Shawn Bennett, meteorologist-in-charge of the service's forecast office in Albuquerque, and senior forecaster Ken Widelski, presented county officials with a recognition letter and StormReady signs during the county commission meeting in Carrizozo.

"StormReady encourages communities to take a proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations and public awareness in partnership with the local National Weather Service office," said Bennett.

To be declared StormReady, a community must establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center, have more than one way to receive severe weather forecasts and warnings to

alert the public, create a system that monitors local weather conditions, promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars, and develop a formal hazardous weather plan which includes training severe weather spotter personnel and holding emergency exercises.

"The program is designed to help StormReady communities improve communication and safety skills needed to save lives before, during and after a severe weather event," said Kerry Jones, warning coordination meteorologist for the forecast office.

The StormReady designation must be renewed every three years. The program began in 1999 in the Tulsa, Okla., area. Today there are more than 1,700

StormReady locations.

**Cook-off feted**

The biggest and best chuckwagon cook-off in the land is the annual event at the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. That was the determination of *True West Magazine* in their Best of the West for 2011.

"It's quite an honor to receive this recognition," said Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium coordinator Sunny Hirschfeld. "The cook-off is always one of the most popular activities at the cowboy symposium. Credit goes to all of the great chuckwagon cooks and crews, and the volunteers who make the cowboy symposium a celebration every year. They truly are the best."

In the Best of the West Sourcebook of *True West Magazine*, the editors said, "As it has for the past 20 years, the symposium will feature a fantastic chuckwagon contest with prizes totaling nearly \$25,000 for the best mouthwatering 'chuck' any self-respecting cowboy would travel miles to partake in. These wagons are first-class authentic (and they are judged on this), with most of them costing north of \$60,000. Here's how it works: the chuckwagons line up, featuring great names like Honey-Do Spoiler, Camp, Cookie Land & Cattle, and Rocking K Chuckwagon. The camp cookies (cowboy for cook) are dressed in authentic garb and cook cowboy meat, beans, potatoes, bread and dessert in the traditional method. Oh, and they never forget to make biscuits and gravy."

The 22nd annual Lincoln County Symposium is Oct. 7-9, 2011, at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

**Rental applications**

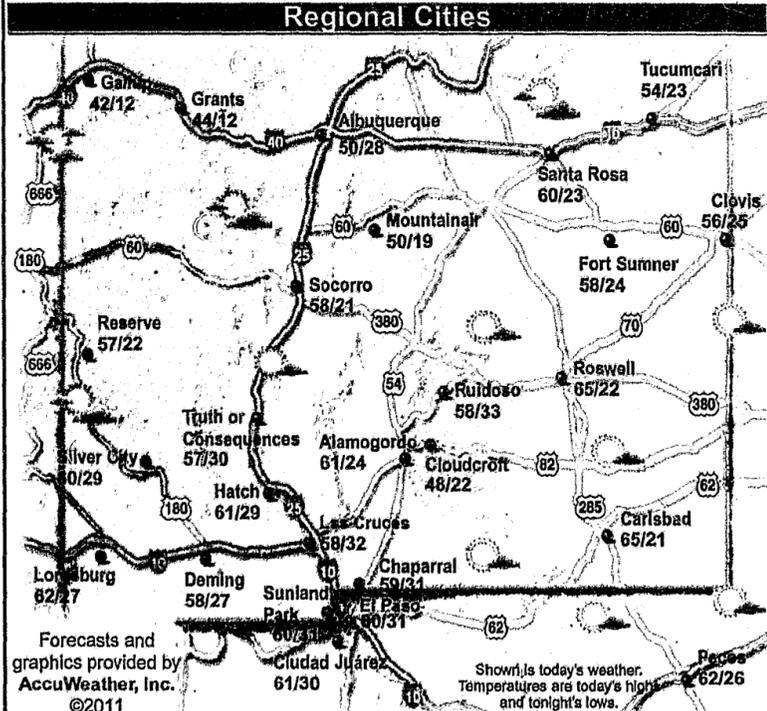
Applications to comply with new rules under the Village of Ruidoso Short-Term Rental Ordinance, 2009-06 are pouring into Village Hall now that summer is over and many visi-

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**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso**

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>RealFeel</b> 60° Humidity 58° 33° 32% Mostly sunny Wind: NNW 6-12 mph	<b>RealFeel</b> 63° Humidity 54° 34° 36% A full day of sunshine Wind: NW 4-8 mph	<b>RealFeel</b> 49° Humidity 56° 39° 36% Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: W 10-20 mph	<b>RealFeel</b> 50° Humidity 57° 33° 37% Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: WNW 15-25 mph	<b>RealFeel</b> 48° Humidity 51° 36° 38% Sunshine Wind: WSW 7-14 mph	<b>RealFeel</b> 50° Humidity 55° 33° 36% Sunshine Wind: W 8-16 mph	<b>RealFeel</b> 44° Humidity 51° 23° 38% Partly sunny Wind: ENE 10-20 mph

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



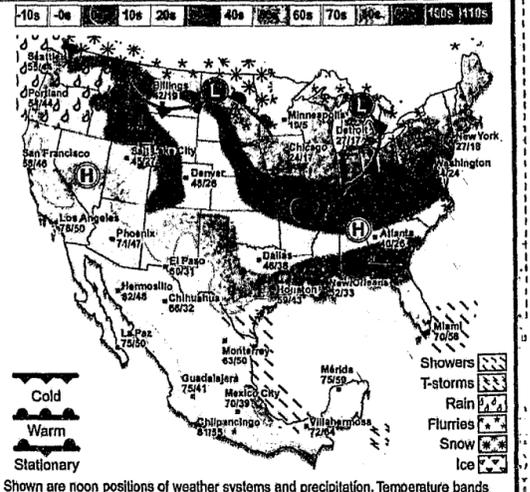
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**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Wednesday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 37°/21°  
Normal high ..... 49°  
Normal low ..... 20°  
Record high ..... 62° (1953)  
Record low ..... -7° (1963)  
Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.56"  
Year to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal year to date ..... 0.56"  
Pollen:  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... Low  
Weeds ..... Absent  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Ascospores  
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Wednesday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 44°/22°  
Normal high ..... 55°  
Normal low ..... 28°  
Record high ..... 69° (2000)  
Record low ..... -5° (1962)  
Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.36"  
Year to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal year to date ..... 0.36"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: What is the lowest temperature ever recorded in Death Valley?

**National Forecast for Jan. 14, 2011**

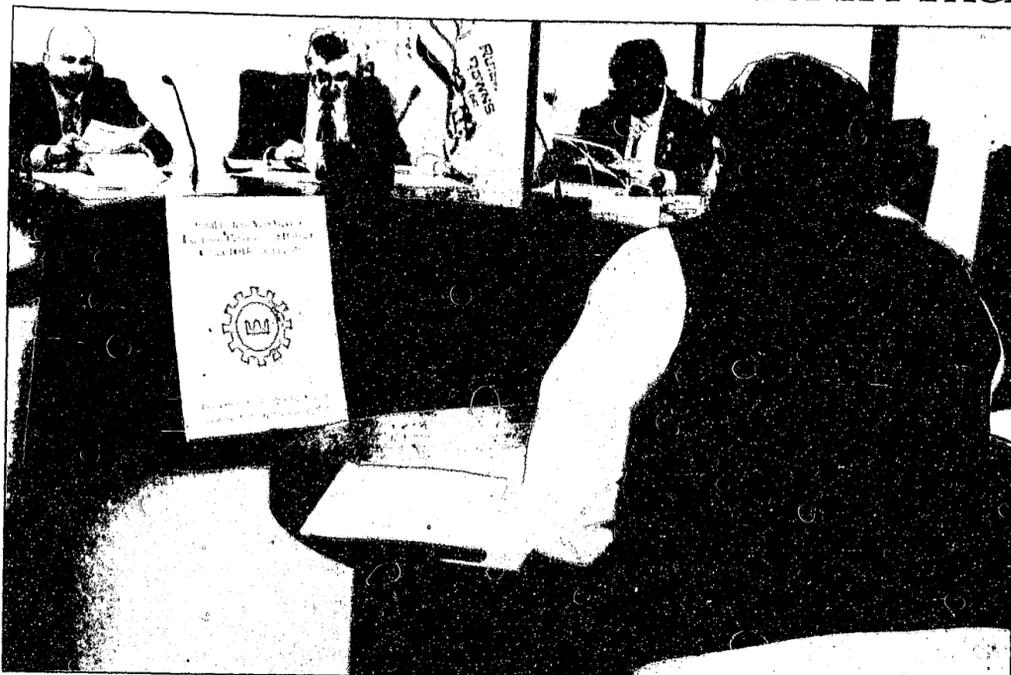


City	Today	Sat.
Albino	54/33/pc	59/39/pc
Anchorage	10/-7/s	4/-11/s
Atlanta	40/28/s	47/31/pc
Austin	52/42/pc	58/46/c
Baltimore	30/18/pc	38/24/pc
Boston	24/15/pc	30/26/c
Chicago	24/17/c	25/6/sn
Dallas	46/38/pc	53/44/c
Denver	48/26/c	54/30/c
Des Moines	22/15/c	16/2/c
Detroit	27/17/pc	32/14/sn
El Paso	60/31/s	60/32/s
Las Vegas	63/40/s	61/47/s
Los Angeles	78/50/s	82/50/s
Minneapolis	19/8/sn	10/-8/c
New Orleans	52/33/s	59/40/c
New York City	27/18/pc	33/25/pc
Philadelphia	28/17/pc	34/28/c
Phoenix	71/47/pc	71/47/s
Reno	44/27/pc	50/37/pc
San Francisco	58/48/pc	60/49/pc
San Diego	71/51/s	73/50/s
Seattle	55/44/r	50/44/r
Tucson	71/40/pc	70/39/s
Tulsa, OK	38/28/pc	45/29/c
Wash., DC	34/24/pc	43/30/pc
Wichita	38/23/pc	42/28/c
Yuma	74/50/s	78/51/s

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	50/28/pc	50/27/s
Artesia	67/26/s	59/31/s
Chama	43/12/c	42/15/s
Clayton	49/26/pc	56/29/s
Cloudcroft	48/22/s	48/26/s
Farmington	40/19/pc	41/21/s
Hobbs	63/25/s	55/28/s
Los Alamos	45/21/pc	44/13/s
Portales	58/23/s	58/26/s
Raton	51/17/pc	55/18/pc
Red River	41/7/pc	40/6/s
Ruidoso	58/33/s	54/34/s
Santa Fe	47/22/pc	47/21/s
Silver City	60/29/pc	57/30/s
Taos	43/8/pc	45/9/s

Sun and Moon	Moon Phases
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:06 a.m./5:18 p.m.	Full Last New First
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 12:38 p.m./2:09 a.m.	Jan 19 Jan 26 Feb 2 Feb 11

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 76° in San Gabriel, CA Low: -29° in Hettinger, ND
Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 109° in Nyang, Australia Low: -66° in Summit Station, Greenland



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

**State Rep.** Zach Cook, a Republican from Ruidoso, left, State Rep. Dennis Kintigh, (R-Roswell) and State Sen. Timothy Jennings (D-Roswell) attended a session last week in Ruidoso Downs council chambers on capital outlay project requests from entities in Lincoln County. Hubert Quintana of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, Council of Governments, put together the meeting. Representatives of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and other municipalities and groups submitted their requests, but county officials stayed home, convinced the State Legislature won't have money to spare this year.

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tors are home planning their next trip to Ruidoso.

The Village Council passed the ordinance, creating a "Residential Rental Overlay Zone," because:

- Short-term residential rentals provide a community benefit by expanding the number and type of lodging facilities available to seasonal visitors.

- Short-term residential rentals are not commercial, but are strictly a residential use of the property under the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Code.

- The provisions of this section are necessary to prevent a burden on Village services and impacts on residential neighborhoods posed by short-term residential rentals.

The Ordinance can be found on the Village of Ruidoso's home page. Go to [www.ruidoso-nm.gov](http://www.ruidoso-nm.gov). Applications are available on-line and can be filled out and e-mailed to [STR@ruidoso-nm.gov](mailto:STR@ruidoso-nm.gov). Applications also are available at Village

Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Once an application is received, Planning and Zoning Department staff will input the information. The Ruidoso Fire Department will receive the application and contact the applicant to schedule a fire inspection.

Many Ruidoso property management companies have submitted their applications and inspections are being conducted as quickly as possible. Those properties will be booked for the holidays with friends, family and visitors to the area.

Most applicants are signing up for the three-year agreement. The fee is \$35 per year or \$70 for three years, amounting to one year free.

The Ruidoso Fire Department will assess a fee of \$25 per unit for their inspection. Therefore, a three-year agreement at \$70 and \$25 for the inspection is \$95, less than 9 cents a day to be in compliance with the Village ordinance.

"If you have a property that is rented at some time during the year for a short duration, an application needs to be filed and we would be happy to help you.

The compliance deadline is March 10, 2011. Ordinance 2009-06 does not apply to commercial business enterprises such as hotels, motels or commercial cabin rentals or properties outside the Village.

**Lyons named**

New Mexico's former Commissioner of Public Lands, elected in November to the state's Public Regulation Commission, was appointed chair of the PRC. Patrick Lyons, from Melrose, replaced David King of Alamogordo as the chair. King's tenure on the PRC ended last week after serving two full terms.

Lyons said he wants to ease restrictions on New Mexico businesses.

"I'd like to see a task force established to look at what we can do to be more business friendly in the

state. I want to take a look at some of the existing regulations to see if there are some that could be relaxed or loosened so as not to be burdensome on New Mexico businesses."

Newly elected Commissioner Ben Hall of Ruidoso supported Lyons' position.

"We want to invite businesses to New Mexico, not run them out or tax and fee them to death," Hall said.

While the commissioner of public lands, Lyons had raised the ire of some in the Ruidoso area during an effort at development of Moon Mountain, which is state trust land. An Alto developer wanted to trade a private parcel elsewhere in New Mexico for the more than 600 acres of Moon Mountain. Lyons said as land commissioner his duty was to make money for public education through the use of trust lands. Many local residents wanted Moon Mountain preserved as open space.

**Protection plans**

Some more locations in New Mexico now have state approved Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs), including Chaves County. Going into 2011, the number of CWPPs in the state was 57, covering 600 communities. The communities with the protection plans grew by 45 in 2010. Eleven of the new entrants were listed as having a high fire risk. Moderate risks covered 22 others, while 12 were ranked as low risks for wildland fires, according to a report from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department's Forestry Division.

Lincoln County adopted a CWPP that was approved in 2008. Ruidoso had established a protection plan earlier.

In Lincoln County, communities with high risk rating are: Alto, Angus, Ancho, Arabela, Bonito, Carrizo Canyon, Cedar Creek, Eagle Creek, Gavilan Canyon, Glencoe, Loma Gran-

**Forest Restoration Act.**

Before the protection plans, New Mexico was divided into 18 Community Protection Zones that had 234 communities that were deemed to be at risk from wildland fire. The planning process brings a community together to identify risks, community values and important infrastructure. The concerns are factored together to create a prioritized list of areas to be treated and the potential treatment options.

A CWPP is a requirement for obtaining many grants and funding opportunities to mitigate the potential of a major wildland fire. New or updated information on the state's CWPP list is forwarded annually by the Forestry Division to replace the information with federal officials.

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**Calkins named**

Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) announces the promotion of Carrie Calkins, (above right, pictured with HEAL Executive Director Coleen Widell) to the position of Operations Director for the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter.

Calkins is one of only two original employees of HEAL and the Nest. She began as the Shelter Supervisor prior to its opening in March 2007. She

assumes the duties of operations director, replacing Kathryn Walker, who recently retired.

Calkins has extensive professional experience in residential services. In the past, she has worked with developmentally disabled clients, incarcerated individuals and recovering mothers and their children.

Growing up in Carlsbad, where her family still resides, exposed Calkins to the nature of rural living.

"Providing domestic vio-

lence services to victim survivors in a rural area has many different challenges," she said.

"Thanks to a very supportive community here, women and children fleeing domestic violence in Lincoln County and Mescalero have a state-of-the-art shelter not usually found in rural areas. I am proud to be a part of the HEAL team."

Calkins can be reached at the Nest at 575-378-6378.

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### OUR OPINION

## Hubbard museum finds a new suitor...

...although the deal is not finalized

For all its significance and reputation, the Hubbard Museum of the American West has been bandied about over the past five or six years.

In 2005, after negotiations to acquire the museum by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs failed, then-museum owner R.D. Hubbard transferred it to the City of Ruidoso Downs. Hubbard offered a \$1.5 million endowment in the deal.

Now, the state is finally

acquiring the property — if approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

This appears to be a good deal for Ruidoso Downs, whose general fund has been strained by museum expenses and overhead.

In addition, the Department of Cultural Affairs would budget \$182,000 annually, while the Downs still holds onto half of Hubbard's original endowment.

If this helps the museum reach its potential, we're for it.

## New governor's prosecutorial roots showing

During the recent campaign, New Mexicans heard a great deal from their Republican and Democratic gubernatorial candidates, Susana Martinez and Diane Denish, about the proposals they would submit to the 2011 Legislature for dealing with the state's wickedly unbalanced budget.

Those proposals, with variations on themes, boiled down to promises neither to hike taxes nor to cut spending on education and Medicaid. Hardly anyone versed in the realities of New Mexico's budget woes considered such budget balancing notions in the least plausible.

So upon taking office last week, media types and others wondered if the new governor would reveal the balanced budget alchemy behind her claim that there was a realistic way for the upcoming Legislature to match necessary expenditures to anticipated revenues without raising taxes or cutting spending on the two programs, education and Medicaid, that constitute the largest share of that budget.

Unable or unwilling to answer such questions, Gov. Martinez cleverly changed the subject by making it known that she wants the upcoming Legislature to broaden the state's law mandating DNA sampling of adults arrested for violent felony offenses, such as murder, armed robbery and sex crimes.

Martinez, however, wants the Legislature to authorize DNA sampling of anyone arrested for any and all felony offenses, including non-violent crimes where DNA forensic value is often less.

Clearly some of the new governor's old prosecutorial predilections accompanied her to the Round House. And, like it or not, an enlarged DNA sampling program will cost still more scarce revenue.

Not that anyone should doubt that DNA samplings can play a vital role in the criminal justice system. Only last week a Texas man who spent 30 long years behind bars for a crime he didn't commit walked out of prison exonerated because DNA evidence proved his innocence

conclusively.

Nonetheless, the practice of sampling individuals charged but not convicted of felony crimes is unsettling to many who subscribe to the doctrine of innocent until proven guilty.

Which is why in 2000, when Congress first acted on DNA sampling for federal law enforcement purposes, mandatory sampling was legislatively restricted to persons convicted

of or on probation or parole for federal felony offenses.

Within six years, however, Congress changed that law to embrace persons who had simply been arrested or were facing charges for a felony offense.

There's a big difference here. To be convicted of a violent felony crime is one thing. To be arrested or charged is something else.

Nevertheless, when New Mexico lawmakers got around to legislating on the matter a few years back they too mandated DNA sampling of persons arrested and/or convicted of violent felonies.

Now New Mexico's new governor wants that mandate broadened to include anyone arrested for any felony. It represents a sweeping change, to say the least, and it raises questions about another traditional safeguard of individual civil liberties in this country, namely the constitutional prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures.

The question is, does it represent an unreasonable search to require DNA sampling of some pre-trial detainee accused of, say, a non-violent felony of the "white collar crime" where DNA has scant relevance?

A federal judge in Pennsylvania recently ruled DNA sampling does, indeed, constitute a search and that in some instances such searches do not meet the constitutional test of "reasonable."

That ruling is on appeal and could end up in before the U.S. Supreme Court, leaving some state lawmakers to wonder if it might not be smarter to balance the budget before adding on the costs of an enlarged DNA sampling regimen and wading into the troubled legal waters surrounding the program.



### YOUR OPINION

## Chief's firing a disgrace

To the editor:

LET'S SEE if I have this right: The fire chief, who has an excellent work record, is fired because he tries to enforce the

fire codes which are written for the safety of us all ("Chief Gavin fired," *Ruidoso News*, Jan. 12, 2011).

Makes me wonder, who in the

village management is being paid off by whom? This is a disgrace.

Chuck Maly  
Ruidoso

### SANTA FE PERSPECTIVE

## Film subsidy debate not just a movie

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SANTA FE — Is subsidizing moviemakers with taxpayers' money a sound investment or a government giveaway?

Neither New Mexico legislators nor economists can agree on an answer.

Perhaps the only certainty is that Gov. Susana Martinez has picked a fight with Hollywood as one of her first actions, proposing to cut subsidies for moviemakers in a state whose film industry has exploded during the last decade.

Martinez, a Republican, wants to reduce tax credits for film productions from 25 percent to 15 percent. She said the change would save state taxpayers \$25 million this year.

Numerous other governors, such as Republican Rick Snyder of Michigan, also want to cut money for the movie industry. Michigan has had the nation's most generous movie subsidy since 2008, but a state study said the cost of the program outweighed the benefits.

Studies in New Mexico have reached differing conclusions on whether taxpayer support for moviemakers has paid off through more jobs and revenue.

But New Mexico state Rep. Dennis Kintigh said using tax money to help the movie industry is bad public policy. He has reintroduced a bill to kill the moviemaker subsidy altogether.

Kintigh, R-Roswell, said the benefits of the film industry are exaggerated and the subsidy for Hollywood puts a burden on taxpayers.

"If film producers spend \$1,000 to feed people on a set, they receive a check from the state for \$250 because food is a production cost. No other industry gets that," Kintigh said.

Another Republican, state Sen. Sue Wilson Beffort of Sandia Park, said the state subsidy was a small price for the jobs and revenues generated by moviemaking projects.

"The only industry in New Mexico that had sustained growth is the film industry," Beffort said.

She said movies had become

a sophisticated enterprise in the state. Private studios have blossomed, and community college programs have tailored training so New Mexico residents can fill the specialized production jobs of movies and television shows.

Beffort also said the complexities of making movies necessitated a consistent state policy. A filmmaker who was told a 25 percent tax credit is available may take three years to get into production. He likely would shift his project elsewhere if the incentives in New Mexico were cut, Beffort said.

The New Mexico Film Office lists more than 150 movies and television series as having been produced in the state since 2003. Beffort said that benchmark was used because it was when New Mexico became "the gold standard" nationally for attracting moviemakers. The state's incentive program and its structure to accommodate productions with skilled crews gave New Mexico an edge over most places, she said.

Employee of the Month, *The Longest Yard*, *No Country for Old Men*, and the AMC television series "Breaking Bad" were among the projects filmed in New Mexico during that stretch.

Most films are made on sound studios indoors, Beffort said. So a state that has trained workers and the right economic package can offset a seeming geographic advantage elsewhere and land a movie, she said.

Dana Arnold, president of Albuquerque Studios, said New Mexico's program is an investment that grows jobs, not corporate welfare.

"The movie business is nuanced, it's complicated and it may not be understood by everybody. But we have phenomenal crews and great people. We can build an industry here," he said.

As for subsidies, Arnold said, government provides them for everything from agriculture to manufacturers to oil explorers.

"This tax credit for film is a tiny one compared to all the other incentive programs for businesses, yet it's the one that gets focused on," Arnold said.

Robert Tannenwald, a senior fellow with the nonpartisan Center on Budget and Policy

Priority in Washington, said there was good reason to scrutinize state governments' treatment of moviemakers. He recently authored a study titled: "State Film Subsidies: Not Much Bang for Too Many Bucks."

In an interview, Tannenwald said Martinez and other governors were right to be skeptical of funneling public money to moviemakers.

"You get the illusion of a cost-effective economic driver because you see a set and people working," Tannenwald said in an interview.

"But when you actually cost it out, movies don't translate into good, long-term jobs for residents. And long-term jobs for residents is, to me, the goal of economic development."

Subsidies have led to other problems.

In Iowa, Democratic Gov. Chet Culver closed the state film office because of a scandal on improper payments to film companies.

One moviemaker has pleaded guilty to felony theft, and four other people have been charged with crimes.

State Rep. Kintigh, a retired FBI agent, said he had investigated every economic study on public subsidies for movies and the overwhelming majority found it a bad idea.

"We've paid for this through the nose, and they can pack up and leave tomorrow," he said.

Both Kintigh and Beffort are fans of Martinez. Each hopes to persuade the governor in a different direction when it comes to film subsidies.

Beffort said the movie business is a complex one, and that Martinez had been overwhelmed in crafting a budget during her first two weeks. Beffort said New Mexico's film program might be tweaked, but reducing it by 40 percent as Martinez proposes would hurt a private industry that is growing in New Mexico.

On this debate, Beffort said, every eye in Hollywood is watching New Mexico.

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# County Commission considers deer-feeding ban

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One way to help reduce the potential danger from large predators is to reduce the herds of deer that regularly visit Ruidoso and surrounding residential developments in the Alto area, Lincoln County commissioners heard Thursday.

Following that logic, Commissioner Mark Doth suggested the commission consider enacting a ban on feeding mule deer.

"I'm really concerned about the deer population," he said. "The number of hits on the roads have gone up and some deaths have been attributed to that. It's a nightmare in Ruidoso and will get worse with (the projected) drought situation."

"Cougars will follow the food supply. I took the same complaint to Game and Fish before."

Doth said he was advised then to let the natural balance of nature take care of the problem, because the herd eventually will thin from disease or kills, starvation and reduced birth rates.

"I'd like to look at a countywide ordinance to stop feeding the deer," Doth said. "They bring disease and are genetically inferior. It's not good for the gene pool. We need a depredation hunt." Feeding corn to fawns also can be deadly, because the young animals cannot digest the food and die of starvation.

But Commissioner Jackie Powell reminded Doth the real problem exists in and around Ruidoso, not in most of the rest of the county. A county ordinance only would apply in those areas outside of municipalities, and would not affect Ruidoso.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said the deer on Gavilan Canyon Road are more predictable. They're not as afraid of vehicles and drivers expect to see them. But in other areas, they dart out, she said. In Alto and the Airport Road area, many people feed the deer, she said, adding, "Maybe we do need to do something."

"Then we'll have to enforce it," said Commissioner Kathryn Minter.

"I don't like to pass an ordinance we can't enforce," Commissioner Tom Battin said. "It becomes selective. When I served on the Alto Lakes board, we received complaints, but they rejected every solution. They didn't want the deer, but they didn't want to hurt them either."

County Manager Tom Stewart reminded commissioners that at their December meeting, they expressed concern about the growing number of bear and cougar encounters occurring in the county.

"I wrote Brian Archuleta, our U.S. Department of Agriculture representative for predator control, and he advised that before his predator control employees could kill a cougar or bear, they had to get a permit from the State Game and Fish Department," Stewart said.

"I called Leon Redmond, the director of the South-eastern New Mexico Game and Fish, and he coordinated a visit by Ben Byrd, our Ruidoso District Wildlife Supervisor."

Byrd told the commissioners that his department works under a rule



They're cute, but feeding deer attracts predators and can actually be harmful to their nutritional health.

DAVID TREMBLAY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

that says feeding deer is not illegal unless it negatively impacts a neighbor. The county has the authority to impose its own ordinance, he agreed.

Powell suggested the department step up its public education about the dangers of bear and cougar, who seem to come closer and closer to populated areas.

"Growing up, it was rare to see a mountain lion," she said. "Now I know almost no one without a photo on their cell phone or at home. I've received reports of a lot of lion kills around Grindstone Lake. As the deer move into town, the lions follow."

"One woman was stalked by a lion. I have grave concern. I want to go on record before we have an incident."

Not just ranchers with sheep and cattle are at risk, she said. Tourism could be affected, if an attack occurred, she said.

Byrd said his department received a few more calls this year about lion and bear sightings than in the past. Some were confirmed, others were not. To influence the harvest level for hunting, the sightings must be confirmed. People who want to kill a lion based on predation must be able to verify deer and livestock kills to obtain a hunting permit from Game and Fish, he said. To report a kill, call the Roswell office at 575-624-6135, the Santa Fe dispatch, or the local police or sheriff's dispatch, he said. But don't wait.

"With a two-day-old sighting, there's not much we can do," Byrd said. "We're trying to document and build up a database of sightings close to schools or in proximity to people."

Minter asked what three things the public should know about predator encounters. Byrd said never run if a predator is nearby, because it arouses the animal's instinct to chase and kill. Always be aware of surroundings and

make noise to allow a lion or bear time to escape. Other advice in publications include to never corner them, carry a walking stick and travel in groups. If confronted, maintain eye contact with lions and try to look as large as possible, fanning out a jacket or backpack for lion or bear. Pick up small children and never turn your back, but try to exit to a safe place, if possible. Dogs may help with a bear, but not with a large cougar.

"We live in wild country," he said. "It's a problem across the state, but especially around Arabela (which is sheep country)."

"We're kind in their territory," Minter observed. More people mean less wildlife habitat and more chances of crossing paths. She suggested pamphlets be placed in hotels and motels to alert visitors of the potential danger and how to react in case of an encounter. Byrd said they already distribute the pamphlets in several locations, including the Smokey Bear District office of the U.S. Forest Service on Cedar Creek Drive. They also could be handed out at schools, because children would take them home to their parents.

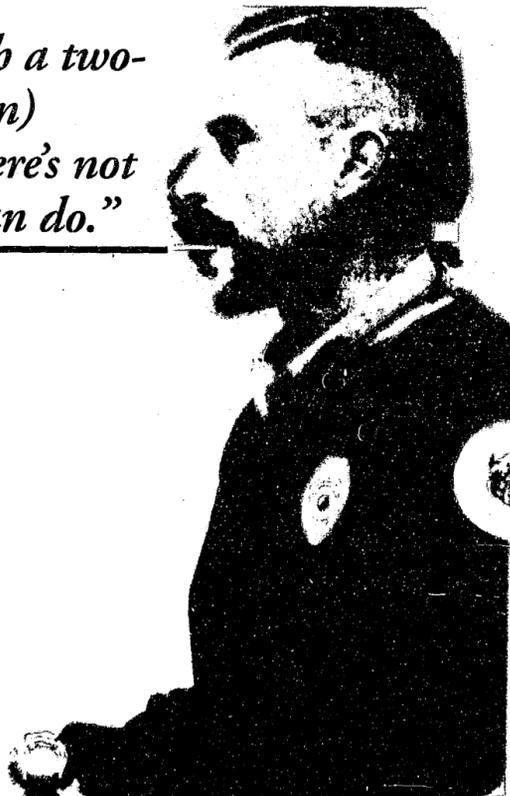
"I appreciate the Game Department's effort to raise the hunting limits," Powell said. "I don't want a first incident."

Byrd went over the increased harvest limits for bear and lions in 2011-2012. He said an unlimited number of hunting permits can be issued and if a harvest limit is met in one designated unit, the permit holder can move to another to use a license, after checking the department on what areas still are open.

Depredation hunt kills count against the harvest limit, he said.

The new limits for bear in the hunting unit area around Ruidoso, U.S. 70 and U.S. 380 as splits off U.S. 70 toward Carrizozo,

*Byrd: "With a two-day-old (lion) sighting, there's not much we can do."*



is a total of 28 bears with a sublimit of 14 females. If the female limit is reached first, the hunt stops in an effort to ensure a viable population is sustained, he said.

The hunt begins Aug. 16, and by that time many problem bears already have been relocated, because most incidents occur in late spring to late summer, Byrd said. The harvest numbers are based on science, he said. They look at the amount of bear habitat and the sustainable bear population. The limit runs for four years, unless a significant reason emerges to change it.

Problem bears are given three opportunities before they are killed under a permit, he said. The department first tries removal to USFS-approved places in the Capitan Mountains, even the Gila Wilderness. "Removals don't count against the harvest total (but a kill of a problem bear or cougar would count)," he said. "Bears are like hu-

mans, they want to return to their home range."

In the hunting Unit that covers the Capitan Mountains, Carrizo and Tucson Mountains, the limit is 16 bear and six females.

Harvest levels for lions were raised this year from 35 total and nine females to 37 total and 11 females.

Trying to eliminate a problem lion can be tough, he said. Hunts in general for lions are not as successful and the harvest limit many years is never met.

"You need snow for the dogs to track them. It's harder with a dry land hunt. If don't have snow, you don't kill cougars."

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# BUSINESS

## Churrasco Flats offers a new taste in dining

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For the Ruidoso News

It's about time the Fairy Godmother of Food granted our wishes in Ruidoso.

Longing for unique, flavorful food perhaps?

Would you like comfortable, relaxing ambiance?

Oh, and lest we forget, an affordable option too?

She heard our desires and poof, sent us Karen Berry, proprietor of the new restaurant, Churrasco Flats.

Pronounced "shoo-RAS-coo," the exact meaning creates a debate in Latin communities, but for those who enjoy this type of cuisine, they all agree that it defines grilled beef, and generally meat.

"Although the concept of my restaurant is not a Brazilian-type steakhouse, it is a combination of styles of churrascos from different Latin countries," Berry explains.

Using imaginative, original ideas, Berry reinvented the lounge located in the Swiss Chalet hotel.

However, the wonderful ambiance of the bar remains. The cozy fireplace provides a very warm, intimate feel, but small design changes give the Flats a whole new vibe. It's a cross between a place you would find in a large metro area or maybe on a side street in a Latin American city.

Yes, Ruidoso, we now have a place where you can drift away and feel you are in another world.

Berry came to Ruidoso from Lubbock, where she happened to bump into the owners of the Swiss Chalet. They loved her flavorful dishes and the two parties struck a deal to bring the



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**Churrasco Flats** is a new restaurant at the Swiss Chalet offering Latin-style cooking. Above left, Karen Berry, owner, and Chef David "Stoney" Stone prepare for the evening crowd. Above right, the cozy, warm atmosphere welcomes diners with a promise of a unique experience.

concept to the hotel.

Before Lubbock, Berry lived in Portland, Oregon for many years and she operated an upscale home style restaurant.

"I put on some weight from eating all the fried foods we were serving and I just wanted something different. I built an outdoor kitchen and grill in my backyard which began my love affair with grilling," says Berry with a smile.

Pacific North Rim Fusion Foods hit the scene and that fired a creative spark too.

"Grilling is a great alternative because the fat doesn't stay next to the food. The end result is a healthier meal that's not full of bad calories, yet you are not sacrificing flavor," Berry explains.

Another interesting cuisine featured at Churrasco Flats is Tapas.

By definition, Tapas are small plates of appetizer-sized portions.

In Spain, they are actually served sitting on top of a cocktail.

Berry offers Tapas on her menu for those who do not want a large meal but would rather have a variety of flavors on a smaller plate.

"Wednesday nights we feature Tapas as well as several drink specials, and it's a perfect time to give them a try," Berry suggests. For those who want more tapas, she offers a dinner plate that includes skewers and side dishes.

My personal favorites are found on the appetizer menu.

There are several unique reasonably priced selections, but I suggest the Yam Puffs for those who love sweet potatoes and also for those who pass

them by, even on Thanksgiving.

The texture is very unusual and upon first bite, a wonderful sweet taste jumps out of the puff as it melts in your mouth. While the puffs can stand on their own, I do suggest the dipping sauce. Now you will have several flavors that work in perfect harmony.

Menu entrees range from beef to pork to chicken and offer nice choices. Already a favorite among regulars, the Cubano steak features a sour orange marinade that melts in your mouth.

Paired with a choice of two sides, this entrée is guaranteed to please both steak lovers and those not familiar with Latin cuisine.

Originality oozes from the menu and Berry is continually experimenting with new sauces as she lis-

tens to feedback she receives from her patrons.

"A gentleman came in recently and mentioned he loved the sweet potato fries, but he craved a more spicy dipping sauce.

"I took him seriously and collaborated with my chef and we quickly came up with a new sauce using Pequin chilis. We received many compliments on the new addition," she adds.

Churrasco Flats is open Wednesday through Saturday nights with Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.

They offer a full liquor bar, with a bar menu before dinner.

Berry can accommodate larger parties but asks that you call ahead 575-258-3152.

You can also find out about upcoming events on their Facebook page.

For those seeking a romantic evening, this is a

perfect place to take that special someone.

Feeling experimental? There are even Latin inspired cocktails that pair perfectly with the entrees.

Berry likes to think ahead, and she is already making plans for the other areas located next to the lounge.

In the future, she wants to expand to the adjoining room and also catering for special events.

Before she takes these steps, Berry mentions that she wants to be ready and that will require some work on her part.

"If I am going to do something I want to understand what I am doing. I research and experiment then add my own creativity and finally, I ask people what they like best," she explains.

Now that's a recipe for "flat" out success.

## Ruidoso Downs tracks plans upgrades for 2011

Upgrades at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track, including a sweetened purse for the season closing Labor Day All American Futurity, will be a part of the 2011 racing season.

The track announced last week that the Grade 1 All American Futurity will have an all-time record purse, estimated at \$2.4 million.

The winner's portion of

\$1.2 million will also be an all-time record for quarter horse racing.

Other improvements will greet fans at the start of the season on May 27.

"Our mission is to serve our customers and these improvements are for them," said General Manager Jean Stoddard.

Fans will notice the improvements when they pull off U.S. Highway 70

and enter the track property. There will be new signage and new sealing on the pavement.

A new handicapped-accessible shuttle bus will deliver patrons to the grandstand and turf club entrances.

The exterior of the grandstand area will get a new stucco coating.

And an array of other projects are planned, par-

ticularly to the concession and seating areas.

Upgrades to the racing surface will also precede the start of the racing season.

Nationally acclaimed track expert Dennis Moore will arrive at Ruidoso Downs later this month for a complete renovation of the racing surface.

"Safety has to be one of our principal priorities,"

Stoddard said. "We have many champions, both horses and jockeys alike, that participate every year at Ruidoso. But whether they are champions or not, their safety is equally important to us."

Moore said all the surface material will be removed down to the base to make repairs.

"We will then screen all the cushion material to ensure it is free of rocks and pebbles that can cause injuries to horses and riders," Moore said.

"This screening process will rejuvenate the material so that we can lay it back down and bring it to grade."

Moore estimated the process could take four to

six weeks to complete depending on weather.

The track's Billy the Kid Casino is also seeing updates as well.

Some local residents last year had contended the track facilities needed improvements.

In an August interview with track owner R. D. Hubbard before a special election to increase the gross receipts tax in Lincoln County to fund a gaming tax break for the racino, Hubbard said over the previous three years more than \$4.5 million was spent on capital improvements at property.

He said the track would continue to spend on needed infrastructure upgrades.

### New regs lower closing costs

New Mexicans who are buying or refinancing a home should get some relief in closing costs because of new state regulations that recently took effect.

Before the first of the year, title insurance companies were bound by the 1985 enacted New Mexico Title Insurance Law, which required title companies to charge a single rate schedule established by the Superintendent of Insurance. The new law opened

the door for competition within the market, paving the way for potential savings.

"This is fantastic news for New Mexicans who are either buying or refinancing a home," said Superintendent of Insurance John Franchini.

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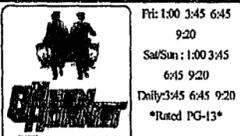
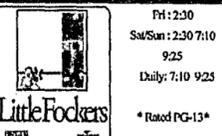
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# County debates energy costs

■ New commissioner balks at using state's permanent fund

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Alternative energy projects may be the wave of the future, but Lincoln County Commissioner Kathryn Minter said now isn't the time to spend money from New Mexico's Permanent Fund to pay for them.

Jim Miller of the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Initiative was reviewing with the county commission last week some of the projects that were initiated, succeeded, stalled or failed to materialize over the past year when Minter focused in on an item about introducing legislation in the January session of the State Legislature. The bill would provide 100 kilowatt PV solar systems for New Mexico's smallest schools. That category would include schools in Corona, Carrizozo and Hondo in Lincoln County and would be funded by the state Severance Tax Permanent Fund.

Minter asked who was going to introduce the legislation and Miller said he asked State Rep. Zach Cook, a Republican from Ruidoso. The bill would target 24 of the state's smallest schools.

Miller explained that those schools don't generate enough money to open their doors every year without a subsidy. Establishing a solar panel generation system for each would cover their power costs.

"I'm totally against using the permanent fund," Minter said.

Miller said the money

would come from the interest generated by the principal in the permanent fund, which is fed by money collected from the extraction of natural resources in the state.

But Minter wasn't mollified. "I'm watching," she said. "Some of these projects are nice to have, but we're going to have to take some hits. My husband and I weatherize our house even when we were renting. We as a county didn't even ask for capital outlay money from the legislature this year, because we knew there was no money."

In reviewing other impacts on the pursuit of renewable energy and energy saving projects for the county, Miller said action by the U.S. Congress in late December impacted renewable energy efforts in the county in two ways. The first impact is that Section 1603, covering renewable energy grants, was extended for one year. "Wind power companies working in the county are very interested in that," he said.

The second was a reduction in the residential energy tax credit from \$1,500 to \$500, which may cause some decrease in weatherization for middle and upper-income homes or families, he said.

County Assessor Paul Baca and Miller are preparing an illustration for the commission's Jan. 13 hearing on a proposed ordinance to govern wind farm development, to show the potential impacts, he said. "I think development is far enough along now to see what it can do, as far as tax generation for the county," Miller said. The illustration will take an existing project

from design development through construction and operation and transpose it onto a similar scenario in this county using the taxing entities and tax rates to see what such a project would do, Miller said. "I think he's pretty far along with that illustration and will be able to provide it for you in the future."

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she read something before the holiday break about the Bureau of Land Management leasing for a gas transmission line.

Miller said he was unfamiliar with the article she referenced, but that the BLM created six solar development zones in the American West and in southern New Mexico. Everything south of Lincoln County falls into one of those zones. To fast track alternative energy development, environmental impact assessment work will be done ahead of projects for an entire zone, not one study for each project, he said.

Perusing Miller summary, Minter asked where \$1.8 million in grant funding originated and what projects the money funded. Miller replied that three were \$300,000 each to provide 50 kilowatt hour solar systems at Carrizozo and Corona schools. Two are finished. Two biomass projects, each for \$250,000, were funded through the U.S. Forest Service, one in Corona and another through a new company in Tularosa, which also sells products realized from the forest thinning.

The county was promised \$150,000 for low-income weatherization. Two homes were completed by out-of-county contrac-

tors in Carrizozo. "The balance was left standing and the money went back to Santa Fe and possibly Washington in October 2010," Miller said. "Responsibility for the program has been moved to a Las Cruces-based entity that showed up in Lincoln County and said there were only a few homes on a list, generally because they haven't advertised. Four are on the list now, but the money has been reduced. It appears the county lost this grant money."

Through Hubert Quintana and the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, \$56,600 was allocated by the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources to work on six homes in Carrizozo "for what they were calling weatherization light, such as jackets on hot water heaters and plastic on windows," Miller said. The program is to employ five people in Carrizozo for 60 days to 90 days in line with the concept of choosing a small target area, because of limited dollars.

"The project will enable the Carrizozo Economic Development Organization to get its feet wet with a real economic development," he said.

Another \$145,000 weatherization project occurred annually for years, but the county has not participated to any significant extent, he said. The money came from Congress or the state Legislature in the past, but this year it comes from the American Restoration and Reinvestment Act.

All of those projects should add up to a figure close to the \$1.8 million, he said.

# Fire-fighting plane takes a back seat

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Facing an expected tough fire season in the spring, Ruidoso village councilors showed mixed reactions to news that a designated first response firefighting airplane won't be stationed at the municipal airport this year.

Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent told councilors Tuesday that he met with officials from the New Mexico Forestry Division of the State Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and they contended the plane gave people a false sense of hope.

"The air is so thin here, the (single engine air tanker) can only load about

2,000 gallons of (water or suppressant) at one time," he said. "It's like putting a teaspoon on a fire in a fireplace. Instead, they are going with heavier planes out of Alamogordo and Roswell that can carry 15,000 gallons. It takes 20 minutes to 30 minutes for the SEAT to get airborne, anyway."

Councilor Angel Shaw said that, last year, the village paid to station a SEAT at the municipal airport and it cost about \$50,000. Going through the State Forestry, that agency will pick up the tab, but it is not willing to pay for a SEAT, Vincent said.

The local fire department is gearing up for the annual Sierra Blanca

Wildland Fire Academy and Vincent extended an invitation for councilors to attend the session on thinning and protecting homes from fire in the urban-rural interface around the village.

He also will participate in a pre-season fire conference involving meteorologists from the U.S. Weather Service in Albuquerque.

"They're going to tell us how dry it is and that there is no snow pack and it will be a bad fire season," Vincent said. "I think it will be good to see what we can expect and for them to see how we operate."

There are only 19 firefighters in the Ruidoso Fire Department, he said. If they arrive on-scene first,

the department takes command, but when other units arrive from the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Mescalero Apache Tribe, a unified command is created. That releases the Ruidoso units to get back to what they do best, which is structural protection, he said.

In a related issue, Village Manager Debi Lee said that, by cutting the budget in the fire department in other areas, a second compressed air foam system will be purchased this year, which is especially useful in fighting structure fires and was a priority of Councilor Jim Stoddard.

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# Convention center renovations exceed budget

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The almost-completed renovations at the Ruidoso Convention Center, which had an original construction contract price of \$1.295 million, will come in 11.3 percent over budget.

Village Manager Debi Lee and Deputy Manager Bill Morris provided the convention center's financial update to the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Thursday.

"We've had two approved change orders totaling just over \$76,000 that have been approved by the village council," Morris told the committee.

"There's change order number 3 which is the wrap-up, which is the last of the construction related changes that we're looking at. It includes everything

from redoing the handicapped ramp to refinishing the exits."

Morris said over half of the change orders have come at the village's request.

Morris said the final items would cost about \$70,000. The total construction contract would have a just over \$1.56 million price tag, including gross receipts taxes.

Morris outlined other needs that were anticipated for the revitalized convention center.

"We're looking at \$15,000 for landscaping. We've gotten three bids from three local nurseries and landscape firms. We're also requesting just under \$3,000 for a new water softening system. Manny (Cordova, the convention center's supervisor) is having problems with the hard

water. And also he needs a rug scrubber. He's got a lot of new carpeting."

**"We've had two approved change orders totaling \$76,000."**

"But \$15,000?" questioned committee chair Cindi Clayton-Davis of the carpet cleaning machine.

Morris said the convention center's current carpet cleaner came with the building almost 20 years ago.

"He told us he had to have the rug scrubber because he couldn't buy or make parts anymore. Make parts," Morris said.

Furniture for the lobby, halls and offices were approved by the city council at \$14,927. Art for the con-

vention center could add another \$20,000. An increase in the architect fees has an upper limit of \$17,560. Morris said negotiations are taking place on the architect fees.

"All total, we're looking at a total cost of the project of \$1.613 million. Minus the original loan (\$1.4 million) the basic request is \$213,000 to finish this project," Morris said.

Lee told the lodgers tax panel that despite published reports, the convention center project does meet fire codes.

"In fact, Harlan Vincent (assistant village fire chief) and I had a conversation with the state fire marshal yesterday," Lee said. Because we're a municipality we get our building permit through the state. The state is who has to do those inspections.

"The state fire marshal office has been involved. He made it very, very clear about what he believes the issues were. They were minor. One was to lower the exit signs and those brackets have been ordered. The other was the sprinkler heads. He wanted a particular sprinkler head to sprinkle the furniture in the entry area and that has been done."

Lee said fire inspections have been done and the work approved.

Lodgers Tax Committee member Tom Wood questioned if local procurement would be used to purchase art for the center.

Village Councilor Gloria Sayers has been working with some local artists, Lee said.

Sayers called the \$20,000 art budget a "roundabout" figure.

"I have suggested at council that we try to involve local artists to create art for the convention center," Sayers said. "We formed a small group, a committee, we got together. It looked like it was going to be about a \$35,000 project to acquire \$20,000 in art. So we scaled back and nothing has been decided."

Lee told the committee there may be an effort at paying off the \$1.4 million dollar loan earlier through increased use of the convention center. She said more promotion and marketing of the convention center would be pursued.

The village decided to upgrade the convention center several years after the completion of the Inn of the Mountain Gods and its new convention facilities.

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## BULLY

FROM PAGE 1A

• Talk with and listen to your kids — everyday. Research shows that parents are often the last to know when their child has bullied or been bullied. You can encourage your children to buck that trend by engaging in frequent conversations about their social lives. Spend a few minutes every day asking open ended questions about who they spend time with at school and in the neighborhood, what they do in between classes and at recess, who they have lunch with, or what hap-

pens on the way to and from school. If your children feel comfortable talking to you about their peers before they're involved in a bullying event, they'll be much more likely to get you involved after.

• Spend time at school and recess. Research shows that 67 percent of bullying happens when adults are not present. Schools don't have the resources to do it all and need parents' help in reducing bullying. Whether you can volunteer once a week or once a month, you can make a real difference just by being present and helping to organize games and activities that encourage kids to play with new friends. Be sure

to coordinate your on-campus volunteer time with your child's teacher and/or principal.

• Be a good example of kindness and leadership. Your kids learn a lot about power relationships from watching you. When you get angry at a waiter, a sales clerk, another driver on the road, or even your child, you have a great opportunity to model effective communication techniques. Don't blow it by blowing your top. Any time you speak to another person in a mean or abusive way, you're teaching your child that bullying is OK.

• Learn the signs. Most children don't tell anyone (especially adults) that

they've been bullied. It is therefore important for parents and teachers to learn to recognize possible signs of being victimized such as frequent loss of personal belongings, complaints of headaches or stomachaches, avoiding recess or school activities, getting to school very late or very early. If you suspect that a child might be bullied, talk with the child's teacher or find ways to observe his or her peer interactions to determine whether or not your suspicions might be correct. Talk directly to your child about the situation.

• Create healthy anti-bullying habits early. Help develop anti-bullying and

anti-victimization habits early in your children, as early as kindergarten. Coach your children what not to do — hitting, pushing, teasing, saying *na-na-na-na-na*, being mean to others. Help your child to focus on how such actions might feel to the child on the receiving end (e.g., "How do you think you would feel if that happened to you?"). Such strategies can enhance empathy for others. Equally if not more important, teach your children what to do — kindness, empathy, fair play, and turn-taking are critical skills for good peer relations. Children also need to learn how to say "no" firmly, and how to avoid being mean to others. Coach your child about what to do if other kids are mean — get an adult right away, tell the child who is teasing or bullying to "stop," walk away and ignore the bully. It may help to role play what to do with your child. And repetition helps: go over these techniques periodically with your Kindergarten and early Elementary school aged children.

• Help your child's school address bullying effectively. Whether your children have been bullied or not, you should know what their school is doing to address bullying. Research shows that "zero-tolerance" policies aren't effective. What works better are ongoing educational programs that help create a healthy social climate in the school. This means teaching kids at every grade level how to be inclusive leaders and how to be empathic towards others and teaching victims effective resistance techniques. If your school does not have effective bullying strategies and policies in place, talk to the principal and advocate for change.

• Establish household rules about bullying. Your children need to hear from you explicitly that it's not normal, ok, or tolerable for them to bully, to be bullied, or to stand by and just watch other kids be bullied. Make sure they know that if they are bullied physically, verbally, or socially (at school, by a sibling, in your neighborhood, or online) it's safe and important for them to tell you about it and that you will help. They also need to know just what bullying is (many children do not know that they are bullying others), and that such behavior is harmful to others and not acceptable. You can help your children find other

ways to exert their personal power, status, and leadership at school, and that you will work with them, their teachers, and their principal to implement a kindness plan at school.

• Teach your child how to be a good witness. Research shows that kids who witness bullying feel powerless and seldom intervene. However, kids who take action can have a powerful and positive effect on the situation. Although it's never a child's responsibility to put him or herself in danger, kids can often effectively diffuse a bullying situation by yelling "Stop! You're bullying!" Kids can also help each other by providing support to the victim, not giving extra attention to the bully, and/or reporting what they witnessed to an adult.

• Teach your child about cyberbullying. Children often do not realize what cyberbullying is. Cyberbullying includes sending mean, rude, vulgar, or threatening messages or images; posting sensitive, private information about another person; pretending to be someone else in order to make that person look bad; and intentionally excluding someone from an online group. These acts are as harmful as physical violence and must not be tolerated. The more time a teen spends online, the more likely they will be cyberbullied — so limit online time.

• Spread the word that bullying should not be a normal part of childhood. Some adults hesitate to act when they observe or hear about bullying because they think of bullying as a typical phase of childhood that must be endured or that it can help children "toughen up". It is important for all adults to understand that bullying does not have to be a normal part of childhood. All forms of bullying are harmful to the perpetrator, the victim, and to witnesses and the effects last well into adulthood (and can include depression, anxiety, substance abuse, family violence and criminal behavior). Efforts to effectively address bullying require the collaboration of school, home, and community. Forward this list and articles you've read to all the parents, teachers, administrators, after school care programs, camp counselors, and spiritual leaders you know. Bullying is an enormous problem but if we all work together, it's one we can impact.

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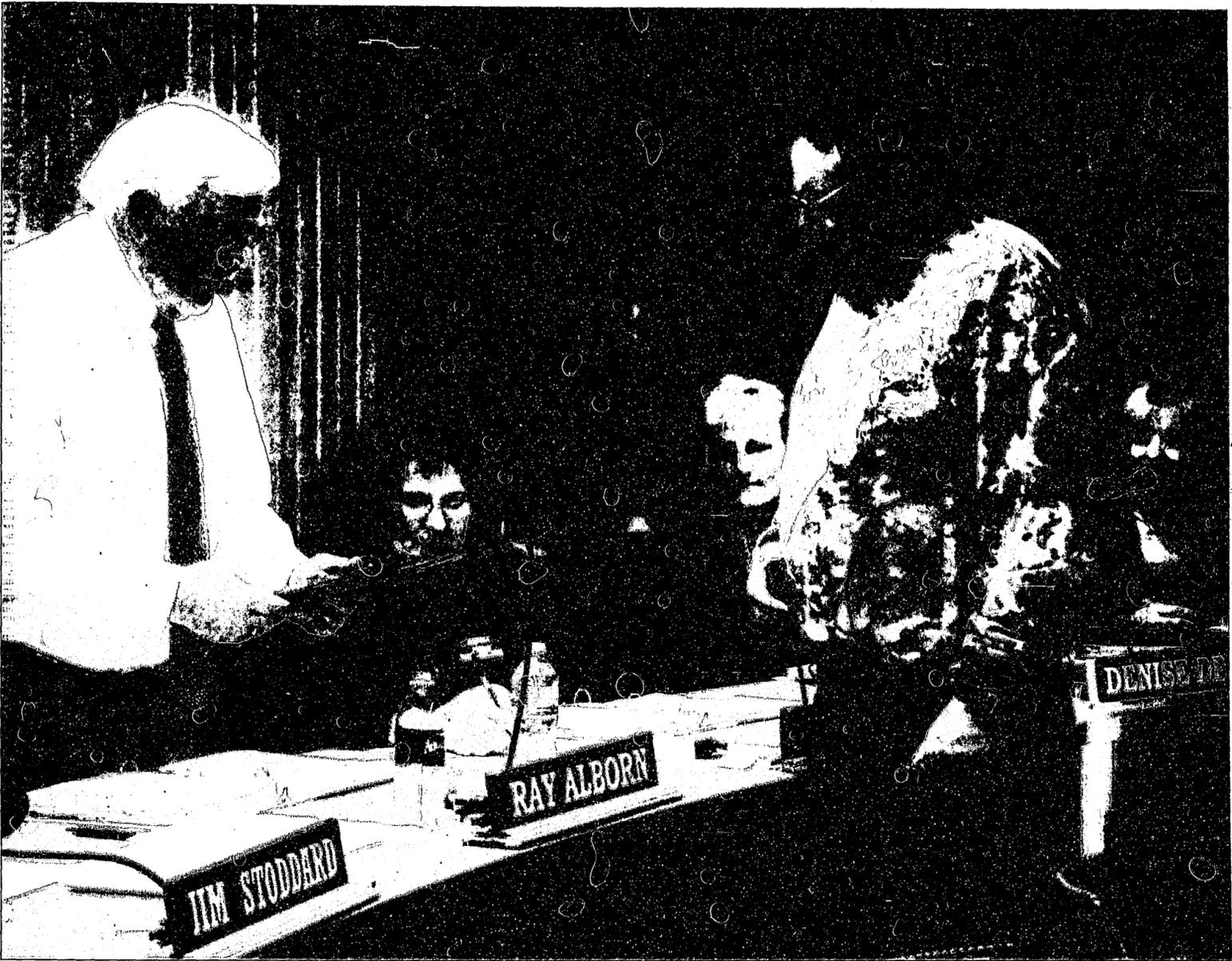
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# RETIRING MOMENT



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Handing out plaques and resolutions Tuesday, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn, left, thanked Tony Latham, a heavy equipment operator who retired Dec. 31, after 28 years with the village. Dewayne Goar, assistant police chief, also was recognized for his 20 years of service marked by his retirement. The mayor surprised Councilor Don Williams, who just stepped down after four years on the Lincoln County Commission, by recognizing his service to the county and public. Williams is entering his third year of a second, four-year term on the village council.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Stir-Fry using a Wok

Looking for a fun, fast way to get dinner on the table? Break out your wok! In minutes you can whip up a family favorite.

Some Tips for woks:

- Use peanut or canola oil. Be-cause of their high smoke points, they can take the heat without burning.
- Cut ingredi-ents into uniform size pieces for even cooking.
- Give hard

veggies such as carrots, broccoli and potatoes a head start by blanching

them before stir-frying.  
• Slice meat and poultry thinly across the grain for tenderness.



MARSHA PALMER

### HINTS FOR THE HOME

• Dry vegeta-bles, shrimp and scallops well before adding to the wok or they'll steam instead of sear.

• Listen for the sizzling sound as you stir-fry this lets you know the wok is hot enough.

• Use a wide metal pan- cake turner or a stir-fry

spatula with sides to ensure the stir-fry motion.

### Stir fry

Six steps to a super easy stir-fry:

1. Preheat wok before adding oil; you'll know it's hot enough when a bead of water evaporates within seconds of contact. Drizzle the oil down the side of the hot wok, swirling to coat the entire surface.
2. Stir in garlic, onions, chiles and other aromatics they're pungent and will permeate the oil, spreading flavor throughout the other ingredients.
3. Push the aromatics aside and add protein such

as meat, poultry and seafood in a single layer, then don't touch for a minute while it sears. Stir-fry until about three-quarters cooked, and then transfer to a plate, along with the aromatics.

4. Add vegetables in categories, from longest to shortest cooking time as follows.

5. Use the stir-fry action: Quickly and constantly slide a spatula between the food and the wok, tumbling the food over on itself.

6. Return the protein and aromatics to the wok and swirl liquid ingredi-ents (broth, wine, soy

sauce) down the side of the wok to deglaze the pan and intensify the flavor.

### Stir-Fried Shrimp

- 2 T. vegetable oil
- 2 T. finely chopped gar-lic,
- 1/2 t. crushed red pep-er

1 pound large shrimp peeled, deveined and pat-tered dry

1 zucchini, sliced cross-wise 1/4 inch thick

1 T. capers, rinsed

Salt and Pepper

3 T. dry white wine

Heat a 14-inch, flat bot-tomed wok over high heat until a bead of water vaporizes upon contact.

Swirl 1 T. oil, add garlic and crushed red pepper stir-fry until fragrant, about 10 seconds. Push mixture to side of wok.

Add the shrimp and spread them in a single layer. Cook undisturbed for one minute.

Swirl in the-remaining 1 T. oil. Add the zucchini and stir-fry until the shrimp begin to turn pink and the zucchini is bright green, about 1 minute.

Add the capers, 1/2 t. salt and 1/4 t. pepper.

Swirl in the wine and stir-fry until it has nearly evaporated and the shrimp are just cooked through, about one minute.

## Dealing with caregiver burnout is an important priority

BRITT BEATY, LPN  
For the Ruidoso News

If you are a caregiver of a loved one who has dementia or Alzheimer's, you know how challenging it can be. While many caregivers find caring for their loved one rewarding, at some point, the majority of caregivers will experience some or many symptoms of caregiver burn-out.

Dementia is described as a non-specific illness with signs and symptoms of cognitive decline, memory loss or impairment, attention or language changes and problems solving deficits. A doctor will usually diagnose a patient with dementia after six consecutive months of symptoms.

Alzheimer's is a disease that attacks the brain, causing tangles and plaques that lead to cognitive and physical decline.

According to the CDC (Center for Disease Control), this disease currently impacts more than five million Americans.

Alzheimer's has no cure, although research and treatments continue. It is the most common form of dementia, presenting with memory loss and other intellectual abilities that interfere with daily life.

Caregivers often say that caring for individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or dementia with Lewy bodies is the hardest job they have ever had. The emotional and physical demands of care giving 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week can lead to excessive stress, depression and exhaustion.

Caregivers often become overwhelmed with emotions, face fatigue as well as isolation and loneliness.

The financial burdens of caring for a loved one can

also increase overall stress. For a caregiver, finding the balance between these issues and taking care of themselves is of utmost importance.

It is also important for the continued care of the loved one. Sharing responsibilities in care and accessing local and statewide organizations can be helpful to the caregiver dealing with these issues.

One such resource is the Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter in Roswell. They offer funding for Respite Care, (short-term, temporary relief to those who are caring for loved ones.) Their respite voucher program offers \$300/per year to reimburse caregivers for their replacements. This can be used to pay home health aides, or other family members and qualified individuals to come into the home allowing the caregivers to have a

break.

There is no approved income; the only requirements are that: 1. The caregiver lives in the home; 2. They are the primary caregiver; and 3. The loved one has diagnoses of dementia.

The application can be found on-line at the link below, or picked up from Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice.

If your loved one has an illness or injury, a recent hospitalization or decline, Home Health Care may be an option. Medicare coverage for Home Care applies to the patient who meets a skilled nursing care need or rehabilitation therapy to recover to previous level of function.

Home Health Care can also provide education to the caregiver on management of disease processes and long range planning.

Caregiver.com offers support and information

specific to caregiving. There are many audio interviews available to listen to, as well as tips, advice and support group connections. Other helpful links are listed below.

Emotional support by individual counseling or group counseling is effective as well. If you or someone you know has any of the signs or symptoms below, it may be time to seek outside help and assistance.

Warning signs of caregiver burnout: excessive stress and tension; debilitating depression; persistent anxiety, anger or guilt; extreme irritability or anger with the patient; decreased overall life satisfaction; relationship conflicts and social isolation; lower immunity and greater need for healthcare services; excessive use of medications, drugs or alcohol.

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John offers a program every Thursday between 9 a.m.-noon at The Community United Methodist Church to help give caregivers time to take care of errands or spend some quality time doing something they enjoy.

Their loved one will receive interaction in a safe environment; enjoy games, or projects and light exercise if able. Caregivers are welcome to stay if they like. The program is open to all seniors. St. John is also open to forming a local Caregiver Support Group if there is an interest.

Links/Websites and Resources:  
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Websites: www.alz.org/newmexico; www.caregiver.org; www.caregiving.com; www.eldercarelink.com.  
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## SHELTER NEWS – HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

The year 2010 was a successful one for the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Achievements are as follows:

• During 2010, we adopted out or returned to owners a total of 774 dogs

and cats – an increase of 25 percent over the 2009.

• Our year ended with a bang for adoptions with a total of 50 animals in December. This compares to 33 adoptions for December of 2009 – an increase of

52 percent.

• This was also a banner year for our Resale Shop. Manager Wanda Seitz, reported that sales in 2010 were 66 percent above 2009. We have Wanda and her staff (mostly volun-

teers) to thank, and to the people of Lincoln County who support us with their donations and purchases at our shop.

• There were a lot of improvements at the Shelter this past year. We installed five stainless steel kennels for large dogs, obtained a new commercial grade washer and dryer, a new heater in the kennel area, skirting around the spay and neuter center, new flooring in the quarantine area, new anesthesia

machines in the spay and neuter center, new paint in the kennels area and new small dog kennels, which will soon be installed. Also, we have purchased and are installing 5 exterior doors to keep our guys warm in winter.

• The Humane Society is putting together a cookbook containing recipes from Lincoln County. If you have a favorite recipe, send it to recipes@ruidoso.net, along with your name and any story that

you want to include.

• We are changing our "Pet Page" in the Ruidoso News. Starting next week, "Pet Page" will be printed in color.

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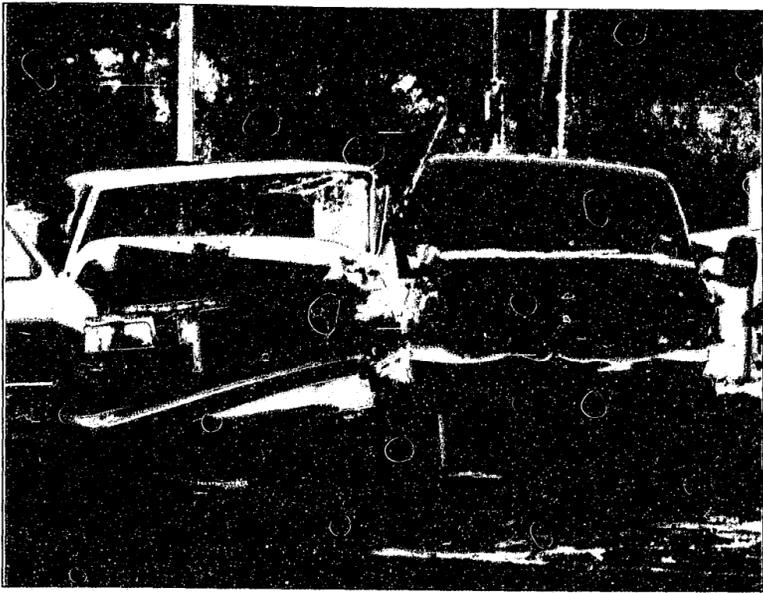
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Ruidoso Police officer Larry Smith, left, examines the 1993 pickup struck by the vehicle on the right at the intersection of Sudderth and Highway 70 Tuesday afternoon. Both occupants of the pickup were transported to the hospital for treatment.

## Two injured, two cited

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Two people were injured Tuesday when a vehicle ran the light at Sudderth Drive and struck a pickup entering the highway. Ryan Wayne Miller, 21, of San Antonio, Texas

reportedly admitted that he failed to see the red light and struck a 1993 pickup truck. The 29-year old driver and 24-year old passenger in the pickup were both transported to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment of injuries.

Ruidoso Police cited Miller for careless driving and for failure to obey the traffic signal. Police also cited Jesus Lucero, the passenger in the pickup truck, for a seat belt violation. Both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

## Merritt promoted to lieutenant

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The Ruidoso Police Department announced Thursday that Ray Merritt has been promoted to lieutenant. Merritt joined the Ruidoso Police Department in Dec. 1998, moving to Ruidoso from the San Francisco, Calif. area. He is a U.S. Army veteran, serving eight years as a Military Policeman. The promotion came after Merritt completed

written testing Wednesday morning, oral exams in the afternoon and an interview. Merritt replaces Deputy Chief Dwayne Goar, who retired Dec. 25. The lieutenant is the second in command at the Police Department and can be promoted to Deputy Chief after a year or more. The past two lieutenants, Goar and Wolfgang Born have become Deputy Chief. The promotion leaves a vacancy for a Detective Sergeant, the position

Merritt held, and Police Chief Joe Magill said that position would be filled soon. Magill also said there will be testing for promotion to Sergeant and Corporal in the near future. One of the Corporals will be promoted to fill the Sergeant position Merritt left, making room for a new Corporal. Today there are interviews scheduled for certified police officers to fill vacancies in the Patrol Division.

### RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Jan. 7

12:46 a.m. - Officer Jon Lund responded to The Quarters Nightclub for a report of a public affray. Lund reports that one woman reported that another woman tried to pull her shirt up to expose her breasts while they were dancing and they fought. Lund summoned Melissa Jacquez and Nancy Bustos to Municipal Court

on charges of public affray. Lund reports Jacquez was transported to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment by her boyfriend and Bustos had already left the club prior to his arrival. 10:24 a.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the White Mountain Meadows gatehouse off Gavilan Canyon Road for a report of criminal damage. Snodgrass reports someone shot the window of the

building with what appeared to have been a BB gun, leaving two small holes and one large hole in the window. 6:17 p.m. - Officer Lance Ledford responded to a report of a domestic in the 1000 block of Mechem Drive. Ruidoso Downs officer Darrell Chavez responded to translate and the officers determined it was simply an argument.

### CARRIZOZO MAGISTRATE COURT CASES

#### DWI deal

Alexander Rascon, 50, appeared in court Jan. 5 and pleaded no contest to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, 1st offense, under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Freda McSwane and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of DWI, 2nd offense, speeding, driving left of center and registration expired.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Rascon to 90 days in jail, with 89 days suspended and credit for one day served, a \$500 fine and 364 days of supervised probation.

Proctor also ordered Rascon to pay \$221 in mandatory court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston arrested Rascon, of El Paso, Texas, at 1:02 a.m., July 4, 2010, after reportedly observing Rascon and another motorcyclist speeding and reported Rascon crossed the center line.

Rascon reportedly failed the field sobriety test and had an expired registration on the motorcycle.

Soto arrived as a passenger in another car at 3:35 a.m. and admitted wrecking the car and being drunk. Soto declined a field sobriety test and tested .21 and .23 BAC at the Ruidoso Police Department.

Huston noted that Soto was not wearing a seat belt when she arrived back at the scene of the accident, so he cited her for that too.

#### DWI amended

Joshua Dickson, 22, appeared in court Jan 5 and pleaded no contest to driving while intoxicated, 1st offense, under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed the charge of aggravated DWI.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Dickson to 90

days in jail, with 85 days suspended and credit for five days served, a \$500 fine and 364 days supervised probation.

Proctor also ordered Dickson to pay \$241 in court costs.

Capitan officer Kevin Kennedy arrested Dickson Nov. 6, 2010, after a Fish-and Game officer saw Dickson's truck weaving.

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— Lincoln County Commission —

# Let's try that again: Powell nominated for JUB

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After Ruidoso Downs city councilors rejected Mark Doth as Lincoln County's new appointee to the Joint Use Board that governs a new wastewater treatment plant, county commissioners regrouped Thursday and picked another nominee.

City councilors pointed out that Doth lives in Ruidoso and would be the third Ruidoso village resident on the JUB. They preferred someone from the unincorporated area of the county and someone with more experience with the

issues. Doth was elected in November and sworn into office earlier this month.

At the commission meeting, Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked why the county has a representative on the JUB when it has no stake in the treatment plant. County Attorney Alan Morel said when the JUB was created, the county was not a signatory to the agreement, but the other four members representing the two towns that share the treatment plant, asked for an appointee to act as a mediator in contentious issues.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked Coun-

ty Manager Tom Stewart to call Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn for reaction, because commissioners were told at their last meeting that Alborn and Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong spoke to Battin about serving on the JUB. Both of the mayors are members of that board.

She was told the mayor couldn't comment without meeting with his council. Powell suggested she be nominated and Sedillo said if the other JUB members reject this second nomination, the chairman will talk with both mayors and see what can be done to resolve the impasse. The vote for

Powell was unanimous Tuesday at a Ruidoso

*"Frankly, it is none of her business. There was no covert activity. I didn't call him in the dead of night. I'm sorry she thought it smelled."*

Village Council meeting, Alborn refrained from commenting on Ruidoso Downs' rejection of Doth, but spoke out about Minter's remarks that it was inappropriate for the mayors of the two municipi-

ties to speak to Battin about serving on the JUB.

Although Battin lives in Ruidoso, he is viewed as a moderate on most issues and has served several years as commission chairman, where he was able to maintain a balance during debates.

Albarn said he read of Minter "taking exception to the mayors talking to Mr. Battin."

"Frankly, it is none of her business," Albarn said. The county does not participate in the operation of the treatment plant or bear any of the associated expenses.

"There was no covert activity," Albarn said. "I didn't call him in the dead of night. I think it is a critical nomination for both entities. My thought was to get the best in there. That was my goal. I'm sorry she thought it smelled."

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## County appoints boards, committees; seeks more volunteers

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Lincoln County needs to better inform its citizens about volunteer opportunities to serve on advisory boards to the county commission, says one of the newly elected commissioners.

During a special meeting last week, commissioners were handling appointments and reappointments to various board when they came up short for the Land

and Natural Resource Advisory Committee from Commission Districts 2 and 4. Joel Bonnell ask to continue and was reappointed from District 5, but commissioners tabled action on the other two vacancies.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the ordinance governing that board provides that nominations must maintain a balance of interests and skills. Each commissioner appoints one member with board ratification and two are selected

at large. "Do we have application forms?" Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked.

"No, but volunteers need to submit a letter of interest and a resume," Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said.

Minter suggested that information on volunteer citizen boards and their purposes be included on the county's webpage, "to let citizens know what we're looking for, what positions are open and what each

board does. It might help us get more applicants. A lot don't even know we have these committees,"

Commissioner Mark Doth, who runs a marketing and advertising firm with his wife, offered his assistance with the webpage for free.

Doth was selected as the county's nominee for the Joint Use Board (JUB), which governs the \$36 million Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant that serves Ruidoso, Ruidoso

Downs and portions of the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Doth's nomination was subsequently rejected by Ruidoso Downs Council.

Under other appointments to boards for the coming year, county commissioners approved:

- County Assessor Paul Baca to serve as the elected representative for the county on the New Mexico Association of Counties Board.

- Commissioner Jackie Powell and former commis-

sioner Stirling Spencer to continue to serve on the Coalition of Counties.

- Powell and Minter for appointment to the Cooperative Weed Management Committee.

- Commissioner Tom Battin and Minter to the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extraterritorial Zoning Authority.

- Powell and Minter to the Ruidoso Downs-Lincoln County Joint Municipal-City Zoning Authority.

- Powell to the Interstate Stream Commission.

- Battin with County Manager Tom Stewart as alternate to the New Mexico County Insurance Authority for worker's compensation and for the multi-line pool.

- all current members to the Senior Citizens Olympic Committee.

- Sedillo to the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District with Stewart as an alternate.

- Minter to the Green-tree Solid Waste Authority.

Commissioners tabled appointments to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for lack of nominees. Minter said, "I went to one of their meetings; They are very dedicated people."

Commissioners from District 3 and 4 must offer the volunteers must live in the 10-mile long preservation district.

Battin also was appointed to the Southeastern Regional Planning District for District 2 of the state Department of Transportation. The board reviews projects within the district, mostly those receiving federal dollars, and prioritizes the projects.

Minter said she'd be interested in serving on that board too, but Sedillo said she thought appointments should be spread around and Battin would be a good choice. He was selected by a majority vote.

"I'd be glad to surrender my position to another commissioner, if they want it," said Stewart, who also serves on that regional board. (Former commissioner Don Williams) had technical background and served on the committee.

"I think it's important you continue, because of your relationship with the transportation department," Battin told Stewart. Minter said she was interested in the appointment, because of her technical background reviewing projects, but she agreed Stewart should stay on in the second position and the vote was unanimous.

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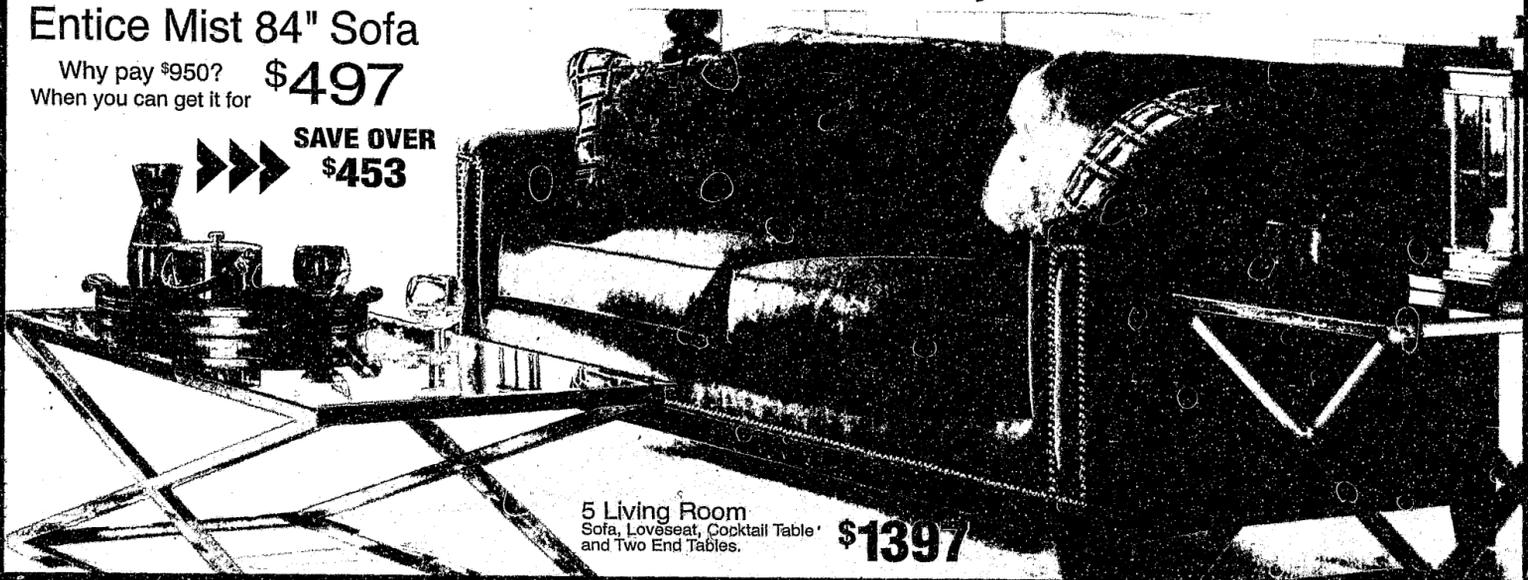
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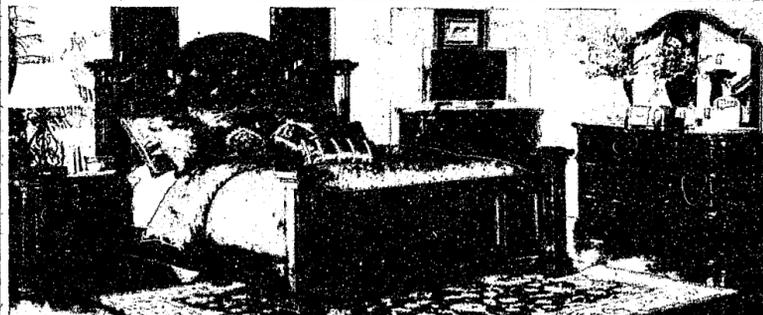


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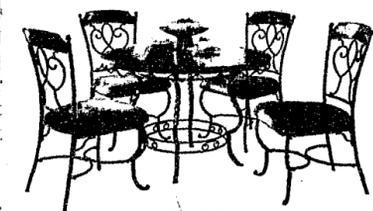
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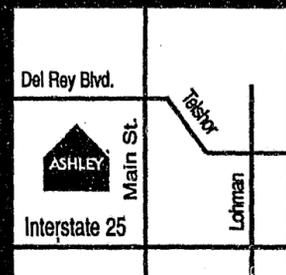
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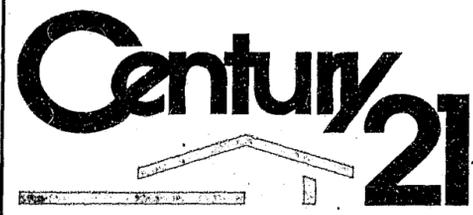


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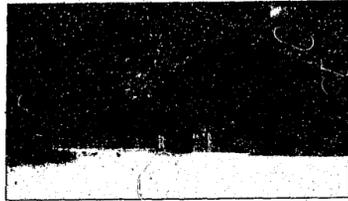
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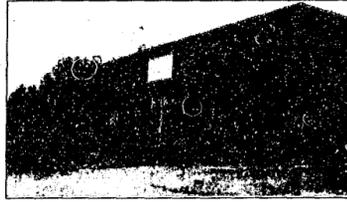
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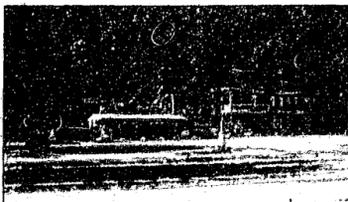


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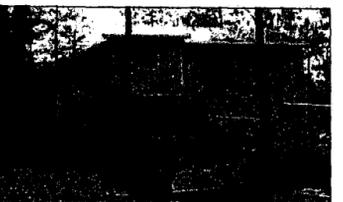


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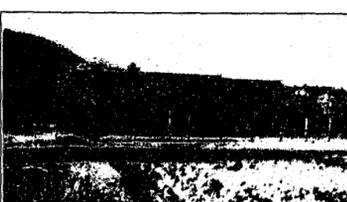
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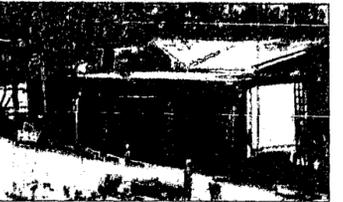
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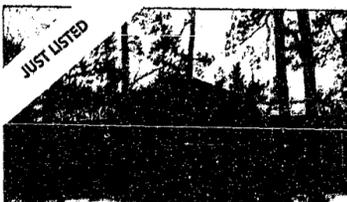
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### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**  
The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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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Weather for Friday: Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High near 55F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph. Friday evening, clear skies. Low near 30F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.  
Weather for Saturday: Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.  
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Captain Heavy, Lower Moonshine, Lower Spruce, Lower SBT, Snokey Bear Snow Park, Chino and Moonshine Gulch  
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### Results

**Boys Basketball**  
Tuesday, Jan. 11  
Ruidoso 77, Hot Springs 70  
Carrizozo 56, Capitan 53

**Girls Basketball**  
Tuesday, Jan. 11  
Carrizozo 49, Capitan 30

### Sports On Tap

**Basketball**  
**Girls**  
Friday, Jan. 14  
Corona at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Tularosa, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 15  
Hondo at Clovis, 5 p.m.  
**Boys**  
Friday, Jan. 14  
Corona at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 15  
Hot Springs at RHS, 5:30 p.m.

# Race commemorates locals

*Sunland Park's Winsham Lad Stakes honors famous racehorse co-owned by past resident Hazel Haynsworth*

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Last Saturday's 35th running of the \$50,000 Winsham Lad Stakes (for three-year-olds and up-ward) at Sunland Park, over a mile-and-70-yards, was one of the more venerated races to be run this year at that track.

The people on hand witnessed the defending champion, Black Hills, come from dead last and give an outstanding effort over the last quarter mile to win the thoroughbred race by a half-length in the record time of 1:41, besting the old record by more than two seconds.

The effort by Black Hills makes for a good story but sometimes there's an important story within a story to be told.

And the Winsham Lad narrative is a great example of this. It's about a legendary, swayback, brown champion thoroughbred who surprised many, set records and was owned by

14 women. One of them was Hazel Haynsworth, wife of the well-known sportsman, Bob Haynsworth, both part-time residents of Ruidoso since 1948.

Hazel (who passed on April 4, 2008) was also known for her generous contributions to the Ruidoso area — such as helping to found the Humane Society of Lincoln County along with Earline Phillips (who passed on April 2007).

The 14-woman combine named their small stable Temulac, which is the backward spelling of the large racing stable at the time, Calumet Farms. No matter the size of their operation. They had themselves a real winner and backed their record-setting racehorse accordingly.

"The women would be watching the horses hit the final turn — as Winsham Lad would make his charge from the back of the pack, many times — and track announcer Harry Henson would yell out, 'And here



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS  
Bob Haynsworth, center, standing, is surrounded by his family, son-in-law Fred Cowan (right), grandson Andrew Cowan and daughter Jan Cowan at the 35th running of the Winsham Lad Stakes.

comes Winsham Lad,'” Bob Haynsworth recounted. “Most of the time the women would be in the winner's circle by the time

their distinguished racehorse crossed the finish line first.”

Notable jockey, Gale Mower, who passed on Feb.

1, 2008, was Winsham Lad's regular rider and guided the champion to

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# Ruidoso Ski Team sets the pace in Durango races

Laura Doth  
For the Ruidoso News

It was a brisk start to the new year for the Ruidoso Ski Team. As a blizzard descended on the Ruidoso area, the junior racers headed north for Durango, Colorado and the first race of the ski season.

The Ruidoso team arrived in Durango on Thursday, Dec. 30, after a treacherous journey over icy, snow-packed roads. New year's eve started very cold and clear, and the racers headed to the mountain. Durango had enjoyed several days of heavy snowfall, and the fresh powder threatened to derail their training plans. Durango Mountain Resort was able to send snow cats to the race course, and they managed to groom the course and set gates. In between powder runs, the Ruidoso athletes were able to make a couple of practice runs down Upper Hades. “It was brutally cold with wind chills below zero,” said

coach Mark Doth. “We were happy to get some practice runs in, but for the sake of the racers, we came in early and called it a day.”

Later that evening, Ruidoso racers, Lexie Doth, Ari Mumma and Eric Jenson were joined by Peter Zagone. Zagone attends college at Colorado University in Boulder, Colorado, where he races for CU. The former Ruidoso racer joins his local team mates whenever possible. Race organizers in Durango were thrilled to have Zagone compete at the Southern Series Giant Slalom because his presence significantly improved the competitive level of the race.

On Saturday, Jan. 1, while the rest of the world was waking up to the new year, the Ruidoso racers were already on the mountain preparing for the first race of the day. At most race venues, the younger, age class racers are usually the first athletes down the hill. With the soft snow con-

ditions Durango changed this around and had the older, ability class racers start the lineup. Race officials did this as a safety precaution, because older racers carry much more speed and they were worried that the snow wouldn't hold up. Lexie Doth, a 17-

year-old senior, was the first Ruidoso racer down the hill. She skied aggressively, and put down a solid run, finishing with a time of 57.83. Starting for the men, Peter Zagone had some difficulty with the soft snow and hip-checked halfway down the course.

He regained his footing and finished with a respectable time of 56.54 — further back than he had hoped to be, but still in the running. Ability class racers combine the times of the two runs for their final standings. Age class racers take each time as an indepen-

dent race. Seven-year-old Ari Mumma was the next Ruidoso racer out of the gate. While she is sometimes hesitant in training, Mumma felt comfortable on the hill and she posted a

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Aric Jenson learns to carve the course.

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# Everybody gets into the act

Everybody gets into the act. As a police lieutenant I saw myself as a facilitator. Give the guys the resources to do the job and step back. Support them.

Escort them up to the podium and turn around and walk away when they receive accolades for a job well done. It's all about them.

I'm talking about the N.Y. Jets and Coach Rex Ryan and Quarterback Mark Sanchez. I watched a great game the other night as the Jets came back to defeat the Indianapolis Colts 17-16.

Former Jets' quarterback Joe Namath was unabashed when he informed the media that he guaranteed that his team would upset the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III in 1969, and then delivering on his promise.

Now the press is comparing Rex Ryan to Namath. Ryan has bloviated about the Jets' chances since last season. There

is one difference. Namath was on the field and actually did the job. Ryan is on the sidelines dictating every byzantine play through his offensive and defensive coordinators. The Jets' win was lauded by the press as

"Ryan's teams" that won the game. In this technocracy the players are simply reduced to automatons doing what they were programmed to do.

"I'm thankful I finally got to beat Peyton Manning," Ryan was quoted by the *New York Daily News*.

Frederick Taylor's "One Best Way" in industrial management studies ushered in the modern technocratic era which is really an old idea that promulgates that in this technology driven and utterly complex world consisting of finite resources and scarcity; scientists, engineers and experts are better qualified to lead and make decisions than politicians and ignorant voters.

Huxley's technocracy meets Ryan's N.Y. Jets.

Football's over reliance on expert based statistics, mathematical probabilities and the highest panegyric going to non-players goes against my grain.

Today's football game is 80 percent dictated by offensive and defensive coordinators with 20 percent deferred to on the field spontaneous decision making by the quarterback. In Namath's time 80 percent of decisions were made by him and 20 percent by his off field tacticians.

Most football aficionados would be remiss to name the N.Y. Jets' coach in the 1969 Super Bowl. His name was Weeb Ewbank. It was his game plan together with Namath's stewardship as quarterback that contributed jointly to defeat the Colts. Strength and speed, and instantaneous decisions made by the field general which was the quarterback were common. They had a game plan and they had statistics but they had the authority to change and implement new strategies when the game plan was not working.

Mark Sanchez has been compared to Joe Namath. Sanchez has won more playoff games than Namath did at his age. Sanchez' story has not been written as of yet. Time will tell. There was only one Namath. He was larger than life.

He won a scholarship to the University of Alabama where he played for the renowned coach, Bear Bryant. Bryant once stated that Namath was "the greatest athlete I ever coached."

Namath played 13 years and was named as one of the "100 Greatest Football Players of All Time." He played in 140 games and had 62 wins, 63 losses and 4 ties. In his career he threw 173 touchdowns, 220 interceptions, and completed 1,886 passes for 27,663 yards.

I miss the on field leadership of Namath. Ryan is a great coach but I have a problem when the coach talks only about "I."

Perhaps this is his strategy. Boast and bravado will carry the team to the Super Bowl. I

still don't like it. Give credit where credit is due, to the players on the field.

Everyone gets in the act. Today in our increasingly technocratic society armchair quarterbacks with computers assimilate mounds of information and statistics.

The bottom line is profits; winning and losing. These technocrats have permeated every strata of society and have made society what it is; orderly, predictable, efficient, constrained and devoid of life. They have made life impersonal and less human.

Give me back the day when leaders made decisions on their own using their gut instinct; where politicians made decisions without consulting polls; where cops on patrol made a decision based on common sense rather than following some arcane and stupid standard operating policy, and where a football team plays football relying on the guile and wit of a smart quarterback rather than on the technocrats behind the scenes.

## BILL DEMENT OBSERVATIONS

## LAD

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most of his wins.

"My husband loved to ride that horse," Mower's widow, Connie said. "Winsham Lad had a big heart and it was exciting to see him come from behind. We would all watch him and yell, 'C'mon Laddie' as he rounded the last turn."

Connie Mower now resides in Canutillo, Texas, outside of El Paso.

Winsham Lad set a record for 1 and 1/8 miles on Jan. 8, 1961, with a time of 1:48.01. He also set another record in April 22, 1962, for 1 and 1/16 miles, which stood until 2004.

At one time the thoroughbred won eight straight races at Sunland — five of which were stakes races. Winsham Lad is one of the few horses that not only ran and won at

Sunland Park Racetrack, but also Centennial Race Track in Denver and Turf Paradise in Phoenix. He was trained by Herb Claggett.

Winsham Lad was retired to Reggie Sanders' Triple R Stock Farm for a period of time before joining the Sheriff's Posse.

Renowned sportsman and Ruidoso summer resident, 89-year-old Bob Haynsworth, was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame on April 30, 2008. He bought his first racehorse, Parker's Bull; in 1949 and continues to own and race horses to this day. Many who know him, and are aware of his many achievements in business and sports, refer to him as a legend. His accomplishments, in this case, however, are fact-based and fully verifiable.

The recently played Sun Bowl in El Paso has Haynsworth to thank in



Black Hills wins the 35th running of the Winsham Lad Stakes race. Standing in for Bob Haynsworth are Jan Cowan (center, holding blue plate), Fred Cowan (green shirt) and Andrew Cowan (blue shirt) holding corners of blanket.

part for its popularity. In 1958, while serving as president of the Sun Carnival, he was responsible for getting CBS to telecast the game. He personally traveled to New York to implement the preparations.

At Sunland Park,

Haynsworth feels at home. And well he should. He was general manager of the track in the 1960s. With Haynsworth's business acumen and political skills, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino soon became a large success and continues to flourish to this day.

He's a self-made man of humble origins and remains unpretentious and unassuming. His daughter, Jan Cowan, son-in-law Fred and grandson Andrew have lived in Ruidoso since 1993.

Haynsworth fondly speaks of the glory days of

Winsham Lad, when asked to, and there's a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face as he recalls the 14 women who owned the great racehorse.

And now you know the story behind the story of the Winsham Lad Stakes race.

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time of 1:15.68 for her first race of the year. Out of fifteen J5 racers, she placed 13th for the morning run. The boys were the next athletes down the course. Aric was a bit intimidated by the course, but he gave a good effort and finished the race in a time of 1:27.24. He finished 12th in his first run.

It was still cold on the mountain, but at least the

sun was shining for the afternoon run. Following a re-set of the course, Lexie Doth ripped down the hill, posting a time of 57.80. Her total time of 1:55.63 put her in 4th place for the day, just one second shy of a podium finish.

Starting further back than he wanted, Peter Zagone regrouped and put down a blistering second run. He finished in 53.16 for a combined time of 1:49.70. This gave him a silver medal for the day.

The age class racers were ready for their time

on the hill. Ari Mumma had a clean run and finished the afternoon race with a time of 1:16.34. She moved up a place and finished 12th in her second race of the day.

Aric Jenson was feeling much better about negotiating the hill, and he hit the snow aggressively in his second run. He shaved almost 6 seconds off of his morning time and posted a time of 1:21.42. This put him in 14th for the afternoon.

"I was really pleased with all of the racers," said

Coach Doth. "This sport is all about improving your skills every time you come down the racecourse, and the kids really showed that today."

With an expected high of 19 degrees, Sunday was billed as the warmest day of the weekend. "This sport is not for the weak hearted," smiled Doth. "You've got to be prepared for all kinds of weather conditions." Mountain crews were only able to briefly hit the terrain on the race course, so the snow was hard and fast.

Lexie Doth struggled on her morning run, finishing with a time of 58.22. Peter Zagone, decided it was time to show the younger racers exactly what experience can do for you. He let his skis run and carved his way down the hill, crossing the finish line in 51.42 seconds. His first run was over 3 seconds faster than his nearest competitor.

Ari Mumma was consistent in her morning run, posting a time of 1:15.99. Aric Jenson followed her down the hill, finishing with a time of 1:20.02. Ari finished 12th in her first run of the day, and Aric finished 13th in his division.

Course setters changed the race course after the

morning run and set a challenging run for the afternoon. In the final series of gates, athletes had to navigate a sharp turn just before the final gate and the finish line. Two out of three forerunners missed the gate, so onlookers knew it was going to be tough on the competitors.

Disappointed in her morning run, Lexie Doth roared out of the start and moved down the course. On a course that was anywhere from 2 to 3 seconds slower than the morning run, she improved her time and finished with a time of 58.09. Her combined time of 1:56.31 put her in 9th place for the day. "I was thrilled with Lexie's skiing this afternoon," said Coach Doth. "She was moving forward through her turns and really carving down the hill. It really clicked for her this afternoon."

As the fastest competitor in his division, Peter Zagone started last out of the group of ability boys. The difficult bottom gate took out three of the top four boys. Zagone ripped down the course and bore down on the finish carrying amazing speed. A previous racer had hit the gate near the finish so hard that it tore the panel from the

gate, leaving it directly in Peter's path. Zagone caught an edge on the panel, nearly went down, but in an act of catlike grace, caught himself and crossed the finish line. The assembled crowd gasped and then broke into cheers as he stopped in front of them. His time of 53.95 gave him a combined time of 1:45.37 and a gold medal. Race officials offered him a rerun because of the interference on the snow, but there was no need — he had first place firmly in hand.

In response to the difficult turns at the bottom of the course, race officials slightly moved the difficult gate to accommodate the younger athletes. Ari and Aric took a cue from their teammates and really stepped it up in the afternoon also. Both improved their times from their morning runs. Ari Mumma posted a time of 1:14.19, and Aric Jenson finished in 1:18.19. Ari was 11th in her age group, while Aric moved to 13th in J5 boys.

"This was a great way to start the season," said coach, Mark Doth. The Ruidoso Ski Team will be heading to Santa Fe at the end of the month for a race hosted by the Santa Fe Ski Team.

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# Downs horses shine in World Championship vote

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Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Horses who competed at Ruidoso Downs last summer shined in the voting for year-end championship honors with six of the 10 divisional champions racing at the mountain track.

The annual champions were announced in Oklahoma City on Wednesday evening.

Apollitical Jess and Double Down Special, the top-two finishers in the Grade 1, \$1,580,000 All American Derby, continued their rivalry in the championship voting with Apollitical Jess being named world champion, champion 3-year old and champion 3-year-old colt.

Double Down Special

was named champion 3-year-old gelding and was the runner-up in world champion and champion 3-year-old balloting.

Vanessa Bartoo's Double Down Special, trained by John Stinebaugh, won the 440-yard All American Derby by a neck over Apollitical Jess. In their All American Derby trial, Apollitical Jess got the win over Double Down Special with the fastest-qualifying time.

The 2010 All American Derby was the all-time richest quarter horse race for 3-year-old and older horses.

Double Down Special also won the Grade 1, \$568,000 Ruidoso Derby over Grade 1, \$873,000 Rainbow Derby winner

Swingin Daddy.

After the All American Derby, Apollitical Jess went on to set Los Alamitos' track records while winning the Grade 1, \$1,000,000 Los Alamitos Super Derby and the Grade 1, \$750,000 Champion Of Champions. He is owned by Juan Alberto Tirado Lizarraga and trained by Juan Aleman.

Two of the three champion 2-year-olds and two of the three champion older horses also raced at Ruidoso Downs.

Champion 2-year old and champion 2-year-old colt American Runaway won the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity and was second by a scant nose in the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity. He is

owned by Bobby Cox with Sammy and Johnny Martinez, and trained by Paul Jones.

Cox was honored as champion owner and Jones won the Blane Schvaneveldt Champion Trainer award for the ninth straight year.

All American Futurity runner-up JLS Mr Bigtime was named the champion 2-year-old gelding. He finished a nose behind Mr Piloto in the All American Futurity as the 2-1 favorite.

JLS Mr Bigtime is a homebred from JLS Speedhorse Ranch and trained by Darrel Soileau.

In the older horse division, Noconi was honored as champion aged gelding and Gone To The Mountain was named champion aged

stallion. They are the only two champions who had previously earned a championship title.

R.D. Hubbard and Johnny T.L. Jones' homebred Noconi returned from a layoff to score a game win in the Grade 2 All American Gold Cup.

He went on to win the Grade 1 Zia Park Championship and the Grade 1 The Championship at Sunland Park.

The member of the Jones barn was named the 2008 champion 3-year-old gelding after winning the 2008 All American Derby.

Clyde Woemer's homebred Gone To The Mountain was a neck winner of the 870-yard Master Salls Handicap at Ruidoso Downs in his final career

start for trainer Wes Giles. The distance specialist also won the 2009 Master Salls Handicap on his way to being tabbed the 2009 champion distance horse.

Joining champion owner Cox and champion trainer Jones in the champion horseman division was Jacky Martin, the national champion jockey.

He returned from a 4-year absence from race riding to become the leading quarter horse jockey at Ruidoso Downs last summer.

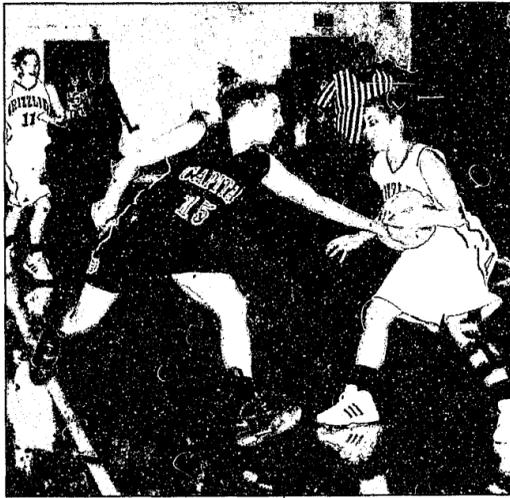
He was aboard Double Down Special for his All American Derby victory, Noconi for his All American Gold Cup win and JLS Mr Bigtime when he was a very close second in the All American Futurity.

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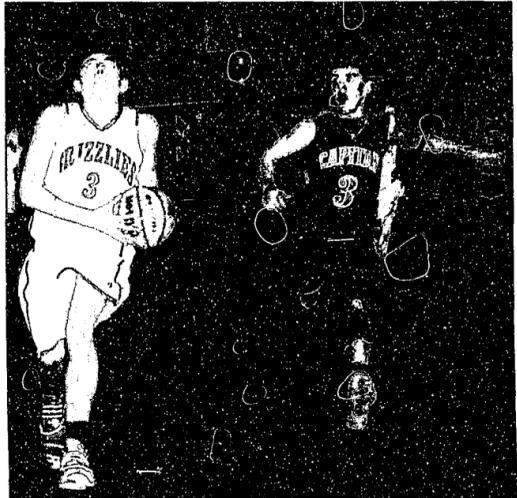
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'Zozo's Marshall Ventura tries to find a way around Capitan's Logan Eshom. The Grizzlies won, 56-53.



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Capitan's Dustee Eldridge tries for a steal from 'Zozo's Stephanie Zamora. The Lady Grizzlies beat Capitan, 49-30, Tuesday.



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'Zozo's Mark Vigil, left, races Logan Eshom to the basket.

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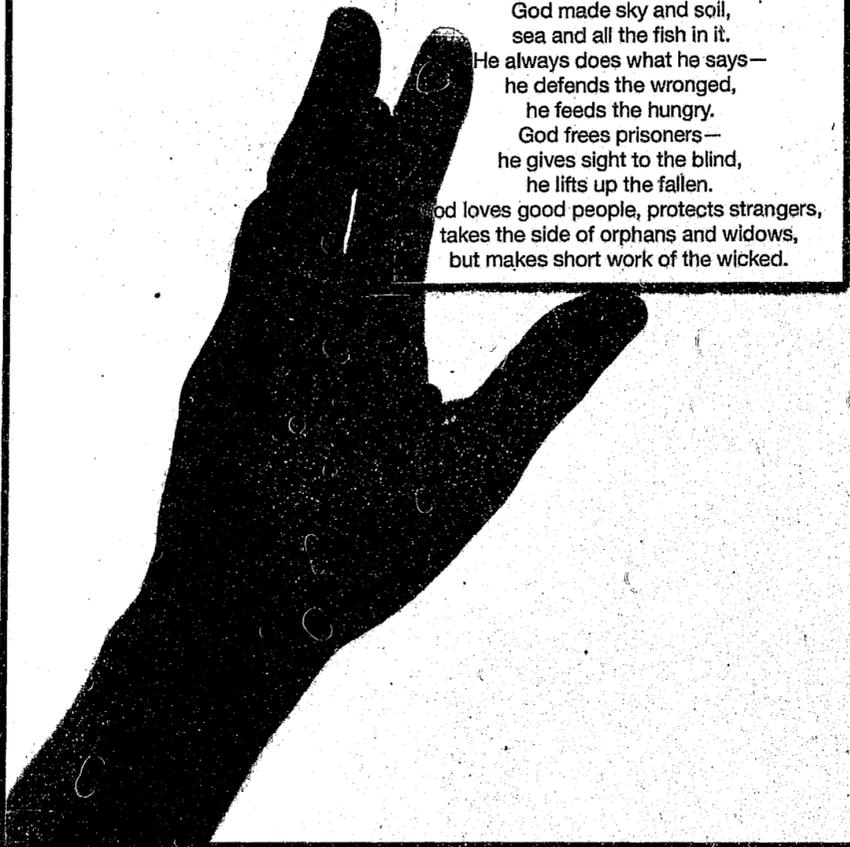
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**Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount** 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Judith Burgess Rector 257-2356. Website: www.eccl.us

**St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel** in Glencoe.

**EVANGELICAL**  
**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
Christian Fellowship church, 1035 Mechem Dr. 258-2539

**FULL GOSPEL**  
**Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l.**  
K-Bob's Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso. Ron Rice, 354-0255, e-mail fgbmfi@ruidoso-online.com

**Mission Fountain of Living Water** San Patricio

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
**Ruidoso - Kingdom Hall** 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-7714.

**Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova** 1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095.

**JEWISH / HEBREW**  
**Kehilla Bat-Tzion & Hebrew Learning Center, Inc.**—2204 Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 505-257-0122.

**LUTHERAN**  
**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
1120 Hull Rd. 258-4191 shlcuidoso.org

**METHODIST**  
**Community United Methodist Church** Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank. Todd Salzwedel, Pastor.

**PENTECOSTAL**  
**Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly**, Retired Pastor and author Harry A. Peyton

**Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church of Ruidoso** 613 Sudderth Dr. Unit D. Pastor, Art Dunn, Youth Pastor, Nathaniel Dunn. Free home Bible studies.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**First Presbyterian Church** 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambliss - Pastor. www.ruidosopres.com

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.

**Corona United Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP.

**Nogal Presbyterian Church** Reverend Bill Sebring.

**REFORMED CHURCH Mescalero Reformed** Mescalero. Bob Schut, Pastor.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
**Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist** 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Bill Kasper 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 575-937-4487.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**  
**Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**, Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
**American Missionary Fellowship** Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org

**Calvary Chapel** 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.

**Casa de Oracion** Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. \*All Services are

Bilingual\* ~ Translators Available ~

**Centro Familiar Destino** 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, (575) 257-0447. Services are bilingual.

**Christ Church in the Downs** Ruidoso Downs, 378-8464. Al and Marty Lane, Pastors.

**Church Out of Church** Meeting at the Flying J Ranch, 1028 Hwy. 48, Alto. Pastors: Tim & Julie Gilliland. Mailing Address: 1009 Mechem #11 Ruidoso 88345. Phone 575-258-1388. Please check the website for additional information: www.churchoutofchurch.com. Keepin' it simple... Keepin' it real!

**Cornerstone Church** Cornerstone Square, 613 Sudderth Drive, 257-9265. John & Joy Wyatt, Pastors.

**Cowboy Church** Preacher Buster Reed of Amarillo. Call 378-4840 for more info.

**Foot of the Cross Christian Ministries** 2812 Sudderth (Pine Tree Shopping Center) Pastor, Phil Appel. For more info please call 937-8677 or visit our website at www.thefootofthecross.org

**Grace Harvest Church** 1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213. Iglesia Bautista

**"Vida Eterna"** Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo, 207 East Circle, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, 361 E. Hwy. 70, (505) 378-8108. Email: revrobledo@lycos.com

**J Bar J Church** 40 Hwy 70W, 575-257-6899 Pastor Charles W. Clary. E-mail: jbarjcountrychurch@ruidoso.net

**Miracle Life Ministry Center** Ron Rice & Catherine Callahan, Ministers Available 24 hours for healing prayer. 354-0255 e-mail miraclelife@ruidoso-online.com

**Peace Chapel Interdenominational (ULC)** Alto North, 336-7075. Jeamsie Price, Pastor.

**Racetrack Chapel** Horseman's Entrance, Hwy 70, 505-378-7264. Chaplain Darrell Winter.

**NON-SECTARIAN Spiritual Awareness Study Group** Minister: George N. Brown, Ph.D. U.L.C. 257-1569

**Men's Bible Study, Band Of Brothers** Call 937-0071 For Times And Location

**The 1st Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus** in Ruidoso NM, Located at: 613 Sudderth Dr. Suite D Phone: (575) 937-7957 • (575) 973-5413

## CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

**BAPTIST**  
**Trinity Southern Baptist Church** (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044. Mel Gnatkowski, pastor 808-0607

**Mountain Baptist Church**  
Independent-Fundamental KJV. 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019

**CATHOLIC**  
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
Capitan, 354-9102.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Capitan - Highway 48. Les Earwood, Minister..

**EPISCOPAL**  
**Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln**

**FOURSQUARE**  
**Capitan Foursquare Church** Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.

**METHODIST**  
**Capitan United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Jean Riley and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 505-648-2846.

**NAZARENE**  
**Angus Church of the Nazarene** Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**  
**Christ Community Fellowship** Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth.

**BAPTIST**  
**First Baptist Church** Hayden Smith, Pastor.

**CATHOLIC**  
**Santa Rita Catholic Church**  
648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM.

**EPISCOPAL**  
**St. Matthias Episcopal Chapel**  
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.

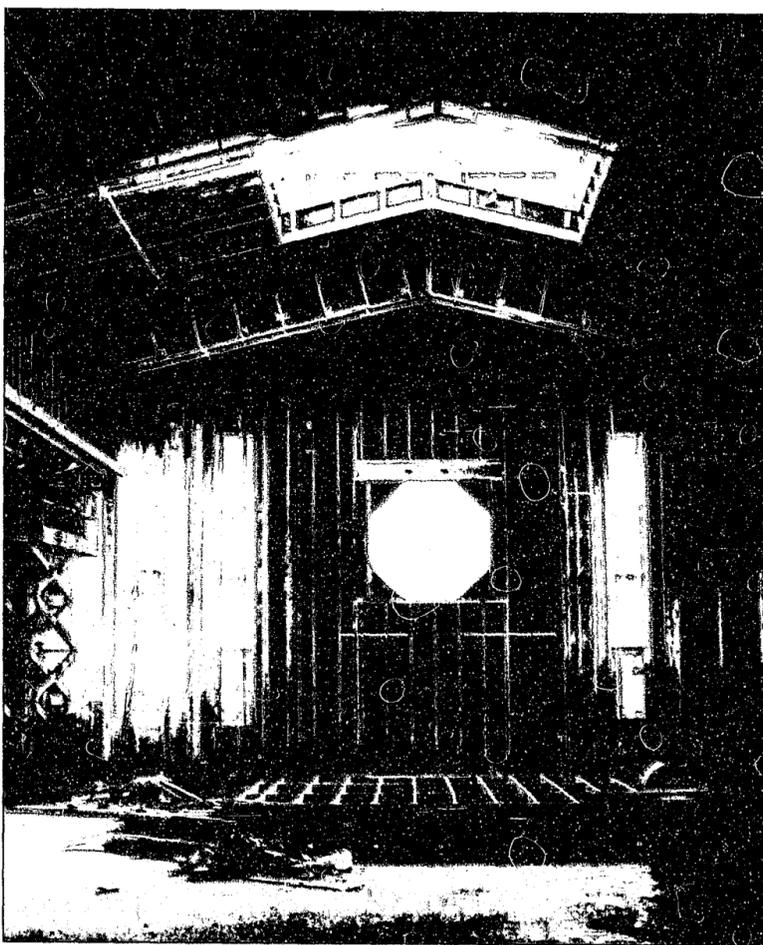
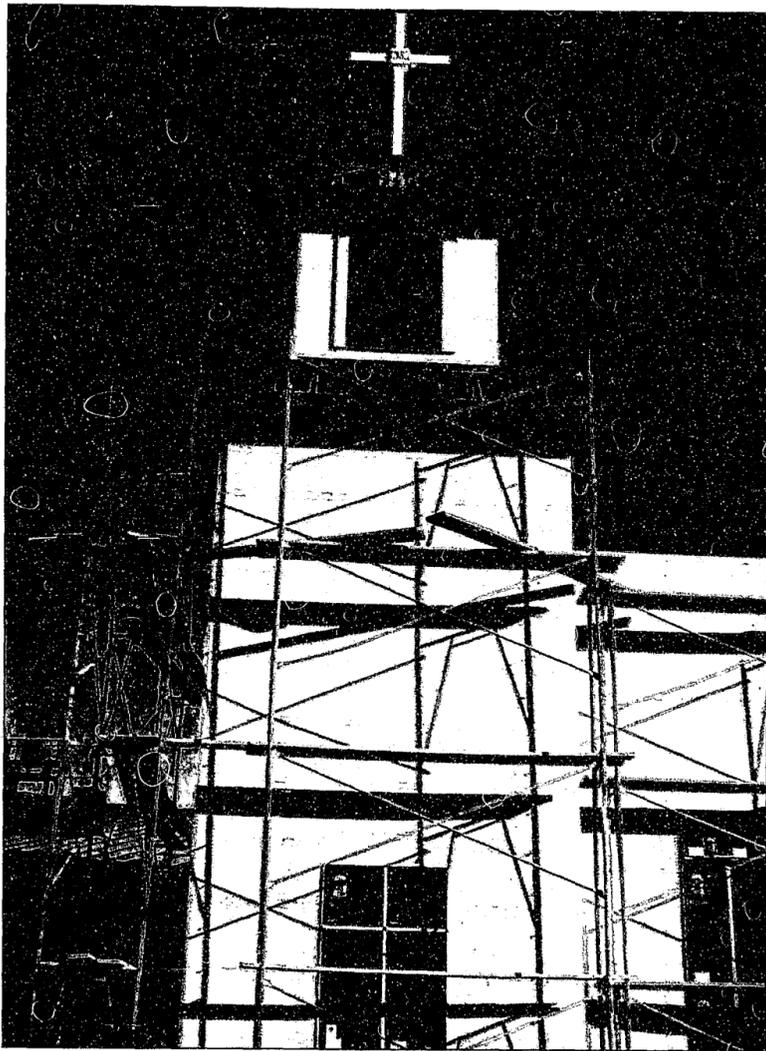
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**United Methodist Church Parish**  
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.

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Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor/648-2339. 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated w/the Evangelistic Assembly Church.

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**Mescalero**  
**Carrizo Christian Fellowship** Leonard Kanese-wah III, Pastor. 56 White Mt. Dr., 3 mi. W. of Inn of the Mountain Gods Mescalero. 464-4656

# RELIGION



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Construction is ongoing on the new church building for Saint Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso. Project completion is dependant on funding donations as the church is being paid for as it is built, leaving no debt for St. Eleanor's.

## The Arizona Shootings: A Prayer

Dear God, we pray that you might receive in love the souls of those dear innocent people whom fate and fury took from their families and from our grieving country in Tucson.

We pray for Gabe Zimmerman, Phyllis Schneck, Christina Green, Dorothy Morris, Dorwin Stoddard and John Roll.

We do not pray for six people. We pray for one person at a time. In your mercy, O Lord, shelter their souls in the world to come and take them close

to you forever in heavenly peace. May their memories be for a blessing.

We pray for a full and complete healing for those wounded on that terrible day.

We pray for George Morris, Mavy Stoddard, Gabrielle Giffords, Pamela Simon, Ron Barber and all those wounded in body and soul.

We do not pray for all 14 people. We pray for one person at a time.

We also pray that we might inherit a generosity of spirit in not perverting the victims' injuries and their deaths into crude

and heartless polemics against those with whom we disagree politically. The result of this manipulation of grief is that we say without saying that our political opponents bear responsibility for this tragedy, when they do not. Only the killer was guilty, and may we still any words on our lips that convey any other message.

We also pray for the killer. Help us understand the sickness of the mind that becomes a sickness of soul, as well.

Some among us are so severely broken that they can't distinguish real from imagined attacks.

Help us help them before their brokenness breaks our civic calm and shatters our hopeful land.

They cannot find their way to what is real.

They need help but often do not seek help. Let us all try to reach out to them in careful but caring ways, so that, at the very least, they know they're not alone.

Asking them to share a meal, or offering to help them find assistance just might be enough to still their rage.

An old legend tells that you chose Moses because one day, while shepherding the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro, Moses went to retrieve one goat that had wandered off into dangerous territory.

You said, "If that man cares so much about a single one, he will certainly care for all who need to

leave Egypt and find freedom." Let us resolve to try to be like Moses and care not only for the large masses but also for the individual broken and lost ones in our national journey.

We struggle to restrain our grief and keep it about those who were killed and injured.

We also want it to be about great national issues, and in truth, our laws about firearms and our capacity for the treatment of the mentally ill are implicated in the tragic events of that day in that desert.

The spiritually towering truth is that this time and this prayer are about the victims. They were each made in your image, they

were each present on that day to celebrate democracy, and they are with you now. That is what this tragedy is truly about.

We pray for them. Neither their rank nor their ages matter so much as our firm belief that they were holy persons made in the image of a loving God.

We pray for them, and that is all we can do. That is all we should do.

Anything else hardens our hearts and makes us look beyond the victims. What we must do is look through the victims to you. Amen.

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

## The six guidelines for a sound marriage

Allice and I just returned from Texas, where we enjoyed the wedding of our 11th grandchild. I have performed the marriage ceremony for our daughters and most of our grandchildren. I love the gathering of the families of the bride and the groom.

My heart goes out to couples that marry and the families can't get along. There is great difficulty in this day and age to make a marriage work. The challenges to a successful marriage are many.

I use Genesis 24 as a pattern for making a good marriage. The biblical account is one of the marriage of Isaac and

Rebekah. Discounting the cultural circumstance of a servant finding a wife for Abraham's son, there are six guidelines for making a sound and secure marriage.

The first is prayer. Seeking God's will for a child's mate is perhaps the most important principle.

In fact, parents should pray for their child to find and marry the person that God has for

them. And the child should pray as well.

The second is sexual purity. Call me old-fashioned if you want, but even in the laws of government, there are three stages for a legal marriage. Consent is required from both man and woman. Commitment is required from each one. And, finally, the consum-

mation of the marriage by the sexual union is required.

So many couples today have gotten the order of things mixed up.

The third is being equally yoked. Some folks would tie this to a racial, financial, educational or some other basis.

But the Bible is specific ... believers should marry believers.

The fourth is the permission of the parents. In this day and age, there is not adequate parental guidance or parental guidance is rejected.

The agreement and permission of the parents is an important factor in the stability of a marriage.

The fifth is the giving of consent by both the man and the woman.

There are many factors that the consent. Is the man handsome? Is the woman beautiful? Are

marriages made on the basis of beauty, body, or brains?

Do folks marry for money, social status, or potential? Many different aspects of human nature and character are attractive to each of us, but our consent to marry should be with God's provision and leadership.

The sixth guideline is commitment to make the marriage work.

In America, we have developed a "throw away" society.

Unfortunately, this attitude has become a part of marriage. Over half the marriages in America end in the "throw away" of divorce. Commitment of both the husband and wife is required.

When couples follow these six guidelines in marriage, they have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

## God doesn't cause evil

**Q:** Is God behind absolutely everything that happens to us? I was in a bad car accident a few weeks ago and am just getting out of the hospital, and I've been wondering about this. Did God cause the accident, do you think? - C.T.

prayer from the book of Job become yours: "Teach me what I cannot see." (Job 34:32).

He may be wanting to teach you about the brevity of life, and how easily it can be lost. How, then, will you live from now on? Will you live a life of self-centered indulgence - or will you live for Christ and His will? If you have never done so, commit your life to Jesus Christ, and begin living the way He wants you to live.

God also may be teaching you what it means to live for others, and not just for yourself. Many people come away from an accident or serious illness with a new appreciation for their families, or a new determination to live each day to the fullest. But I urge you to go beyond that, by asking God to help you.



Billy Graham  
MY ANSWER

**A:** It isn't always possible for us to know exactly why some things happen to us. We need to remember, however, that God doesn't cause evil - and even when something bad happens to us, He can still bring good out of it, if we'll let Him.

That's what I hope you'll focus on - not why this accident happened, but what God wants to teach you through it. I don't know what that might be, but God does. Ask Him to show it to you. Let the ancient

# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Carrizozo chief resigns; town seeking police officer

JULIE CARTER  
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The resignation of Carrizozo Chief of Police Rachel Weiser was announced Monday, Jan. 10, at the Town Council meeting. Officially, her last day was Jan. 12.

Mayor Mike Petty informed meeting guests that he had in hand a letter of resignation from Weiser and that a dedicated search for a new chief could now commence.

He said Weiser had been on medical leave following ankle surgery and was doing well, but that she was relocating to Texas and therefore she resigned.

Weiser is the sixth Carrizozo chief of police to leave since the resignation of Angelo Vega in March 2005.

The town has been without a full time officer since the resignation of Darrell Chavez in early November and advertisements have netted inquiries but to date, no officer has been hired.

"We are in the process of trying to hire, but we are being very careful in our selection," said Petty.

"We have to basically rebuild an entire department. We are going to do it different than it's been done in the past including extensive background checks." Officer Gary Lindsey remains on the schedule as a part time officer but will also be leaving for Texas at a later date.

Petty repeated what he has said in the December meeting, that he had spoken to the Sheriff's Office and the State Police who were available to respond to emergency situations.

### Department reports

The police department

report for the month of December listed 19 calls responded to, two cases were logged, one an accident and one a misdemeanor. One traffic citation was issued.

The Municipal Court report collected and disbursed \$215 to the town.

Airport Manager Bill Hayes reported sales of 68 gallons of fuel for a total of \$357.

The fuel inventory as of Dec. 31 was 840 gallons.

Maintenance Department Superintendent Joey Thornton reported that more than a dozen frozen and broken water lines needed repair after the recent cold spell.

Thornton said he was also about to begin crack sealing on some of the streets to prolong the life of the asphalt.

Fire Chief Walter Hill received the vote of the council to accept the low bid of \$5,500 from ERM Electric for new lighting on Stations No. 1 and No. 2. Hill said the old bays had gotten so dark it was hard to see in there and not all that safe.

Linda Rodriguez, representing Carrizozo Works Inc., announced the resignation of Bonnie Soley as president of that economic development organization. Rodriguez would fill the position until the March 2011 election of officers.

"We have opened up an office in the blue storage unit offices, next to the insurance office," Rodriguez said. "The furniture is in there and when the heat is on, we'll be ready to go soon."

"We have taken bids on our Web site design and that also will be underway. Music in the Parks will be a subordinate affiliate of CWI, giving them umbrella

advantages of our 501 (c) (3) non-tax status."

The next meeting of CWI is Jan. 20, at 5:30 p.m., in the Otero County Electric building.

"The public is invited," said Rodriguez. "We are reorganizing and we need new faces, new input and ideas, and good heads to help guide us."

The Christmas Store hosted by Peggy Najar to raise funding for the Spencer Park playground was on the agenda for inquiries but Najar was not present to respond to inquiries.

The council instructed Mayor Petty to further research the status of the funds raised for the playground equipment as well the status of the remaining playground equipment yet to be assembled.

It is believed by the council that the Playground Committee is no longer part of the Carrizozo Woman's Club as it was when the playground project was begun several years ago.

The trustees agreed that any repairs needed to the equipment should be paid for by funds raised for the playground.

Mayor Petty reported that he, the town clerk, and Trustee Dennis Vega had attended a meeting with legislatures in Ruidoso Downs to make request for capital outlay funds.

Petty said Carrizozo requested \$75,000 for planning and design to address curb and gutter, paving and water lines in a section of town outlined by 17th Street, E Avenue down to 14th Street, and the Aspen and Birch Streets area.

The next regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo board of trustees will be Feb. 14, at 6 p.m.

## CARRIZOSO ¡BRAVO!



COURTESY

**Carrizozo Schools ¡BRAVO!** winners, grades K-4, for November 2010 are: **Front row:** Robert Lueras, Daniel Najar, Ashley Burch, Jessica Ceja, Julie Gonzales, Izaiah Parkhurst and Emily Hill; **Second row:** Mathias Zamora, Jameal Garcia, Bella Bartz, Kelsey Guevara, Melissa Barela, Monae Ceja, Erollyn Lueras and James Hemphill; **Third row:** Kaitlin Guevara, Suntana Zamora, Sydney Zamora, Tazia Swift, Jacob Parkhurst, Dallton King, and Ethan Ortiz; **Top row:** D'anna Willingham, Nickolas Archuleta, Patrick Hooten, and Dominic Barela.

## Forty miles of dirt road

Across the cattle guard somewhere, a long way from the pavement, is a cowboy's bride marveling over her practical Christmas gifts and dreading the next oncoming storm because the water pipes are still frozen from the last one.

Ranch wives have different phobias than their city counterparts.

No need for the common city phobias such as "claustro: and "agora." The wide open spaces prevent the former and the latter, said to be caused by social anxiety problems, would require a whole lot more "social" in her life than does actually happen.

The more common phobias experienced by ranch wives include fear of gifts and invitations.

This year's winner of the "practical Christmas gift" from the cowboy husband was the new floor for the kitchen.

That rates right up there with a former top-of-the-list item - a cattle guard so the little wife doesn't have to open and close the gate several times a day on her way to check waters, deliver the mail and other assorted chores requiring driving down the dirt road.

The 2-year-old colt he had been eyeing for himself but sacrificed his desires to give it to her to break and start in the spring, comes in a shaky

third, especially when accompanied by a new saddle that, oddly, fits him and not her.

Big ticket items are as common as her phobia for them. Gifts such as the new mud grips for her "personal" feed pickup, or a new battery for the same, so that he does not have to come rescue her in the back pasture when the truck dies.

The very thoughtful love of her life has been known to give her new horn wraps for the roping steers because she was always complaining that the old ones were hard to put on and take off.

Past years have yielded new shotguns, new hot-shots, new fence stretchers and the ever-popular, new red, wood-splitting maul.

And then there are those "invitations" from her loving partner.

"Honey, how would you like to go with me to check the grass and new calves all over the ranch?"

This innocent and thoughtful invitation is a city girl's dream to be a "cowboy" for a day. However, the seasoned ranch wife knows that this invite will involve making burritos for the saddlebags, opening 15 gates, tallying up everything seen, and making the list of whatever needs to be fixed that is encountered along this "pleasant" tour.

It also involves riding that half-broke colt that needs the miles and to date, has not quite grasped the concept of standing still while being mounted. Her cowboy has that pesky bad knee from an old roping injury, making gate duty her job forever.

The upside is that a refined skill is learned by the cowboy's bride. While maybe never actually consciously yearning to be an actress, she becomes one of Oscar quality.

Expressing enthusiasm for his newly brainstormed project, gratitude for those practical gifts, and excitement for yet another round of "Come go with me. We'll be right back," continually improves her forced smiling techniques.

One early morning the cowboy was lollygagging around, delaying his promise to help her with a project that required his stature and strength.

Her encouragement for progress pushed him to the limit.

Agitated, he barked at her, "You know I'm a slow starter."

Her reply was a sincere attempt to give him a compliment.

"But you're a real quick finisher."

For some reason, he was mad at her for days. Hard to figure.

So goes life behind the cattle guard and down 40 miles of dirt road.

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



Cougirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER

## NEW BOOKS IN CORONA



COURTESY

Village of Corona Library Patron D.J. Hand shows off the newest addition to the Library collection, the Libri Foundation grant books. The Village of Corona Public Library (VOCPL) received a shipment of 80 books with a valued at more than \$1,400. The books were donated through the Books for Children program from the Libri Foundation. The collection includes fiction, non-fiction, science and math books for young readers. The Friends of the VOCPL provided the required matching funds for the grant. The Libri Foundation books are on special display through February at the library located behind Village Hall on Main Street in Corona. Your readers in the area are invited to come browse the books. The Libri Foundation enables a rural library to obtain children's books that it could not otherwise afford. Because of a special donation by Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman, the VOCPL received a bonus \$350 worth of math and science books. Visit the Libri Website at www.librifoundation.org.



VOTE  
Feb. 1

School Board Elections  
Capitan, Hondo  
Carrizozo, Corona  
Ruidoso

### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### Meet and Greet

Candidates for the three contested positions on the Carrizozo Municipal School District board have been invited for a Jan. 17 candidates Meet and Greet.

The opportunity to hear from the candidates will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Carrizozo Town Hall. The event is spearheaded by Carrizozo Works, Inc.

For more information call 575-648-2802. D'rese Arteche will run

against board member Steven Harkey at the Feb. 1 election.

Incumbent Henrietta "Sissy" Griego will be challenged by BillieJo Guevara and Rosemarie Lea Kratochvil.

Incumbent James Guevara will have two others, Patsy Vallejos and J. P. Ventura, also on the ballot for position five.

#### Q&A forum

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host a

Question & Answer Forum for the candidates of the Feb. 1 School Board Election on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m., in the Commission Chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Welda Grider will moderate the forum and present written questions from the audience to each candidate.

Come ask your questions and hear the responses of the School Board candidates.

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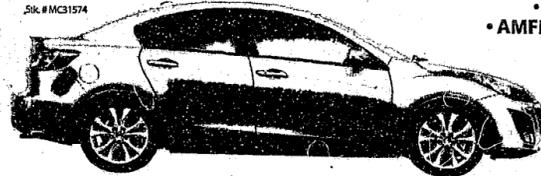
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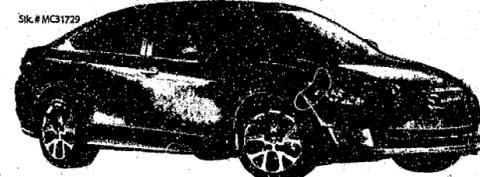
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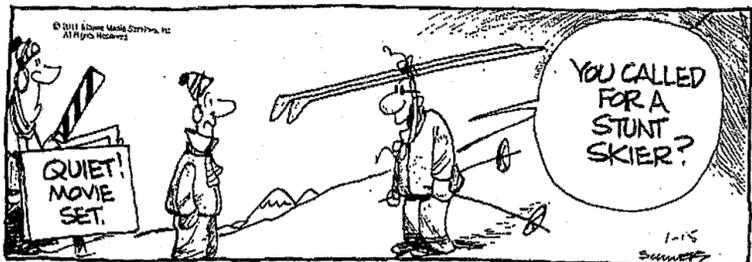
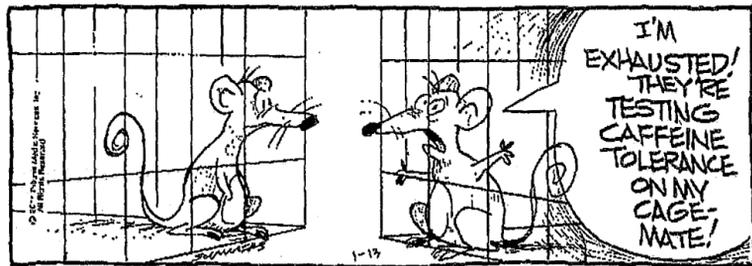
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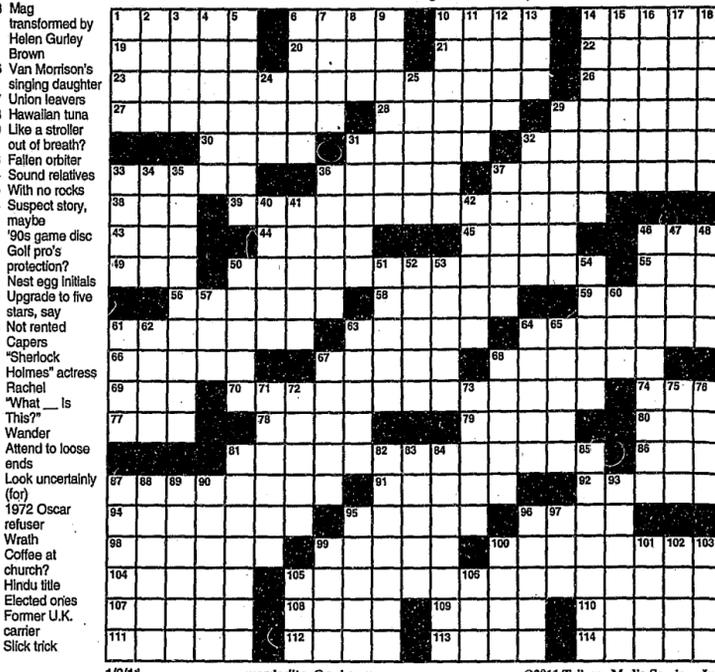
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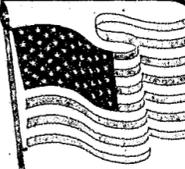
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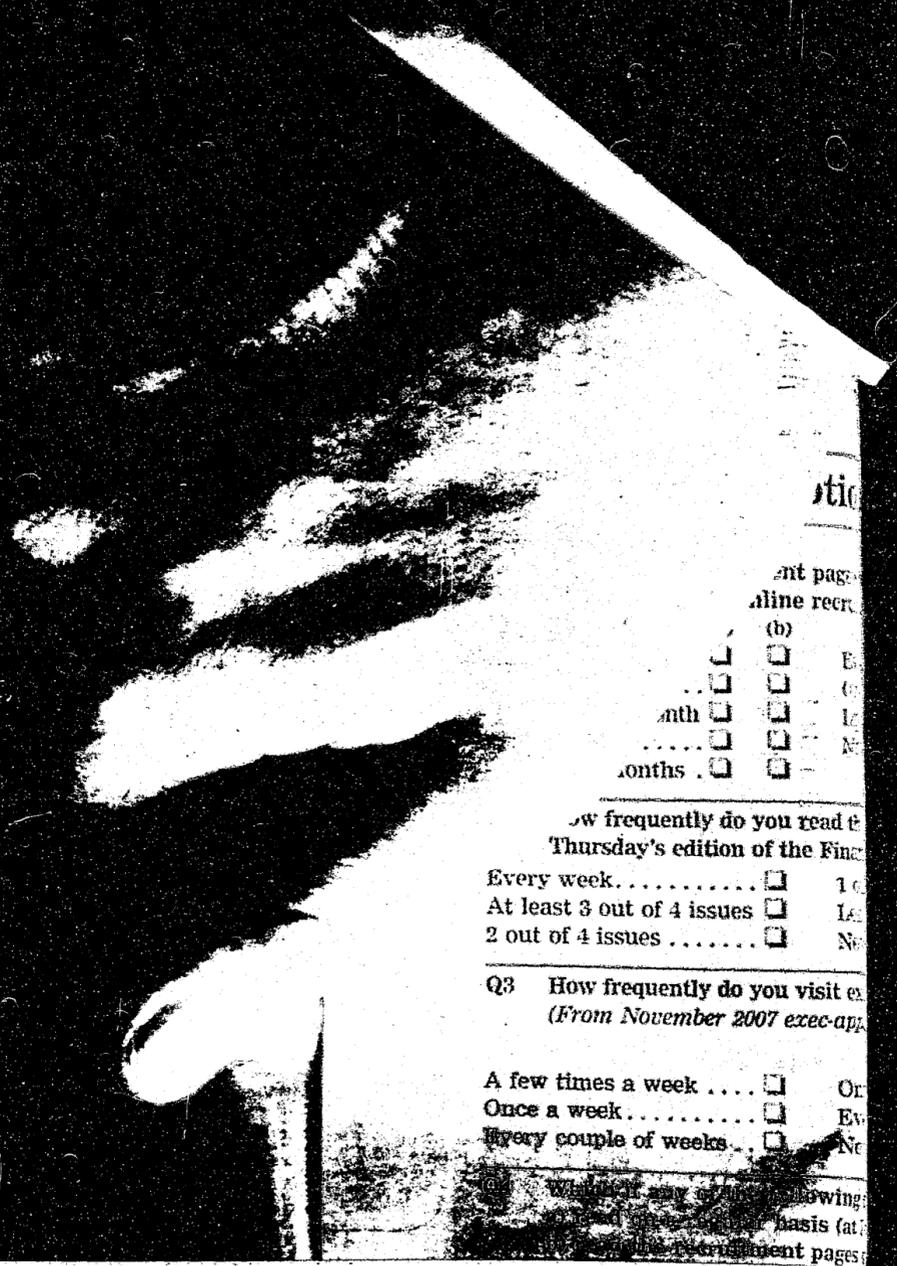
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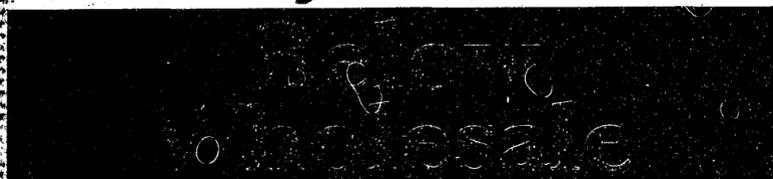
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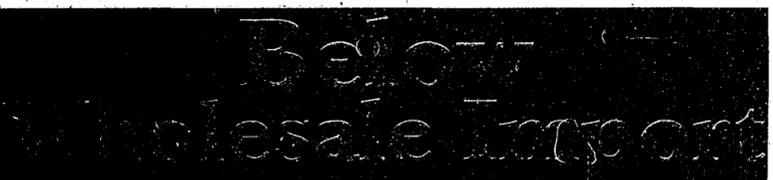
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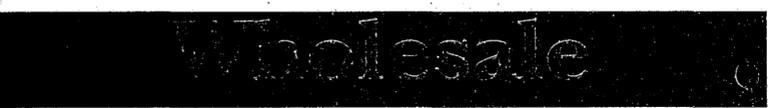
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5618	<b>09 FORD FUSION SEL</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$19,600 NOW \$15,995
	6 CD, SIRIUS, SYNC, FULL POWER!	..... \$189/MO.
514302	<b>08 FORD F-150 4X4</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$21,495 NOW \$19,222
	STX, BEDLINER, TOPPER, A/C, TILT, CRUISE	..... \$229/MO.



6J0861	<b>04 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4x4</b>	..... WAS \$25,485 NOW \$23,280
	HEATED LEATHER, NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, ONSTAR, LOW MILES	..... \$299/MO.
5644	<b>08 MERCURY MILAN AWD</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$23,320 NOW \$20,727
	PREMIER, MOONROOF, FULL POWER	..... \$249/MO.
5634	<b>10 FORD MUSTANG HARD TOP</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$23,070 NOW \$19,997
	4.0 V6, AUTO, LEATHER, SHAKER 500	..... \$239/MO.
5619	<b>09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$23,125 NOW \$19,997
	XLT, 3.0 V6, PW, PL, CRUISE, TILT, CD, SATELLITE	..... \$239/MO.
5622	<b>09 FORD ESCAPE 4X4</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$23,320 NOW \$19,997
	XLT, SAFETY CANOPY, ROLL STABILITY CONTROL	..... \$239/MO.
5630	<b>08 MERCURY MARINER AWD</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$24,645 NOW \$21,455
	NAVIGATION, MOONROOF, 6 CD	..... \$259/MO.
56031	<b>07 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4</b>	..... WAS \$25,210 NOW \$23,320
	SAHARA, HARDTOP, AUTO, A/C, ONLY 17K MILES	..... \$279/MO.
5K4101	<b>07 FORD EDGE AWD</b>	..... WAS \$25,675 NOW \$23,727
	SEL, DVD, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, LOADED!	..... \$279/MO.
5629	<b>07 FORD EDGE AWD</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$25,815 NOW \$21,747
	SEL PLUS, HEATED LEATHER, VISTA ROOF, TOW PACKAGE	..... \$259/MO.
5642	<b>08 CHRYSLER 300 C</b>	..... WAS \$25,985 NOW \$22,727
	HEMI, HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF, REMOTE START	..... \$269/MO.
5647	<b>08 DODGE CHARGER AWD</b>	..... WAS \$26,980 NOW \$23,888
	RT, DVD, MOONROOF, LOADED!	..... \$289/MO.
5650	<b>10 FORD EXPLORER 4X4</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$29,970 NOW \$24,675
	SPORT, AUTO, A/C, CD, ONLY 39K MILES!	..... \$299/MO.
5638	<b>10 FORD EXPLORER 4X4</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$34,895 NOW \$28,737
	EDDIE BRAUER, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL A/C	..... \$349/MO
5631	<b>10 LINCOLN TOWN CAR</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$34,820 NOW \$29,749
	LIMITED, LOADED, SAVE \$13,700!	..... \$359/MO.
5K4251	<b>07 FORD FOCUS ZX5</b>	..... WAS \$9,995 NOW \$7,979
	SE, 4 CYL, AUTO, PW, PL, CRUISE, TILT, CD	..... \$95/MO.
5594	<b>09 LINCOLN MKX AWD</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$42,745 NOW \$33,533
	HEATED/COOLED LEATHER, REMOTE START, NAV, LOADED!	..... \$399/MO.
9K0113	<b>07 FORD FUSION</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$14,545 NOW \$12,797
	SE, LEATHER, SPOILER, 6 CD	..... \$149/MO.
9K0231	<b>08 FORD ESCAPE 4X4</b> ✓ CERTIFIED	..... WAS \$20,895 NOW \$18,477
	XLT, ALLOYS, LOW MILES	..... \$219/MO.
56321	<b>07 CHRYSLER 300C</b>	..... WAS \$23,985 NOW \$21,477
	HEMI, HEATED FRONT/REAR SEATS, MOONROOF, LOW MILES, LOADED	..... \$259/MO.
56361	<b>07 FORD EXPLORER SPORT TRAC 4X4</b>	..... WAS \$27,470 NOW \$25,370
	LIMITED, HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF, TONNEAU COVER, ADVANCETRAC	..... \$299/MO.



56461	<b>08 HYUNDAI ELANTRA</b>	..... WAS \$12,880 NOW \$10,747
	GLS, MOONROOF, A/C, CD, SAFETY CANOPY, FULL POWER	..... \$129/MO
5623	<b>08 MAZDA 3</b>	..... WAS \$15,880 NOW \$12,995
	AUTO, FULL POWER, ALLOYS, GREAT ECONOMY!	..... \$159/MO.
5615	<b>07 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE</b>	..... WAS \$19,975 NOW \$15,747
	AUTO, SHIFTER PADDLES, 6 CD, SIDE AIRBAGS!	..... \$189/MO.
5640	<b>2008 VOLVO S40</b>	..... WAS \$19,450 NOW \$16,855
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5616	<b>08 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE</b>	..... WAS \$22,800 NOW \$19,977
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