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Testing, testing...

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New wastewater treatment plant will be evaluated beginning next week

Electrical connections have been made, and testing of the new \$36 million regional wastewater treatment plant used by Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and a part of Mescalero are scheduled to begin next week.

In a plant construction update, the WWTP Joint Use Board was told by plant manager Bobby Snowden that the goal is to be fully operational and weaned from the old plant on March 11.

"We had a meeting last Tuesday," Snowden told the JUB on Wednesday. "RMCI (the general contractor on phase 1B) had fallen a little bit behind because of some paint issues. Actually,

the paint issues, it looks like, are going to be a positive for us because they were so afraid that they didn't use a spec paint that they brought a professional in from Dallas, Texas, to go through all of the basins and check all of our coatings. And we found out that some of the coatings were actually double what needed to be. Like 12 millimeter to 25. So we got a free test from RMCI to find out that all of our basins were coded correctly and with the right material."

The contractor brought in a

second painter to catch up on the project.

"At that meeting, RMCI was kind of hinting towards they might be a week behind schedule. But I think, by the way that everything went, and what I've seen since then, that's not going to be the case because they're now working on Fridays and are going to catch up that week."

"So next week we will start a clean water test. We will take the effluent (old plant-treated outflow) back around and go into the lift station (of the new facility).

It's more or less to have liquid to test pieces of equipment. We'll test every pump in the lift station, make sure the electrical is right and everything is there. The following week we will do the same thing in the entrance works. The following week we will go into all of the basins."

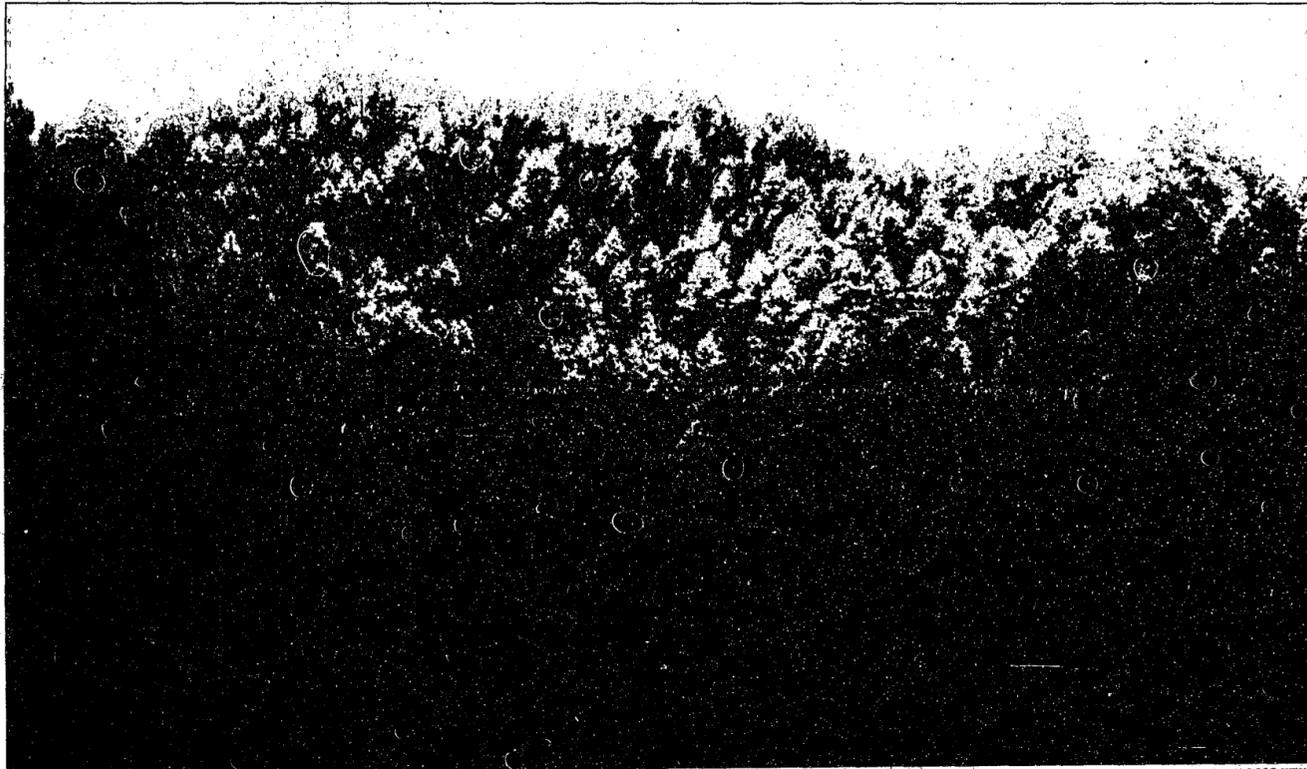
The basin checks will be done without filtering membranes in place initially.

"We don't want to take any chance on fouling those mem-



See TEST, page 7A **SNOWDEN**

JACK FROST COATS THE HIGH COUNTRY



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Damp, freezing weather left frost on the trees near Bonito Lake Thursday morning. However, a warming trend is forecast for the weekend.

Village to save money on debt restructuring

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The village will save \$165,000 by restructuring two debts incurred to buy the police station on Mechem Drive in 2000 and for construction of the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport in 1993.

Even more savings would have been realized if the restructuring had occurred earlier, said finan-

cial advisor Mark Valenzuela, as he urged councilors Tuesday to approve the necessary resolution and ordinance to move ahead.

They approved the actions unanimously.

"We've covered all of this before," Councilor Jim Stoddard said, referring to a workshop and several meetings on the issue. "This is specifically related to the airport bonds and a

New Mexico Finance Authority loan on the police building, and this would save \$165,000."

He noted that Valenzuela pointed out the restructuring will deliver a benefit exceeding 3 percent of the debt, which is a bottom line required by the state Department of Finance and Administration.

"It looks like a win-win," Stoddard said, "Is there

any down side?"

Valenzuela said he saw no down side, except more would have been saved with earlier action. "This is good for the village and the community," he assured councilors.

Pointing to the \$48 million of debt carried by the village and the annual payments of \$3.1 million, Councilor Gloria Sayers asked what percentage of the village's annual budget

is dedicated to debt repayment Valenzuela said he will gather the necessary data and get back to her with that percentage. The village approved an \$84.3 million budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, \$12.58 million for the general fund operation. The rest covered self-supporting enterprise funds such as water, sewer and solid waste, special

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ENMU to lease school space

■ Ruidoso campus will expand to former White Mountain Intermediate School

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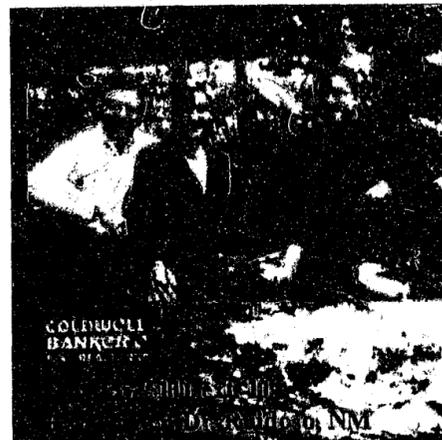
A lease agreement has been approved that will see ENMU-Ruidoso use classroom space at the Ruidoso Municipal School District's White Mountain schools campus.

The college classes at the former White Mountain Intermediate School will begin in the fall.

"That was something that had to be approved by the (New Mexico) Higher Education Department in order for us to participate in that," said ENMU-Ruidoso President Clayton Alred.

"I went to Santa Fe last week and secured their approval. And Dr. Harris and I signed the Memorandum of Understanding today," Alred announced Tuesday during a meet-and-greet with candidates for the Ruidoso schools and ENMU-Ruidoso college boards. Bea Etta Harris is the Ruidoso school district's superintendent.

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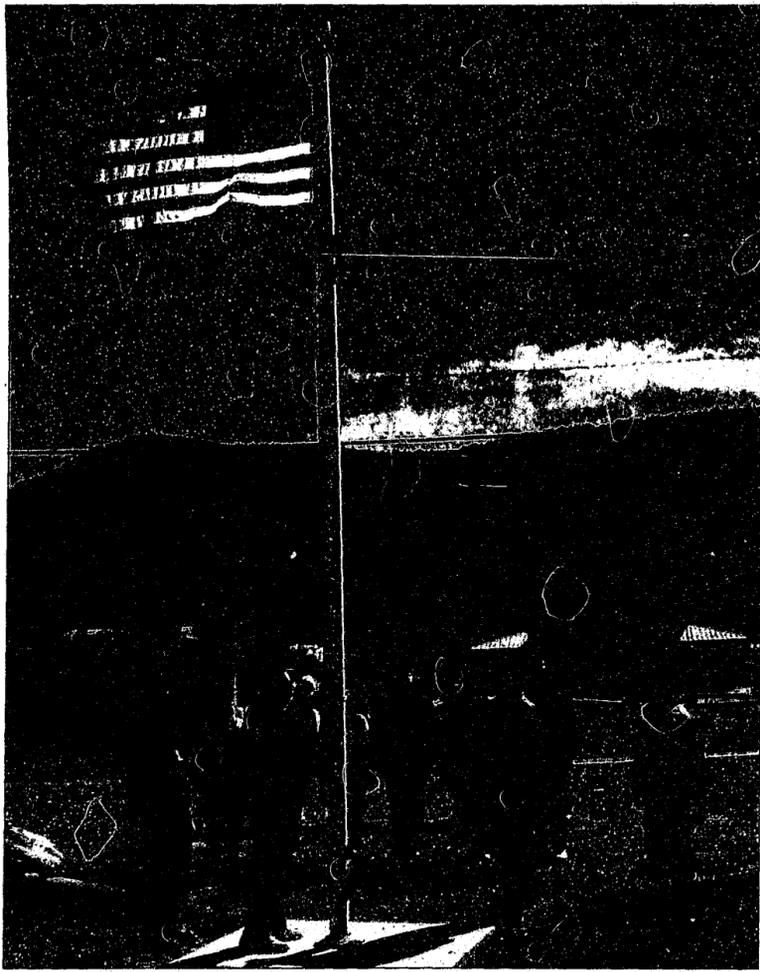
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American Legion Post 79 and VFW Post 12071 members joined VFW Post commander Bill Robinson, l-r, American Legion Post commander Gene Kurtz, American Legions Post senior vice commander Dana Terlecky and Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong in raising a flag on the newly installed flag pole in All American Park Saturday afternoon. Also present were City councilors, city workers and members of the Lodgers Tax committee and Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful committee. Lodgers Tax bought the flag pole, City Public Works employees installed in and the Beautification committee will plant flowers around it. Veterans will maintain the flag.

Dumpsters move

The Capitan community drop-off recycling site has

moved from near the Capitan Senior Center to the Capitan Fire Department location. Construc-

tion of the new Senior Center necessitated the move. The new location adjacent to the new Fire Station on Highway 380 is now the primary drop-off location for Capitan residents. A second cardboard recycling site is located adjacent to the Lone Tree Bible Camp office, also on Highway 380.

Capitan residents are encouraged to flatten cardboard boxes and to close dumpster lids to prevent recent problems of cardboard blowing into adjacent neighborhoods and onto the County Fair Grounds.

For more information on recycling in Capitan, contact the Solid Waste



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Candidates for the Ruidoso Municipal School District and ENMU-Ruidoso education boards hear from and respond to local residents during a Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce meet-and-greet Tuesday evening at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca. Nine candidates are running for four seats on the Ruidoso school board. There are four contenders for three positions on the ENMU-Ruidoso college board. A formal forum for the Ruidoso Municipal School candidates will be held Jan. 27, at 6 p.m., at the Ruidoso School Performing Arts Center. Election day is Feb. 1.

Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org.

General recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentree-swa.org

Sanchez graduates

Navy Seaman Elmon S. Sanchez, a 2005 graduate of Hondo High School, Hondo, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Sanchez completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations".

This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Huff n Puff

Registered Nurse Greg Pollard will be guest speaker at the Feb. 1 meeting of Huff n Puff, a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease support group serving the counties of Otero and Lincoln.

The session is set for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Alamogordo Senior Center. Pollard will speak about acute COPD exacerbation resulting in an emergency room visit.

For more information about meetings, call the hospital's Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department at 575-443-2745 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or Jan Lundstrom at 575-443-2499.

FS meetings

The USDA Forest Service, Region 3, announces meetings for vendors interested in responding to solicitations in the Virtual Incident Procurement system (VIPR) and providing equipment with operators to support wildfires and other hazardous incidents.

Meetings will occur to discuss the legal aspects of the solicitations, including contract requirements for specific equipment. All meetings are scheduled from 1 p.m. through 3 p.m., at multiple locations throughout Ari-

zona and New Mexico via video teleconferencing as follows:

- Feb. 1 for Heavy Equipment (Dozers, Excavators, Tractor Plows and Transports)

- Feb. 2 for Mechanics with Service Truck

- Feb. 3 for Welding Units, Fuel Tankers, and Helicopter Operations Support Trailer

To find the location closest to you, call the Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office at (575) 434-7200, and ask for Mike Aguirre or Maria Borodko.

Interested vendors can obtain information about VIPR and view online copies of solicitations containing contract requirements at <http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/vipr.php>. Current solicitation notices are published on the web at <https://www.fbo.gov>.

Tire recycling

A tire recycling amnesty event has been scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso for Lincoln County and Mesquero residents, public institutions and businesses. Passenger vehicle, SUV and light truck tires will be accepted at no charge. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18 and 8 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturday, Feb.

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Humidity 28%	Humidity 24%	Humidity 36%	Humidity 35%	Humidity 41%	Humidity 31%	Humidity 37%
Sunny, breezy and warmer Wind: NW 10-20 mph	Partly sunny and windy Wind: W 10-20 mph	Partly sunny and cooler Wind: W 7-14 mph	Partly sunny Wind: NE 6-12 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: WSW 6-12 mph	Plenty of sunshine Wind: W 7-14 mph	Not as cool with plenty of sunshine Wind: W 6-12 mph

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Regional Cities

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Sun and Moon
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:04 a.m./5:24 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:53 p.m./8:08 a.m.

Moon Phases
Last New First Full
Jan 26 Feb 2 Feb 11 Feb 18

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 85° in Hollywood, FL
Low: -24° in Aberdeen, SD
Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 110° in Carnegie, Australia
Low: -53° in Mould Bay, Canada

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Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/Low 59°/41°
Normal high 50°
Normal low 20°
Record high 71° (1986)
Record low -9° (1960)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.84"
Year to date 0.00"
Normal year to date 0.84"

Almanac
Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/Low 72°/32°
Normal high 56°
Normal low 29°
Record high 75° (2000)
Record low 4° (1963)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.53"
Year to date 0.00"
Normal year to date 0.53"

Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Low
Weeds Absent
Mold Low
Predominant Ascospores
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

National Forecast for Jan. 21, 2011

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

City	Today	Hi/Low	Sat.
Abilene	53/27/s	58/36/s	55/26/pc
Anchorage	25/21/sn	29/25/sn	71/38/pc
Atlanta	48/25/s	48/29/s	40/1/pc
Austin	52/22/s	55/32/s	54/20/pc
Baltimore	35/18/pc	28/14/s	49/10/pc
Boston	28/14/sn	22/8/s	44/19/pc
Chicago	9/8/pc	16/7/sn	61/26/s
Dallas	48/29/s	54/38/s	44/15/pc
Denver	50/23/pc	52/19/c	87/25/pc
Des Moines	16/1/sn	10/0/pc	48/14/s
Detroit	18/8/8	13/8/sn	39/10/pc
El Paso	62/33/s	64/35/pc	56/32/s
Las Vegas	82/43/s	87/42/s	49/20/s
Los Angeles	79/50/s	74/50/s	59/31/s
Minneapolis	41/7/8n	31/14/c	44/11/s
New Orleans	50/31/s	55/36/s	60/31/s
New York City	34/15/sn	20/13/s	45/13/pc
Philadelphia	32/14/sn	23/10/s	
Phoenix	70/45/s	88/45/s	
Reno	58/28/s	54/23/pc	
San Francisco	60/45/s	63/44/s	
San Diego	68/47/s	65/50/s	
Seattle	50/39/r	50/37/c	
Tucson	71/38/s	71/40/s	
Tulsa, OK	38/25/pc	43/31/s	
Wash., DC	35/16/pc	27/21/s	
Wichita	38/20/pc	38/22/pc	
Yuma	72/48/s	74/50/s	

City	Today	Hi/Low	Sat.
Albuquerque	52/26/s	55/26/pc	
Artesia	67/32/s	71/38/pc	
Chama	42/13/s	40/1/pc	
Clayton	50/21/s	54/20/pc	
Cloudcroft	50/24/s	49/10/pc	
Farmington	42/21/s	44/19/pc	
Hobbs	66/27/s	61/26/s	
Los Alamos	44/21/s	44/15/pc	
Portales	86/23/s	87/25/pc	
Raton	48/14/s	53/19/pc	
Red River	40/10/s	39/10/pc	
Ruidoso	56/32/s	58/31/pc	
Santa Fe	49/20/s	50/21/pc	
Silver City	59/31/s	60/31/s	
Taos	44/11/s	45/13/pc	

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Phillip David Collins passes out brochures on classes to helpers to distribute during the Open House and Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the Common Ground unity center in the Sierra Mall, Monday. Common Ground opened Jan. 1, replacing the Dance Gallery and offers weekly classes and family activities.

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19. No heavy equipment or large truck tires will be accepted. Tires on rims may also be dropped off. Over 1,300 tires were collected from across Lincoln County in last tire recycling event.

Tire recycling is the process of recycling vehicles tires that are no longer suitable for use on vehicles due to wear or irreparable damage (such as punctures). These tires are among the largest and most problematic sources of waste, due to the large volume produced and their durability.

Tires are not desired at landfills, due to their large volumes and 75 percent void space which quickly consume valuable space for other waste materials.

The high cost of fuel and the economic recession in mid-2008 also caused tire recyclers out of the El Paso area to cease buying and picking up tires from several commercial tire companies in Lincoln County.

In Lincoln County, discarded tires collected at recycling events are used in an engineered tire bale fencing project again under construction at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

For more information on the upcoming tire amnesty event, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772, via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org or at www.greentreeswa.org.

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Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73 Master Ronnie Wright presents a donation of \$2,000 to Laughing Eyes Kennel President Taryn McCain for Cooper, a service dog for Emma Farris (with Cooper) at the Ruidoso Masonic Lodge Thursday, Jan. 13. Lodge Junior Warden Josh Musgrave, left, and Senior Warden Jerry Grace also participated in the ceremony. Farris had requested help from local service organizations to acquire a service dog and the Ruidoso Masonic Lodge voted to make this donation. The entire cost of getting Cooper for Emma was \$5,000.

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OUR OPINION

Bullying isn't what it used to be

Community-wide solutions are needed

Bullying has existed for as long as boys have tried to establish a hierarchy of authority and manhood long before they were ready to become men.

In the "old days," a couple of lads would get in a fist fight, swing wildly and miss most of the time and often end up best buddies, bound by respect (and a little fear) for one another.

In other words, if someone stood up to a bully, it usually worked itself out, and life on the playground moved on.

These days, depending on the neighborhood or school district, we have the involvement of gangs, drugs and weapons that kill. We have new "playgrounds" such as cyberspace — all exacerbated by the rising percentage of single-parent families, as boys are deserted by their primary role model — their father.

It is a toxic stew of dysfunctional ingredients. It is systemic, and in the name of our community we ask parents, educators, "experts" and students to strive for solutions.

Sadly enough, would-be spokesman keeps trying

Newspapers across New Mexico reported the outgoing governor left a letter on her desk for the incoming governor. It's a tradition. They all do it.

Only here will you get the real scoop. Susana wrote back. Your humble columnist has the only known copy of that letter.

"William,

"I hope you don't mind my dispensing with the traditional 'dear.' I mean, really!

"Your transitional letter was received and noted. You want me to stop talking trash about your administration. Well, okay, but that's hardly helpful advice. I am wallowing in a sea of debt. What I really need is a life-

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those hidden cabinets that blend in so well they are hardly noticeable? I thought those would be an ideal place to store my Sarah Palin posters and other Sarah things, but was shocked to find the shelves are still full of box after box of Super Sized Snicker Bars. Did you have an addiction other than one for power, William?

"This next one is a real puzzle. You left behind in the corner filing cabinet 14 pathetic letters from some strange fellow in Ruidoso. His handwriting is horrible, but his name looks like 'Nedward Cantrell.' I guess he wanted a job or something, keeps begging you to appoint him as a 'spokesman.'

"In this one letter he is saying, 'I am sorry I called you Chubby Cheeks, Mr. Richardson. I really would be a great spokesman. If I could just have a job as spokesman, say, for the New Mexico State Barbershop Commission I bet I would have plenty of time to come over to the Mansion on Saturday mornings to wash your black SUV.'

"This fellow seems pleasant enough if not particularly bright. I note you didn't bother to respond.

"The courtside Los Angeles Lakers ticket stubs autographed by Jack Nicholson? Glad you left them behind. I'll see what I can get on EBay to help reduce your horrible deficit.

"I've got to close now. Busy, busy, busy here. Just this moment the Fed-Ex guy is handing me a package the staff says needs my attention.

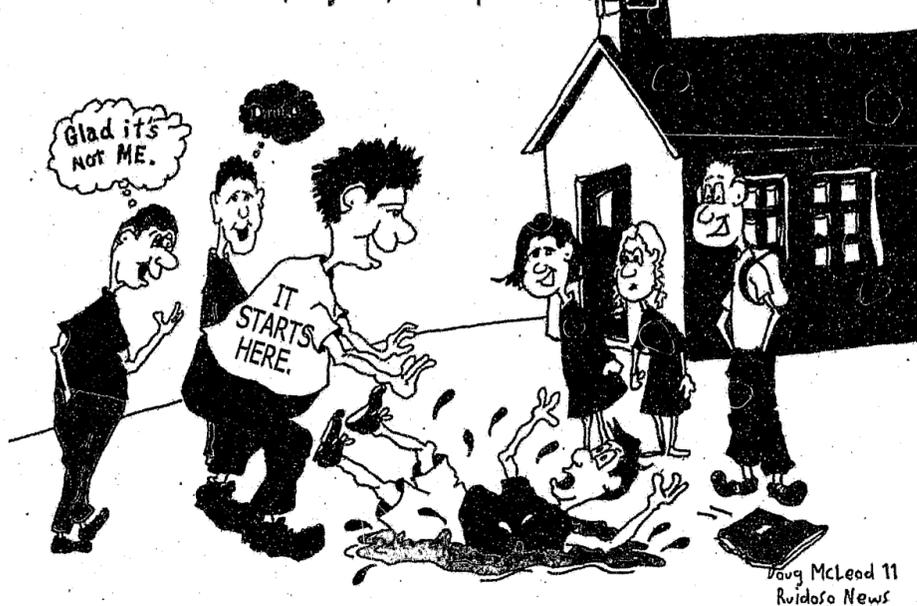
"Until next time, or more likely, never,

"Susana M. Martinez
"Ookay, what's this now? Wait. Oh, no. It's a CD from the nutcase in Ruidoso. He's recorded himself singing to me! No, dear Lord, please, make him stop."

Oh! Susana,
Oh! don't you cry for me...
I come from Ruedoser...
A spokesman sure to be!
Have a nice day.

On behalf of Nedward Cantrell I would like to apologize to anyone this column has offended. Or bored.

BULLYING: school, cyber, workplace...



Doug McLeod 11
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Schmitt is an excellent choice

To the editor:

I WRITE BECAUSE Sherry Robinson called the appointment of Dr. Harrison Schmitt to the New Mexico Governor's Cabinet as Secretary of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department a "purely political pick [Ruidoso News, Jan. 19]."

Ms. Robinson also states that in her opinion his resume does not support his ability to make the decisions required for the job. I submit that this is the least political pick in Santa Fe for too long. If you wish to examine "purely political picks," review the appointments of the previous administration.

This is a man who holds multiple degrees including a Doctorate in Geology from Harvard University. It would be hard if not impossible to find a New Mexican better qualified for the cabinet position. He knows better than almost anyone that the earth has undergone numerous shifts from cold periods to warm periods before the appearance of the first humanoid ancestor on the planet and that it will continue to swing back and forth well after our species goes the way of the other many extinct over the

ages.

I would suggest that Ms. Robinson get on the website for the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources to read the qualifications and accomplishments of this amazing individual.

I am very much in favor of protecting the environment and I do my part to the best of my ability. However, to belittle Dr. Schmitt's views on global warming because of the editorial writer's liberal leaning is irresponsible. Does Ms. Robinson feel she has more education and experience on the matter than Dr. Schmitt?

What, in her educational background or experience, gives her the expertise to contradict the scientific findings of many renowned scientists? Dr. Schmitt is not the only qualified scientist that feels the global warming we are experiencing is a normal and natural climate swing. The question is still in discussion, as was evolution, etc., but discussion is the basis of learning and progress.

I have had the opportunity to work with the two Senate campaigns for Dr. Schmitt and I have

found him to be one of the most brilliant disciplined men I have ever met. When elected to the U.S. Senate, he became the first "natural scientist" to serve since Thomas Jefferson. His problems in Congress were mostly because of his scientist approach to discussions. He thought decisions should be made on the basis of intelligence and logic rather than on backroom political deals.

I lived in Silver City during the election between Dr. Schmitt and Jeff Bingaman. It was a very difficult time for the citizens there. Both were graduates of Silver High School and both of their mothers played bridge together. The community was very proud of both these fine men and everyone there would have liked both to be elected.

Harrison Schmitt is an honest, hard-working, intelligent, educated gentleman who will do a fine job for New Mexico as Secretary of Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department. I, for one, rejoice in the appointment. Congratulations, Governor Martinez, on an excellent choice.

Douglas Fuqua
Ruidoso

Conservative politicians keeping to values

To the editor:

IT WAS A GREAT week for conservatives, both at the state and national level. Our Representatives are taking a stand and listening to their constituents.

State Representatives Zach Cook, Nora Espinoza and Dennis Kintigh united with Republican representatives around the state to nominate their own candidate for Speaker of the House, Representative Tom Taylor, and voted in unison for that candidate.

They stood on principle and did not allow themselves to be co-

opted and drawn into a power struggle between Democratic Representatives Ben Lujan and Joseph Cervantes. Both Lujan and Cervantes have voting records that contradict conservative values.

At the national level House Republicans united with three Democrats to pass H.R. 2, the bill titled "Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act."

Congressman Steve Pearce not only fulfilled a campaign promise by voting for the bill, he joined conservative Republican House members, including Rep.

Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, Rep. Jeff Duncan of South Carolina, Rep. Steve King of Iowa and Texas Rep. Louie Gohmert and a group of Tea Party activists outside of the Capitol Tuesday afternoon to commemorate Wednesday's vote.

To our elected Representatives:

"We are watching you," and so far we like what we see.

Glynis Racine
Sally Moore
Terry Franklin
Lincoln County Tea Party

Mary Drive deer herd increases

To the editor:

I AM NOT a biologist, but I like to write like one.

I have lived on Mary Drive in Ruidoso for 15 years. During that period the so-called Mary Drive deer herd has grown in numbers but has shrunk physically because they seem to eat on the same loop, regardless of the meager browse available.

Sadly, just over the hill the National Forest is available with beaucoup browse.

Also just over the hill are cougars and hunters. So the doe has her fawn in the city for protection, and the fawn learns to feed on the same city loop.

If the object of deer in the city is to increase tourists' pleasure, then publish the hunting seasons

and rutting season in the tourist brochures.

The Mary Drive deer herd increases nicely with forest deer during these periods with trophy bucks and huge doe doing what comes naturally.

It'll sure beat telling the kids about the birds and the bees.

Bob Messick
Ruidoso

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This black-and-white recent shot of the Rio Ruidoso extracts the riverbed's exquisite textures and contrasts.

COURTESY JOHN T. SODEN

County reviews capital outlay projects

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With two new county commissioners on board, Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart wanted to review the county's capital outlay projects to see if the members concurred with the list that goes to the State Legislature for possible funding.

"For the first time in four years, we have two new commissioners on our governing board," he said at the commission meeting last week. "With that in mind, the desires of the board may have changed in the area of major capital outlay projects. Accordingly, I would like to review, and gain the perspective or perhaps, a new consensus of commissioners."

The Infrastructure Capital Improvement Project list must be submitted each September to the state for review by the Legislature. Four of the county's top five projects are fire station related, he said.

Topping the list was the Capitan Rural Health Care Clinic, which already is funded and expected to be complete in 180 days for \$800,600.

Next were listed two new fire attack trucks for the White Oaks and Lincoln volunteer fire departments, which already are on order for \$264,000.

The third priority was a bay extension and upgrade at the Nogal Volunteer Fire Station, which also is funded and engineering is underway, Stewart said.

The first bill arrived for the Deer Park Valley Special Assessment road improvement district, and construction is in progress, he said.

One project that needs to be moved up from its current classification as "future planned for discussion" is the addition of a third station to the Sheriff's

Dispatch with associated hardware and software updates, the manager told commissioners.

"I'd like to move on this one quickly," he said. "The recent bus accident (Dec. 17 on U.S. 54, when a tour bus flipped south of Corona on an icy road and some passengers were injured) overwhelmed the dispatcher and we needed to bring in others to help. It got a little tense."

New Commissioner Kathryn Minter noticed a funded item for \$30,000 to remove an old tree, add artificial grass and to plant a new tree in the courtyard of the county courthouse in Carrizozo.

"Why are we removing the tree?" she asked.

"For beautification," Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo explained. "It's so gloomy in the courtyard, there's lots of dead leaves and it's an eyesore."

Stewart said he's received feedback from people who were married under the tree, but it drapes over the roof and is a problem. He's thinking about replacing it with an evergreen that could be decorated at Christmas time.

Under road projects, the manager said he wants to finish resurfacing of roads in Ranches of Sonterra to free up money for other areas. Projects listed included some streets in Palo Verde Slopes, the Antler Street extension to Deer Park and about 16 streets in Alto, where cul-de-sacs are "falling apart," he said.

Sedillo said roads in Corona still are a problem and school buses are bogging down.

Stewart said he had not heard any recent complaints. Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez and his crew addressed the situation caused by August rains pretty quickly, he said.

Land acquisition for Phase 1 of the Lincoln County Medical Center from a special property tax levy dedicated to the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso is listed as a future project, as is a new court complex for \$3.2 million, which is on hold indefinitely, because the state will not be adding a new judge to the 12th Judicial District any time soon, he said.

For the first time in four years there are two new commissioners on the governing board, which might change priorities, County Manager Tom Stewart said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she would like "a good master plan, instead of piecing something together," for improvements to the county fairground in Capitan, with input from the volunteer Fairboard that manages the complex.

Stewart said he'd like to see a covered arena and parking, which could be figured into the next fiscal year budget. He'll check with the Cooperative Extension Service of New Mexico State University about a planning firm.

"A lot of things could go on there year-round, if we do it right," Powell said.

Sedillo said she'd like an update on improvements at the fairground connected to acquisition of more land there. Stewart said he would invite some of the board members to attend the commission's Feb. 15 meeting. "This is one facility that includes all of Lincoln County," Sedillo said.

"By us adding the acreage, that was a tremendous gift and it's incumbent on us to make the best use as an asset for

us to develop," said Commissioner Tom Battin.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said the county has spent "a lot of money" on the fairground and it's an embarrassment to see the number of entries dwindle each year at the county fair. Many local residents are going to the Otero County fair to enter their projects, she said.

On the future planned projects list is \$200,000 set aside for renovation of the previous detention center for office space, meeting rooms and storage.

County Clerk Rhonda Burrows said she's interested in creating storage in the old detention center, which was closed when a new jail was built near the Carrizozo industrial park in 2001. She would like secure storage space for the office's historical documents, she said.

Stewart said the area was "like a dungeon," and he's discussing a design that would allow entry from the courtyard and half of the space could be used for meeting rooms, defense client conferences or even small trials. The other half could be used for storage for the clerk's department, which would bring records up out of the courthouse basement, he said.

Not all the historic documents are related to infamous Billy the Kid, who murdered several local men during the Lincoln County War, Burrows said. "They're not priceless, but they are priceless to us and we worry about possible damage from water or fire."

Powell said, "It's a joy to see (the county) doing something with nothing."

Stewart said he didn't have much choice when the district judge asked for some improvements. Workers flushed some old sewage lines that used to service jail cells, "and there was immediate feedback to the court system," he said.

Deadwood revisited

After a decade of emphasizing the need to reduce the number of trees and clean up the forest floor to decrease the risk of wildfires, and pushing for the development of industries to use the cut material, a new report lauds the habitat and nutrient benefits of "lying dead wood."

Written by Alexander M. Evans and Mark J. Ducey of the Forest Guild for Climate Action Reserve, the 75-page report concludes that not only do dead trees and limbs on the forest floor store carbon, they provide erosion protection, water storage, wildlife habitat and nutrients for insects and fungi.

The report was commissioned by Climate Action Reserve as part of that organization's continuing effort to provide regulatory-quality standards for the development, quantification and verification of greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in North America, they wrote.

"One of these standards in the Forest Project Protocol provides requirements and guidance for quantifying sequestration of carbon on forestland," the researchers wrote. "This report explores the details of carbon storage in LDW as it related to projects that seek to increase carbon storage on forestland. LDW is an important pool of carbon throughout the United States, ranging from about 2 tons per acre to 10 tons per acre of biomass. On average, LDW makes up from 1.7 percent to 4.6 percent of total forest carbon, though in individual stands, the percentage can be higher."

Disturbances such as fire can significantly increase the amount of LDW in a particular location, they wrote.

The report highlights the differences in carbon storage in major forest types of the United States,

and discusses the influence that growth cycles, external disturbances, and forest management practices have on LDW.

The researchers conclude that forest projects designed to increase carbon storage under the Climate Action Reserve's Forest Project Protocol are unlikely to negatively impact long-term LDW.

"It also is unlikely that increased LDW retention will cause a shift of harvesting activities to other forestlands, because of the low value of trees that become LDW," they wrote. "However, LDW retention may increase forest management costs in other ways that deserve further research."

Accounting for carbon in LDW requires careful measurement, they wrote. Measuring LDW is more challenging than taking an inventory of live trees, because breakage and decay make LDW even more irregular and heterogeneous than living trees. The report provides an in-depth discussion of various sampling methods. The extensive list of references for both sampling methods and LDW characteristics by forest type provides the most comprehensive resource to date for planning an LDW inventory, according to the Forest Guild.

Founded in 2001, the Forest Guild is a national organization of more than 800 foresters, natural resource professionals, and supporters who practice and promote ecologically, economically, and socially responsible forestry as a means of sustaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and the human communities dependent upon them.

Go to www.climateactionreserve.org or to www.forestguild.org/publications/research/2010/Lying_Dead_Wood_Evans_Ducey_2010.pdf.

BUSINESS



COURTESY

While Ruidoso's Dance Gallery has gone out of business, the location in the Sierra Mall will still offer opportunities to learn some dance styles under a new venue.

Dance Gallery closes; Common Ground opens the same doors

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The Dance Gallery, a Ruidoso dance studio that has been offering partner and belly dancing for more than eight years, ended its business operations as of Dec. 31.

"Although this may be shocking for those that have enjoyed the fun and friendships made, as well as the entertainment shared by Dance Gallery students, there is a new venture taking place at the same location," said Andrea Reed.

A unity center, called Common Ground, has replaced The Dance Gallery in the Sierra Mall at 721 Mechem Drive.

"The organizers of Common Ground do not consider the center a place of business, but a place for Lincoln County and

Mescalero residents to gather and share in culture and community," Reed said. "The mission of the center is to create an opportunity to become the change they wish to see by creating free or low cost opportunities that promote personal, family, community and environmental wellness. The aim of the center is to bring together diverse ethnic, socioeconomic, religious and cultural backgrounds through art and education, with a goal of building healthier community relations."

Reed said organizers see Common Ground as being similar to the settlement houses that cropped up in the late 1800s to early 1900s, which were part of a reform movement to bridge the gap between rich and poor.

There will be weekly classes, including Tai Chi

for seniors, Country and Western, Ballroom and Latin partner dancing, Belly dance, and workout classes to support fitness and health.

Two Fridays each month will be Family Night, for those of all ages to share in art, music, song, dance and recreation.

Two Wednesdays a month will have Community Solutions, a gathering for dinner, dishes and discussion about local issues.

The center plans to support itself through small fees and donations, as well as volunteer assistance.

To celebrate the start of Common Ground, an open house, to celebrate the life and leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was held Monday, Jan. 17.

For more information, call 575.937.4119, or go to www.danceruidoso.com

El Capitan stockholders to merge

Stockholders of a mineral exploration firm with partial ownership of a claim in the mountains north of Capitan decided to merge this week.

El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. and Gold and Minerals, Inc. had agreed to pursue the merger last summer.

The merger leaves El Capitan as the surviving company and the 100 percent owner of the property in the Capitan Mountains.

A special Gold and Minerals Company stockholders meeting, to tabulate a vote on the merger

plan, was held Jan. 18 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Owners of Gold and Minerals stock were able to vote on the merger either at the meeting or by proxy beginning last month.

The company had previously said they anticipated the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares to approve the merger.

As a result of the approval, each Gold and Minerals stockholder would receive about 1.4 shares of El Capitan Precious Metals for each share of Gold and Minerals stock.

El Capitan Precious Metals is an exploration firm that said they had found gold, silver and platinum in the deposit in the Capitan Mountains.

In a Jan. 19 release, El Capitan said they were now the sole owner of the property in New Mexico previously referred to as the El Capitan Property, consisting of approximately 3,000 acres.

"The company believes the completion of this merger, providing a single entity of ownership of the property, will greatly assist in the marketing efforts put forth by the company. The company is very pleased in reaching this milestone."

- Jim Kalvelage

MNG realigns at the top

DENVER – MediaNews Group, Inc., the nation's second largest newspaper company as measured by circulation, and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer William Dean Singleton announced a process to realign the Board of Directors and management to enable a greater focus on a range of operational and strategic initiatives designed to drive sustainable future growth and profitability.

These measures will strengthen the company's performance in its core markets, and continue the transformation of the business from a print-oriented newspaper company to a locally focused provider of news and information across multiple platforms.

In addition, they will position the company to identify, pursue and execute on strategic consolidation opportunities.

As a key part of this transition plan, the company said that it has launched a search to identify a new Chief Executive Officer, thereby enabling Singleton to focus on opportunities to optimize the company's portfolio of properties and consolidation opportunities in the newspaper industry.

That search will be directed by a special committee of the Board of

Directors.

Upon the appointment of the new CEO, Singleton will become Executive Chairman.

He will remain Chairman and Publisher of the Denver Post and the Salt Lake Tribune. The company also said that Joseph J. Lodovic, IV has retired as President of the company, effective immediately.

Gordon A. Paris, a director of the company and industry veteran, has agreed to serve as Interim President until Singleton's successor as CEO is named.

Additionally, the company said that it has launched a search for a Chief Revenue Officer.

Singleton said, "I am extraordinarily proud of everything we have built at MediaNews. Our enterprise has established a strong financial foundation, as well as a leading position in our local communities by providing our audience the highest quality news and media content. This, combined with our commitment to innovation, has positioned us to profitably address the rapidly changing industry landscape.

"In light of the significant opportunities and challenges we and the industry are facing, our company is best served by

having separate executives focus their full efforts on both the strategic landscape, and on implementing an effective plan to expand our revenue streams and meet our operational and efficiency goals.

"Accordingly, it is the right time for new executive leadership that will enable us to move forward along this dual track for success."

Speaking on behalf of the MediaNews Group Board of Directors, Joseph J. Euteneuer, a director of the company, said, "This is the right time for MediaNews to move towards a strong future based on sustainable, profitable growth, and we are excited by the opportunities we see to accelerate us toward that goal.

MediaNews Group and its affiliated companies publish 61 daily newspapers and approximately 100 non-daily publications in 13 states. In addition, MediaNews Group provides programming and operational services for a CBS affiliate in Anchorage, Alaska and four radio stations in Texas licensed to Affiliated Media, Inc. FCC Trust. MediaNews Group Interactive. MediaNews Group's new media division maintains more than 75 Websites for its daily newspapers.

Refinancing timeline extended

An Inn of the Mountain Gods debt restructuring proposal that had been scheduled to expire on Jan. 7 has been extended.

In a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Inn said the extension, until Jan. 21, will allow sufficient time for the completion of necessary regulatory approvals.

On Nov. 24, 2010, Inn officials commenced a private offer to exchange \$200 million in borrowing that financed the new Inn of the Mountain Gods. The original notes have a 12 percent interest rate. The proposed refinance would lower the interest rate.

The original loan has been in default. The Inn has failed to make semi-annual interest payments on the \$200 million in notes since November 2008. The default increased the interest rate to 13 percent.

As of Sept. 30, 2010, the Inn had \$252.2 million of indebtedness outstanding, which included the \$200 million in principal and \$51.8 million of accrued interest, according to a recently filed annual financial report for the fiscal year ending on Sept. 30.

An enterprise of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Inn of the Mountain Gods and other hospitality businesses such as Ski

Apache registered net revenue boost of 4 percent for the Sept. 30 ending fiscal year. The \$115 million in revenues was the first year-over-year increase since 2007. Revenue increases were driven by a \$1 million jump in food and beverage sales as well as a more than \$4 million increase last year at Ski Apache. But net income, revenues minus expenses, posted a more than \$4 million loss for the year.

An attorney who represented a group of bondholders told the Ruidoso News last month that the old bondholders have to accept the exchange for the refinancing to occur.

No lodgers tax audit; no water

Some Ruidoso lodgers have failed to respond to a request to audit their revenues.

"There were six lodgers who did not respond to the auditor's request to revenue disclosures," said

finance director Nancy Klingmann. "Bertha is assisting the auditors by personally calling these vendors. She said some of them just did not bother to respond."

Klingmann said the auditor would do some on-site calls beginning this week. The village last year had randomly selected 14 lodgers for the audits, which in part, determines compliance with reporting and paying the municipality's 5 percent room tax.

"We have no recourse if they don't respond. So I am encouraging that when we

have a workshop we put some teeth into this. One of my recommendations is that we shut off water. We have that power. I think we would get some results. And also apply this to uncollected lodgers tax that we have."

Klingmann said some of those contacted said they were no longer the owners of the lodging establishment.

Village Clerk Irma Devine said two of the non-responders have closed.

The village realizes more than \$1 million annually from the lodgers' tax.

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Dual name considered for loop road

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To ensure neighbors along the road don't object and extra expense isn't involved, Lincoln County commissioners said they will consider putting up a secondary sign on El Valle Loop recognizing the Chavez family, if petitioned.

County Manager Tom Stewart said Walt Limacher wrote to request a name change from El Valle Loop to Los Chavez Bravo at the turnoff from East U.S. 70 at Mile Marker 278, because the area is the ancestral home of the Chavez family.

"It was first thought to honor the San Patricio brothers Oziel and Abesline; however, when reviewing records, it be-

came apparent just how tremendous the sacrifice of the Chavez family in Lincoln County has been," Limacher wrote. "Enclosed records will show there are five American heroes from the Chavez family who died for America and World Peace."

Although he suggested Los Chavez Bravos, he said it would be good to obtain other opinions on a proper name.

Stewart told commissioners at their meeting last week, that according to the county rural addressing office, 217 potential address locations and 39 existing addresses are located on the loop.

Potentially, a renaming of the road would require 256 property owners to modify all of their property documents, he said.

As an alternative, he proposed that the county consider double naming the road with a metal sign about 200 yards from the entrance saying that the road is Chavez Memorial Loop.

"This was done in prior years with Cedar Creek Drive," he pointed out. A second sign was placed on that road saying it also was Sam Tobias Memorial Drive in the section that transverses federal forest land. Tobias was a federal forester and died in an airplane crash while on an aerial surveillance of a forest fire.

"I would suggest some form of petition from the land owners agreeing to the name," the county manager said. "In the case of El Valle Loop, there are private property owners involved

and I would leave it to Mr. Limacher or another concerned citizen to coordinate the petition," Stewart said.

Commissioner Tom Battin asked if having two names on the road would be confusing, but Stewart said that's why the second sign about the Chavez family would not be right at the turn, but about 200 yards down the road.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter pointed out that several sections of U.S. 70 already are named as memorial roads for veterans and for the late Joe Skeen, who served as a congressman for the county for many years.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo backed Stewart's recommendation for a petition and he was authorized to proceed with contacting Limacher.

TEST

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branes with anything."

Four weeks out, Snowden said some "dirty water" will be introduced.

"The thing I like as the manager on this technique, at least we're not taking just influent (sewage inflow) right into the plant and going, 'Oh shoot, that

pump doesn't work. Where's the problem? Is it electrical? Is it that?"

Snowden said hopefully with the troubleshooting any issues will be found during the clean water testing.

Later in February the costly membrane filters will be installed.

"The way these filters are, once we get the filters in, it's like breaking in a car. You'll push them at

about 20 percent, and then 40 percent, 60 percent. While this is going on we'll be running both facilities."

Snowden estimated it would be a month before the filters can operate at 100 percent.

"What we want to do is meet the March 11 date that we're set at. We would like to see the new facility on by March 11 and the old facility being shut down and cleaned up."

Snowden apologized for arriving a little late to the JUB meeting.

"The reason I'm late is we have a power outage this morning. Otero County Electric Cooperative is out there to tie the transformer that's handling this present facility to the new facility for the future. It went off at eight," Snowden said of the time the electricity switch started.

SAVE

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operations such as the airport, capital projects such as parts of the construction costs of a court-ordered and environmentally-mandated \$36 million wastewater treatment plant and for replacement of bridges destroyed in a 2008 flood,

which involved significant reimbursements from federal agencies.

In other action, councilors:

- approved a grant contract for \$261,000 with the state Division of Forestry for a wildfire fuels reduction project work plan.

- approved an award for the purchase of aggregates to low bidder FNF New Mexico of Ruidoso for the

village Street Department. Four offers were submitted. The others came from Bonnell Sand & Gravel of Glencoe, Barney Rue Sand & Gravel of Ruidoso, Mesa Verde Enterprise of Alamogordo.

- declared a 1999, 416C Caterpillar backhoe as surplus equipment to be sold on the village's auction website, with a minimum bid price of \$23,000, as

established by Caterpillar.

- took no votes after a closed executive session on legal actions involving the village as intervenor against the Public Service Company of New Mexico and a lawsuit filed in 12th Judicial District Court by Carl Kelley against the village, contending improper use of money from a designated tax for water system improvements.

SPACE

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"They're working really closely with us so there won't be any issues about safety," said Harris. "In the agreement, we have that the (college) day won't begin when ours does, nor will a class end when our classes end. So their class beginnings and ends will not coincide with our school day. So that helps take care of traffic issues."

White Mountain Intermediate is sandwiched between Sierra Vista Primary School and White Mountain Elementary. The intermediate section became vacant when its sixth grade students were included in with the new middle school in August 2009. At the same time, fifth graders were shifted into the elementary wing at the White Mountain campus.

Harris said she believed the college will use almost all of the intermediate building and make any renovations.

"They'll do some carpeting and painting. And they'll pay utilities. And if something major goes down, like a heater, then we'll meet together and work out how we pay for that."

There is no actual lease amount, but, as Harris mentioned, ENMU-Rui-

dosu would pay the utility bills for the intermediate section. Harris said that, because the college and school district are public entities, there is no rental amount.

"So it's a good deal for them and it's a good deal for us for the building to be used until we raze it," Harris said. "That gives ENMU time to plan for their future and it takes care of the building not sitting empty and putting it in danger of vandalism."

The school district's Facilities Master Plan recommends taking down the White Mountain Intermediate building later this decade.

Alred said the agreement was an example of the work that occurs between the two organizations that provide education to residents in the Ruidoso area.

Harris agreed.

"It's a collaborative venture with ENMU-Ruidoso and the Ruidoso schools. It really is win-win for both of us."

Shortly after being closed in 2009, the White Mountain Intermediate School building was quickly eyed by ENMU-Ruidoso because of growing enrollments at the community college. Harris had said last July that conversations between the K-12 district and the college had begun but were still "wide open."



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County discusses policy on taxable benefits

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Lincoln County officials are considering eliminating all but the most essential cell phones, because the federal government wants to tax them as a job benefit.

County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners last week that the county finance officer attended an Internal Revenue Service seminar recently in which common benefits were reviewed that may be viewed by the agency as accruing to employees without appropriate taxation.

"The IRS wants their cut, but in addition, it is also a matter of proper use, justification and accountability of the expenditure of public funds," Stewart said. "The IRS currently is focused on cell phone usage, vehicle usage, per diem when no overnight travel is involved, and uniform allowances."

The manager explained that the IRS suggests employees who are given cell phones at government expense should be taxed when the phones are used for personal calls or texts.

"In lieu of a government-issued cell phone, they suggest a stipend of \$20 per month be paid to individuals for use of their personal cell phones," Stewart said. "By issuing a stipend, the IRS gets their cut. When an

employee simply makes reimbursement for an inadvertent private use, the IRS misses out."

Stewart said he reviewed the commission's cell phone policy after hearing the IRS's suggestion, looking for a possible solution. He proposed to staff that all government cell phones be removed and commissioners determine who should receive a stipend.

"Of interest is the fact that many employees carry two cell phones," one official and one personal, he said. "The feedback positive and negative that ensued led me to believe that there are two logical categories for official cell phone use, nonessential and essential."

He grouped elected officials and their chief deputies, the planning director, the senior citizens director, the ordinance administrator, the rural addressing director and the indigent health director as nonessential. They could receive a stipend to offset a portion of their basic service. Essential personnel would cover the sheriff, deputies, sheriff's transport, emergency services, arson investigator, manager, road superintendent and county road foreman and fire chiefs with the volunteer departments in Glencoe, Hondo and Lincoln.

Those issuing an essential use cell phone would

have no excuse for not answering the phone, whereas using a personal phone, they might choose not to answer it regardless of a stipend, Stewart said. In cases where cell phones are used by law enforcement and could be subpoenaed, it would be better for all cell phone records to be official and available for public inspections and discovery, he said. Cell phones paid for with grants, such as fire funds or federal dollars, should be easy to track all expenses and would not lend themselves to a stipend method of reimbursement.

He recommended accepting feedback on employee preferences and justification for essential and nonessential cell phone use.

"I think separating the use is good," Commissioner Jackie Powell said.

Stewart said he thinks county employees are very cognizant about not using official phones for personal use.

"When the IRS shows up, we can show them we discussed this and gave stipends for some, but not for essential personnel," Stewart said. Cell phones are important, as was proven a month and a half ago when all radio communication and land lines were interrupted, he said.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter with the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department said members of that department all use their personal phones. She said she recently heard that California Gov. Jerry Brown was collecting thou-

sands of cell phones from state employees, even his own.

Powell, a bookkeeper, said the IRS also wants to tax caps worn by employees with company names on them and contends coffee at an office should be considered a benefit to be taxed. She warned that more restrictive rules are coming.

Stewart said the coffee perked at the county office is available to anyone who comes through the door and wants to talk to employees about issues. "The IRS isn't always right," he said.

As for use of vehicles, the IRS wants good vehicle logs, especially when they are not emergency vehicles with specific modifications and could lend themselves to personal use, Stewart said.

"In the case of take-home vehicles, the county does have a good handle on this," he said. "Take-home vehicles, without paying the recognized reimbursement of \$3 a day are limited to emergency/law enforcement response vehicles and equipment, modified road department vehicles."

The road superintendent and the county manager take their vehicles home for emergency response because of the size of the county, and they pay a \$3 a day reimbursement, he said.

"Otherwise, the response time would be increased by driving time to Carrizozo or Capitan before the superintendent or manager couldn't be

responsive to the unpredictable need of the county," he said. "In addition, the county manager divides his day into taking care of business in Carrizozo for most of the first half of the day and in Ruidoso in the late afternoon, instead of spending most of the day driving back and forth between the population center and the county seat, where he does not reside," Stewart said.

As for per diem reimbursement for employees, the county recognized that traveling distances in excess of 35 miles generally placed employees in the situation where they needed accommodation for expenses, Stewart said. "The IRS disagrees, and says in order to receive per diem, an employee or official needs to stay overnight," he said. The manager recommended the county modify its per diem and mileage policy accordingly.

County Finance Officer Charlene "Punkin" Schlarb said the IRS reasoned that even if an employee is out of town on government business, a person has to eat and should not be reimbursed for meals.

Uniforms are clothing that readily describe a person as a county employee from a particular department. The IRS contends such attire is not to be used as street clothing and should not be worn outside the capacity of a person's job or when they are off-duty, Stewart said. All uniforms and jackets must be turned in as part of property belonging to the county, when an employee leaves.

Council to consider RCC costs

Ruidoso Village councilors will be asked Tuesday to approve another \$212,948.39 to cover additional costs connected to a \$1.2 million renovation of the Ruidoso Convention Center.

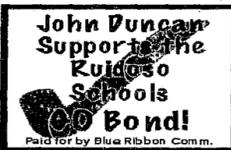
In a policy change adopted Jan. 11, the regular council session will begin at 3 p.m., at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Other items on the agenda include possible adoption of a resolution amending the village's municipal code for the Appendix A Fee Schedule, specifically adjusting water meter deposits and credit card payment fees.

Councilors will discuss and possibly approve adoption of a resolution establishing a snow-ice control plan and the award of a contract to Fire Truck Plus Inc. for one compressor air foam system and installation on a fire engine for \$55,500.

Two public hearings are scheduling for changes in Chapter 54, Land Use of the municipal code aimed at regulating itinerant vendors, and related changes needed in Chapter 26, Businesses dealing with licensing, and Chapter 10, Alcoholic Beverages security personnel required at live entertainment events where alcohol is served, and an ordinance providing for an Operations Plan for village publicly-owned properties, specifically the convention center.

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Skeleton crew draws praise

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

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The Ruidoso Downs Police Department has been running on a skeleton crew. That was alluded to during Monday's city council meeting.

Councilor Dean Holman pointed to a written monthly report that said over the holidays the police department would continue to enforce impaired driving and seat belt violations as part of a statewide initiative. He said the report could have said that the department will continue to be diligent during the absence and selection of a new police chief.

"I note that the police department was not fully staffed," read Holman. "This (report) is signed by Joseph Bailey, the senior patrol officer. I would like to note that Officer Bailey sure did step up on behalf of the city and showed his concern by filling in and doing extra duty and seeing that thing continued to go as they should."

Mayor Tom Armstrong said he has heard good things from the public about Bailey.

"I don't get many of those," Armstrong said. "I have worked very closely with him and I can tell you

he's doing a lot."

The council, on a 3-1 vote, terminated Alfred Ortiz on Nov. 22 after four years as police chief.

Holman said in addition to being short a police chief, the department has had people out because of illness.

"Certainly our officers sure did step up. There's no question about that."

Holman said there had been a lot of illness in the dispatch center.

"They have done a lot of overtime in filling in. I would like to especially note that Bill Dunlap sure did step in as a dispatcher and help us out. I don't know what we would have done if he hadn't stepped in."

Dunlap is the department's crime scene investigator.

The mayor said in addition to illness, there was a vacation in the dispatch ranks.

"I had to do an emergency hire because we were down to one dispatcher," Armstrong said. The city council Monday ratified the mayor's hiring of Amelia Aragon and Dixie Hipp as communications/detention officers.

"We are up to par with dispatchers," Armstrong said of the new employees.

"But we don't have any part-time. Down the road we're probably going to be looking at that because of the need. If they get sick that means that somebody else has to share their time or go extra time which costs the city money."

Holman recommended the selection committee that will review applicants for the police chief's position include, or at least listen to, members of the department.

"Perhaps an officer, a representative, or more, be added to that selection committee either as a voting delegate in the selection, or if not that, to give input of what they would like to see as a new police chief."

Holman asked the mayor or the committee to decide the extent of the department representative's involvement.

"I sure would like to see that considered so that our officers feel like they've got some input in this and not just feel like someone's going to be hired and that's the way it is, you can like it or not," Holman said.

The mayor responded that someone from the department could sit in to see how the process takes place.

Jan. 6

9:48 a.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to Allsup's at 2820 Mechem for a report of a possible larceny.

Snodgrass reports that Randall Massey, 54, of Whiteriver, Ariz. had reportedly given the clerk a credit card, saying that it would not work at the pump and then pumped \$99.50 in gas.

According to the report, Massey's card would not work and neither would the other two credit cards he presented.

The store clerk reportedly loaned Massey his cell phone to call his wife and son to try to get the money to pay for the gas. When Massey was unsuccessful in getting the money, the clerk called the police.

Snodgrass arrested Massey on a charge of larceny of less than \$250, booked him and had him transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

Jan. 7

10:24 a.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to White Mountain Meadows gatehouse for a report of criminal damage to property.

Snodgrass reports someone shot a window in the gatehouse off Gavilan Canyon Road, making two small holes in the window.

6:17 p.m. - Officer Lance Ledford responded to the 1000 block of Mechem for a report of a domestic disturbance.

Ledford reported that Ruidoso Downs Police officer Darrell Chavez responded to translate for the

Spanish-speaking female involved.

Jan. 8

9:39 a.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to The Barber Shop at 666 Sudderth for a report of a broken window.

Tyson reports the window was broken and there was a rock lying on the floor. There was nothing reported missing.

10:16 a.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to Ski West, 2807 Sudderth, for a report of a burglary.

Tyson reported that a window was broken, there was a rock on the floor and four "Mad Bomber" toboggans were reportedly missing.

Store personnel reported someone had returned one toboggan they found on First Street.

4:37 p.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to a

report of a domestic disturbance on Sudderth Drive and was advised while in route that the arguing parties were at the Allsup's at Sudderth and Mechem.

Tyson reported that one of the men had reportedly been harassing the other, swerving his car and making obscene gestures as they drove up. The argument was about a woman.

Ortiz hired by Texas town

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After being terminated as the police chief in Ruidoso Downs two months ago, Alfred Ortiz has landed a similar position in an area of Texas he had lived and worked in the past.

The city council at Natalia this week unanimously agreed to hire Ortiz. More than 40 people had applied for the position.

"I'm very humbled by that," Ortiz said Thursday of his selection. "I think that my experience and background in law enforcement, and some of the philosophies there are very similar to the Ruidoso area. It's a population almost the

same. I think that was a big step in my selection. They screened so many applicants that it was competitive."

Natalia is about 25 miles southwest of San Antonio.

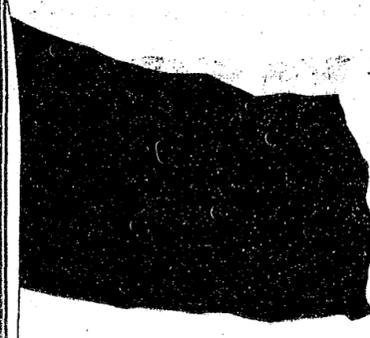
The past Natalia chief, Hector Vasquez, was fired on Nov 15 after being placed on unpaid leave four weeks earlier. A criminal investigation of Vasquez had been started in October. Vasquez had been hired as Natalia's police chief in 2006.

Ortiz had been Ruidoso Downs' police chief for more than four years. He was terminated Nov. 22 by a 3-1 city council vote, after being placed on a six-month probation period in May. He continued to lead

the department during probation.

Ortiz said Thursday the return to southern Texas would bring him closer to family.

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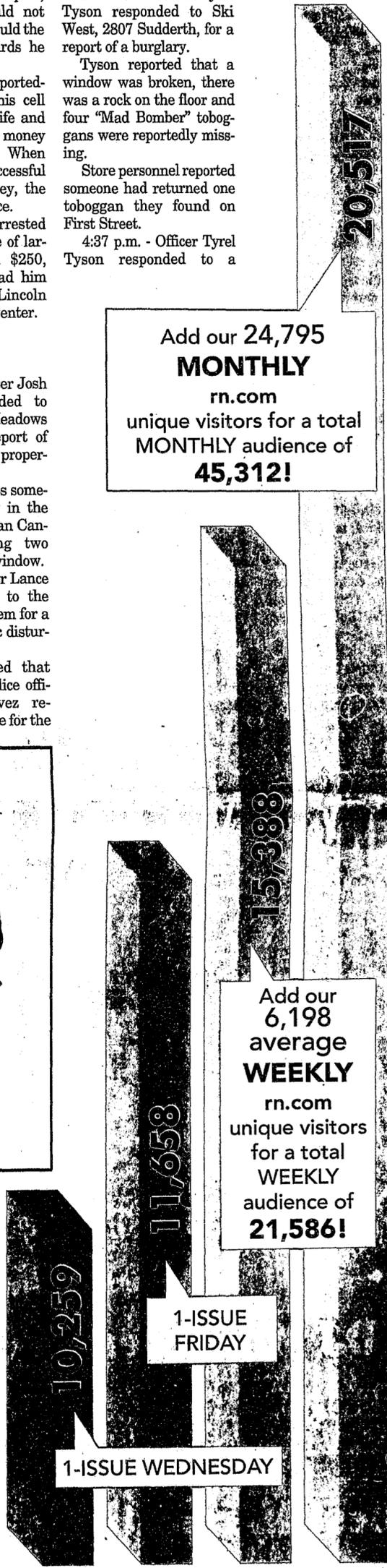
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Please pass the jello and some nails

My daughter just turned 15. If you have ever raised a teenager, I'm sure a number of emotions and memories just came to mind. And your blood pressure is probably already starting to rise. Why? Because no matter how many parenting books anyone writes, there is no guaranteed way to survive the teen years with your sanity intact.

It is, as they say, like nailing jello to a tree. Actually, I think I'd rather nail jello to a tree than deal with whatever it is that's in store for me over the coming years. I believe I might, by changing the recipe slightly and using special made-for-jello nails, be able to get a gelatinous glob to stay on a



Anne Wilson Twite

tree. But survive the next couple years without developing a serious and permanent facial twitch? Doubtful.

One of the greatest challenges I face every day is the phenomenon of the teen bedroom. Now, my house will never grace Better Homes & Gardens, but there's a good chance that my daughter's room might actually be taken as scientific evidence that the human race is devolving. Homosapiens evolved from living in caves to living in houses, but my daughter

has created a cave within my house. Seriously. The rest of my house has carpet on the floor and paint on the walls, but the floor in her room is compressed laundry, several feet thick, and the

walls are compressed posters, several feet thick.

And don't even get me started on her bathroom. I made the mistake one day of opening the cupboard under her sink. Talk about a science experiment, I am now qualified to hypothesize about what happens when you leave dirty marching band socks and half empty Butterfinger Blast cups in a bathroom cupboard for several years. It isn't pretty. And it doesn't smell very good either.

Another thing I'm grappling with: what happened to the manners and etiquette that I so painstakingly taught my daughter, back when she was teachable? I thought brain cells in the developing brain were supposed to multiply, not degrade and disappear. For example, she used to know how to put her napkin down, sit up straight in her

chair, ask politely for food to be passed. Now, she is entirely oblivious to the napkin, she prefers to balance a chair on two legs, and she can vacuum food from across the table without ever moving her hands. How does she do that?

One thing I've actually figured out: there is no sense trying to explain anything to a teenager. Previously, I calmly explained the logic behind an unpopular decision, rather than simply imposing my authority; I trusted that intelligence and reason would prevail. But here's the deal: logic means nothing to a teenager. Teenagers, I've come to understand, have highly developed manipulation skills (second only to the determined adult female). So this is what I figured out: Instead of trying to explain something to a teenager, just open the nearest window and

throw Reason out. Now, take hold of the hair on either side of your head and pull hard. Next, grit your teeth, raise your eyebrows, and scream. I kid you not-it will confuse the teenager, and, if you're lucky, it might actually jar you both back to reality.

OK. Now before you email me with your personal survival tips or call me to extend your condolences, let me say this. I may spend more time these days with my eyebrows up and my jaw hanging open, but despite her similarities to something that stumbled around Roswell in the 1950s, I do love my daughter. She drives me bonkers, pushes my buttons, makes me question everything I was ever sure of, but she is also hysterically funny, extremely smart, truly amazing, and basically OK. Happy Birthday, Vivian.

Motivation for renewing health goals

ANDREA REED
For the Ruidoso News

Although Anne Twite's inspirational article "Embrace Your Destiny" encouraged us to accept the things we cannot change, we must remember to change the things we can, especially when it comes to our health, which affects the way we feel and interact in life, everyday.

With that in mind, an opportunity to renew your health goals is right around the corner, the Fitness Challenge (FC).

The FC is a seven-week challenge which encourages teams or individuals to focus on four specific daily goals: Eating five servings of fruits and vegetables, engaging in less than two hours of recreational screen time, getting one hour of physical activity and zero intake of sugary drinks.

This is the third year the Challenge has been offered to Lincoln County and Mesalero residents.

It is organized by members of the Lincoln County Community Health Council, the NM Department of Health, Ruidoso Parks and Recreation.

These groups partner with health and wellness entities including High Mesa Healing Center, Common Ground, the Ruidoso Athletic Club,

Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic and others to introduce participants to local resources and opportunities for health.

Sign-ups for the Fitness Challenge will be held on Monday, Jan. 24, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Community Youth Center Warehouse.

Participants can sign-up as a team of five in the youth, adult or family division at five dollars per person or as an individual for ten dollars.

The money collected will be distributed at the end of the challenge in the form of prizes to the winning teams.

This year the contest is set up into seven weeks, which according to research is the amount of time it takes to change ones habits.

In addition to focusing on the four specific goals, participants can take part in additional challenges such as The Biggest Pound Shedder or Tobacco No Mas.

The motivation and incentives of the challenge come with the team approach of working together and holding each other accountable as well as opportunities to participate in free or low cost activities for bonus points.

Some of these activities include a weekly support group to share ideas for



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The 2010 Fitness Challenge first place team is, l-r, Patty Montes, Team Captain Jeanette Ortega, Angie Armendariz, Victor Montes, and Maria Armendariz, not pictured.

success, a healthy eating class, a yoga class, an aquatic fitness class and activities families can do together to promote health.

The Lincoln County Community Health Council recognizes that individual health is a priority as well as each individual's responsibility.

With that in mind, they invite the community to

work together to support healthy living.

So get a team, get together and get fit.

For more information contact Aimee Bennett at 258-3252 Ext. 6729.

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Flu recommendations for American Indians offered by NMDOH

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Data from the 2009 H1N1 flu pandemic in New Mexico showed a disproportionate number of deaths among American Indians.

The data, assembled by the state Department of Health, helped lead to changes in the national recommendations of high risk populations that should be vaccinated against the flu, according to a report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

All American Indian and Alaska Natives are now considered a high risk group for flu complications and are advised to get a flu shot every year and receive antiviral treatment should they develop influenza.

The CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report for the week of Dec. 11, 2010 stated the reasons for the disparity in death and hospitalization rates are not completely known, but a high prevalence of chronic health conditions, such as diabetes and asthma, poverty rates and access to healthcare, could be contributing factors. New Mexico and 11 other states contributed data to the investigation.

"The change in the national recommendations is an important step in protecting more people from

the flu," said Catherine Torres, secretary designee of the New Mexico Department of Health.

"Flu activity is rising in several areas of the state and I want to remind all New Mexicans that it is not too late to get vaccinated against the flu. Getting a flu shot is the best protection available to protect yourself and your family from the disease."

While everyone should get a flu vaccine, it is especially important for people in the following groups to get vaccinated, either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications: Pregnant women; children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2-years old; people age 65 and over; people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and lung or heart disease; people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities; people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from the flu, including health care workers and caregivers of babies younger than 6 months; American Indians and Alaska Natives; and people who are morbidly obese.

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Proctor 'humbled' to administer oath to governor

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It was a chilly morning three weeks ago, when Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Martha McKnight Proctor swore in Governor Susana Martinez and two other top state elected officials. But the judge said she was happy to represent Lincoln County.

"I was very, very honored and humbled to think that they would ask a person from a remotely-located little court here in Lincoln County. I was delighted and honored and humbled."

McKnight Proctor said Martinez and her husband had asked her if she had a particular Bible she liked that could be used for the swearing in.

"I said yes, I have inherited a Bible that, in the cover, is printed that it belonged to the Holmans-Fuller family, a ranching family from Picacho. My father's best friend was Charlie Fuller and that

was his mother's Bible. And it's printed 1896 on the cover. It's an old, old leather Bible."

During the oath of office, Martinez's husband Chuck Franco held the Bible as the governor put her hand atop the book of Scriptures.

The judge said she was not sure why she was selected to swear in the governor and others, but she has an idea.

"I've been friends with Secretary of State Dianna Duran for many years because we did serve as county clerks together. She was in Otero County and I was in Lincoln County. We worked well together for many years. When she was elected secretary of state she called and said, 'Would you do me a giant favor and do my swearing in?'"

And then a week prior to the inauguration I received a call that said 'Would you also swear in the governor and the lieutenant governor at the public ceremony?' Of course I said I would be honored to do

that." New Year's Day, shortly after 10 a.m., McKnight Proctor officiated at the ceremonial oaths of office for Martinez, Lieutenant Governor John Sanchez, and Duran, on the Plaza at



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It was Lincoln County Magistrate Judge Martha McKnight Proctor (right) who swore in Governor Susana Martinez in a public ceremony in Santa Fe on Jan. 1.

Santa Fe.

"It was very cold," McKnight Proctor said of the outdoor ceremony.

The magistrate judge from Lincoln County had traveled to Santa Fe on New Year's Eve Day and

remained on Jan. 1 for inaugural ball.

McKnight Proctor said swearing in the governor has been the most noteworthy oath of office she has presided over.

"I did have the honor of

swearing in Ben Hall on the 30th in Ruidoso as a New Mexico Public Regulation Commissioner. He asked if I would do that. So that was also an honor."

McKnight Proctor began her own third term Jan. 1.

Rep. Cook bill would expand concealed carry rules

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Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE - Adults with a permit can carry a concealed handgun in the state Capitol, but not on a bus or in a school.

State Rep. Zachary Cook says the restrictions are arbitrary and contrary to the U.S. Constitution.

So Cook, R-Ruidoso, said he will introduce a bill next week to broaden the number of places where permit-holders can carry concealed handguns.

They would include K-through-12 schools, colleges and universities, buses, licensed liquor establishments, and state parks and recreation areas.

Cook said he had hoped to introduce the measure Thursday, but spent part of the day researching whether the provision for allowing guns in elementary and high schools conflicted with federal law. He said it does not because any applicants for a concealed-carry permit must be at least 21.

His bill takes a stand for those he called "law-abiding citizens."

"This is a way to promote and acknowledge our constitutional rights," said Cook, a lawyer. "The point is to allow people to protect themselves."

Criminals who care nothing about laws carry weapons everywhere they go, he said. This means the existing system gives lawbreakers an advantage over a professor walking to her car in a campus lot or a passenger on a bus, he said.

Jaime Chavez, police chief at New Mexico State University, said he liked the bill, except for the provision that would allow guns in bars and restaurants that serve liquor.

"Alcohol and guns are always a bad mix," he said.

But for the New Mexico State campus, where the average age of a student is 28, he said he had no qualms about legalizing handguns.

"Allowing people to carry on school grounds generally makes those places safer," Chavez said in an interview.

He said many people envision 30 students packing pistols in a classroom when they hear about concealed handguns on campus.

"That just is not going to happen," he said, citing the time, cost and commitment needed to obtain a carry permit.

Chavez said the process is rigorous enough to make him confident about those who qualify.

"I'm the instructor who trained the governor for her concealed-carry permit," he said of Susana Martinez.

Andy Pelosi, director of the New York-based Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus, said many university police chiefs disagree with Chavez and see weapons as more a danger than a deterrent.

"For the most part, introducing guns is going to take a safe environment and create hazards," he said. "Drinking occurs on

most campuses, and bringing guns into that situation will only create circumstances where there is more of chance for something bad to happen."

He said only about 25 colleges and universities in the country allow guns on campus.

They are legal at public colleges in Utah and have a foothold in Colorado.

A group successfully sued the University of Colorado in Boulder for the right to carry guns on campus. The Colorado Supreme Court, though, has decided to hear that case, so the issue is undecided. Meantime, Colorado State University in Fort Collins dropped its policy against concealed weapons after a judge and an appeals court sided with those seeking to carry concealed handguns at the Boulder school.

Pelosi said 24 other states, including New Mexico and Texas, ban guns on campus. Twenty-three states leave the decision to universities.

He said Michigan State University is rare in that it allows those with permits a partial right to carry guns. They cannot bring them into classrooms.

The other two states - Illinois and Wisconsin - do not allow concealed-carry permits.

Cook said even though he had included liquor establishments in his bill, these private establishments would retain the right to restrict handguns or any weapons. Moreover, he said, a person carrying a

concealed handgun could not legally drink in a bar or restaurant, an argument that did not lessen Chief Chavez's concerns about liquor and weapons.

As for New Mexico's buses, weapons have been prohibited on them since 1978, said Mike Bartholomew, administrator for Las Cruces' Roadrunner transit system.

"It seems to make sense

not to have weapons on the buses," he said.

Years ago, Bartholomew said, a driver spotted a passenger in a wheelchair with a pistol in a clear zip-lock bag.

Some time later the bus system posted signs saying weapons were prohibited.

He said he thought the logic behind the law was that people in a confined space could not get away if

someone pulled a gun.

"I suppose, from a practical point of view, if a weapon is concealed the driver would not know about it," Bartholomew said.

A second feature of Cook's bill would erase a law that says only one concealed handgun can be carried at a time. He said that is another stricture at odds with the U.S. Constitution.

LUJAN RETAINS SPEAKER'S POSITION



J.R. OPPENHEIM/ALAMOGORDO DAILY NEWS

Democratic Rep. Ben Lujan is sworn in as speaker of the house by Secretary of State Dianna Duran during the first day of the state Legislature Tuesday morning at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. Lujan defeated Republican Rep. Tom Taylor for the speaker's position.

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Joint Use Board opposes rotating meeting sites

Downs officials had suggested alternating between municipalities

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Meetings of Ruidoso/Ruidoso Downs Wastewater Treatment Plant's Joint Use Board will continue to be held at Ruidoso Village Hall.

An effort by Ruidoso Downs to alternate the monthly meetings between the two municipalities failed Wednesday during the JUB's first meeting of 2011.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong broached the subject at the start of the meeting when a resolution establishing a notice of public meetings for the board during 2011 was considered.

"How much of a hardship would that be for you?" Ruidoso councilor and board member Angel Shaw asked Deputy Village Clerk Bertha Randolph.

"It would be difficult," Randolph responded. "I mean, we'd have to lug everything over there."

Shaw questioned what would have to be taken to City Hall in Ruidoso Downs for meetings.

"My laptop," Randolph said. "It's a matter of time to do something else. It can be done."

Ruidoso Downs City Clerk Carol Virden said with a system at City Hall to record meetings, Ruidoso would not have to bring audio equipment.

Randolph said in addition to bringing a laptop computer, there are agenda packets with documenta-

tion that would have to be transported to Ruidoso Downs meetings.

"If we moved it every other meeting down there, would they be responsible for the agenda?" asked Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn. "No sir, I don't believe we are," said Virden. "That's why we're paying a portion of the seven percent to administration to produce those documents."

The village operates the wastewater treatment plant and handles other administrative functions.

"Is it a very, very difficult deal or is it just your laptop?" Alborn asked Randolph.

Randolph said the issue is not just hers, but all the village staff that sits in on JUB meetings.

"We'll it's not just me. Is it an inconvenience? I don't

know. You might as Debi (Lee, village manager). You might as Irma (Devine, village clerk)."

Lee said because Ruidoso is responsible for the administration of the JUB she believed it was important to keep meetings in Ruidoso.

"That's where all her equipment is. That's where she does her work. And the fact that the public is used to coming here."

Inconvenience cited

Lee said the public would have to be informed each time a meeting is held at a different location.

"I don't know why it would matter," Lee said of holding some meetings in Ruidoso Downs. "I'm not sure what you're trying to accomplish by rotating them. It creates an inconve-

nience for us."

Lee also noted wastewater treatment plant construction update meetings are held in Ruidoso Downs.

Virden said she did not understand the inconvenience. She added the construction update location was part of an agreement with the contractor, an engineering firm and the municipalities.

Lee said the village would accommodate the city, but the preference was to hold JUB meetings in Ruidoso.

An amendment to the meetings resolution, offered by Virden and seconded by Armstrong to alternate meetings between the two municipalities, failed after Alborn and Shaw voted nay.

A fifth JUB member representing Lincoln Coun-

ty, who sometimes has to break ties between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, has not been seated. The county last week nominated Commissioner Jackie Powell to the JUB, but that appointment has not yet been ratified by Ruidoso or Ruidoso Downs councilors. Earlier this month the Lincoln County Commission voted Commissioner Mark Doth its JUB member, but the Ruidoso Downs City Council turned down Doth, leading to Powell's nomination.

A motion to adopt the original meetings resolution, which spells out JUB meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month at Ruidoso's Village Hall, passed, 3-1, with Virden the dissenting vote.

First in the *Ruidoso News*

Commission brought up to speed on solid waste issues

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Eighteen sites with compactors to replace individual dumpsters are in place throughout unincorporated areas of the county, but about a dozen more will be required to remove all the garbage bins from roadsides, says the head of the collection operation.

Speaking last week to Lincoln County commissioners, Debra Ingle, operations manager for Greentree Solid Waste Authority, updated the board on progress setting up collection centers in Loma Grande, Buckhorn and Hondo.

The pads are complete on all three, she said. Gravel has been approved, and fencing and signage quoted on the Loma Grande site; gravel is being hauled, fencing was quoted and signage is out for quote at Buckhorn; and removal of dirt and road work was approved, fence bids awarded and signage is out for quotes at Hondo, she summarized.

She also announced the Spring Clean-up schedule, where people who live in communities not in the yard waste collection area, can bring large items to deposit in roll-offs. The date for the Hondo U.S. 70 area is Feb. 19; for the San Patricio Senior Center, Feb. 26; for the Glencoe Fire Station, March 5; for White Oaks, March 12; for the U.S. 380 Rest Area, SW Hills, March 19; for the historic settlement of Lincoln, March 26; for the Nogal Fire Station, April 2; for Loma Grande & Magado Creek, March 9; for Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, March 16; for New Mexico Highway 48 and county residents around Capitan, May 7; and for Biscuit Hill, May 14.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she noted that a \$2.4 million loan was used to build the new recycling and headquarters facility for the authority east of Ruidoso Downs. She asked if Greentree still did some work for Otero County. Ingle said the authority's trucks only go to Otero County to drop Lincoln County garbage at the landfill south of Alamogordo.

"Otero County has its own trucks," she said. "At one time, we managed their sites. They were in violation. In two-years and six months we cleaned up everything and turned it

back over to them and they hired their own."

Ingle reported that the traditional problem with bears raiding dumpsters has decreased with the use of the larger compactors at sites.

"They can't tip or eat out of them," she said.

In a report to commissioners, Stewart said

\$122,199.79 was distributed to the authority in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 from a designated one-eighth of a cent environmental gross receipts tax initially enacted to construct a regional landfill south of Alamogordo and run by that city as a partner. When the landfill proved to generate enough revenue to cover

the construction debt, the money was funneled back to the respective authority members who imposed it. The county's portion went to the authority.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority was formed in 1991 as a coalition of the county and its five municipalities to handle garbage collection and

disposal. The Village of Ruidoso broke off to take care of its own collection but remains a partner in the regional landfill.

Stewart said at the mid-year point for 2010-2011, \$64,317 was collected in the county from the one-eighth of a cent tax on goods and services.

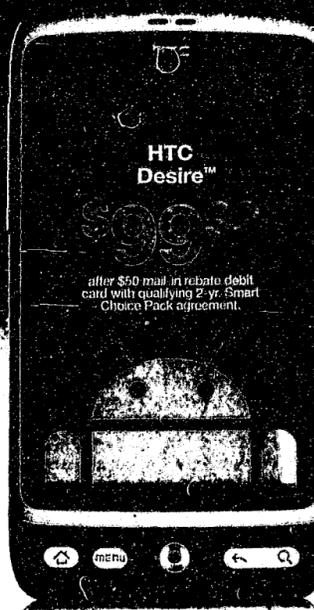
County Attorney Alan

Morel said he still is working on a solution for a landowner who told commissioners last month she was being threatened with a lien on her property for failure to pay her collection bill. Morel was asked by commissioners to meet with representatives of the customer and the authority to resolve the dispute.

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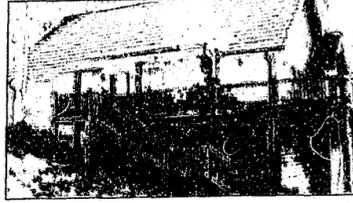
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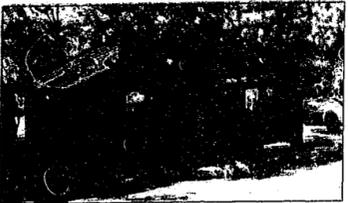
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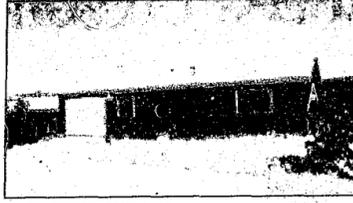
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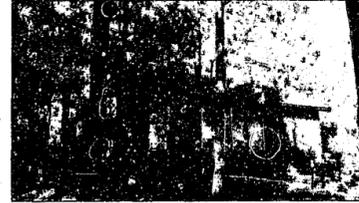
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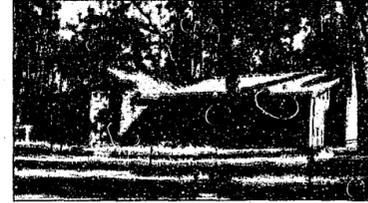
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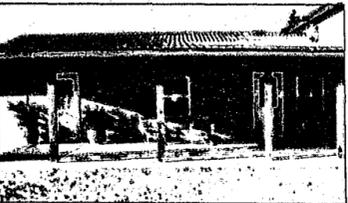


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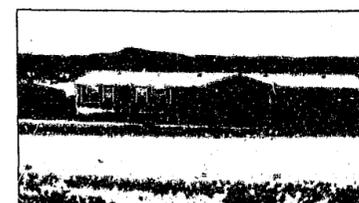
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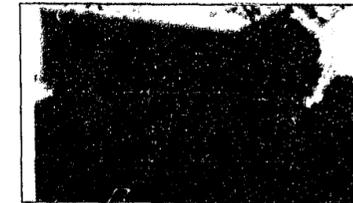
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Ski Report

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

Tickets: Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.

New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches
Season total: 26 inches

Snowmaking: Yes
Mid-mountain snow: 26 inches

Snow surface: Packed powder

Weather for Friday: Mostly sunny and windy. High 52F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Friday evening, clear skies. Low near 30F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s.

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Top Notch, Lower Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Chino and Moonshine Gulch

Lifts open: No. 2, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5. Gondola open, weather permitting



Coaches Sarita General (left) and Karen Anderson (center) help SADSP student Mauricio Esnayra down the slopes of Ski Apache.

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Results

Boys Basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Ruidoso 55, Dexter 44
Hondo 81, Gateway Christian 54

Girls Basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Ruidoso 62, Mesilla Valley 50
Hondo 62, NMMI 46

Sports On Tap

Basketball

Girls
Friday, Jan. 21
RHS at Chaparral, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Magdalena at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.
Artesia at RHS, 2:30 p.m.
Quemado at Hondo, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25
West Las Vegas at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.
Mescalero at Cloudcroft, 5:30 p.m.

Boys
Friday, Jan. 21
RHS at West Las Vegas, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 22
Magdalena at Carrizozo, 7 p.m.
Capitan at NMMI, 3 p.m.

RHS at Roswell, two games starting at 5:30 p.m.
Quemado at Hondo, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 25
Hondo at Valley Christian, 6:30 p.m.

On Deck

Little League Baseball

Ruidoso Little League Baseball needs board members for the upcoming season. For information contact Brian Mosher at 937-8749.

K of C Free Throw

The Knights of Columbus, Council #6597, will hold its annual "Free Throw Championship" on Saturday, Jan. 22. Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are invited to join the fun. Please meet at 11 a.m. in the Horton lower gym for registration. All participants must bring a birth certificate or proof of age. The competition will begin at 12 p.m. The district championship will be held in Ruidoso this year (TBA). For info contact Dave Tetrauit at 257-9556 or 937-2919.



Mary Ann Morrissey appears to having as much fun as student Rachel Benke.

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Coach Marty Davenport makes sure Samuel DeRousse enjoys Ski Apache.

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Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program and the Kinetic Kids

LYN KIDDER

For the Ruidoso News

Texas organization returns to Ruidoso to help disabled skiers

Silent Auction fundraiser Jan. 29

Last weekend, the Kinetic Kids returned to Ski Apache.

Saturday morning, the meeting room of the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program was filled with excited children, parents and harried but smiling instructors.

The skiing students were provided with the usual skis and boots, but

some were outfitted with additional equipment such as harnesses, walkers, outriggers and sit-skis.

Kinetic Kids is a San Antonio, Texas, organization that offers athletic

opportunities to children with physical and mental handicaps.

Ten students participated in the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program. Many of them were seeing

snow for the first time.

"This is a real thrill for them," Shannon Gunn said, as she watched her son, Lennon, being helped into his ski boots by instructor JoAnne Habelt.

"Skiing is one of those things - when you learn that your child is autistic that you never imagine he'll be able to do."

"I'm going to just pull him along over the snow, at first," Habelt said, attaching straps to the tips of Lennon's skis. "I just want to let him see how much fun it is to glide over the snow."

See SADSP, page 2B

The blind side

The blind side is that vulnerable position that exists on the football field and

in life. Every quarterback and each of us have been sacked. It comes without warning and it is soon apparent that the people that we trusted, the people there to protect us were not doing their job. Lawrence Taylor, the N.Y. Giants great, considered one of the best defensive players in NFL history was



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great Dick Butkus, his speed and power added another dimension to

the game as he mowed through the line as he swallowed quarterbacks for lunch. He recorded 20.5 quarterback sacks in 1986, one of two Super Bowl wins for the Giants, won the M.V.P. and was a 10-time Pro Bowler.

Taylor, after a stellar career his life after football went downhill fast and he mired in a cocaine addiction. Last week he was given probation and labeled a sex offender for having sex with an underage prostitute. Dating 101 - "I didn't

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-Joseph A. Zagone

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Ruidoso native appointed head football coach at Oñate

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LAS CRUCES – Caleb Hull, a 1997 graduate of Ruidoso High School, was recently named the head football coach at Oñate High School.

The 32-year-old Hull comes from Las Cruces High, where he was special teams coordinator and an assistant on the offensive and defensive lines from 2008-10.

He was also the head track and field coach at LCHS. Prior to that, Hull was offensive coordinator at Socorro High School in 2007.

The Knights interviewed 13-of-20 applicants who had applied for the job. This will be Hull's first head coaching assign-

ment. He will make \$7,900 annually in addition to his salary as a Level 2 teacher.

An interview committee of more than 10 people – including former Aggie great and past NFL player Fredd Young, Oñate head baseball coach David Reyes, Las Cruces Public Schools Athletics Director Ernie Viramontes, Oñate Athletics Director David Day and two football players from the school – pegged Hull as the best man for the job.

"Needless to say, I'm happy, excited and honored to be given this appointment," Hull said. "I may now instill to others the things I learned from my coaches during my football and track career."

While he attended RHS Hull played football as a sophomore, junior and senior under, then, head football coach Les Carter.

He was also a member of the Warriors track and field program under coach Ronnie Maskew and was a state champion shot put titleholder.

"My time at RHS was one of the most memorable experiences in my life," Hull said.

"When I was on the eighth-grade football team at RMS, under Borde Williams, we were playing our last game of the season in ice and snow at Clouderoft.

"Up to that point we were undefeated. The Bears elected not to come out in the third quarter, so we got to go out and eat

dinner and we remained unbeaten for the season."

Upon graduation from RHS, Hull matriculated to NMSU and was a walk-on in the Aggies football program where he played three years until an injury forced him from playing.

He also participated in track at NMSU until the school dropped the program.

Hull's mother, Clydene Baca, lives in Carrizozo and works for a law firm in Ruidoso.

"My mom is my No. 1 fan," Hull said.

"She's happy for me. She always told me, 'We can do anything if we work hard enough. There's no room for second guessing.'

"And now I will get to teach my players at Oñate



Caleb Hull is surrounded by his new Oñate High School football team following his introductory press conference at the school on Jan. 13.

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the same thing – that they are champions the minute they walk through the door.

"Ruidoso was always a positive influence for me. At heart I'm a small town guy and it's nice to see

Ruidoso people around NMSU and here in Las Cruces."

Teddy Feinberg of the Las Cruces Sun-News contributed to this article.

Texas high school receiver commits to Aggie football program

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

The New Mexico State Aggie football team needs playmakers, and Austin Franklin may be just the man for the job.

A 6-foot-2 senior at

Justin F. Kimball High School in Dallas, Texas, Franklin played wide receiver, defensive back and quarterback for the Knights.

Next year, he'll be an Aggie.

"I want to come and help the program out," Franklin

said. "I want to make the team better. And make myself better."

Kimball went 9-3 last year with Franklin as an all-around weapon. He made 35 catches for 710 yards and 13 touchdowns while carrying the ball 13 times for 258

yards and three scores. He threw for 78 yards and two TDs at quarterback.

Defensively he recorded three interceptions and he scored on a punt return.

The Aggies weren't the only suitors for Franklin's services. He was also

recruited by Colorado State, New Mexico, Utah, Utah State and Wyoming. Scholarship offers followed.

But he committed to NMSU, where he will play wide receiver and possibly return punts.

"I really wanted to play

offense," he said.

"I liked the way the coaches were when they talked to me."

Franklin is also the starting point guard for the Knights and said he hopes to play basketball at NMSU as well.

SADSP

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SADSP started in the 1970s when representatives from Ft. Bliss asked ski instructor Diana Person to teach skiing to disabled Vietnam veterans. T.L. Brock, a former Marine Corps sergeant who lost a leg in Vietnam, learned to ski in the program in the 1970s.

In a newspaper interview, he said, "Here I'm free. I can move just as gracefully as a normal person. If there wasn't a place like this, people like me

would be the bystanders, the outsiders."

The program assists both children and adults with disabilities that include deafness, blindness, limb amputation, cerebral palsy, autism, spina bifida and various levels of mental retardation.

"Our mission is to allow anyone and everyone to experience the thrill, grace and confidence one gains by participating in snow sports," program director Shippen Davis said. "SADSP is really more than a sports program. It's an environment of complete acceptance, where

the freedom to slide builds confidence. Lives are transformed by denying barriers and building independence."

By the end of the weekend, all 10 students were skiing—a few in sit-skis with outriggers (poles fitted with small skis to help in making turns).

SADSP serves about 200 skiers each year, many of whom are part of programs with the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Roswell School District and the Fort Bliss Resilience and Restoration Center.

The program is staffed

by 30 volunteers and seven paid staff members. Training is provided, and there are jobs for non-skiers as well.

"One of our sayings is 'Take time out from your life and make a difference in someone else's life,'" Davis said.

One of the program's major fundraisers is the Silent Auction, Jan. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Items to bid on include two roundtrip tickets on Southwest Airlines, lodging, dining and spa treatment packages, and ski and snowboard equipment.



SADSP instructors always offer helping hands.

FREDERIC MORAS/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

BLIND

FROM PAGE 1B

know she was 16. She said she was 19," should have been replaced with "Papers please."

Why wasn't anyone looking out for him? During his playing career he had caretakers who turned a blind eye when

he changed urine vials during a drug test. Former Coach Bill Parcels covered for him when he came in high and still drunk. L.T. was reckless and wild. He ignored pain on the field even playing with a hairline break to his tibia, and on another occasion his trainer had to hide his helmet so he would not resume playing after receiving a concussion.

I used to go to the tailgate parties at Giants Stadium as L.T. made the rounds. I've seen daddies practically put their twenty something daughter in Taylor's arms for the benefit of a picture. It was the little hand gestures and the slipping of a phone number that resonated with me while the inebriated father would grab the football.

"Junior, go long," the father said as his 15 year old son ran a serpentine pattern between beer coolers through the adjacent tailgate party while jumping over flaming hibachis to catch the ball. The victory dance was a family affair—mom, dad, the twenty something year old daughter and even the 15

year old son all "high fiving" it – all drunk.

As fans we all turned a blind eye to their transgressions. We did it with L.T., Mike Tyson, Michael Jackson, and recently with Tiger Woods. They make us feel good. It feels that when they win, we win. For a short moment after a sack, a knockout punch, or a hole-in-one, or after hearing a great song, we are transformed away from our collective dull, dreary and insignificant lives. We are part of something bigger.

From most accounts of Taylor, even his own, he was wild and incorrigible. The middle of three brothers he was the dominant personality. While described as reckless by

classmates this seems like a polite euphemism for bully. There we have it – caretakers again. At 15 he was recruited for high school football and he quickly became the star.

Taylor's handlers: the agents, enablers, and hangers-on got him what he demanded when he played. He had the sports cars, mansions, nose candy and the pretty young girls. They looked out for him because his football stardom was their meal ticket. Sadly who was looking out for him last spring when he was arrested with the underage prostitute?

Now a has-been, he can't easily get the young girls that were born after he retired from football. They never heard of him. I

guess that's why he now pays for them.

It is likely that Taylor, like Theisman, never saw it coming.

Taylor, himself blind-sided, has been sacked repeatedly since he left football. The stupor and the cobwebs never clear on a steady diet of drugs and alcohol.

I'm sure some of the caretakers that were in Taylor's life growing up are still on the job taking care of their next protégé. We live in a society where caretakers abound.

Our politicians, both local and national come to mind. They spend without abandon until it is all gone and then the blame game occurs.

They could quote you the price of gas when they first took office in 1970 and when problems arise whether it is bullying, falling school standards, joblessness, or national deficits they cast the blame elsewhere; the legal system, politics, and the moral decay of society in general while they wave the American flag and wear their lapel pin with that glorious emblem emblazoned on it.

They are the guardians of the status quo yet they never fix anything because we don't demand it.

If we venture to look we will realize that like, Lawrence Taylor and Joe Theisman, we have all been blindsided.

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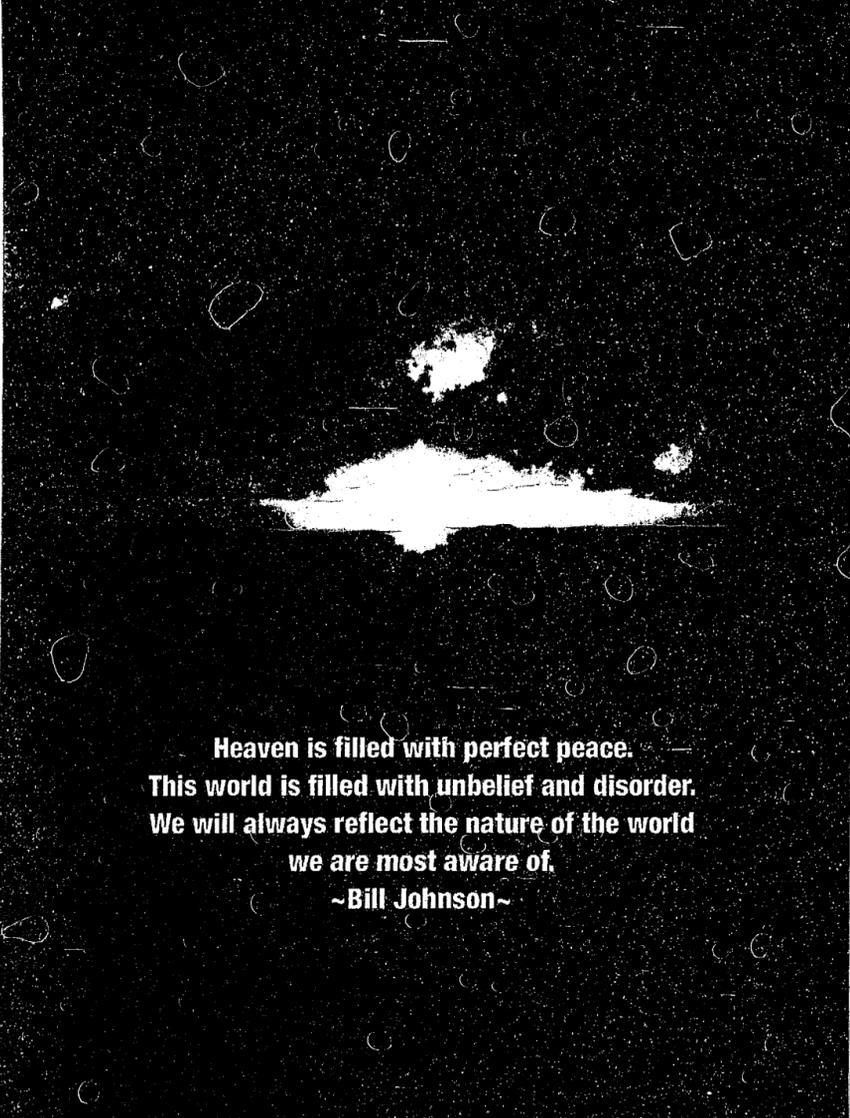
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Q. I read your column and have been trying to figure out what you believe. You've said that "in the beginning was God and God created everything," but who do you believe God is?

In a recent column on tithing, you advised someone that "if you only have enough money to pay your debt or tithe, pay the debt first. God can wait." This implies that God isn't that important and we don't need trust Him to supply our needs. I'm confused.

What do you believe? Is God real or just a concept to you? Is there only one God or many? Is the Bible God's word to man, or man's word about God?

-R., via email

A. What I believe is not important because thankfully nobody follows the religion of Gellmanism,

which, if it existed, would only have one commandment: If in your life you meet someone who needs help, help 'em!



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

As to your other questions, what I believe is that God wants us to pay our debts and not hide behind some ritual law to cheat people. By being honest with others, we honor the part of them made in the image of God, and in so doing, we honor God. I believe that God is real and not just a concept. A concept could not create

the universe, and I believe God created the universe because the universe could not be eternal, so it required a creator who was not created.

I believe there is only one God, although God has many manifestations, which accounts for the various accounts of God in the world's great wisdom traditions. If there were many gods, the question of sorting out their relative powers and origins would be

impossible and inevitably lead to the conclusion that there is, indeed, just one God.

The question about whether or not the Bible is the word of God is difficult to answer with a simple yes or no.

If you put a gun to my head, I'd say, "The Bible is the word of God." I don't mean, however, that the word of God is like the word of anybody—like my mother. Her words are clear and unmistakable. God's words are more nuanced, more complicated, more veiled.

The Bible, say scholars, is a mixed multitude of books composed and compiled by at least four authors, with oral traditions stretching from roughly 1800 BCE in the time of Abraham to roughly 250 BCE, ending with the Book of Daniel.

Then, there's the problem that the earliest edition of the Hebrew Bible, the Masoretic text, doesn't exist until a 1,000 years after the Bible is codified. Finally, parts of the Bible, like the slaughter of the Amalakites, are morally difficult.

I consider the Bible to be the word of God the way I see a sunlit meadow through some trees. In some verses, like the Ten Commandments, I see God's light shining brilliantly through a text that's luminously true, breathtakingly beautiful and morally uplifting.

Other parts of the Bible are shaded from my view by overhanging leaves.

This may be my problem, or it may be that some parts of the Bible still retain vestiges of human ignorance and prejudice.

What keeps me from viewing the Bible as just a work of literature is that I don't need "Moby Dick" the way I need the Bible. I don't return to "Moby Dick" the way I return to the Bible. Something in the Bible calls to me, implicates and challenges me and, yes, saves me in a way no other collection of books could.

The reason for this is the way the Bible is true, and the way the Bible is true is intimately related to the way God is true. The Bible is not God's dictation but it is God's word.

Q. I didn't think there was any objection to cremation until recently, when a close friend told me a "true" Christian wouldn't choose it. I'd like cremation for myself, thinking of it as one way of not taking up space needed by the living. Any thoughts?

I. via email

A. As I mentioned in a recent column, cremation is permitted but not encouraged by the Catholic Church, which only authorized the practice in 1963 and retains a strong preference for in ground burial. New Testament verses like I Corinthians 6:12-20 remain an obstacle. Cremation is not practiced by most Jews, in accordance with Jewish law.

The space argument you used is really not that strong. Not many people dream of living in a cemetery, and the amount of land used for cemeteries is not blocking any housing projects I know of. Also, many people have their ashes buried in cemeteries after cremation.

Finally, what will you do with your ashes? Having you kids keep them in an urn on the mantel seems creepy. Scattering them in public places is illegal and slightly ghoulish. The ocean is a possibility, but then, as I wrote, your descendants would have no place to go to touch your gravestone, place a pebble or a flower there, and tell their children what a great guy you were—except that you wanted to be cremated.

This whole debate is a Western one. In India, cremation is the tradition of all Hindus and Sikhs. In Japan, cremation is also the overwhelming choice. I deeply respect those who choose cremation, and the rate of cremation in the U.S. is now over 25 percent.

I still believe it's a spiritual option that challenges us to pray about how we can best both honor and remember those who've gone before us.

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

Looking for Millennial leaders

Sociologists have designated folks born between 1980 and 2000 as "Millennials." They are America's largest generation. They number more than 78 million.

In researching those born between 1980 and 1991, those of the Millennials who have reached adulthood, several important factors have surfaced about leadership in their lives. I see many of these tendencies in my older grandchildren that are not Baby Boomers.

Leadership surfaces to be a very important focus for the Millennial's loves. One of those leadership needs felt by this age group is mentoring. They look for successful persons who are in their lives and seek to emulate the ideas and concepts that made them successful.

Three of my millennial grandsons are considering God's call to ministry and they are seeking answers to their questions from my experiences as a pastor and minister. They know that I love and care for them and have a vested interest in their lives.

The second thing that Millennials look for in leaders is a gentle spirit. Political, business and Christian leaders who are divisive, loud and acrimonious turn them

off. They are repelled by leaders with harsh and autocratic spirits even in their homes.

The third thing they want in leaders is to be "real." They want leaders who are transparent and authentic. They can smell phony and pretentious from afar.



Claryfications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

They use words like "real" and "plastic" to refer to leadership in politics, business, and religion. They have learned a very important concept ... "follow the money trail" to evaluate what kind of folks who want to be leaders.

The fourth thing Millennials look for in leaders is integrity. "Do as I say, not as I do." speakers are not those they will follow. They tire of politicians who don't keep their promises and blame others for failure. They are disgusted with religious leaders who do not "practice what they preach." They are fed up with business leaders who seek personal gain rather than serving others.

When the Millennials find leaders who fit their their criterion, they will have an enthusiastic commitment. They will change America.

Let's give them help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Make prayer a daily habit

Q. I know I ought to pray more, but when I try to pray, my mind starts wandering and after a while I just give up. I know I shouldn't be like this, but how can I keep my mind focused?

-Mrs. L.F.



Billy Graham
MY ANSWER

A. Prayer is one of the greatest privileges God has given to us, and God is pleased when we come to Him in prayer. Just as parents delight in the talk of their children, so God delights when we talk to Him in prayer.

That's why the first step in making prayer a

part of our lives is to realize that God loves us, and wants us to come to Him in prayer. How do we know this? We know it because God sent His only Son into the world to give His life for us, so our sins could be forgiven and we could be with Him in heaven forever. If you have never asked Jesus Christ to come into your life, I urge you to do so today.

Did you ever learn the Lord's Prayer? (Matthew 6:9-13.) It begins with these words: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" (Matthew 6:9). And that's who God is: our heavenly Father, who gave

us life and watches over us and loves us. Once you see God as your loving heavenly Father, your prayers will never be the same.

When you pray, thank God for Who He is and what He has done for you—even that day. Then bring your requests to Him, both for yourself and for others—and make them specific. Many find it helpful to keep a written list of these requests, not only so they don't forget them, but so they can thank God when He answers them.

Send your queries to "My Answer," Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201.

James Edward Brooks
James Edward Brooks, 82, of Portales, N.M., died peacefully at his home on Friday, January 14, 2011. He was born November 18, 1928, in Portales, N.M., to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brooks.



DONNA KAY (BAGBY) SMITH, 52

Memorial services for Donna Kay (Bagby) Smith, 52, of Canon City, CO will be held at 2:00 PM, Sat., Jan. 22, 2011 in the Wheeler Mortuary Chapel with Pastor James Terry officiating. A celebration of Donna's life will be held later in the spring in the mountains near Ruidoso. Those desiring to make memorial contributions may send them to the American Cancer Society, Great West Division, 10501 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Donna Kay Smith was born Jan. 17, 1959 in Portales to Nadine (Langford) and Neil Bagby and died peacefully in her home attended by her daughters after a long courageous battle with cancer on Jan. 13, 2011 in Canon City, CO. For four years after marrying, she lived in Japan where her husband was stationed. When they returned home, they first made their home in Wichita Falls, TX. Later they moved to Lufkin, TX where she worked in a floral shop. In the late 1990's Donna returned to Portales, and was employed as a counselor at Mental Health Resources in Clovis. While living in Portales, she was a member of Faith Triumphant Church. In 2006, she moved to Canon City, CO where she was employed as a Domestic Violence Counselor. Donna enjoyed collecting tea pots, and being outdoors. She liked gardening and doing yard work, and loved going to Ruidoso and being in the mountains.

She is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Smith of Houston, TX and Heather Cochrain of Canon City, CO; two grandchildren, Kaylynn and Jayden; her father, Neil Bagby of Portales; a brother, Stan Bagby of Portales; three sisters, Susan Valdez of Portales, Kathy Bagby of Canon City, CO and Connie Tipton of Hereford, TX; as well as by numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Nadine Bagby in 1976.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wheeler Mortuary of Portales. 575-356-4455

LINCOLN COUNTY

Knight and Roper earn 2010 Conservationist Award

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The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District awarded Ancho-area ranchers the 2010 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year honor.

Tommy Knight, who passed away in July 2010, and his son-in-law David Roper were honored with the award at year-end celebration in December.

The Knight Ranch is another of the several Lincoln County ranches that has become a legacy of the land with generations of family members taking up the task of continuing it into the next generation.

The ranch's origins go back to 1912 when Thomas Jefferson Straley, his wife Lucy and nine children settled at Ancho.

One of those children, Myrtle (known as Jimmie), became Tommy Knight's mother when he was born in 1927. He became the third generation of Straley's to dedicate his life to the land of his family roots.

In 1950, Tommy married Nancy Roby, the daughter of an eastern industrialist, and in the early years of their marriage they worked for the Straley Ranch for \$100 a month.

In the time that followed, the fourth generation, Danny and Barbie Knight, was born and raised on the ranch.

Later, the ranch was



divided among several of the Straley siblings and when Tommy's mother passed away, her part became current Knight Ranch.

The ranch was on ongoing project of improvements. Adding fences, pipelines, water tanks, reseeding fields and cabling brush were just some of the efforts that gradually made the ranch a better place.

In May 1973, Barbie Knight married David Roper and three years later they moved to their new home on the ranch.

David was welcomed by Tommy and Nancy Knight as a son would be and as time passed and Tommy's age and health didn't allow him to work as before, David took over, not only all the work, but the man-

agement of the ranch.

Another era of improvements began through the assistance of EQIP and CSP programs.

More than 1,700 acres of brush have been pushed, stacked and burned, two 750-gallon rubber tire drinkers are in place, more erosion control has been implemented and the dirt tanks cleaned.

Plans are in the works for more brush control, replacement of some fencing and having two old water storage tanks fiber glassed.

Notably the brush control has made a significant difference in the moisture level which is visibly evident in the improvement of the rangeland.

David and Barbie had three children and now have eight grandchildren.



COURTESY

With a sixth generation growing to love the land nurtured by the generations before them, the Knight Ranch at Ancho continues find ways to ensure a continuing legacy. Top left, David Roper, left, and NRCS District Conservationist Bob Moorhead inspect one of the new rubber tire livestock drinkers. Top right, Roper and his generation grandson, Danny Roper, stand in the tall grass at the ranch. Above left, Tommy Knight sorts through cattle in the corrals, and above right, is Tommy with his wife Nancy.

Because of the hard work, dedication and love of the land and the way of

life it provides, the land and all it stands for will be available to a sixth genera-

tion. And so will the legacy that was begun in 1912.

Good and evil - the tale of two trees

In the lawlessness of the Western territories of the 1800s, the hanging tree was a symbol of wrong deeds and frontier justice. Murder and horse thieving topped the justifications for a noose around the neck.

Most Western towns all seemed to have an ominous tree somewhere on the outskirts that gained legendary notoriety for the wrongs that were righted at the end of rope.

Whether by law or by vigilante, the woeful lure of that crude punishment has been written into verse and lore. In 1959, Marty Robbins sang the theme song for the movie by the same name, *The*

Hanging Tree. "And I seem to hear the night wind cry, ... Hang your faded dreams on the hangin' tree!"

In a field of no particular distinction, stand an ancient elm tree and an equally aged oak tree. Both are annually plowed and planted around and given a reverence equal to their legends.

Local history documents that the elm was a hanging tree and for that "honor" it has never been removed. While not currently in use as such, locals who remain of a conservative rural mindset feel that one never knows when the need might again arise.



Cougirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

There is also the matter of endeavoring to not disturb the ghosts said to inhabit the near proximity of the elm. The belief is that those spirits have never been able to go home after their earthly crime and subsequent dramatic end of life.

Harvesting the peanut crop before the following crop of coastal hay is now always done in daylight hours.

Prior to that timetable plan, work was frequently done in the cool of the night. That changed after a considerable number of hired men unexpectedly quit and refused to return to the area.

They all left hurriedly wearing the same shade of pale on their faces and muttering that things were "just not right." The words brujia (witch) and

fantasma (ghost) were chattered in fear as some workers headed back toward the border.

The neighboring oak tree has a different history. A regal specimen, it stands out among its kin in an area full of oak trees.

A decade or so ago, the family that owns the land where this oak stands decided the difficulty in plowing around it had become an unnecessary nuisance. The old oak had to go.

One of the brothers was sent to the field with a large dozer to push the tree down in preparation for a chain saw and hauling event.

This man was an experienced equipment operator and all indications were that the job would go quickly.

He pushed and pushed

with the dozer, but the only visible results were that the bark was just slightly scuffed. He went back to the house and explained his dilemma.

Being part of the rural Bible Belt of the area, they naturally determined their next step would be to call on their preacher and seek some guidance from a higher power.

The preacher was old, even for that line of work, but had a good memory of area history.

He knew well the story of that particular oak tree. He said the oak, which has a small pool beside it, had at one time been the baptismal spot for the small congregation of the first settlers to the area.

That use ended only after the church was built and other facilities became available.

He told the farmers that the oak and the surrounding ground had been consecrated by the old congregation. The tree and the ground was sacred and that was why the oak could not be pushed, even with very large equipment.

Today the oak remains standing in the middle of the field, unmolested.

The landowner, nearing 90, says that when he sells the home place, he will include a caveat in the title saying that the old oak is not to be disturbed.

For the elm tree he has no similar plans or concerns. "The elm and it's ghosts will take care of themselves," he said.

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COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan recycle

Because of the construction at the Capitan Senior Center, the recycling dumpsters have been moved to the Capitan Fire Department.

The new location is adja-

cent to the Capitan Fire Station on Highway 380 and is now the primary drop-off location for Capitan residents.

A second site for recycling cardboard is located adjacent to the Lone Tree Bible Camp office, also on

Highway 380.

Capitan residents are encouraged to flatten cardboard boxes and to close dumpster lids. This will prevent the cardboard from blowing into adjacent neighborhoods and onto the county fair grounds as happened recently.

For more information on recycling in Capitan, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General recycling information is available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

'Zozo Q&A forum

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce will host a Question & Answer Forum for the candidates of the Feb. 1 School Board Election at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, 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. Refreshments will be served.

Capitan forum

Capitan PTA and CACT will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Forum on Monday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m., in the Capitan Municipal Schools multipurpose room (cafeteria).

Candidates for the upcoming school board elections will be answering questions posed to them from the community members. All voters from the Capitan School District are encouraged to attend.

Bird Club outing

The Lincoln County

Bird Club will have their first 2001 field trip on Saturday, Jan. 22.

This is an all-day trip to the Bosque Del Apache (near San Antonio, N.M.) where there will be many species of birds and ducks to observe.

For those interested, meet at 7:30 a.m. at Eagle Creek Shell Station off Ski Run Road to carpool.

There will be a lunch stop in either San Antonio or Socorro.

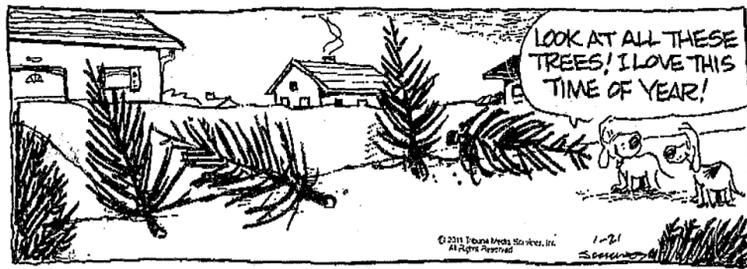
Bring water and snacks. This field trip is open to everyone.

Call 257-5352 for additional information.



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1 Toward the ship's rear
6 It may be rolled out
10 Sandler of "Big Daddy"
14 Really dig
19 Man of La Mancha
20 Asian nurse
21 Steam (up)
22 River to the Tynherian Sea
23 King of workuolts?
26 Cache
27 Jam time
28 Balaam's mount
29 Upscale groups
31 Swore
34 By far
36 Sued protector
39 Isolate, in a way
41 Green sides
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52 Country where Baha'i was founded
53 Lab subject
54 Bully
55 Hip bones
57 Milly Way phenomenon believed to occur almost weekly
58 Delay
59 Bullet that leaves a trail
60 Wordsworth works
62 Commander, in Arabic
63 Fragrant resin
65 "My mama done me ...": song lyric
66 One paying a flat fee
67 Earned
68 Creep
70 Good in the 'hood
71 Bowler's assignment
73 Cup part
76 Parting shot, say
79 La
81 Chimborazo's range
85 Bank deposit
86 Beauty pageant prize
87 Pounds
89 " ... fallen ..."
90 Word most often heard around midnight
91 Talk with one's hands

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1 Lenten symbol
2 With 131-
3 Across, greatest thing
3 Writer Tyler
4 On eBay, e.g.
5 Assignment
6 California
7 Words of agreement
8 Churchill's "so few"; Abbr.
9 Key letter
10 Guns
11 Semi filler
12 Capone and Capp
13 Alice, with "out"
14 Fifth-century scourge
15 Footballers who draw flags?
16 O, in old radio lingo
17 Guns
18 "... he drove out of sight"
24 Little bird
25 Pie cuts, essentially
30 Dr. Cuddy on "Houses"
32 1970s-'90s Toyota
33 Come in
35 Mountain homes
36 Discobobulate
37 Kidney-related
38 Candidate's concern
40 Threw barbs
42 Pizzeria
43 Longtime Selnfield collaborator
44 Catch
46 Join the cast of
47 "... any drop to drink"; Coleridge
48 Purloined siffoh?
49 "Giovanna d' ..."; Verdi opera
51 Zoo area for dromedaries?
56 ... Allos, California
61 Caribbean, e.g.
64 Silent cowboy flick?
66 Deli neighbor
69 PC component
70 German chancellor, 1969-74
72 Like Willie Nelson's voice
73 Great time
74 Beat
75 Dynamo's antithesis
77 Discipline involving slow movement
78 Web address ending
79 "Wheel of Fortune" category
80 Saroyan's "My Name Is ..."
82 Abandon
83 Arouse
84 Taste, e.g.
87 Immune response component
88 Nod, maybe
89 Man-goat deity
97 Mutiny
98 It can help you relax
100 Poorly made
102 Like some bands
105 Gigue
107 Like soldiers and their families, usually
108 Toys with tails
109 Ring bearer?
110 Small cut
111 Smallest rattle bird
112 Brio
114 Capone narasser
116 Traditional wisdom
117 A chip, maybe
118 "The Joy Luck Club" author
120 "Catch-22" pilot
121 "Are we there?"
122 "Mamma ..."
123 "Absolutely!"

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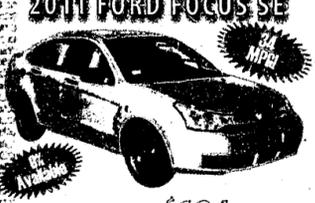
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