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Shearer named elections chief

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Capitan resident rose through local GOP ranks

The former head of the Lincoln County Republican Party was named director of the New Mexico Bureau of Elections Wednesday by Secretary of State Dianna J. Duran. Bobbi Shearer, who also served as a Capitan Village Trustee, an alternate municipal judge in Capitan and an analyst for the Voters and Election Committee for the House Republican Caucus, said she submitted her application for the position and then interviewed with Duran

Tuesday. Shearer also owns and operates her own paralegal service, but said her new assignment will require her full attention five days a week in Santa Fe. She will come home on weekends to be with her husband, Russell, who works for the Village of Ruidoso at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, and their two boys Zachary, 18, headed for the Marine Reserves, and Wade, 15, a sophomore at Capitan High School.

"I start Monday and I'm very excited," she said. With the legislative session beginning Jan. 18, Shearer said voter identification requirements, championed by Duran during her campaign, will be a big issue. They need to review court rulings on the issue to see if rules need to be promulgated, she said. "I need to get in there and see where the problems are and what has caused them, and listen to the county clerks (who run elections on the local level) and go

from there." Based on those reviews and consultations, proposed legislation to "clean up" numerous problems will be submitted. State Rep. Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso), who's served as attorney for several municipal entities in Lincoln County, said, "I'm proud of Bobbi. I couldn't think of a better person for the job. She worked hard in Santa Fe the last couple of years. She was very con-



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County to revisit subdivision ordinance

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An ongoing review of Lincoln County's comprehensive plan will turn into a study of the county's subdivision ordinance. The subdivision regulations were updated two years ago. After a number of months of running through the comprehensive plan, and offering proposed adjustments, Lincoln County's Planning Commission determined they would revisit the subdivision ordinance, to in part consider recommendations in the comprehensive plan.

"It seems like we put a lot of time into this," planning commissioner Nora Midkiff said of the comprehensive plan review during a meeting on Wednesday. She called for next taking the subdivision ordinance review step.

"I think it would be good to take these things and coordinate it with the subdivision ordinance on behalf of the (Lincoln County) Commission. It would be easier for them to look at these changes," Midkiff said.

Public hearings required

Adjustments to the subdivision ordinance would require public hearings, reviews by several state agencies, and approval by the Lincoln County Commission.

Planning commissioner Caroline McCoy said with a lack of new subdivision developments over the past couple of years, now would be the time to "fix it now before new subdivisions come about."

The 139-page comprehensive plan covers a number of topics, including private land use, natural resources, housing, economic development, transportation, water resources, and hazard mit-

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FIRST-BORN



COURTESY LCMC

Lincoln County Medical Center helped introduce Lincoln County's first baby of 2011. Dr. Deborah Hewitt delivered Ethan Stevenson, newborn boy, at 7:56 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 to Fredrick and Sonseehray "Sonny" Stevenson of Holloman Air Force Base. He weighed 7 pounds, 3.1 ounces and was 19 inches long. The Stevensons have two other children; a five-year-old son Ian and 21-month old daughter Shilo. The county-owned hospital delivered 337 babies in 2010, including three sets of twins. "We are honored to be a part of this experience for the Stevensons," said Felicia Garwood, Labor and Delivery Manager at LCMC. "We continue to have more families choose to deliver at LCMC and we believe they are choosing us for a unique, family-oriented birthing experience."

The chalice returns home to St. Joseph's

PETE ALESHIRE
Payson (Arizona) Roundup

Priscilla Taylor gasped when she saw the worn golden chalice on the thrift store shelf. She picked it up reverently, for she knew that this communion chalice had held many blessings. The births and deaths and desperately needed miracles could be read in the worn-away gold plating all around the rim. "It didn't belong there," said Taylor, a retired secretary who had raised five children and

now treasures nine grandchildren and a deepening sense of both miracle and history. "I recognized the holiness of it." She did not know then that her chance discovery and impulsive purchase would connect her to a terrible and inspiring history, with intimate connections to heroism, the Apache nation, faith and genocide - world-crushing violence and soul-restoring grace. It is also the story of a Christmas blessing and a long-delayed homecoming.

As she held the worn golden cup, she was also touched by a sense of the mystery of the unexpected callings that come to those who listen. Her father was in the fabled Easy Company of the 101st Airborne Division, made famous by the Stephen Ambrose book "Band of Brothers" and an HBO series of the same name. Easy Company landed in Normandy on D-Day, fought its way across France, held on through the battle of the Bulge and the siege of Bastogne, and liberated concen-

tration camps. Her father's dress tunic had been stolen in the early 1980s from his own father's home. More than 20 years later, her brother got a call from a man in the Netherlands who had found the tunic with George Potter's name and serial number stitched into the collar in a warehouse full of bags of clothing ready for shredding and recycling. From that information, the man had tracked down

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Pearce sworn in

The "former" prefix was removed Wednesday from Rep. Steve Pearce (R-Hobbs), as he was sworn in as the representative from the state's Second Congressional District.

The oath of office was administered by new House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio).

Pearce was swept into office in November in what he had called a "wave," when Republicans captured the majority in the House. He defeated incumbent Harry Teague (D-Hobbs) who served from 2009-2010.

Pearce received 55 percent voter approval across the district that covers much of the southern half of New Mexico. In Lincoln County, Pearce captured 70 percent of the Nov. 2 vote, compared with 30 percent for Teague. He had served three terms in the seat after first being elected to Congress in 2002, replacing 11-term Rep. Joe Skeen.

Teague was elected in 2008 after an unsuccessful run by Pearce for the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Pete Domenici.

Pearce had served two terms in the New Mexico House of Representatives, from 1997-2000.

During his recent campaign, Pearce said his top priority would be jobs for southern New Mexico.

"We have to create the discussion on jobs, and why jobs are not being created," Pearce said. "In New Mexico, we gave up 20,000 jobs in the forest service for the spotted owl."

"We have to take measures to protect our wildlife; we can't clear out our forests, but we can't kill jobs either. I strongly believe that when you offer Americans a balanced regulatory environment, that's what they will choose."

During a local listening session on Nov. 30, Pearce

agreed with a number of audience members at the Ruidoso Convention Center that the federal government needed to return to fiscal sanity. He avowed a rollback in government salaries, including pay to member of Congress. He also called for a reduced bureaucracy.

Pearce will serve on the House Committee on Financial Services. He said he will pursue a balance between regulation and creating jobs.

"I'll hold accountable federal bank regulators whose actions threaten community banks and stifle business expansion."

Candidate forum

An informal forum, for contested school board races in the Ruidoso and Capitan districts, will be held Monday, Jan. 10, at the Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

Candidates for a contested seat on the ENMU-Ruidoso college board have also been invited to the forum, assembled by the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

Dinner at the country club will be served at 6 p.m. Diners must RSVP Karen Clontz at 575-937-9296. The cost of the dinner is \$14.

The informal forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. An opening informational segment by the candidates will be followed by questions from the audience. The public is invited to attend the forum.

Incumbent Ruidoso education board member Susan Lutterman will be challenged by Cecil Davis at the Feb. 1 election. Curt Temple will attempt to unseat Marc Beatty. Rhonda Vincent will face challenger Nicklaus Herrera. Board member Frank Sayner has two contenders for his position - Devin Marshall and Fred Romero.

In the Capitan Municipal School District, incumbent board member Nathaniel Dunn will be challenged by Gary Tregembo. Debra Kae Anderson will try to unseat Steven Dirks. And incumbent Robin Rhodes Parks will face Danny Haynes at Capitan's Feb. 1 school board election.

One seat on the ENMU-Ruidoso college board is on the ballot. Incumbent F. Lynn Willard will be challenged by Julie Gilliland.

Movie series

The first movie in the Spring 2011 New Mexico Film Series will be *The Book of Eli*.

The film, partially filmed in Carrizozo, stars Denzel Washington and Gary Oldman in the post-apocalyptic story of one man's quest to save the book that

may, in turn, save humanity.

It will be shown at ENMU-Ruidoso on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7:00 p.m. Other movies in the series include *And Now Miguel*, *Casey's Shadow*, *Hi-Lo Country* and *The Leopard Man*.

All movies were filmed partially or entirely in New Mexico and are shown the second Wednesday of the month.

There is no fee for the movies, but registration is requested.

To register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

Tree recycling

Jan. 14 will be the last day to drop off Christmas trees at Schoolhouse Park for the Keep Ruidoso Beautiful recycling program.

Then come back on Jan. 15 when a PNM crew will be on hand to chip the trees. Free mulch and chips will then be available to the public at Schoolhouse Park.

The mulch and compost is provided free on a first-come first-serve basis and as long as it lasts. Mulch is good for water retention, walking paths and erosion control. Compost is also available at the White Mountain Sports Complex. It is provided by Sierra Contracting and the village's solid waste department.

Trees that are dropped off at the park in the orange corral between the swimming pool and fire station should have all lights, tinsel and other decorations.

For more information call the village's parks and recreation department at 575-257-5030.

Moon Mountain

Those who want to preserve Moon Mountain on Ruidoso's southeast side have an ally in the new state land commissioner.

Ray Powell, who took office this week, said a review of the process for deciding leases of state

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 59° Humidity 25% Sun and areas of high clouds Wind: WNW 6-12 mph	RealFeel 52° Humidity 40% A shower in the a.m.; mostly cloudy Wind: W 6-12 mph	RealFeel 45° Humidity 41% Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 44° Humidity 36% Mostly sunny Wind: NNW 7-14 mph	RealFeel 43° Humidity 49% Partly sunny and chilly Wind: SE 4-8 mph	RealFeel 42° Humidity 65% Mostly sunny Wind: SW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 55° Humidity 42% Partly sunny and milder Wind: SW 4-8 mph

Regional Cities

Gallop 41/14	Grants 43/16	Albuquerque 48/24	Tucuman 58/23
Reserve 54/22	Mountainair 49/19	Santa Rosa 60/23	Clevis 60/23
Truth or Consequences 55/30	Socorro 56/22	Fort Sumner 61/25	Roswell 69/28
Hatch 61/31	Alamogordo 61/27	Ruidoso 58/32	Carlsbad 73/38
Las Cruces 60/37	Chaparral 63/37	Cloudcroft 49/24	
Deming 61/30	El Paso 64/36		
Sunland Park 64/36	Ciudad Juárez 64/36		

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 41°/27°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 19°
Record high 65° (1956)
Record low -24° (1971)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.25"
Year to date 0.00"
Normal year to date 0.25"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 54°/21°
Normal high 54°
Normal low 28°
Record high 70° (1994)
Record low 6° (1971)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.15"
Year to date 0.00"
Normal year to date 0.15"

Weather Trivia:
Q: Where did the word Chinook originate?
A: It was the name of an Indian tribe of the Columbia River Basin.

Sun and Moon
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:07 a.m./5:12 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 9:02 a.m./8:38 p.m.

Moon Phases
First Full Last New
Jan 12 Jan 19 Jan 26 Feb 2

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 83° in Brownsville, TX
Low: -22° in Mammoth Lakes, CA
Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 108° in Rabbit Flat, Australia
Low: -75° in Oymyakon, Russia

National Forecast for Jan. 7, 2011

National Cities

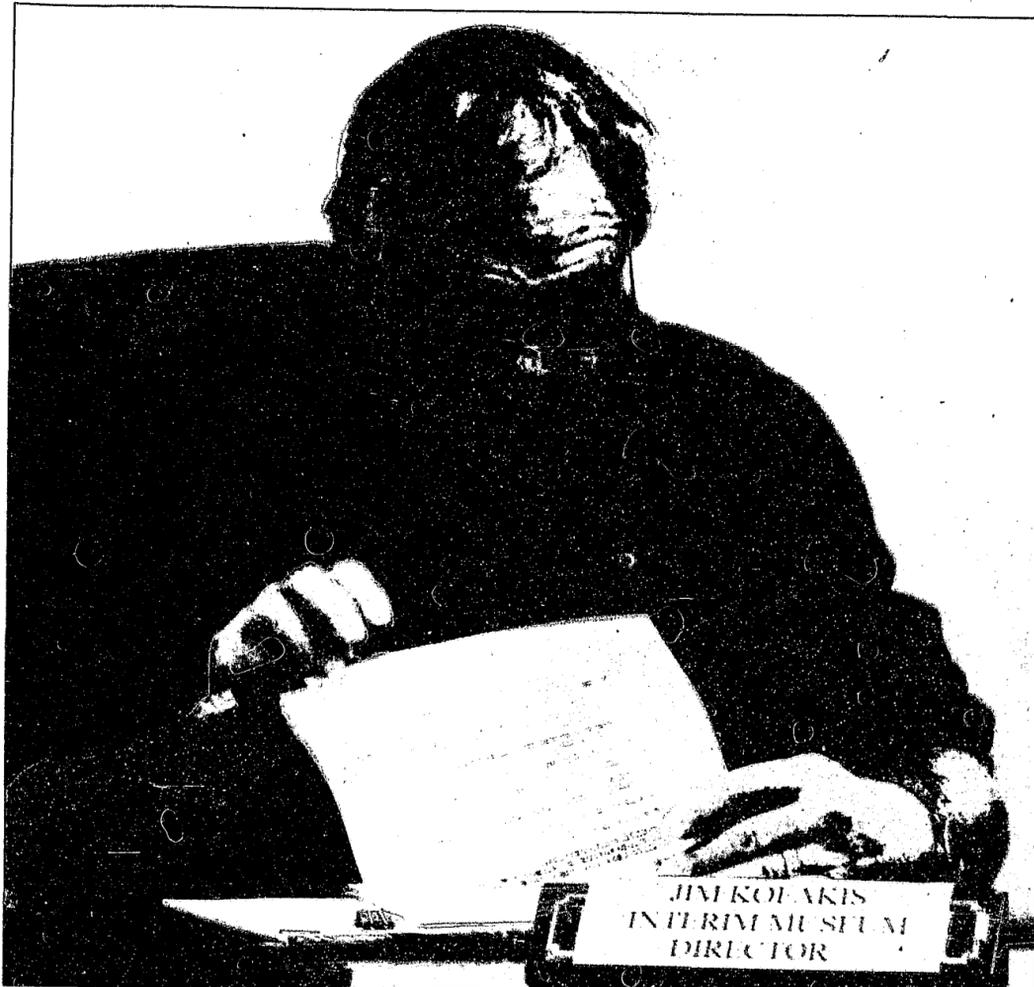
City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	65/34/pc	53/36/r
Anchorage	18/2/s	17/6/s
Atlanta	48/29/pc	47/23/pc
Austin	72/36/pc	64/42/r
Baltimore	34/18/pc	34/18/pc
Boston	36/28/sn	33/23/sn
Chicago	21/10/sn	24/15/pc
Dallas	67/39/pc	57/37/c
Denver	48/21/pc	45/20/c
Des Moines	34/12/pc	19/6/pc
Detroit	23/13/pc	28/15/pc
El Paso	64/36/pc	58/31/c
Las Vegas	55/35/pc	59/35/s
Los Angeles	64/49/pc	60/46/s
Minneapolis	18/3/pc	7/-12/pc
New Orleans	62/44/s	62/44/pc
New York City	35/27/pc	32/25/pc
Philadelphia	35/25/pc	33/23/pc
Phoenix	83/41/c	80/40/pc
Reno	42/23/pc	45/23/pc
San Francisco	54/45/s	54/43/pc
San Diego	60/49/c	58/49/s
Seattle	47/38/r	44/32/ah
Tucson	66/36/c	60/32/pc
Tulsa, OK	54/25/s	47/24/c
Wash., DC	38/23/pc	35/22/pc
Wichita	50/23/s	37/19/c
Yuma	67/45/c	67/44/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	48/24/pc	43/24/c
Artesia	72/39/pc	64/32/c
Chama	42/17/pc	37/0/c
Clayton	53/22/s	47/23/c
Cloudcroft	49/24/pc	40/23/r
Farmington	38/13/pc	36/16/c
Hobbs	70/31/pc	60/27/c
Los Alamos	45/19/pc	39/11/c
Portales	81/23/pc	82/23/c
Raton	52/13/s	50/14/c
Red River	42/9/pc	37/2/c
Ruidoso	58/32/pc	51/29/c
Santa Fe	45/15/pc	40/17/c
Silver City	59/32/c	51/28/c
Taos	43/47/pc	39/57/c

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	85/72/s	85/70/s
Cancun	79/54/s	81/63/s
Chihuahua	88/38/pc	84/28/pc
Ciudad Juárez	64/36/pc	57/30/c
Leon	79/45/pc	81/39/s
México, DF	77/43/s	75/43/s
Morelia	79/57/pc	78/57/pc
Monterrey	79/49/pc	77/46/s
Oaxaca	88/46/s	84/43/s
Plo. Venaca	66/46/pc	65/43/s
Tijuana	65/43/c	59/43/pc



The Hubbard Museum of the American West has a new part-time outreach/gift shop assistant. Jim Kofakis, the museum's interim director, asks Ruidoso Downs city councilors to approve hiring Crystal Hardacker. "She was highly recommended with lots of experience in the two areas that we need the most help," Kofakis said.

JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

state nor the Ruidoso community.

"I am a strong advocate of sustainable development and recognize the important role of local and state government in fostering a climate that encourages economic opportunity. I also believe it is critical that new projects be planned consistent with community values and with the involvement of those that live and work in the affected community."

State trust lands are managed by the state's public lands office to provide funding for public education in New Mexico. Moon Mountain is supposed to help support New Mexico State University. Immediate past land commissioner Patrick Lyons had said a property lease for one-third of an acre, where a village of Ruidoso water tank sits, results in revenue to the land trust of \$750 per year.

The lease has been in place since 1973.

IRS forms

If you have not heard yet or gotten a notice, the IRS will not mail paper packages in 2011.

What does this mean? Village of Ruidoso Public Library is one of the Tax Form Outlets, where you can find a limited selection of IRS forms, instructions, and schedules. Forms are expected to arrive mid-January.

Why is the IRS not mailing out forms? Only 8 percent of filers returned paper IRS forms last year, compared to 96 million (84 percent) who filed through providers (which are mostly electronic) or self-filed electronically.

At the library are a dozen public computers where you can use the Free-file Fill-able Forms for yourself—no income limits, no ads, no hidden charges. If you wish to keep paper records, the library does charge for printing a paper copy (15¢ per page).

The library also offers free wi-fi enabling you to use your own laptops to access the IRS website.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd next to Village Hall. The library's hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Smoke rises from a burning slash pile behind the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso Thursday. The prescribed burn in the Cedar Creek area of the Lincoln National Forest, inside the Ruidoso Village limits, is scheduled to continue through Jan. 11.

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trust lands will be undertaken.

In the interim, a moratorium on some leases has been put in place. Powell said in addition, residents in the area of possible commercial leases should have their voices heard.

During the 2000s a couple of developments had

been considered for some or all of the 640 acres at Moon Mountain. That led to the founding of the Moon Mountain Conservancy, a Ruidoso area group that has pressed to preserve the land in its natural state.

Organizer Sandy Schiffman called Moon Mountain the last undeveloped wild area adjacent to Ruidoso and a habitat for much

wildlife.

Powell, who was the state land commissioner from 1993 to 2002, said during his campaign for the office in October that public-private ventures are only valuable if people trust the integrity of the process.

"These collaborative efforts can also greatly enhance the quality of life

and economic health of our communities, if they are done in concert with local communities," Powell said.

During the debate over Moon Mountain in early 2006, Powell had called Moon Mountain a "landmark" in the heart of Ruidoso. He said the privatization of the property would not be in the best economic interest of the

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OUR OPINION

County commission already has a new look

40 percent turnover will change the dynamics

The new county commission was seated this week, and immediately the dynamics of the five-member board changed.

Formerly, it was not uncommon to see 3-2 vote splits, with Tom Battin, Dave Parks and Don Williams on one side, and Jackie Powell and Eileen Sedillo on the other.

Parks and Williams are gone, and their replacements Mark Doth and Kathryn Minter will likely be more independent.

The board should be even more fiscally conservative, as well – in a county already known for prudence in that area.

In addition to losing “allies,” Battin is being replaced as commission chairman. The consensus is that he was a good chair who ran meetings efficiently and courteously.

We thank Battin for his leadership and ask that the new body legislate with wisdom, fairness and accountability to the taxpayers.

He's back: Only 170,676 words to go

Hello again. It's me, back after a two-year hiatus. What can I say except I miss the fun we had together, your often kind and humorous responses to the columns, your cute little way of calling me a weak-kneed liberal puke.

Two suggestions if these every other week musings irritate you. Complain to your editor. Or blame T.S. Last. Mr. Last is general manager of the *El Defensor Chieftain* in Socorro.

Pondering the decision to resume a writing deadline schedule, I canvassed state editors looking for a spark of interest, a resounding note of “you-go-guy” encouragement.

Although 13 New Mexico newspapers will publish the column, the enthusiasm of their editors can best be described as muted.

T.S. Last was more to the point. T.S. Last knows how to boost the ego of a struggling writer. “Ned,” he wrote. “I thought you were dead. Since you're still alive and kicking, we might as well use you. Count us in.” How sweet is that? T.S. had a short stint writing sentimental greeting cards for Hallmark, but it didn't work out well for him.

Many people have asked me why the decision to write again. (Actually, no one has asked that, but I thought it a clever segue.) Because...

Because there are 171,476 words in the Oxford English Dictionary and I have used only about 800 of them on a repetitive basis. A man should use his allotment of words, and I intend to use mine. Cool words, like “bucolic.” I one day will use “bucolic” in a meaningful context.

Make no mistake. I won't go all George Will on you. Mr. Will recently wrote a column suggesting Wilsonian progressives may be tautological in nature and I'm like, whoa, should you be talking about that stuff in a family newspaper? I swear, George is so top-heavy with all those brains stuffed into his pointy little head he is liable to tip over. Because Ilana Gold, a diminutive KOAT-TV reporter, had an argument with her cage fighter ex-boyfriend, pulled the

drawstring from his sweat suit, refused to give him back his garage door opener, and was arrested for battery on a household member and larceny. I'm not kidding. Someone has to say “are you serious!”

Because, despite years of kissing up to Bill Richardson, I am one of just 16 known New Mexico journalists who was not hired to polish his administration's image. Now that Chubby Cheeks has exited Stage Left

and Susana Martinez is in the spotlight Stage

Right, it's time to cozy up to the new governor to see if I can land myself a cushy PR job. I will not be making fun of Susana as I did Bill. First, she is a lady, and, second, I suspect she could whip me

in an arm-wrestling contest.

Because that last item might have been sexist.

And I need to inform readers about recent irritating telephone calls from my friend Barney in New Jersey. Barney has been on my case for two months. Barney browsed the Internet to discover your humble columnist is *second* among the most sexist political pundits in the nation for characterizing the ugly Martin-*ez*-Diane Denish campaign as a mud-wrestling contest. The slur was bestowed by the Women's Media Center. You'll be reading about that in weeks to come. Oh, boy, will you.

Because I am sick and tired of all the negative, negative, negative in newspapers and television. Intent here is to celebrate positive thinkers. Positive thinkers such as Hugh Hefner, lavishly rich founder of the Playboy empire. Hugh is 84 and he very recently asked a 23-year-old to marry him. Wow! Talk about positive thinking! Talk about seeing his glass as half full. Hugh said the young lady cried when he proposed. Don't you just know it.

Because every couple of weeks I want to end with this thought: Have a nice day.

Columnist Ned Cantwell, who is really not all that liberal, lives in bucolic (171,476 words to go) Ruidoso. He welcomes your kind and humorous response at ncantwell@hajabb.com.

Introducing Lincoln County's new tag team...



GUEST EDITORIAL LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS

Leaner, meaner state budget a must

The formal gowns have been put away, the last hand has been shaken and the last dance has been danced. Now it's time for some serious numbers crunching.

New Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and her finance team, headed by Richard May, are required by statute to present their budget by Monday. The

Legislative Finance Committee presented its budget Friday. Legislators will then work to combine the two into a final budget during the upcoming 60-day session, which starts Jan. 18.

New Mexico, like states throughout the country, is facing a budget deficit – though the exact size of that deficit has been something of a floating number, ranging from \$260 million to more than \$450 million. The latest projection puts the deficit at right about \$300 million.

Martinez pledged during the campaign to balance the budget without making cuts to education or Medicaid, and without

increasing taxes.

While we agree with those priorities in principle, we suspect the promises may be difficult to keep when faced with the harsh reality of making the numbers all add up to a balanced budget. Education and health care account for too much of the budget to be left off the table entirely.

An analysis by the LFC has found that it would take a 22 percent cut in all other areas of state government to balance the budget without taking from schools or health care. But, any reforms should be designed to have the least impact in the classroom or the clinic.

The most recent revenue figures are promising, with both gross receipts taxes and overall revenue showing strong gains over last year. But a loss of federal money – both stimulus and health care funding – will present new budget challenges.

The Legislature and the administration of Gov. Bill

Richardson have worked to scale back the budget and the size of government in the last two years, but more needs to be done. Instead of small, incremental steps, it is time for structural changes to streamline government.

Martinez has taken some tentative first steps. Some, like firing the state chefs, were mostly symbolic or cutting the salaries of cabinet secretaries.

Others, like asking state agencies to find 10 percent to cut from their budgets, are more substantive.

Along with spending cuts, the Legislature will also be looking for ways to increase revenue – a tricky proposition during our sluggish recovery from a persistent economic recession, but perhaps a necessity.

Martinez has promised a leaner, more efficient state government. We encourage the governor and the Legislature to work in a cooperative spirit to make that promise a reality.

Building a permanent state government

In the old days, a friend reminisced long ago, we had to move after every election.

State office buildings were rented, she explained. After the election the new governor could reward political supporters with leases.

Mediocre facilities, scattered all over the place, imperfectly matched to the needs of their occupants or the public. Short leases.

With all the talk of reorganization and consolidation, don't we wish those good old days were back again. Many of New Mexico's state institutions are now, literally, set in concrete.

Within the last couple of decades, somebody decided that state government was here to stay, not just a passing fad, and the state might as well build and own its buildings. Everywhere.

A particular incentive, back in the early 1990s, was a mysterious loss of interest by landlords in renting to the state. Quite suddenly, property owners were submitting bids for much higher rental amounts than ever before, or not bidding at all. A legislator friend asked me if I could find out what kind of scam was going on.

I found out. There was a scam indeed. It was called the Americans with Disabilities Act,

and it required drastic building renovations for accessibility – not just handicap ramps but widened hallways, remodeled restrooms and elevators in every two-story building.

Landlords had to ask for significant increases to cover these costs.

So the state owns more of its buildings – not just the dreary parade of adobe-colored boxes that march along the boulevards of Santa Fe. There are state field offices everywhere, some still rented, some owned.

A few sample departments:

The Health Department has at least one public health office in every county. The Human Services Department has almost as many. Both Income Support Division and Child Support Enforcement offices are all over the state, and not necessarily housed together – nor anywhere near Health Department offices.

The Motor Vehicle Division, according to its Web site, has 80 offices. That number is greater than the number of New Mexico House of Representative districts, and therefore a few lucky legislators have two offices in their districts.

So after next year's redistricting orgy of mayhem and bloodletting is finished and the districts have been redrawn (separate subject for another

day), perhaps the governor can whittle down to one field office per legislative district.

The state could get rid of some buildings and consolidate some of these field operations, you say.

Not so fast. Meet the Property Control Division of the General Services Department. Property Control controls every square foot of the state's office space. No building is built, nor rental rented, until Property Control has approved the plans and eliminated all excess. As much as possible, a state building is exactly fitted to the number of expected occupants and the intended usage, with regulations governing maximum square footage per employee. Your dentures should fit so closely.

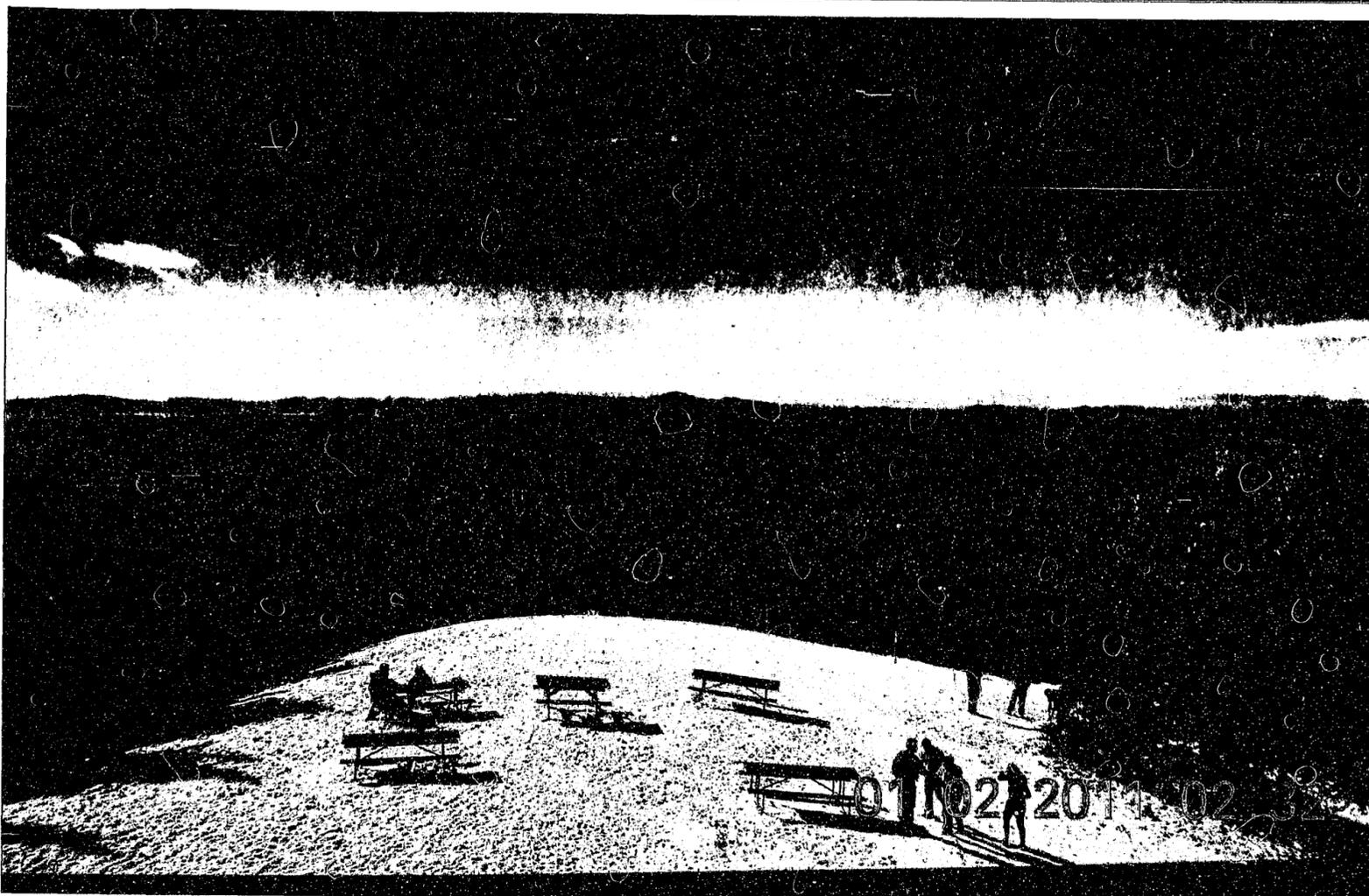
No palatial managers' offices or extravagant employee lounges. Room for expansion, just in case? Not likely.

If the new administration wants to combine or consolidate these scattered offices and their scattered functions, it will have to spend a lot of money (yours and mine) moving things together before the efficiencies can happen.

Back when the state could spend money, I thought it would make sense for each county to have a state government plaza where all the agencies could locate, have common parking and be easy for the public to find and use. This year that idea is a waste of breath.



MERILEE DANNEMANN
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It was a fine day Sunday for a picnic at Ski Apache high over the desert of southern New Mexico.

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County attorney to mediate Greentree Solid Waste Authority dispute

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The attorney for Lincoln County will sit down with representatives from Greentree Solid Waste Authority and Capitan resident Karyl Williams to try to resolve a dispute over damages and late fees.

Williams reminded county commissioners at their special meeting Monday that she appeared before to ask for their intervention with Greentree, a coalition of the county and four of its municipalities formed in 1991 to collect garbage and to build a regional landfill that would comply with stricter state and federal regulations.

"Over the last four years, I have been pleading and begging and asking for supervision at Hall and Dead Horse Lane," she said. "Never one single time have they returned phone calls and they routinely refused to answer my correspondence. The only time (she was able to speak directly to Operations Manager Debra Ingle was) when I came here in August."

Williams said authority officials continue to threaten they will file a lien against her property for unpaid monthly service fees and applied late fees, about \$180 to offset her expenses.

She said after months of unsuccessful attempts to generate a response to her damage complaints from the authority by letter and telephone, she decided to subtract reimbursement from her service charges to cover cost of repairs to her property and steps taken to prevent future damage. She contended the damage was caused by careless route drivers when they emptied dumpsters that sits on her property, which also generated blowing trash.

"The only response from them is that they intend to sue me or lien my property," Williams said. "I've been lied to by them. The sheriff supposedly said to leave the dumpsters there. They were tipped over into our fences. I verified on two occasions, they lied to me."

She told commissioners about one incident when authority officials contended

a community meeting was conducted on placement of the dumpsters, but said she later learned that nothing was prearranged. Two neighbors just happened to stop by when they saw some authority representatives, she said.

She was ready to sue the authority in small claims court to recover what she has spent, but Sheriff Ricky Virden advised her to try for some action from the commission one more time, Williams said. The authority provides garbage collection service for the unincorporated areas of the county, as well as three of its towns.

County Attorney Alan Morel said he hesitated to tell Williams to sue, because as the entity that files liens when authority bills are not paid and contracts with the authority for service, the county also would end up being named in any lawsuit.

"I'd like a chance to talk to her attorney," Morel said, although he's not sure he can resolve anything.

Commissioner Mark Doth said he understood that a security camera was

installed. Williams confirmed it was and that supervisory personnel now is monitoring the dumpsters, but it took months for the authority to take those steps, she insisted.

"I put up reinforcing fencing and they refuse to reimburse me for that," Williams said. "They don't show up everyday when they're supposed to and when dumpsters are full, the lids won't close and the dogs get in and pull out trash."

Doth said he saw county dumpsters overflowing with trash over the holiday.

"I understand that it's a big tourist time," he said. "But I fail to understand why it occurred all over the county."

"I'm incurring costs and hired a cleaning service every other week to clean up debris around dumpster so the cows don't eat it," Williams said. "I had (veterinarian) expenses the year before. We've presented the bills and explained what they are for. I said I'll just deduct them from my bill, and did. Now they're charging late fees and collection fees. All I want is

reimbursement.

"They have moved the dumpsters, but we left the fence up to stop the blowing trash."

Commissioner Kathryn Minter and Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said maybe the commissioner scheduled to be appointed later in the meeting to replace Dave Parks as county representative on the authority board can work out a solution. That commissioner turned out to be Minter.

But Williams said she spoke several times with Parks while he was commissioner and he told her the authority board members considered her request for reimbursement, but rejected it, "and do not intend to reimburse me."

She wondered if the authority board members were given accurate facts upon which to base their votes and Sedillo said she'd also like to know what they were told.

"I'd like to know what details they chose to vote on and whether (it was) the truth," she said. "I think Morel should find out and get to bottom of things."

Morel said he could write a letter, but more results might emerge from a face-to-face meeting with the principals and their attorneys. He reminded commissioners that the authority provides services on behalf of the county, "and if you don't get the service you want, you have the option of finding another service."

Williams said every time she has to drive to Carrizozo on the issue, she add a few dollars to cover her costs, and if she files in small claims court, another \$120 will be added to cover that expense.

Meeting this week

Morel committed to meet this week with the entities involved. "I think I will know quickly whether we can get a resolution, and if not, she can seek restitution (in court)," he said.

Contacted Thursday, Morel said he set up two meetings that were canceled and the session now is set for today.

Ingle was not at the commission meeting and could not be reached for comment.

County's payment to Sole Community Provider program increased

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A 2.5 percent increase was approved Monday for Lincoln County's annual payment to the Sole Community Provider program that compensates the county-owned hospital in Ruidoso for a portion of its indigent care.

During a special county commission meeting, County Manager Tom Stewart explained, "The way this works is that the state establishes what is available across the board for all sole community providers in the state."

A sole community provider is a hospital at least 25 miles away from any other major medical center and that services anybody who walks in the door. The money is returned with about four federal dollars for each dol-

lar the county contributes.

"All the requests are consolidated by the State Health and Human Service Department and they make an assessment of how much is available and in April or May, I receive a letter indicating what the county is to contribute," Stewart said. "Generally, you take the amount requested by the hospital and divide by four."

This year, Lincoln County Medical Center Administrator Al Santos, who heads the county hospital managed by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, is asking for a 2.5 percent increase for SCP payment for 2011-2012.

The base amount would be \$2,098,130 and the supplemental payment would be \$632,877. The supplemental is based on the amount of money available, but not used that then is

opened up to participating counties. The opportunity comes after the beginning of a budget year.

"The county determines the maximum it can contribute and at the end of the year, state officials know if more money was received from federal sources than anticipated or someone didn't use the money and they make it available to counties throughout the state," Stewart said.

Santos said the Medical Assistance Division in Santa Fe requires the hospital annually budget for SCP payments for each upcoming fiscal year.

"Last year, the actual factor was 3.71 to 1. This year it looks like it will be 3.72, based on information from the state," he said. "It varies based on availability of funds. Anything not used is returned to the county, if

funds are not available."

Commissioner Jackie Powell said with all the new rules and requirements federally in health care, "It's hard to say if (SCP) will continue."

Santos said the viability remains good for 2011, but beyond that, the program may not be funded at same rate or at all. A good aspect about the program is there were not many "strings" attached to the use of the money, he said. "That has allowed us to do a number of creative things in the county we might not have been able to do otherwise," he said. Without the SCP, the hospital would continue to provide charitable services, but it would impact other abilities. Without SCP reimbursement, the hospital probably would have experienced many years of not breaking even, Santos said.

Medicaid will pose a challenge this year, Stewart said. "I can only imagine reduced benefits, increased costs and reduced reimbursements to providers," he said.

Commissioner Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked what will happen if the SCP goes away.

"Each year, we look at the mill levy and how much to impose," Stewart said, referring to a maximum 3 mill annual levy approved by voters for the hospital and the county's rural health care clinics. One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

"It would be my recommendation to adjust the mill levy, if the SCP went away," the manager said.

The county runs a separate program under its Indigent Health Care Fund aimed at reimbursing non-

hospital health care providers for care of the medically indigent using a 1/8th of a cent gross receipts tax approved by voters, he said.

Minter confirmed with Santos that the county's match for the SCP comes from mill levy dollars.

"If the match goes away, is the county obligated to make up the difference?" she asked.

"If the funding under SCP goes away, our contribution goes away," Stewart said. "We are not required to make up the difference."

"But we've been living with all that money, so we'll have to do something different," Minter said.

Stewart and Santos agreed the future will present many challenges.

Commissioners unanimously approved the SCP payment requests as submitted.

BUSINESS

Movie stardom missed, Willard retires

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A long-time figure in veterinary medicine in Ruidoso will slow down. Dr. Lynn Willard sold his Ruidoso Animal Clinic business and stepped down as of Jan. 1.

"I have three grandchildren," Willard said. "And I like fly-fishing. And we want to travel. I'm healthy and I don't want to not do the things I've worked my entire life to be able to do."

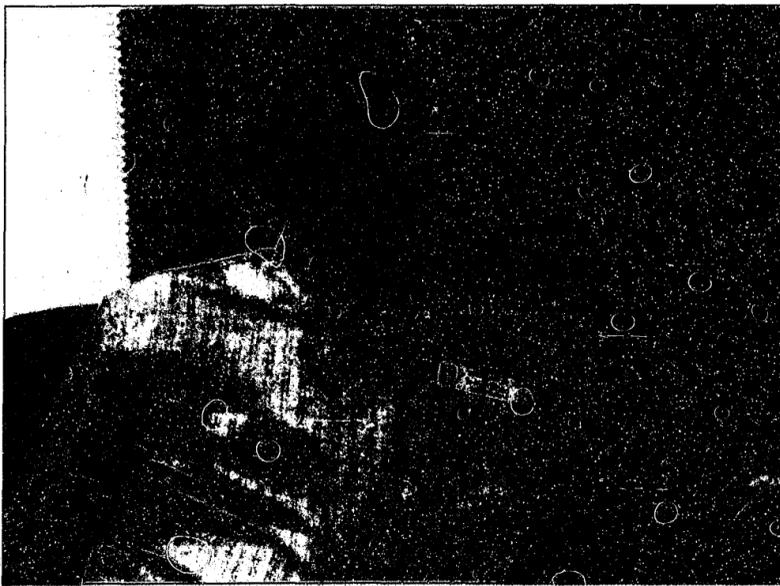
The clinic was purchased by Willard's associate at the facility, Dr. Amanda Favis.

While "retired," Willard will still be hanging around the animal clinic.

"I'm going to work two to three days a week. I will continue to see the patients and the clients I have seen over the years. I will continue to do all the orthopedic surgery for the office. We do an awful lot of referral surgery. Veterinarians from all over the southeastern part of the state refer orthopedics to me because I've been doing it for so long and I've taken the time to do an awful lot of training."

Willard said it is, however, time for others to take over.

The Ruidoso Animal Clinic was established in



Lynn Willard, a long-time veterinarian in the Ruidoso area, has sold the Ruidoso Animal Clinic and retired, sort of.

October 1973 by Willard and his wife Donna.

The beginning

"My wife and I, we started by painting the entire building. This was a little three bedroom house. We had to clean it up and put linoleum down. And we did all that ourselves because we just started this on a shoestring."

The home's living room was turned into a reception area. The kitchen became

the examination room. Bedrooms were converted into kennels and a surgical room.

"The practice has evolved over the 37 years from about 60 percent small animal and 40 large animal, horses and cattle, to 100 percent now small animal," Willard said. "It takes a lot of time to practice large animal medicine because you're doing out-calls. As this practice built more and more I just didn't have time

to be doing out-calls so I gave that up. Physically it's a very tough profession. It was a good move for me to do that about 10 years ago."

The first decade Willard was the only veterinarian at the clinic. Some staff was added. Eventually a second animal doctor was hired.

"I've had about 12 veterinarians over the 37 years that have worked here. The progression was real slow, probably following the economy."

The past 15 years have seen two full-time vets at the clinic.

Running an animal clinic is very similar to human medicine.

"Especially now with technology. We do endoscopy just like they do over at the hospital. We have an ultrasound unit. We have digital x-rays now. And we do an awful lot of orthopedic surgery."

Medical records at the Ruidoso Animal Clinic have been computerized since 1985.

"A typical day in the 70s was pretty hectic because there were a lot more non-appointments. Almost everything now is by appointment. Back in the 70s it was what we call 'fire engine practice,' which was you were just putting out fires. When I started doing a large animal, I'd have appointments in small animals, and the next thing you'd know I'd get an emergency on a horse or a cow calving. A typical day then was playing catch-up all the time."

Nearly a star

Willard recalled when "Casey's Shadow," the story of a boy and his foal that turned out to be a racing champion, was filmed in the Ruidoso area in 1976.

"Martin Ritt was the director. And Martin Ritt and the screenwriter came down to my office on a Sunday morning and said, 'The part for the veterinarian, we think you are perfect for it. We would like you to play that part but we want you to read the script and see if it makes sense, what you're going to say.' The three of us sat in my office and I read the script and I said, 'This doesn't make sense. Medically it's not sound.'"

Willard said he was told to rewrite the part about when the foal hurt its leg and was not going to be able to race.

"As we came to the end of the movie and my shoot-day, Martin Ritt came up and put his arm around me and he said, 'Doc, I've got some bad news for you. That day that we rewrote those lines, we wrote so many lines that we had to bring an actor in from the actors guild and we can't use you for this.'"

Instead Willard was used in a non-speaking part at the end of the movie as a horse owner.

"Probably the only reason I'm still in Ruidoso instead of Hollywood is because I didn't get that part in the movie," Willard said.

Sleep center cuts the ribbon

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A division of Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center at Alamogordo has opened shop in Ruidoso.

The Gerald Champion Sleep Center and Medical Complex received its inauguration Thursday.

The clinic, in the former Ruidoso Office Supply and Hallmark building at 101 5th Street in Ruidoso, conducted a grand opening Thursday afternoon.

The medical center in Alamogordo has a sleep medicine facility that provides sleep study testing for the diagnosis and treatment of insomnia, sleep apnea, narcolepsy and other sleep disorders.

Center officials said snoring and sleep apnea can lead to obesity, dia-



Bianca Strickland, a sleep technician, and Jim Heckert, CEO of Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center, hold the ribbon as it is cut Thursday afternoon on the hospital's new Ruidoso Sleep Center. Heckert said that with a lot of Ruidoso patients at their Alamogordo sleep clinic, it was time to establish a Ruidoso facility.

betes and high blood pressure.

Non-medication treatments are available at the facility.

The center received a ribbon cutting welcome

Thursday from the Ruidoso Valley Greeters.

The Sleep Center also hosted a Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours reception for the community.

A questionnaire allowed attendees to outline their quality of sleep, possible issues with insomnia, snoring or breathing problems during sleep, and other symptoms.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Servers class

The New Mexico Liquor Control Act mandates that "every liquor licensee, lessee, or server who manages, directs, or controls the sale or service of alcohol for consumption on or off the licensed premises must satisfactorily complete an alcohol server program every five years."

ENMU - Ruidoso Community Education offers these classes on the second Monday of each month. This month's class will be held on Jan. 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The fee for the class is \$40. It is not necessary to be currently employed, but participants must be at least 19 years old and have valid photo identification.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

Internet services

Internet services were bumped higher by \$2.20. Phone services have risen by \$2. The converter box rental was lifted by \$0.25.

BAJA said costs for programming and operations support have continued to increase and the adjustments in some of the rates took effect Jan. 1.

Transfer rates for high-speed Internet customers have been increased as of the first of the year. The Econo service went from 3.0 Mbps to 4.0. Premium service moved from 8.0 Mbps to 10.0. Ultra jumped from 10.0 Mbps to 12.

Financial class

Andy Carter of Edward Jones will be hosting a two-hour seminar on investing tools and strategies to help individuals achieve their long-term investment goals. Topics include the key features of bonds, stocks, and mutual funds and the importance of proper asset allocation. Current market conditions and how political, economic, and cultural forces shape markets will also be covered. Classes will be offered once a month. January's class will be held on the 25th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The fee is \$15 and includes handouts and workbooks.

For more information or to register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

Rate increase

Some rate adjustments have taken effect for local cable TV, internet and phone service customers of BAJA Broadband.

Basic cable has increased \$2, while expanded basic cable has risen \$0.65 and the family tier by \$1. All premium channels, such as HBO, Starz, Showtime, Cinemax, Encore, have increased by \$0.75 each. A broadcaster retransmission fee is up

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County debates health care for elderly

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After receiving a complaint about supervision of a medical emergency alert program switching from a free service at the county hospital to a fee-based service under a home health care agency, Lincoln County commissioners listened to background on the issue Monday.

Al Santos, administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center, explained that the hospital in Ruidoso for 20 years covered the costs of maintaining a Lifeline service for the elderly in the county, with about 65 subscribers.

But with shrinking dollars and only about two calls a month, the hospital can no longer justify the expense when another agency, Ruidoso Home Health Care and Hospice, is better equipped and willing to assume responsibility.

For the hospital to continue facing a cost of about \$30,000 to maintain the service and another \$30,000 to buy new equipment, it would have to charge more than the estimated \$30 a month anticipated by RHHC&H.

"The cost per call of \$2,500 is something we just could not sustain," he said. "The program will continue on a cost-share basis with an entity set up to handle it."

Clients also have the option of contracting directly with Lifeline, but the monthly fee would be higher, Santos said. "AT&T and others provide similar services, but I find Lifeline to be the most affordable of these," he said.

Sedillo said her worry centers on the elderly, who counted on the service at no charge.

"This is the kind of thing that goes along with sole

community provider services and we just raised the amount (the county contributes)," she said.

"We can't take care of everyone."

"SCP is just for the indigent, not all seniors," Santos explained. "The cost of Lifeline is not reimbursed under Medicare or Medicaid. It's a question of cost and benefit for fewer than two calls a month, some without response needed by emergency medical services. It's a matter of economics."

"Is anything changing other than the name of the provider?" Commissioner Mark Doth asked.

"And the cost associated with providing the service, between \$30 to \$40 a month the subscribers have to pay," Santos said.

"It still concerns me that seniors who already are struggling have to now pay for the service," the chairman said.

But Doth, sitting as a commissioner for his first meeting since being elected, said he resented the language used by a woman who wrote the commission complaining about being charged for the service. She said senior citizens were getting "screwed."

"This is one of those incidents when we (on the local, state and federal levels) have to recognize we can't do everything for everybody," Doth said. "We

have to do things differently, smarter and better."

"I understand," Sedillo said. "But I was raised to believe that we take care of our elderly. We take care of a lot of people who could take care of themselves. That's just my opinion."

But Minter, another new commissioner, said she and her husband cared for four elderly parents.

"We do honor our elderly, but I don't think it's the state's responsibility," she said. Her expense was far greater than \$40 a month, she said.

"We can't take care of everyone," Minter said. "What really bothered me was reading in the newspaper that (RHHC&H) found

devices in homes where the person no longer was living and the hospital was paying for the subscription. When my father died last year, we got rid of the oxygen machine and other equipment within a day, because we were paying for it."

Santos said the hospital needs to look at more items on a fee-for-service basis as dollars shrink for health care.

"If the SCP doesn't continue, in 2012, we will have to look at cuts like this pretty much everyday," Commissioner Jackie Powell said.

The item required no action and was listed as for information only.

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County gets rural schools funding

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Lincoln County is listed to receive \$568,165 as one of 22 New Mexico counties sharing more than \$15 million from a federal program.

The money is designated for schools, roads, National Forest restoration projects, search and rescue, and other eligible county programs.

"Funding through the Secure Rural Schools Program helps many New Mexico communities provide important services to their residents," said U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), who led the congressional effort to reauthorize the program in 2008, including a change to the distribution of program funds.

"It is especially important during this harsh economic time and I am sure counties will put it to good use."

The money comes through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Secure Rural Schools Program, which provides assistance to rural counties that contain National Forest System acreage.

The awards range from a low of \$10,747 to Los Alamos up to \$4.62 million for Catron County.

*"Same old song,
Just a drop of water
in an endless sea.
All we do crumbles
to the ground.
Though we refuse
to see. All we are is
Dust in the wind."*

**Mitchell
"Mickey" Cochran**

Mickey left this world on Jan. 5, 2011 to be with loved ones lost. He was born Nov. 4, 1955 in La Furads, De Brie Charnet France.

Mickey left behind a wife Shelley, son Nathan wife Teatta and Granddaughter Sydnie, and son Aaron wife Kathryn. Parents: George & Sophia Cochran, 2 brothers Bryan & Danny Cochran & a sister Ingrid Lee.

Mickey was a loved musician & talented photographer within Lincoln County. His sounds & philosophies will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held Sunday Jan. 9, 2011 @ 2pm at Mountain Annies to celebrate & rejoice in his life & many blessings.

In lei of flowers memorial can be made in Mickey's name to the Humane Society of Lincoln County.



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Bobbi Shearer, far right, visits with state Rep. Yvette Herrell, nominee for state Senate Bill Burt and Otero County commissioner Tommie Herrell following a Republican Women of Otero County meeting Wednesday at the 19th Hole Restaurant. Shearer, a Capitan resident, has been named director for bureau of elections by Secretary of State Dianna Duran.

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scientious and intelligent as a paralegal, and she worked hard on voter bills. She knows what she's doing and will be a great asset."

Duran said she chose Shearer as her director because she has the qualifications and a knowledge of the election code.

"For quite a few years Shearer has been the analyst under the House Voter and Election Committee during legislative sessions," she said. "Her knowledge of the elections code is great. That's someone we need in a director.

She is able to work with the 33 county clerks, which is critical. Many of them already know her."

Shearer also comes to the office with an understanding of the legislative process, allowing her to jump into the mix of county clerks and legislators, many of whom she already knows, Duran said. Shearer also is familiar with many county attorneys in the state because of her paralegal work.

"She knows what needs to be done. We've already gone over a long list of things that need to be dealt with immediately," Duran said.

Shearer worked as an independent contract paralegal for about 20 years in

Lincoln County. She is a 1982 graduate of Alamogordo High School. She was the chair of the Republican Party of Lincoln County but resigned after a year to become the Capitan Municipal Court alternate judge. She has also served on the Juvenile Justice Board and the DWI Council.

Shearer said she knows Duran from working with Republican legislators since 2008.

"I have had the job for 10 minutes and have a three-page to-do list already," she said. "I am a real detail person and will not gloss over anything. I want to get in and take a hard look at everything that's there, and what the clerks identify as the problems so we

can get to the kind of fair elections that Dianna wants to get to."

Specifics will come later, she said.

Her experience as an analyst boosted her knowledge of the voter code, Shearer said.

"As an analyst, I looked at the bills that were introduced into the Legislature," she said. "I would write an analysis of the pros and cons on how they're going to work and fit into the statutes."

"I would research case law. I would give legislators a synopsis of how they're going to work."

Duane Barbat of the Alamogordo Daily News contributed to this report.

Doth appointed as county rep to JUB

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Selecting a Lincoln County commissioner to serve as a representative on the Joint Use Board that manages the \$36 million wastewater treatment plant serving Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs turned out to be a little tricky Monday.

Newly elected Commissioner Mark Doth said he was interested in serving on that board, which is comprised of two representatives from each municipality and one from the county, who often acts as the tie-breaker in contentious issues.

But Commissioner Kathryn Minter, also elected in November and sworn in Monday, said she thought former commissioner Dave Parks was picked previously because his district includes both towns that share the plant. She beat Parks in the Republican primary.

"My concern is Mark's district only includes Ruidoso, although I think (he) would do a great job," she said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said after rereading the documents used to form the JUB, "Whoever the county appoints has to be approved by the other two entities. They have not done that in years past."

Commissioner Tom Battin said both mayors spoke to him about volunteering for the job.

"You're pretty much a mediator without compen-

sation whoever takes the position," he said. "I feel obliged to offer myself, but I leave the decision to the commission. It's not a job I really want."

Doth said, "I, on the other hand, really want this job. I relish working with Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs."

"Let's go with Mark and if the other two object, we have another option," Minter suggested.

One name or two?

Commissioners discussed submitting two names with Doth first and if he is rejected, Battin as an alternative. Battin said he had no problem with that approach.

"They've never rejected (a county appointment), but it has come up recently," Morel said.

"I prefer we give them one name and if they reject it, so be it," Doth said.

"This is awkward," Minter said to Battin. "But I don't appreciate that the mayors came to you and asked. It stinks of something."

"If they don't like Mark, we'll come back and select somebody."

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked for a vote on the appointment, saying it could be done by written ballot, but Battin said whatever the outcome, his feelings won't be hurt. The vote for Doth was 4-1 in favor.

A second vote on sending just one name passed unanimously.

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Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Minerva Davalos celebrated her retirement from the Sheriff's Department with a New Year's eve party and a surprise announcement. "I want to thank everyone for being here," Davalos told the crowd of family, fellow officers and friends. "And I want to announce my candidacy for Lincoln Sheriff in 2012." Davalos started her law enforcement career as a dispatcher in Ruidoso Downs then moved to patrol officer. After joining the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department she worked in the Lincoln County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force and as a Patrol Deputy.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Dec. 25

8:56 a.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 200 block of Camelot for a possible breaking and entering.

Tyson reports that he found the door to the apartment open and the door frame broken. No one was inside the apartment and nothing appeared to be disturbed.

Tyson reports he secured the apartment and contacted the manager. Two days later, Tyson reported he followed up and maintenance had repaired the door. There appeared to have been nothing taken from the apartment.

Jan. 3

3:55 p.m. - Corporal Aaron Frost met with a man at the Ruidoso Police Department for a report of criminal damage to a vehicle.

The victim reported that the damage happened a couple of weeks earlier in the 100 block of Chaparral Drive, but because he is a college student, he had not had time to report it.

The victim reportedly showed Frost scratches on the hood and an impact on

the windshield that he said he believed to have been made by rocks. He reported there was also damage to the driver's door of the pickup.

Jan. 4

9:06 a.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 600 block of Highway 70 for a report of a larceny.

Tyson reports a winch was reportedly taken from the front of a trailer. The victim reported it was there the previous evening.

Jan. 5

8:16 p.m. - Officer Chris Bryant responded to the 300 block of Heath Drive for a report of a lost jacket and passport.

The victim reportedly told Bryant that he had been talking to a friend in the 200 block of Highway 70 and had laid his jacket

on top of his car.

When he got home to Heath Drive he discovered the black and white "Zebra" jacket missing and retraced his route.

The victim reported that his U.S. Passport was in the pocket of the jacket.

The victim reportedly told Bryant he needed a police report to get a new passport.

RUIDOSO MAGISTRATE COURT CASES

DWI case

Rebecca Thompson appeared in court Dec. 22 and pled no contest to charges of aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs and open container.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Thompson to 90 days in jail, with 28 days suspended and credit for 62 days time served, 304 days of supervised probation and a \$500 fine.

LaMay also ordered Thompson to complete DWI School within 90 days, install an ignition interlock device for one year, and to complete 24 hours of community service.

LaMay also fined Thompson \$25 for the open container violation and ordered her to pay \$282 in court costs.

Plea deal

Lynda Summers appeared in court Dec. 22 and pled no contest to a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating

liquor or drugs under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Gary Mitchell and Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams.

Under the terms of the agreement, the State dismissed charges of failure to give notice of an accident and leaving the scene of an accident.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Summers to a 90 day suspended jail term, 364 days of supervised probation and a suspended \$500 fine.

LaMay ordered Summers to complete 24 hours of community service, attend DWI School within 90 days and to install an ignition interlock device for one year.

LaMay also ordered Summers to pay \$221 in mandatory court fees.

Plea deal

Brian Mendez appeared in court Dec. 29, waived the right to legal representation and pled no contest to charges of driving under

the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs and driver must be licensed, under a plea and disposition agreement Mendez reached with Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge of driving while license suspended to driving without a license.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Mendez to a 90 day suspended jail term, 364 days of supervised probation and a \$500 fine, with \$100 suspended.

LaMay also ordered Mendez to install an ignition interlock device for one year, complete 24 hours of community service within 60 days and complete DWI school within 90 days.

LaMay ordered Mendez to pay a \$100 fine for driving without a license and ordered him to pay \$282 in court costs.

DWI plea

Adolfo Garcia appeared in court Dec. 29 and pled no contest to a charge of dri-

ving under the influence of intoxicating drugs or alcohol under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Dan Bryant and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of roadways laned for traffic.

Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Garcia to a suspended 90 day jail term, 364 days of unsupervised probation and suspended a \$500 fine.

LaMay ordered Garcia to attend DWI School within 90 days, complete 24 hours of community service within 60 days and install an ignition interlock device for one year.

LaMay ordered Garcia to pay \$221 in mandatory court costs.

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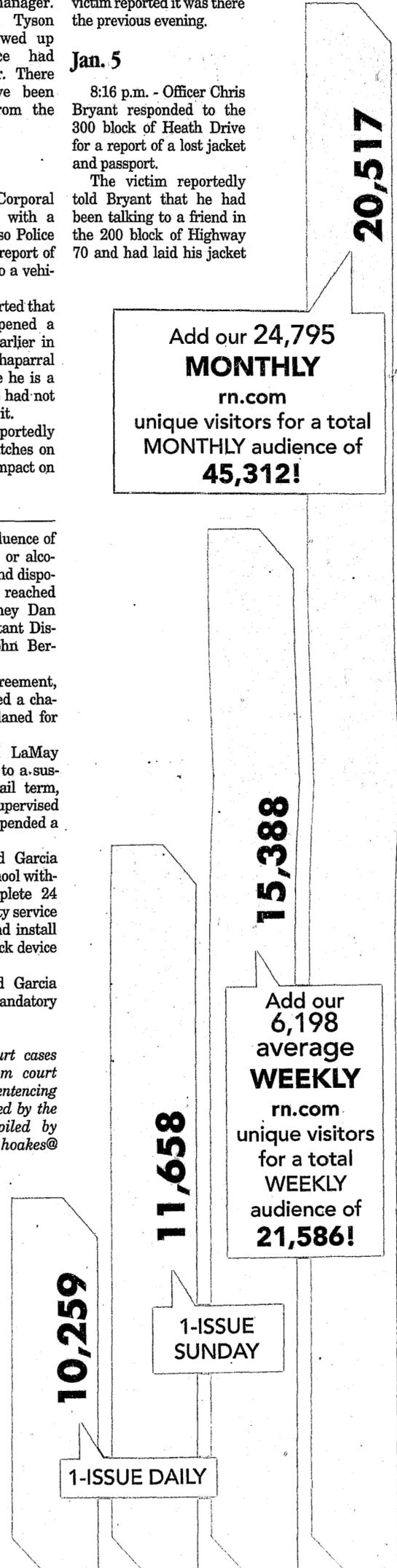
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Embrace your destiny

Do we get weird at this time of year or what? We party like psychos on the last night of the year-whistling, whooping, kissing at the stroke of midnight – then the next day, after the hang-over remedy of choice, we contemplate our faults and make a list of the changes we're going to make.

I guess it's human nature to start something new with good intentions. In the case of a new year, we resolve to do better, eat better, be more patient, spend more time with family, pray more often, finish projects, change bad habits, cure addictions.

Most of us, however, keep our promises for a few months before falling back into our comfortable little ruts.

Then at the end of the year, we whistle, whoop, kiss, and try again to change.

I watched a movie the other day in which the protagonist had an amazing job and amazing personal powers and abilities, yet he longed for a normal life.

In the opening scenes, having lost yet another girlfriend because of his unusual job, he rants and raves at his boss, sick and tired of not being able to have the kind of life that everyone else has.

His boss wisely suggests a vacation.

While on vacation, however, the young man becomes involved in a situation typical for his career and, of course, falls in love with a mysterious beauty.

When she turns out to be unacceptable, he feels that once again his job has destroyed any chance for normalcy, but she (at least she's good for something) speaks to him as only a mysterious unacceptable beauty can.

She says to him (and I'm paraphrasing here): "You have to stop focusing on what you don't have and acknowledge what you do have: an amazing job and amazing personal powers and abilities."

It's a typical plot (as my daughter says: "I could write this stuff"), but for some reason, it hit me with particular force this

time around. How often do I think along those same lines: Why can't I have what others have? How did I wind up in a job I never planned for?

Why am I plagued by the same problems – thus making the same resolutions – year in and year out?

So, I did a little experiment.

Instead of making a list of faults that need changing, I made a list of good things I have and things that I do well – a list of my personal powers and abilities.

I have a good job. I have the perfect little house for me. I can write. I can teach. I can draw trees. I can ride a horse. I can play chess. I can parent a teenager ... scratch that ... a teenager lives in my house.

I can cook (if necessary).

I can play the piano. I know how to operate common power tools (don't tell my husband).

And, I decided that this year, instead of focusing on my faults and making a list of changes that need to be made, I'll focus on my strengths and be the best me that I can be.

We live in a society that pushes us to get more, spend more, be more, do more – in other words, to be dissatisfied with what we have and what we are. I think it's time to stop and think about that.

Why should we get more, spend more, be more, do more? Why not be satisfied with what we have, what we make, what we are, what we do?

Try it: consider that what you are-your unique character, personality, talents, abilities – and what you have – home, job,

income, family – are A-OK. And instead of focusing on changing what you don't do well, try focusing on improving what you already do well.

If you're a parent, be the best parent you can be. If you've got a job, be the best employee you can be.

If you're a good organizer, put that skill to good use. If you've got musical talent, dust off your guitar and play.

If you have an affinity for flora or fauna, make this the year you plant a garden or adopt a pet.

In the final scene of the movie, our enlightened hero has at last embraced his destiny, recognizing the value of his unique gifts and extraordinary existence.

He waves goodbye to a life he was never meant for anyway, and welcomes himself home.



Ann Wilson Tuttle

Tai Chi – Moving for Better Balance here now

PATTI GRAY
For the Ruidoso News

As the massive Baby Boomer generation begins to gray, the growth in the population segment aged 65 and over brings with it a host of aging-related concerns.

Some of these include: increasing numbers of people with age-related disabilities, a diminishing quality of life experienced by older adults who lose the ability to live independently, as well as the addition of a severe strain on health-care costs.

The public health concern is to help older adults avoid or minimize health conditions associated with increasing age.

To help achieve this goal, the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control are funding studies on the health effects of exercise on

older adults.

Research conducted over the past two decades indicates that regular exercise plays an important role in preventing, delaying and/or minimizing the occurrence of disease and disability in older adults.

It is generally agreed that older adults need to avoid sedentary lifestyles by engaging in regular exercise and physical activities.

There are many kinds of exercise, but which forms of exercise are the most beneficial to older adults?

Tai Chi is one form of exercise that is steadily increasing in interest and popularity, both in scientific research and community-wide adoption.

Over the past 5 years of research, an exercise program called, Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance, developed by Dr. Füsong Li of the Oregon Research



COURTESY

Tai Chi is a form of exercise that is steadily increasing in interest and popularity. Classes are held at Common Grounds three days a week.

Institute, has amassed a sizeable amount of scientifically based, empirical evidence indicating specific health benefits resulting from practicing this ancient form of exercise.

Dr. Li's research indicates that practicing Tai Chi, three hours a week for six months, lowers the risk of falling by a whopping 55 percent.

It also found significantly higher levels of overall general physical functioning: increases in muscle strength, bone health, functional balance, improved immunity, quality of sleep, sense of overall well-being, greater self-esteem, re-

duced fear of falling, reduced number of falls, and lowered levels of blood pressure and blood cholesterol.

Chronic disease populations, (heart disease, osteoarthritis and Parkinson's disease) also showed health and mood benefits from practicing Tai Chi.

Last April, New Mexico's Department of Health selected 11 fitness instructors to help implement a state-wide, community-based pilot program for teaching Dr. Li's Tai Chi exercise program to older adults. Patti Gray of Mountain Massage & Healing Arts represented

Lincoln County and Ruidoso.

In August 2010, the first 12-week segment began with classes held two times a week.

Beginning Jan. 5, the second course began with classes held Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, 1-2 p.m., located at Common Ground in the Sierra Mall behind Lawrence Brothers.

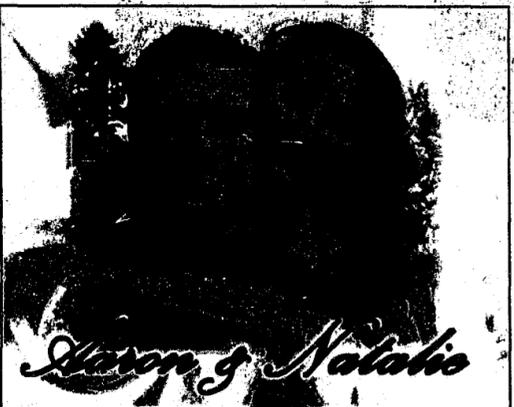
The cost is \$120 for the 12-week course payable in advance. Complete prepay includes two makeup days and two free guest days. For other payment arrangement contact Gray.

To register, call Mountain Massage & Healing

Arts at 575-937-2304 or go to Community EDU at ENMU.

Patti Gray is the owner/operator of Mountain Massage & Healing Arts, established in 2002, in The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, offering massage therapy treatments and bodywork, facials, energy balancing, Thai and Tui Na massage.

Gray is a certified Qi Gong Instructor and has been teaching Qi Gong for 10 years and was recently certified as level I Tai Chi instructor, group and private classes. Visit the website at mnmassage.com or email pgray3qi@aol.com.



Aaron Robert Gillespie is announcing his engagement to Natalie Lewis Moncilovich. Aaron is the son of Jack & Terrie Gillespie of Ruidoso, NM. Natalie is the daughter of Hollie Hart from Willoughby, Ohio.

Aaron is a 1999 graduate of Ruidoso High School and a 2003 graduate of New Mexico State University. He is currently the Operations Manager of the Magnolia Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

Natalie is a graduate of The Art Institute of Colorado and is working for Denver Health Medical Center in their Public Relations & Marketing Department as a Graphic Designer. The couple will be married in Denver, Colorado on February 5, 2011. They will enjoy a 10 day honeymoon in Ireland.

First Hantavirus case diagnosed this year

LAS CRUCES – The New Mexico Department of Health announced that a 51-year-old man from McKinley County is hospitalized at UNM Hospital in Albuquerque with the State's first diagnosed case of Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome this year. An environmental investigation will be conducted to determine where the man may have been exposed to the virus.

"All New Mexicans should be aware of this disease and take precautions to avoid rodents and their droppings," said Dr. Paul

Ettestad, the Department of Health's public health veterinarian.

"This is especially important at this time of year when the cold weather is causing rodents to seek shelter and food in homes and other buildings. The best defense against Hantavirus is to seal up your house so mice can't enter and avoid disturbing areas of rodent infestation, including nests and droppings."

Hantavirus is a deadly disease transmitted by infected rodents through urine, droppings or saliva.

People can contract the disease when they breathe in aerosolized virus. The deer mouse is the main reservoir for Hantavirus in New Mexico.

The Department of Health urges health-care workers and the general public to familiarize themselves with the symptoms of Hantavirus.

Early symptoms of Hantavirus are fever and muscle aches, possibly with chills, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and cough. These symptoms develop within one to six weeks after

rodent exposure. Although there is no specific treatment for Hantavirus, chances for recovery are better if medical attention is sought early.

While this case was diagnosed in 2011, the man became sick with the disease in December 2010. There was one case of Hantavirus in May 2010 in a McKinley County woman who recovered. In 2009 there were four cases. In 2008, New Mexico had two cases of Hantavirus.

For more information about Hantavirus go to www.health.state.nm.us.

REVISIT

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igation. It was during discussion on the hazard mitigation chapter that subdivision ordinance changes arose. Much of the chapter focuses on how to mitigate wild-fires to new and existing residential developments. "They were talking about doing defensible space," said Curt Temple, the county's planning department director. "That was in that wildland urban interface ordinance that they were looking at, but that didn't pass. If there is something that needs to be addressed that could be put in the subdivision ordinance, we could certainly do it that way, too."

Commissioner Jennie Dorgan said that should go to the top of the list.

Temple noted requiring a source of fire fighting water in subdivisions has also been talked about in the past.

"This is as good a time to add that in," Dorgan said.

But Commissioner Tom Mann said that could be onerous for every subdivision.

"You need to look at it on an area wide basis and decide for every so many homes, lots or whatever, you need so many gallons of firefighting, capability. The underwriters association looks at everything on so

many gallons on a one hour or two hour period. And it's very quick to get up to, I believe, 60,000 gallons (for firefighting). And you can't ask a five-lot subdivision to put in a 60,000-gallon tank."

Mann suggested instead looking at "cash in lieu" from subdivision developers to fund fire houses, suppression equipment and supplies, based on the size of a development.

"So that the county has someplace to go out and buy a site for a fire station, or to put a water tank, or to do something like that. I'd like for us to keep that in mind as we go down the road and look a little bit."

Midkiff said subdivisions should be required to have more entrances and exits along with signs pointing the way to get out.

"One of the exits out of Alto is to come across that mesa and come down through Eagle Creek," Midkiff noted. "If a fire hits Alto, there's no signage up there. I'll bet there's only me and maybe one other person that knows how to get out of Alto and come out into Eagle Creek. It's not a normal throughway."

Temple noted the road between Alto Mesa and Lower Eagle Creek is gated.

Midkiff questioned why the county allows gated communities. She recalled the 29 Alto area homes that were destroyed in five hours by the March 2002

A 'quiet time for subdivisions'

As a review of Lincoln County's subdivision ordinance has been proposed by the county's Planning Commission, it was just 23 months ago that the ordinance was revised.

Since that time the revised code has gone pretty much unused.

"We have no major ones (subdivisions)," said Lincoln County Planning Director Curt Temple said of applications.

"We've got some summary, little, small three- or four-lot ones."

Very small property splits can be handled administratively by the planning office without

going to the commission.

Temple said during 2010, the planning commission has had no development question, subdivision or other, before them.

"Some of the remarks by the commissioners, I believe in one of these meetings, were that we should at least give the new subdivision ordinance a chance before we go changing it," said planner Caroline McCoy.

"In fact, it seems to me, that we're in a lacking, a quiet time for subdivisions; that we might as well fix it now before new subdivisions come about."

- Jim Kalvelage

Kokopelli Fire.

"You don't have time to try to figure out how to get out of there, what roads to take."

The idea of gated communities was called "a little bit stuffy" by Dorgan, who added it does not work here.

"Should we look at the concept of gates?" asked Dorgan.

Midkiff said the issue needs thorough discussion.

"I don't know that we could do anything about it in discussions, but it needs to be thoroughly investigated. We're going to be pretty bad when a whole bunch of vehicle are piled up at a one of the gates," Midkiff said.

Noting a couple of year ago subdivision proposal that included an emergency easement for ingress and egress, Commissioner Paul Van Gulick said the county does not require such an easement to be passable by vehicles.

"They could just designate it," he said of an easement. "And that's a problem."

Looking at the comprehensive plan's strategy to implement a gross receipts tax to help pay for county-wide fire protection, Dorgan cautioned that was "fighting words" at the current time.

"I'm sure you're talking about gross receipts

(taxes)," said commission chair Fred Hansen.

Dorgan recommended taking the taxing idea out of the comprehensive plan.

Temple responded that the Lincoln County Commission, at anytime, can impose a one-quarter of one percent gross receipts tax for fire fighting needs.

"They don't have to up that out for a vote," Temple said. "The board can say, 'we want to start it tomorrow' and it starts. This is something that is state mandated so we really can't take that out. The state gives as an option to every county."

Hansen noted it was only an option that could be implemented when it is deemed appropriate.

"Why should the county have to do that?" Dorgan asked about the fire gross receipt tax option. "Why shouldn't the subdivision developer have to do that?"

Temple responded the county is without impact fees on developers. "When these developers come in and put these places in, it puts a strain on our emergency services and things like that. But we've never implemented anything to recover those costs."

Temple continued, pointing to a former subdivision near Nogal.

"Montaraz went it. That was 256 lots and they gave us one-acre for a fire station. We were going to have to build a station out there

and buy a new engine for out there. None of that money ever came back from them for that."

Several planning commissioners said some sort of impact fees may be a necessity.

"It's a real subject that could take us several meetings to talk about," commissioner Tom Mann said.

At Wednesday's meeting, former planning commissioner Bob Moeller of Nogal said development fees for required upgrades are called "exactions" normally included in a subdivision ordinance.

"Those exactions can be calculated very precisely," Moeller said. "Then the developer has to pay for that infrastructure that is a result of the development."

The county's comprehensive plan recommends an inventory of water sources in neighborhoods.

"That's one of the things I wanted our GIS Department to work on," Temple said. "Get where all the homes are, determine where the water sources are and then they could send out maps to all our fire districts."

The maps were considered important by Dorgan, who expressed surprise it has not been already done.

Once recommended comprehensive plan amendments are finalized, perhaps in February, the planning panel indicated it would tackle the review of the subdivision ordinance.

State: RCC sprinklers are a local concern

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The placement of sprinkler heads for the fire suppression system in the renovated Ruidoso Convention Center raised questions about possible performance interference.

The heads were installed higher than light fixtures, raising an issue of whether the fixtures would interfere with the flow of water when the system is activated, village officials previously explained.

New Mexico State Fire Marshal John Standefer said Wednesday that the ultimate decision lies with the Ruidoso Fire Department, which has jurisdiction.

"Let me make this real clear," he said. "For this particular facility, the Ruidoso Fire Department has jurisdiction. We work with the local authority and can help Ruidoso by agreement, but it's their project."

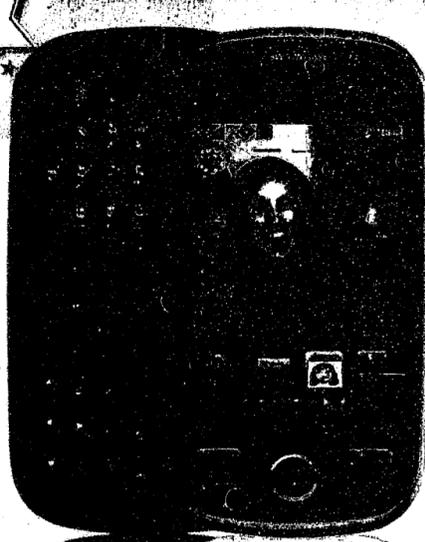
"I had our code enforcement bureau there responding to a request from the Ruidoso department, looking at two issues; the placement of the sprinkler heads in relationship to the light fixtures and some wood paneling material installed over the sheet rock where the heads were mounted, not anticipating the depth."

The conclusion of the review was that the light fixtures would not interfere, but the wood finish material still is a question, Standefer said.

"I want to search the codes," he said. "It's a gray area. It could be the code would allow it. The final decision still rests with (Ruidoso). We will give our opinion (as soon as possible)."

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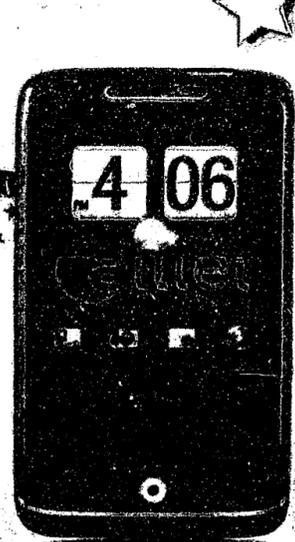
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CHALICE

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her family and returned the tunic.

Taylor turned the chalice over carefully in her hands and then saw the engraving on the bottom - in loving tribute from the DuPuy family.

"I would have bought it just to get it off the shelf," said Taylor, "but the engraving, made me wonder if I could trace it."

She made an initial attempt, but could find nothing on the DuPuy family. The chalice ended up in a box as her life intervened for a year or so. But she came across it again not long ago and thought, "Oh, my, I'd best get on that again."

So she made a determined run at the mystery on the Internet.

Before long, she came across an account of the history of the family of Sylvester Dupuy, a French immigrant who started with nothing and built up a vast ranch in California, where he made his fortune raising herds of sheep that reached some 80,000. Dupuy built a remarkable "Pyrenees Castle" on a hilltop with three-foot-thick walls. His ranch ultimately became the city of Alhambra in Southern California.

Taylor's research revealed that Dupuy's children had attended the Ramona Catholic school and on a hunch she managed to dig up a number for the school and called to find out if anyone knew anything about the Dupuy family.

The nun who took the

call knew nothing, but agreed to get hold of a retired nun who might recall the family. That contact ultimately led to the phone number of the granddaughter of Sylvester Dupuy.

And that proved the key to revealing the astonishing story of the missing chalice.

Turns out, the family had given the chalice to Father Albert Braun, a legendary priest who spent much of his life ministering to the needs of the Mescalero Apache - but who also served as a chaplain in both World War I and World War II, during which he survived the infamous Bataan Death March.

Braun grew up on the Dupuy ranch at the turn of the century where his parents were sheep herders. After he became a priest, Braun ministered to the family - performing baptisms, marriages and ceremonies.

A Franciscan, Braun was sent to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in 1916. The Mescalero had been struggling for decades to hold onto their ancestral lands and had also ultimately provided shelter to the Warm Springs and Chiricahua Apache, including the descendants of Geronimo, Cochise, Victorio and other warriors whose long, stubborn resistance had resulted in a 30-year exile and imprisonment.

Braun found a ramshackle adobe shack to serve as a church and an impoverished but deeply spiritual people to whom he immediately warmed.

He soon interrupted his mission there to volunteer



as an Army Chaplain in the trenches of World War I. A number of his Apache friends joined him, hoping to gain U.S. citizenship in return for their service. He participated in cataclysmic battles like Meuse-Argonne, a climactic effort to break the long stalemate on the Western Front that cost 117,000 U.S. casualties and 70,000 French casualties to an estimated 120,000 German casualties. The battle would prove to be the most costly single battle in U.S. history.

Instead of remaining safe in the trenches, Braun charged the German defenses with the men in his company. He was soon wounded. However, he refused to return to safety. Instead, he continued to tend to the dying and wounded.

He returned to the Mescalero Reservation after the war. There, he somehow managed to build a large, stone church - using \$100 in Army pay

to start the building fund.

He remained with the Mescalero until 1940, when he once again volunteered to serve as an Army Chaplain on the brink of the U.S. entry into World War II. He and several Apache volunteers were dispatched to the Philippines. When that island fell in 1942, the Japanese marched some 75,000 American and Filipino prisoners of war roughly 60 miles. Only about 54,000 of the prisoners survived the journey.

Despite near-fatal beatings, Braun insisted on saying Mass for the prisoners, finally winning grudging Japanese acceptance. He was ultimately sent to a prison camp in Japan, from which he was liberated in 1945. At that time, the 6-foot-tall priest had dwindled from 195 to 115 pounds and suffered from diphtheria, pellagra and malaria.

After the war, the fearless priest returned to his missionary work, although

he could no longer withstand the rigors of his mission among the Apache. Instead, he was posted to Phoenix where he worked with a fearful and dispossessed Hispanic community. He said to his new parishioners, "bring me a brick and together we will build a church."

Once again, the indomitable priest inspired the construction of a beautiful church for an impoverished people who had nowhere to worship.

Father Braun died in 1983. Generals, archbishops, priests and Apache elders attended his funeral. They built a statue in his honor near the church he built in Phoenix, but they buried him where his heart had always lain - with the Mescalero.

It was from the church he built in Phoenix in 1985 that someone stole the engraved golden chalice the Dupuy family had given him decades ago. "I can't understand how anyone could steal something from a church," said Taylor, "but people do."

Ironically enough, Braun's chalice disappeared at about the same time someone stole the Easy Company tunic of Taylor's father.

The chalice vanished from the record for almost a quarter century, until Taylor found it sitting silently on that thrift store shelf. Its discovery seems just as unlikely and fitting as the return of Taylor's father's tunic, after a similar dwelling in darkness.

"I wish I knew where it has been, what it has seen, all this while," said Taylor.

The Dupuy family was delighted with the discovery, but they knew where

the chalice belonged - with Father Braun on the Mescalero Reservation.

So Taylor contacted officials on the Apache reservation, who were similarly happy. They said they would enshrine the chalice in a niche near the altar. They urged Taylor to send it along quickly, so they could use it once again for Christmas Mass.

So the chalice went home, charged once more with the spirit of the man who murmured the rites for the dead and the blessings on the living in the trenches of World War I, on the terrible path of the death march, in a wilderness of lost hope for an abused people, and in a church for the dispossessed he built with donated bricks.

"I suppose it means there's hope for all of us who are lost," concluded Taylor.

The chalice arrived at Mescalero earlier this month.

"It was really exciting for us because we are building a collection of Father Al's for a museum once the (St. Joseph Apache Mission) restoration is done," said Mary Serna, restoration co-director and administrator. "We're excited to have the chalice here. It's another piece of the puzzle. We are collecting things of Father Al's history."

The golden cup is currently on display at the restoration office's visitors' center. Serna said it was not used for Christmas Mass because St. Joseph's uses Native American vessels for Holy Community.

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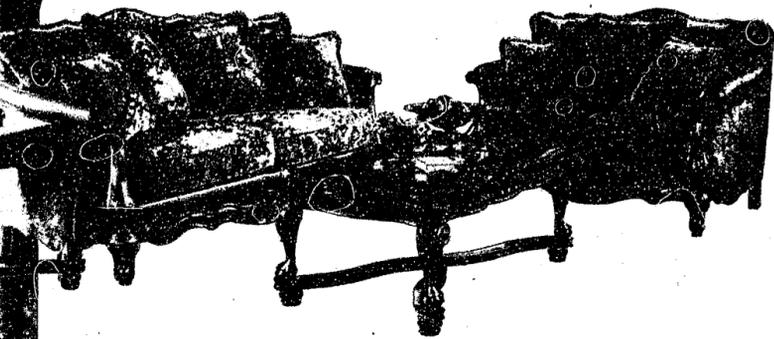
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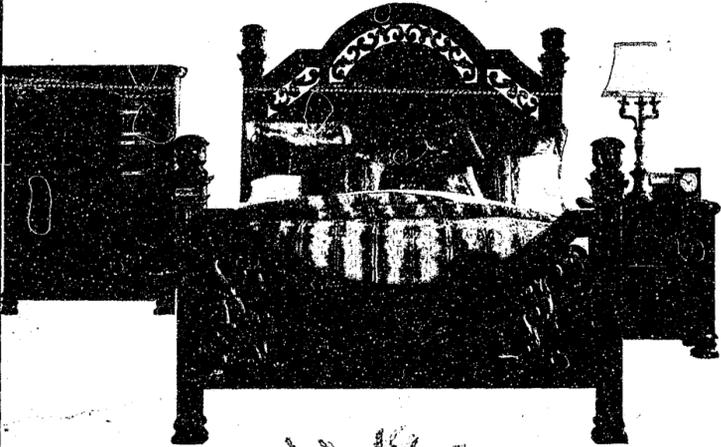
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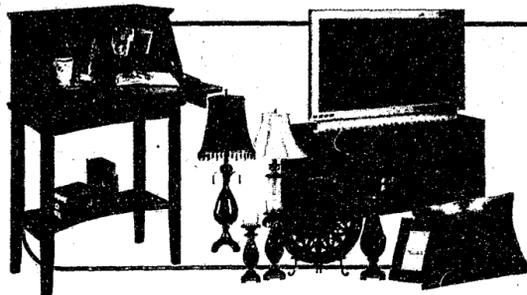
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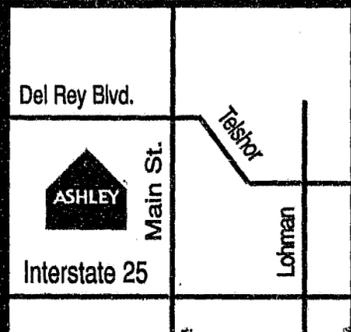
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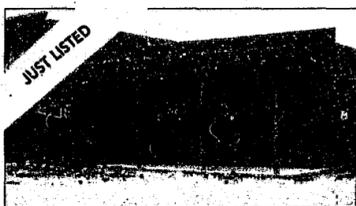
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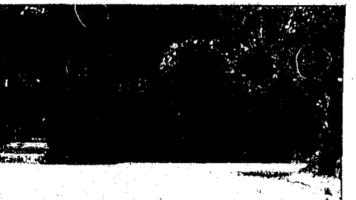
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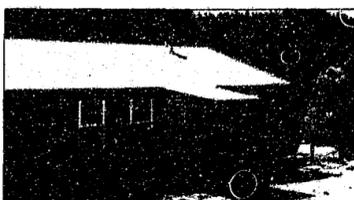
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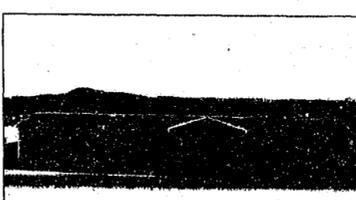
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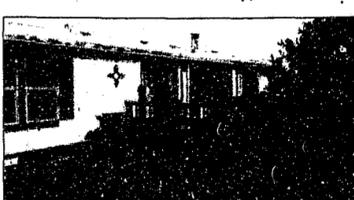
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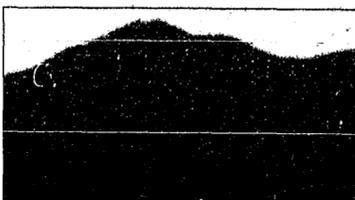
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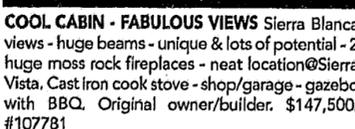
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Ski Report

Ski Apache
For the first time this year the top of the mountain will be open Jan. 8. Chino and Moonshine Gulch runs will be operational. As of this report Gondola is the only way to the top but Chair No. 1 is under consideration. 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.

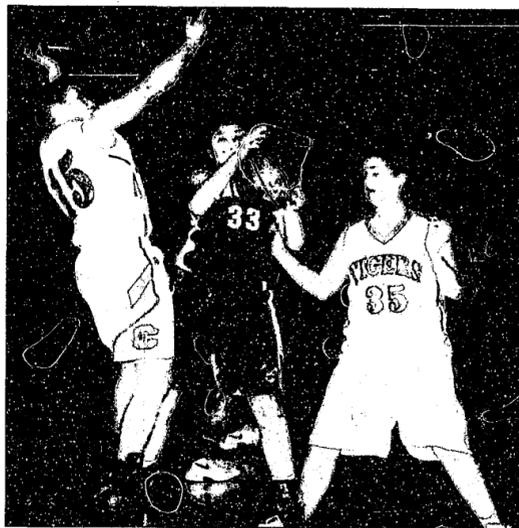
New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches
Season total: 26 inches
Snowmaking: Yes
Mid-mountain snow: 26 inches
Snow surface: Machine groomed
Weather for Friday: Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day. High 54F. Winds WNW at 10 to 15 mph. Friday evening, clear to partly cloudy. Low around 30F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.

Weather for Saturday: More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Capitan Heavy, Lower Moonshine, Lower Spruce and Lower Sierra Blanca Trail
Lifts open: No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 7. Gondola open, weather permitting

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Girls
Thursday, Jan. 6-8
Smokey Bear Classic in Capitan, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Friday, Jan. 7
Socorro at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 8
Ruidoso at Silver High, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11
Silver High at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Boys
Thursday, Jan. 6-8
Smokey Bear Classic in Capitan, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Friday, Jan. 7
Dexter at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 8
Goddard at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11
Ruidoso at Hot Springs, 7 p.m.



Hondo's Salena Chavez tries for two while Capitan's Dustee Eldridge (No. 15) and Kaitlin Keaton defend.



Capitan's Strait Sedillo tries a tangled-legs shot as Adrian Vasquez gets close in.

Eagles swoop down on Tigers

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The Hondo Eagles boys/girls teams ventured out of their nests, flew off to Capitan Tuesday and feasted on the Capitan Tigers twice. The Lady Eagles downed the Capitan girls 43-35 on the hardwood and the Hondo boys nudged the Tigers, 54-52.

The Capitan boys JV team salvaged some Tiger self-respect by outlasting their Hondo counterparts, 57-53. The JV girls did not play.

"The Lady Eagles played their most complete defensive game to date,"

"The Lady Eagles played their most complete defensive game to date."

Brad Holland
Hondo Head Coach

Hondo head coach Brad Holland said. "They've struggled some this year but Tuesday they played four quarters of sound basketball. Their defensive efforts kept us in the game."

By the end of the first quarter the Lady Eagles jumped out to a 10-3 lead. In the second period of play both squads scored 12 each and went to the locker

rooms with the visitors up 22-15. The Lady Tigers had put themselves back in the game with a strong eight-minute exertion.

The third quarter saw more of the same as both teams kept pace with one another by dumping in 11 each. In the last eight minutes of play the Lady Eagles keep the Capitan girls at bay by outscoring the home team 10-9 and went on to take an eight-point win.

Two of the Lady Eagles hit double digits with Felicia Chavez dumping in 14 and Valeria Lerma scoring 11.



Three-year-old Jordan Holland, son of Hondo head coach Brad Holland, gets some valuable floor time.

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Big changes in store for 2011 college baseball

ROCKY WARD
For the Sun-News

The college baseball season is just around the corner with team practices starting Jan. 28, our alumni game on Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. and opening day on

Feb. 18 versus Houston Baptist at 2 p.m. Our schedule features 31 home games.

Big changes are set to take place for this year's season, changes that are designed to speed up play and reduce the number of

runs scored through a significant reduction in home runs hit. We will play with a pitch clock for the first time and the NCAA's new bat regulations have taken effect. Both new rules will have a major impact on how the game will be

played. The pitch clock will not be a visible clock as you are used to seeing in football and basketball. The umpire will keep the time on the field. The rule is simple. The pitcher will have 20 seconds to throw a pitch

once he receives the ball on the mound. If the pitcher does not throw the pitch in the 20-second time frame, then a "ball" will be called. If the hitter is not in the batters' box and ready once the clock reaches five seconds, then the pitch does

not have to be thrown and a "strike" will be called. The rule will only be in force when there are no runners on base and is designed to speed up the game.

The second major rule

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On any given Sunday

Any given Sunday anything can happen. On any given Sunday David can slay Goliath although it doesn't happen often. Redemption is defined as salvation or deliverance from sin.

Christmas and the New Year is about love; family, friends, peace, hope and spiritual reflection. I experienced it all this Christmas in New York.

This is dedicated to the memory of a little dog named Patsy and it shows us

how a little dog, a killer, family, the fates, and football can bring us together if we let it.

I walked into Griffin's Bar in Staten Island, New York, and sat in the corner, which was the only open seat at the bar. I looked over at a sea of patrons standing by the bar.

Many of them were middle aged and beer bellied, and sporting blue N.Y. Giant's jerseys. They stared; seemingly mesmerized at the TV as they

watched their beloved Giants who

were initially up 31-10 lose to the Eagles on a Desean Jackson punt return touchdown as time expired.

I had waited an hour for a small bar pie, arguably the best thin crust pizza in New York, only to return from the bathroom to see a 450-pound, 6-foot 6-inch behemoth of a man nibbling away on one of my four slices.

It was the "Mute." We both grew up in the same neighborhood although he did not know me. He tried to talk but a non-developed larynx had left him speechless at

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HOOPS

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Kaitlin Keaton pumped in 13 for the Lady Tigers and team-mate, Dusty Rae Eldridge, contributed 11.

The Hondo girls improved their overall record to 6-3 while their Capitan counterparts fell to 3-5.

The boys game took on a different personality altogether — a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde persona, if you

will.

In the first 16 minutes of play the Capitan Tigers looked strong outscoring Hondo 10-6 in the first quarter and 17-13 in the second to take a 27-19 lead at the half. In the second half Hondo put on their game faces and outdid the Tigers 18-10 in the third period and 17-15 in the last eight minutes of play to take a narrow two-point victory.

"We didn't play well at all in the first half,"

Holland said. "We were down by eight at the half but tied it 37-all at the end of the third quarter. Fortunately we scored two more points than they did in the fourth period and that was the margin of victory. Capitan played hard in the first half but we were able to make some layups in transition in the last half. It was a hard fought contest by both teams."

Luis Montañó and German Lerma hit double digits for Hondo with 21

and 17 points, respectively.

Capitan's Rudy Chavez dropped in 13 and Dustin Blowers pushed in 10.

Both Hondo and Capitan are having a good season so far with identical 5-2 overall records.

Next up for both squads will be Capitan's Smokey Bear Classic which will have started Thursday. Capitan will have taken on Corona while Hondo had the unenviable task of facing off against No. 1 Hagerman.



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Hondo's Billy Candelaria attempts to get around Capitan defenders, John Goodwin (NO. 14) and Dustin Blowers.

RULES

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change is in the performance of the bat. Within a couple of weeks towards the end of last season, the NCAA declared all bats previously used in college to be illegal and instituted a new bat standard called the

BBCOR. The NCAA rules committee has strived for the last 20 years to develop reliable bat performance measurements that would force bat companies to make aluminum bats that perform like wood. The committees wanted to make the changes initially because it was thought that the aluminum bat had become dangerous, which

was not supported by NCAA injury data. They are now making the changes because of long game times and high scores that the committee believes is not in the best interest of the game.

In the past, they have not had much success, but it looks as if they have succeeded. We were able to use the new Demarini BBCOR

bats during our fall workouts and found that the ball does respond to the bat very much like wood. A typical aluminum bat in the past would exit the ball around 100 mph and typical wood bat exits the ball around 95 mph. This equates to about a 25-foot difference in how far a ball will carry. The performance difference will be significant.

In our fall statistics from last year, we hit 75 home runs, but only hit 22 home runs this fall. Aggie baseball is well established as an elite-hitting team. Over the past 10 years we are second in total home runs hit, second in total runs scored, second in batting average, first in slugging percentage and first in on-base percentage. We

believe that the new bat standards will reduce our numbers significantly, but will impact our opponents more. Expect shorter games, with lower scores and a significant reduction in home runs hit for the 2010 season.

Rocky Ward is the head baseball coach at New Mexico State

SUNDAY

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birth. His friend explained to me that he was just hungry. I devoured my remaining three slices and several people left the bar around halftime: A guy around 37-years-of-age sat down next to me.

It turns out I went to school with both of his sisters. His name is Lee and I quickly recalled that his oldest sister had tragically run away from home at 16 and like so many of the "milk carton" kids she was never seen or heard from

again. Lee was waiting for his friend and he explained his theory on drinking.

He pounded the beers down during the Giants game but since he was staying for the Jet's game, which followed, he would only drink Cokes so he could drive home sober.

A few minutes later I stared in amazement as the Killer approached. I turned as the tall, sandy haired man with the herculean physique extended a handshake. I felt the enormous grip strength that was still in his right hand.

"Hello Doctor," Killer

Mark Kowalski said with a smile, which was a reference to the Doctor Demento show from the 70s.

I have not seen the Killer since high school. We called him "Killer" not in reference to the old time wrestler with the same last name but for the way he killed the baseball. He was one of the best baseball prospects in the city when we were kids.

He had squandered a dream opportunity, a try-out with the Milwaukee Brewers. On that fateful day he had consumed several six packs of beer before his tryout.

I offered him a beer. He told me he only drank soda these days and since high school he had fallen into a host of addictions; alcohol, crack and later heroin. I mentioned Redemption. Since the age of 37 he is completely sober and he has a wife, two beautiful children and he has a high position with the Transit Authority.

After a few minutes his pizzas were ready and we said our goodbyes. I remembered Killer's father was always there for him. I had told the dad years ago that hope was eternal when he fretted over his son's substance abuse problems. I had recently told the same thing to a good friend from back east who has since beat cancer and reunited with his son. HOPE IS ETERNAL.

The mood turned somber as the Giants lost. I had not heard so many expletives since I had moved out of New York. I looked around the bar and the former sea of blue jerseys were now half green-NY Jet's green. I stayed through the first half but I was tired from watching the full lunar eclipse the previous night, the first since 1638. As I left I said goodbye to Lee who was still drinking, obviously ecstatic that at least the Jets were on the road to victory over the Steelers. He decided to stay at his friend's home rather than drive home, which is always a good idea.

I always worry when things are going too well. I was having my best Christmas ever. The kids were playing with their gifts. My wife and her seven siblings, my kids, my mother-in-law and their nieces and nephews

were having a great time. After a delicious prime rib dinner we were having a wonderful visit chatting in the living room. One of my sisters in law's dogs, a beautiful golden brown Boxer named Patsy, was having a ball running around the house. At the end of the night I helped take packages out to the cars that were parked in the street. All I could utter was "Stop." It happened so fast. The dog darted out of the house toward us and was hit by an approaching car and hurled thirty feet down the road. The driver and his wife stopped and cried and within minutes we were at the Vet's office and Patsy was put to sleep due to massive internal bleeding. Things can turn on a dime. We were having a blessed Christmas until Patsy died.

The next day, which was a Sunday, like every other New Yorker we watched the blizzard descend on us dropping over 20 inches of snow as New York came to a standstill - her roads impassable. I mentioned David slaying Goliath. The Sanitation Department with their force of 6,500 workers had seen 400 sanitation workers laid off prior to the holidays and 100 additional supervisors were demoted.

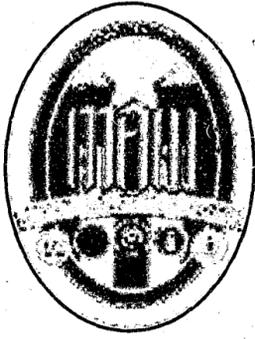
The storm and the Department of Sanitation brought Goliath to her knees. Mayor Bloomberg in this case epitomized Goliath. It has been alleged that the workers "slowed down" to protest the firings and affluent neighborhoods were not plowed properly with the exception being Manhattan bike lanes. Most of the outer boroughs

were not plowed at all. Some faulted the Mayor for not declaring a state of emergency. Moreover, innocent people suffered. A baby and several elderly people perished because ambulances could not get through the snow-clogged streets. Sadly, if this was a war between Sanitation and the Mayor then these victims were collateral damage. Will Bloomberg be dethroned, as were other mayors such as New York's Mayor Lindsay, Chicago's, Bilandic and Baltimore's Mayor Marion Barry following their respective snowstorms mismanagement? It is said, "Watch what you wish for." You may get it. Bloomberg with his wealth and power forced the City to rescind term limits allowing him to run and win a third term. In this Faustian bargain he won the election but how will he be able to govern a city when sanitation, firemen, and police will likely be fired or lost through attrition?

Patsy was an innocent dog that just wanted to run. New York residents just wanted to get out of their homes and go to work and take care of their families.

Sanitation workers just wanted to keep their jobs and the Mayor wanted to make needed budget cuts to fix an ailing economy. There are no easy answers.

Any given Sunday there are winners and losers in football and in life. Come from behind victories and redemption does occur because hope is eternal. We must keep the faith. It is my hope that the spirit of the holidays can help renew our faith in our fellow man.



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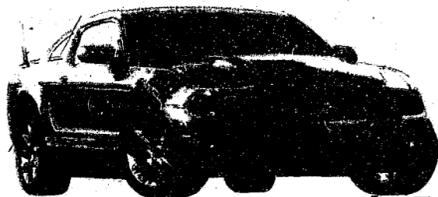
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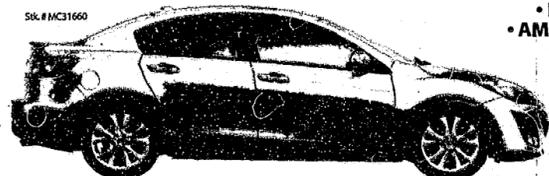


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RELIGION

Who goes to hell?

Q. Yesterday, my little grandson told me he was terrified of going to hell. For a moment, I didn't know how to reassure him.

Then, I told him he shouldn't worry because very few people are going to hell. Most people who do bad things are actually going to heaven because they don't realize they're making mistakes.

Next, I said to him, "I love you, right? If it was up to me, do you think I would send you to hell?"

"Never!" he replied. "Then, how could God send you to hell when he loves you much, much more than I do?" He was relieved.

Our talk got me thinking.

How can we believe that God could create a place of suffering for certain people that no human being could endure?

And those torments

are supposed to last not one minute, one hour, or 1,000 years, but eternally? Does God's sense of justice require this? That sort of justice makes God look like not infinitely good, but like an infinitely horrendous ogre. By comparison, the cruel and capricious Greek and Roman gods look like angels.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

I read somewhere that when early Christian

Church leaders were deciding on dogmas about hell, some thought it was not eternal but temporary, and that God is so good that at some point He would forgive even those in hell and bring them to heaven.

The hardliners, however, won and defined hell as they wanted it. But doesn't the parable of the prodigal son teach us that for God, the highest form of justice is attained not through punishment but through love, com-

passion and forgiveness?

Are we stuck forever with this infernal dogma that scares little children, or are theologians talking of changes?

- C., via email

A. Your grandson is lucky to have such a wise and loving grandfather. I agree with your comforting answer to him. Before getting into the thorny theological questions, let me first share with you my experience listening to children's questions about what happens after we die.

The most important thing is to listen to the questions behind the questions. Before you answer a child (or even an adult because this truth applies to both), ask, "Why is that question important to you?" In questions about heaven and hell, my experience is that what kids are really concerned about is not life after death but death itself. Death is the first thing they encounter that's forever.

"Forever" is a frightening concept for anyone. We want to know that everything will be OK, and death makes things pro-

foundly not OK. We need to understand that death is a natural part of life—that everyone dies. Death is not punishment, but part of the way God created the world.

Very young children can't fully understand these concepts, but in time, as long as they feel confident of your love, they'll grasp the ultimate decree of our finitude. I suspect your grandson is more afraid of death than hell. Hell just intensifies his fear because he's begun to imagine there's something even worse than death that comes after we die.

I think your loving response to him was perfect. You calmed him without painting a vision of death that's naive and false to the facts of our lives.

As for hell (and heaven) as theological concepts, there are things I'd say just to you. There's a part of the theology of hell that we want and need, and that a good and just God had to create. Hell serves as the place where our belief in the moral order of the universe is finally set right. Hell is the place where truly evil people receive the punishment

they deserve. This is not vengeance, but justice—justice often denied in this life but finally delivered after death.

There must be a place, a different kind of place, for Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, Idi Amin and every unrepentant murderer, torturer and purveyor of cruelty to other human beings made in the image of God. Perhaps there is no hell and perhaps these human monsters find the same fate after death as saints and good Samaritans, but I don't believe that.

I believe in hell as the place where God sets the scales of justice right. This idea of hell is the opposite of stories of the gods of Mount Olympus; their demands on people were not moral but vain, self-serving and capricious. You must understand that difference.

The reason your grandson is not going to hell is not because God loves him more than you love him and the fact that you don't want him to go to hell.

He's safe because he's a good boy, not an evil boy, and he hasn't done anything really bad. It's not just love that will bring him into heaven, but love and justice.

There's one big problem with hell talk. While we can all agree that Hitler went to hell, what about the good people who don't accept Jesus as their savior? This theological dispute has divided Christians and non-Christians for 2,000 years. Christian theologians are still divided about whether good non-Christians can go to heaven, or whether their refusal to accept the "good news" (Gospel) of Jesus' atoning death and resurrection damns them to hell.

As a fairly decent non-Christian, I clearly have a vested interest in this debate but I also have a calm attitude about it. Heaven and hell are not places, but mysteries—mysteries that will be cleared up only after we die. I'm ready to wait for that theological resolution.

For now, I'm happy to hug my grandson, Zeke, and my granddaughter, Daisy, and tell them that when terrors come, "Everything will be all right. I love you. Good night."

That may not be enough for heaven, but it's enough for me now. I pray that it will be enough for them and for your dear grandson.

Time to render unto Caesar

Taxes, tax time, confusion and other trying times.

Before we get too carried away, let us remember that Jesus paid his taxes, but don't you plan on finding a gold coin in a fish's mouth.

One of the things that bothers me about paying taxes is this ... you have to be a New York

lawyer to figure them out. With the new tax laws that are coming on board, who really knows how to figure your taxes.

Thousands of pages of restrictions, classification and regulations are beyond the average American's comprehension.

Bureaucrats and elected officials are going to do their best to feather their own nests and get as much money from the citizen as they possibly can.

We are all going to be hit hard in trying to supply the various levels of government with all their presumed operating costs.

This is a religious column and I know that some of you who read it are going to question why I might get into an issue like taxes.

Well, it is my commit-

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

ment to give the Lord the tithe, the 10 percent. I gladly support the Lord's work without complaint.



Claryfications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

But my total taxes paid last year, local, county, state, and federal approximated 40 percent of my income.

And I am not in a high tax bracket. I am retired with social security, retirement, and I have a partial salary from the

church. I am thankful for that income, but the various governments have their hands in my pocket. So I have very little discretionary money.

I am really at the point of believing that the government has grown to the point that we can't afford it.

I would really like to know the total number of governmental employees on every level that help me as a citizen and how much it costs for them to help me.

I might be able to get along very well without their help.

Now I am not talking about the police, firemen, and military personnel. But, I wonder about the bureaucrats that are workers who make tons of money and produce nothing for the economy.

And, I suppose that I am concerned about their influence on the elected officials who take their word about what needs to be done in government.

A friend of mine once said that he would not tip a waitperson more than he gave to the Lord, so he put a 10 percent limit on a tip.

So, I would suggest that we establish a flat tax of 10 percent that would cover all levels of government.

I would love to see that 10 percent of my income go to promote the Kingdom of God and 10 percent go to the function of government in the U.S.A. on all levels.

That would give me help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Blanche Geneva Spencer Love left to live with her Lord and Savior on Monday peacefully at about 2:00 pm on the third of January 2011. She had been suffering from heart disease for several years. She was born in Benton, Arkansas on 18 August 1925. Soon thereafter, her father abandoned the family and her mother, Mattie Reynolds, was forced to work many hours in a cotton spinning mill to support Blanche, her sister, Montie, brothers Carrol and Reginald.

She leaves behind two of the 3 sons she raised from birth, Donald Ray Spencer of Carrizozo, Richard Lee Spencer, and Weldon Spencer Jr. and wife Jane of Alto, nieces Janet Lawrence Nolan and her husband John Nolan of England, and cousin Larry Lawrence of Santa Fe. On May 17, 2010, she found her son Richard after returning from shopping in town. He apparently had died suddenly at the age of 62 of an apparent heart attack. She also found her sister, Marlene the same way while visiting her in Houston. Her younger brother, Reginald Reynolds also died of a heart attack while loading hay on a hot summer night in Arkansas. Most of the Spencer and Reynolds men were veterans of foreign wars in either WWII, Vietnam or Panama. Carroll Reynolds lost a leg as a young Marine on the beaches of Iwo Jima and suffered mentally & physically from the injury for the remainder of his life. Blanche met and married her first love, Weldon O Spencer while she worked in a candy shop in Magnolia, AR. Soon thereafter, as the war broke out, W.O. volunteered for the duration and was sent to North Africa and Italy in 1944 as a tail gunner on B24's. Blanche made an arduous journey to his training base at Riverside, CA to say goodbye to W.O. just before he went overseas. While there, Weldon Junior was born on 31 Dec. 1944, and with the kind help of strangers she was finally able to return to her home town of Malvern where friends and family could help her recover from the birth and the long journey. Mom & Dad loved flying and received their private pilots license in the 1960's while training in Brownfield, TX. When not running their cotton gin near Plains, TX, Mom & W.O. traveled extensively in the US and Canada in the plane. Since it was only a 4-place plane, we 3 boys usually fought over the privilege of staying home, unsupervised, and having some grand parties while they were gone. They were divorced after 24 years and Weldon Sr. is currently retired in Del Rio, TX fishing and enjoying the warm weather. After her divorce, she worked at various jobs and later moved to Ruidoso and purchased the Modern Tots & Teens clothing store near the old newspaper office and the Ruidoso State Bank. After several years of successfully running the business, she met a kind man, Leon Love, they married and moved to Odessa. Blanche was preceded in death by her son Richard, her second husband Leon Love, and 3rd husband, Brian B. Love of Albuquerque, her sister, Montie Laurence of Houston, her brothers Reginald and Carrol, and mother, Mattie Reynolds of Malvern, AR. Blanche was a member of the local Eastern Star Lodge, was past president of the Hospital Auxiliary, member of the Sacramento Mountain Village Wellness Group, and the 1st Methodist Church. Until the past few months she was active at marketing natural dietary food supplements and other fine products from the Shaklee corporation which brought improved health and relief to many of her friends and relatives scattered all over the US and England. Her only weakness was not ever saying no to anyone who needed money or help.

Join us to celebrate the life of Blanche Geneva Spencer Love Sat the 8th at 2:pm at the Community United Methodist Church.

Leslie Sterling Payne

A memorial service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., January 7, 2011 at Christ Church in the Downs 604 W. Harris Lane, Ruidoso Downs, NM for Leslie Sterling Payne 93, who passed on January 4, 2011 at Mission Arch Care Center. Pastor Al Lane of Christ Church in the Downs will officiate. Cremation has taken place according to his wishes.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Leaving behind 35 years of the best job ever

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It has not only been a career that he felt he was born to, but working in the field of rangeland and watershed management for the USDA Soil Conservation Service has been 35 years of enjoyment for Hollis Fuchs.

On Dec. 31, 2010, Fuchs cleaned out his government desk, boxed up his awards and recognitions and "went to the house."

The end of an era for Fuchs, he officially retired from his position as Area Conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Southern Area in New Mexico.

Fuchs has had numerous job titles including Range Conservationist, Soil Conservationist, Natural Resource Specialist, Area Manager (BLM), District Conservationist (SCS and NRCS), Team Leader (NRCS), and his most recent, Area Conservationist or Area Director.

"It's not a reality just yet," he said two days before his last day. "I guess when I don't come back on Monday it will seem more real. But I don't have any trouble with change and I'm excited about having the time to do some other things."

Fuchs' career also included time with the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Salmon District, Idaho, and the Safford District, Arizona.

For SCS and NRCS he has worked at numerous duty stations in New Mexico, including Albuquerque, Capitan, Magdalena, Roswell, Los Lunas, Mountainair, Las Cruces, and Carrizozo.

He also spent eight years as a self-employed entrepreneur involved in woodworking and cabinet work in building construc-



COURTESY

Hollis Fuchs turned in his keys to his USDA Service Center office last week, ending a 35-year career in rangeland and watershed management. Fuchs is a Lincoln County native who found great pleasure in serving the agricultural community in the county where his roots run deep.

tion. A native Lincoln County and a third generation resident, Fuchs graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1966 and received a Bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University in 1971.

"My job with NRCS has basically been 'helping people help the land' through the U.S. government's private lands conservation agency," said Fuchs.

"Early in my natural resources career, I began to realize that people may be our most important natural resource. I came to realize that the people I was raised with, my family and our farm and ranch neighbors were the best caretakers of the land I knew. In my many years of working for private land conservation, I've learned that people take the best care of what they own or have a significant investment in."

Fuchs said that he was raised in and around agriculture and brought up with a land-use ethic, believing that resources are here to use and take care of.

"Take care of the land, use it correctly and it will take care of you," he said. "The non-regulatory SCS/NRCS approach of working with people, providing knowledge and incentives instead of a regulatory hammer is an approach that has always made sense to me."

Through the NRCS, Fuchs published a book in 2000 called *Historic Increases in Woody Vegetation in Lincoln County, New Mexico*.

For the book Fuchs located historical photos of areas in the county from a century or so ago and then went to the exact spot the old photo was taken and took a modern photo to show how the "woody vegetation" has encroached on the once open spaces.

In working on the book, Fuchs gained a passion for the history of Lincoln County.

"I'm retiring to a life of less travel, intense responsibility and pressure, and more physical activity," he said. "I've got hundreds of old Lincoln County landscape photos to retake, his-

tory to research, and a book to write and publish. I've learned some things about rangeland and watershed management that can perhaps be applied in useful ways."

"When asked what my best job has been, it is easy for me to say, Range Conservationist at Carrizozo," Fuchs said.

"It was the most enjoyable job I ever had. I was in the field almost every day, working with what is for me the best farmers and ranchers in the best place in the world. Don't get me wrong, the Area Director job I retired from was great, but it was administrative and supervisory, very little hands-on work in the field with people."

Fuchs said that over the years he learned more from the farmers and ranchers he worked with than he ever learned in college.

"It has been great to take knowledge of soil, plants, engineering and agriculture, and work with people to improve the land where it is needed," he said.

"It is one of the more rewarding professions I can

think of. There is no question in my mind that many, many good things have been accomplished working with people on the ground, and people in my profession can point to accomplishments that are tangible, real, and needed.

"What more could a person ask for in a job? I'm proud of some of the things I've seen accomplished. For one thing, we learned from our experiences with the drought of the 1950s. Severe drought is a traumatic event, but more recent ones have had far less impact on the environment and agriculturists have better dealt with them than in the past."

Fuchs said his biggest adventure "on the job" was while working for the BLM, being a collateral duty wildland firefighter in various positions including Helitack and Class 3 Fire Boss.

"Some of the people I



had the privilege of working with ended up being members of the top level Incident Teams in the U.S. Getting to log many hours flying in helicopters and light planes, often times in remote areas, was a lot of fun and enabled me to learn a great deal about fire behavior and fire ecology. I would not have otherwise had this kind of experience, which proved to be important later in my career.

"This experience enabled me to understand that

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All it took was a bomb squad

Every hundred years or so, any old homestead inevitably becomes the destination for an "event." That, of course, requires cleaning up and cleaning out a century worth of valued "treasures" and piles of "I might need that" items.

A wedding was about to happen in the old horse barn at the Terrell Ranch in the Kansas Flint Hills.

One hundred years of "treasures" and dust would need to be sorted, organized and tossed, or not. However, there

must first be a place to put the items deemed worthy of saving.

The old tin garage next to the house was the perfect place to store the relocated treasures, but as you might imagine, first it must also be cleaned out.

Back in the 1950s, one could still buy dynamite at the local hardware store. Mr. Terrell, Sr., and his hired man used whatever good excuse they could contrive to blow up some of the geography around the ranch.

Road clearing and building water tanks commonly led to the use of dynamite.

Just a kid at the time, Jim Terrell learned that whenever his father yelled, "Run like hell and get behind the truck!" it was a good idea to do so quickly because imminent rocks would be flying.

The dynamite, when not being used to change the terrain of the Kansas Flint Hills, was stored in the old tin garage. Yes, the one that was next to the house.

Jim grew up and passed on the same warning to his son Jake, "Stay out of the corner of the old tin garage where the dynamite is stored."

For 50 years, they both did just that.

With Jake's wedding approaching, it was time to tackle the clean-up.

Jim and Jake decided that before they began cleaning out the nuts, bolts, nails; tools, barbed wire, pipe and other century old collections, they should venture into the forbidden corner of the old tin garage and get rid of the old dynamite.

They considered it prudent to get some expert advice on the procedure, so Jake called the county sheriff while Jim went off to town.

The next thing Jim knew, he was summoned back to the ranch while his son was hauled off to be

interrogated.

Every local law enforcement agency, fire department with their EMTs, along with the Wichita Bomb Squad and the FBI converged on the ranch.

It seemed very logical to friends and family that Jim's profile as a middle-aged, single white male, educated and living in an isolated, remote ranch house set off ripples of suspicion in Washington, D.C.

The two mobile bomb squad command center semi-trucks could not make it across the river to the ranch headquarters, so a table was confiscated and an elaborate bank of computers was set up on it while men in bomb-proof suits patrolled the area.

Finally the doors of the second command unit were open and out rolled the bomb robot.

Of course the robot had never heard Mr. Ferrell, Sr.'s "Run like hell and get behind the truck!" or the "Stay out of the corner of the garage," warnings.

The robot boldly brought the case of old

dynamite out of the garage, past all the nuts, bolts and nails (shrapnel as defined by the government) while the bomb squad made a bed of hay.

After the robot nested the crate in the hay, the men in the bomb suits doused it with diesel and set it afire - a high-tech solution for the situation such that it was.

The advice Jim and Jake sought was finally delivered. Told that the nitroglycerin had leaked into soil and contaminated the garage, they were instructed to burn it all down.

Somewhere in Heaven, Jim's mother, Anabel, was undoubtedly smiling.

The eyesore she always hated, not to mention one with dynamite in it, was going down, and the homestead was getting cleaned up for a very happy event.

All it took was a bomb squad to get done what she never could.

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FUCHS

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historic and prehistoric fire played a significant role in shaping Southwestern ecosystems, and that the absence of fire for the past approximately 100 years has had a profound impact on the landscapes around us.

"There is a phenomenal long-term fire history written on many of our landscapes if we are observant enough to see it."

Fuchs lists his father, Ewald Fuchs, as his greatest mentor.

"He was a fourth generation agriculturist descended from German Texans," Fuchs said. "He was the hardest working, most honest and forthright person I've known and he gave me my work ethic and taught me to observe the little things on the land. As I look back, I realize this

humble man of the land had a phenomenal understanding of ecology."

"My late brother, Sherrill 'Archie' Fuchs, who was 21 years older than me, was another great mentor," Fuchs said.

"Having received a degree in Agriculture from New Mexico A&M (later NMSU) and a career with the Soil Conservation Service, he was a special brother, and my professional mentor."

"Another mentor, was Dub Williams, probably the best teacher I ever had," Fuchs said. "He knew me when I was small enough to stand up in the seat next to my Dad in our old GMC pickup. It is hazardous to name a 'best teacher' because I honestly had a number of great ones, including the late H.L. Traylor and Pat Valliant, both principals. But Dub is special."

Fuchs and his wife Linda, an English teacher



Hollis and Linda Fuchs look forward to spending time with their family and maybe even fit in a little time to travel now that Hollis has retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services.



COURTESY

at Capitan High School, have two sons, Eric and Nathan, and five grandchildren ages 9-18.

"I've got a wonderful wife who will retire before long, and there are things we've put off doing for too

long," said Fuchs.

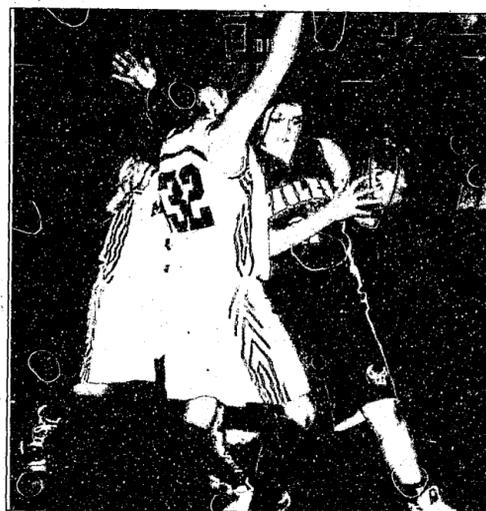
"Our oldest grandson, Nekoda, graduates from high school this year, and we wonder where the years have gone. There are no friends like old friends, and we've put off seeing some of

them for far too long.

"Life is short, and we enjoy living it, and so we will in retirement."

According to Fuchs, the USDA Area headquarters office will be moving to Las Cruces in 2011, and the

new Area Director will report for work there. Some Area staff positions will remain in Carrizozo for the time being, but eventually all of the Area positions will be moved to Las Cruces.



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Smokey Bear Tournament action in Capitan started Thursday and will continue through Saturday. Above left and far right, Hondo scrambles with Mescalero with a final score of Mescalero 43, Hondo 38. Center, Carrizozo fell to Hagerman, 45-24.

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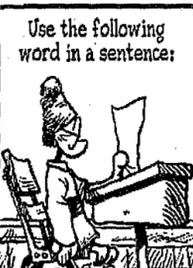
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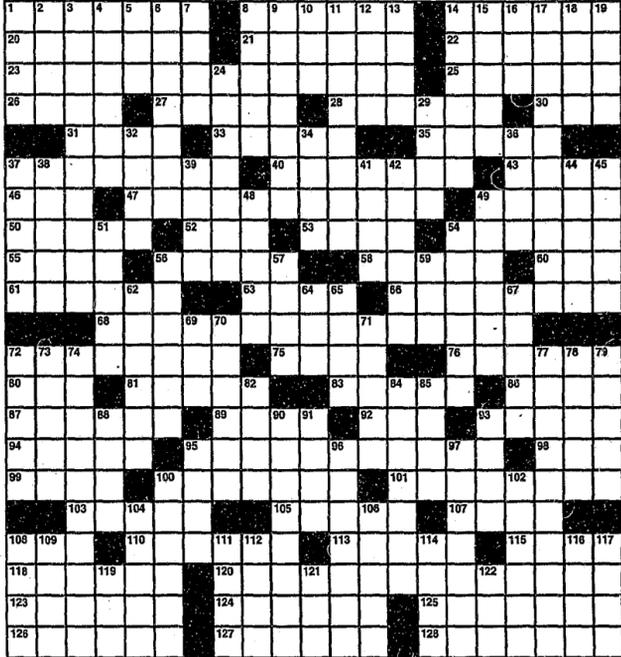
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- 128 Paddle-wheel craft 1 Hammett canine 2 Believed, to Tweety 3 Smooch in the shadows 4 Aggressive pinballer 5 It might mean "I'm hungry!" 6 Hero's birthplace? 7 Narcissus snubbed her 8 "The Nutcracker" 9 1859-'60 heavyweight champ 10 Rectal rebuke 11 Totally 12 "Grace Before Meat" essayist 13 Some bar shots 14 Climbed 15 Shots 16 Mozart's birthplace, now: Abbr.

- 17 Goat's friend? 18 Boating on the briny 19 Set of questions 24 "It couldn't be worse!" 29 Barrie baddle 32 "Dilbert" intern 34 Phone on stage, e.g. 36 Recital highlights 37 Dreads sporter 38 Richard's counterpart in the 1956 election 39 Girl leader? 41 German border river 42 Meet, as a challenge 44 Beatnik's "Got it" 45 Wrest 48 Record holder? 49 Slide show effect 51 Coal channel 54 Smooth and soft 56 Hillary helper 57 Actor Grant

- 59 Volante: God willing 62 Sculptor's tool 64 Indians, on scoreboards 65 Ginseng, for one 67 Sexy sleepwear 69 With 105-Across, "GoodFellas" Oscar winner 70 Open for Christmas 71 Short 72 Icas, maybe 73 A scandal often ruins one 74 Aboriginal Walkman? 77 Success/failure metaphor 78 Central 79 Jeremy and friends, in "Zits" comics 82 Yamen's capital 84 It's heard a lot in Los Angeles 85 Buckeye State 88 Three, in 84-Down

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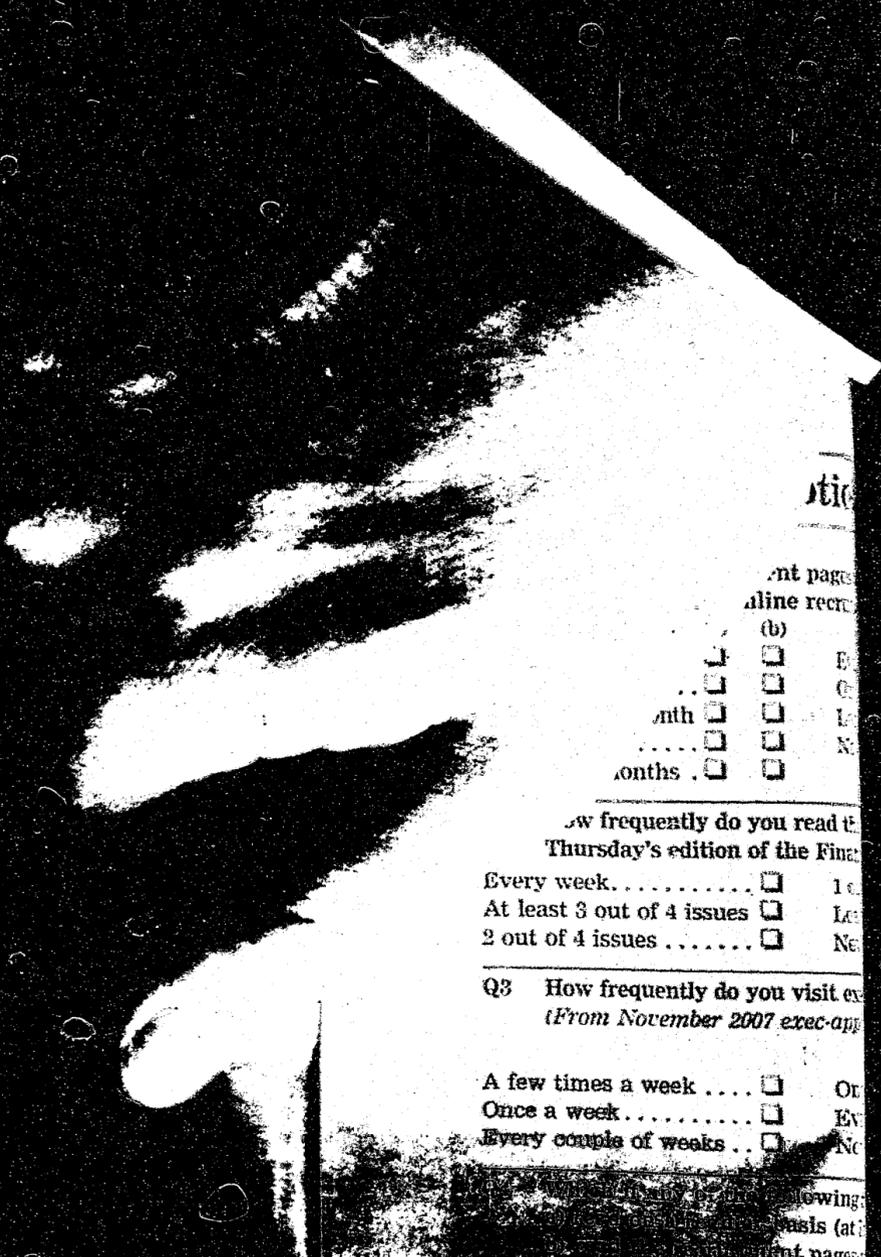
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