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A 'crazy cold'

Bitter temperatures disrupt power and natural gas supplies; bust pipes

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Unresponsive vehicles, frozen water pipes, and trying to keep warm without electricity and in some cases natural gas: The bone-chilling temperatures created trying times around Lincoln and Otero counties in recent days.

On the coldest morning in years Thursday, power was cut to some in the Ruidoso area.

PNM said nearly 8,000 customers were without electricity for a part of the morning during "rolling outages" to reduce the load.

The utility also said a transmission line serving customers in the Ruidoso and Alamogordo areas was exceeding its capacity. PNM urged customers in Alamogordo, Ruidoso and Tularosa to cut back on all but necessary electric use to prevent outages.

The overload was the result of a second line serving the region that experienced problems and went out of service. PNM officials said normally the remaining line can cover the area but the extreme cold caused usage to be much higher.

For several hours PNM officials appealed to customers to cut



COURTESY LAURA DOTH

See COLD, page 5A Lexie Doth, foreground, and Hubert Seigmann glide over "amazing snow" at Ski Apache, which is one beneficiary of this week's powerful storm. See Sports, page 1B.

Lutterman, Sayner: No regrets

Longtime school board members, defeated Tuesday, look on the positive side

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Two long-serving members of the Ruidoso Municipal School District board, who were defeated Tuesday in re-election bids say it was time for a change.

"It really is time for the generation right below me to take over," said Frank Sayner, who has been on the education board for 12 years. "It's their turn and their responsibility now."

Sayner said the mood of the general election three months ago apparently remains in place.

"What I'm hearing from different folks, and I'm not trying to give myself any credit, I think part of it is just the anti-incumbency. I don't want to take anything away from Devin (Marshall), that's not my purpose. People just want try most anything now. I don't know how to explain that because I don't want to make it sound like I'm taking credit away from the winners."

Sayner had faced two challengers for his seat, Marshall, and Fred Romero. Marshall



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received 297 votes to Sayner's 222 and Romero's 153.

Susan Lutterman, the current board president, has been on the education panel for 20 years. She was defeated by Cecil Davis, 379 to 299.

"You don't make many friends being on the board," Lutterman said. "You have to make extremely difficult decisions. It affects students. It affects families and parents. It affects teachers. It's one of those jobs that can be very tough."

Lutterman said she thinks voters may have been looking for new blood.

"The people spoke. I'll step down and be just as proud of representing this school in a different capacity. If they ever called to have me on anything I would serve on a committee or whatever. No sour grapes. It's the way it is."

Lutterman said her departure, effective March 1, is like a divorce

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Midtown group confronts issues

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The big complaint that Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager hears from the public is that businesses in Ruidoso's historic Midtown shopping core don't open early enough in the morning or stay open late enough in the evening.

That was one of the pieces of information shared Tuesday during the second meeting of Midtown merchants aimed at revitalizing the historic tourist shopping core of the community. The next session was set for 9 a.m., Feb. 9, at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Unlike many other tourist destinations that try to offer overnight guests an opportunity for shopping, strolling, a cup of coffee or ice cream cone in the evening after a day in the national forest or visiting nearby historical sites or skiing, shops in Midtown tend to close by 5 p.m.; a few stretch their hours to 6 p.m.

Almager said tourists who talk

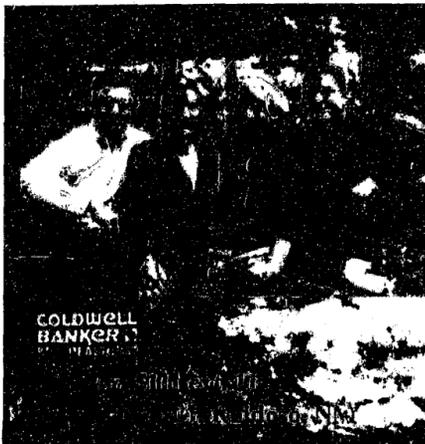
to her would like to see the doors open by 8 a.m. or 9 a.m., especially on holiday weekends; and stay open past 6 p.m.

"That's one of the things we hear when we're out and about," she said. The other top issues she listed on a sheet passed out at the second Midtown Merchants session were that more handicapped parking is needed along Sudderth Drive; a sidewalk with steps would be useful along the side of Lucy's Mexicali restaurant on Eagle Drive for access to and from off-street parking; and crosswalks should be added in certain areas.

Additional signage to indicate off-street parking and bathroom locations would be appreciated by tourists, she said. Signs also could encourage "share the road" with cyclists in a designated bike lane, as well as warn that skateboards and bicycles are not allowed on Midtown sidewalks.

Teri Sodd, a well-known artist and owner of Mountain Arts Gallery, said when a group of

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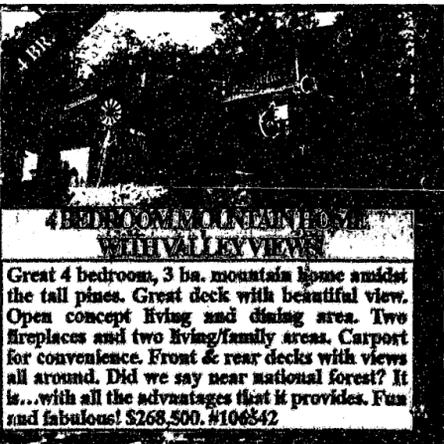


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Marci and Bob Butchofsky (right) and friends celebrate Bob's 87th Birthday on Sunday, Jan. 30 at The Sanctuary on the River, Ruidoso's new boutique event center owned by Debbie Haines-Nix (far left). Photo by Jan Butchofsky

Laptop class

Are you confounded by your laptop? Wondered why it does not do the things your desktop computer does? Bring your laptop to Ruidoso Public Library Thursday, Feb. 10, at 10 a.m. for "Navigate your Laptop." Librarian Jennifer Stubbs will discuss keyboard shortcuts, what is the blue Fn key and the blue symbols on some keys,

and discuss devices that ease typing and mousing. Wireless security measures will also be covered. If you are thinking of buying a laptop - come and ask questions and maybe another attendee will share their laptop shopping information and experience. This is not a basic computing class. This laptop class will be in the classroom located downstairs in the Children's Library. Call 258-3704 to let us know you are

coming to the class. The Village of Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd.

Service to resume

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority Yard has been closed to the public due to the weather. Regular services will be restored as weather allows.

Rescheduled

Due to bad weather, the

monthly Mobile Food Pantry distribution has been rescheduled for Monday Feb. 7 at 3:00pm at Horton Complex (old middle school). Those needing food may arrive at 2:00pm to draw a number for the 3 p.m. distribution. For more information contact the Lincoln County Community Health Council at 973-1829.

The Sacramento Ranger District will implement the Martinez Prescribed Burn as early as Tuesday, Feb. 8,

and will continue through the end of the month. This prescribed burn will consist of a total of 629 acres and is only one component of the District's hazardous fuels reduction program during 2011. This treatment reduces fuel accumulations associated with a wildlife habitat improvement project and natural fuel loadings. The burn is located approximately two miles south of High Rolls, and the residents of High Rolls,

Cloudcroft, Alamogordo, and La Luz may see and smell smoke for the duration of the burn. Smoke is expected to be highly visible along US Highway 82 from Alamogordo to Cloudcroft, as well as Westside Road (Forest Road 90) and the Sunspot Scenic Highway (NM State Hwy 6563) during the implementation of the burn. District fire managers

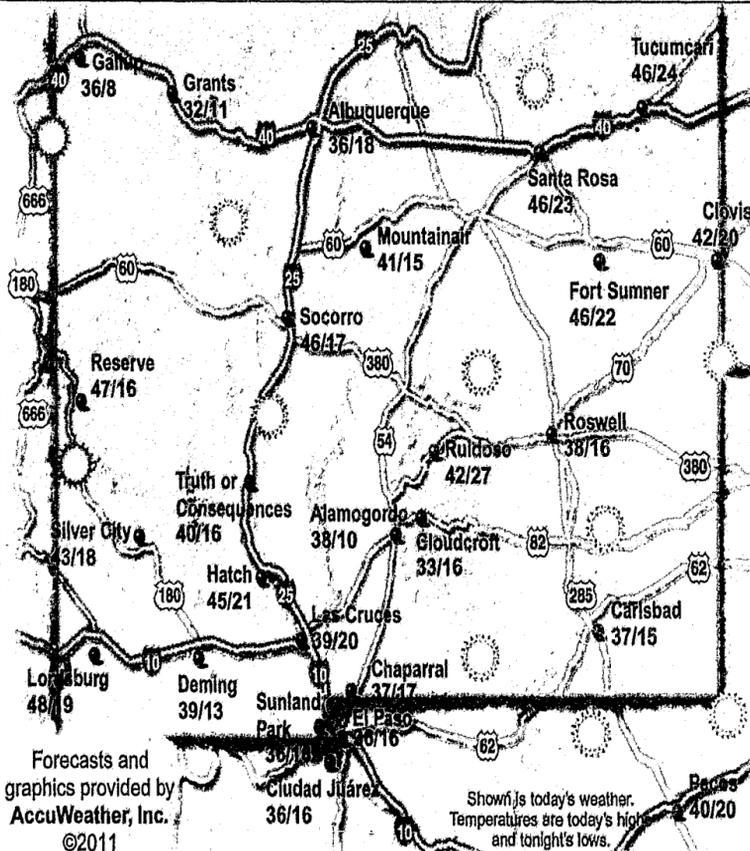
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 42°	RealFeel 50°	RealFeel 43°	RealFeel 45°	RealFeel 42°	RealFeel 51°	RealFeel 46°
Humidity 42° 27° 66%	Humidity 49° 33° 46%	Humidity 44° 30° 49%	Humidity 48° 33° 47%	Humidity 49° 37° 38%	Humidity 51° 32° 48%	Humidity 50° 29° 45%
Sunny and not as cold	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and not as cool
Wind: NW 7-14 mph	Wind: WNW 7-14 mph	Wind: NNW 7-14 mph	Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	Wind: SW 10-20 mph	Wind: E 7-14 mph	Wind: WSW 8-16 mph

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

Regional Cities



Sun and Moon
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:56 a.m./5:38 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 7:33 a.m./7:24 p.m.

Moon Phases
First Full Last New
Feb 11 Feb 18 Feb 24 Mar 4

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: 85° in Fort Pierce, FL / -43° in Chinook, MT
Wednesday's World High/Low: 113° in Port Augusta, Australia / -58° in Dzhelinde, Russia

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 4°-13°
Normal high 51°
Normal low 21°
Record high 65° (1987)
Record low -20° (1951)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.04"
Month to date 0.34"
Normal month to date 0.08"
Year to date 0.34"
Normal year to date 1.40"

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

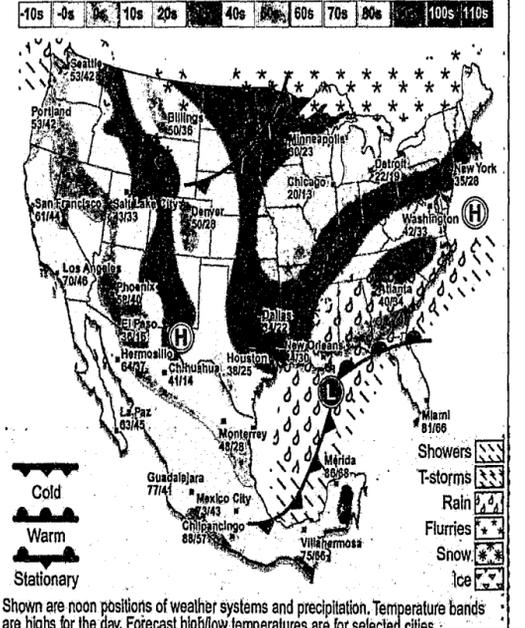
Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 15°-6°
Normal high 58°
Normal low 31°
Record high 72° (2003)
Record low -6° (2011)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.02"
Month to date 0.11"
Normal month to date 0.04"
Year to date 0.11"
Normal year to date 0.81"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: What are frozen hexagonals?

National Forecast for Feb. 4, 2011



National Cities

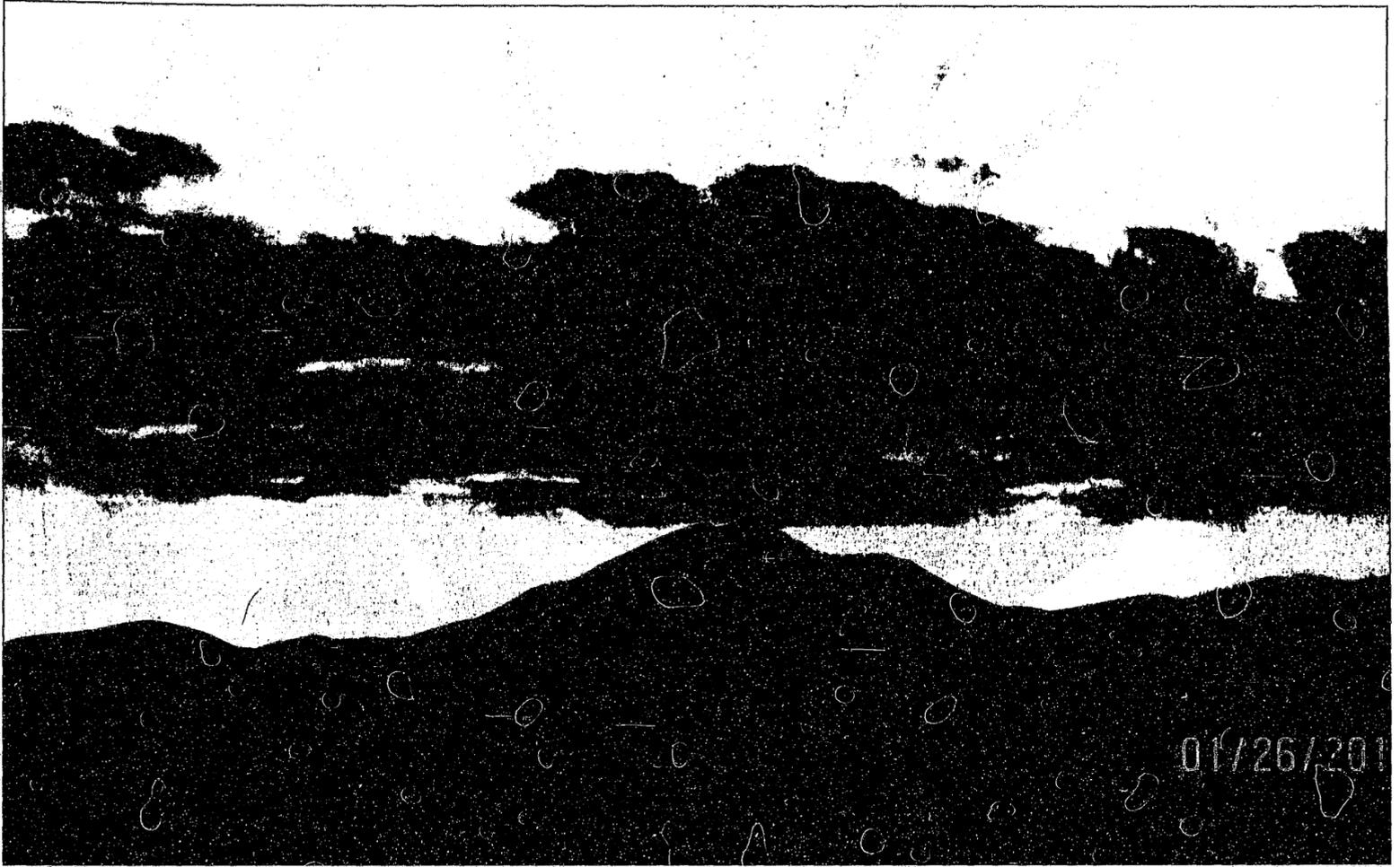
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	38/26/pc	50/33/s
Anchorage	22/6/pc	22/11/s
Atlanta	40/34/r	46/30/pc
Austin	38/16/c	46/24/s
Baltimore	40/32/pc	40/29/sn
Boston	30/22/s	35/29/sn
Chicago	20/13/pc	31/25/sf
Dallas	34/22/sn	46/31/s
Denver	50/28/pc	50/18/r
Des Moines	26/20/c	34/22/pc
Detroit	22/19/s	30/22/sf
El Paso	36/16/s	48/30/s
Las Vegas	62/42/s	66/44/s
Los Angeles	70/46/s	76/48/s
Minneapolis	30/23/sn	33/16/pc
New Orleans	44/30/r	47/37/s
New York City	35/28/s	34/28/sn
Philadelphia	35/28/s	40/32/sn
Phoenix	58/40/s	68/44/s
Reno	58/29/s	59/33/pc
San Francisco	61/44/s	64/47/s
San Diego	62/47/s	66/49/s
Seattle	53/42/r	53/43/r
Tucson	55/28/s	67/35/s
Tulsa, OK	28/17/pc	48/28/pc
Wash., DC	42/33/pc	44/30/r
Wichita	30/22/pc	40/28/pc
Yuma	64/41/s	73/49/s

Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Abuquerque	36/18/s	42/24/s
Artesia	37/22/s	59/37/s
Chama	39/8/s	39/1/pc
Clayton	48/24/s	47/21/s
Cloudcroft	33/16/s	43/5/s
Farmington	33/14/s	42/19/s
Hobbs	42/21/s	56/23/s
Los Alamos	37/17/s	41/12/s
Portales	44/22/s	54/22/s
Raton	52/13/s	49/16/s
Red River	35/5/s	36/5/s
Ruidoso	42/27/s	49/33/s
Santa Fe	33/12/s	38/16/s
Silver City	43/18/s	51/29/s
Taos	34/5/s	38/8/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/72/s	90/70/s
Cancun	82/68/sh	77/64/sh
Chihuahua	41/14/s	57/25/s
Ciudad Juárez	36/16/s	48/30/s
Leon	75/43/s	78/41/s
México, DF	73/43/c	73/43/pc
Monterrey	48/28/s	61/38/s
Morelia	76/45/s	77/47/pc
Oaxaca	84/52/sh	84/50/s
Pto. Penasco	63/41/s	71/47/s
Tijuana	64/43/s	68/45/s



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COURTESY KATHRYN MINTER

No, it's not a volcano. But the strange cloud formation over Sierra Blanca makes it appear like on, as seen from near Ranches of Sonterra.

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are closely monitoring weather forecasts and fuels conditions to ensure that burn conditions and objectives will be met and to minimize the impacts of smoke on populated areas. Signs will be posted along roadways that may be affected by the smoke and motorists are urged to use caution. Forest personnel will post current information regarding the progress of the burn for communities and residents in the area. As always, firefighter and public safety are the top priority. For additional information, contact the Sacramento-Ranger District Office at 575-682-2551 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The mailing address is Sacramento Ranger District, P.O. Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM, 88310 or stop by the District Office located at 4 Lost Lodge Road, one mile south of Cloudcroft off of NM Highway 130. For updates on Lincoln National Forest prescribed

fires or information, follow us on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/lincolnsmokey>.

Story time

Little ones are always invited to story and craft time every Wednesday at 10:30 at the Ruidoso Public Library. This February, special events will be happening every story time. On Feb. 9, we'll be reading Valentine Day stories and make a valentine scrapbook. On Feb. 16, snowmen will be the stories read and you'll make a special snowman (not out of snow!) On Feb. 23, hear winter stories and have winter activity day. So parents and guardians of preschoolers - come see us on Wednesdays this month for a fun time. Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m. The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Hours are: Monday - 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.

NM films

The New Mexico movie through ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education for February is *And Now Miguel*. Filmed in 1953 by the US Information Service,

the film follows a young boy and his family as they tend sheep in Cordova, New Mexico. The director, Joseph Krungold, used the film as the basis for his award-winning children's novel of the same name. The film will be shown

on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 111. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, call 257-3012.

Lincoln Co. Community Theatre
Presents a Special Fundraising Event!
"A Bad Year for Tomatoes"
by John Patrick
Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26
The "Warehouse"
200 Junction Rd.
Fun starts @ 6PM
Show starts @ 7PM
Ticket at the door or at the Chamber: \$10
LCCCT (501C3) is representing all of Lincoln Co. at the State Competition in Artesia this March. Come support the cast and crew or mail donation to PO Box 2005, Ruidoso 88355

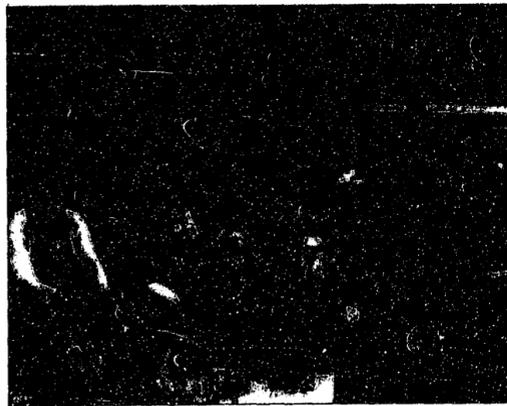
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Children pay rapt attention during a 2010 story time at the Ruidoso Public Library, which invites youngsters to participate in February every Wednesday for a series of special events and stories.

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OUR OPINION

Cold was more problematic than snow

Now for the good news...

Have you warmed up yet? Everyone in Lincoln County, it seems, from the homebound to those trudging off to work, were affected this week by a storm for the ages: up to 17 inches of snow in the village, followed by bone-shattering cold that broke pipes, disrupted power and froze car batteries. As it turned out, the cold was more disruptive and disabling than the snowfall. It even prevented road salt from melting snow and ice left behind by plows. Now that's cold.

Now the good news: We've survived, we've got experiences to talk about from the great 2011 storm and Ski Apache has expanded its operation, once again resembling a resort.

Slowly, the village will awaken. Shops will open, skiers and other visitors will return, the snow – albeit relatively dry – will thaw and nourish the land and reservoirs. This, too, shall pass.

With these students, teachers do deserve higher pay

Alright, gang, nice trip up from Ruidoso. Appreciate your good behavior. When you exit the bus, gather together and wait for the other buses to unload. Then we'll head over to the Roundhouse Rotunda to talk about our visit to the Legislature today.

(Oh, brother. These kids are driving me nuts.)

"Ok. Everybody here? Good. Half of you are going to the House gallery, the rest to the Senate. Shout out your answers here. Any ideas of what we are going to see?"

"Democrats huffing!" "Republicans puffing!" "Tea Baggers protesting!"

"Now, settle down. You're pretty close to the truth with the Democrats and the Republicans. But the others are called Tea Partiers, not Baggers. Susan, you seem to have a handle on this. Would you enlighten your fellow students?" (The school's brightest girl takes center stage.)

"Although third-party interlopers have tried to intervene, New Mexico basically operates under a two-party system where Democrats and Republicans get together once a year to name a horrible new State Creature, like a Slithering Sloth or something. In days gone by they also would argue all day and then retire to the Bull Ring to hammer out positive compromise legislation for the good of all the people. Those days are long gone."

The teacher takes note: "Wait a minute, Susan. I think that is a pessimistic view. To what are you referring?"

"I am referring to the fact that the Legislature no longer has as its goal the passing of great legislation, but, in fact, is controlled by the two parties whose real objective is to embarrass one another."

"That's a serious accusation, Susan, and maybe you need to reconsider your position."

"It's not my position. I'm just telling you what I read in the newspaper. A bunch of Democrats wanted to replace the House Speaker, Democrat Ben Lujan. They were supposed to gather with a gaggle of Republicans to form a coalition to

replace Mr. Lujan with another Democrat, Joe Cervantes. They had a deal going but the Republicans backed out.

"One of the Republicans who backed Mr. Cervantes is Tom Taylor, a big wheel from Farmington. Here is what he said about the reasons his fellow Republicans would not back Joe Cervantes.

"(Mr. Lujan) is the status quo. In the next election, there's more negative if you're just the status quo. There was a risk

with Cervantes that maybe we'd have a big love fest and pass a lot of great legislation...it lessens your chance for a negative campaign in the next election."

Hearing this, the students become restive. A kid with baggy jeans so droopy off his butt they look as if a family of squirrels could be living

there expresses his displeasure. "Like, that's crazy, dude! That Taylor guy just admitted the Republicans would rather back the Democrats into a corner than pass legislation to help New Mexico! Those Republicans are random."

Susan corrects him. "It's not just the Republicans. It's the Democrats, too. And the Tea Party. And it is not just New Mexico. Congress is exactly like this. Here's the deal. If a party is in power and gets good things done, that will help it stay in power. So the party not in power doesn't want good things to get done. It just wants to run negative ads in the next campaign."

The teacher tries to back peddle to restore order. "This has been an interesting divergence, students, but on our way up the stairs, let's take another tack. Since we've used the word today, can anyone spell 'embarrass'? How about you, Baggy Pants?"

"Whoa, like, dude, it's like, i-m-b-e-r-r-i-s."

"Well, good try. We'll work on it during the bus ride home."

"No, wait, teach. I messed up. Imberris has an 'e' on the end."

(Oh, good grief! Budget or not, teachers deserve more pay.)

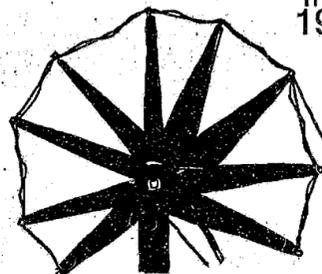
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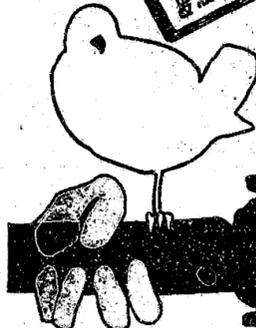


Instruments of revolution...

India 1935



Woodstock 1969



Egypt 2011

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YOUR OPINION

State fortunate to have Schmitt

To the editor:

THE STATE OF New Mexico is fortunate to have a native son like Harrison Schmitt willing to serve as Secretary of Energy. Our family has known Schmitt and his brilliant wife, Teresa, since 1976. They are great, honorable people who have served our state and country well.

With regard to Dr. Harrison Schmitt's position on global warming, I would suggest that [columnist Sherry] Robinson research Milankovitch's theory. There are several theories to explain why ice ages and warming occur. These include CO and volcanic dust in the atmosphere, wandering poles or changes in the sun.

Milutin Milankovitch's (Yugoslav 1879-1958) theory, first proposed in 1924, is gaining current acceptance. His theory considers combinations of three earth orbital variations.

The tilt of the earth's axis changes about 1.2 percent from

the average 23.1 percent over 41,000 years. This change affects the seasons as does the shape of the earth's orbit around the sun from circular to elliptical (eccentricity 0.00 to 0.06) over a 97,000-year period. The axis also changes its alignment to the stars (precision of the equinoxes) and alters the seasons over 22,000 years.

Today the axis is aligned to about one degree of the North Star (Polaris). In 1500 AD it was 3 1/2 degrees from Polaris and in 2100 AD it will be only one-half of a degree.

Computer modeling shows a correlation between the ebb and flow of the ice ages and the Milankovitch theory during the last 600,000 years. With some possible contradictions sea cores confirm these calculations, as do temperature studies from ancient reef deposits.

Many other factors determine the earth's macro- and micro-climates. The drifting continents

change the great heat engines like the Gulf Stream or the Japanese Current. When North and South America drifted together some four million years ago, it closed the sea passage between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans and made major climate changes.

Ice melting near Greenland may have allowed and then accelerated the smaller recent ice ages. The action of the ice could alter the action of the great Gulf Stream heat engine. Mountains rise and fall and impact the Earth's atmosphere's movement. Mountain rain shadows come and go. Man must adapt and survive. It should make him stronger.

Schmitt is a very intelligent and experienced scientist with political service. New Mexico could not do better than to have his services in this position.

Bert Murphy
BS Petroleum Engineering,
Roswell

Why I opposed the Business Retention Tax

To the editor:

I VOTED AGAINST the Business Retention Tax for several reasons. I never thought for one minute R. D. Hubbard was going to move the race track.

I also thought the special mail-in election was a sham from the very day three county commissioners voted to give Hubbard what he wanted.

This measure would not have passed if it had been held on our general election in November. It was won by fear and threats, and it almost was like something that

would take place in a third world country.

We are now paying \$750,000 a year to a business that only runs live racing for 60 days. This amounts to over \$12,000 a day.

I also have a problem with R. D. Hubbard's business partner being a late-term abortionist. I am pro-life and feel I am being forced to pay money that helps an abortionist.

I would like to ask the question that was asked in the Ruidoso News back in December. The question was, "What were

they thinking [editorial, Dec. 31, 2010]?"

A loss of one man's business will never cause Ruidoso to be the ghost town some people wanted us to believe.

I thank the Ruidoso News for printing letters to the editor from people with different views about the tax issue. Hubbard's Free Press only printed letters that benefited Mr. Hubbard.

What does that tell you about our two newspapers?

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

Proposed museum transfer hurts budget

To the editor:

A GROUP OF individuals has plans to transfer the Hubbard Museum of the American West to the New Mexico department of Cultural Affairs. This will require a commitment of \$182,000 from the financially

strapped state. And it will be a slap in the face to every state employee now being forced to take unpaid days off because of budget constraints.

If you believe that this proposed transfer is a mistake, as I do, contact Governor Martinez

and your state legislators and voice your opinion. Lincoln County taxpayers, many retired and on a fixed income, have paid enough. Speak up so that the proposed transfer is not approved.

Charlotte Rowe
Alto

Healthcare reform: What could go wrong?

To the editor:

LET ME GET this straight... We're going to be "gifted" with a healthcare plan we are forced to purchase and fined if we don't, which purportedly covers at least 10 million more people, without adding a single new doctor, but provides for 16,000 new IRS agents, written by a committee whose chairman says he doesn't understand it, passed by a Congress that didn't read it but exempted themselves from it,

and signed by a president who smokes, with funding administered by a treasury chief who didn't pay his taxes, for which we'll be taxed for four years before any "benefits" take effect, by a government which has already bankrupted Social Security and Medicare, all to be overseen by a surgeon general who is obese, and financed by a country that's broke.

What the hell could possibly go wrong?

Carole Frazier
New Hampshire

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COLD

FROM PAGE 1A

back on nonessential electric use.

The second line was repaired about 10 a.m. and the utility initiated interruptions ended.

"We appreciate our customers' patience this morning and their help in reducing the load on the line that serves them," said Gary Stone, PNM vice president of New Mexico Operations.

Otero County Electric Cooperative also cut electricity at different times for about 30 minutes in the Tularosa Basin and in the Capitan area to avoid problems.

The coop's manager of member services, Clint Gardner, said shared transmission lines in southwestern New Mexico developed a problem.

"It's better to shed some load by cutting power at some substations in 30-minute blocks than to burn it down, which is a shut down of the system completely," Gardner said. "Usage is up; it's been tremendous on our system, for heat."

The Ruidoso power outages knocked out most radio stations in the area for a time Thursday morning.

The local impacts of the big chill followed "rolling blackouts" that started Wednesday in the El Paso area and part of Doña Ana County by El Paso Electric. The action was taken after the utility lost some generation capacity because of the cold.

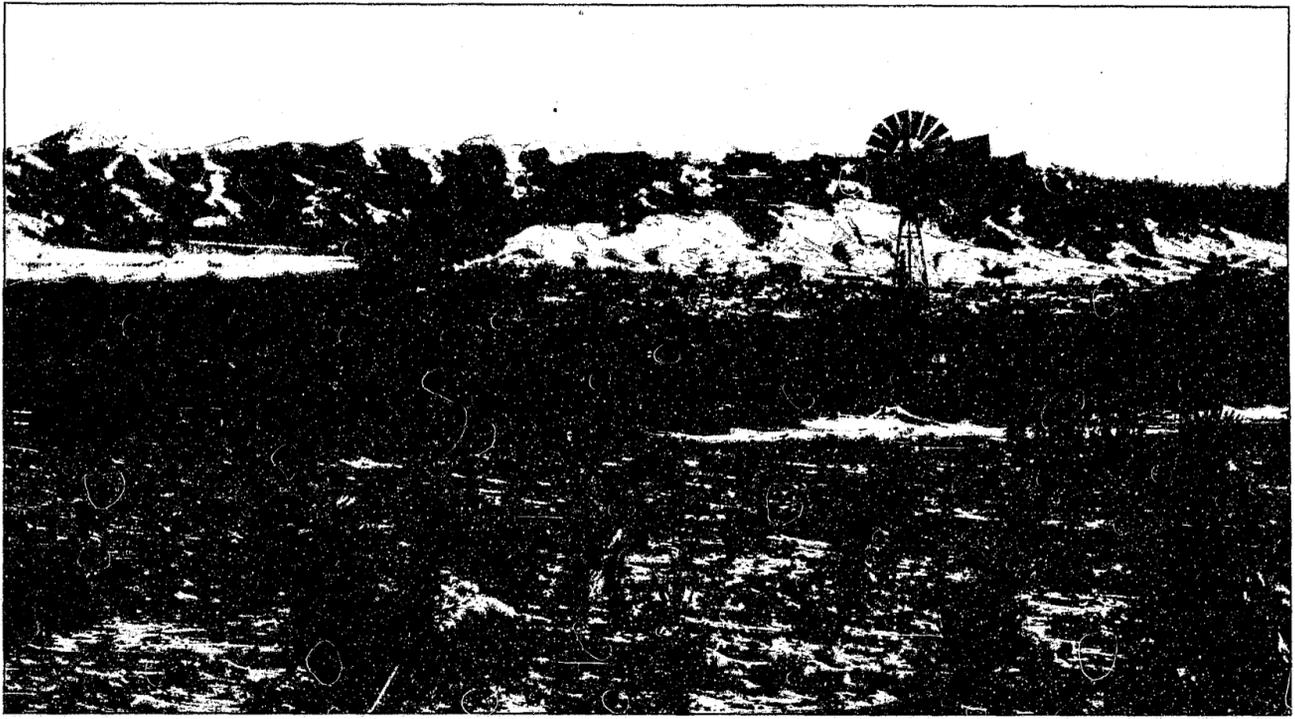
Temperatures before dawn Thursday dropped well below zero. The National Weather Service said the official reading in Ruidoso fell to minus-13, although Midtown recorded minus-23. The service's website said an unofficial report from Alto put the early morning low at minus-26. Carrizozo reported minus-11 and Capitan minus-13.

The coldest report in the state was in Angel Fire with minus-36.

Ruidoso had zero or lower temperatures for 40 continuous hours. For much of the time the temperatures were 40 to 50 degrees below normal.

Friday was forecast to see some of the region climb just over the freezing mark, while a slight warming trend is expected for the weekend.

The power interruptions also affected Zia Natural Gas Company. Utility



Even lower elevations of Lincoln County were coated by snow from this week's storm, including the Grant Kinser ranch seven miles west of Carrizozo. This scene was made famous in a painting by renowned Western artist Gordon Snidow.

spokesperson Angel Shaw said demand for natural gas was high.

"When we have this kind of overload it will lower pressures, which was happening this morning," she said Thursday. "People don't lower their thermostat when the power goes off and then when it comes back on everyone wants gas at the same time. It lowers the pressure."

Shaw said a reduced gas pressure diminishes BTUs which means less heat but she said there is no danger from the reduced pressure.

In other parts of New Mexico the transmission of natural gas was cut off, in part because of the rolling blackouts.

Governor Susana Martinez declared a state of emergency because of the gas outages.

"Disruptions in gas service have been reported statewide," Martinez said. "Please limit gas usage to preserve service across the state. Turn your thermostat down, dress in layers and, if possible, use alternate sources of heat."

The natural gas disruption impacted a number of cities around the state, including Alamogordo and Tularosa, reported New Mexico Gas Company. A shelter for those without heat was set up in Alamogordo, which saw record low temperatures and 7 inches of snow.

Lincoln County was unaffected by the natural gas interruptions as of late Thursday afternoon said Travis Atwell, the county's director of emergency ser-

vices.

"According to all the utilities, power's back up and natural gas is good. But the word throughout the state is they're shutting some of the natural gas down due to a shortage."

Atwell said part of the shortage problem involved pumping facilities.

He credited Zia Natural Gas Company's separation from New Mexico Gas Company for Lincoln County's uninterrupted service.

"They've got plumbing elsewhere," he said of Zia.

"Right now they're asking everybody to turn their thermostats down by at least 10 degrees to try to help conserve some natural gas."

The governor also issued a second executive order, suspending limits on the number of hours that propane suppliers may drive in order to speed up deliveries of liquid petroleum gas into and across the state.

While Village Hall had a skeleton crew in place Thursday, Village Manager Debi Lee said water, police, street and fire departments stepped to the plate.

"Chief (Harlan) Vincent had a shelter ready when the electricity went out so that if people needed to get to a safe, warm place, the Church of Christ was available," Lee said.

"And then he brought in all of our fire crew to help transport people because some people could not get out of their houses. We didn't have to use it to our knowledge but we did make arrangements."

Lee said some residents had water breaks and heat out so members of the fire department made some "house calls."

She also commended radio station KEDU-FM which was on the air thanks to a generator.

"They were the radio station that was providing public information."

The extreme cold had public works employees in Ruidoso running.

Public Works Director Randall Camp said things that normally operate smoothly begin to fail with the temperatures.

"The hydraulics don't like the cold. We had some electronics that didn't like the cold."

But the municipal water system held up.

"We've been very lucky, we got a blanket of snow," Camp said. "It actually acts like a warming blanket. But a lot of homeowners are having busted pipes. So the water guys are busy turning off water for people and they're having a hard time getting plumbers because they're all backed up. There's a lot of people with frozen pipes and busted pipes."

An employee at the Alto Lakes Water and Sanitation District said they also had received calls from residents without water because of frozen pipes in a wall or under a house. Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said frozen pipes were an issue across the county along with still-slick roads.

"The roads are all snow-packed and icy, even (State

Highways) 48 and 37," Stewart said. "The big trucks have salted them but it's too cold for the salt to work."

Thursday morning's bitter temperatures followed very cold readings Wednesday morning.

"We think the lowest, at least from our official stations, were Red River, Angel Fire and Eagle Nest, all 15 below zero, National Weather Service meteorologist Chuck Jones said Wednesday afternoon. "Clines Corners was also in the top five at 12 below. Ruidoso was minus-13. This is crazy cold no matter how you look at it."

The minus-13 at Ruidoso, however, was not a record for Feb. 2. That had been set in 1951, when a temperature of minus-20 was recorded.

But Wednesday did set a different record, for the coldest high temperature ever in Ruidoso when the mercury failed to climb above zero. The minus-2 high was much colder than the previous 1956 high of 12 degrees.

The two-day deep freeze was similar to other historical periods: Feb 1-2, 1951; Dec. 23-24, 1953; Jan 1-2, 1963; Jan 2-3, 1970; and Jan. 5-7, 1971, with consecutive days at double digits below zero. The most brutal Ruidoso temperatures recorded in 60-plus years of data from the Western Regional Climate Center were on Dec. 23-24, 1953, with lows of minus-23 followed by minus-24.

The snow and cold two-punch shut schools in the

region for a third straight day. Some businesses put up closed signs. A number of government operations either had minimal staffs or were closed.

Ruidoso schools will be on a two-hour delay Friday. The arctic cold came on the heels of a winter storm in which Lincoln County was in the crosshairs.

"There in Ruidoso we had reports of 14 to 17 inches," said National Weather Service warning coordination meteorologist Kerry Jones. "That appeared to be tops in the state."

While the snow piled up, its moisture content was quite low, said Jones, muting hopes of reversing the lack of winter moisture brought on by a strong La Niña in the Pacific Ocean.

"The Snotels (snow depth and moisture content measuring stations high in the mountains) are still well below average across the board," Jones said. "Although we had lots of good snow up in the mountains [28 inches reported at Ski Apache], the actual water content of the snow, which is really what we track, what we call the snow water equivalent, yeah, there was a bump, but it certainly wasn't going to make up for the deficit we're in. We're still running quite a bit behind."

The water content of the snowpack atop the Rio Hondo basin was at 70 percent of average following this week's snowstorm. A year ago it had been 214 percent of average.

First in the Ruidoso News

'Lucky' family escapes serious injury in plunge

FROM REPORTS

While patrolling for problem areas to plow along U.S. 54, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) highway maintainers came across a vehicle that had driven off a 30-foot deep ravine. The maintainers noticed skid marks leading off the ravine just south of Corona and when they went to investigate, found a car upside-down with a family of four inside.

Maintainers Ernest Lueras and Kyle Davis quickly began the rescue on foot in below-zero temperatures, with wind gusts up to 40 mph.

"They were lucky the car didn't land on some of the big rocks down there. The inside of the cab would have been crushed," said

Ernest Lueras, District Two Highway Maintainer. "They were also very lucky they didn't freeze to death."

"This is an instance where blankets and rope would have been helpful, but we managed," stated Lueras. "The boy had a cut on his head, but other than being cold and a little scared, the family seemed fine."

The stranded family was there approximately an hour before the highway maintainers found them around 11 p.m. Tuesday. The family was kept warm inside of the DOT truck until emergency responders arrived on scene.

Lueras and Davis finished their shift this morning around 10 a.m.

"For those who travel during adverse weather like this, there is always a

risk. I am happy to see that because of the swift actions of Lueras and Davis everyone came out of the situation unscathed," said Transportation Secretary Designate Alvin Dominguez. "Incidents such as this are not uncommon during winter storms of this magnitude. Our highway maintainers are often unsung heroes and I want to take this opportunity to commend the Department, especially Lueras and Davis, for their heroic efforts."

Department of Transportation officials urge motorists to stay off state roadways during adverse weather, drive for the conditions, and be prepared with an emergency kit.

For up-to-date road advisory information visit www.nmroads.com, or dial 511.



A car skidded off icy Highway 54 near Corona and dropped 30 feet into a ravine, but the occupants were rescued with only minor injuries.

BUSINESS

Snow cancels Ruidoso Day

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Ruidoso Day at Santa Fe fell victim to the snow and cold.

The annual event, to impress on lawmaker local hopes, had been set by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce for Wednesday. Because of the weather, travel from Ruidoso to Santa Fe was discouraged. A contingent that had earlier arrived to Santa Fe did, however, meet with some legislators.

The chamber had outlined several issues it said faced the local community that would impact businesses, people and students.

In a legislative priorities list, lawmakers were encouraged to consider continued support of ENMU-Ruidoso with minimal cuts to its budget.

The chamber also opposed further cuts to rural schools, contending that would have a greater negative impact on rural communities that urban cities that might have additional resources.

Legislation that could cap the state's film incentive was opposed by the chamber as was the idea of eliminating the New Mexico Department of Tourism as a cabinet level agency.

On the subject of ENMU-Ruidoso, the chamber said the community college has maintained positive growth in enrollments despite the economic downturn and was one of the most effective run university branches in the state.

The priorities list said ENMU-Ruidoso is filling in for enrichment and support classes for Ruidoso High School which was having classes cut because of state budget cuts at the public

school level.

Pointing to the possibility of more education funding cuts, the chamber said that would mean reduced staff and services and larger class sizes. "Not only does a weak school compromise our children's education, but deters families from moving to the area thus reducing our worker and tax base."

In opposing the film incentive cap, the chamber said that would diminish a competitive advantage and reduce economic growth in the emerging Lincoln County and New Mexico industry.

Statistics that were presented said the film industry accounts for 10,000 direct and indirect New Mexico jobs and is the only significant growth area in the state's private sector other than healthcare.

"If a cap is instituted, films would line up for the allotted amount and other interested films would move on to other jurisdictions," stated the chamber's legislative priorities. The organization pointed to films like *The Book of Eli* which was shot in Lincoln County.

In voicing opposition to ending tourism as a cabinet level department, the chamber said tourism was a \$6.1 billion industry that generated \$764 million in tax revenues, making it the largest private sector employer in New Mexico.

Tourist spend \$40 in the state for every \$1 spent advertising the Land of Enchantment.

The chamber said tourism promotion had once been consolidated into the Economic Development Department and that proved ineffective and inefficient, leading to a cabinet level Department of Tourism in 1991.



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Billy Roddy, left, is the New Business Development Manager for the *Ruidoso News*. Ross Barrett, right, is newly appointed to the position of Retail Advertising Manager.

RN announces staff appointments

Ruidoso News General Manager Rena Walsh has announced the appointments of Ross Barrett as Retail Advertising Manager and Billy Roddy as Business Development Manager for the *Ruidoso News*.

"Ross Barrett, our Multi-Media Specialist, is going to lead our advertising department and complete new initiatives that I have installed," Walsh said Friday.

"He will focus on serving customers with innovative strategies involving print and rich media."

Barrett began his career at the *Times Republican* in Marshalltown, Iowa, at age 19, as a roll tender at a daily pressroom. Over the next two years he continued his education and worked at the

Times Republican as the third shift press and pre-press supervisor.

In 1995, Barrett applied for the North American Parts and Service Manager position for the East German printing press manufacturer, where he gained an intimate and in-depth knowledge of printing presses.

He honed his sales skills by selling high-ticket investments to several newspaper companies.

Throughout the years, Barrett has seen many changes in technology in the newspaper business and rolled effectively in mastering these changes.

"Ross has been instrumental in my own transition to this operation and I am looking forward to continuing our strong communication and working rela-

tionship," Walsh said. "Ross's background coincides nicely with our plan, and he has demonstrated his commitment to this operation and the newspaper businesses... he is good at what he does."

Business Development Manager Billy Roddy brings extensive expertise to the *Ruidoso News*.

Born in Roswell, Roddy grew up in Texas. As a youngster he spent his time alongside his mother in the newspaper, magazine and radio businesses.

"I literally was born into this business," Roddy offered.

After graduating high school he joined the United States Marine Corps.

Following his honorable discharge, he attended Texas Tech University, where he majored in adver-

tising.

Over the last 30 years, Roddy has worked in advertising at newspapers, magazines, radio stations and advertising agencies.

During this period he has built and managed award-winning teams, handled creative-copy writing, freehand art, research, media placement and budgeting.

"I am delighted to introduce this new hire to Ruidoso. I know that Billy understands this new department and will deliver impressive results and effective strategies to our many clients," Walsh said.

"Our customers and readers deserve exceptional service and I have no doubt that these two gentlemen will work very hard in delivering our mission of what a good newspaper is."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Liquor license

A public hearing, on an application for a beer and wine license at a new restaurant in Ruidoso Downs, will take place on Feb. 14.

The hearing, for La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, will be held during the regular meeting of the Ruidoso Downs City Council which begins at 5:30 p.m. City hall is at 122 Downs Drive.

The State of New Mexico's Alcohol and Gaming Division has reviewed the application. La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant is located at 26133 U.S. Highway 70.

Comments or inquiries should be directed to Ruidoso Downs City Clerk Carol Virden at city hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

E-Filing taxes

Online personal income tax return filing is underway in New Mexico.

The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department said the online option began a week ago.

"E-filing is safe, secure and fast, and most importantly it's easy to use with instant confirmation process," said Demesia Padilla, Secretary-designate of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. "I want to encourage everyone to file their tax returns online. Not only will you receive your refund faster, we can also deposit your refund check into your personal checking or savings account."

The deadline for taxpayers with paper returns is April 18. The deadline for E-filers is extended until May 2. New Mexicans can file their tax returns online by going to www.tax-state.nm.us.

Taxpayers that do not have access to a computer or need help filing tax returns may visit one of four department offices. The nearest is in Roswell, at 400 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 200.

Hospital awarded 'Brilliant Torch'

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The Lincoln County Medical Center received the Brilliant Torch Award from the New Mexico Medical Review Association.

The award, presented in December, was for the second quarter of 2010.

LCMC sustained 100 percent of 14 out of 18 core measures reported to the association by hospitals. Core measures are considered indicators of quality care.

"We are very proud to have been recognized for these achievements, but more importantly it reflects the quality of care that is provided to all of the patients at Lincoln County Medical Center," said hospital administrator Al Santos.

Award criteria

Hospitals are recognized with one of three awards from the review association.

Each award is for outstanding performance in achieving and sustaining a

high number of 100 percent on their clinical core measures.

Awards include the Candleglow recognition for 100 percent on one to three core measures.

Points of Light recognition is for 100 percent in four to 13 core measures. The Brilliant Torch Award is for 100 percent on 14 to 18 core measures.

LCMC is a county-owned facility in Ruidoso leased and operated by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

The New Mexico

Medical Review Association is an independent health care consulting organization dedicated to positive changes in the delivery of health care.

The association began its 100 percent Core Measure Club in December 2009 to recognize perfect performance and acknowledge the progress made to improve patient care by New Mexico hospitals.

Core measures are publicly reported quarterly on the Hospital Compare website www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov.

PNM unable to reach renewable threshold

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PNM has told state regulators that the electric utility will be unable to reach a 2012 threshold for the amount of renewable energy used to produce power.

In a filing with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Public Service Company of New Mexico has asked for approval of a revised Renewable Energy Portfolio Procurement Plan.

Electric utilities are

required to have 10 percent of their electricity produced from renewable sources, such as wind and solar, beginning this year. In its filing, PNM said they will achieve the 10 percent level for 2011, but will fall short in 2012 because of a PRC limit on recouping the cost of renewable sources from its customers.

"PNM is seeking a waiver of the 10 percent RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standard) for calendar year 2012 resulting from the limitation of the Reasonable Cost Threshold (RCT)

on additional procurement," Cynthia Bothwell, PNM's manager of Integrated Resource Planning told regulators. "The RCT for 2012 is 2.25 percent of all customers' aggregated overall electric charges."

According to the revised plan, PNM believes it cannot procure additional renewable resources for 2012 RPS compliance without exceeding an average rate impact of 2.25 percent."

The RCT for 2011 limits electric cost increases on customer bills for renew-

ables to 2 percent. In 2015 utilities will be able to boost electric costs by up to 3 percent to cover the expense of renewable energy sources.

Public hearings on the request have been scheduled for April.

Publicly owned utilities in New Mexico are required to reach a 15 percent renewable mix by 2015. That will increase to 20 percent in 2020. Rural electric cooperatives are under a less aggressive timetable for raising their renewable energy sources.

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Village manager hopes to 'calm' Midtown traffic

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Looking at methods to "calm" traffic as it heads down Sudderth Drive through the historical core of Midtown, Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee included three possibilities in a packet handed out during a merchants meeting earlier this week.

The goals of traffic calming include fewer accidents; safety and convenience for pedestrians and other non-motorists; improved scenery; neighborhood revitalization and stability; and to reduce crime. Less police enforcement is needed. The speed barriers cost about \$2,000 and require little maintenance, according to Lee's summary. The review is part of a thrust to emphasize to visitors that Midtown is "a walking community."

She pointed out that traffic lights and stop signs are designed to control the flow of traffic, not speed. They may even exacerbate already existing speeding problems as drivers up their speed to make it through a traffic light before it turns red. They often ignore a stop sign. Both require continual police enforcement to be effective. Traffic lights also cost about \$40,000 each, are expensive to install and need regular maintenance and a continuous flow of electricity.

As for creating more crosswalks as a means of slowing traffic, Lee wrote in her packet to those attending the second meeting of the merchants in Midtown that research and experience show painting stripes on roadways to designate crosswalks is not the answer to pedestrian safety.

"A seven-year study shows that six pedestrian (accidents) were occurring in marked crosswalks for every one mishap in unmarked crosswalks," she wrote.

"Marked crosswalks give pedestrians a false sense of security. Feeling safe, they may aggressively enter crosswalks without proper consideration of approaching traffic. Drivers often can't see crosswalks at a safe stopping distance. The pedestrians view of the same crosswalk is quite clear."

Drivers should be warned when they are entering an area of heavy pedestrian, bicycle or other non-motorized activity, Lee said. Visual cues encourage motorists to park and experience the main street amenities.

"Gateway treatments,"

typically signs, monuments or arches, are often-used visual cues.

A new type of traffic slowing mound manufactured with recycled tires and using reflective tape that can last for years is a good alternative to consider, she said. Painted crosswalks can disappear as the paint quickly fades.

She included information on several environmentally-friendly Traffic Logix options. "An additional benefit of the product's green design is that it can help municipalities obtain funding for the products, since many areas have a budget allocation for recycles products," Lee wrote.

The three possibilities she detailed were:

- Traffic Logix speed tables, flat-topped centers that slow speed less drastically to about 20 mph to 25

mph. They are 3 inches high and 14 feet to 21 feet long. They generally are long enough for the entire wheelbase of a passenger car and allow for more gradual slowing of vehicle speed than humps. They appear ideal for roads with typical residential speed limits.

- Traffic Logix speed humps, unlike concrete and asphalt that contract with heat and from vehicle pressure, are made from rubber, which maintains its specifications. They are simple to install and embedded with highly reflective tape to ensure drivers can see them clearly during daytime and at night. They can extend across two or more lanes of traffic and create a pedestrian crosswalk. Traffic would slow to 10 mph to 20 mph. The humps are 3 inches to 4 inches high and

come in lengths of 7 feet and 14 feet.

- Traffic Logix speed cushions that slow without affecting emergency vehicles and slow cars to about 15 mph to 20 mph. They are 3 inches high and 7 feet long. Designed as three small speed humps, emergency vehicles with wider axles can pass without slowing down, but passenger vehicles are forced to slow down. They are more affordable than speed humps or tables, because they require less material.

Lee also included information about rumble strips that can be used to warn in advance of a change in neighborhood characteristics ahead, and can create an area with an uncomfortable roadway surface that may influence motorists to drive slower.

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Village council to consider change in municipal land use code

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If approved by Ruidoso councilors, a change in the municipal land use code will eliminate a requirement for a minimum one-acre lot size when a previously subdivided tract is replatted in a single-family residential zone.

A plat is the legal description of the boundaries of a parcel of land with actual or proposed features. Lots would have to meet the 10,000-square-foot minimum for the R1, single-family residential zone. Village Planning and Zoning commissioners pre-

viously noted that with limited residential land and delivery of services benefits realized from closer clustering of homes, one-acre lots, although desirable aesthetically, may no longer be realistic for the village.

Tuesday, commissioners approved the size reduction and several other recommended changes to the land use code to be forwarded to the council for action. Trying to ensure that a layman can understand what uses are allowed within each zoning designation in the land use code, they are recommending that permitted and conditional uses be listed

under every classification.

As the code now reads, after R1, single-family residential, subsequent zones simply refer back to all permitted or all conditional uses in R1, and then add on additional activities or businesses that are permitted in less restrictive zones. The approach is called "cascading."

"A lot of issues come out when you look at all the uses," Village Planning Director and Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris told commissioners. "Are they consistent with the intent of the districts?"

Among other recommended changes, commis-

sioners want to strike out single-family housing in the R3, multi-family residential zone and delete one-family and two-family homes from R4, high density residential intended for 20 units or more in an apartment-type development.

"As we go up in density, we lose single-family housing, because that is not the intent of the districts," Morris said.

The same elimination of cascading was used in the two mobile home zoning districts and the commercial districts.

Under C1, neighborhood commercial, a requirement that structures not exceed 2,000 square feet was recommended for deletion. The theory behind the limit was that neighborhood services don't require large buildings. The zoning is used for areas that neighbor residential development and is considered transitional, allowing a mix of some uses. The services and retail businesses traditionally are located in small shops. But Commissioner John Cornelius pointed out

that any motel or hotel, which are allowed uses, would exceed the 2,000 square foot limit.

Convenience stores without gas pumps are listed as a permitted use. To add pumps would require a conditional use permit from the commission. Group homes were added under conditional uses.

Under C2, community low-intensity commercial zone, the word "professional" would be preceded the general term "offices" listed under permitted uses, and multi-family structures containing four or more dwellings would be the only allowed residential use under conditional uses.

"It's not (a zone) for single-family or smaller residences," Morris said.

He noted that the current text allows auto sales under permitted and under conditional uses. "What we really wanted to say was that auto sales of three or more vehicles requires a conditional use, that includes RVs and boats, to ensure it comes back to you for approval," Morris said.

Under C3, the commercial designation for the historic tourist shopping core of Midtown, multiple-family structures with four or more dwelling units as part of a mixed commercial/residential use building would be allowed. But the residential use must occur on an upper floor. The ground level must be used for commercial activity.

The C4, heavy commercial district, is "pretty open-ended," Morris said. "It has a lot of heavy-duty stuff and no residential component. There are provisions for restaurants, the type that are small and serve workers during breakfast and lunch."

A restaurant now is listed as both a permitted and a conditional use. Morris asked that it be deleted from the permitted use list.

"If we have more industrial, we may need to go back in and review the uses again," he said, "Whether something like a barber shop is compatible within the C4 district is up to you. What we have here now is easier to see, cleaner."

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TALKS

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merchants were meeting a few years ago, they secured agreement from state Department of Transportation officials to move ahead with installation of speed pads, but the organized effort fizzled before the issue could be brought to the village council for official action. The pads are bright yellow and black striped and the length of a vehicle, allowing them not only to slow traffic, but to act as crosswalks for pedestrians. Speed bumps and rumble strips were considered less effective.

Village Manager Debi Lee emphasized that the village can act as the administrative arm for the merchants' efforts and alert business owners to each meeting, but the movement to enhance Midtown will be driven by the merchants.

"We don't want to get in the way," she said. "That's one of the things Mike Byrnes with the Small Business Administration Center said; they will want assistance, but for us not to get in the way."

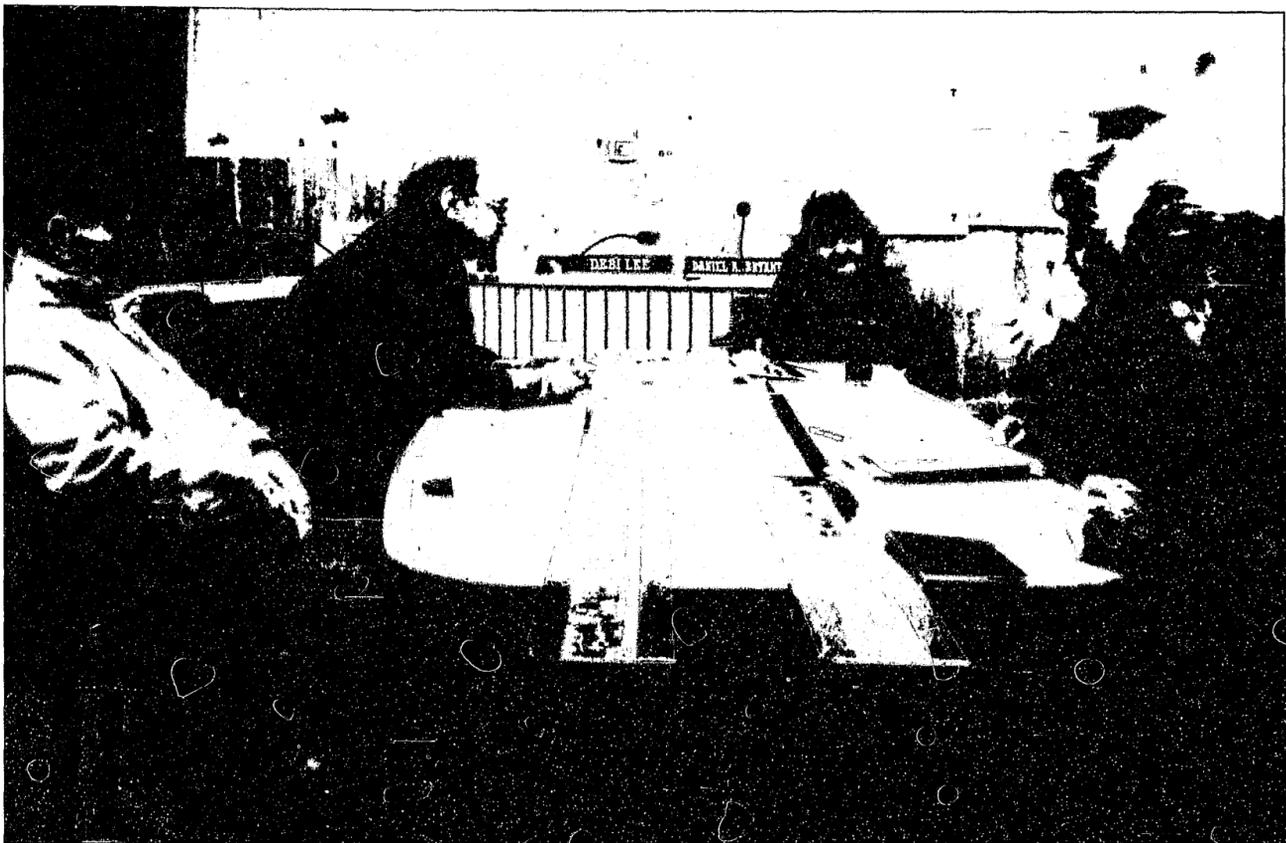
Those attending Tuesday's session, despite heavy snowfall, agreed that block representatives should be appointed to keep everyone in their area informed about issues and discussions.

In speaking to some owners, while they supporting enhancements in Midtown, they did not necessarily want to see a new phase of the MainStreet program, Lee said.

Frank Potter, former village manager and owner of Imports Etc., said the second MainStreet phase "looks really good."

"They keep it clean and well maintained," he said of the segment that includes the Visions, Boulder and Pine Tree shopping centers, as well as several unique independent shops. "It looks better than the original phase, where the landscaping has deteriorated."

Although tearing down the old fire station on Eagle Drive opened up space for parking, a "real" defined parking lot never was finished, he said. Portions of Rio Street are unkempt and not a draw for tourists. Potter said Americans are spoiled and want their garbage bins right outside their doors. But garbage dumpsters behind busi-



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Among those attending Tuesday's meeting on Midtown were, left to right, merchant Frank Potter, village Deputy Manager Bill Morris, artist/merchant Teri Sodd, village Manager Debi Lee and Mountain Annie's owner Jamie Estes.

nesses overflow on holiday weekends and tourists must walk past them to access Sudderth Drive, he said. Potter and he preferred clustering the dumpsters away from the building at the outer edge of the parking lot. The Rio Ruidoso would need to be safeguarded from blowing debris with an attractive cedar half-wall or grid structure.

"We want tourists to see a pretty picture, not blight," Potter said.

Lee suggested a work day with volunteers during the off-season could accomplish some of the needed maintenance and changes at very little expense. The effort would cover Sudderth, Rio and Wingfield streets.

"We need to support this effort, because it will benefit our delivery of services," Lee said.

Jamie Estes, owner of Mountain Annie's and KEDU radio station manager, said Rio could be "an absolutely beautiful area" with some care.

The new River Walk Trail with the first phase beginning at Two Rivers Park and ending at Eagle also will enhance the area, Lee said. A walkway with steps next to Lucy's is another element and the state DOT is looking at sidewalks and other improvements along Sud-

derth, she said. She doesn't know why, but village officials never applied for enhancement money before.

Morris said the village owns a "huge right of way" along Rio Street and by enforcing that space could eliminate some of the problems cited by Potter, such as cars parked halfway into the street and dumpsters also protruding into the driving lanes.

While reviewing with Estes some displays of approaches used in other towns to improve a segment of a community, Morris said when he arrived in Delray Beach, Fla., to work as a planner in 1986, the downtown area was dead. Four lanes of traffic led to

the beach, moving traffic through in a rush.

City officials converted two lanes to parking and a wider walkway, reducing the travel lanes to two, which slowed traffic and gave visitors more time to look at shops as they headed to the beach, he said. The downtown area was revitalized as people were encouraged to build town homes to create a permanent population mixed in with the businesses.

Truck traffic was diverted and some businesses, such as furniture stores and clothing shops that catered to an older generation no longer being courted for the area, were phased out in favor of coffee

shops, boutiques and art galleries.

Sodd asked if a new zoning for mixed uses to encourage some residential in Midtown could be applied and could also specifically exclude other uses that don't fit, such as chain stores.

Potter said he'd like to encourage more diversity and would be interested in seeing a breakdown of the different types of businesses in Midtown.

"If someone wants to put in a restaurant and they come on a busy weekend and see one of our Mexican restaurants slammed, and we have about 14 of them, do they really want to put in number 15, when they

could have something else to contribute to the diversity of the town," he said.

He also defended previous master plans for the village, saying while one passed in 1962 was minimal, a plan put together in 1976, accomplished several things that "saved Ruidoso's butt." It included a sign ordinance that controlled size and placement, and hillside protection. He was having a tough time selling that approach limiting excavation of hillsides until Pizza Hut moved onto a site on Sudderth Drive by Two Rivers Park and cut into a mountain. People were so upset, the new rules against such cuts passed easily, he said.

VOTE

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because of the close ties created over the years.

"I appreciate being able to spend the 20 years with a district I though was excellent when I went to school and as I served on the board. I guess it's time to go on to different things. Being on the school board can be very stressful. So I plan to just kind of maybe do a little bit of nothing. There's no regrets and I look forward to a new beginning."

Also bumped from the school board was Marc Beatty, who had been appointed in March 2011 to fill a vacancy. The only incumbent up for reelection that held onto her seat was Rhonda Vincent.

The new board will consist of Davis, Kerry Gladden Eastep (whose seat was not up for election), Marshall, Curt

Temple (who defeated Beatty) and Vincent.

Both Lutterman and Sayner voiced pleasure that a \$14 million general obligation bond was overwhelming approved at the ballot box on Tuesday.

"I had said all along that if something had to be on the positive side I hoped it was the GO bond," Sayner said. "I can have not too much remorse with not winning as long as the bond passed. No one likes to particularly be on the short end of a vote but at least the bond passed because that's for the benefit of everybody without question."

Lutterman said voter approval of the borrowing for facilities needs was a wonderful outcome.

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The positive side of texting

As an English teacher, I kibitz about and otherwise discuss language issues with my fellow teachers on a regular basis. We each have our favorite gripes, annoyances, and pet peeves.

For example, the increasing use of the plural pronoun "their" when referring to a singular subject. Someone isn't studying their grammar...



Anna Wilson
Twitter

But like it or not, language changes. When I first started to see texting shortcuts creeping into student writing, I certainly didn't LOL. But as I've adjusted to the texting phenomenon, I've come to

believe that texting could actually be helping our students to succeed in school and in life.

Senior citizens, I've observed, often have a negative view of language (and most other kinds of) changes. There seems to be a certain rigidity that comes with age—the attitude that our way is best and anything new is not as good.

Yet, if you think about it, every generation contributes to the evolution of language, usually in response to social, economic, or technological developments.

Every generation adds new words to the language pool. In the 40s, we got

"ground zero" and "radar." In the 50s, we got "teleconference" and "xerox." In the 60s we got "interface" and "cursor." In the 70s, we got "hard drive" and "microprocessor." In the 80s, we got "cyberspace" and "Dish TV." I have Dish; do you have Dish?

Styles of communication change, too. And while most people view texting as a modern phenomenon, people have always had reasons, and found ways, to send short messages.

When Fred Flintstone was pounding out a stone memo to his boss, I'm sure he used a certain economy of style.

Most people think of graffiti as a form of pop culture art, but in fact, it dates back to antiquity. Ancient Greeks scratched political complaints and other forms of abbreviated social commentary on

boulders and walls.

Short note writing continues to this day. Who hasn't seen some short interesting messages in bathroom stalls?

I myself use jillions of post-it-notes, btw, generally composed of only a few words: "Feed cat" "Pick up cleaning" "Nag husband"

So this generation's move toward sending short messages via cell phones is, imho, really just the next step in a long history of communication economy.

In our drive to improve the efficiency and speed of everything, we've also come to expect increased efficient and speedy communications.

In particular, students are expected to, and do, multi-task constantly. They carry on multiple conversations, do homework, watch a movie, lis-

ten to music, study for a test, do research, post on facebook, and eat a meal—all at the same time.

It amazes me to watch my daughter do this, and I wonder how she keeps it all straight in her mind. And part of the answer is texting. Her conversation bites are short and to the point.

Students also use their texting skills to take notes. I can remember using a form of shorthand to take notes during class, so it doesn't surprise me that the younger generation has developed its own form of shorthand-texting.

Overall, the language of texting is really not much more than shortened versions of words and phrases.

It doesn't really classify as a language, in and of itself. It's more of a style of language. And most of us

switch between styles naturally; we know to use a different style for a love note than we would for a legal deposition. Or for a widely read and much loved lifestyle column... :)

My experience with teaching writing has shown me that students can and do switch between styles with ease, once they understand what's expected of them.

The more styles students are familiar with—academic, informal (texting), legalistic, etc.—the more adept they will be at learning new styles and switching between them.

All in all, I'm amazed at the evolution of communication and interested to see what will develop next. One thing's for sure: how we communicate and the language itself will continue to shift with the times.

Well, g2g, tyt.

SHELTER NEWS

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January turned out to be a very good month for adoptions at the shelter. Normally, the winter months are slow, but not this year.

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The story is the same with our resale shop. Normally, the winters are the slowest time of the year for donations and sales at the resale shop, but not this year. You may recall reading that December was an all-time record for sales volume at the resale shop.

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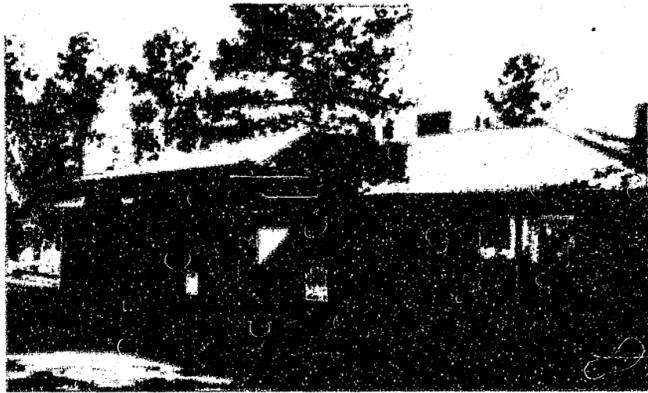
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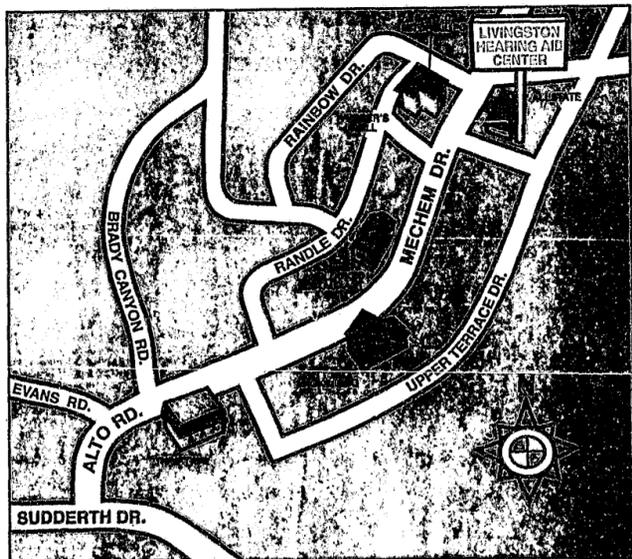


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P&Z sends zoning recommendations to council

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A recommendation by Planning and Zoning commissioners for zoning designations to cover parcels of land annexed into the village in 2008, will go to the Ruidoso Village Council for action.

At a public hearing Tuesday, only one land owner attended during a major snowstorm. Mary Kay Durden, owner of a recreational vehicle park for the past 12 years, told commissioners an M2, mobile home heavier density zone, didn't fit her business, and she would prefer

it be lumped in with other property slated for C4, a heavy commercial zone, as a more appropriate classification now and in the future.

She pointed out that Safe Haven mobile home park nearby and already zoned, fits the M2 designation, "but we are a nightly use" business with a big turnover.

Commissioner John Cornelius said planning officials' long-term view of the area along U.S. 70 entering the village from the southwest and the Mescalero Apache Reservation is for most of the land to be C4.

With no other objections and the knowledge that the recommendations will undergo another public hearing at the village council level, commissioners approved the staff proposed zoning designations for four parcels.

Parcel A, 47.99 undeveloped acres in Perk Canyon next to the antiquated Thunderbird subdivision, is surrounded by R1 zoning, the most restrictive single-family residential classification.

After several workshops on the issue with commissioners, staff recommended the land all be zoned R1, said Village Planning

"The area is both built and vacant with anticipated zoning of several residential and commercial zoning districts."

— Memorandum from Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris to Planning & Zoning Commissioners

Director and Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris.

Parcel B, 211.7 acres in seven parcels on the north side of the village that encompasses the municipality's 5 million gallon water storage tanks, also is surrounded by R1 and

should be zoned in that classification, Morris said. Two parcels are owned by the village and two others are used for communication towers. The rest are undeveloped.

Parcel C, 36.44 undeveloped acres that adjoin Parcel B to the north and consists of four tracts, also was recommended for R1, the prevailing zoning around it.

Morris said the fourth area along U.S. 70, Parcel E, presented the most interesting considerations and consists of 140.57 acres from the intersection with New Mexico Highway 48 (Sudderth Drive) to the border of the Mescalero Reservation.

Initial discussions centered on the commercial nature of the high intensity corridor, which appeared to be the perfect candidate for the first C4 zone in the village.

"The area is both built and vacant with anticipated zoning of several residential and commercial zoning districts," Morris wrote in a memorandum to commissioners, noting that staff recommended C4, M1 (low density mobile home) and AR-1 (agriculture) in different sections of the annexed tract.

The north side of the highway, which includes an RV park and hotel, was proposed for a C4 zoning designation.

"Some discussion occurred in the workshops about C2 (community commercial), but we recommend all

C4 for U.S. 70," he said. On the south side of the highway, covering the Elks Lodge and The Emporium barn, C4 also was recommended, he said.

An M2 or M1 classification was considered for the Twin Spruce RV Park, but after discussions with the owners, who want C4, staff is in line with that, because it seemed well suited for the area long-term, Morris said. The RV park would be a non-conforming use within that zoning classification. The Cowboy Church is new and anticipated to be in that location for a while, he said, indicating another designation could be used for that particular lot.

Cornelius said he'd prefer the entire area be C4 and to grandfather-in the church, which makes it an exception to requirements, because it was a pre-existing use.

The eastern and southern areas of the tract of annexed land were recommended for AR-1, agricultural use, and encompass pastureland and large segments of undeveloped property.

"We don't know about access, utilities and other services," Morris said. "A site development plan for anyone who wants to use the land would help prove up those densities."

The vote to approve the staff recommendations as modified was unanimous by the four members attending — Cornelius, Fred Cowan, Wimbrow and Mark Flack.

January construction permits drop in village

■ Not unusual for the first month of the year

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The number of construction permits issued in Ruidoso dropped significantly during the month of January, but the village's building official said the dip is no surprise, and the first month of the year traditionally posts the lowest numbers.

Official Shawn Fort, reporting to members of the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting Tuesday, submitted his figures for January showing 98 permits issued for a value of \$1,016,036, generating permit fees of \$14,674.60. That compared to 101 permits in December for a construction value of \$2,153,081.

"But things still are going on, so we're pleased with that," Planning Director and Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris interjected.

December looked better, because at least six single-family housing starts occurred. But the totals for the previous three months slid from \$1.84 million in September to \$1.6 million in October, and down to \$854,240 in November. The

number of permits varied from a high in November of 128 to 119 in September.

Permits in January were split with 24 for plumbing, 25 for electric and 47 for building work. Only one substantial single-family construction permit was issued during the month. It posted on Jan. 31, for a value of \$344,676 and a building permit fee of \$2,080.

However, some permits were issued for significant single-family housing additions, renovations and alterations, with work valued as high as \$38,469, \$43,046, even \$72,000. One permit listed as for "other," by a custom home builder for a private owner, was estimated at a value of \$152,525.

Morris, who is scheduled to leave his post this month, said village officials came up with no strong candidates in the first round of interviews for someone to replace him in the planning department slot.

"We're still working on bringing someone else into this position," he said. Current staff members in the planning and building divisions do not have the necessary planning qualifications to step into the position.



The Ruidoso News is running a Valentine's Day Contest and would like readers to share their stories on

"How we met..." Sit Back, reminisce and share your most romantic, humorous or disastrous stories on how you met or how you proposed.

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Mescalero group holds Otero Mesa sacred

ELVA K. OSTERREICH
Alamogordo Daily News

Officially advocating for Otero Mesa to become a national monument, a group of Mescalero elders are making their voices heard on behalf of the grasslands of southern Otero County.

The mission of the group is to preserve Otero Mesa and insure the history of the Mescalero Apache connection to the area is recognized.

"We envision Otero Mesa as a place for Apache youth programs that will educate and inspire them by the unique lifestyle of their ancestors," says their mission statement.

Members of the group feel many from Mescalero have lost the connection with their past and would like to see the youth of the tribe become more involved in the history and legacy of their people.

"English is my second language. I was taught Apache first," said Ted Rodriguez, who is head of the Traditional Elders Council and serves on various tribal committees. "We are retaining those traditional values. It is hard to see the young people not have these values."

Otero Mesa served as a sanctuary of sorts for the ancient Native Americans, mostly of various Apache tribes, who moved through the grasslands.

"As far as I'm concerned that's where our ancestors roamed," Rodriguez said. "A lot of the Apaches here don't realize we have that history."

Rodriguez called it a place to lose track of the world, a paradise to be cherished and loved.

"Personal and world problems can take a back seat to the peacefulness that I feel," he said. "I hope to work with young people in the schools, show them what their ancestors experienced. It is a personal thing I'm doing."

Alfred LaPaz, another member of the group, has been on the tribal council and served in law enforcement. He is worried about the possibility of oil and gas drilling on the mesa.

"The state has few places left that can be used (by the oil and gas industry) and this could be the last one in the state that could be saved," LaPaz said.

He said he wants to build up an interest among the Mescalero to more involved in traditions.

"We need discussions about how our people roamed out there and live out there," he said. "I feel the area is part of our people, like holy lands."

If the federal government does make Otero Mesa into a National Monument, LaPaz would like to see the Mescalero play a part in whatever might happen there. He feels his people can share their culture and heritage with visitors.

The reservation schools have taken a step toward educating the students in traditional ways, LaPaz said.

"They started setting up programs where the elders are teaching the language



Arian Enjady sits near a petroglyph on Alamo Mountain, one of the numerous historic sites located on Otero Mesa.

to the youth," he said. "I feel pride that people are wanting to show and teach our younger people. I think we are a step ahead."

Otero Mesa is a beautiful piece of land, LaPaz said. He said he has seen a lot of animals out there, including birds, eagles and pronghorn.

Larry Shay also served on the tribal council and is the supervisor of the Mescalero Apache Arts program.

He said his people have lost their nomadic tendencies, but there is an underlying knowledge that once the Apache had a much bigger land base than they do now.

"We hardly go here and there anymore," he said. "But there is knowledge

that the place was a place of refuge for my people culturally and traditionally."

Shay said once the people moved with the climate, wintering on the Gulf of Mexico and moving north and south through Otero Mesa on their journeys. The nomadic lifestyle the Apache ancestors lived involved family groups, small bands as opposed to large ones.

"They thought it was a haven place for the people with plenty of vegetation and wildlife," he said. "Apaches didn't take it for granted - didn't deplete the resources."

Shay and the others feel the resources should be protected. The water, vegetation and creatures that live there should be taken

care of. He is in favor of managing the resources to the benefit of everybody.

As nomads, the people took only what they needed to survive.

"Still today the native people only take what they need," Shay said.

The fourth member of the group is not an elder but is the head man of a Mescalero Apache Crown Dance Group. His position does not allow for his name to be shared.

"I'm a tribal member and traditional leader," he said. "Anything that has to do with Apache sites is important for the Apache people to be part of the circle. The ancestors have been there for many years."

There are a number of archeological sites on Otero

Mesa that are Apache camps.

"A lot of our people didn't know that existed," he said. "These are deep roots for these people."

The younger generation is getting stronger with the language and traditions, he said. The mesa is sacred like a church.

'Roots of our heritage'

"You wouldn't tear down a church and put up oil wells would you," the dance leader said. "Here are the roots of our heritage."

Styve Homnick is the only member of the group who is not Apache. He has worked for and with the tribe for more than 40 years.

Homnick has found healing in southern New Mexico and Otero Mesa is a big part of that.

"Everything I have around me, wildflowers, animals, trees and grasses, truly healed me," he said. "I love working in groups that have a passion to create happiness. Making Otero Mesa a national monument would bring a lot of happiness to people. To turn it into oil fields would be so sacrilegious."

Homnick said the problem is a factor of oil and water. There is no way to get away with pulling oil from the land without polluting the water. Also, the oil available in Otero Mesa is "peanuts" he said but the water can serve the population of southern New Mexico for at least 100 years.

To reach the group, email apachevoice@aol.com or call 575-937-8042.

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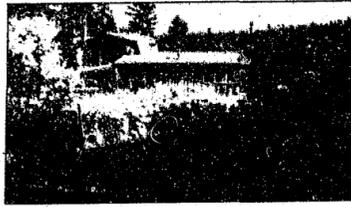
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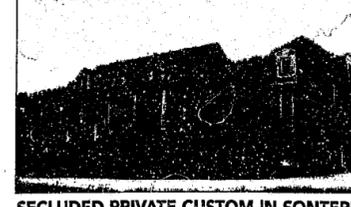
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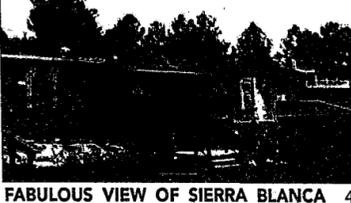
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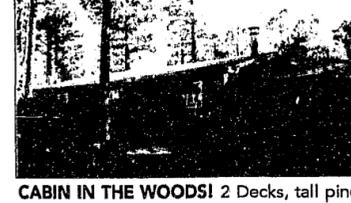
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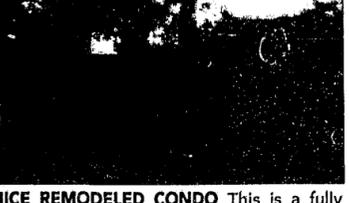
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

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

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

Storm total: 28 inches

Season total: 55 inches

Mid-mountain snow: 40 inches

Snow surface: Powder

Snowmaking: No

Weather for Friday: A mainly sunny sky. Cold. High 34F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph. Friday evening, clear skies. Low 22F. Winds W at 10 to 15 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Lower Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Chino, Moonshine Gulch, SBT, Meadows, East Meadows, East of East and The Face

Lifts open: No. 2 No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8 (will open Saturday). Gondola open, weather permitting

SKI APACHE IN FULL-TILT MODE



MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Two skiers start down the crest of a ski run at Ski Apache Wednesday. The well-known resort enjoyed 28 inches of snow in the latest storm and more than doubled its season total to 55 inches. Four chairs are open today with a fifth one (No. 8) scheduled to open Saturday. "Over 90 percent of the mountain should be operational," Director of Operations Justin Rowland said. "Come on out and experience some amazing snow."

Sports On Tap

Basketball

Girls

Friday, Feb. 4

Gateway at Capitan, 4 p.m.

Portales at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.

Hagerman at Mescalero, 4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 7

Lake Arthur at Corona, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Hondo at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Mescalero at Capitan, 4 p.m.

Boys

Friday, Feb. 4

Portales at Ruidoso, 5:30 p.m.

Gateway at Capitan, 4 p.m.

Hagerman at Mescalero, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 7

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Hondo at Carrizozo, 4 p.m.

Mescalero at Capitan, 4 p.m.

Valley Christ. at Corona, 5 p.m.

On Deck

Little League Baseball

Registration for Ruidoso Little League Baseball will take place Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Community Youth Center Warehouse, from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Capitan Schools cafeteria, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Community Youth Center Warehouse, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For information contact Brian Mosher at 937-8749.

Indoor Pickle Ball

The First Baptist Church, across from Cree Meadows Country club, is making the gym available to anyone who wants to play pickle ball during February on Thursday evenings, Feb. 10, 17 and 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. Players must wear tennis shoes and sign a release of liability form. No equipment is necessary. Paddles, balls and instruction will be available.

Ruidoso racers bring home the hardware

LAURA DOTH

For the Ruidoso News

What distinguishes a ski racer from the thousands of recreational skiers that flock to the slopes every year? It could be a number of things ... powerful stance, a gracefully carved arc down a steep slope, speed, or possession of a style all their own.

But one of the most identifiable characteristics of a racer is their smiles. Big sloppy grins seem to be ever-present on the faces of junior racers.

When the sun is shin-

ing, the snow is fast and you're running a giant slalom, what's not to smile about?

New Mexico's Fun Race Series is designed to perpetuate smiles. The races, hosted at ski areas throughout the state, allow athletes who are not registered with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) to compete alongside sanctioned competitive racers.

This introduction to the sport gives the new racers the opportunity to test the competitive waters and see if ski racing is something

they would like to pursue. The fun races also give the competitive ski racers the chance to mentor younger athletes and share what makes their sport so fun.

The Ruidoso Ski Team packed their bags and headed to Santa Fe for the Mark West Memorial Fun Race on Saturday, Jan. 29, for the first of four New Mexico Fun Races.

Over 70 athletes from Santa Fe, Taos, Red River, Los Alamos and Angel Fire joined the four Ruidoso racers.

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GREG MUMMA/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Members of the Ruidoso Ski Team show off their results from Santa Fe's Mark West Memorial Race. From l-r: Aric Jensen, Coach Mark Doth, Lexie Doth, Ari Mumma, Kevin Mumma (front).

Super Bowl: One win can be enough

Many times, we just don't know how to count our blessings. I try to be mindful of my advantages and how kind the Universe has been to me, but being an average human being, I occasionally disremember the pleasant offerings I have been gifted.

That unconscious brain cloud hit me again the other day as I chatted with a friend about upcoming Super Bowl XLV between the

Pittsburgh Steelers and the Green Bay Packers.

As most of you know by now I hail from the Steel City.



MIKE CURRAN
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Yeah, that's right - I'm a "yinz" and proud of it. So naturally, I want "da Burgh" boys to win their seventh Super Bowl. As a reformed gambler I still look at the betting lines with interest. When the "Black and Gold" beat the Jets the Packers immediately jumped out to two-and-a-half point favorites.

One day later the line went to three-and-a-half. That told me most of the early money (predominately amateurs) was going down on the Pack. The Vegas odds-makers raised the line a full point the next day to try to even out the bets in various bookmaking parlors across the U.S.

At that point, a wager on the Steelers, plus three-and-a-half, seemed attractive to me. As a former "teaser" bettor I would have taken the Burgh boys (hypothetically) at +9 1/2 and gone over 40 on the over/under (45).

"Back in my formative gam-

bling years I had a few hard-and-fast rules, which I stuck to with discipline: I never, ever bet Super Bowls (a sucker's game) and I never bet for or against the Steelers. I was too emotionally involved in them - I either loved them or I hated them. Either way, they gave me a headache in "the Big One." So I just watched it.

"Yinz" in the Land of Enchantment should understand - as cities go - the Steel City is looked down upon by a goodly

See BOWL, page 2B

Track renovation underway at Downs

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

An intensive renovation of the Ruidoso Downs racing surface is underway on the seven-eighths mile thoroughbred oval and the 550-yard quarter horse chute under the supervision of Ruidoso Downs vice president of racing and facilities Les Nichols and renowned international track consultant Dennis Moore.

Ruidoso Downs is the

only track in the world with separate race tracks for thoroughbreds and quarter horses.

"We continually work to maintain a fair and consistent racing surface for the safety of the jockeys and horses. This is a major off-season project that will take about a month. We've been working for several weeks and should be done in a couple of weeks," said Nichols.



COURTESY TY WYANT/RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

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A major off-season project has been on-going at the Downs.

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SKI

FROM PAGE 1B

The Giant Slalom course was set on Muerte. GS races are classified as speed events with racers laying down graceful arcing tracks designed to milk all the speed out of the hill that they can.

The younger, age class racers took to the course first. Starting first for Ruidoso, nine year old, Ari Mumma, is classified as a J-5 racer.

She was conservative on her first trip down the hill and her turns were a little round around the gates, but her time of 47.94 was good enough for second place and a trip to the podium for a silver medal.

Ari's six-year-old brother, Kevin, decided to try his hand at racing during the Santa Fe Fun Race. Facing a confusing configuration of GS gates can be daunting, and Kevin missed several turns in his run to the finish line.

He was disqualified for blowing the gates which is a tough lesson, but all part of the game. The up side to being an age class racer is that you always get another chance in the afternoon.

Next out of the gate for Ruidoso was Aric Jenson. At age nine, Jenson is also a J-5 racer.

Unsure of the hill, his first run was very tentative. He completed the course cleanly in a time of 52.58. He finished 7th in the morning run, chalking up a top ten placement.

After the younger athletes completed their morning runs, the older racers stepped up to show them how it's done. Wearing bib number 71, Lexie Doth hit the hill hard, carving tight turns and laid down a blistering run.

She crossed the finish line with a time of 40.59, well ahead of her competition. Ability class racers must finish the first run cleanly in order to progress to the second run. The two times are then combined for the final time.

The snow on Muerte was holding so well that race officials opted not to redress the course. Instead, they moved the racers back up the hill and let them run the same course.

This gave the younger racers a degree of confidence they didn't have before, because now they really knew the course.

The flip side was that they also now had some ruts and more bumps to deal with.

Ari Mumma left the start determined to increase her standing. Her second run was more aggressive and she got closer to the gates.

Her time of 48.28 put her at the top of her division for the afternoon race and she added a gold medal to her silver.

Little brother, Kevin knew where those pesky gates were this time. He negotiated every gate on the course and finished cleanly with a time of 1:18.62. He made his first trip to the podium to collect a silver medal for his efforts.

Aric Jenson improved on his second run too. Coach, Mark Doth, said he was much more aggressive and tighter on his turns. Learning to carve is essential to mastering ski racing, and Aric wasn't sliding as much as he progressed down the hill.

He finished the run in a time of 53.65. He improved his standing by two places, finishing 5th in his afternoon run.

The ability class racers watched their team mates run the hill, and then the



MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Former Ruidoso Ski Team coach Hubert Seigmann gets in a good run on Ski Apache Wednesday.

younger athletes watched what a few more years of experience can do for you.

Lexie Doth snapped into her skis and continued her dominance of the course. While she had some difficulty with the ruts left by 50 plus racers before her, she powered down the hill finishing in a time of 41.12.

This gave her a total combined time of 1:21.71 and secured her first place

standing.

Doth's time was the fastest of all the ability racers and she came home with a gold medal.

"We had a great time in Santa Fe" said coach Mark Doth.

"The weather was awesome and the energy on the hill was terrific. We introduced some new athletes to the sport of ski racing and came home with some

medals too!

The Ruidoso racers did really well this weekend. They've been working hard, and it shows."

Due to a lack of snow in Flagstaff, Ariz., the next Southern Series slalom race has been moved to Durango, Colo.

The Ruidoso Ski Team will be heading north again this weekend to compete in this slalom event.

BOWL

FROM PAGE 1B

number of citizens in Philly (Philadelphia), New York City and D.C. (Washington).

A few of the ne'er-dowells and "elite" of Chitown (Chicago) and Cleveland (Cleveland) refer to Pittsburgh as "just a shot-and-a-beer town." To them, it's not even a city.

I'm pleased to say that's somewhat true. It's blue-collar, hardworking, and provincial, guardedly optimistic and used to deprivation. Why not? A ton of

Irish live there and they know all about loss. As Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) so eloquently put it, "What's the point of being Irish if you don't know one day the world will break your heart (at the funeral of President Kennedy)?"

Where was I going with this? Oh, yes - so my friend and I were trying to make a prediction on the outcome of Super Bowl XLV.

He ruminated on the subject at hand for a few minutes and said, "You know, Mike, I grew up in the Bay area and even though I live in Ruidoso now I was thrilled when

the San Francisco Giants won the 2010 World Series for the first time. I'm at peace now.

I felt the same way when the San Francisco 49ers won their first Super Bowl in 1982 (the 49ers and Cowboys are tied with five wins).

When the Golden State Warriors won the 1974-75 NBA Championship I felt proud. Some teams never win a title once. Once can sometimes be enough for me, even if my team never wins another."

My friend isn't Irish (hey, you can't have it all) but I'm guessing he suffered greatly in a former life. He knows the real

meaning of denial and, as such, a pragmatic wisdom has courted him. As soon as he said it a gentle, white cloud of ease spread over me.

The Steelers have won six Super Bowls and if they don't win this one I'll be OK with it. I wish them well. Come to think of it, "da Burgh" has done all right for itself.

The Pirates have won five World Series, the Penguins have walked away with three Stanley Cups and the University of Pittsburgh Panthers football team has claimed nine national titles. Not bad for "just a shot-and-a-beer town."

Fourteen pro football teams have never won a Super Bowl. The Minnesota Vikings and the Buffalo Bills were each there four times and couldn't even accidentally win one. Talk about your bridesmaids!

How would you like to be a football fan from Cleveland or Detroit? Neither one has even been to the Big Show. And, oh yeah, the good people from the City of Brotherly Love (Philly) have never been top football dog either.

Neither have the Cincinnati Bengals or the Atlanta Falcons. I'm almost sure the citizens of those "towns" would have

appreciated just one victory. Maybe my friend is right.

As for the Green Bay Packers - they have my respect. They won the very first Super Bowl in 1967 and were victorious the following year. They pulled a hat trick in 1997 by winning it for a third time.

The Steelers and "The Pack" are two fine defensive teams and this one should be a barnburner.

If the Steelers don't come out on top (I can't bring myself to say the "L" word) I think I'll be OK. Still, in all, it would be satisfying to see them reach the top step on their "stairway to seven."

TRACK

FROM PAGE 1B

The track will open for training in late April with the summer season beginning on May 27. Highlighting the meet is the Grade 1, \$2,400,000 All American Futurity on Labor Day, the world's richest quarter horse race with a guaranteed all-time record first-place check of \$1,200,000.

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Some of the world's premier horses race at Ruidoso Downs. Last year, six of the 10 champion quarter horses raced at Ruidoso Downs, including 2010 world champion Apollitical Jess.

Expected to return this summer is 2010 champion 2-year-old American Runaway, 2010 champion-2-year-old gelding JLS Mr

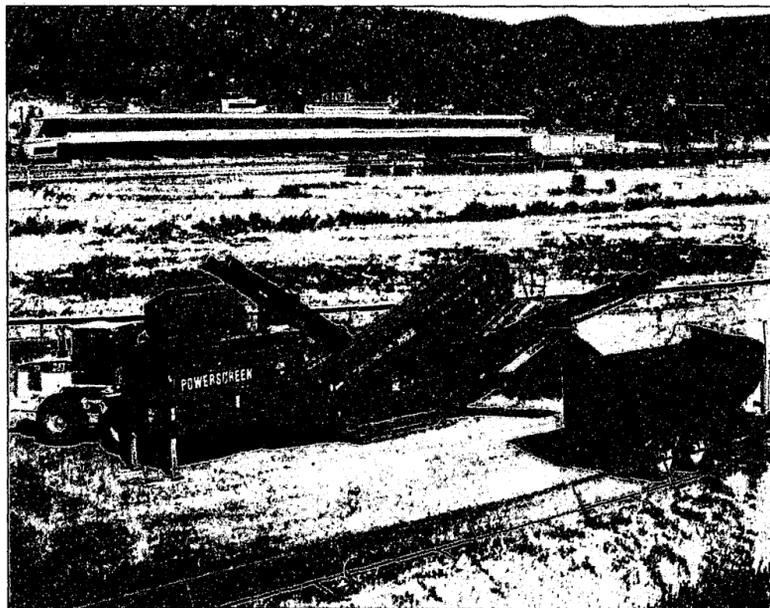
Bigtime and 2010 champion aged gelding Noconi. Last summer, American Runaway won the Ruidoso Futurity, JLS Mr Bigtime was the close second-place finisher in the All American Futurity and Noconi won the All American Gold Cup.

American Runaway and JLS Mr Bigtime could compete in the Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby and/or the Grade 1 Rainbow Derby and will point at the Grade 1 All American Derby.

The 2010 All American Derby had a record purse of \$1,548,645, making it the all-time richest quarter horse derby and the all-time richest quarter horse race for 3-year old or older quarter horses.

It was won by 2010 champion 3-year-old gelding Double Down Special over world champion Apollitical Jess.

The 2010 Rainbow Derby had an all-time



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record purse of \$873,441 and the 2010 Ruidoso Derby had a record purse of \$568,965. Those Rain-

bow Derby and Ruidoso Derby purses were the first time in quarter horse racing history that derby purses exceeded their futurity counterparts.

The 2010 Rainbow Futurity purse was \$625,000 and the 2010 Ruidoso Futurity purse

was \$500,000.

Two-time champion Noconi could return to defend his victory in the All American Gold Cup on Labor Day weekend.

He was also named the 2008 champion 3-year-old gelding after winning the 2008 All American Derby.

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MAGISTRATE COURT CARRIZOZO CASES

Without permission

Sean Forde, 40, of Albuquerque, appeared in court Dec. 28, 2010, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to a charge of hunting on private property without permission.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Forde to 182 days unsupervised probation and a \$250 fine.

Proctor also ordered Forde to pay \$73 in court costs.

New Mexico Conservation officer Benjamin Byrd charged Forde Nov. 9, 2010 for hunting on Vera Cruz Mountain Ranch, without permission.

Multiple charges

Jordan Gachupin, 21, of Zia Pueblo, appeared in court Dec. 28, 2010, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty to charges of criminal trespass, hunting on private property, shooting at game from roadway and unlawful killing of deer.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Gachupin to 910 days of unsupervised probation and \$1,132 in fines and court costs.

New Mexico Conservation officer Benjamin Byrd charged Gachupin for shooting a mule deer from Patos Road, on the Dose Ranch, Nov. 9, 2010.

Killing a spike

Lester Price, 64, of Rio Rancho, N.M., appeared in court Dec. 28, 2010, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty a charge of unlawfully killing a spike elk.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Price to 182 days of unsupervised probation and ordered him to make a \$200 donation to the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter.

Proctor also ordered Price to pay \$73 in court costs.

New Mexico Conservation Officer Shaler Wells charged Price for shooting a spike elk on Monjeau Road Nov. 2, 2010 while hunting with a license to kill an antlerless elk.

Private property

James Coffman, 42, of Albuquerque, appeared in court Dec. 28, 2010, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to charges of hunting on private property without permission, unlawful killing of deer and unlawful possession of deer.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Coffman to 546 days of unsupervised probation and \$150 in fines.

Proctor also ordered Coffman to pay \$179 in court costs.

New Mexico Conservation Officer Benjamin Byrd charged Coffman for hunting on the Vera Cruz Mountain Ranch without permission Nov. 9, 2010 and killing a deer on the private property.

Firewood cutting

Cameron Grimm, 23, of Dexter, appeared in court Jan. 10, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to a charge of cutting firewood without a permit.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Grimm to 364 days unsupervised probation and ordered him to pay \$173 in fines and court costs.

A New Mexico Conservation officer cited Grimm Nov. 20, 2010, for being in possession of firewood he collected from the Lincoln National Forest off Highway 246.

DWI deal

Robert Curry, 34, appeared in court Jan. 14 and pleaded no contest to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, 1st offense, under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Matthew Madrid and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of aggravated DWI, speeding and driving left of center.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Madrid to one day in jail, time served, 364 days of supervised probation and ordered him to pay \$741 in fines and court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston arrested Curry Oct. 15, 2010 at about 1:55 a.m. after stopping him doing 43 in a 35 mph zone and finding that he seemed to be intoxicated. Curry refused to take a blood alcohol test, so Huston charged him with aggravated DWI, refusal.

Amended charge

Tami Harmon, 21, of Mesilla Park, N.M., appeared in court Jan. 14 and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driver must be licensed, under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Freda Howard McSwane and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge of driving on a suspended or revoked license, and dismissed a charge of expired registration.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Harmon to 90 days of unsupervised probation and ordered her to pay a total of \$231 in fines and court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston cited Harmon at about 1:30 a.m., July 25, 2009, when he stopped her for an expired license plate and found her license to be suspended.

According to Huston's citation, Harmon was going to pick her boss up from a bar.

License deal

Shannyn Sovereign, 26, of Albuquerque, appeared in court Jan. 14 and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driver must be licensed under a plea and disposition agreement

reached by defense attorney R. Michael Hughes and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge from driving on a revoked or suspended license.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Sovereign to 90 days unsupervised probation and ordered her to pay \$386 in fines and court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston stopped Sovereign for a driver's license check on U.S. Highway 54 Sept. 12, 2010 and found that her license was suspended for failure to appear.

His deal

Josh Vega, 28, of Carrizozo, appeared in court Jan. 14, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driver must be licensed under a plea and disposition agreement he reached with Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Vega to 90 days unsupervised probation and ordered him to pay a total of \$186 in fines and court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Cory Crayton cited Vega when he stopped at a roadblock on State Road 48, Aug. 19, 2010, and found that Vega's license was suspended for failure to pay traffic fines.

Attempted bigamy

Randi Elizabeth Norman appeared in court Jan. 20 and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of attempted bigamy under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Freda Howard McSwane and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Norman to 60 days, time served, in jail, 304 days of unsupervised probation and \$73 in court costs.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant David Warren charged Norman with getting married Nov. 14, 2009, while still being married.

Bound over

Pete Contreras, 20, of Carrizozo, waived a preliminary hearing Jan. 20 and Judge Martha Proctor bound him over to District Court for trial.

Contreras is charged with bribery of a public officer, conspiracy to commit

bribery and conspiracy to bring contraband into a jail.

To stand trial

Amberly McSwane, 28, of Capitan, through Public Defender Mandy Denson, waived the right to a preliminary hearing Jan. 20, and Judge Martha Proctor ordered her bound over to District Court to stand trial.

McSwane is charged with two counts of issuing worthless checks of \$25 or more and one count of child abuse, no great bodily harm.

To stand trial

Public Defender Mandy Denson waived the right to a preliminary hearing for Nathan Madrid, 33, Jan. 20 and Judge Martha Proctor ordered Madrid held over for trial in District Court on charges of aggravated battery and conspiracy.

Trespass & larceny

Ronald Buckner, 58, appeared in court Jan. 25, waived the right to legal representation and pleaded guilty to charges of larceny of less than \$250 and criminal trespass.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Buckner to a suspended 182 day jail term and suspended \$400 of a \$500 fine for the larceny and suspended a 364 days jail term and suspended \$900 of a \$1,000 fine on the criminal trespass charge.

Proctor placed Buckner on 546 days of unsupervised probation, ordered him not to go on the victims property and ordered him to pay \$126 in court costs.

A Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff charged Buckner with stealing an animal game feeder from a home on Powell Court Dec. 7, 2010. The game feeder was valued at \$60.

Wrong place

Terry Hayes, 55, of Roswell, appeared in court Jan. 25, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded not guilty to a charge of hunting in the wrong unit.

Judge Martha Proctor found Hayes guilty of the charge in a bench trial and sentenced Hayes to a 182 day suspended jail term, with 182 days of unsupervised probation and a \$250 fine.

Proctor also ordered Hayes to pay \$73 in court costs and have no further game violations.

New Mexico Fish and Game officer Benjamin Byrd charged Hayes with hunting in Game Management Unit 36 with a license valid for Unit 38 on October 23, 2010.

MAGISTRATE COURT WARRANTS

Carrizozo Division

Warrants issued Jan. 1 - Jan. 27, 2011:

Alicia M. Apachito, 30, P.O. Box 8321, Ruidoso, N.M., failure to pay fines \$81.

Carl L. Bizzle, 55, 35 Jackson Street, Sullivan, Missouri, failure to pay fines \$81.

Mark A. Brusnahan, 47, 200 Dairy Lane, Calera, Okla., failure to pay fines \$101.

James Kevin Bryant, 30, P.O. Box 234, Ruidoso, N.M., probation violation.

Tyrone Cervantes-Martinez, 24, P.O. Box 443, Mesalero, N.M., failure to report to probation officer.

Sean M. Chappell, 19, P.O. Box 1743, Capitan, N.M., probation violation.

Christine Charley, 35, P.O. Box 94, Ft. Wingate, N.M., failure to pay fines \$353.

Ramon I. Chavira, 54, 1223 Durrett, Dumas, Texas, failure to appear on a charge of no medical card.

Thomas R. Dickerson, 53, P.O. Box 1724, Capitan, N.M., failure to appear on charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated, open container and stopping, standing or parking in a residential or business district.

Carlos Cruz Esquivel, 42, 511 Los Angeles, El Paso, Texas, failure to pay \$175.

Daniel L. Fiveash, 26, P.O. Box 726, Capitan, N.M., failure to appear on a speeding charge.

Michelle Flores, 27, 6161 Doniphan Space 164, El Paso, Texas, failure to pay \$31.

Richard A. Gamble, 60, HC 67 Box 123, Nogal, N.M., failure to pay \$76.

Alejandro Hernandez, 23, 3936 S. Rocky Peak Court, Tucson, Ariz., failure to pay fines \$81.

Angel B. Hernandez, 40, Avenue Ejercito Nacional, Chihuahua, Mexico, failure to pay fines \$161.

Britini M. Martell, 20, 15010 Gwendolyn, El Paso, Texas, failure to pay fines \$261.

Sid W. Martinez, 50, P.O. Box 236 Lincoln, N.M., failure to pay fines \$181.

Martha McNeil, 53, P.O. Box 2748, Ruidoso, N.M., failure to pay fines \$81.

Isaiah Medina, 23, CR 80 House 144, Cordova, N.M. failure to appear in

court on charges of unlawful hunting and unlawfully killing a cougar.

Anita Millerden, 31, 819 Azelia St. Alamogordo, N.M., failure to pay \$702.

Crystal A. Morales, 27, 5914 Cliff Bank, San Antonio, Texas, failure to pay \$126.

Steve M. Morin, 58, 104 N. Cedar St., Brownfield, Texas, failure to pay \$181.

Martha Ordonez, 29, 795 Delilah, El Paso, Texas, failure to appear on a charge of driving on an expired license.

Walter T. Phillips, 62, 9559 Highway 380, Lincoln, N.M., failure to appear on a charge of driving on an expired license.

Julio Puentes-Solis, 51, 11963 Francis Scobee Drive, El Paso, Texas, failure to appear in court on a charge of speeding.

Andrew S. Quintana, 22, 900 Pleasonton Road #586, El Paso, Texas, failure to pay \$653.

Henry Raygoza, 31, 947 Montero Road, El Paso, Texas, failure to appear on a charge of driving on an expired license.

Christopher A. Ruiz, 25, 1016 Water View, Little Lem, Texas, failure to appear on charges of driving on a suspended license and registration expired.

Keith R. Sultemeier, 21, 1218 Little Big Horn, Alto, N.M., failure to appear on a charges of expired registration and failure to appear on five counts of issuing worthless checks.

Johan Thiessen, 49, P.O. Box 795 Seminole, Texas, failure to appear on charges of no permit for excessive weight and glazing/frosting on windows.

Pablo Valencia, 21, P.O. Box 1464, Capitan, N.M., failure to pay \$91.

Clay S. Walker, 53, 109 Nob Hill #10, Ruidoso, N.M., failure to pay \$871.

Xavier Warren, 23, 1500 White Oaks Court, Alamogordo, N.M., failure to pay \$60.

Tonja K. Wilson, 48, 78 Will Place, Roswell, N.M., failure to appear on a charge of expired registration.

Jeremy Wood, 23, 110 Rim Road, Ruidoso, N.M., failure to appear on a charge of speeding.

Magistrate Court Division 1 is located in Carrizozo, N.M. The phone number is 575-648-2380; Fax: 575-648-2695.

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RELIGION

Henry's miracle

I often receive questions about miracles but rarely answer them. This isn't because I don't believe in miracles, because I do, but rather because there are some things from God that don't lend themselves to easy, facile explanations. Some gifts from God need to be accepted in awe-some silence and gratitude.

Also, some things we consider miracles are, in the words of the Jewish philosopher Martin Buber, "just the report of natural events by enthusiastic participants."

However, a dear friend of mine and a member of my congregation was recently the recipient of an unambiguous miracle.

Henry was dying of an aggressive brain tumor. He was at home in the care of hospice angels,

family and friends. He was off all his meds and ready to go home.

Suddenly, his latest MRI came back with the stunning news that the tumor had simply vanished.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

Doctors had no explanation about how or why this "miracle" (their word) had occurred.

I will share with you some of my thoughts on miracles that I shared with my congregation, and would love to hear about any miracles with which God has blessed you or those you love:

I don't expect the weekly Torah portion to be a newscast of contemporary events. The part of the Torah we read every Shabbat is for me a view into the eternal, not a report from the neighborhood.

Yet, time after time, I

have seen a message in the Torah verses, almost a prophecy, and certainly a divine commentary on what God is doing right now in our lives.

We read in Exodus 23:25 v'hasiroti mahalah mikirbecha: "And I will take away the sickness from within you."

I don't know if God was referring to Henry, but this week I think so. I don't say this often or lightly, but we have witnessed a miracle in our midst. Tonight we pray in grateful thanks for Henry's miracle.

There are so many questions about miracles that follow our joy. The responses to these questions, like the miracles themselves, come from God. They are responses, not answers, because these are unanswerable questions. They are mysteries, not problems.

As the philosopher Gabriel Marcel wrote, "Problems are questions we constitute. Mysteries

are questions within which we ourselves are constituted." (*The Mystery of Being*)

So our spiritual task with miracles is not to answer the questions but to find a way to respond to the mystery. We must live our way through the questions into responses our lives can embrace.

The most spiritually unworthy question about miracles, the question of the cynics and of those of uncertain faith is: "Why was Henry chosen to receive a miracle this week and not all the millions of others still walking through the valley of the shadow of death? Why Henry?"

I received the following email this week:

"Rabbi Gellman: Would you be able to say a prayer for Claire? Claire is the 12-week-old niece of a friend of ours who is suffering from acute lymphoblastic leukemia and needs our prayers."

Why Henry and not Claire? The response to this question, is first off to pray for Claire. We pray that God might have a spare miracle for her.

Our next task is to simply pause and realize that if every prayer were answered, nothing would be a miracle. A miracle is an expected intrusion into Natural Law, or an unexpected gift during a time of desperate waiting.

If our every prayer for life cancelled the arrival of the Angel of Death, then death, our inescapable destiny, would never come. Those we love would never die. Those who are ill would never languish. Every day would be sunny. Natural Law would no longer be law and we would live forever.

The consequence of this understandable but child-like fantasy would be that no children would ever be born to replace us, no medicines ever be invented to heal us, and we would never need to develop courage to face life's trials

and tribulations.

Miracles need to be rare, or their power would evaporate into our unlimited spiritual neediness. The rabbis taught, ain somhin al ha nes: "do not rely on miracles."

We must work to support the work of science as if there is no God, and we must trust in God as if there is no science.

The shortest Psalm, No. 131, and my favorite, gives us a luminous version of this humble response:

A Song of Ascents; of David. LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in things too great, or in things too wonderful for me. Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with his mother; my soul is with me like a weaned child. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forever.

The Psalmist specifically teaches us that God wants us to be like a weaned child, not like a nursing child. A weaned child is prepared to live in a world where mothers are present but mother's milk is no longer available.

We must be humble and trusting and hopeful. We cannot be demanding of God's hesed, God's grace. We must be simply grateful when it comes, and not feel betrayed when it does not come in time.

German theologian Meister Eckhart (1260-1327) wrote: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you,' it will be enough." Therefore, the spiritually mature response to miracles is not "Why not others?" but simply, "Thank you."

Thank you leads to a faith based on trust. Why not others? leads to a faith constantly hobbled by spiritually debilitating petitions.

Trust is not exactly belief though it is in part based on belief. Trust is hope, and hope does not

arise from believing something or other about God. Hope comes from trusting that God is with us in every circumstance of our life and our death and our life that begins after death.

How can we achieve a faith based upon trust? I can't say for sure, but for now it may be enough to say that miracles come to those who wait upon the Lord in patience, courage and trust.

Why they don't come to all who wait is not only an unanswerable question but the wrong one because it implies that the miracles we can see are somehow not enough.

The question of "Why not others?" actually prevents us from seeing the miracles around us every day.

There's a wonderful rabbinic legend about how some of those who walked through the miracle of the splitting of the Red Sea did not see the miracle at all. How could this be? asked the rabbis, and they answered, "Because they never looked up and so all they saw that day was mud."

The only way to see miracles is to look up. We must look up from our daily complaining, from our prayers that include a thousand petitions for each grudging thank you to God.

Our lives, our breath, our friends our community our nation are all miracles. Every day we awaken to eat breakfast and shovel the snow and go to work and come home and shovel the snow. Each day is filled with miracles. Each day, we must not just say but actually believe, "Today, as every day, my blessings exceed my burdens."

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to god-squadquestion@aol.com.

Only God knows

As I write this column, I am waiting for the big storm to hit. We have called off the Tuesday evening meal and Bible study at the J Bar J Country Church. It is not that we are fearful of the snow, but we don't want to cause people to be put in harm's way.

I believe that continuity is an important part of any organization's operation. People need to know that things always go on in spite of the circumstance.

Well, almost always. We are praying for moisture and this snowstorm could be an answer to prayer. The projections are of snow, cold and lots of wind. We can do without the wind, but we do need the snow.

The meteorologists are right most of the time in their predictions. One of my sons-in-law is a Texas A&M graduate with a meteorological degree.

I tell him that if had been predicting weather back in the Old Testament days, they would have stoned him to death for being a false prophet.

Shawn does not testify that God gives him the prediction. He works all the scientific readings for prognostication and then looks to the National Weather Service for confirmation.

The world is filled with folks who make predictions, prognostications, and

prophecies.

These folks range from astrologers to stock-market gurus to folks who study history and say that it repeats itself.

And then we have the Bible experts who have it all figured out. I will never forget that a fellow in Tulsa, Okla., predicted that there were 88 reasons why Jesus would return in 1988.

He put out a booklet and many people bought into the idea that he was right. Well, it didn't happen. So, he puts out a booklet that says there are 89 reasons why Jesus would return in 1989. That didn't happen, and he didn't put out a third booklet.

If he had studied the Bible and believed what it says, he would have known that no one knows the date and time of Christ's return.

But we still have people who will try to tell us what will happen in the future. There is no question about it. There are predictors that give us indications of what may happen in the future.

But only God knows what is going to happen. After all, He is already there ... in the past, the present and the future.

After all, His name in Hebrew is "Jahweh." That means "I Am" in English. His existence is eternal. He is already in the future.

To know that gives me help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR



William Lane "Sunny" Edwards of Big Spring passed away, Monday, January 31, 2011. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Craig Holstedt, officiating.

Sunny was born on July 2, 1918 in Big Spring to Marion Edwards and Ova Mae Williamson Edwards. He ranched in Howard and Ector Counties until 1959, when he and his wife, Jane, bought Cree Meadows Golf Course in Ruidoso, New Mexico where they lived for fifty years. He served 17 years on the board of the Ruidoso Jockey Club and was president of Ruidoso/Sunland for three years. Quarter horses were his passion and he raised and ran many winners. Sunny returned to Big Spring in 2007.

In October 2010, Sunny received the Foy Proctor Memorial Cowman's Award of Honor from the Haley Library in Midland and will be inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in April of this year.

Sunny was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Mary Jane Reed Edwards; his son, W.R. "Stormy" Edwards and two sisters, Annabelle Neal and Mary Nell Mansfield.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lane and Don Reynolds; grandchildren, Don Reynolds II, Katie DeLaO, Leigh Reynolds and William Rowan Edwards; nephew, Red Schwarzenbach; nieces, Belle Schwarzenbach, Deane Kelley and Zane Neal and 6 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or a charity of choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.



John C. Romig, Leander, Texas passed away on the 2nd day of January, 2011. He was born on the 10th day of August, 1941 in Independence, Kansas to John Romig and Dorothea Schroeder Romig.

Surviving John is his wife, Joyce Romig; daughter, Kathleen Romig Jennings; son, Doug Romig; daughter, Jennifer Romig King; and son, Warren Romig.

A visitation was held on the 24th day of January at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin. Funeral services were conducted on the 25th day of January at Good Lutheran Church, Cedar Park. Interment followed at Cook-Walden Capital Park in Pflugerville.

Condolences may be made at www.cookwaldenfuneralhome.com.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Riding across the West

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When Clay Clark left Harrison, Ark., he was a 20-year-old with a dream to ride his horse to the Pacific Ocean.

With some serious perseverance and a lot of luck, he'll turn 21 in the state of California, swinging a long rope and riding with the buckaroos.

Clark left his home state the first week of October 2010, riding alone. When the plan was made to ride to California, two of his friends were in on the adventure with him but for an assortment of reasons, that didn't materialize.

The third child of four and the youngest boy, Clark had made up his mind to make the trip. "I'd listened for years to the old men down at the coffee shop telling about the things they wish they had done when they were young," Clark said. "I didn't want to end up like that, regretting not at least trying."

He sold off some belongings to finance the first leg of the trip and told his friends and family goodbye. He struck out along the westbound highway riding a young horse loaded down with a few provisions, a bedroll, rifle in a saddle scabbard and his Bible. That was the sum total of any plan. Beyond that, it was just day-to-day adventure ... and survival.

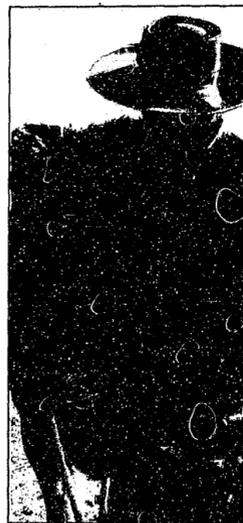
He meandered through Arkansas and on into Oklahoma with stops in Sallisaw, Shawnee, Ponca City and Chickasha. He rode on down to Texas stopping at the Wagonner Ranch in Vernon, then riding on to visit the 6666 and the Pitchfork Ranches in North Central Texas.

Locals all along his route are enthralled with Clark's adventure and invitations have never been in short supply for him stay,



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Clay Clark is riding horseback from his home state of Arkansas to the California with a goal of riding into the surf of the Pacific Ocean. He is half-way there, traveling a little more than 1,000 miles so far. Red Sally is the horse he arrived in Lincoln County riding, but will leave on fresh horse while she rests until he returns. At left, Clark reads a small Bible he carries with him that he says is the only thing he is reading on this trip. He carries a cell phone, but service is sporadic as are opportunities to charge the phone. But, it does allow him to check in with friends and family and let them he's alive and well.



eat, sleep and work.

Experiencing the people and the country along the way was as much of Clark's plan as getting to the ocean, so he has indulged in an assortment of jobs and as he put it, "met a whole bunch of really nice people."

When he was near Lubbock, Texas, the FOX News television station came out and interviewed and photographed Clark. It was his biggest claim to fame as he rode to the halfway mark of his trip.

Making about 20-25 miles a day, there has been no shortage to incidents involving danger, wonder and dumb luck.

"While crossing a real narrow place on the edge of steep bank, I had a semi-truck come by me close enough to knock my pack off with the truck mirror," he recalled. "The pack went flying into the water 65-70

feet below with no way for me to get it back."

He was riding through an area where he had a trail to ride on that was only 16-18 inches wide along the side of the highway.

"It was shifty loose clay and gravel," he said. "My horse lost her footing and started to slide down toward a 100-foot drop off and I really thought it was going to be the end of us. But about 30 feet down, she got her footing and began lunging back up the slope. I decided after that it would be all right to just take the pavement in those tight places."

Clark said when he crossed the Arkansas River Bridge he had a police escort. "One time I even had an FBI agent stop traffic and take a picture," he laughed.

The Arkansas cowboy endured some cold nights

along the way. About half his nights during the 1,000 miles of the trip were spent camping under bridges, in tunnels under the highway or in his bedroll in the barrow ditch.

Every night he would find enough light to read his Bible. "It's the only book I read," he said. He is also keeping a journal and spends a little time writing cowboy poetry.

One night he built a fire, went to sleep and woke to find a power pole starting to catch on fire. "I got it put out OK, but it scared me a little," he said.

He recalled a night when his horse slipped her hobbles and took off. "She was headed back to Arkansas. But with some help, I got her caught not too far away."

Friends shuttled horses to him, trading out a worn horse for a fresh one for the road.

When Clark rode across the New Mexico state line

on Dec. 27, he was riding a 5-year-old mare, a Tennessee Walker, he calls Red Sally.

After a night on the eastern outskirts of Roswell, he made his next stop at the Diamond A Ranch in the Hondo Valley.

The next leg of his ride took him into historic Lincoln where he tied up in front of Arrowsmith's store.

Owners Murray and Marilyn Arrowsmith took him home for the night and then arranged for his next stop at Piñon Hills west of Capitan.

Clark has laid up in Lincoln County for a couple weeks where he's arranged for fresh horses, gone skiing, toured the area and made a passel of new friends while staying out of the severe winter weather that hit the area. His plans are to leave as soon as the temperatures warm up a little.

"I'll never forget the wonderful, good people I've

met on this trip," he said. "I am just amazed at how good people have been to me. Makes it hard to leave some places."

Remember the fellows back at the coffee shop in Arkansas?

When Clark left, they were making bets on how long it would be before he turned around and came home, with two weeks being the longest time anyone would bet on.

Now four months and a thousand miles later, a picture of Clark riding down a New Mexico highway, living his dream, will be in the mail to the coffee shop.

The good ol' days

The ranch wife was standing in the corral looking into the storm as the wind blasted the falling snow across the pens. Ranch husband was carrying a bale of hay to the feed bunk.

This classic Jerry Palen cartoon was accompanied by this timeless line from the ranch wife: "Tell me again how we're going to think of this as the good old days."

Across the country where the weather has plummeted into cold, snow and blizzard conditions, this scenario is

played out repeatedly.

Al Gore declared that the severe blast of winter weather we are enduring is a "consequence of mad-made global warming."

I can't even begin to use the expletives I hear when the term "global warming" comes up right now, only surpassed by those used while taking Al Gore's name in vain.

With every day of arctic weather in Kansas, the Dakotas, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, etc., the fact is this - no farms or ranches will be closed due

to inclement weather.

Subzero temps are no excuse for staying inside by the fire.

Livestock has priority. Plunging mercury on thermometers predicts frozen water lines and iced-over drinking troughs.

The drifting snow adds an extra challenge to mobility, making hauling water not always a second option.

Cold winter stories are endless, depicting the misery with humor or agony.

One old timer tells that when he was a kid, they put their food in the icebox to keep it from freezing.

Ironically, I'm paying for electricity to keep things frozen in the freezer and to keep things from freezing outside of the freezer.

Then there are those half dozen newborn baby calves, unfortunate enough to have been born on a sub-zero night, thawing out on the back porch.

Space heaters, heat lamps and blow dryers become premium tools in the lifesaving efforts.

Chopping ice and splitting firewood are a few basics in this world that remain timeless in nature and require the ever-handly ax.

The cowboy's bride made her circle which was an all-day event involving many miles to get to and ride through more than a dozen pastures - breaking ice in the trough in each one.

Dog-tired and with just

one more pasture to go, she stepped out to unload her equally tired roan horse. He decided in his weariness to not be in a particular hurry.

Standing on the fender of the trailer and reaching through the slats, she used the handle-end of her ice-breaking ax to snare the reins and encourage the roan to back out.

Just as she was coaxing the horse's exit, a local farmer happened by. She had the business end of the ax in her gloved hands, but all the farmer could see was the ax handle stuck through the slats of the trailer.

He briefly viewed the action and then quickly sped away. Not giving it a

thought, she got the horse unloaded and went about her business.

The next morning she stopped by the grain elevator to get a hot cup of coffee and thaw out by the stove. As she came through the door, she got a standing ovation from the crew already there.

Ordinarily a nod and a hello was the extent of their acknowledgment of her arrival. She had to ask, "What's up?"

"Lyndon was by here yesterday and said he saw you hit your good horse in the head with an ax because he wouldn't unload," said one of them.

"Everybody knows how much you love that roan horse. We figured if you are that tough, we better come to attention when you walk in."

Ah yes, living the good life and getting a little respect along the way.

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Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER



COUNTY BRIEF

Reading program

The Capitan Public Library is holding a Reward Reading Program. Select from recommended books or select your own. Three divisions: Adult, Grades 7 -

12, and Grades 1 - 6. Weekly prizes and grand prizes a \$25 gift certificate in each division. The program ends March 5.

Saturday, Feb. 5, is the \$5-a-bag book sale from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Complimentary coffee and cookies served.

STATE NEWS

Bill would expand DNA collections

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE - Friends of Katie Sepich, raped and murdered at 22, filled the governor's office Tuesday to lobby for a bill that would require DNA samples of every person arrested in a felony.

Republican Gov. Susana Martinez said expanding the DNA database would be a weapon in making the state safer. Several Democrats joined her at a news conference to pledge their help, saying collecting more DNA samples would solve and prevent crimes.

"This bill is not about politics. It's not partisan. It's about our families," said Rep. Al Park, D-Albuquerque, who is sponsoring the measure in the House. It is HB 256.

Sen. Vernon Asbill, a Republican from Sepich's hometown of Carlsbad, today will introduce an identical version in the Senate.

Twelve states have laws requiring a DNA sample from every person arrested in a felony, and New Mexico should follow their lead, Martinez said.

New Mexico has a less comprehensive DNA collection system that legislators approved in 2006.

Katie's Law

Called Katie's Law in honor of Sepich, it requires police to obtain DNA from people arrested in a subset of felonies, mostly crimes of violence.

Martinez said this law had helped solve 173 crimes by matching the DNA from those arrested to

rape or murder cases.

Park said more extensive DNA collections would solve even more crimes. Those arrested for forgery or receiving stolen property often commit violent crimes as well, he said.

Critics of expanding Katie's Law include the ACLU and defense attorneys. They say it would create broad police powers in which people arrested but never convicted of anything would be forced to provide DNA, which could remain for years in the government database.

For her part, Martinez said collecting DNA was no threat to the innocent, and no different from fingerprinting those who are arrested.

Martinez, formerly the district attorney of Dona Ana County, prosecuted

Sepich's killer, Gabriel Avila.

Sepich was a graduate business student at New Mexico State University in 2003 when Avila, a stranger, raped and strangled her.

Though police arrested Avila in a burglary three months after Sepich's death, he did not have to submit to a DNA sample for almost three years. Only after he pleaded guilty in the burglary did he have to consent to a cheek swab for DNA.

His DNA matched that from blood and skin underneath Sepich's fingernails. Avila eventually confessed to her murder and is serving a 69-year prison sentence.

Martinez said justice would have been achieved years earlier had a compre-

hensive DNA testing law been in place.

Dozens of people from Carlsbad, most wearing yellow buttons with Sepich's picture, listened to Martinez's rendition of the case. One was Amy Barnhart, a friend of Sepich's since junior high school.

"She had the biggest personality there ever was," Barnhart said. "When someone with such a big presence is taken, it leaves such a void."

Another Carlsbad resident, Vivian Allen, simply said: "It still hurts."

Asbill was superinten-

dent of schools in Carlsbad when Sepich graduated from high school. He handed her her diploma.

He said 37 of the 42 state senators already had signed on to support an expansion of Katie's Law.

Even so, Asbill said, the bill still could have a tough go in the Senate, where members of the Judiciary Committee may have doubts about more state-ordered DNA collections.

Park said he was confident the bill would receive approval, given its overwhelming support from both parties.

Democrats oppose Martinez order

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE - Democratic legislators moved today to negate Gov. Susana Martinez's executive order mandating that state police inquire into the immigration status of criminal suspects.

In impassioned speeches, a dozen Democrats said Martinez was hypocritical, wrongheaded and intent on ingratiating herself with the national Republican Party at the expense of her own state. Several said she was needlessly emulating Arizona's immigration law, which led to boycotts of that state.

Sen. Eric Griego, D-Albuquerque, said he would file a bill as soon as today to ban law enforcement from asking about

immigration status.

"Everyone in this room is a suspect if the police want us to be," Griego said.

Then, of Martinez, he said: "She is pandering to a small minority of people from outside our state."

Two other bills already have been introduced by other Democrats who oppose Martinez's order.

One would restrict emergency responders from asking anyone about immigration status. The other would prohibit police from stopping anybody based on suspicions about whether he or she is an immigrant.

Legislators said the objectionable part of Martinez's executive order says this: "State law enforcement officers shall inquire into the criminal suspect's status, and report relevant

information to federal immigration enforcement authorities."

Griego said this would lead to racial profiling by police and discourage victims and witnesses from cooperating in police investigations.

Sen. Linda Lopez, D-Albuquerque, said the governor's order would discourage women and children from reporting domestic violence. Everyone in a domestic blowup is a suspect, she said.

Harsher words came from Rep. Miguel Garcia, D-Albuquerque.

He said Martinez's order reminded him of the day in the late 1960s when he tried to buy a hamburger in a diner that carried a sign saying: "No dogs or Mexicans allowed."

"This executive order is

a highly publicized form of a no-Mexican, no-dog-allowed placard," he said.

Sen. Stephen Fischmann, D-Mesilla Park, called Martinez's order "patchwork policymaking at its worst. We're being hypocrites."

What he meant, he said, was that the governor's administration could raid restaurants, hotels and construction sites that employ undocumented immigrants. But, Fischmann said, most in New Mexico want those people in the state, doing difficult and demanding jobs that keep the economy going.

Martinez was away from the Capitol when the legislators spoke. She held a news conference of her own about the state's work in helping people deal with freezing temperatures.

Pearce calls for government unity

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE - New Mexico once had 20,000 timber workers. Now it has eight, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce said today in calling for government unity in helping businesses save and create jobs.

Spotted owls received the protection they deserved in New Mexico, but a zealous government wiped out the state's timber companies along the way, Pearce said.

Eliminating government policies that needlessly impede industry is the only

sure way to put more people to work and reduce the country's crushing debt, Pearce said in a speech before the New Mexico House and Senate.

A Republican just returned to Congress to represent southeastern New Mexico, Pearce said most do not appreciate the severity of a national debt exceeding \$15 trillion.

Change our track

"We cannot continue on the track we're on indefinitely and expect our children to have a future," he said. "This is what hap-

pened to the Soviet Union."

Pearce, who has degrees in economics and business administration, said more jobs are the only answer to saving America from economic ruin.

Raising taxes stifles job creation, he said.

Cutting government budgets also is not a solution, he said.

Cutbacks aimed at waste, fraud and abuse are necessary, he said, but reductions can only go so far before vital services are hampered. When that happens, government deserts the people it is supposed to

help, he said.

Job growth that pours more money into the economy is the best solution to reducing debt and saving worthy government programs, Pearce said.

He said he retained optimism because growing the economy by just 3.5 percent annually would begin eliminating debt and shoring up Social Security.

But there is another part of the equation that must change, Pearce said.

"We can't keep spending more than we're bringing in. It's not complex," he said.

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Legislation introduced to require voters to have identification

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — State Rep. Dianne Hamilton says the right to vote should be restricted to those with photo identification.

Hamilton, R-Silver City, on Wednesday introduced a bill that would require most people who vote in person to supply a government-issued photo ID.

This is her third try at such a law in five years. Democrats killed her first two bills, declining to release them from committees.

Hamilton said she thought that would happen again, predicting Democrats would block this bill in the Voters and Elections Committee.

"I don't think it will get through," she said in an interview.

Still, she said, she felt compelled to try because the public wants a voter identification law, even if most politicians do not.

"This is the response to the overwhelming call by New Mexicans for more integrity in our elections," she said.

Hamilton said fraudulent voter registrations had occurred in which large numbers of people listed the same post-office box as their New Mexico address. Once on the voter rolls, they could go to the polls unchecked, she said.

She said people with second homes in New Mexico also told her they had cast ballots in two states.

Hamilton's bill would apply only to people who vote in person. Those who use absentee ballots would not need photo identification.

Albuquerque has a photo-identification law for municipal elections. It survived a court challenge by the ACLU in 2008.

One of the ACLU's arguments was that fraud in absentee ballots was much more prevalent than with in-person voting, but the Albuquerque law ignored that.

A previous failed bill by Hamilton included photo identification for absentee voting. She removed that provision this time, hoping to improve her chances of getting the bill approved.

Another running criticism of Hamilton's bills was that a photo identification requirement would make it harder for ethnic minorities to vote.

Reverse prejudice

"That's reverse prejudice, trying to protect people who no longer need protection," Hamilton said. "Minorities know how to vote."

Hamilton said House Republicans, who number 33, were solidly behind her. She also has two of the 36 House Democrats support-

ing her bill.

She identified the Democrats as Reps. Ray Begaye of Shiprock and Dona Irwin of Deming.

Begaye, she said, encouraged her to include an exception for those from tribal lands, and she complied. They could use identification numbers in place of photographs, as many native Americans do not like to have their pictures taken, Hamilton said.

Otherwise, a New Mexico driver's license, a passport, a military-issued ID or a state identification card would be required to vote.

Hamilton's bill would provide for free state identification cards for those who cannot afford a passport or do not have a driver's license.

Oddly enough, though, a New Mexico driver's license may not protect against voter fraud, a fact that Hamilton acknowledged.

In New Mexico, people can obtain driver's licenses without proof of immigration status. This could allow those who are in the country illegally to vote in New Mexico elections.

Republican Gov. Susana Martinez has asked the Legislature to repeal the law that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. Two legislators have offered differing bills to tighten licensing.

Senators want governor off investment council

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — A bipartisan group of senators wants to remove Gov. Susana Martinez as chairwoman of the State Investment Council, and she said Wednesday she would be happy to comply.

Positions on the council should go only to investment professionals, Martinez said.

"The governor supports removing all politicians from the State Investment Council," her spokesman said.

She also wants to require that appointees meet a minimum qualification of having at least 10 years of professional investing experience.

Martinez's predecessors in the governor's office during at least the last 16 years chaired the investment council, said state Sen. Timothy Keller.

Keller, D-Albuquerque, has introduced a bill to remove Martinez as chairwoman. This is no reflection on her, he said, but on past practices that hurt the state because its investments were poorly managed.

He proposed a bill two years ago that targeted then-Gov. Bill Richardson for removal as chairman of the investment council. Legislators approved it, but Richardson used his veto power to remain as chairman.

Keller said Richardson attended only about 10 percent of the investment council's meetings, but his influence was still considerable. The council had no vice chairman, so by proxy Richardson could steer its direction as he wished, Keller said.

"It became a sort of playground for politics, scandal and pay to play," Keller said in an interview. Then he amended himself, saying a better description might be that the council was "a place for pet projects."

Keller said New Mexico is the only state whose governor sits on an investment council and holds responsibility for the state's portfolio.

Republican Sen. Steven Neville of Aztec appeared with Keller on Wednesday to push for reforms in the investment council. They made their case before the Senate Rules Committee.

The chairwoman, Sen. Linda Lopez, D-Albuquerque, encouraged Keller to consolidate three reform bills into a single measure that would transform the investment council. Her committee will revisit the issue on Friday.

Keller said the three bills overlap on certain points, and he would attempt to work with other sponsors to consolidate them.

The main points of the bills are to remove the governor as chairwoman of the

investment council; to create clear accountability on which agency is responsible for specific state investment; and to try to sue financial companies that may have shortchanged the state on investments.

As the system operates now, any number of state agencies can deflect responsibility for investment decisions, Keller said.

He said the state loaning money to moviemakers was one example. Employees in numerous agencies said other parts of the state bureaucracy were responsible for the loans.

State Rep. Dennis Kintigh, R-Roswell, said the state loaned money to 23 moviemakers in the last nine years. Every movie reported zero profits.

The state got back its principal on more than \$230 million in loans, but it made nothing by doing business with Hollywood, Kintigh said.

Had the state loaned the money at market rates, it would have made at least \$28 million, he said.

Keller said many sweeping reforms to the investment council were made last year, but it remains too political.

"The old board was worst practices in terms of good government," he said.

It is better now, he said, but needs more changes to become an operation that is focused on good investments and without any hint of politics.

Two judges appointed

ASHLEY MEEKS
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — Two prosecutors will take over the vacancies left by retiring District Court judges, Gov. Susana Martinez announced Wednesday.

Martinez has appointed Susan Riedel and Jacinto Palomino to take over for Judge Jerald A. Valentine and Judge Stephen Bridgforth. Both were part of a group recommended by the 3rd Judicial District Court Nominating Commission.

"Ms. Riedel and Mr. Palomino have dedicated their careers to protecting New Mexico's children and families and upholding the law to the fullest extent," Martinez said in a prepared statement. "Both have served capably as

prosecutors and have proven themselves as tenacious and fair representatives of New Mexico's legal system. I am confident that Ms. Riedel and Mr. Palomino will be fair and honest judges who will impartially apply the law."

Chief Deputy District Attorney Riedel earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., and currently oversees attorney training in Children's Court and probation violations.

"I am very excited and pleased," Riedel said Wednesday. "I look forward to continuing to serve the people of our county in this new capacity."

Previously, Riedel served as the child support enforcement hearing officer and special master for fam-

ily violence protection hearings and Children's Court detention hearings for the 12th Judicial District in Alamogordo, an assistant district attorney for the 3rd Judicial District and a deputy district attorney for the 2nd Judicial District in Albuquerque.

Deputy District Attorney Palomino, a former Marine who earned his law degree from the University of California at San Francisco Hastings College of Law, oversees the violent felony offense unit and serves as senior defense counsel for the Judge Advocate General of the United States Army Reserve.

"I am honored to be appointed by the governor," he said. "I am looking forward to serving the people of Dona Ana County."

Sunshine law changes proposed for schools

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — Two state senators want the budgets and business dealings of school districts, large counties and many cities to be posted on the Internet.

Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Dona Ana, said Thursday she had drafted a bill requiring financial records and expenditures of cities of more than 15,000 to be accessible through the state Sunshine Portal.

The state's three or four largest counties also would be included, said Garcia, who was editing the bill before its submission.

Her colleague, Republican Sen. Sander Rue of Albuquerque, introduced a similar bill Thursday to include public school information on the Sunshine Portal.

"Nearly half the state's budget is dedicated to public education," he said. "All that spending needs to be exposed on this site."

Rue said it would require that details about school districts, charter schools and the state Department of Public Education be published online.

The Sunshine Portal, up and running, focuses now on details about state gov-

ernment.

Garcia said her bill would require larger municipal and county governments to provide annual operating budgets, cash balances and government contracts of more than \$20,000.

She wants the data available no later than July 2013.

Rue's bill contains one provision in addition to publication of school finances and records.

He said he wants a link with the state Human Services Department that would list people who are delinquent in child-support payments.



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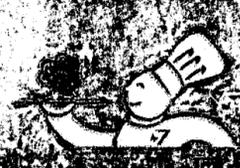
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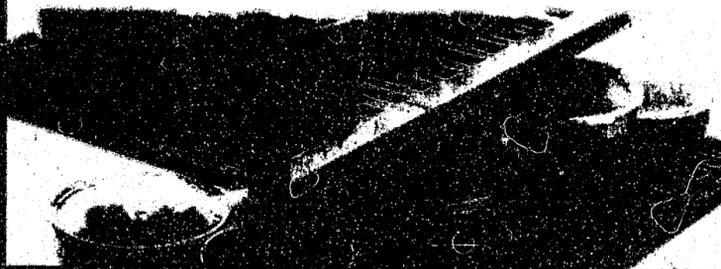
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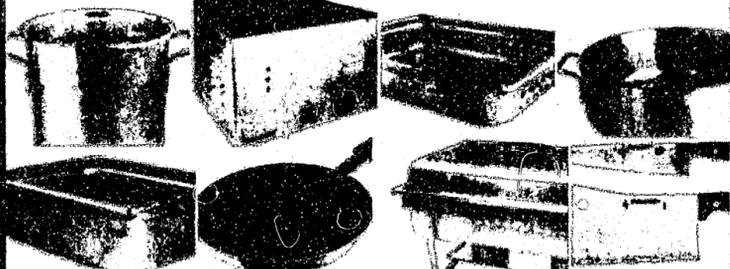
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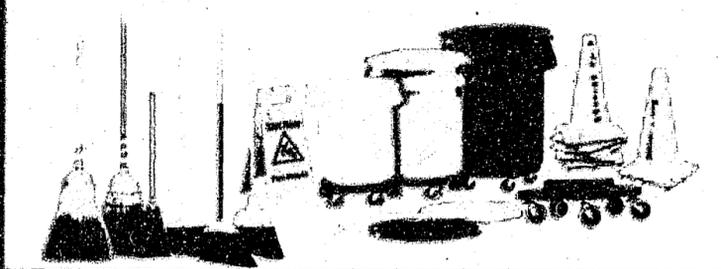
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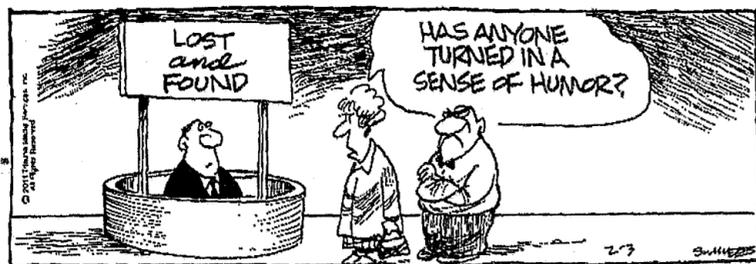
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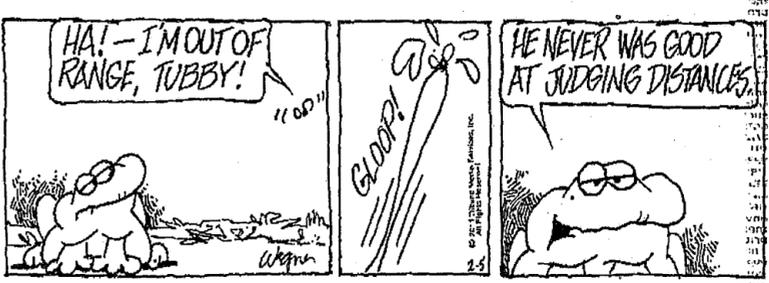
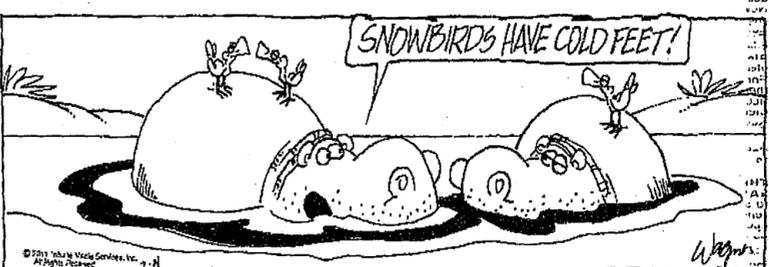
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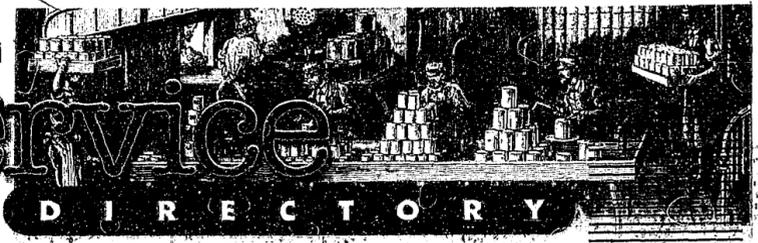
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