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National Weather Service warning coordination meteorologist Kerry Jones leads a weather spotter training session in Lincoln County.

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Village hit -27 degrees

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The bitter early-February deep freeze was indeed the coldest ever for Ruidoso.

The National Weather Service said a temperature of minus-27 in the village limits on Feb. 3 established an all-time record in the history books, which date to 1942.

The report of the new record was presented last week by NWS warning coordination meteorologist Kerry Jones, who led a training session at the Copper Ridge facilities of Lincoln County's Office of Emergency Services, where five Lincoln County residents brushed up on being weather observers for the service's forecast office in New Mexico.

Midtown official, too

Temperatures and weather forecasts for Ruidoso are often determined at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, which recorded a minus-13 on Feb. 3. The reading of minus-27, recorded by a weather observer in Midtown, goes into the books as the official record.

At the training session, Jones said weather spotters are his office's "eyes on the ground."

The spotters deliver weather reports to the NWS. Those reports may result in the issuance of weather warnings.

Jones said radar can indicate severe weather but often is unable to detect what is actually happening at the surface. A tornado last year east of Ruidoso Downs failed to show up on radar, but a report from the county's Office of Emergency Services was advanced to the forecast office.

Jones explained the formation of severe thunderstorms, and the unique impacts that the mountains in New Mexico have on weather conditions.

In addition to what spotters should look for and report to the weather service, some other interesting local climate data was provided by Jones.

The highest temperature on record for Ruidoso was 98 degrees, on June 26, 1994. The most rainfall in a 24-hour period, from midnight to midnight, was 5.11 inches on June 17, 1965. The remnants of Hurricane Dolly, which resulted in flooding, delivered 4.67 inches of rain on July 27, 2008. Jones said there was additional precipitation the following day, and rainfall amounts were much higher in the upper elevations of the northern Sacramento Mountains.

The most snowfall during a 24-hour period was 23 inches on Jan. 9, 1977. The greatest daily snow depth at Ruidoso was 24 inches on Dec. 27, 1997.

Water tanks normal

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Ruidoso's water storage tanks, which dipped to dangerously low levels from a massive number of leaks in private homes after 40 consecutive hours of sub-zero temperatures, are back to normal.

Ruidoso's Capital Projects Manager Randy Camp said Tuesday that Alto Crest tanks at one point only had a two-hour reserve, but recovered back to a 50-foot depth. Capacity is 54 feet, but the tank normally moves between 48 feet to 52 feet, he said.

Speaking to village councilors during a recap of the water crisis that shut down service to a small but significant tourist portion of the village for nearly a week from Feb. 9 to Feb. 14, and to individual mostly unoccupied homes scattered throughout the village, Camp said three major events occurred that longtime residents and experts said "never happen."

The first was the 90 consecutive hours of temperatures below freezing and 40 straight hours below zero, hitting a record of minus-27 degrees.

The second was that the village's water storage tanks on the mountainside in Upper Canyon froze.

The third was that, instead of water line breaks occurring in the village's infrastructure, usually

The 54-foot Alto Crest tank, which had dropped to seven feet at the beginning of the water crisis, is back to 50 feet



Alborn: People were busting tail and then these other people are taking cheap shots all around. As long as they do that, I'm going to answer them."

in the form of a main line rupture, hundreds of leaks sprang up in pipes inside mostly unoccupied seasonal homes and were difficult to pinpoint.

"I challenge anybody to stand in my shoes and make any better decisions," Camp said. "The (water system) consultants said we had no options and it just

doesn't happen like this, massive breaks on the homeowners' side."

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Ray Alborn defended the decisions and response time of village officials.

"A small minority is taking pot shots," he said. "Come down and see us if you have a problem. The people out there were busting tail

and then these other people are taking cheap shots all around. As long as they do that, I'm going to answer them."

Alborn thanked all of the municipal employees and volunteers who helped, including the New Mexico National Guard, Lincoln County Commissioner Kathryn Minter and Bonito Department volunteer firefighters.

Employees gave up their weekend and Valentine's Day to pitch in, walk neighborhoods looking for leaks and to turn off water meters, he said.

Camp added that his department was on-ground the weekend before the sudden drop was caught at the water storage tank to spot and repair leaks, which they thought would turn the corner for the village. But then the thaw hit and previously frozen pipes that were damaged began gushing water.

Alborn thanked Gov. Susana Martinez for sending the New Mexico National Guard to help with the search for leaks and then stayed for the drive to restart the water service in historic Upper Canyon and surrounding areas. The UC was the only section where service had to be cut off until the leaks were located and repaired, or meters were shut down.

At no time was the village

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Burning ban

An opening burning ban in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County is in effect through the weekend.

The Boise Fire Center shows a fire danger for Lincoln County ranging from "High" to "Very High."

Sustained wind speeds are expected from 15 to 25 mph through Sunday.

Burns may be permitted again on Monday, Feb. 28, conditions permitting.

Enchilada dinner

The Rocks Boxing Club will host a fundraiser Enchilada Dinner at the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso Downs tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.

The dinner with dessert and tea is \$7.

The funds raised will be used for the boxing club to attend tournaments, buy uniforms and other expenses.

DWI council

The Regular Meeting of the DWI Planning Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Substation next to the Library on Kansas City Road in Ruidoso.

The purpose of the meeting is:

- Call to Order
- Introduction of New Members and Guests
- Report on Prevention Implementation by Secretary
- Report by other members on Prevention activities
- Report by Chairman
- New requests

Tax preparation

Free tax preparation is offered to all middle- to low-income individuals and families of all ages. The help comes from volunteer tax counselors and auxiliary personnel under the auspices of AARP in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.

Come to the Ruidoso Senior Center on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1 - 4 p.m., and Saturdays



Meet and Greet

Leah and Mae (above) of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County are among those inviting members of the community to a "Meet

and Greet" reception Sunday, Feb. 27, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Sanctuary on the River.

The event is free for anyone interested in learning more about the BBBS pro-

gram or in becoming a mentor ("Big"), or in meeting the board, staff or other mentors in the program.

BBBS will answer questions about its existing programs, and will highlight

its newest initiative on the Mescalero Apache Reservation. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Contact Steve Duffy or Toni Little at the BBBS office at 575-258-4185.

from 9 a.m. until noon through the April 16.

Summit conference

The Second Annual Wildland Urban Interface Summit, put together by the New Mexico Association of Counties, the State Forestry Division and the Bureau of Land Management, is set for March 23-24 at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The summit is designed to provide a chance for community members, fire specialists and local government leaders to discuss statewide efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire.

HEAL grant

Help End Abuse for Life, Inc. (HEAL) in Ruidoso Downs received a \$30,000 grant this quarter from the Daniels Fund, one of many

recipients to benefit from \$1.1 million distributed last week.

The nonprofit was selected in part because it is the only domestic violence shelter in Lincoln County.

The program areas eligible for grants through the Daniels Fund fall under the categories of Aging, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Amateur Sports, Disabilities, Education, Homeless and Disadvantaged, and Youth Development.

Bill Daniels, a cable television pioneer who was a former resident of Hobbs, established the Daniels Fund to operate the Daniels Fund Scholarship Program and the Daniels Fund Grants Program in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

Visit www.danielsfund.org for more information.

Mescalero grant

The Mescalero Apache Housing Authority has been awarded a \$300,000 federal grant for housing and economic development.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Rural Housing and Economic Development program provides funding for local rural nonprofit organizations, community development corporations and federally recognized Indian tribes.

The Mescalero Apache Housing Authority was one of 86 projects nationwide for a total funding amount of more than \$25 million.

Other New Mexico grantees of \$300,000 each were the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, Ohkay Owingeh Housing Authority, and Community Area Resource Enterprise at Gallup.

LCMC board

The Lincoln County Medical Center Community Board of Trustees monthly meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Pearce visits

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, (R-New Mexico), who represents the 2nd Congressional District, will be in Capitan at 3 p.m., Friday, for a townhall meeting at the Capitan Public Library.

On Saturday, Pearce will attend a healthcare reform discussion with at the Lincoln County Medical Center's Therapy Center conference room.

The event is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The discussion will begin at 9 a.m. The LCMC

Therapy Center is located at 213 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso.

Mediation training

The Texas Dispute Resolution System is conducting a 40-hour Basic Mediation Training Program in Ruidoso, Feb. 28- March 4.

Communication skills, problem solving, confidentiality and ethics are covered in the training. Additional issues arising in the mediation setting are also covered, such as cultural, financial, and legal matters.

Attendees will participate in mediation role plays as well as other hands-on activities.

For more information or to register for the class, visit www.co.lubbock.tx.us/drc/training.htm or call toll free at 866-329-3522.

Committee meets

The Lincoln County Land & Natural Resources Advisory Committee will meet at 9 a.m., March 1, in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

The item of new business on the agenda is a presentation by County Attorney Alan Morel of the RS 2477 designation (existing pre-statehood) as it applies to County Road C-007 through U.S. Forest Service land to the Cox family residence.

Planners meet

The Lincoln County Planning Commission will discuss the commission's recommended revisions to the county's comprehensive plan when they meet on March 2.

The commission has been reviewing and offering potential changes to the several year old comprehensive plan. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

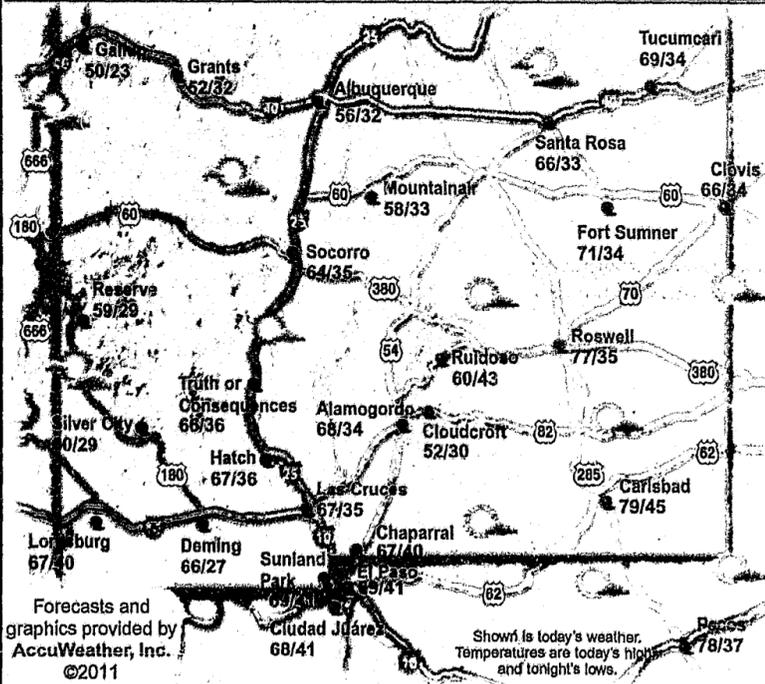
The March 2 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the Lincoln County sub-office at 115 Kansas City Rd.

AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel: 58° Humidity: 22%	RealFeel: 56° Humidity: 13%	RealFeel: 28° Humidity: 41%	RealFeel: 53° Humidity: 31%	RealFeel: 56° Humidity: 20%	RealFeel: 61° Humidity: 25%	RealFeel: 58° Humidity: 25%
60° 43° Mostly sunny and warmer	60° 37° Partly sunny and windy	42° 28° Very windy	52° 37° Sunny and warmer	55° 40° A full day of sunshine	62° 42° Sunny	62° 34° Plenty of sunshine
Wind: WSW 12-25 mph	Wind: SW 20-30 mph	Wind: WSW 30-50 mph	Wind: S 8-16 mph	Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Wind: WSW 8-16 mph	Wind: NW 12-25 mph

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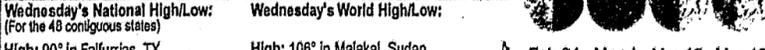
Regional Cities



Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:36 a.m./5:56 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 1:28 a.m./11:36 a.m.

Moon Phases

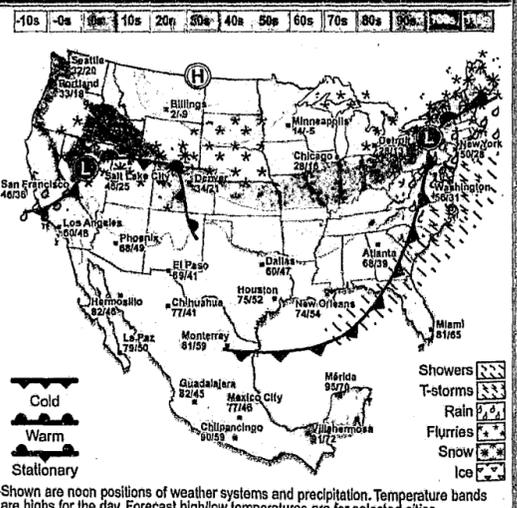


Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 90° in Fairfuries, TX
Low: -21° in Saranac Lake, NY

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 106° in Malakal, Sudan
Low: -64° in Omolon, Russia

National Forecast for Feb. 25, 2011



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

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	68/46/s	80/53/pc
Anchorage	38/7/sf	18/2/s
Atlanta	68/39/sh	66/51/s
Austin	70/42/pc	75/62/sh
Baltimore	59/34/r	46/29/pc
Boston	48/19/r	29/18/pc
Chicago	28/16/c	30/24/sn
Dallas	60/47/pc	77/60/pc
Denver	34/21/c	47/26/pc
Des Moines	24/12/sn	27/15/c
Detroit	28/13/sn	26/20/sn
El Paso	69/41/s	72/48/s
Las Vegas	80/45/pc	66/38/sh
Los Angeles	60/48/r	52/40/t
Minneapolis	14/5/sn	15/3/sn
New Orleans	74/54/pc	71/62/s
New York City	50/28/r	38/29/pc
Philadelphia	56/27/r	30/29/pc
Phoenix	68/49/pc	66/43/r
Reno	34/15/sn	24/9/sf
San Francisco	46/36/sh	50/37/pc
San Diego	60/53/pc	56/44/t
Seattle	32/20/pc	36/33/s
Tucson	70/41/pc	73/45/c
Tulsa, OK	44/35/pc	64/50/pc
Wash., DC	56/31/r	45/38/pc
Wichita	34/27/pc	47/35/pc
Yuma	71/49/pc	68/43/r

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	56/32/pc	60/33/pc
Artesia	78/46/s	86/50/s
Chama	42/21/sn	42/18/pc
Clayton	58/29/pc	62/30/pc
Cloudcroft	52/30/s	51/21/s
Farrington	48/29/pc	50/29/c
Hobbs	74/37/s	79/37/s
Los Alamos	47/26/pc	49/24/pc
Portales	69/34/s	73/38/s
Raton	55/24/pc	56/22/pc
Red River	40/23/pc	39/21/pc
Ruidoso	56/33/s	60/37/pc
Santa Fe	54/28/pc	57/27/pc
Silver City	60/29/s	62/30/pc
Taos	49/23/pc	51/25/pc

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	90/70/s	90/70/s
Cancun	84/68/pc	82/68/pc
Chihuahua	77/41/s	81/43/s
Ciudad Juárez	68/41/s	72/48/s
Leon	82/48/s	85/48/s
Mexico, DF	77/46/t	79/46/pc
Monterrey	81/59/s	86/63/pc
Morelia	85/52/s	84/51/s
Oaxaca	90/54/t	88/54/pc
Pto. Penasco	72/48/s	68/41/pc
Tijuana	61/48/c	55/37/c

Work on River Walk Trail could begin this summer

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The first dirt could be moved this summer on phase one of the long-awaited River Walk Trail paralleling the Rio Ruidoso through Midtown.

Village councilors Tuesday approved an engineering contract with Loris and Associates based in Lafayette, Colo., and specializing in bike and recreation trails, to design the River Walk Trail for \$57,300 and an associated park for \$6,960.

Laura Doth, who secured the grants for the project

through the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee and a related state funding source, said she originally estimated \$50,000 for the engineering. The change of figures doesn't affect the overall budget, but requires a shift in line item totals, she explained.

"(Village Engineer Bob Decker) went through it and agreed they were legitimate charges and cost effective," she told councilors. Ultimately the trail will feature outdoor sculptures with an annual event to help support the trail improvements and maintenance.

The total first phase project cost of \$64,260 is well within the grant amount of \$202,100, with a 20 percent in-kind services match from the village, for a total project budget of \$255,625.

"The approval to commence this design was delayed pending environmental clearance," Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager wrote in a memorandum to councilors. "Clearance has been received and we are ready to commence design. Staff has reviewed the submitted budget and recommends approval of the budget and contract."

"Once this is approved, we go to the public input portion in March, then the design and then break ground this summer," Doth said.

Councilor Jim Stoddard said he applauded her optimism, "especially when we thought we had lost the money and you got it back."

"Thanks to U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)," she said. The deadline to use the money is June 20, 2012, but officials "are fully aware we lost a year and I have been assured they will extend the amount of time."

The \$250,000 will cover

only the first phase of work, she said. The application for grant money for the second phase, for about \$600,000, is on file at the U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary.

"We were ranked the number one (project) in the state, so I'm hopeful," Doth said.

"The reason we were number one is the way you wrote the grant," Stoddard said.

Over the past three decades, creation of a river walk was proposed, gathered backers and then sputtered and died repeatedly until Stoddard several

years ago decided to take on the challenge and enlisted Doth and the local scenic byways committee.

Instead of a "walk," the title was modified to a "trail," to allow more variation, depending on terrain, and to take advantage of natural features for "park-like" areas with benches and displays, possibly even some athletic challenges. Accessibility for the handicapped and several points of entry and exit will be included in the design. The initial development will occur from Two Rivers Park north to Eagle Drive, primarily on public land.

County commissioners consider redistricting process

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Lincoln County commissioners should begin thinking about whether they want to hire a professional or wrestle with redistricting themselves.

The process isn't just balancing commission districts by population, the law requires that minority voting strength be protected and that communities of common interest be maintained, County Clerk Rhonda Burrows warned at a commission meeting last week.

Data from the 2010 Census will be released in drips over the next few months and when the numbers and demographics are available, commissioners must shuffle the precincts already submitted by Burrows, to come up with an equitable arrangement for the five districts. Burrows said because new law prohibited subprecincts, the number grew with new precincts formed in the southwestern population center and in one sparsely settled area in the northeast. The precinct map was required prior to the release of the new population figures, which she said seemed "like putting the cart before the horse."

But the more precincts, the easier for the commissioners to stack them in clusters that will satisfy the 5 percent plus or minus maximum variation allowed in population, she said.

"We worked with Research and Polling out of Albuquerque to come up with map," she said. "We redistrict with current population data to capture shifts and to illustrate what changes may be needed in the district map. Your concern is commission districts, but precinct maps affect other redistricting endeavors such as for the U.S. House seats. Louisiana will lose some and Texas will gain some from the effects of Hurricane Katrina."

The reapportionment for House seats and the redistricting, which pivots on the redrawing of district

lines, occur every 10 years, she said. Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor, former county clerk, and County Attorney Alan Morel both previously have gone through the process.

The U.S. Census Bureau is required to release the census data by April 1. Reapportionment must begin by January and be completed by December 2011, because the election proclamation for June 2012 primaries must be issued by Jan. 30, 2012. That proclamation contains polling locations, which must be fixed by that time, Burrows said. Unfortunately, census blocks do not line up with precincts, making the population calculations more complex. The Census Bureau will release the demographic data to the states on a rolling basis, she said.

"We are required as a county with population greater than 13,000 to create districts as equal as possible," Burrows said. The suggested process is to host three or four public meetings to be as transparent as possible.

While population must be within 5 percent plus or minus in each district, commissioners also have to look at avoiding dilution of minority voting strength, that everything is contiguous and that areas of shared community interest are respected. All of those concerns don't lend themselves to using roads for boundary lines, because one side of a community might be funneled into one district, she said.

"I worked with (State Sen. Rod Adair) and (Proctor) to reduce those," she said. "But some you can't resolve. On (New Mexico) Highway 37, one side goes with Nogal and the other with Capitan, but we didn't have another marker to redraw that line."

Precincts can be split for municipal elections, because towns draw their own lines, she said. A change in state statutes requires school districts to comply with precinct lines, but district superintendents have shown a reluctance, she said.

"The population increase in 2010 will alter the shape of districts," Burrows said. "They like to see nice square precinct shapes, but in our county we follow terrain and they are not at all square." Large irregular shapes are suspect to federal officials, who think locals reached out to grab an odd group of people, she said. However, sometimes odd shapes are needed, because commissioners cannot be drawn out of their districts and that's why District 3 included a "finger" of land to encompass the home of a commissioner.

Officials also have to ensure an area is not swept into another congressional district that might not be as representative of their interests. Proctor suggested county officials do as much of the work as possible and then bring in a consultant to finish off the rough edges and ensure compliance. Burrows said computer software also can be purchased and used to help, "but the common thread is that the programming is only as good as the person who writes it and we are a fairly unique county and I didn't feel confident."

She received a strongly worded note from Republican Party officials urging the county to do its own work, Burrows said. "It makes sense, except for the other variables that can be challenged by law, if don't do this in a careful and thoughtful manner."

Morel said that, 10 years ago, the county retained someone from outside the area to assist. "There's significant analysis to this and if you disenfranchise or dilute a minority vote, you will be challenged," he said.

Burrows said public meetings on redistricting need to begin "fairly soon."

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said a workshop should be put on the agenda for March, to be followed by a public hearing.

Morel suggested assembling a list of people who provide services, and to divide up mapping and other services. Burrows said she will research further, but the only two she knows of are Research and Polling and Adair's demographic firm.

Proposed legislation before the New Mexico Legislature would create voting centers instead of trying to staff and equip polling places for each precinct. While not generally supported by the public, Burrows said she thinks that's because people don't understand they would operate like early voting sites where any registered voter in county can go to clerk's office or to the Ruidoso Senior Center and have a ballot printed on demand.

"Instead of staffing and supplying 22 precincts, we could consolidate into seven or eight vote centers," she said. "The traditional population likes their election days, but now up to 30 percent vote early. One precinct in the last election was staffed and had machines for the 19 voters who showed up on election day."

"It would not disenfranchise any area, but a voter might be required to travel a little further. They still could vote at any center. I don't know the outcome of that legislation, so I can't count on that."

Aubrey Dunn, who lives in the new Precinct 18, cut from Precinct 3, said count-

ing the ranches, about 50 people with 20 registered voters live there on 450,000 acres. "So probably the coyotes outnumber us," he said. "It's 46 miles to Roswell and 56 miles to Ruidoso. There are no public buildings or volunteer fire department. Precinct voting would have to be in someone's home."

Burrows said a precinct with fewer than 50 voters could participate by mail. She was urged by consultants in Albuquerque and by Adair to create the smaller precinct to give commissioners more building blocks to work with in drawing districts.

"They look at them like building blocks and the more you have, the better off you are," she said. "Large landmass precincts limit, and we have a lot of them."

In the end, the decisions on how to draw the districts will lie with commissioners.

"I wish we could have been involved in what happened up to this point," Minter said.

"I invited commissioners, which you were not at the time, to participate," Burrows replied to Minter, who was elected in November. "We only had a short period to get this together."

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OUR OPINION

Performing arts should perform better

They're among the basics of a good education

It's a good thing that Ruidoso High School principal Pauline Staski and some other educators are alarmed about the low rate of participation in the performing arts. So are we.

For a community with so much talent on display in theater, dance and music; and for a region that prides itself as a performing arts mecca with numerous venues (compared to the population) and a potential partnership between the Spencer Theater and ENMU-Ruidoso, the performing arts

should rank high at RHS.

We're not here to cast blame, but the fact that participation or enthusiasm are low reflects poorly on teachers, parents and administrators. We can do better.

We view the arts in general, along with physical education, as among the basics of a well-rounded curriculum in preparing teens for the real world, where accountability, rehearsal and teamwork count.

Budget concerns may cloud the issue; we hope they don't excuse a poor showing.

Happy days are here again — in Bernanke's world

We're out of the woods. We're out of the dark. We're into the light.

Nope, we're not in Kansas anymore. However, there is a Wizard of Oz-like feel to remarks made by Mark C. Snead, an energy economist from the Denver office of our Federal Reserve Bank.

Speaking to the CFA Society of New Mexico, Snead reportedly said New Mexico and other oil and gas producing states were on the verge of good times.

First, a bit of housekeeping. CFA stands for certified financial adviser. CFL stands for Canadian Football League. Confusing the two played a big role in the collapse of the economy in 2007-2008. All right, all right. That's not true. I hope.

For its part, the Federal Reserve's role in the collapse is hard to pinpoint, but it's safe to assume that while some banks failed entirely, others, with strong ties to the Federal Reserve, were "bailed out" and became even more powerful. Not by the Federal Reserve, per se. "Saving" our economy was more like a game of "find the Queen" on a Manhattan street corner. The only thing we can honestly say is that the American taxpayers failed to find the Queen. So we had to finance bailouts and TARP funds and AIG bonuses. We're still not sure what we have to show for it.

Ben Bernanke is the Federal Reserve chairman. It was Bernanke who moved to declare the United States out of our recession in June, 2009. The Federal Reserve announced that New Mexico was bright and bubbly again in July of 2010.

These pronouncements surprised many Americans, namely the just under 10 percent who are unemployed (officially) and the estimated 5 to 6 percent more who aren't on the books. Here in the Land of Enchantment approximately 50,000 jobs disappeared during the official recession.

But now it's over and jobs are flooding back into the state. I wish.

Anyway, printed reports allowed that Snead painted a very bright picture for our state, all based on the coming success of our oil and gas industry. The same industry the Richardson administration, working in concert with the state's Environmental Improvement Panel, slapped down with "cap and trade" regulations in November of last year.

(I couldn't find whether or not Snead also declared New Mexico the "Hollywood on the Rio Grande.")

Recently Bernanke again told Congress that inflation isn't a threat - despite the Treasury flooding the world with more than a trillion dollars over the past 24 months or so. I don't know about you, but I want to live in Bernanke and Snead's world.

Instead, I'm a single father raising two sons, and, as fate would have it, said pesky sons like to eat and wear clothes. The oldest drives now, too. New Mexico wants him insured, and his very old Ford tank requires gasoline.

In Oz, of course, food, clothes, gasoline, and insurance aren't needed.

Sadly, in New Mexico, gasoline is now over \$3 a gallon - a steady rise of more than 40 cents since October 2010. Picked up a loaf of bread lately? Purchased a 12-ounce "pound" of coffee? Dozen eggs? And then there is the price of meat.

A decade ago, the famous shopping cart filled with such items was used to determine whether or not prices were rising. Inflating, as it were. Today, when discussing inflation, the price of gasoline and the five food groups aren't added into the equation.

"Craziness," you say. Absolutely. Of course, it's craziness brought on by our electing the people we elect and allowing them to create another world. Their world. Oz.

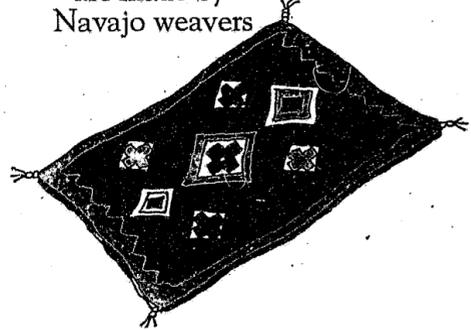
So, as prices steadily rise, unemployment remains high, the housing market stays stagnant, please remember two things: Happy days are here again. And ignore that man behind the curtain.

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are made by
Navajo weavers



House Bill 485



So why should HATCH CHILE be ripped off by China? Doug McLeod 11 Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

School board members appreciated

To the editor:

AS THREE INDIVIDUALS are approaching the conclusion of their service to our community and the Ruidoso Schools, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to them, and others like them, who are willing to make hard decisions, maintain confidentiality, and avoid conflict of interest - even in the small town in which we have chosen to live.

Susan Lutterman, Frank Sayer, and Marc Beaty represent that group of truly dedicated community members who were willing to do the work necessary to make our schools and communities better places to learn and live.

They, and that group of civic-minded individuals, have my appreciation and respect. Trying to limit the length of this letter of appreciation, I have focused on

three words: Potential, Stewardship, and Commitment:

Marc - Potential...this bright, insightful and energetic young man demonstrated his great potential in the eight months since his appointment to the Ruidoso School Board. Marc is the type of community member I would like representing me in some capacity in the future.

Frank - Stewardship...over his 12 years of service to this community, Frank was the conservative voice of reason for the stewardship of taxpayers' funds. He provided careful scrutiny of every expenditure to ensure maximum service and support to our students. He demonstrated that accountability is better accomplished with civility rather than blame and suspicion.

Susan - Commitment...during Susan's 20 years of service on the board, Ruidoso Schools, our

state and the Nation, were challenged by the full range of complex issues facing educational institutions.

Bottom-line for Susan during those challenges was always, "What is best for Ruidoso students?" Her commitment, time and effort went far beyond official meetings and obligations.

For those who may not have been here long, or remember, Susan has always been an unwavering supporter of staff; a tireless worker for student programs/activities; and a statewide leader in school governance.

Please join me in expressing your appreciation for the work accomplished by these three individuals. And, to those others who choose to serve our community on boards, commissions, and councils.

Sandy Gladden
Ruidoso Downs

New Mexico shows compassion for wolves

To the editor:

RE: RAY POWELL Op-Ed, Ruidoso News, Feb. 18, 2011:

As a resident of one of the most politically embarrassing states in the union, I am so relieved to see New Mexico's Land Commissioner representing a sane and appropriate response on Mexican wolves, unlike those who are trying to drive them to extinction through

Congressional legislation.

Thanks for this Op-Ed by Ray Powell. And thanks to Congressmen Heinrich and Lujan who have opposed Rep. Steve Pearce's underhanded attempt to cut funding for protection of the remaining 50 wolves in the wild that our two states share.

I urge Senators Udall and Bingaman to fight all attempts to endanger this wonderful animal

that is already the most endangered wolf in the world. I have a hard time explaining what my senators and state elected officials are doing to friends and family elsewhere.

New Mexico, keep and support the elected officials who support the wolves and let them all know that's what you want.

Roxane George
Flagstaff, Ariz.

Support higher ed background checks

To the editor:

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS - New Mexico! (SOSNM), sponsor of Fingerprint University Employees Laws (FUELS) is urging New Mexico parents to call their legislators and ask them to support HB 404 Higher Education Employment Background Checks - legislation under consideration to close the critical loophole in youth protection in New Mexico.

When New Mexico children are in the public schools, not a person goes near them who has not passed a FBI criminal fingerprint check - not even a bus driver or a volunteer in the school. When they enter the armed services, they are under the supervision of personnel whose FBI fingerprint records are on hand.

Yet when our 17- and 18-year-olds head to college, the universities do not have a clue that has criminal records which would exclude them from positions as administrators, faculty, housing officials, food services, or anyone else.

Crimes by faculty members are well-noted in the national press. New Mexico parents can Google: "Crimes and Alleged Crimes by university professors" and case-after-case will pop up including: mass genocide (Yes!), terrorist bombings, hate crimes against minorities and students with disabilities on campus, murder, child pornography, and other serious offenses

In the late '90s, a triangle sex-scandal involving two major uni-

versities forced a New Mexico dean of a college of education to step down. This dean and his then-girlfriend are now tenured professors preparing New Mexico young people to teach. That university has had leadership crisis-after-crisis in that college ever since.

Parents can determine their legislators by calling their local county clerks, giving their residence addresses, and asking for this information. Parents can then call 505-986-4300 and can be connected to every legislator.

Parents needing more information can call me at 505-778-5820 or email me at sbray@nisj.org for immediate assistance.

Scott Bray, Ph.D.
SOSNM! FUELS

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This time, education reforms are no scam

Consultants to the Public Education Department have been in the news the past few weeks. Use of the consultants has been called everything from a waste of money to insulting to a scam, the latter epithet coming from an *Albuquerque Journal* columnist. Before addressing the charges, consider public education in New Mexico. In general, we spend more money and get less than nearly every state.

According to the National Education Association, during 2009 we spent \$10,999 for each student in our public K-12 schools. That's 11 percent of our personal income, says the National Center for Education Statistics. For that money, we are 48th in the percentage of public school eighth graders reading at the appropriate level. Not quite 62 percent of high school students graduate, reports the center. In comes Gov. Susana

Martinez, who decides fresh leadership is needed for education in New Mexico, an insight comparable in obviousness to the decision to bring outside leadership to the bankrupt General Motors.

Martinez found Hanna Skandera, a thirty-something former education department administrator for former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who did good things for public education.



HAROLD MORGAN

NEW MEXICO PROGRESS

Former Gov. Bill Richardson's Public Education Department was authorized for 19.4 exempt, i.e. political, employees, including the department secretary. Martinez told new cabinet secretaries to cut 20 percent of the exempt jobs. Skandera cut more.

An immediate problem was policy development. Skandera's appointment was announced Dec. 21.

The Legislature began Jan. 18. In such situations, consultants are the solution for organi-

zations, public and private. Get talented people to put the policy outlines in place and pay them well.

Had the Richardson political appointees remained employed through June 30, the end of the budget year, \$300,000 of taxpayer money would have been spent.

No one, no reporter, no union leader, would have said a word about spending that \$300,000. Certainly no one said anything about spending this money when Richardson was governor.

That \$300,000 might be called "found money." Skandera is spending about half of it on her consultants. With the consultants duly hired, a news release dated Feb. 9 was posted on the department's Web site and sent to the department's media contact list, says Kristy Campbell, the consultant handing communications.

Two days later, an *Albuquerque Journal* reporter talked to Campbell. It was another two days before the story made the paper.

A major criticism was that the consultants were from out-

side New Mexico. Ignoring the parochialism, if an organization is in a mess, inside people seem to be the least likely candidates to save the day.

I also suspect that the ostracism laid on a New Mexico educator publicly advocating

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change would have been heavy and ugly.

Campbell says all sorts of people in education around New Mexico are providing counsel to Skandera. There is good dialogue. To say otherwise just is not true, Campbell says.

The criticism from Christine Trujillo, president of New Mexico's chapter of the American

Federation of Teachers, brought the parochialism to near comic levels.

In a statement posted on AFT's Web site, Trujillo said, "You can't copy and paste an education agenda for New Mexico's kids that outside consultants have used elsewhere. Our students and teachers need education leaders who come from New Mexico and understand the unique needs of our state's children."

Trujillo fails to list the unique needs that exist just because a child is in New Mexico. Trujillo in effect claims a kid in Texico has needs differing from those in Farwell, Texas. Or a Trinidad, Colo., child is different from one in Raton. Or Las Cruces differs from El Paso.

Under the Richardson administration, Trujillo and her buddies spent money while retaining performance at the bottom. Skandera seeks the Martinez "bold change" and seems to be doing what is needed. This ain't no scam.

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New Mexico's long-setting sun

Oh, dear. Sunset review is back again – another great idea that may not work so well in New Mexico.

Sunset review is legislative code language for kicking the can down the road. If it worked, we would not today have the proliferation of boards and commissions that some folks consider irrelevant and excessive. They would have been sunsetted – that is, closed – in prior legislative sessions.

In sunset review, a provision is inserted in a statute that says an agency or board is terminated on a certain date several years in advance. In effect, the Legislature is forcing itself to review those entities before the termination date and decide whether they deserve to be reauthorized.

That's like saying, "We don't

have time this year, but we'll make time in that other future year." Right. Like they're going to have less work in 2017 than they have now.

I was alerted to the proliferation of sunsets this year when I looked at House Bill 29, a product of the Restructuring Task Force, which proposes to consolidate several agencies into a new Department of Commerce. The bill terminates various agencies and commissions on various dates. (I have referred to this

bill elsewhere in connection with the Small Business Regulatory Relief Act, which would terminate immediately).

Section 85 of this bill proposes to terminate the Workers' Compensation Administration in 2017. Just a second! The state Constitution makes the WCA

the exclusive court of jurisdiction for workers' compensation disputes. If the agency closed, workers' comp disputes would have nowhere to go. I've heard that's not the only constitutional problem with this bill.

Some years ago, the Sunset Review Committee was an interim subcommittee of the Legislative Finance Committee. Routinely, a legislator friend told me, the committee chair was the only legislator who showed up to the hearings – and approved reauthorization of everything.

The LFC rubber-stamped the subcommittee approval and then the full Legislature rubber-stamped again. One notable exception in the early 1990s was a serious fight about the Construction Industries Division.

The underlying problem is simply the legislative workload. With our volunteer Legislature and a minimal year-round legislative staff, there is not enough time for the necessary review. There is always greater pressure

to direct legislators' attention to new problems, and there are always plenty of those.

So legislators just have to kick the can. For example, House Bill 234, sponsored by Rep. Jeanette Wallace, proposes to extend the sunset date for the

"We don't have time this year, but we'll make time" – like they're going to have less work in 2017 than they have now.

Animal Sheltering Board from this year to 2017. I don't know what the Animal Sheltering Board does, but if it protects animals in shelters, I'm for extending it.

If we were to change the state Constitution and lengthen the legislative sessions, or switch to

a paid professional Legislature, I believe we would not be better off. The legislative workload would expand to fill the new opportunity, and legislators would be just as overloaded as they are today.

For comparison, look at Congress. They didn't get around to passing a budget for the current year, and the federal government is operating on a "continuing resolution," which means, just reauthorize whatever we said last year.

Here's an idea: Maybe the state should create a sunset review commission, separate from the Legislature, to conduct the serious sunset reviews during the legislative interim and make recommendations to the Legislature on which agencies to keep and which to scrap.

Oh, dear. Then we would just have one more commission, wouldn't we?

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War on the West: The sequel

PAUL LARMER
Writers on the Range

If a new report from the U.S. Senate and Congressional Western Caucus is any indication, the next two years will be long and painful for Interior Secretary Ken Salazar as well as for other officials charged with managing natural resources in the West.

The "War on Western Jobs Report" penned by Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso and Utah Rep. Rob Bishop, the new chairman of the House Subcommittee on Public Lands, lays out grievances against the few environmental policies promoted by the Obama administration.

"There is a renewed 'War on the West,'" warn the authors, both Republicans. "This administration's anti-business, anti-multiple use agenda threatens Western communities. It is killing jobs and undermining state and local budgets."

In the section titled "Job Killing Policy # 3: Impeding Domestic Energy," Barrasso and Bishop attack Salazar's decision last year to cancel 77 natural gas

leases in Utah's canyon country, some on the borders of national parks.

They also criticize new Bureau of Land Management policies that call for the consideration of wildlife, air and water quality and other values before leasing public lands for industrialization.

"The administration has put vital American energy resources off-limits and arbitrarily cancelled existing lease rights," they charge. Spinning sensible conservation measures as

an act of war is a well-worn tactic here in the West.

In the 1990s, conservative lawmakers labeled Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's attempt to modernize mining and grazing programs on the public lands a "War on the West."

It worked. Roused by the notion that the feds were out to destroy the region and its ranching and mining culture – and backed with industry money – a small army of Westerners squelched most of the reforms.

These days, despite the soaring deficit, no one much talks about imposing a royalty on min-

erals extracted from federal lands, or charging anything near market rates for the right to graze livestock.

When the Bush administration took over, all notions of reform – or even of honoring the existing environmental laws governing public lands – were thrown out the door. Through a series of administrative orders that "streamlined" environmental reviews and expedited leasing and drilling, George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and Interior Secretary Gale Norton (who now works for Royal Dutch Shell Oil) made energy extraction the top priority.

The directives coincided with rising oil and natural gas prices, setting off an unprecedented petro-boom in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Wherever the industry pointed, the Bureau of Land Management doled out leases – tens of thousands of them covering tens of millions of acres.

Though the Bush directives scarred vast areas of land, conservative lawmakers said not a word, while most conservationists assumed their customary defensive stance, protesting leases on the most scenic and ecologically important lands, pushing for more aggressive regulations

at the state level and waiting for the day when a friendlier administration moved to town.

Enter Ken Salazar. Though it has moved slowly, Salazar's Interior Department has finally started to assert its vision. In addition to the oil and gas

Roused by the notion that the feds were out to destroy the region, and backed with industry money, a small army of Westerners squelched land-use reforms.

reforms, Salazar announced in December that the BLM would again consider protecting lands with outstanding wilderness qualities – an authority that, for the first time, Interior had ceded under Bush.

These shifts bring some badly needed balance back to public land management.

Predictably, though, they have provoked the alarmist crowd. Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch told *The Deseret News* that the wilderness policy "is a brazen attempt to kowtow

to radical environmental groups by locking up more public lands in Utah and other states."

Now that the Republicans control the House, Secretary Salazar will become all too familiar with the walk to the House Resources Committee chambers. Chairman Doc Hastings, from Washington state, has already promised to grill Salazar on his wilderness policy in the coming weeks.

Barrasso and Bishop will also get to take their shots. Most likely, all will blame the administration for the recent slowdown in public-lands drilling, even though depressed natural gas prices and new gas-field finds in the East are the cause, not administrative policy changes.

The rhetoric will be hot, but let's hope Salazar and the administration resist the bullying. They need to send a strong message: Most Westerners see the War on the West for the trumped up media sound bite that it is. We just want our public resources – including wildlife and wilderness – managed with care.

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BUSINESS

Local gas prices jump

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Gas prices marched higher Thursday as political upheaval in Libya and volatility in the Middle East kept crude oil prices at levels not seen in almost three years.

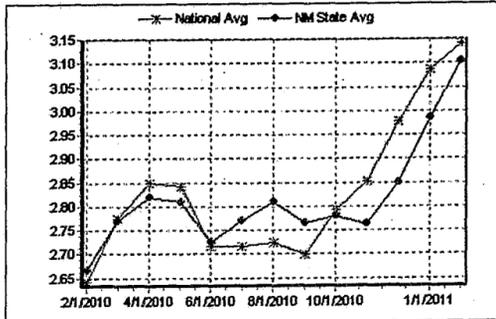
Some stations in Ruidoso increased pump prices by 14 cents, putting regular unleaded at \$3.399 per gallon. Diesel prices, already much higher, increased as well.

The New Mexico AAA's daily fuel gauge report put Thursday's statewide average price of regular unleaded at \$3.204, up more than 3 cents from the day before.

A week ago the New Mexico average had been \$3.118. It was \$3.013 a month earlier and was \$2.689 in late February 2010. The nationwide average on Thursday was \$3.228, a rise of 3.4 cents from Wednesday.

The benchmark oil price in the country crested \$100 a barrel for a time yesterday, before closing down slightly from Wednesday.

When crude topped \$140 a barrel during a part of the summer of 2008, gasoline



This graph, from AAA New Mexico, shows where gas prices have gone over the past 12 months.

prices reached an all-time New Mexico average high of \$4.078 for regular and \$4.861 for diesel in July of that year.

The current average pump price for diesel in the state was \$3.65 Thursday, according to the AAA report.

Libya has the world's ninth largest reserves of oil and provides 2 - 3 percent of the global demand. Some analysts warned that oil production in the country headed by Muammar el-Qaddafi could soon be halted, possibly for an extended time. The loss of Libyan sweet crude would send oil prices higher.

The New Mexico Petro-

leum Marketers Association said speculation on futures markets also can play a role in driving crude oil, heating oil, gasoline and diesel fuel prices to new heights.

A 2000 report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas looked at the relationship between oil prices and gas prices. The report said it was a matter of speculation whether asymmetric response of gasoline prices to movements in crude oil prices is the result of "market power" or more benign forces. Some contend petroleum prices are quick to rise when oil prices grown but are slow to recede when oil prices fall.



Ski area slots are open

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The Inn of the Mountain Gods' plan to install slot machines at Ski Apache became a reality last weekend.

"During the Presidents' Day weekend we had a nice turnout," said Justin Rowland, Ski Apache's director of operations.

"It was our first opening. We opened midday on Saturday, and ran Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We have a total of 12 machines. The multi-game machines and they're multi-denominational." Presently the casino operates Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rowland said the slot machines will be available during the entire week of spring break.

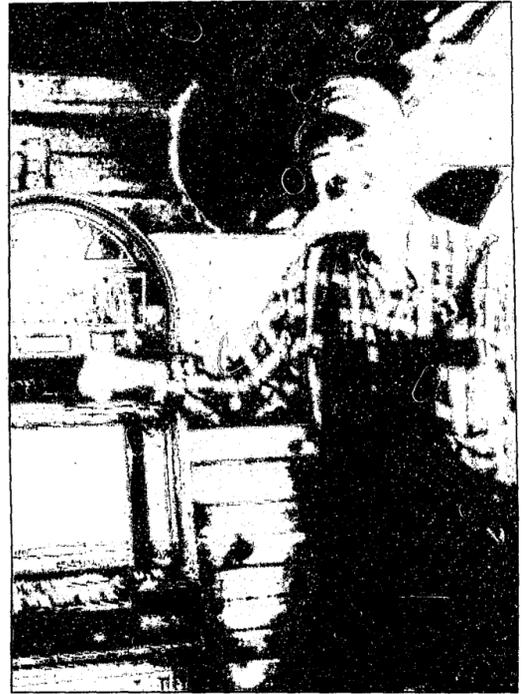
"We're looking to see how it performs. We don't have any plan for later right now."

Rowland said the slots area at the Elk Lodge facility has some bragging rights.

"I think it's probably the highest casino in the U.S. or pretty close to that. I believe we're also the only ski area with slope-side gambling. I don't believe that in Tahoe they have any slope-side gambling."

Rowland said response to the gambling option at almost 10,000 feet elevation has been good.

"We've had people that say 'I just wanted to take a break and play and relax without having to go down to the resort and then go



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Mike Roller of Florida (left) and Jay Kahn of Maryland, top photo, are among the first players at the new casino inside Ski Apache's Elk Lodge. Del Knight, of Texas, above, was also one of the early gamblers at Ski Apache's Elk Lodge Casino.

back out and ski again.' And we've had some folks that weren't skiing at all. They were up here with their family or friends looking for something to do."

A shuttle is available to take patrons between the ski facilities and nearby Elk Lodge where the gambling venue is located.

The plan to install slots at Ski Apache was revealed in late October. Rowland said the nearly four-month wait to turn on slot machines was to allow the National Indian Gaming

Commission to approve the addition gaming location on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

While much of Ski Apache is leased from the USDA Forest Service, Elk Lodge, south of the ski area, is just behind forest service land and on the reservation.

The tribe has full-blown casinos at the Inn of the Mountain Gods and at the Casino Apache Travel Center. The slots at Ski Apache include the benefits of the Apache Spirit Club.

Zia purchases Doña Ana System

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New Mexico customers of Zia Natural Gas Company will grow from about 24,000 to more than 34,000, making the Ruidoso Downs headquartered company the second largest investor-owned natural gas utility in the state.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC) on Feb. 17 approved Zia's acquisition of some existing natural gas distribution territory in the Las Cruces area.

A hearing examiner with the PRC had recommended to the commission that two natural gas service systems in a part of Dona Ana County be acquired by Zia's parent company, Natural Gas Processing Company.

On Sept. 7, 2010, NGP filed an application to purchase the Rio Grande Natural Gas Association in

the area generally surrounding Las Cruces and north of the city to the area of Hatch. The deal included the current municipally operated system in Hatch. The unified system will be called Zia's Dona Ana System. When Zia begins operations on April 1, the Dona Ana System will be the fourth area of New Mexico operated by Zia. Other districts are in Lea, Lincoln and Colfax counties.

The Rio Grande Natural Gas Association was formed by the City of Las Cruces and Village of Hatch in 1969. But in recent years the municipalities agreed to reorganize the association.

In the recommendation, the hearing examiner said Zia should be allowed to set temporary rates for customers in the Dona Ana System which match charges for customers in its other New Mexico system

districts. But the recommendation also said Zia should address in its next rate case a cost of service study to determine if any of its other districts' customers subsidize other districts and customer classes.

The proposed order had also requested plans for upgrades to two gas distribution lines in Dona Ana County. An earlier review had identified the need for several capital investment projects in Dona Ana County, including line replacements. The earlier study had estimated the replacement costs of a transmission line and some distribution lines at more than \$14 million. Zia said they plan to implement the projects gradually. Division manager Leslie Graham said NGP has sufficient funds to purchase the Dona Ana System without affecting the financial stability of Zia's current utility systems.

Jernigan named to Agent Council

A Ruidoso agent with Farm Bureau Financial Services has been named to

the company's Agent Council. It is the second time Jernigan has received

the honor. The Agent Council is an interactive opportunity for agents to provide constructive feedback on programs and concepts that impact them.

The group partners with home office colleagues to discuss and develop solutions to business needs that are specific to field programs. Serving one-year terms, 22 agents are selected from across a marketing area territory to sit on the Agent Council.

Jernigan, who has been with Farm Bureau Financial Services for five years, has also earned Sun Country Property and Casualty Agent of the Year, Sun Country Rookie of the Year, New Mexico Farm Bureau Home leader and other honors.

Stover recipient of SBA Tibbets award

A former Ruidoso resident and Ruidoso High School graduate was recently awarded the Tibbets Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

James Stover Ph.D., vice president of operations for Tennessee Technology Development Corporation (TTDC), was recognized by the SBA as one of the nation's leading individuals making outstanding contributions to its Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

Stover was one of six individuals nationwide to receive the 2011 Tibbets Award.

Tibbets award winners are selected based on the

economic impact of their technological innovation, and on whether they have met federal research and development needs, encouraged diverse participation in technological innovation, and increased the commercialization of federal research.

Commenting on the award, TTDC President and CEO Dr. Leslie Wisner-Lynch, said, "TTDC is extremely proud of Dr. Stover and the many contributions he has made through his work with our partners from across the state, including the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service SBIR/STTR program."

"Strategic programming partner relationships like those have allowed for the

development of highly effective programs that are essential to creating a culture and environment that not only supports, but encourages, highly innovative businesses to develop, grow and thrive in Tennessee. This is indeed an exciting honor for James, TTDC and all of Tennessee."

Prior to joining TTDC, Stover was a life scientist and technology analyst with Square 1 Bank in San Diego, and a senior research fellow in medicinal chemistry at the Scripps Research Institute.

He earned his bachelor's in biochemistry at the University of Virginia and his Ph.D. in chemistry at Vanderbilt University.

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An ordinance that would ban artificial feeding of wildlife and was aimed at reducing the potential traffic hazard they pose in Lincoln County, was tabled by county commissioners last week, as they decided to watch for state action first.

Commissioner Mark Doth, who lives in Ruidoso, proposed the ordinance in response to the many traffic accidents that occur each year and to the growth of resident herds in part, because visitors and year-round residents enjoy feeding them.

He contended the situation not only poses a danger for humans and pets through traffic encounters and the lure for mountain lions of prey, but also leads to an unhealthy deer herd and the easy spread of disease among the ungulates.

Doth said Wednesday he learned that State Rep. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque) introduced House Joint Memorial 10, which passed the house with no votes against it, calling for the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Game and Fish and State

Police to work together to create a pilot traffic safety project in an accident-prone area focused on reducing collisions between large animals and vehicles. "I'm still trying to

Colorado has the nation's first wildlife speed zone, using fines collected from speeders to pay for the cost of the program.

research the state's position on this and haven't received a satisfactory response yet from Game and Fish," Doth said.

"There are issues afoot to remove that (Game and Fish Commission) and I don't know how it all will shake out and then there is the House Joint Memorial. I want to see results of the study to see if there's something to help us.

"Our issue is with deer and accidents. I want to strengthen our position and do it correctly. I'm not in favor of passing new

ordinances when wildlife management is the state's job, as with nuisance bears."

The problem is wide spread in the state, but presents the greatest risk in population density areas where people create an artificial situation by feeding the deer, Doth said.

With isolated pockets of herds inside the village, hunts aren't practical because of laws against discharging firearms and even on the other side of municipal boundaries hunting could create a dangerous exposure for residents, he said.

The HJM states that an estimated 725,000 to 1.5 million animal-vehicle collisions occur in the United States annually, resulting in more than 200 human deaths and 29,000 injuries. Posting lower speeds has been shown to help reduce the number of accidents in busy wildlife corridors.

A car requires 210 feet to stop traveling at 35 miles per hour, 403 feet at 55 mph and 650 feet at 75 mph, according to the HJM.

Colorado passed the nation's first wildlife speed zone in 2009, requiring drivers to slow down in desig-

nated wildlife crossing zones and using fines collected from speeders in those zones to reduce the cost of program implementation.

The HJM suggested using existing resources such as signs and lights to create a pilot traffic safety project in an accident-prone area of the state, consider reducing the speed limit and doubling the fines for speeding.

A joint report should be submitted to the appropriate committee by June 30, 2012.

In other business, Commissioner Kathryn Minter moved to approve a special use permit application by Verizon to modify the existing Crown Castle Tower tower.

The motion passed unanimously. The application is for a site modification off U.S. 380 east of Capitan to upgrade service.

Nine conditions were attached, including several that released the company from ordinance requirements of different types, because it is not a new tower, and some that allowed for a delay in timing.

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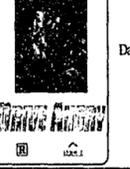
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FEMA maps flawed, and that's not all

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The new Lincoln County flood plain maps produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency are flawed, but any major corrections can't be accomplished, because the agency doesn't have the money, county officials were told.

If a homeowner thinks his property should not be included in a flood zone, but appears there, the cost and process of obtaining an elevation survey and being removed, will be the financial responsibility of the owner, said Curt Temple, flood plains manager for the county.

The deadline to protest has passed. The county sent a letter listing many of the errors and some of the more minor will be corrected, he said.

But essentially, FEMA used maps produced in 1974 when redrawing the flood plain in Carrizozo, he said. When he asked for a more current detailed version, he was told no money was available, Temple told county commissioners at their Tuesday meeting.

"I'm handling the comments and a lot were put in that are easy changes...but they are not sending crews out to survey Carrizozo, so we will be stuck with it and it will be up to individual property owner to have elevation surveyed and get it removed from a flood zone," Temple said.

"People look at those maps for their flood insurance. They just don't have the money to redo the areas that we told them were incorrect. They took old data from 1975 and superimposed it on the maps."

Commissioner Mark Doth asked how existing plots of land would be affected. Temple said the big impact occurs at the time of sale, if the mortgage holder requires flood insurance.

The FEMA mappers

completed detailed studies along the Rio Bonito and Rio Ruidoso and Rio Hondo, as well as Cedar Creek. "We can give elevation zones so people will know," Temple said. "The

"They are not sending crews out to survey Carrizozo, so we're stuck with it."

flood zone was widened and will affect a sale." For every foot below the "safe" elevation, the owner pays more in his annual premium, Temple said.

Without detail, someone looking at a map couldn't tell if a home was built on a rock outcrop at a higher elevation. Old maps sweep in whole areas. Carrizozo's maps date back to 1974-75 and Ruidoso's previous maps to 1978.

The Carrizozo map shows only one railroad track, although two more were added, he said.

Doth said requiring a homeowner in a flood zone to carry flood insurance "is a good thing," and it will be up to the buyer whether it affects his decision to acquire the property.

"I just want the public to be aware of what they have to do," said Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked if a letter should be drafted listing the commission's concerns and some of the areas where more detailed and updated maps are needed.

"I'm more concerned about people not in a flood zone that should be, rather than those that are," she said. "We could give them more direction and say when you do get more

money, we'd like this specific area done."

Commissioner Tom Battin said having worked with antiquated flood maps for 20 years, the new version for Ruidoso are an improvement. "We had a lot of difficulty, because of ill-defined flood plains. We might best spend our energy in educating people about short-comings of the maps and put them on notice about what may need to do, if maps are not clear," Battin said.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said another element is "the common sense of the buyer to know what they are buying."

Temple agreed. "They didn't build in apple orchards down in the valley for a reason. They built on the hillside across the highway."

In another report, Operations Manager Debra Ingle with Greentree Solid Waste said after nine years and nine months of effort, Greentree opened its new recycling and office headquarters east of Ruidoso Downs on U.S. 70 on Feb. 2, then promptly closed for the next four days because of the heavy snowstorm and subzero temperatures.

"We ran through the weekend to make sure we didn't miss anybody," she said. Greentree is a coalition that provides service in unincorporated areas of the county and some of the municipalities.

She announced that Authority meeting times were changed to 10 a.m., the fourth Tuesday of each month, which will be Feb. 22. Briefing commissioners on the progress of roll-off and compactor sites replacing dumpsters on major highways, Ingle said awards to construct fences for the Buckhorn site off U.S. 70 and New Mexico Highway 37 site was scheduled to be awarded that day. She received the county's easement approval for the Hondo site. Work there

was to begin Feb. 2, but was postponed because of the snow and ice. It was rescheduled for this week.

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Ranger eyes formal Grindstone trail

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Taking the lead of mountain bikers who already cut trails around Grindstone Lake, specialists will apply modifications and take steps to decrease erosion when a formal system is created, said the acting Smokey Bear District Lincoln National Forest ranger.

George Douds told Lincoln County commissioners at their meeting last week that he enjoys riding horses and cycles, and he worked with officials from the village of Ruidoso and the mountain biking community to put together a trail plan using Title II environmental management funding.

"When users create trails, they typically don't pay attention to grade and where the water runs off," he said. "We don't like that, because it creates erosion. So we take user-created trails and improve them. We can decrease the amount of sediment that makes its way into Grindstone Lake (the village's main water storage reservoir)."

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked if all-terrain vehicle use still is banned in the Hale Lake area.

Douds said before they can be allowed, an Environmental Assessment would be required.

"I'd like to provide the opportunity, but the funding process may not give me the opportunity," he said. (For now), they only can be on the roads shown on the motorized map. They could be ticketed, if they are off those."

Douds said while hunting deer this year, he was using the new motorized road and trail map to ensure he stayed on designated roads, but was pleased to see many of the routes now closed, covered with grass.

"They were actually healing themselves," he said. "It's awesome grass for livestock." But he plans a more concerted effort during hunting season to have Forest Service pickups out in hunting units, "So the public knows we take them (the motorized road maps) seriously."

When someone comes in and says a road needs to be added to the map for better access, if the request is to be considered, the agency must go through the whole environmental assessment process again to add it Douds said.

"I think ATVs are a lot of fun and there is a place

for them," Powell said. "I'm out on horses and every time I'm out, I see someone on an ATV not on a trail, certainly not on a road. You can see tire tracks every where."

"Please, if you are an ATV enthusiast, stay on the road so you don't ruin it for everyone else. I see them way on side of a hill, not retrieving game, just out there. Some areas are abused more than others."

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said if ATV riders abuse the environment, the government will get involved and areas could be removed from use for any purpose.

Powell said livestock will serve a purpose as lawn mowers and weed eaters with so much grass growing that could present a wild fire hazard. "If you think trees burn fast, just wait until you see grass burn," she said.

Commissioner Mark Doth said he'd like to see more detail including elevations on the maps.

"I realize the maps leave a lot to be desired with no contour lines to reference," said Douds. "We're going to look at a way of having a layer accessible as a download into a GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) from our website. Stay tuned."

GRT limits affect water projects

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Ruidoso officials are operating within the restrictions imposed on a special gross receipts tax collected for water-related projects, says a New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration official.

John A. Gallegos, chief of the Local Government Division and the Budget and Finance Bureau, wrote Ken Mosley Feb. 16, about the conclusion. Mosley, who retired as village water director and joined the city of Ruidoso Downs, lodged a complaint, contending the village improperly was using money collected from the GRT for other purposes. Gallegos wrote that the department, "is of the opinion that the use of revenues derived from the village of Ruidoso's Municipal Supplemental Gross Receipts Tax and the transfer of Impact Fees into the General Fund are being done in an appropriate manner."

Village Manager Debi Lee told councilors at their meeting Tuesday the DFA's finding that the village handled the fees in "a forthright manner," should put to rest the question that has been raised off and on for years by different

people, who contended the action violated limits on use of the money generated by the SGRT and impact fees.

In his complaint filed on Oct. 4, 2010, Mosley asked for an in-depth investigation and stated that responses from village officials to his queries, "clearly indicate that the way they are transferring SGRT and impact fees into the General Fund to cover administration costs and support salaries do not comply with the law that are currently in place."

He contended self-supporting enterprise funds were being used to support the General Fund and if the funds have that much extra money, they should reduce their charges to users; that the SGRT is being treated as an operating fund and revenue source for the water department; and that impact fees implemented in 2003 to provide a revenue source for infrastructure growth of water, sewer and wastewater treatment, carry a strict prohibition against use for administrative expenses.

Gallegos responded that on Nov. 9, 2010, a meeting was conducted between village and DFA officials to discuss Mosley's concerns

covered in a letter to Becky Lopez with the Local Government Division.

"Village officials explained the fees represent a percentage of time village staff participates and assists the enterprise funds to support their related functions," he wrote. "(Village Manager Debi Lee) confirmed that the village is applying administrative fees appropriately and are ensuring budget decisions and recommendations given to the village (council) are in proper compliance. It was agreed the line item of administrative fees was not a fee charged by the village, but rather is a percentage supported by staff time applied to the functions and operations of the utility."

As for impact fees, Gallegos wrote that Gregory Shaffer asked the village staff to provide their interpretation of Section 5-8-4 of New Mexico State Statutes 1987. They explained that the statute allows for items payable by fee to be 3 percent. Initially, in Fiscal Year 2010-11, 7 percent was incorporated in the budget. Upon discovery of the 3 percent limit, a budget amendment was prepared to reduce the 7 percent to the statutory limit of 3 percent immediately.

Lincoln County historian Sanchez chosen for Military History Museum board

The Board of Directors of the New Mexico Museum of Military History unanimously voted Friday to select Lincoln resident and historian Lynda Sanchez as a new member of the Advisory Board.

"Your input over the past years has been invaluable and the Board of Directors have always been grateful for your dedication in preserving the rich military history that has shaped New Mexico and

the Southwest," wrote Julio M. Carattini, III, president of the New Mexico Museum of Military History.

"The president and the secretary will ensure that you will be in receipt of any inter-Board communica-

tion and actions. While you do not have a vote on action taken by the Board, your input into the decision making process is highly encouraged and will have an impact on all final decisions."

Sanchez said she agreed to serve after being asked several times.

"I love the military history of our state and of course, it comes to play in my work at Fort Stanton," she said of the 1855 military fort and former tuberculosis federal and state hospital in Lincoln County near Capitan. "This group is located in Los Ranchos near Albuquerque. They have property and thou-



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sands of artifacts and military hardware, and are moving at a rapid pace."

Board members include veterans from Vietnam to current conflicts, she said. "The most interesting item for me is that we were once competing with them

for the position of the state museum for veterans legacy," Sanchez said. "That was about three years ago when I went up to Albuquerque and made a presentation along with these fellows, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Angel Fire, Rio Rancho, and others. I remember that we came in second after Las Cruces."

However, representatives from the museum and from Angel Fire came up to her after the presentation and told her they had no idea such a unique place as Fort Stanton existed, and that the Fort was their greatest competition in that race, Sanchez said.

-Dianne Stallings

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Grass fire snuffed out near Ruidoso Downs

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Multiple agencies responded to a wildfire that broke out at noon Thursday off Hale Lake Road, east of Ruidoso Downs. The fire occurred as breezy conditions moved through the region. The blaze was immediately

south of the Ruidoso Gun Club's shooting range along Hale Lake Road. Lincoln County emergency services manager Travis Atwell said the flames originated on the shooting range. It burned 6.2 acres, mostly Forest Service land. About 20 responders from Bonito, Glencoe, Hon-

do, and Ruidoso Downs were dispatched to the location. "I didn't play around with this one," Atwell said. "As I was rolling in I was getting them paged out because this thing was putting up a column (of smoke) and we wanted to catch it. Once the units got on scene Mother Nature

helped us by kind of swirling the wind in this canyon and kept it in instead of out." No structures were threatened, though a ranch to the east was a concern for a time. Atwell said the cause of the Gun Fire was under investigation. "We do know that there was somebody at

the range shooting but they left shortly after the fire. We are trying to figure out what they were using." The fire occurred while the region was under a wind advisory, with gust in the area of 20 mph. Much of southeastern New Mexico had a red flag warning in place Thursday afternoon. The fire warning

included the eastern part of Lincoln County. Critical fire weather was possible again through the weekend due to dry and windy conditions. Atwell said a temporary burning ban is in place for Lincoln County until Monday. He urged people to not park vehicles in tall grass and to not toss cigarettes.

Assistance available for low-income residents suffering freeze damage

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Low-income residents who sustained damage to homes during freezing temperatures and natural gas outages earlier this month can get assistance for necessary repairs through the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. DFA's Local Government Division has made \$1.1 million available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program. "As we continue to recover from damage

caused by extreme cold temperatures across the state, it is important that all New Mexicans have to resources to make necessary repairs," said Gov. Susana Martinez. "This fund will assist those New Mexicans who were hit the hardest and will allow us to continue the process of rebuilding and recovering as quickly as possible." Eligible participants can fund emergency repairs of up to \$2,000 for problems such as broken pipes, repairs to water heaters and furnaces, and water damage to walls. Regional planning districts in the state will take applications through March 18.

The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District office in Roswell covers Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero counties. The phone number is 575-624-6133. To qualify for assistance, residents must meet certain income limits depending on family size. The program is only for repairs on individual properties - weather-related damage from the utility meter to the home's interior - and is not available for community or municipal projects. The financial assistance is not available to homeowners who have property insurance and can file claims with their insurers.

Hello friends and family. On March 11-14, I will be riding with my teammates in the Skinny Tire Festival in Moab, UT. It is four days of riding to raise money for Cancer Awareness and Support.

I have asked Donnie Vincent's family if we may have the privilege of riding in his memory. Though Donnie went to be with our Father on April 1, 2008 his spirit lives on in the family and friends that were touched by his life. He did not lose his battle, but rather chose to live bravely and fully to the end. He was surrounded by the kind of love, support and respect that makes such a man. Cancer did not win.

I have found much joy in this sport, it has helped me take control of my own health and given me camaraderie with some great people. Today I am asking for your support in our fund raising efforts to battle cancer, to remember those that have passed, to support those who are fighting, and to celebrate those who have won. We commit to ride in what I believe Donnie's spirit to be. We are not defeated until we choose to be.

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ANGELA FERNANDEZ
For the Ruidoso News

A disaster can strike at any time and the water, gas and electricity issues area residents faced during our big winter storm serve as testimony that each household needs to be prepared for such emergencies.

There are several resources in our area to assist us in preparing our households and family members for such an event.

While the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce houses pamphlets on such issues, you may also visit www.redcross.org for English and Spanish brochures to help get prepared for emergencies.

These supporters have a complete listing of supplies you will need to keep on hand, as well as other resources to help your family establish an evacuation plan.

While looking at the items needed for an emergency kit, it may appear overwhelming and expensive, but there are things we can do to put together a kit without exhausting our budget, and time.

Keep in mind that a kit does not need to be put together all at once. One can gradually add items to the kit, by gathering things already on hand and store them in one area.

Flashlights, candles, blankets and first aid items can be gathered from the house as we often keep these items on hand already.

Visit a thrift shop for inexpensive radios, things like candles and inexpensive tools. Consider adding a few items each time you visit the grocery store.

Choose non-perishable items to add to the kit. An inexpensive way to store water is to recycle empty milk jugs and juice containers by washing them out and using them to store clean water.

If you are a camper, you are already half way prepared.

You could take a quick inventory of your gear so you know what needs to be added.

Listed are suggested items to keep in an "emergency kit". Keep supplies in easy-to-carry containers so if the emergency requires evacuation, items are ready to load in a car.

- Water
- Food-non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
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- Pet supplies
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener
- Matches
- Rain gear

Putting an emergency kit together does not take that much effort and it sure is worth the peace of mind. I'm sure there were many who wish they had an emergency kit during our last major storm.

Spring cancer retreat applications available

ALBUQUERQUE - Cancer Services of New Mexico's Spring 2011 Family Cancer Retreat will be held May 20-22, 2011, at the Lifeway Glorieta Conference Center in Glorieta, N.M. (18 miles from Santa Fe).

This free, three-day educational program will provide New Mexico's adult cancer patients/survivors and their loved ones with the tools and information they need to manage the treatment and recovery process.

More than 250 people from more than 100 New Mexican families coping with cancer are expected to participate, making this the largest general cancer education program in New Mexico and the largest program of its type in the U.S.

The program will combine discussions and lectures by many of New Mexico's leading cancer specialists with fun activities that provide a break from the day-to-day challenges of living with cancer.

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Supervised child care and recreational activities will be provided for children and teens during the educational sessions. There is no charge to participate in the retreat - the entire program, including meals, lodging, and all educational activities is provided at no cost to participants.

This program is made possible by grants and contributions from many generous supporters, including: the New Mexico Department of Health, the Northern New Mexico Health Grant Group, United Way of Central New Mexico, Walmart Foundation, Pfizer, Amgen, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico, Celgene Corporation, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, OSI Pharmaceuticals, sanofi aventis, ImClone Systems (a wholly owned subsidiary of Eli Lilly and Company), Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Southwest Gynecologic Oncology Associates, Inc., X-Ray Associates of New Mexico, The Printer's Press, and Sprint.

Space is limited, so interested families are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

For more information or to request an application packet, contact Mike Capless at 505-239-4239 or go to www.CancerServicesNM.org.

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Ask the doctor

"What do you think of these so-called sunless tanning products?"

Q My teenage daughter wants to be tan when we go down to Florida for our winter vacation in February. I have suggested one of these so-called sunless tanning products, but she says they don't look natural and wants to go to an indoor tanning salon instead. What do you think?

A Sunless tanning products have been around for decades. The old products, especially the ones you applied yourself, were streaky and they turned the skin an orangey-brown.

Today, the results are much better. People get an even, natural look, especially from the spray-on products applied by hand or by airbrush in booths at salons and other businesses. Several people in my office have gotten spray-on sunless tans, and I was impressed with the results. I also had a patient who was a bodybuilder and, like many bodybuilders, she would get a spray-on sunless tan before her competitions. I thought it looked quite natural — the tan, that is, not her muscles.

According to a study published in 2010 in the Archives of Dermatology, about 10% of American adolescents have used a sunless tanning product, so your daughter would have plenty of company if she were to give sunless tanning a try.

Tan and good health

Although people associate a suntan with good health, a tan is actually the skin's response to sun damage. The color comes from production of melanin, a brownish pigment. So strictly speaking, sunless tans aren't really tans at all. The active ingredient in most of the products is a chemical called dihydroxyacetone, which causes a chemical reaction with amino acids in the stratum corneum, the upper layer of the epidermis, turning it a tan-like color. The color fades as the dead skin cells of the stratum corneum flake off, so these sunless tans are temporary and wear off after several days to a week. The concentrations in the products vary and, as you might expect, the higher the concentration, the darker the tan.

Bronzers

You might have heard of "bronzers." They are in a separate category and don't contain dihydroxyacetone. They are tinted cosmetics that may come off on clothing and wash off with water.

Dihydroxyacetone was approved by the FDA as a color additive for cosmetics in the 1970s. It seems to be safe, although I suppose, like anything else, if used excessively it could conceivably cause harm.

The main problem with the sunless tanning products and dihydroxyacetone is that people believe they're getting some sun protection from their artificially darkened skin, but they aren't, so they end up getting sunburned — and possibly increasing their risk of getting skin cancer. The study published in the Archives shows that many of the adolescents who use sunless tanning products do so in addition to, not instead of, indoor tanning.

Research on-going

Researchers are working on agents that would activate the body's natural tanning processes. These melanin enhancers might be the ultimate sunless tanning products, but they're still in development.

Indoor tanning is associated with skin cancer and accelerates the aging of the skin. Persuading teenagers is difficult, but your daughter is much better off using a sunless tan product — and applying liberal amounts of sunscreen during your winter vacation.

— Ask the doctor
Kenneth Arndt, M.D.,
Skin Care Physicians,
Chestnut Hill, Mass.,
Harvard Health Letter,
editorial board



CHUCKS PICK OF THE WEEK

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Plantains

A plantain to the untrained eye could be mistaken for a banana. It looks and smells like a banana, but if you ever bite into a raw plantain, you'll know it's not. Plantains are bigger than bananas, harder to peel (especially when green), and can not be eaten raw, they must be cooked for consumption.

Stages of Ripeness

A plantain is a fruit, but considered a vegetable. When green, they are bland and starchy, much like a yucca root or potato. Medium plantains are yellow dappled with black, and they are slightly sweet, when skins have turned almost black, the plantains are fully ripe, aromatic and sweet.

Buying Plantains

Look for firm plantains. Avoid shriveled, squishy, or moldy fruit. You can ripen plantains by storing them at room temperature. It will take seven to ten days for green plantains to fully ripen. If you aren't ready to use them when they've reached the desired stage of ripeness, you can peel and freeze them for up to three months.

How to Cook Green Bananas

1. **Make banana chips.** Slice the bananas into thin rounds and deep fry in oil until light brown. Drain and sprinkle with salt. If they soften upon cooling, you can reheat them in the oven for a few minutes. These make a healthy alternative to potato chips!
2. **Mash the bananas.** Boil for 20 minutes or until soft. Add coconut milk, chopped onion and salt. Simmer 15 minutes. Just like mashed potatoes but a little sweeter. Mashed bananas can be served as a side to any meal. Freeze for up to a month.
3. **Grill them.** Make kabobs with assorted fruit chunks including your green bananas. Brush with melted butter, honey and lime juice. Grill for 5 minutes on each side. Serve warm with your summer barbecue. Try it with melon, strawberry and pineapple.
4. **Turn them into dessert.** Soak sliced green bananas in one cup of rum (mixed with ¼ cup of sugar). Bake for 40 minutes at 300 degrees. Add coconut and serve with ice cream. You can also serve this as a flambé. Simply place in a bowl and set on fire. The fire will burn off the alcohol. If the flames get too high, smother with a lid.



+Tip- Do not over cook or the bananas will turn to starch+

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TANKS

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water supply contaminated, although rumors abounded that the National Guard was in town to quell imaginary riots that would occur when all water was cut off, Albom said, shaking his head at the stories.

The state Office of Homeland Security offered support, as did employees with the state Game and Fish Department, with Baja Broadband and the New Mexico Public Service Company (PNM), as well as Lincoln County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell and Coordinator Joe Kenmore, and Jack King and other representatives from the state Environment Department.

King and crew went to restaurants to advise them on precautions about boiling water and then worked hard to test and clear the system to allow service restoration.

The mayor read a list of restaurants, businesses and individuals who donated food and water for the workers and volunteers.

He noted that Assistant Fire Chief Harlan Vincent focused on ensuring fire suppression capabilities while the water supply was compromised, using foam suppression.

The mayor said he was impressed with the efficiency of the Emergency Command Center at the main fire station on Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon manned by employees to handle finance, homeland security and public information, which fell under the domain of Village Manager Debi Lee.

She coordinated with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce on releases and ensuring accurate information was relayed to business owners, he said.

Councilor Gloria Sayers asked for special recognition for the manager for being able to step in and get feet on the ground quickly.

Vincent, who was incident commander, said, "I don't think there would have been as many naysayers if they saw what I did."

About 200 people were involved in searching for leaks, including 126 National Guard soldiers.

"When you have to grid a place like Ruidoso, it's not just going out to turn off a water meter," he said. "It's finding the meter under 12 inches of snow and not damaging the meter when you turn it off and working 12 to 15 hours straight, coming in dog tired, eating a meal and taking off again the next day, still anxious to see what happened at the water (storage) tanks."

He named several people who took over specific assignments, including Engineer Bob Decker, who he called a planning machine and was credited with sending the state situation reports every four hours, "making us look good."

He said General Services Director Jeff Kaplan was a "logistical machine," and no one ever went hungry. Special Projects Director Justin King and Camp were amazing to watch as they analyzed the complicated village water system, he said, adding, "They were the ones out there really getting it done. (Checking and possibly) turning off 8,000 meters as fast and as organized as they did, it was a superb job."

Camp reiterated that

the village water supply never was contaminated and a boil water notice was only precautionary.

Eighty percent or more of the village never lost service, although individual homes were shut off when leaks were detected.

"This is being called a 50-year event and the system was built for a 25-year event," Camp said.

"Even if the storage tanks were full, we couldn't put water back on in Upper Canyon one day sooner. We were dependent on pipes thawing out. You can't identify where every freeze is. The tanks on the hill

froze and that's never happened before (preventing water from flowing to the pumps). We had to turn off Upper Canyon to prove up the village's main lines."

Camp said between the July 2008 flood and the freeze, he's seen more unique situations than many in his line of work see in a 30-year career.

As service is turned back on with the return of seasonal homeowners, damaged meters may be found and cut-off valves will be installed on the private side of the meter, he said.

"There were rumors about why we didn't react

Camp: "This is being called a 50-year event and the system was built for a 25-year event."



sooner, but we did," Camp said.

"I worked my people on the previous weekend and we thought we had turned

the tanks and then the thaw hit."

Many of the people being critical may know the water system, but they

never saw the same situation before, he said confidently.

While storage tanks are back to normal, the water level at Grindstone Reservoir sits at 19.5 feet below the spillway and Camp wants it back up to 16 feet below, the highest allowed until repairs to the dam wall are completed.

Water is being diverted to the reservoir from the Rio Ruidoso at the maximum amount allowed, he said.

When the final spring melt of mountain snow begins, that also should help.

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- 2 tablespoons steak sauce
- 4 1/2 teaspoons fresh thyme, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Instructions

Servings: 2

1. In a small bowl, combine steak sauce, thyme, pepper and cayenne.
2. Sprinkle steaks on both sides with salt. Spoon about 2 teaspoons steak sauce mixture over one side of each steak.
3. Place steaks, sauce side down, on grill over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 6 minutes. Brush steaks with remaining sauce, and turn over. Continue to grill 4 to 6 minutes or until the steaks reach 145°F on an internal meat thermometer for medium doneness. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

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Martinez requests disaster declaration

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A federal disaster declaration for parts of New Mexico impacted by the extreme cold and natural gas outages at the beginning of February was requested Wednesday by Gov. Susana Martinez.

State and federal inspectors have surveyed eight counties in the state, including Lincoln County and Otero County.

Some households in Lincoln County, including in Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, suffered water outages when temperatures plunged below minus 20 degrees at a number of area locations. Some water system lines froze and then burst.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe also had damage because of the record low temperatures.

Working with FEMA

"We have been working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) since Day One to ensure that New Mexico's cities, counties and pueblos are able to recover from the aftermath of the numerous problems created by extreme cold weather and

natural gas outages across the state," Martinez said. "We will continue the process of rebuilding and recovering by asking the federal government for a disaster declaration. This will allow us to work with local communities to process and repair damage as quickly as possible."

The requested federal funding would supplement \$750,000 in emergency money the governor earlier authorized.

Other relief

And a \$1.1 million fund created by the state's Department of Finance and Administration through a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program will provide relief specifically to low-income New Mexicans. The newly requested funding would assist municipalities and counties that suffered damage from the cold.

Uninsured damage across New Mexico was expected to exceed \$4.6 million.

Federal law requires a governor to seek a presidential disaster declaration in order to receive the disaster relief funding by submitting a written request through FEMA.

More time needed for valves

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Plumbers need a little more time to install private water shut-off valves in the aftermath of a leakage crisis that hit Ruidoso when a prolonged subzero freeze damaged pipes.

Ruidoso Village Councilor Jim Stoddard said he was contacted by some plumbers who said the 90-day limit is too short on installing cut-off valves on the private side of a meter at homes where service was turned off because of leaks.

"We may need to extend the time limit until July because many second homeowners don't show up until June," he said.

Village Manager Debi Lee said village crews not

only turned off water service to homes where leaks were detected, but to other unoccupied seasonal houses to prevent undetected leaks from emerging later and damaging property, as well as putting a drain on the village water supply system.

The village received "a slew" of calls from people asking that service be turned back on after turning the corner on the emergency, she told councilors Tuesday. "We turned them back on and asked them to get a valve within 90 days.

"The issue was that we didn't have the ability to wait (in the Upper Canyon and related targeted areas), because it would have delayed returning service to others."

A flyer detailing what

needs to be done by homeowners to restore service and verify the valve installation is being inserted in monthly utility bills, she said.

Councilor Denise Dean asked who will be responsible for going back out and ensuring valves were installed.

Lee said the water department and others under Capital Projects Director Randy Camp.

Village Engineer Bob Decker kept a spread sheet identifying every property where water was turned off and which ones had known leaks.

Stoddard suggested another flyer be put together in September to remind everyone the importance of the shut-off valve on their side of the water meter in

case of a freeze for safety and protection of their property, as well as the village's water supply.

Councilor Don Williams, an engineer, said administration officials also should not forget the need to install more shut-off valves on the village's main water lines.

If those valves had existed in the crisis, "we could have kept more on service. Let's not forget that."

Mayor Ray Alborn reminded the public and those who worked the crisis that Police Lt. Ray Merritt created a logo for T-shirts commemorating the event.

It shows a heart, icicles, a faucet with a drip, with the line, "I got turned on Feb. 14th."

The shirts will be sold as a fundraiser.

State funds to cover 'holistic' study

■ Eagle Creek Watershed project endorsed by state engineer

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Money from the state originally targeted for Alto Reservoir Dam will be diverted to a "holistic"

study of the Eagle Creek watershed looking at water sources, treatment and storage.

The big picture

Responding to a query from Village Councilor Rafael Salas Tuesday, Capital Projects Director Randy Camp said that, in the past, consultants

focused on their particular piece of the operation, but no one was looking at the system as a whole.

The project was endorsed by New Mexico State Engineer John D'Antonio, who is a member of the Water Trust Board and spoke for the village when Dam Safety Bureau officials expressed reluctance

to change, Camp said.

In her written report to councilors, Village Manager Debi Lee stated staff met with D'Antonio and the Dam Safety Bureau Chief Elaine Pacheco to discuss shifting the funding from Alto to Grindstone Reservoir to move ahead with repairs to the dam there, and to use Water Trust Board money for a water supply study on the Eagle Creek Basin.

"It will incorporate watershed yield projections, wells, surface water, dam options and necessary upgrades to Water Plant 3," she wrote.

That sparked Salas' comment, "I thought our water team did a study five years ago."

Lingering issues

But Camp said many issues exist such as whether there is sufficient water, can it be treated and can the village route it into the distribution system.

Salas worried that the time limit for spending the WTB money might expire, but Lee said usually there's an 18-month deadline. Camp added that the time frame probably will restart with the permission to switch to the watershed study.

Proceeding with repair at Grindstone is critical to allow the village to fill the reservoir there nearer to the maximum level than the currently allowed 16 feet below the spillway, Camp said. Grindstone is one of the main sources for the village's water supply and is fed solely by diversions from the Rio Ruidoso.

Alto dam a concern

The DSB was more concerned with the Alto Dam, because under new Federal Emergency management Agency rules, reservoirs connected to a channel must be able to handle "a flood of Biblical proportions" based on a 12.6-mile watershed around Alto with steep slopes.

"It would make 2008 look like a sprinkle," Camp said. "The river was running at 2,700 cubic feet per second and the model says the (reservoir) has to handle a Probable Maximum Precipitation event of 60,000 cfs."

Looking at the whole picture, he said village officials can consider other options to an on-channel dam with "a whole lot of restrictions."

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—Lynda and James Sanchez
Lincoln County

“ Julie
Great job on the article about Hollis.

—Peter Gnaikowski,
Lincoln County

“ Awesome story on the chalice! Thanks for running it.

—Kathleen McDonald
Ruidoso

“ Dear Marty:
Marty, our Apache group for Otero Mesa would like to sincerely thank you for your support for publishing the article “Mescalero Group holds Otero Mesa Sacred.” We are aware of your passion to preserve the beauty of New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment. The article will make an impact on our mission to preserve Otero Mesa. There is power in numbers. The article will reach many and hopefully will make our mission a success which is to make Otero Mesa a National Monument.

—Sincerely,
Mescalero Apache Advocates for
Otero Mesa National Monument

“ Julie,
Linda and I enjoyed and appreciate the article more than words can express. Very nice. You are good at this. We owe you!!

—Hollis and Linda
Tularosa

“ Dianne:
Tried to call you to personally thank you for the terrific article about the historical records in today’s paper but the newspaper phones are still acting strange. I truly appreciate you doing this and I think you did a great job of saying what we needed said in a non-offensive manner Hal. I have right now in my office a gentleman who does research on the Texas Marshal’s, who saw your article and came to see the book! Power of the press.

—Thanks again,
Rhonda Burrows
Lincoln County

“ Buenos Dias Senora Carter...
Just wanted to let you know I enjoyed your article... I almost didn’t recognize who you were talking about, It makes me feel proud to have grown up around this guy... My only worry is the Big Footsteps he left behind for us to fill... Gracias... A. Roybal

—Alvino Roybal
General Superintendent
Garney WYOMING

“ Dianne,
I am Project Director of the Fort Stanton Cave Study Project. It would be very helpful to us if I could reprint your article, “BLM: Closure won’t stop scientific exploration” in a newsletter that I send out to the participants in our project. Would that be alright?

—Thank you,
Steve Peerman
Lincoln County

“ Hi Julie!
Great article... Susan and I are still laughing... especially the kicker at the close. Your stuff is a joy to read. Don’t know what we’d do if you and Welda G. had articles in on the same day... we’d probably still be on the floor rolling around howling with laughter.
Many thanks for brightening our day.

—Best Regards,
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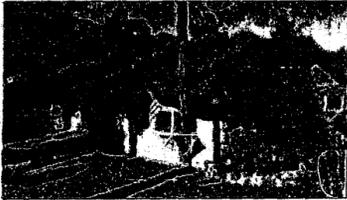
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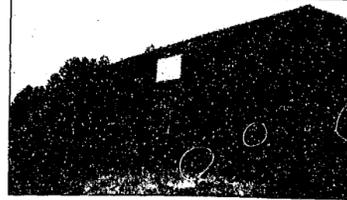
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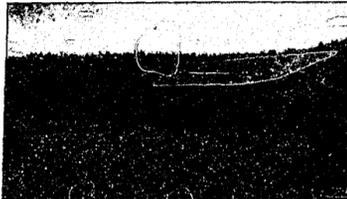
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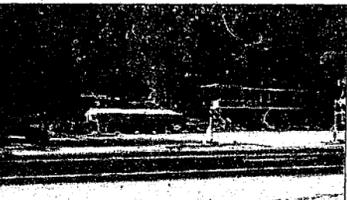
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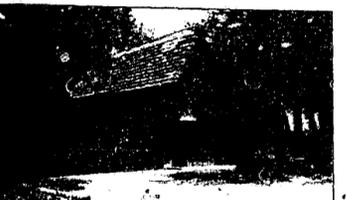
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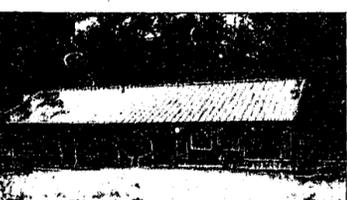
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Weather for Saturday: Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Top Notch, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Lower Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Chino, Moonshine Gulch, Elk Ridge and Bull Run.
Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2 (open to Midway), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 7 and No. 8. Gondola closed due to winds.

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Boys basketball
Wednesday, Feb. 23
District playoff
Capitan 43, Mescalero 37

Girls basketball
Tuesday, Feb. 22
District playoff
Capitan 49, Gateway Christian 24

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Basketball
Girls
Saturday, Feb. 26
Capitan at Hagerman, 6 p.m. if Capitan beat Mescalero Thursday

Boys
Friday, Feb. 25
Capitan at Hagerman, 6 p.m.

On Deck

Gun Club Meeting
Ruidoso Gun Club will be holding an annual general meeting at the gun range Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. The reason to hold the meeting at the range is to show the membership the areas requiring work and with a cost estimate of the dirt work needed to meet the lease agreement with the Forest Service. Election for officers of the Gun Club will be held. Nominations can be made at the meeting. Elected officers will take their positions in March. If you have a topic for discussion it may be included by emailing acolonz@me.com. Please attend if you can. The environmental stewardship program is key to maintaining the Club lease.

James Flores: 'It's Vegas, baby'

An undefeated Ruidoso cage fighter may soon hit it big in 'Glitter Gulch'

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Ruidoso's own James Flores will soon be packing his fight bags for a trip to "The City of Lights" for the most important bout of his career.

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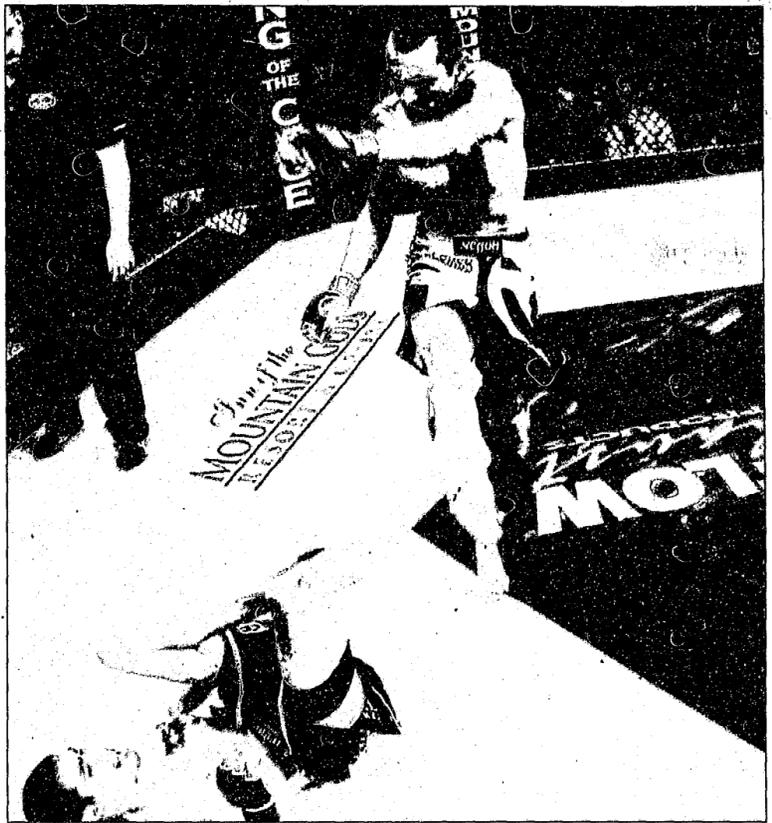
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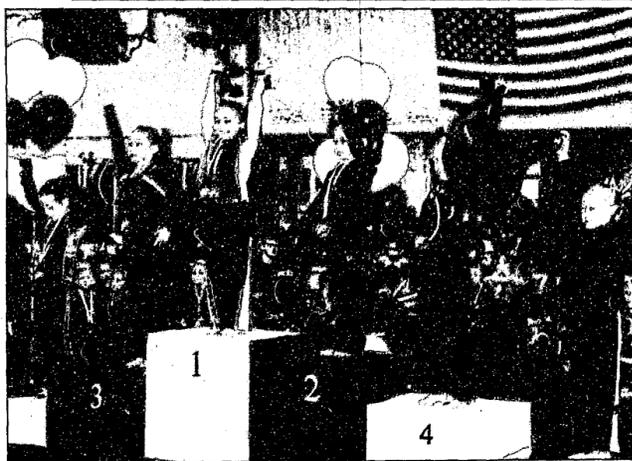
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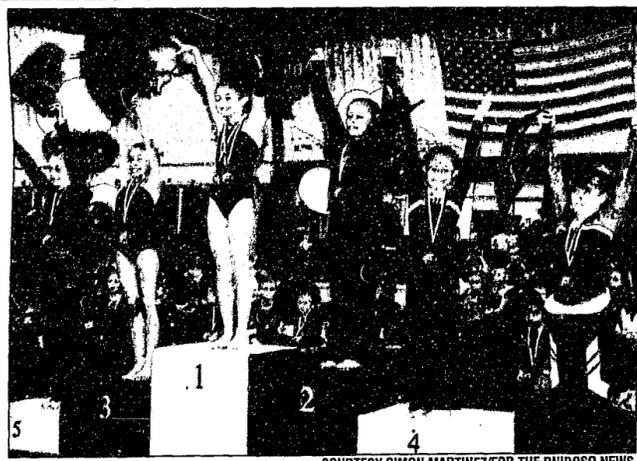
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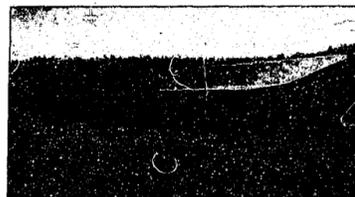
FABULOUS 9 ACRES (4 TRACTS) Commercial, huge Sierra Ridge top views. No nonsense price. Tree thinned to village code. 1100+ ft of unobstructed views. \$555,000. #106866



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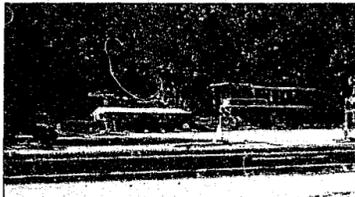
CUSTOM UNIT W/LARGE DOWNSTAIRS BONUS AREA Two covered private patios. Master main floor. Great location & access. Completely furnished including wall hanging decor items, complete kitchen, all bed & bath linens. TV's & entertainment center. \$449,300. #107039



ON THE 13TH T-BOX Beautiful home, 1.2 acres, big views of the golf course, Sierra Blanca & Capitan Mts. 3000 Sq ft, great for entertaining w/3 Br, 2 living areas, FP, high ceilings, stainless appli, tile counter tops, lots of storage. \$449,000. #106860



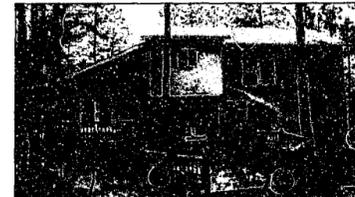
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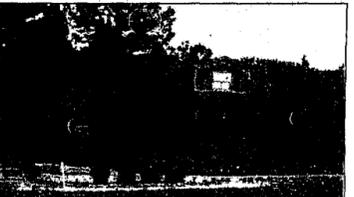
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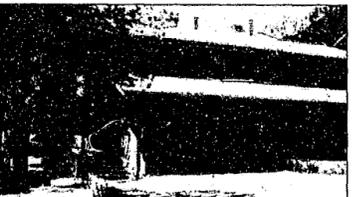
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MOUNTAIN SHADOW EST FOR LESS THAN \$100 SQ FT This delightfully remodeled & mostly furnished 4 bed/3 bath is priced to sell. Nice, wooded setting on Racquet Dr. Just bring your toothbrush & your cash! \$209,000. #107756



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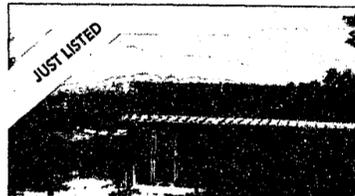
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Ski Report

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.skiapachesnowreport.com
 Tickets: Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.
 Snow past 48 hours: 0 inches
 Season total: 56 inches
 Mid-mountain snow: 20 inches
 Snow surface: Packed powder
 Snowmaking: Yes
 Weather for Friday: Sunny with gusty winds. High around 60F. Winds WSW at 20 to 30 mph.
 Friday evening, mostly clear skies with gusty winds. Low 39F. Winds WSW at 15 to 25 mph.
 Weather for Saturday: Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
 Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Top Notch, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Lower Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Chino, Moonshine Gulch, Elk Ridge and Bull Run.
 Lifts open: No. 1, No. 2 (open to midway), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 7 and No. 8. Gondola closed due to winds.

Results

Boys basketball
 Wednesday, Feb. 23
 District playoff
 Capitan 43, Mescalero 37

Girls basketball
 Tuesday, Feb. 22
 District playoff
 Capitan 49, Gateway Christian 24

Sports On Tap

Basketball
Girls
 Saturday, Feb. 26
 Capitan at Hagerman, 6 p.m. if Capitan beat Mescalero Thursday
Boys
 Friday, Feb. 25
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On Deck

Gun Club Meeting
 Ruidoso Gun Club will be holding an annual general meeting at the gun range Feb. 27, at 2 p.m. The reason to hold the meeting at the range is to show the membership the areas requiring work and with a cost estimate of the dirt work needed to meet the lease agreement with the Forest Service. Election of officers of the Gun Club will be held. Nominations can be made at the meeting. Elected officers will take their positions in March. If you have a topic for discussion it may be included by emailing aclontz@me.com. Please attend if you can. The environmental stewardship program is key to maintaining the Club lease.

James Flores: 'It's Vegas, baby'

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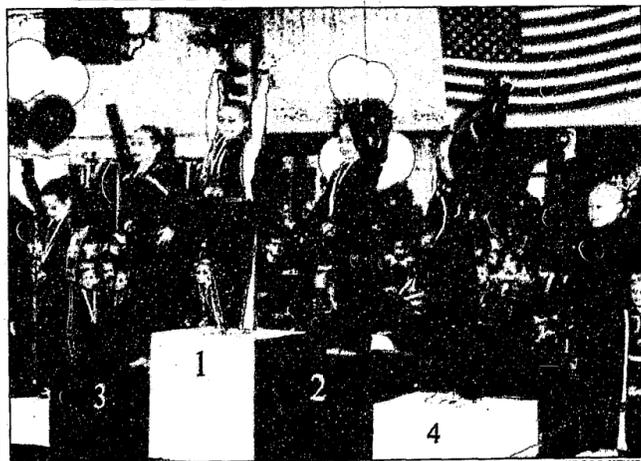


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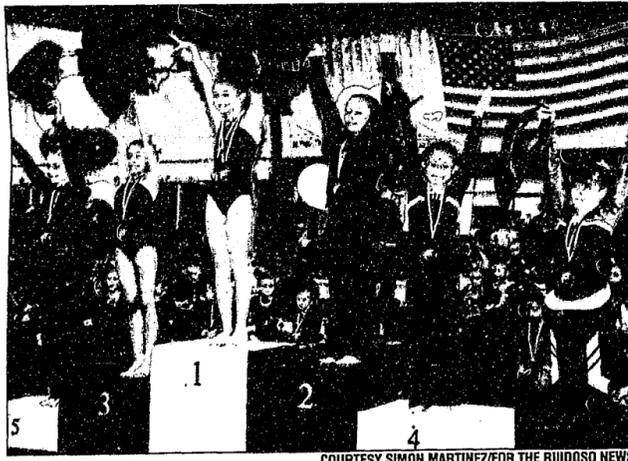
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VERMINATORS WIN RUIDOSO MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE



Josh Harper was high scorer for the regular season with 415 points. Harper played with the Kirgan team.

The Verminators won the end of season men's basketball league in a double elimination tournament with four straight wins in one night.

FLORES

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a dangerous opponent because he fights for the highly regarded Wand Fight Team of Las Vegas, which is coached by the well-known heavyweight Wanderlei Silva. Both combatants will weigh in at 135 pounds.

Only two New Mexico fighters will be on the March 5 card, including Tim Sosa, of the Fighters in Training-No Holds Barred (FIT-NHB) fight club. Reportedly, Flores is the first fighter from Ruidoso to appear on a Las Vegas fight card.

Rumor has it that Cruz might turn professional if he can get past Flores.

"I personally don't believe anyone should turn pro with only three or five fights under their belt," Flores said. In the three

biggest things I've ever done in my life," Flores said. "Besides, it's Vegas, baby. I hope my dedication and commitment will yield the desired results and give me the satisfaction of being my best fight to date. I want to find out where I stand."

Flores has a lot of friends and well-wishers in the Ruidoso area. As a testament to that, 32 friends, family and sponsors (Cowan Construction and Delton Estes) will be in front row seats at the Future Legends event rooting for their accomplished hometown fighter.

Additional sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. On April 24, Flores will compete in Albuquerque at the Grappler's Quest Jui Jitsu event. In his last outing there (Aug. 2010) he took second place out of 44 fighters who participated at the intermediate level. In

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under one hour he had seven matches and lost the last one for a second place

finish. He uses 10th Planet Jui Jitsu at these grappling, control, submission,

tapout competitions. Wish him well. He's one of your own.

TIGERS

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overall record to 10-11 under coach Dan Devine. If the Lady Tigers got by Mescalero Thursday they will journey to Hagerman Saturday for a 6 p.m. battle.

Boys

Three Capitan players hit double digits Wednesday night as the Tigers took down the Chiefs by six.

Capitan poured it on early and went into the second quarter leading, 14-6, and kept the pressure on in the next period of play, outdistancing Mescalero, 12-7, to take a 26-13 lead at the half.

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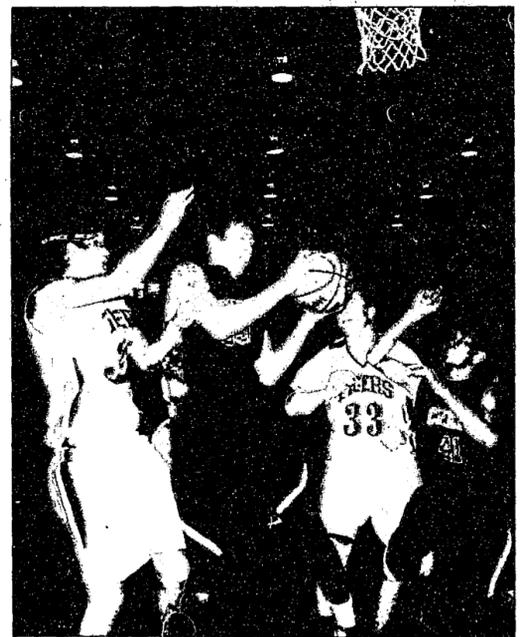
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Scheryiah Romero rounds the corner.



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Mescalero and Capitan mix it up under the basket.

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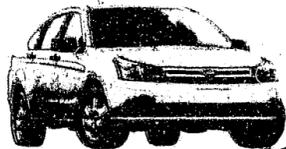
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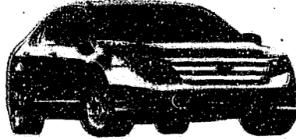
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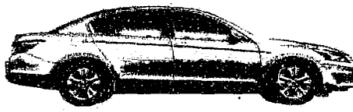
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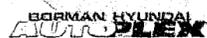
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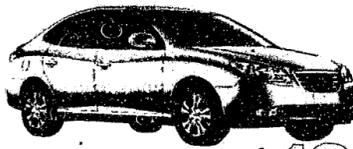
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Evil lies at our feet, not God's

Here are two questions from "L," who has a beef with God and the Bible:

Q. You say God made everything. You say you see God's light shining brilliantly through a text, etc. Do you also see God in the tsunami that wiped out 200,000 people, or in the murder of a 9-year-old child?

-L., via email

the resources produced by that intelligence - to mitigate the effects of natural catastrophes.



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We need to deploy tsunami-warning buoys in every ocean on earth. This has been done in many places but apparently not in the Indian Ocean in the area of the tsunami. That failure of human action deprived people of the time they needed to seek safety on higher ground.

The failure to protect ourselves was a failure of human will. The deaths caused by the tsunami were needless and are on us, not God.

The murder of children is also our sin, not God's. We've been given a code of life by God, a moral and spiritual path leading to virtue, charity and compassion.

When we choose to stray from that path and instead embrace violence and death, it's our sad choice, not God's.

When we allow social predators to roam free and when we don't protect chil-

dren from them, the blame lies with our failure to create a society of laws and reverence for life.

Of course, an all powerful, benevolent God could stop all killing by simply removing our free will and treating us like Adam and Eve before their choice to disobey God's commandments in the Garden of Eden.

However, that world, as the philosopher Leibnitz observed, would be worse than our world, even with its dangers.

That world would not include freedom, and freedom is an absolute good. So, in that sense alone, God is responsible for evil because God chose to give us a world where we could sadly but freely choose it.

We cannot have peace and goodness imposed upon us by God; we must grow into them through our loving and peaceful choices.

This is what the prophet Isaiah understood when he shared God's words: "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." (Isaiah 45:7).

God makes everything but we decide what to

make of it.

Q. Except for murder, slavery has to be one of the most immoral things a person can do. Yet slavery is rampant throughout the Bible.

Many Jews and Christians try to ignore the moral problems of slavery by saying these slaves were actually servants, or indentured servants.

Many translations of the Bible use the word "servant," "bondservant," or "manservant" instead of "slave" to make the Bible seem less immoral than it really is.

While many slaves may have worked as household servants, that doesn't mean they were not true slaves -- bought, sold, and treated worse than livestock.

You'd think Jesus would have a different view of slavery, but the practice is still approved of in the New Testament.

Paul says in Ephesians 6:5: "Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them

sincerely as you would serve Christ."

Any thoughts?

-L., email

A. A slave is property. However, as we read in Exodus 21:2, "If you buy a Hebrew slave, he is to serve for only six years. Set him free in the seventh year, and he will owe you nothing for his freedom."

The manumission of slaves is direct and unambiguous evidence that the Bible does not endorse chattel slavery. Slaves were not property, but rather indentured bond servants who traded their labor for credit in a barter society.

The ethical limitations that did flow from indentured servitude were resolved when economic structures evolved allowing people to pay off their debts without becoming bond servants.

The history of normative Judaism and Christianity through the abolitionist movements of the 19th century solidified the Judeo-Christian tradition's anti-slavery beliefs.

I do understand that slave owners in the South had their own preachers who endorsed slavery by

perverting the true teachings of Judaism and Christianity, much like jihadists today distort the true and peaceful teachings of Islam.

God's love of freedom for all people is addressed eloquently by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, which is as much a theological work as a political manifesto: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

You might be interested to know that in his first draft of the Declaration, Jefferson wrote, "We hold these truths to be sacred ..."

Sometimes history has to catch up with the deep teaching of God in the Bible, but it's never true that God wants people to be slaves.

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God has not forsaken the unemployed

Q. I've been without a job for two years, and finally I've just given up and stopped looking. I know it's tough on my family, but I can't help it. Why doesn't God do something?

-M.G.

A. As we all know, our nation's economy has been going through a very difficult time the last few years.

This is one reason why we need to be praying for our leaders (both in government and business), that God will give them wisdom to deal with our problems (see 1 Timothy 2:1-3).

The most important thing I can tell you is that God knows your situation, and He loves you and wants to help you deal with it.

Does this mean a new job will suddenly become available? Perhaps so -- and I urge you not to give in to your discouragement, but to keep looking. God knows your needs and wants to help you; the Bible says He "comforts the downcast" (2 Corinthians 7:6).

But God also may have something for you that you hadn't expected. I don't know what it might be, but (for example) have you looked into job retraining programs in your community?

Or have you looked into volunteer opportunities in your community or church? Even if they don't lead to a paying job, you'll be helping others and keeping yourself busy.

You may also gain valuable experience that will

help you later on.

In addition, take your free time as a gift from God, and an opportunity to grow closer to Christ.

You have time to pray and read your Bible now; are you doing so?

You have time to be part of a Bible study in your church; are you taking advantage of it?

The Bible tells us to "make the most of every opportunity" (Colossians 4:5).

Q. My wife and I never did get along very well, so when she died I thought it wouldn't bother me.

But now I think about her all the time, and I miss her terribly.

I wish I could tell her I'm sorry, because I know most of it was my fault. Why do I feel so bad?

-D.T.

A. One reason you feel the way you do may be from sheer loneliness. Even if you didn't get along, you still had each other -- and now you don't.

No matter who we are, the Bible's words are still true: "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18).

I suspect you also feel this way out of regret and guilt, knowing that things could have been different if you had only tried.

Sadly, you can't go back and change the past; it is gone forever.

Nor can you ask for your wife's forgiveness; it's too late. Perhaps your experience will help someone who is in a similar situation to

face their problems and seek God's help to overcome them.

But you can seek God's forgiveness -- and that is what I urge you to do. God loves you; He loves you so much that He sent His only Son into the world to forgive you and save you.

The most important step you could ever take would be to turn to Jesus Christ, confessing your sins and giving your life to Him.

The Bible says, "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered" (Psalm 32:1).

Then ask God to help you be less selfish and more loving to others.

Don't be bound by the past, but thank God that He is with you every day, and can change you into the person He wants you to be.

Q. Our mother had some nice things -- and after she died, the arguing over who would get what became very bitter.

I know she would've been shocked at the way some family members acted. Why are people so greedy? Most of it wasn't worth much anyway.

-Mrs. L.F.

A. Yes, people can be greedy, and sometimes greed is seen at its worst when an estate has to be settled.

One reason I wanted to reprint your letter is because it points out a problem that occurs far too often -- and one that could have been prevented if your mother had planned ahead. The problem is this:

Undoubtedly your mother knew what she wanted done with her things, but because she failed to put it in writing, it's caused much disruption in your family.

But this wasn't God's plan; God is for peace and harmony, and He wants us to do all we can to prevent such conflicts.

The Bible says that "everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

This is why I urge people to seek God's wisdom about these matters and to have a

valid will.

I realize that for you all this is water under the bridge (so to speak) -- although I hope it will encourage readers to put their own affairs in order.

But the question you face is this: What can you do to help your family overcome its conflicts?

It may not be easy, and it may take time. Ask God to help you be a peacemaker with your family.

Reach out to them, not dwelling on the past, but looking to the future, and

letting them know you care.

Pray for them also, asking God to change their hearts.

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The best source for help

I really don't believe in Groundhog Day, but it appears that we might be headed for an early spring.

After the two weeks of down right nasty weather, the weather is really nice. I still have snow in my yard, but it is melting quickly.

And, I have a big job ahead of me preparing the flowerbeds and green house for springtime.

I have only lived in Ruidoso for 10 years, but this is the coldest winter that I have experienced.

Lots of folks are going to be hurting when they receive their utility bills. We can help them through the churches, through adding a little extra in our utility payments, and being good neighbors.

None of us is an island to himself. We are a community living together and we should work together for the common good. If one of us is hurting, then all of us hurt in some way.

There is no question about it. Some folks don't want to work. Some folks work, but waste their money on dangerous and nonproductive activities.

Perhaps the best help we could give those folks is to give them sound advice about their life style.

Preaching is not well received when people want money. But you really don't

help them, unless you help them make some changes.

The other day, I visited with a local man who shared that he had been sober and not had a drink for six years.

And, he gave God the glory for his sobriety. He is a changed man, because he looked for help in the right place. There are folks who want to change, but they look for change in the wrong places.

Some folks have the personal discipline to change themselves without outside help, but most of us need that help from outside.

There are some self-help programs that do a good job in overcoming bad choices and bad habits.

But, I have found in my own life that the outside help that God gives, is the most dependable.

There in lies the problem. Many people do not believe in God or they don't want to believe in Him.

Folks just don't want an outside authority to which they must give account. So they keep on doing the same things, the same way, and expect different results. Albert Einstein said that is the definition of insanity.

If we look to God for change, He will give help for today and hope for tomorrow.



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RUIDOSO PASTOR

LINCOLN COUNTY

Study requested for interment eligibility at Fort Stanton

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A study to determine procedures to accommodate the interment of veterans and eligible family members at the Merchant Marine Cemetery at Fort Stanton has been called for by two area state legislators.

House Joint Memorial 44, introduced by Rep. Zach Cook (R-Ruidoso) and Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell), would require the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs undertake the study.

"The department made a decision in the fall of last year to deny the interment of veterans and their eligible spouses to be buried at Fort Stanton," Cook said. "It was a bad policy decision. These people have made great sacrifices for us, for our country and our state, and so we think that it's only appropriate that they be buried at Fort Stanton where they have made plans. I think they have a right to be buried out there."

On Nov. 10, 2010, the Museum of New Mexico Board of Regents (BOR) voted to underscore an earlier board imposed moratorium on veteran burials at the cemetery.

The 240-acre Fort Stanton property, which

includes the Merchant Marine Cemetery, is under authority of the Department of Cultural Affairs's State Monuments Division.

It became a state monument in 2007 and the division is required to preserve the cemetery's historic designation. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places.

Some have bemoaned the halt to military burials at the cemetery.

In a Feb. 21 letter, "To whom it may concern," BOR Chair Karen Durkovich said the board wanted to acknowledge the continuing need for the future burial of military veterans and other qualifying individuals at the historic site.

"While the BOR along with New Mexico State Monuments has a duty to preserve the historic integrity of the site, it also wants to be cognizant and responsive to the best interest of the citizens it serves," Durkovich stated.

New Mexico State Monuments last fall had asked the regents for a clarification on future interments at the cemetery. The BOR responded that the moratorium, first issued in 2008, allows only for burials of Merchant Marines and their qualifying family members, as well as those

who had been associated with the former Fort Stanton Hospital, which closed in 1954.

"The intention of the BOR was not to disregard a continuing need for locations for military veteran burials in New Mexico, but to enforce the policy in place while the issue could be further studied and other options might be pursued," Durkovich said.

Some options were discussed on Dec. 14, 2010, during a meeting in Ruidoso Downs between recently elected but then yet unseated U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce (R-Dist. 2), State Monuments Director Rudolf Acosta, then New Mexico Cabinet Secretary of Veterans Services John Garcia, and several others. One possible solution was an expansion of the cemetery for new military interments beyond the boundary of the Merchant Marine Cemetery.

A proposal to apply for a federal grant, for veterans' cemeteries, was proposed during the December meeting.

The possible new graveyard could be established adjacent to the Merchant Marine cemetery to preserve its state monument status.

The Cook/Adair study proposal recommends exploring the potential for a



FILE PHOTO

The Fort Stanton Cemetery is under scrutiny for a decision to determine the guidelines to be eligible for interment.

federally assisted expansion of the cemetery at Fort Stanton to accommodate burials beyond those who had been associated with the previous hospital, merchant marines and their family members.

Durkovich said the BOR was appraised several weeks ago of the Ruidoso Downs meeting.

"The BOR will be receptive to considering recommendations from the Department of Cultural Affairs, working with the New Mexico Department of Veteran Affairs, to dedicate

for future interments of military veterans and other qualifying individuals some portion of land currently within the Fort Stanton State Monuments boundaries, preferably adjacent to the Merchant Marine Cemetery," Durkovich said. "Until then, New Mexico State Monuments and BOR will continue to consider qualified interments at the site on a case-by-case basis."

Questioned Wednesday about "qualified" interments, Durkovich said that would include those who

had been in the Merchant Marines, the survivors of Merchant Marines buried at the cemetery, and those who had been at the former Fort Stanton Hospital.

Durkovich said right now the spouse of a veteran buried at the cemetery would not be considered.

"We're not adverse to having a place very close for veterans to be buried. But we've got to get some help."

Durkovich identified the "help" as financial assistance to establish an additional cemetery.

BIG TIGER, TINY GIRL



When you are a tiny little girl, about 30 inches tall and only 3 years old, the team mascot you are fascinated with looks very, very tall. Megan Miller is enamored with Captain's Tiger mascot at every game and spends as much time as she her parents will allow following Keenan Darden (in the costume) around the edges of the basketball court.

JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

All in a day's work

When life was simple and the biggest worry I had was if some cute boy liked me or not, I didn't spend much time worrying about money. That's what parents were for, I believed.

Mom and Dad did what they could to teach me about work ethics and the rewards of doing a job and doing it well.

That lesson also happened to fill a gap for my dad who was short of cowboys to tend to 4,000 head of freshly imported yearlings.

"Working for short pay" is an old phrase used to define the low wages paid for the never-ending hours and days of cowboy work.

Following in tradition, my first cowboy pay at the age of 15 was \$5.50 a day. My brother, 13, was paid \$5 a day.

My elevated financial status seemed to make me the "girl in charge," or so I believed. My brother fell for that most of the time. He was two years younger but a foot taller than I was, so I had to use every edge I could to keep my bluff going.

Our job was to ride the pastures we were assigned, carefully counting every head of cattle we saw and search for any that the count indicated were missing.

The sick cattle had to be driven to the corrals if possible and any dead cattle had to be tallied with proof of a brand.



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy
BY JULIE CARTER

That meant cutting off the hide where the brand was located, tying it to the saddle and taking it back to headquarters. Not a pleasant smelling job in the middle of summer, even at mountain elevations.

We had no idea what life lessons we were learning at the time or how utopian our lives were.

Our world was remote, small and focused on the details of the day - like the correct cattle count to report to Dad or how many times my brother could rope a sage bush without missing.

Paying attention to the job at hand wasn't his strong suit and that of course, in a sibling situation, again gave me the upper hand.

When reality returned to his teenage-boy brain, he'd ask me for the count so he'd know it in case Dad asked him.

Out of irritation for his lack of participation, I'd refuse to tell him. And then, as they say, the fight was on.

Our wages were already designated to the next part of our lesson in finances -

paying some of our own bills. Mine was to pay for my cheerleading uniform and associated expenses which took a month's paycheck.

I'm not sure what plans my brother had for his, but likely it involved some expense to be incurred during hunting season. That addiction began early in life for him.

My grandmother saved a letter I had written her when I was 11 years old.

In it, I reported to her that my brother had quit band during deer season.

"I don't know why he did that," I said. And I believe, at the time, that I was truly puzzled. That mystery has since been cleared up.

A day's wages of \$5.50 won't get my teenage son past the concession stand at a ball game in today's economy.

The past couple of summers, he made \$45 a day doing the same kind of work as I did. He is now thinking he needs to find a better paying job.

Why? Because, besides his interest in girls and a pickup he thinks he needs to buy, he has some hunting plans that need financing.

There is a definite echo in our family history.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com. Her brother is not available for fact verification.

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POLICE & COURTS

Court upholds case dismissal

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The dismissal of a civil lawsuit arising from a vicious attack in Ruidoso will stand. But the New Mexico Court of Appeals tossed out one of the two arguments the Mescalero Apache Tribe used to have the case dropped.

The case rose out of events on Jan. 9 and Jan. 10, 2006, when Richard Bowen was playing cards at the tribe's Casino Apache Travel Center and won about \$11,000.

Card dealer Michael Gray later offered Bowen a ride home to Ruidoso. The following evening Bowen was found severely beaten in his home.

Gray was charged with returning to Bowen's residence the following evening, brutally beating him and stealing his winnings.

Bowen sued the tribe, alleging negligence in the employment of Gray at the casino.

The tribe asked the court to dismiss the case because of sovereign immunity and a lack of reason to justify negligence.

The appeals court disagreed with Bowen that

the tribe should have become aware of possible violence problems with an employee beyond his job. The justices said Gray's decision to return to Bowen's home to rob and beat him after providing a ride home some 16 hours earlier was not foreseeable to the tribe and there was no evidence to indicate the tribe should have know Gray might commit a violent crime against a patron.

"Negligent retention occurs when, during the course of employment, the employer becomes aware or should have become aware of problems with an employee that indicated his or her unfitness, and the employer fails to take further action such as investigating, discharge or reassignment," the appeals judges noted from a previous case.

But the appellate panel reversed District Judge Karen Parsons on the dismissal reason of tribal immunity. The court's ruling stated that immunity is not absolute and a gaming compact with the state waives sovereign immunity for personal injury claims brought by Indian casino patrons, as long as injury

or damage was caused by the conduct of the gaming enterprise.

Attorneys for the tribe argued the compact limits the waiver of immunity to those injuries occurring at a gaming facility. But the court responded that the waiver provision in the compact is not limited to injuries only inside a casino. "Rather, Section 8 (of the compact) provides a waiver for 'visitors to the gaming facility' that suffer an injury caused by the gaming enterprise. Plaintiff (Bowen) sufficiently pled that he was a 'visitor' to a gaming facility who suf-

fered a bodily injury proximately caused by the conduct of the gaming enterprise."

Gray had been charged with robbery and aggravated battery causing great bodily harm shortly after Bowen was found seriously injured.

But the criminal case was dismissed following his death on Dec. 2, 2006, after being shot by two Otero County Sheriff's Office deputies. The deputies had gone to Gray's Tularosa area home to serve a warrant when he appeared with what turned out to be a pellet gun.

Shooter sentenced to 10 years in prison

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced Thursday, that a U.S. District Court judge sentenced Frank Bow Gallerito, 39, to 10 years in prison for assault with a deadly weapon and discharging a firearm in connection with a crime.

Gallerito pleaded guilty to the charges Feb. 7.

According to the criminal complaint, filed by FBI Agent Daniel J. Sarkozy, Gallerito fired eight rounds, with a .45-caliber pistol, at a Mescalero Apache home occupied by two adults and two children, Sept. 24, 2009. Three of

those bullets went through a window and were recovered from the kitchen and from the door frame of the children's bedroom.

Sarkozy reportedly identified Gallerito from witnesses seeing Gallerito's distinctive pickup truck leave the area after the shooting.

Gallerito had also been charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and committing a crime on an Indian Reservation.

Gallerito was arrested Sept. 25, 2009 and has remained in custody since that time.

- From reports

Outfitter sentenced to probation for trespassing

A Lincoln County outfitter has been placed on five years probation and fined \$2,500 for trespassing on the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge in 2006.

John D. Hughes, 49, the owner of Elite Outfitters, was sentenced Thursday by United States Magistrate Judge Kea Riggs.

Hughes had been charged with entering the wildlife refuge northeast of Las Cruces with two other people on Jan. 7, 2006. The manager of the refuge told investigators that game wardens at the White Sands Missile Range told him several hunters had trespassed on the refuge and killed an oryx. Hughes and an associate had accompanied a Georgia man on an oryx hunting

trip to the missile range when they allegedly entered the wildlife refuge. Federal prosecutors said the group had been advised by missile range officials that the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge was a closed area.

The Georgia man, James Gladin, 51, was issued a citation by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer. He received a \$525 fine and forfeited a bull oryx that he had killed during the hunt.

The San Andres National Wildlife Refuge was established in January 1941, for the conservation and development of wildlife. It currently provides the best habitat for desert bighorn sheep in New Mexico.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Jan. 31

Ruidoso School's Resource officer Sal Beltran reported being called to the assistant principal's office for a report of three students smoking an unknown substance behind the main building.

Beltran reports the students were smoking K-2 incense in a pipe and Cody Adams, 15, admitted bringing the incense and pipe to school, but refused to say where he got it.

K-2 is a synthetic cannabis product.

The school nurse checked the three students.

Beltran reports citing Adams to Juvenile Probation and Parole and that all three students were suspended for school for a couple of days.

Feb. 16

1:26 p.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 100 block of Old Lincoln Road for a report of a burglary

Tyson reports the deadbolt appeared to have been damaged and a window was broken. There was reportedly a rock lying on the floor of the room with

the broken window.

Three televisions and a game console were reported missing from the home.

Tyson reports that there was blood on the window sill of the broken window, indicating someone cut themselves entering the home.

3:24 p.m. - Officer Chris Bryant responded to the 200 block of Apache Trail for a report of criminal damage to property.

Bryant reports that the victim said someone damaged two tires, valued at \$75 each, on her Toyota car between 6 p.m. Feb. 15 and 3 p.m. Feb. 16.

Feb. 17

2:23 a.m. - Sergeant Dale Harrison responded to Carters Lane for a report of a possible domestic.

Harrison reports that the argument was only verbal and the intoxicated man's younger brother convinced him to go back inside the house.

10:17 a.m. - Graffiti was reported in the 100 block of Crown Drive.

Compiled from police incident reports by Harold Oakes

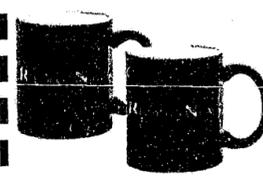
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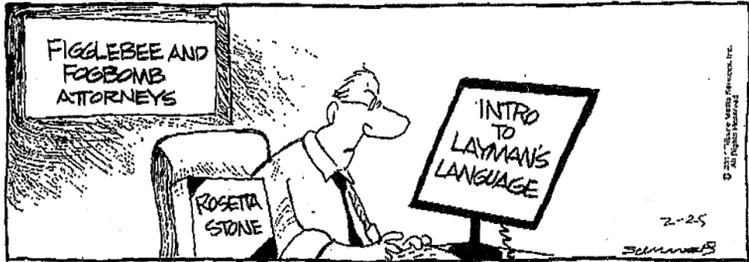
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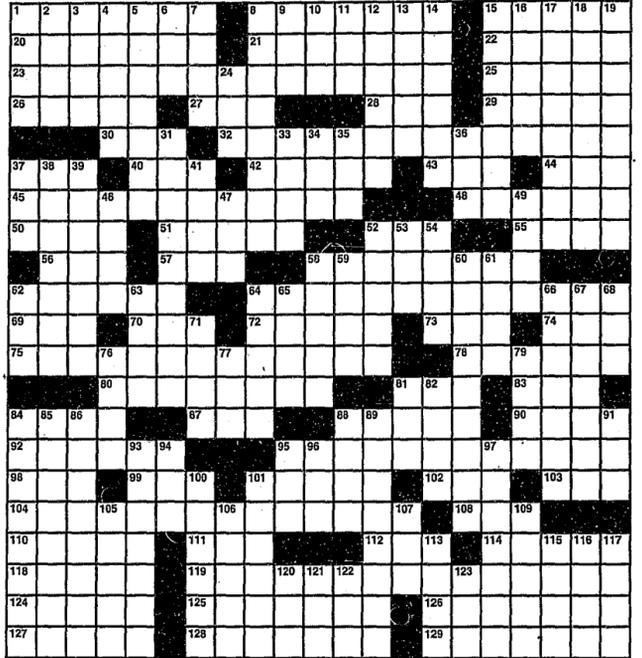
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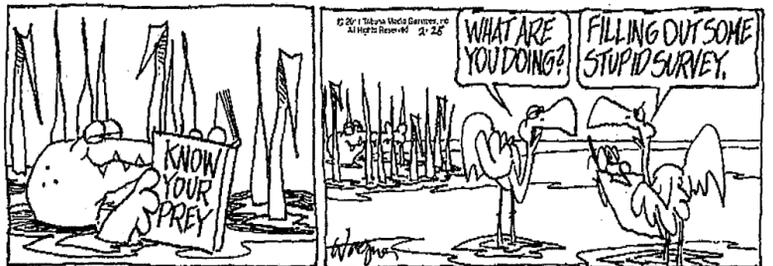
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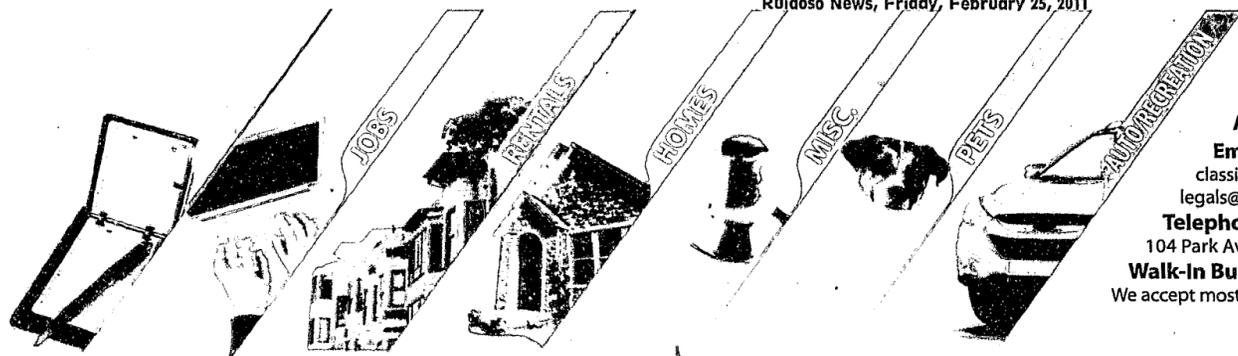
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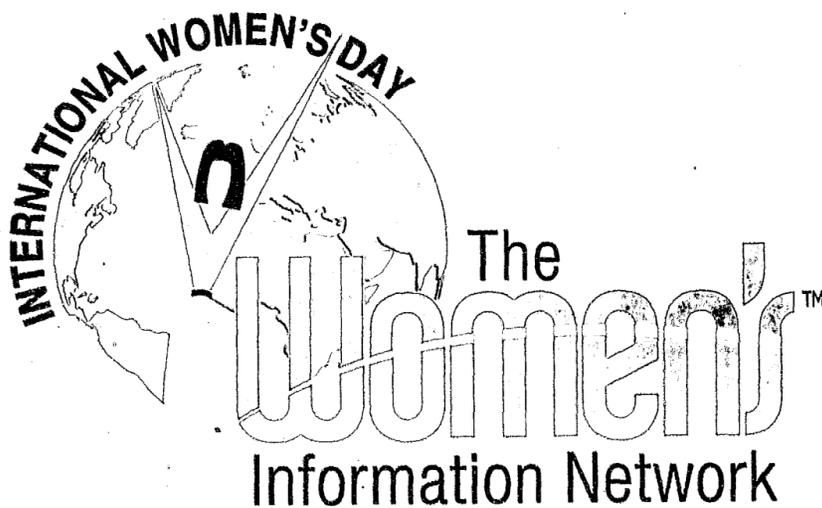
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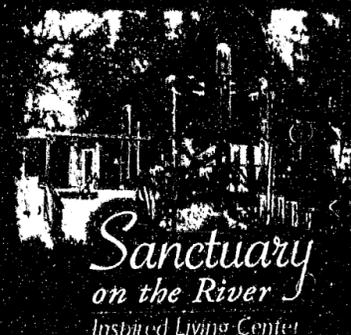
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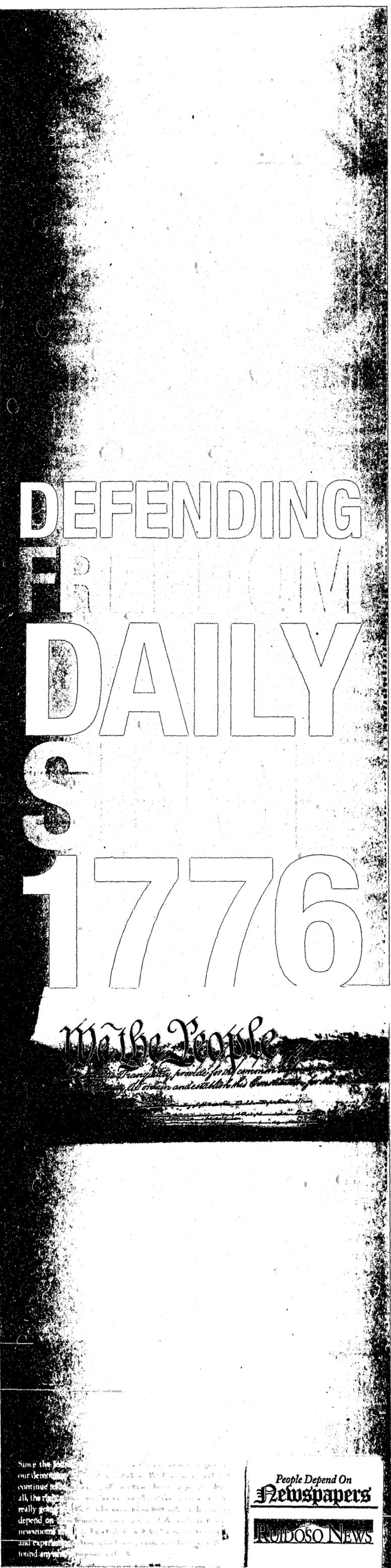
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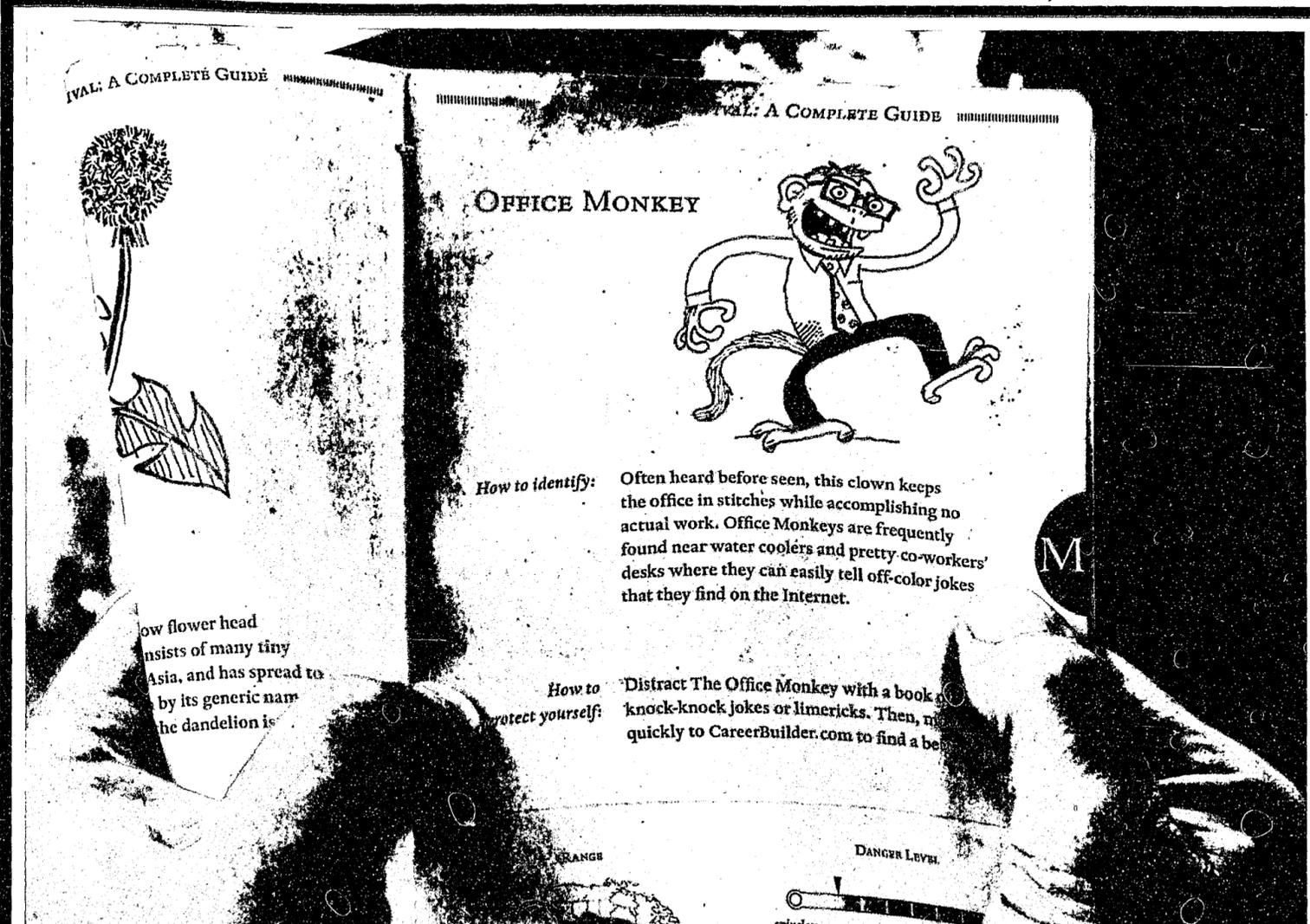
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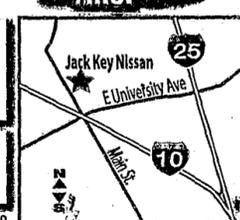
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