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**Capital Projects  
Manager  
Randall Camp  
holds a typically  
corroded cut-off  
valve, the sign of  
an aging water  
infrastructure.**

DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS



## Bea Harris apologizes for gaffe

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The superintendent of the Ruidoso Municipal School District has apologized for a statement about bullying made in a weekly newsletter to staff. (See the letter to the editor, page 4A.)

Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said some of what she wrote "came off wrong."

The Feb. 16 edition of the *Wednesday Warrior* called bullying a societal issue.

"We live in a bully nation, where we believe we have the right to push other countries around to protect our own interest," Harris wrote. "That national attitude plays out in all sorts of ways - in our community it plays out in parents bullying administrators because the parent believes their child is more important than someone else's child, or that their interests are more important than other's interests. They may even believe that their child's skill or gift is more important than another child's. It can be called elitism, but really it's a kind of bullying, that my rights are more important than your rights."

The newsletter concluded by asking how tolerance, the value of diversity, and the value of human life be taught without caring and thoughtful human beings.

"I do not mean to infer our country, when defending its principles and borders, is a bully, nor that parents protecting their child's interests always adopt a bullying approach,"

In her March 3 letter to the editor, Harris offered her "heartfelt apology" to anyone offended by her statement.

District officials have pledged to take bullying seriously. Harris told the school board in January that the district would deal with bullying on a number of fronts through programs such as Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, a Challenge Day and others.

"Ruidoso schools definitely do not have our head in the sand," RMSD Board President Susan Lutterman said at the time.

The Feb. 16 *Wednesday Warrior* also had information on other topics, such as a make-up day due to the early-February snowstorm and sub-zero temperatures.

# Complicated pipes

## Ruidoso's intricate, aging water system was exposed during the Big Freeze of 2011

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Considered one of the most complicated in the state, with 41 different water pressure zones weaving through mountainous terrain, corrosive soils and an aging infrastructure, Ruidoso's water system needs some major updates.

Under the direction of Village Manager Debi Lee and Capital Projects Manager Randall Camp, the village was looking at some substantial work before Ruidoso

was hit by a record-breaking freeze last month. While working on repairs from that slam, Camp and Village Engineer Bob Decker saw firsthand the badly deteriorated condition of some valves, lines and other equipment.

The treatment plant at Alto Crest for the north and west portion of the village handles about 70 percent of the village's water supply demand. Situated in the highest elevation of the village, it can feed more areas with gravity. Grindstone Reservoir covers the

south and east, about 30 percent of the 8,800 accounts.

Besides the reservoirs at Alto and Grindstone, and 13 wells, the village stores water in two 5-million gallon tanks at Alto Crest, 3-million and 1-million gallon tanks at Grindstone, a 1-million gallon tank at Little Dragon on Hull Road and Gavilan Canyon, half-million gallon tanks at Pinecliff, Camelot and Country Club and a smaller tank called West BW for backwash at the end of Upper Canyon.

"Pressure zones are supposed to be stationed every 100 feet of difference in elevation to regulate about 40 pounds of pressure each 100 feet," Decker said during an interview in Camp's office this week. "The way this system was built, we have a couple 100 feet per valve, so the pressure is really high on one end and drops to be more manageable. There's 250 pounds of pressure on the line at the Gavilan Solid Waste Department transfer station pressure reducing valve.

"We could use a lot more PRVs. The system is so complex."

Decker said that, with such high pressure, working on the system

can be "ticklish" when a PRV fails. "It can blow a line out and send a surge and pop weak spots," he said. "That's what happened at the intersection of Eagle Drive and Sudderth Drive. We're trying to change that."

All sources of production can produce 2.6 million gallons of water a day, as they proved during the freeze crisis, when officials rushed to refill dangerously low storage tanks drained primarily because of more than 500 leaks from damaged water pipes in private homes. Plants operate at Alto Reservoir and at Grindstone Reservoir, but the Upper Canyon plant long ago was downgraded to a pump station, fed from the Alto tanks.

"Plant 4 at Grindstone is in pretty good shape," Camp said. "It has one of its four filters off line and being repaired. Each filter handles .3 million gallons a day. Normal usage is .6 million, so two operating filters are needed. At capacity, we have twice as much."

The treatment plant at Alto

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Meeting Cinderella: Make-A-Wish Foundation sends girl to Disney World

Disney World has an extra princess this week. A blue-eyed, curly haired princess from Ruidoso.

Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico arranged for 5-year-old Henleigh Chavez and her family to spend this week at Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

At the bon voyage party held for the Chavez family at Casa Blanca Restaurant last Friday, Henleigh said she was looking forward to meeting Cinderella.

"The guidelines for Make-A-Wish are from two and a half years old to 18," Wish grantor for Southern New Mexico Joe Vargas said. "It's not a terminal disease that children have to have; it is a life-threatening disease. Out of all the kids we have helped, they are all doing very good."

"She was born with spina bifida," said Brooke Chavez, Henleigh's mother and owner of Sevilla Day Spa (Dad, Adam Chavez, owns AC Landscaping).

"Before she was born they thought there was a chance that she had spina bifida but they didn't know until she was born. It is the mildest case you would ever see, so she doesn't have all the symptoms or anything."

Spina bifida is a congenital defect in which the spinal column is not closed, potentially allowing the spinal column to protrude through the opening.

"It can range from a very mild case to very severe," therapist Carma Patterson said. "It can paralyze them from the waist down and keep them from walking or cause other problems."

Patterson began working with Henleigh shortly after her birth.

"I met her when she was three-and-a-half weeks old," Patterson said. "I kind of started as a friend."

Patterson said she is neighbors with Henleigh's grandparents. She also works with Region IX Education to provide therapy to children in schools and to pre-school children.

"Lisa Crenshaw is the physical therapist who works with her (Henleigh) a lot and she asked me to get involved," Patterson said. "I did not do as much direct as, say, the physical therapists did. She worked with her a lot more. What I did was make her some splints for her when she started walking."

Patterson credited Crenshaw and LeAnn Souther, physical therapists with Region IX, with enabling Henleigh to walk despite the spina bifida.

Not only does Henleigh walk, she dances with the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble.

"She is just smart as smart can be," Patterson said. "Her walking has been the hardest hurdle that she has had to overcome and as you can see, she has overcome it."

Henleigh was crossing the room to get into grandmother Kelly Hall's lap as Patterson said this.

Vargas said Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico is looking for other children to help.

"It is a one-page application and anyone can refer a child for a wish," Vargas said. "You can find Make-A-Wish on-line at newmexicowish.org and it will give you all the information."

"If you do know of any kids that might need a wish and want to know if they qualify, you can call me or Katie (Kmetz) or they can go online."

To refer a child to Make-A-Wish, call Vargas at 575-317-0118 or Kmetz at 575-937-1825.

- Harold Oakes



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Five-year old Henleigh Chavez plays with grandma Kelly Hall's necklace during the Make-A-Wish Foundation send-off for Henleigh and her family at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Friday. The Chavez family is spending this week as Disney World in Orlando, Fla., thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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.

Major recipients in New Mexico include A Peaceful Habitation & Aftercare Ministry; ACE Leadership High School; Aztec Boys & Girls Club; Bridges Project for Education; Casa de Peregrinos; DreamTree Project; Fort Sumner Community Development Corp.; Interfaith Community Shelter Group; Metropolitan Homeless Project; Rocky Mountain Youth

Corps; Taos Jewish Center; Teach for America, New Mexico; The Food Depot; and others.

"These nonprofits are highly effective at providing vital services to the most vulnerable members of our communities," said Linda Childers, president and CEO of the Daniels Fund. "And as a result of their incredible work, our communities become better places to live."

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.

Teen Tech Week

Teen Tech Week 2011 @ your library

The Ruidoso Public Library throws open their physical and virtual doors to invite teens to celebrate Teen Tech Week March 6-12, 2011.

Teens can attend tech programs geared toward learning, creating and sharing. Teens today, often called digital natives, seem to be born wired & absorb-

ing new technologies. Adults may think teens already know all they need to know on technology - but we want teens to come join us anyway - prove us wrong. We may share something unknown or you can wow the librarians with your uber-slick shortcuts.

The technology program series include:

• Tuesday, March 8, 4-5pm: Learn about Wikipedia, how to edit entries, then help flesh-out Ruidoso Public Library's own stub on Wikipedia. Wiki's are dynamic, so this page can be continually updated.

• Wednesday, March 9, 4-5 p.m.: Digital photos and online tools. Join Francie Bergener, local digital guru geek. Try the latest techniques for online graphics,

including:

1. animoto - merge photos into a cool music video; 2. Glogster - lets you "posterize yourself" by including music, text, pictures, and links;

3. Xtranormal - creates cartoons where you create the dialogue, setting, and use their characters as seen in GEICO commercials.

Come experience manipulating information online.

• Thursday, March 10, 4-5 p.m.: Tech Petting Zoo - Bring your gadgets such as ebooks, MP3, iPod, iPad, smartphone, android, exceptional earbuds, etc., to share how it works. Debate social network and texting ethics while noshing pizza.

Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the

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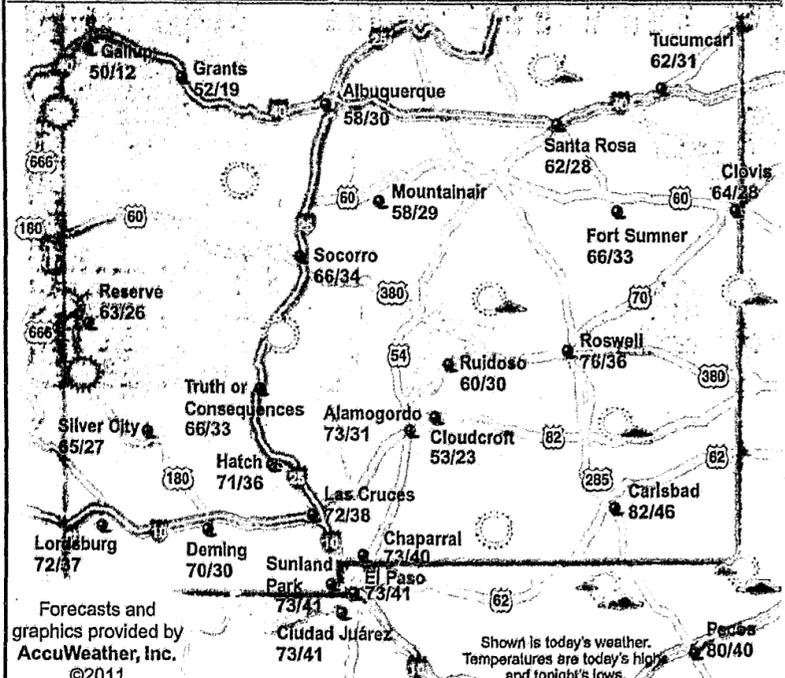
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

Table with 7 columns: TODAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Each column contains RealFeel, Humidity, and Wind information.

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

Regional Cities



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Almanac

Ruidoso Statistics through Wednesday. Temperature: High/Low 66°/36°, Normal high 55°, Normal low 24°, Record high 77° (2009), Record low 2° (1948). Precipitation: Wednesday 0.00", Month to date 0.00", Normal month to date 0.08", Year to date 0.78", Normal year to date 2.56".

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

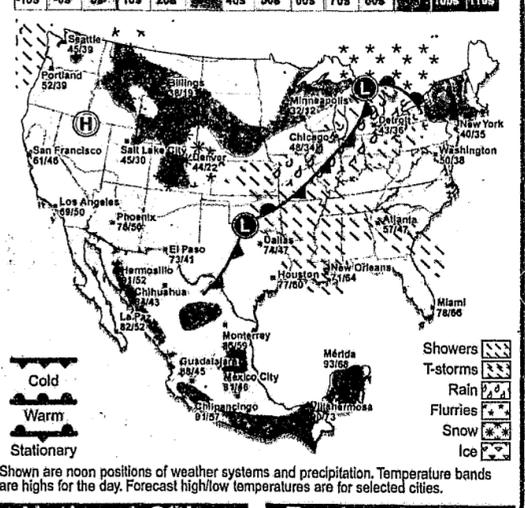
Alamogordo

Statistics through Wednesday. Temperature: High/Low 76°/31°, Normal high 64°, Normal low 36°, Record high 79° (1974), Record low 20° (1954). Precipitation: Wednesday 0.00", Month to date 0.00", Normal month to date 0.04", Year to date 0.48", Normal year to date 1.34".

Weather Trivia

Q: Snowmen are built most readily out of what type of snow? A: Wet snow.

National Forecast for March 4, 2011



National Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Sat. Lists major cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, El Paso, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Reno, San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle, Tucson, Tulsa, Wash. DC, Wichita, Yuma with their high/low forecasts.

Regional Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Sat. Lists regional cities like Albuquerque, Artesia, Chama, Clayton, Cloudcroft, Farmington, Hobbs, Los Alamos, Portales, Raton, Red River, Ruidoso, Santa Fe, Silver City, Taos with their high/low forecasts.

Mexican Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Sat. Lists Mexican cities like Acapulco, Cancun, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juarez, Leon, Mexico DF, Monterrey, Morelia, Oaxaca, Pto. Venasco, Tijuana with their high/low forecasts.

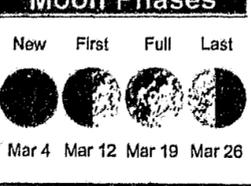
Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:28 a.m./6:02 p.m. Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 6:04 a.m./6:12 p.m.

Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 90° in Pecos, TX Low: -24° in Embarrass, MN Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 107° in Abu Na'ama, Sudan Low: -61° in Summit Station, Greenland

Moon Phases



Ruidoso High School choir to join Foreigner onstage at IMG Saturday night

The choir at Ruidoso High School has performed a vast array of musical styles in recent years. This weekend members of the choir will sing the rock ballad "I Want to Know What Love Is" alongside Foreigner, the group that released the chart-topper in 1984.

The Foreigner concert takes place Saturday night at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

The group has partnered with the VH1 Save the Music Foundation

which helps raise money for high school music programs, said John Lappen, who leads the band's marketing.

"Foreigner is actively involved in raising money for local high school music programs," Lappen said. "We have the choir and adults that accompany the kids to the show help us sell copies of our new three-disc set, 'Can't Slow Down,' to concert goers before and after the show. Funds go to the local high school pro-

gram and to the VH1 Save the Music initiative."

The collection is sold for \$20 with a portion of the monies going to the charity. The school's music program will receive \$1,000 from these monies, while the remainder will go to the VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

The donation to the high school music program will help pay hotel expenses next month when the students will perform at the state choir competition in

Albuquerque, said high school choir teacher Danny Flores.

"The students are elated to be chosen to do this gig with a rock band," Flores said. "And as a professional musician who has played with many recording artists in my role with the Roswell Symphony Orchestra (timpani and percussion), this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students who will witness the production aspect and share their vocal talents

with the band and our community."

Flores said a few years ago the high school choir, along with some members of the ENMU-Ruidoso community choir, performed an arrangement with Kurt Bestor at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Bestor was described by Flores as "big," but in a different venue.

"I YouTubed the group," Flores said of Foreigner.

"After the kids heard 'I Want to Know What Love Is' the comment was 'Oh yeah, I've heard that before.' But I don't think most of them were really familiar with Foreigner until now."

The \$20 price for the CD also includes a raffle ticket that will enable one lucky person win an autographed guitar donated and signed by Foreigner. The drawing will be after the concert.

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Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technology, especially that offered through libraries.

Teens are invited to learn about and use privacy settings, think before posting (ask yourself who will or can read it), be savvy about online "friends," be in the know about spam and scams, and be part of the solution to improve the online community.

"Teen Tech Week is a way for librarians and educators to collaborate with and educate teens about technology," says Cheryl Volosin. "Over the last several years the library's role in increasing technology literacy has become more and more important, equal to that of reading literacy. Getting teens into libraries is essential. We can show teens that, with technology at the library, anything is possible."

Recent studies from Pew Internet & American Life Project show that, on average, 8-18 year olds spend more than 6 hours per day using technology including TV, DVDs, cell phones, video games, audio media, and computers. 93 percent of teens regularly use the Internet, and three-quarters of American teens send text messages every day.

Teen Tech Week is the second week of March each year. For an updated list of sponsors and supporting organizations, visit www.ala.org/teentechweek.

Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd.

Busted pipes?

Low-income homeowners without insurance coverage are eligible to apply for funding support to help repair water lines, furnaces, water heaters and other damage caused by the freezing temperatures and gas outages that occurred in February.

In southeast New Mexico, the amount allocated for the program totals \$157,142. The deadline is March 18.

Items eligible for the funding assistance include

repairs to water heaters and furnaces, water damage to walls or ceilings resulting from broken water lines, broken pipes and weather-related damage from the utility meter to the home's interior.

To qualify, residents must meet certain income limits and own their homes. The work must be done by licensed contractors. Any potential applicants possessing homeowners insurance are not eligible. The program is offered strictly for repairs on individually owned principal residence properties.

Qualified residents who already paid for eligible repairs can seek reimbursements, but receipts must reflect material expenses and cost of labor services performed after Feb. 1.

Gov. Susana Martinez authorized \$1.1 million through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Com-

munity Development Block Grant Program for that purpose. The program in southeastern New Mexico is to be administered by the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments.

Low-income homeowners in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln and Otero counties may apply for up to \$2,000 in aid from the SNMEDD/COG. Applications can be obtained from the SNMEDD/COGS at 1600 S. E. Main, Suite D, Roswell. Applications also will be available at county and municipal government offices throughout the five-county region.

SNMEDD will be in Lincoln County to accept applications from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., March 10 at the City of Ruidoso Downs Council Chambers, 122 Downs Dr.; and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., March 10, at Carrizozo Town Hall, Council Chambers 400 9th

Street, Carrizozo.

Please bring proof of home ownership, identification, and annual income. If applying for reimbursement cost, bring original receipts for labor and material costs for repairs already incurred.

Corrections

• Resolutions favoring retention of a tax rebate for film productions in New Mexico were passed by the Village of Ruidoso and the City of Ruidoso Downs, but the Lincoln County Commission has not considered the issue.

A story Wednesday stated otherwise.

• The correct website for Animal Village NM, the no-kill shelter just north of Alamogordo on U.S. 70, is AnimalVillageNM.com.

A format error occurred in a story Wednesday, resulting in the insertion of hyphens.



COURTESY MARY BETH SAMUELS

Lavonne Adams, President of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County, on left, greeted Sanna Obermiller, on right, of the Lincoln County and New Mexico Right to Life organization at the recent FRWLC February meeting. Sanna's presentation on Right to Life activities also included descriptions of pending legislation regarding this issue. Lavonne distributed information on how a bill is passed in New Mexico and how to track, read and follow committee activities on the NM Legislature's website: www.nmlegis.gov.

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Advertisement for Jessica Sherman, a massage therapist. Includes a thank you message and contact information for LMT #3680.

Advertisement for Prestige Cabinet Showroom, featuring cabinet refacing services. Includes contact information for Ruidoso, NM.

Advertisement for HELP!!! A Ruidoso News subscriber who lost his keys. Includes contact information for Bob Ross.

Large advertisement for Animal Village NM No-Kill shelter. Features photos of various animals and contact information for adoption and donations.

Advertisement for Ruidoso News newspaper. Includes contact information for the general manager, editor, and circulation coordinator.

Advertisement for the Newsroom. Lists the names and contact information of various reporters and editors.

Advertisement for Display Advertising. Includes contact information for the retail advertising manager and account executives.

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### OUR OPINION

## New chief faces a numbers racket

But Downs not only city with high turnover

We were playing a numerical parlor game this week in the office, along with someone in the Downs who might know, and we came up with a grand total of nine.

That's the number of police chiefs that have presided in Ruidoso Downs over the past 20 years - including new hire Doug Babcock.

Percentage-wise, that can't touch Carrizozo, which, if it finds a new chief in 2011, will have six in the past seven

years. For anyone counting, this kind of turnover is not good for police department morale and community relations.

Burnout. Low pay. Political meddling. Stress. They all play a factor in towns large and small. It is not easy being a cop these days - never mind the top cop in a cauldron of petty grievances, cliques, bickering and in-house jostling.

Welcome to the top, Mr. Babcock. We hope not to see No. 10 in quite a while.

## He drove himself, and that's good enough for me

What about Richard Berry? The mayor, I mean. Albuquerque. There are laundry lists of possible candidates for the Senate seat of Jeff Bingaman when he leaves office after his current term ends. Mayor Berry is on none I can find.

Check out the New Mexico Politics with Joe Monahan. Political junkie Joe is giddy with the name game.

A recent Monahan blog had a marvelous "se habla politics?" quote by Albuquerque Democrat Martin Heinrich, considered a top possibility for a run at the Bingaman prize.

"...my decision will be based on whether I believe I can best serve New Mexico in the House or in the Senate." Translation: "If the polls

indicate I have a chance at this thing, I'm running." On the Republican side of the aisle much speculation centers on Heather Wilson who hasn't come out and said she covets the Senate seat, but who tends to walk, talk and act like a candidate.

I hereby nominate Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry to someone's list of probable Senate candidates. I have never met Mayor Berry but I hope one day to make that acquaintance.

Here's the routine bio stuff. Nebraska guy. Came here in 1982 to attend UNM where he lettered in track and field, got his degree in finance and administration. Met and married Albuquerque native Maria Medina. So long, Nebraska. Successful businessman, two-term Republican state rep from Albuquerque. The only thing I could find bothersome in his official biography is Mr. Berry gives his Jack Russell Terrier equal marquee space with his son.

Please, dog lovers, don't write. I know those puppies are precious, but they're not kids, okay? (I've got this uneasy feeling you are going to write, anyway.)

From what I read about this guy, he just can't get it through his thick head that politicians deserve to be pampered, surrounded by admiring gofers. He forgot to pin on the badge that

says, "I'm Special."

So Richard J. Berry is sworn in as Albuquerque Mayor on Dec. 1, 2009, and you think the first thing he would do is order the car. One neat thing about being the head honcho in the Duke City is you get brand new wheels.

Berry ambles down to the city garage, says why do I need a new car, give me one of those 4-year-old clunkers. So, big deal, just a drop in the huge

Albuquerque budget? Yes, it is a big deal. He is saying, tough times, city stretched, I am willing to sacrifice and I am expecting you to sacrifice as well.

Then there's the time he wanted to discuss some city business with Albuquerque Journal editors. In her

Journal column, Leslie Linthicum recalls looking out the window and seeing this solitary figure ambling up the sidewalk to the newspaper building. It's the mayor. Drove himself, Leslie said. Didn't find it necessary to bring a policy adviser. Carried his own brief case.

Another character star is Berry's concern for the less fortunate. Mayor Berry launched an important initiative to help the destitute in downtown Albuquerque. On a recent bitterly cold night he was driving the streets looking for homeless people to take them to a safe shelter.

Smart. Quiet. Unassuming. Church-going guy. Cares about people. Let's see, who does that remind us of? Oh, I know. Senator Jeff Bingaman. Tom Udall is liberal enough to hug entire forests, so why not the party balance that worked so well for New Mexico in the Bingaman, Pete Domenici era?

Certainly my detractors will say I am just buttering up to Berry in the event he might one day get elected and choose me to be his spokesman.

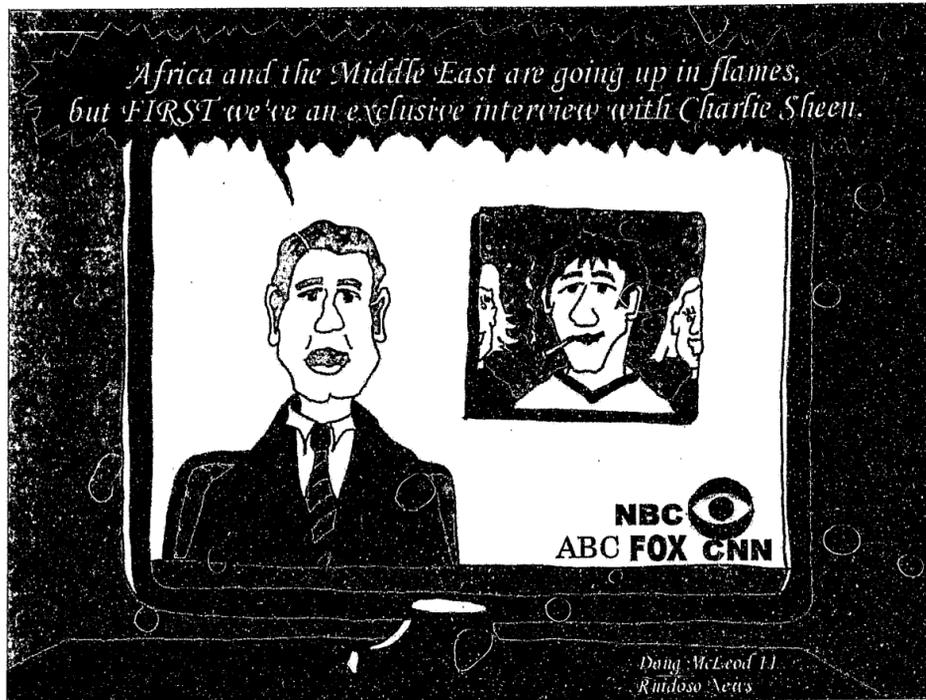
That falsehood will not be dignified with an answer. Were I offered such a position my decision would be based on whether I think I can best serve my fellow New Mexico citizens as a columnist or a public relations flak. And, the cash, of course.

Have a nice day.



NED CANTWELL

### LOOKING ASKANCE



### YOUR OPINION

## Superintendent's remark outrageous

To the editor:

THE FEB. 16 edition of the Ruidoso Municipal School District *Wednesday Warrior* contained the following commentary.

"A little more on bullying . . . This is really a societal issue. We live in a bully nation, where we believe we have the right to push other countries around to protect our own interest. That national attitude plays out in all sorts of ways - in our community it plays out in parents bullying administrators because the parent believes their child is more important than someone else's child, or that their interests are more important than other's interests. They may even believe that their child's skill or gift is more important than another child's. It can be called elitism, but really it's a kind of bullying. . ."

For Superintendent Bea Harris to present her opinion as

fact in a school publication is outrageous. She presented no evidence to corroborate her statements and we could find none when we did the research.

In her book, *Bullying in American Schools: causes, preventions, interventions*, Anne G. Garrett states: "Bullies are produced in the home, shaped by a combination of factors, including lack of parental warmth and attention, poor supervision, parental modeling of aggressive behavior and an active and impulsive temperament on the part of the child."

The Canadian Centre for Children & Families in the Justice System agrees with the family and individual factors above, and takes it a step farther by including school factors.

They state: "Bullying problems can be greatly reduced in severity by appropriate supervision, intervention and climate in

a school. Supervision of children has been found to be of prime importance and the social climate in the school needs to be one where there is warmth and acceptance of all students, and one where there are high standards for student and teacher behavior."

Superintendent Harris needs to concentrate on addressing school factors to minimize bullying. She should keep her politics to herself. It's time that parents and the community demand more of our educators and let them know they are being watched.

If you would like to express your views in person, the Ruidoso School Board will meet March 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office, 200 Horton Circle.

Glynis Racine  
Sally Moore  
Terry Franklin  
Lincoln County Tea Party

## Harris: Community's concern is well-taken

To the editor:

I KNOW THERE has been some concern in the community about a statement I made in the *Wednesday Warrior* about bullying.

I wanted to write this letter to let the community know that the concern is well taken. Some of my statements came off wrong, and I apologize for them.

Have you ever said or written something, heard it repeated or

read it and had second thoughts? That's what happened to me when I read my own words. I was attempting to present a thought that I believe has some logical merit, but I fear it did not come off well.

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Obviously, to any who were offended by the bullying item, I express my heartfelt apology for not being more careful on how I express my thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Bea Eitta Harris  
Superintendent  
Ruidoso Municipal Schools

Editor's note: For background on this story, please see page 1A in today's Ruidoso News.

## What's next, a duel at 20 paces?

To the editor:

AS WE TAKE our two grandchildren on a 40-mile round trip to the bus stop it is discouraging to realize when they were withdrawn from the Ruidoso school system that authorities did not care why they were withdrawn, only that "they were welcome back at any time."

Bullying by definition is "...to treat abusively by means of force or coercion." I guess if you do not acknowledge bullying, it doesn't exist.

We found out only when our honor student granddaughter refused to go to school, and after much consolation revealed her

dilemma.

The school was not concerned about the name calling or hoodie that was flushed; maybe that is why the buses to Capitan and Hondo are full from Ruidoso.

It only took a day of constant calling to receive a call from the counselor a day-and-a-half later. After a letter to the school board, two members emailed my daughter echoing the school's words, "They are welcome back any time."

I wonder how long it will take the new school board members to become as nonchalant?

Next, my granddaughter was rebuffed in church by one of the

bullies and her mother. When does it stop?

Then the inevitable text messages started. When the parents of one of the bullies were notified of the situation, the father suggested "he train our grandchildren to defend themselves, that was how it was done when he grew up," rather than discussing or mediating the problem.

What's next in the land where we glorify a mass murderer? Dueling pistols at 20 paces? Or make it 15 paces; they are, after all, only sixth graders.

Sincerely,  
Bill Pitt  
Ruidoso

## Call the TV stations, not Dish

To the editor:

ALBUQUERQUE stations CBS and Fox, channels 13 and 2 on the Dish Network, are saying that they may have to take these two stations off the Dish because their contract expires this month.

Now they are asking sub-

scribers to call Dish and ask them to keep these stations on the network. The problem is not with Dish, in my opinion, but with these two stations, which are demanding more fees to keep them on the Dish.

If Dish pays the demands we

will pay more for our subscriptions. I suggest we call the stations, not Dish, and ask them to reconsider. Dish has just raised their monthly fees and we don't need another increase.

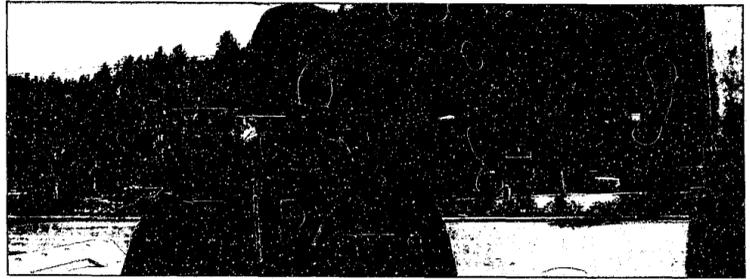
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# Feb. 25: How do you feel about rising gas prices?

'THE STREETER' / BY DAVE WALSH



**Jesus Sosa, Ruidoso:** They're crazy and ridiculous. We're only going to use one vehicle, and I may start riding my motorcycle.



**Marv Sanders, Ruidoso:** I believe prices are going to keep going up. I'm going to think twice about any vacations. Trips out of state are going to be more expensive.



**James & Jennifer Stuart, Glen Rose, Texas:** We believe that prices are going to go up and that this can hurt tourism.



**Jacob Previtt, Ruidoso:** What can we do? Last week I paid about \$3.40 for diesel and now it's about \$3.90. I'd rather pay more go gas in the winter than the summer. I'm not really going to change my driving habits. I'm going to think twice about a vacation, though.



**Bill Denell, Ruidoso:** We can't do anything about it; I may start riding my motorcycle.



**Len Holmes, Ruidoso:** There's nothing I can do about it. It keeps going up every few days. I just bought a camper and I don't know about a vacation now.

YOUR OPINION

## Film industry supports study initiative

To the editor:

I LIKED YOUR opinion in today's [Feb. 25] *Ruidoso News* about the film industry initiative being overdue.

Most people in the film industry in New Mexico see the film incentive as a means to an end, a self-sustaining film industry in New Mexico not dependent on incentives. If there were a nation-

al moratorium on film incentives, then New Mexico would be way ahead of the game with its trained crews and infrastructure.

What the industry needs here is more above-the-line people, producers, directors and writers to make the movies happen. But for now, there is a lot of competition for the money that is available to make movies.

The whole industry is behind SB44. Everyone wants the hard, true, factual numbers that say "Yes we get a great return on our investment" or not. But let's find out. Kintigh's bill is a shoot-first, ask-questions-later approach. That is why I asked each of the five liaisons to approach their municipalities with resolutions to show our support. It is nice to

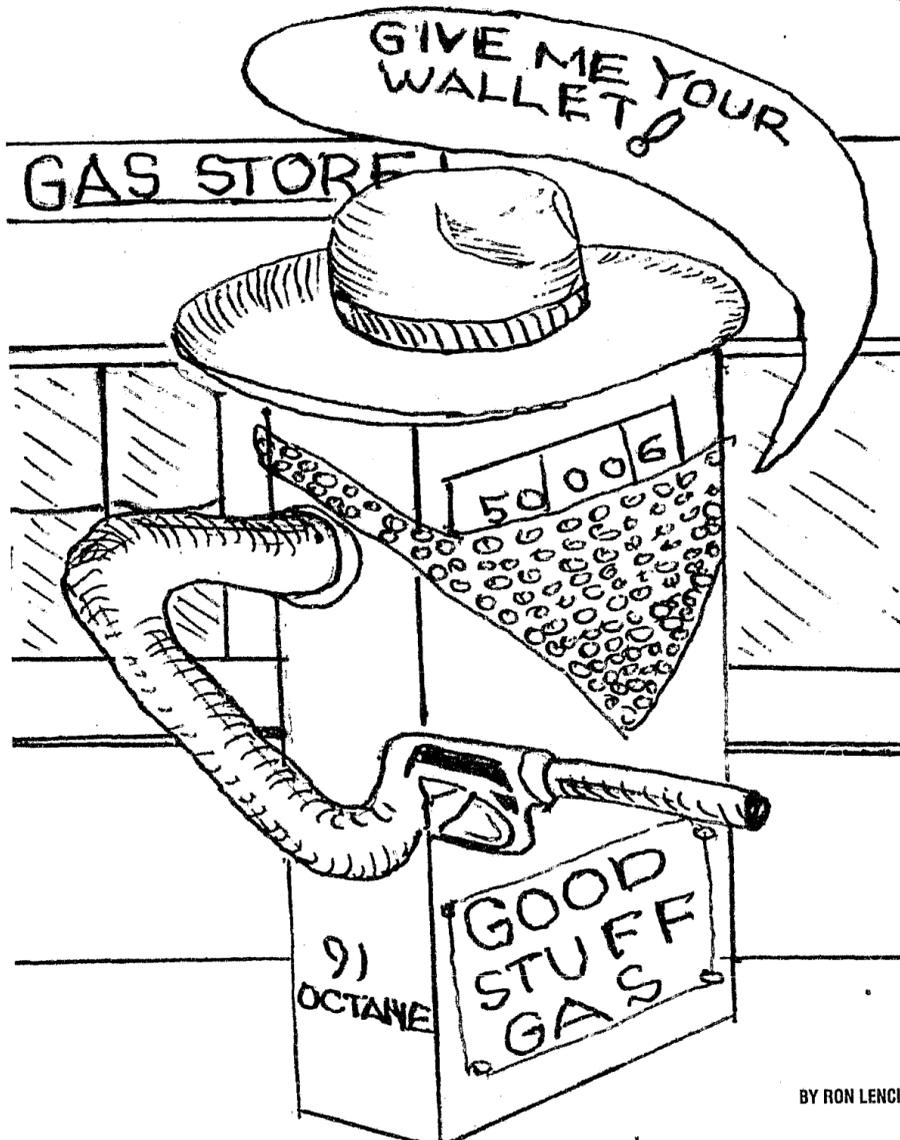
know you support the industry as well.

I spent last week in Santa Fe and Albuquerque talking to legislators and attending conferences. There is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm in the film industry. I just wish we did not have to go through this every year.

There is a new Earnst and Young study done in Michigan

that takes all factors into account, including unemployment, that says for every \$1 spent in credits, there is a return of \$5.94. I wonder what Kintigh will say when SB44 initiates a study with similar results.

*Dirk Norris  
Digital Media Development of  
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Carrizozo*



BY RON LENCI

## Inflation? What inflation? Washington can't find it, but in the real world...

To the editor:

AS MOST OF the public may or may not be aware, retirees, both military and social security normally receive an annual COLA (cost of living allowance).

Thanks to the false economics of the Obama administration we have been informed for the last two years that due to the fact that the cost of living has not increased over the last two years we would not be receiving our COLA increase.

Just a few examples of the "no increase in the cost of living" are in the accompanying table [below this letter].

These are products that I use or have observed locally. The price comparisons are product-

for-product, i.e., the same brand name product as of two years ago compared to that same brand for the price today.

I did not name brand names for what should be obvious reasons.

Note: A few of the price changes are based on only a one-year increase, as I did not have records going back two years.

I could go on, but the examples shown should be a good indicator of what I'm trying to say. Thanks to the current administration for keeping the cost of living increase at "zero" for the last two years.

I just wish that my income had "stabilized" at the same rate.

*Thomas Douglas  
Alto*

Item	2 years ago	Jan. 2011	increase
Gasoline	\$1.83	\$3.10	69.4 %
Com	\$3.56	\$6.33	77.8 %
Soybeans	\$9.66	\$13.75	42.3 %
Sugar cane	\$13.37	\$35.39	164.6 %
Casual shirt	\$5.00	\$8.00	60.0 %
Loaf of bread	\$1.48	\$2.58	74.3 %
Cigarettes	\$5.00	\$7.00	40.0 %
Ham steak	\$2.78	\$3.48	25.1 %
Bratwurst	\$3.17	\$4.68	47.6 %
Cookies	\$1.98	\$2.50	26.2 %
Vanilla ice cream	\$1.48	\$3.00	100.2 %
Property taxes	\$566.44	\$620.68	9.6 %
Electricity	\$.096	\$.104	8.3 %

# BUSINESS

## Lodgers tax requirement changes

### Ruidoso Downs goes to points system

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Special event organizers seeking advertising money from the Ruidoso Downs lodgers tax fund will have their applications weighted by the city's lodgers tax committee.

The new application process, approved by the city council on Monday, will eliminate events that do not require an overnight stay or attract too few attendees.

"We wanted to ensure that people that requested money got treated fairly and that we weren't basing it too much on how many people that were here rather than how many nights people were going to be staying," Faith Smith, chair of the lodgers tax committee told councilors. "We want to make sure that everyone had the opportunity to get the maximum amount of funding based on how many nights there were or where it happened."

The grading system would score lodgers tax funding requests.

"I just want to make sure that people don't give it to their cousins or the person they went to high school along with that kind of thing is what I was really concerned about," said committee member Shamie Mills.

"So what we were trying to do is have a point system for awarding lodgers tax monies."

The points are based on the number of lodging nights, the event's location, and the extent of advertising for the event.

If the event is held in Ruidoso Downs, three points are scored. An event held in Ruidoso will be granted two points. One point will be given for locations beyond the city or vil-

lage. If the advertising is mostly local, no points are given. Within 100 miles gains one point, and beyond 200 miles scores two points.

"We're awarding more points of course if they're advertising in Lubbock or Midland or someplace further outside our little area," Mills said.

A one night stay would earn one point, two nights - two points, and three nights - three points. Without overnight stays funding will be denied.

A maximum score of eight points would earn 110 percent funding. Seven points scores 100 percent funding.

The percentage would drop incrementally by 10 percentage points to 60 percent when a score dropped to three or less points.

Using a current standard of 30 cents of funding per attendee, the committee explained that if a two-night, three-day event, attracting 1,200 attendees was held in neighboring Ruidoso, and the event was advertised primarily in the Lubbock newspaper, the event score would be six points.

A projected 1,200 people at 30 cents per attendee would calculate to \$360 in lodgers tax funding.

With the score of six points providing 90 percent funding, the applicant would receive \$324 for advertising.

"So we have a new form for applications. It kind of identifies those things, so, for instance, those people that had 12 campers coming for their event need not bother to apply," Mills said.

A slightly revised request for payment form, filed after the event, will also be used.

"We were hoping that some of the information

gleaned on that request would help us next year," Mills said.

The payment request form calls for a report on the outcome of the event, estimated and actual attendance both local and out of town, information on the advertising, and whether there might be a request for special event funding the next year.

Questioned about estimated attendance, Smith said the committee has relied on previous numbers at reoccurring events.

"We're trying to actually avoid that a little bit," Smith said. "We're trying to think of ways to point out how many of people that actually attend an event rather than, 'Well, it looked like it was 1,000 people there.' We want to make sure we're getting an actual count so we're not handing over too much money for an event that really isn't intending to build or grow instead of becoming a two-day event instead of a one-day event."

City Councilor Gary Williams said events that are held inside Ruidoso Downs deserve increased funding from the city's room tax.

"More so than the chamber events that they have in Ruidoso, even though it helps us a little bit," Williams said.

"That's why I'm trying to key a higher funding be awarded to events (inside Ruidoso Downs) more so than the Oktoberfest or those events they have in Ruidoso. They are beneficial to us, but not directly."

Mills said the point system will deliver higher awards for events held in Ruidoso Downs.

On a unanimous vote, the city council approved both the new lodgers tax fund application and request for payment forms

### County wants more info with requests

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Organizers of events in Lincoln County who want to use lodgers tax money to promote their activities must provide more backup documentation showing how that art tour, race or dance festival benefits the area.

With Commissioner Tom Battin absent, the county commission split 2-2 last week on requests from two events for lodgers tax funding, which resulted in the rejection of the applications from Madeleine Sabo for \$1,500 to promote the High Mesa Art Tour April 9-10, and of \$500 by John Cusolito to promote the New Mexico Square Dance Festival May 6-8.

The tax is collected from operators of hotels, motels, cabins, lodges, bed and breakfast businesses, recreation vehicle parks and campgrounds in unincorporated portions of the county.

Voting for approval were Chairman Eileen Sedillo and Commissioner Jackie Powell. Voting against were Commissioners Mark Doth and Kathryn Minter.

"May I ask the two commissioners what the problem is," Sedillo queried.

Doth said he doubted the benefit from a weekend

of square dancing, but Sedillo said she's familiar with the event and it brings in many couples from out of state.

"They are going to be there regardless," Doth contended. "I just think it's so little a function. I looked at the application and I don't know if they have supporting materials. I've got to know what they're doing. I've been involved with lodgers tax for many years. You just don't come in and say I need \$1,500."

"I don't want to sit here and play judge. That's not my intention, but at some point I have to say no, and this is a perfect example of two things that don't deserve it. They don't look like they have anything put together, no supporting material."

County Manager Tom Stewart said the minutes of the Lodger Tax Committee meetings are submitted and include the materials given to that board, which submits recommendations for funding to the commission.

"In this economy, if an event brings in one person, it's worth it," Powell said.

"Anyone putting on any kind of event, it's very difficult. There just are not a whole lot of people waiting around to put on an event to bring people in from out

of town."

Minter said she was bothered by the same event promoters coming back every year for more money. At some point, they should fly on their own, she said.

"I go every year (on the art tour). One of my favorite artists (participates)," Minter said, "But I don't know anyone is coming into the county specifically for this."

Powell countered, "It doesn't get easier every year. Thank goodness they do them every year. At least someone is doing something extra."

One family visiting translates to business for a restaurant, she said, adding that without some help form the county, "We can run them off real easy."

Minter said she'd like to see attendance numbers and more information about the percentage of visitors who stay overnight and visit local businesses.

"My issue is I need a little more detail," Doth said. "I have nothing other than a recommendation from someone who is not an elected official. Here I am. I am supposed to make a decision with little information."

Stewart said he will ensure more backup information is included in future applications.

## GIVING BACK



COURTESY

As part of giving back to the community, Farm Bureau Insurance and Financial Services will donate 1-5 percent of newly-earned premiums to local charities. JRP Master Builders, All About You Salon and Farm Bureau are drop off locations for qualified charities. Call Rutalee Jernigan at 575-258-1431 for more information about community needs. The first quarter will focus on schools, the second quarter is food banks, third quarter is school supplies and the fourth quarter of the year will be food and Christmas gifts for Santa's Helpers. Pictured (left to right): Ron Elkins, principal at Ruidoso's White Mountain Elementary School; Samantha Bates and Jernigan, both with Farm Bureau.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Free PNM webinar

PNM will host a free, one-hour webinar on Monday, March 7, aimed at helping businesses lower energy use and save money on energy bills.

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#### IMG romantic

The Inn of the Mountain Gods at Mescalero was recently named the most romantic hotel in the country.

The February edition of *Every Day with Rachael Ray* magazine listed the Inn as number one of 10 "hot spots" for romantics. The author talked of the resort's main lobby with its panoramic view of the Sacramento Mountains and rooms with wood-burning fireplaces.

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The 273-room hotel has captured a number of awards in recent years

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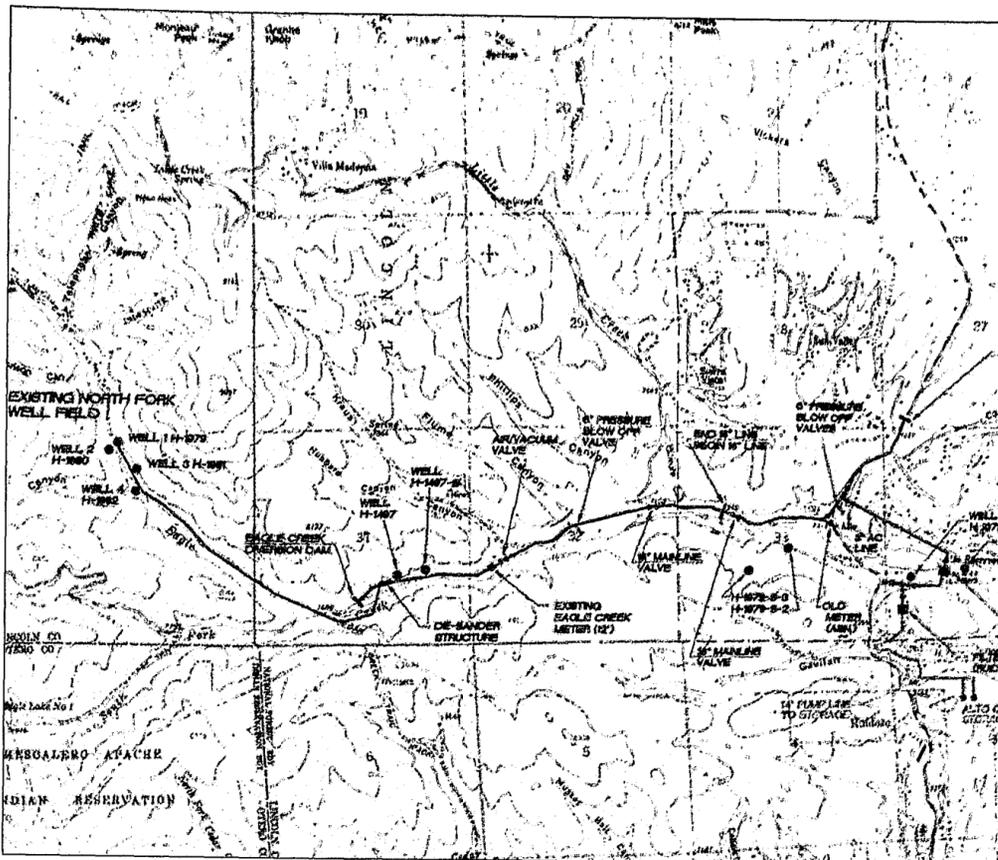
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A map of well fields on Eagle Creek.

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## Village set to defend water rights

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Seeing the possibility of the village being denied the ability to pump wells to the full extent of water rights on the North Fork of Eagle Creek under a new special use permit, Ruidoso councilors are mobilizing for a battle.

After a closed session at the end of their meeting last week, councilors came back into the open meeting and approved a motion authorizing Alvin Jones and the village water team to "proceed with actions necessary to support the village's judicial rights as they relate to the U.S. Forest Service's Environmental Impact Statement tied to the North Fork wells and water rights and water delivery to the residents of Ruidoso."

That's a formal way of saying they're ready to defend the village's ability to use the water rights acquired in the Eagle Creek Basin, a major source of water supply for Ruidoso.

The USFS last week conducted a public meeting on possible alternatives and the preferred option of

granting a special use permit for the village to operate the North Fork wells on Forest Service land, but establishing thresholds for monitoring and maintaining underground water levels and streamflow. If those thresholds are exceeded, restrictions would be triggered.

But cutting production from the well field would heavily impact the water delivery in a portion of the village system that supplies 70 percent of its water demand.

The village diverts about 1,600 acre feet of water annually from the stream in addition to varying amounts from the three functioning of the four wells there, but is allowed up to 1,692 acre feet. One acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

Another 846 acre feet could be pumped under the water rights the village acquired, if officials can prove by December 2024 that the water is there and is needed.

The village allowed a special use permit to expire in 1995, and operated on an annually renewed agreement with the Forest Service in the interim.

When home owners along Eagle Creek sued the village and Forest Service a few years ago, they claimed the pumping of wells and diversions negatively impacted their wells and the streamflow, and that the village should be required to obtain a special use permit.

That claim spurred the Environmental Impact Statement process.

Village officials argue that Eagle Creek always exhibited intermittent flow, but a three-year study by the U.S. Geological Survey concluded because of the fractured nature of the material underground, pumping of the wells contributes to drops in the water table and the decreased stream flow.

In other water business, councilors removed one item under the consent agenda, which usually is approved without discussion in a single vote.

Councilor Jim Stoddard asked for approval of a \$41,377.54 agreement amendment #1 with K. D. Huey Company LLC for the A-1 well project to be put on the regular agenda for discussion.

Capital Projects Direc-

tor Randall Camp told councilors Huey experienced some problems while trying to pull the casing out of the well hole to allow the hole to be rebored in a larger size.

"That's not uncommon with the fractured rock we have here and must be done before they overbore the hole," he said. "We're asking for a 'not to exceed' number. They dropped a stand-by charge and found other ways not to have to mill it down 120 feet."

"How common?" Councilor Denise Dean pressed. "When you're in rock strata like Eagle Creek watershed, where there are tremors and earthquakes, it causes the rock to move and causes binds," Camp said. "This is steel casing that goes 120 feet deep. It's very time intensive and we've done the best to reduce the cost and time. Eagle Creek is cross vaulted all over the place."

They were able to bust up the concrete, but couldn't budge the steel pipe, Camp said.

The casing now is 14 feet in diameter and will be enlarged to 22 feet. Councilors approved the amend-

## Water-logged home holds other unsavory surprises

When Ruidoso Councilor Gloria Sayers was walking a nearby neighborhood last week looking for water leaks at unoccupied homes, she found a distressing structure.

"It was wet inside and had no water meter, no power and the door was ajar," she said. "The neighbors reported it to me as I was walking along the street (in the 3rd Street-4th Street area).

"There was stuff stacked to the ceiling," Sayers said. "What do we do about properties left totally unattended?"

Village Manager Debi Lee said code enforcement staff will be sent out to evaluate the situation and to contact the owners.

"If no progress is shown, we can condemn it and that puts them on notice legally, if they don't take action."

The village often ends

up cleaning up a property, condemning the structure if it is abandoned and

beyond saving, and selling the land, the manager said.

-Dianne Stallings

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# County reluctantly evaluates JUB role

■ County was never a signatory to board, but some commissioners cite a shared history

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Some Lincoln County commissioners contend the county can claim a stake in the new \$40 million regional wastewater treatment plant, even without a financial involvement.

Commissioners were reacting last week to comments from Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn that the county

should not have a representative on the Joint Use Board that oversees the plant, because it has no financial involvement and is not a signatory to a joint powers agreement between the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said that, after sending two nominees to represent the county, the first rejected by the City of Ruidoso Downs and the second by the Village of Ruidoso, he reviewed the documents associated with the formation of the JUB.

"It was discovered that

the county has never been a signatory to any of the founding or subsequent documents," Stewart said. "Therefore, the mayor's pronouncement is correct and the county's representation on the JUB was strictly at the request of the two municipalities."

"All the mayor has to do is change his village's and the city's Joint Use Board agreements to make those desires known. Since the county has never been a signatory to the JUB agreements, a commission member should not be provided."

But Commissioner Jackie Powell argued that what Ruidoso does sends ripples through the entire county, and Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo suggested no action until she contacts Tom Armstrong, mayor of Ruidoso Downs, to see if he feels the same as Alborn. If he wants county participation on the board, the commission then can submit as an option Sedillo, who lives in Carrizozo and would be a neutral party.

Commissioner Mark Doth, the nominee rejected by Ruidoso Downs, because he lives in the village, sug-

*"It took everybody working together to make it here and survive. Everything Ruidoso does goes downstream. There's a ripple effect. We contribute to a hospital and money to the library and to all kinds of things, because that's what you're supposed to do when you're a region."*

gested the commission consider contributing a small amount to the JUB budget to establish a stake in the project.

"It would be a departure, but maybe we should entertain it," he said.

The money could come from dollars contributed to the public library in Ruidoso or from some other source, he suggested. "It's a huge problem impacting businesses, residences, upstream and downstream."

Powell also was rejected by Ruidoso in a sweeping motion to nix any submitted nominee, because of the county's lack of financial stake in the project, when its tie-breaking vote could obligate the village to debt.

She said many of the families in her district moved to the county long before Ruidoso existed.

"They helped Ruidoso and the county continues to help and work together," she said, adding that she was irritated to hear from the village council that Ruidoso provides many services to which the county doesn't contribute.

"It took everybody working together to make it here and survive," Powell said. "Everything Ruidoso does goes downstream. There's a ripple effect. We contribute to a hospital and money to the library and to all kinds of things, because that's what you're supposed to do when you're a community, a region."

Powell said 30 years of problems occurred before controversy exploded into an environmental requirement to build a new plant. Although many valley residents in the 1990s urged Ruidoso to update the plant because of what they were sending downstream, the advice was ignored and they decided to wait until they were forced.

"It's not just a consideration of money," she said. "It's people's lives and many years of investment and time. Their sons and daughters work in Ruidoso and to hear a statement that the county has no right."

"I represent the county, the big picture. When they went and asked for money (for the new plant), I backed them everywhere I went in the state capital. A lot of us put a lot of effort into this area and we matter, even if we don't have a lot of money."

A county representative served on the JUB, because the county needs to be represented too, Powell said. "It takes all of us to make it work. The leadership chose to ignore (the problems). It's not the county's fault that made the plant unaffordable."

"People need to understand the history. We aren't just some little entity that doesn't matter. Everything Ruidoso does and every decision they make can affect people so they cannot afford to live there anymore."

Sedillo said the county may not be a cosigner of the JPA, but its name is on some of the grants secured

for the new plant.

County Attorney Alan Morel confirmed Stewart's findings, saying that the JPA discussed the county as the fifth entity on the JUB, with the two towns approving the appointee. The JPA never was signed by the county and the county bears no liability for any of the costs for running the plant or for the associated infrastructure.

"The cost is split between two municipalities," he said. "It's not an asset, it's a liability and costs money. It doesn't take a revision of the JPA to take the county off or to add it in a substantial way as a financial participant."

Sedillo asked why the Mescalero Apache Tribe isn't a JUB member. Powell said the tribe's two gambling/hotel enterprises are customers, as is one subdivision.

"They'd like to have someone from reservation there instead of the county," she said. "But the (reservation) is in Otero County and upstream."

She criticized the fact that the JUB failed in the past to come up with a five-year, 10-year or 25-year plan to upgrade the plant a little at a time to avoid the big hit financially.

"Talking economic development, (the higher fees and taxes associated with the new plant) could price people out financially from living," Powell said. "I'd like to see working people with kids be able to stay here. They're not done (with the plant) yet. I think there are two more phases to go."

Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked why, if Ruidoso Downs only pays 15 percent of the expense, it doesn't become a customer instead of a partner in the plant. The issue has been discussed.

"I hear that if the state Environment Department cracks down on septic tanks, a lot in the county will have to pipe into it. As we grow, it will change. How would the county fund that?" she queried.

And what about towns like Corona, so far away and out of the water basin. How would its residents react, if the county participated financially? She'd prefer to cut taxes, not take on more, she said.

Obviously, years ago someone saw the need for a third party to break tie votes, Stewart said.

"I hope Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs play nice. Since they don't want a county member on board any more, there will be no one to break a tie," he said. "We'd gladly play the role the two want us to play. But in lieu of hearing from the two about the role they want us to play, we need to step back."

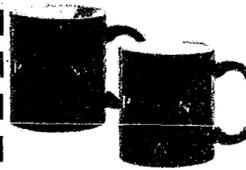
Sedillo said she will call Armstrong, but didn't feel the need to contact Alborn, because he made his position clear. She emphasized that she had no animosity toward Alborn for his statements.

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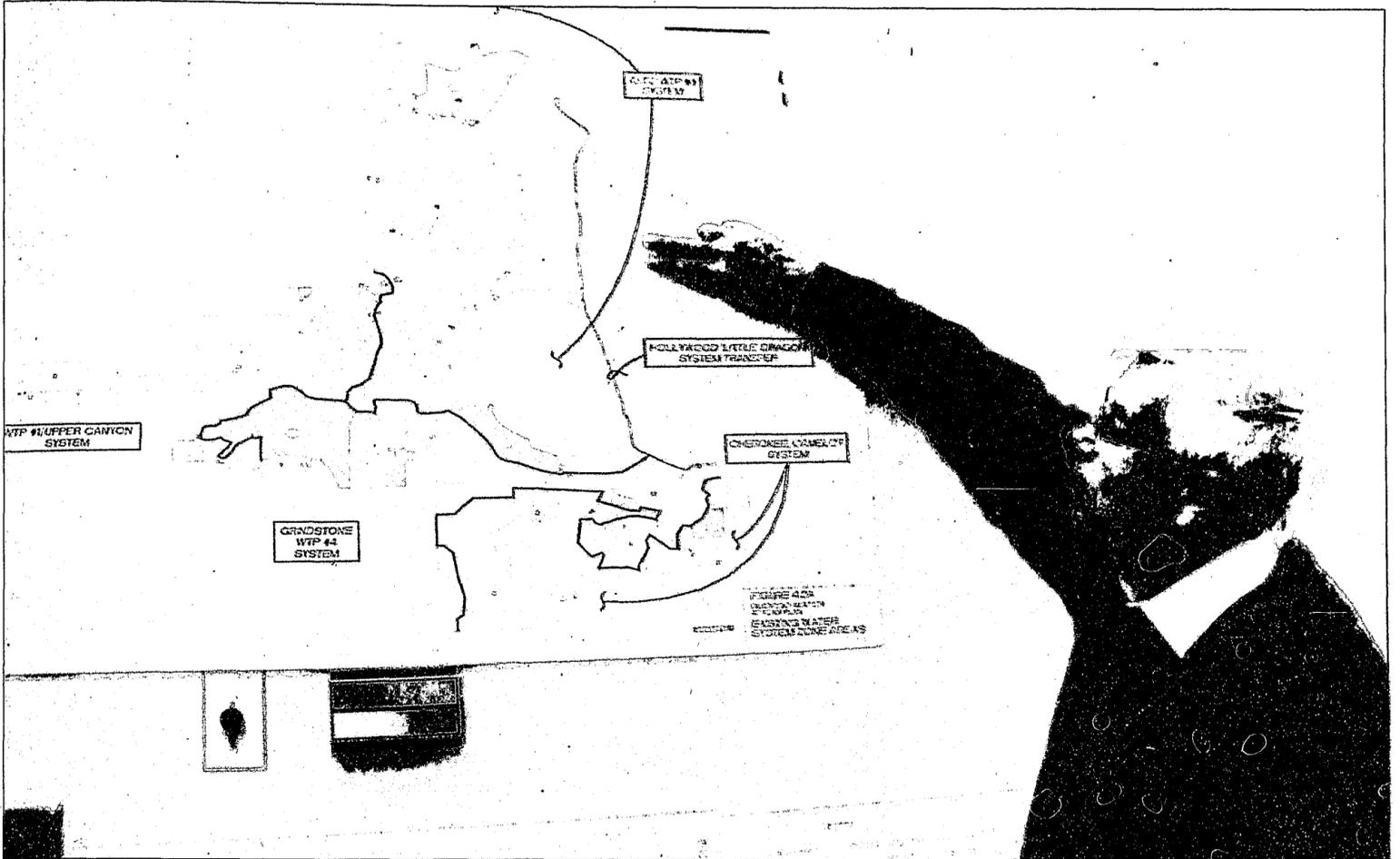
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Village Engineer Bob Decker points to the village's pressure zone map and its complicated series of jurisdictions.

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## AGING

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Reservoir operates on the technology of the 1970s and does what it was designed to do, Camp said. It treats water from the Eagle Creek well field and stream diversion.

But in the last 40 years, the standards have changed and are three times as stringent as they were on turbidity. The plant is not pulling water from the reservoir, because of the turbidity, Camp said. The pump station at the back side of the dam sends the water to Treatment Plant #3 at Alto Reservoir, but at 1,300 gallons a minute can overwhelm the plant because of the turbidity of the water in the reservoir.

Staff is looking at installation of a smaller pump with a system that could meter in some reservoir water.

Camp said a \$400,000 pilot program is under consideration to demonstrate the feasibility of Plant #3 to meet the more stringent standards on the horizon.

The list of a dozen needed water projects exceeds \$4.5 million. The infrastructure modernization alone at Alto Crest would be a quarter of a million, he estimated.

The Hollywood Well at the village Street Department shop pumps 600 gallons per minute and the Cherokee Well 300 gpm, handling U.S. 70 West. They also can chlorinate water at the wellheads.

A major disappointment for village staff is the Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition system, known as SCADA, which was installed several years ago in the hope a type of central command could be created that would alert plant operators to any anomalies in the system. Decker and Camp said the line-of-sight system never worked as hoped, because of the canyons and mountains in the village. "It needs to be hard-wired," Decker said, as well as updated with more recent technology.

Camp said some parts of the system also took a major lightning strike.

"We had trouble getting it to operate," Decker said. "The modern world is enamored with technology and the computer, and our terrain fights that. We were told that even pine needles can reflect the signal."

"It's not dismantled, but the technology has changed. Some parts are not working and need upgrading. It's a budget item."

During the 90 consecutive hours of freezing and 40 hours of below zero temperatures in early February, pressure gauges froze. They gave the wrong readings at Alto Crest and required manual verification. Carlos Salas, former village Water/Wastewater Director, who's back to help with some infrastructure issues, climbed up on the slippery tanks to bring back the bad news of substantial water losses overnight.

Flow meters on lines in different sections of the village would show how much water each is using and a properly working SCADA could find the leaks. Out of 8,800 accounts, 7,100 bear mailing zip codes from outside of the Ruidoso area. More than 60 percent of the houses in the village are second homes.

Plans call for pinpointing the locations of key components of the system, because the village has lost much of its institutional memory in the retirement or relocation of some key staff.

"Bunker (Kendall Perryman) is carrying around this stuff in his head and we need to get it on a map," Decker said.

Aging infrastructure is occurring across the nation and Camp saw it firsthand working for Walmart, overseeing the infrastructure for 3,500 stores and Sam's Clubs.

"The operation side is caught up in operating," he said. "It's difficult to do that and projects too. That's why we structured to have the capability in-house. A project manager can pick up and baby-sit a project through fruition."

Those baby-sitters include Special Projects Manager Justin King and Grant Dean. Salas also was asked to come back temporarily to help Camp line

out what the village needs to do.

"He knows how to operate Plants 3 and 4," Decker said.

"He knows where the weaknesses are and to get real-world numbers, so we can have them in the budget cycle," Camp added.

As he spoke, Camp motioned to a chart on the wall behind him, listing all capital projects on the village's "to be done" roster. The largest section in gray represents water system projects.

The village hasn't been idle, Camp said. Besides dealing with a mammoth sewer line replacement project, damaged bridges from a 2008 flood, a new \$40 million wastewater treatment plant, replacing 167 miles of water lines (in \$1 million increments annually over seven years) and acquiring water rights,

the Green Well, a substantial producer in the Eagle Creek Basin, was repaired and is back online. And A-1 Well is nearly finished with a larger and deeper bore hole. Next comes work on the River Well across from the Alto reservoir near the village ballfields. High School Well is operable.

"The freeze simply added a few pieces to the puzzle," he said. "You build a water system for a 25-year event, you don't design it for a 50-year event (like the freeze), because of the rock shelves. A water system deals with pumps and lift stations. There is a lot of infrastructure here. This was and still is a small town and I give my predecessors credit. They did it with very little, with the money they had."

But galvanized pipe doesn't fare well in the alkaline corrosive soils in

Ruidoso, he said, holding up a cut-off valve uncovered during the freeze repairs. Heavily encrusted and corroded, the pipe in one area was eaten away to paper thin consistency and a large hole.

Something as simple as improvements to the roads up to village storage tanks is on the list.

"In the snow with our tanks on a hill, the roads are not the greatest," Camp said. "I want the road department to improve that. Grindstone is tough at night."

The village's water fund, fed by a designated 1 percent special gross receipts tax, has the money for the needed projects, Camp said.

"We just have to allocate it and get something accomplished," he said. "We have some Requests for Proposals in process so

we can get on the street. Everyone now is aware of the water situation and we know we will have a drought this year."

Salas ran the system during a previous drought and is offering advice to the current operators, Camp said.

"We're a small village and have a one-person building maintenance crew," Camp said. "We have some cosmetic issues. The plants need to be painted and spruced up, but the operators are busy. The infrastructure is sound, but at its limits, and there are new standards to meet."

"As the water table drops and electric costs go up to pump, Carlos knows which to operate. It's an orchestration. He's been through this and there's value in experience."

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"The radiology manager and I are looking at creative options or programs that could minimize the impact," he said.

Santos said although the intent of the Altrusa program was to help those middle-ground women, over the years, others have used the service, possibly to avoid having to be referred by a physician or to avoid a co-pay under an insurance plan. But Treptow said most insurance companies consider a mammogram preventative and will pay 100 percent. Santos added that an annual mammogram appointment also could be set up for women who have insurance, with the hospital handling direct billing.

"We've discuss how to distinguish between the two (those truly in need and those using the program for convenience) and we know it's difficult to say yes to one and no to the other," Treptow said. "We need their help in saying who gets it, but not to take on all comers.

One possibility is to establish something akin to a health saving account, because mammograms are given annually and a person or the organization could put away a little money each month.

Fund raising events are another possibility, Santos said.

"We're here to provide support and to think with them outside the box," Treptow said.

## Three cheers for the talent show

I spend most days huddled at my computer. But every once in a while, an extraordinary experience punctuates my humdrum existence. Such was the case last Friday night, when I was asked to judge the Kindergarten-Fifth Grade Talent Show.

My fellow judges were Lindsey Salas, manager of the Ruidoso Animal Clinic, and Gage Whipple, senior at Ruidoso High School, distinguished by his participation in drama and football. Lindsey remarked that the experience made her feel old, and I could certainly identify.

Observing the wide-eyed enthusiasm and budding potential of such young performers makes others of us keenly aware of our (ahem) maturity. The experience also made me hesitate and ponder the nature of talent.

Many of the young performers flailed about the stage, unsure of their steps or notes or words.

Others were more confident or better prepared for their acts. But each one, to the last, moved me in some way.

The audience's explosive applause said it all: We love to see our little ones perform.

There were piano, guitar, flute, and clarinet players. There were singers, dancers, rappers, a gymnast, a magician, and a hoola hoopist. I laughed, I cried, I cheered. I was amazed.

As I filled out my judge's spreadsheet, rating each act on originality, crowd appeal, and so forth, I felt a little overwhelmed by the responsibility of rating these kids' talents. I had no doubt that each and every one of them possessed talent, for I believe that everyone has unique gifts and talents, but was the little piano player who forgot his notes less talented than the ballerina who graced us with "The Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy"? Or had he just not found his unique talent yet?

Indeed, how many of us discovered our talents and gifts at such a young age? I'd call those who did very lucky.

Discovering talent early leads to developing it early enough that it can be enjoyed and used to the benefit of self and others.

To that end, parents should start looking for their children's talents when their children are still just toddling. I don't think it's ever too early to begin nurturing God-given talent in a child. The risk,

of course, is that parents see what they want to see and not what is actually there.

My parents, for example, were raising children in an environment of unprecedented technological growth, so they encouraged us kids toward math and science, regardless of any demonstrated talents. Yet how I wish they had noticed that I loved to write stories. Perhaps I'd have been published before my hair started turning gray.

So parents and grandparents, start watching your little ones for signs of distinctive abilities or inclinations. Expose them to all sorts of activities. Expose them to music and art and literature and numbers and animals and sports and travel and machines and computers (like you have a choice). Then watch closely to see what they have a knack for.

Talent is a seedling that we're given at birth. It isn't immediately apparent what kind of tree it could grow into, but the sooner we know, the sooner we can nourish it, water it, and care for it properly, so that it grows into the fully mature and beautiful creation it is destined to be.

And to the Sierra Vista Primary staff: Thanks for a wonderful talent show and for sharing your indescribable and stunning talents as a kazoo marching band. You rock!



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Like other shelters, we have problem called "black animal syndrome." For whatever reason, our black dogs and cats are more difficult to adopt out.

Accordingly, we are launching a pilot program to train dogs as service dogs. Our first candidate is Sampson, a beautiful young black Labrador retriever.

We had 31 adoptions in February. This was not as good as January but better than February of last year. We also returned 17 animals to their owners.

## Diabetes cooking school

Kitchen Creations, a diabetes cooking school, sponsored by the Lincoln County office of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service and the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Preven-

tion and Control Program offers classes beginning March 10. The classes will be held at Ruidoso High School on Thursdays at 5 p.m. To register, call 575-648-2311. The classes are free.




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- 2 Tbsp chopped cilantro leaves
- 1 zest and juice Cara Cara orange
- 1 Tbsp+2 tsp sesame oil divided
- 2 Cara Cara oranges peeled, cut in 4 slices each
- Sesame seeds (optional)

Pat salmon steaks dry with paper towels. Coat shallow baking dish with cooking spray and place salmon steaks in pan. Combine garlic, cilantro, orange zest and juice, and 1 tbsp of sesame oil in bowl. Reserve ¼ cup marinade for grilling. Pour remaining mixture over salmon. Place in refrigerator and let marinate 30 minutes. Prepare grill at medium high heat. (use grilling basket if possible.) Remove salmon from marinade and grill until flesh flakes easily, about 8-10 minutes on each side. Transfer salmon to plate, cover to keep warm until serving. In non-stick skillet, heat remaining 2 tsp of sesame seed oil, and place sliced orange pieces in pan. Cook until just warmed, only about 1 minute on each side. (Cooking longer will cause slices to fall apart.) To serve top each salmon steak with 2 sauteed orange slices and sprinkle with sesame seeds.

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# New settlement extends treatment plant deadline

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An approved modification to a court settlement aimed at improving water quality in the Rio Ruidoso extends the deadlines for the start-up of a new wastewater treatment plant and for an appointed committee to spend \$1 million on quality improvement projects.

The modification was approved last week by the Ruidoso Village Council and Monday by the Ruidoso Downs City Council.

The consent agreement laid out a timeline for the defendants to take steps to improve the quality of water in the Rio Ruidoso, into which the village and city shared sewage treatment plant discharges.

Steve Sugarman, the attorney for Forest Guardians, Gerald Ford and William Midkiff in their 2007 lawsuit against the Village of Ruidoso and the City of Ruidoso Downs, said the modification requires signatures from the village and from the city before it can be filed in the U.S. District Court. Officials with the Department of Justice also must sign off on any modification to a citizens suit resolved by settlement filed under the Clean Water Act.

"The modification provides an extension on the

completion date for the plant" to September, he said.

Although village officials anticipate start-up this month on the \$40 million project, delays can crop up at any time.

The plan originally was to be online by the end of 2010, but the date was changed by the village to March 2011 after delays occurred in the first phase of work waiting on parts, and that then moved back

construction timing.

"The second thing it addresses is the Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee that was charged under the original agreement with spending \$1 million on projects to improve the eco-system and expand recreational opportunities within the Ruidoso watershed," Sugarman said.

"The committee had a difficult time getting off the ground. There was confusion among members as to

the way they should operate, how to select projects, who was to serve on the committee that handled the requests for proposals and selected the contractors, and about the geographical scope of the area available for projects."

The attorney said a little time was burned up ironing out details, and the court and two sides agreed to extend the deadline to spend the money.

"The modification also

was intended to provide further clarification to committee members so they can do the job without calling the attorneys as referees as to how they can operate," he said. The committee has seven fiscal years beginning with 2008/2009.

As for the general outlook on the effectiveness of the lawsuit and settlement in accomplishing the river restoration goal, Sugarman said, "The completion of the plan was a major achieve-

ment for the entire community. I'm hopeful that when it is brought on line, we will see significant changes in water quality in the river there and downstream. All and all, I continue to be very enthusiastic about the results we've achieved."

After a closed session at last week's meeting, Ruidoso village councilors returned to the open meeting and approved the stipulated amendment to the consent judgment in the case.

## Assessors wait for tax lightning bill

While legislators continue to try to come up with a bill that can pass the Senate and the House to rectify the tax lightning dilemma, county assessors across New Mexico are waiting in the wings for their instructions.

"Several bills were submitted, some are dead and some still active," Lincoln County Assessor Paul Baca said Wednesday. "I don't know what will happen at this point."

Tax lightning occurs when a house is sold and the county appraisers bring its value up to market for the purpose of property taxation. Homes held by an owner are subject to a 3 percent cap per year on valuation increases.

If a new buyer doesn't calculate the difference before buying a home, he may be surprised when that first tax bill based on current market taxable value arrives on his new home.

A recent court case in Doña Ana County filed by taxpayers whose appeals were denied when the taxes on homes they purchased doubled, resulted in a ruling that the tax lightning law is unconstitutional.

"The court said the property tax value on their houses should be capped out like everyone else's," Baca said. "That would lower the value, instead of raising it."

Baca said one bill submitted this legislative session proposes moving values back to 2004 levels, shortly after tax lightning took effect.

"We would lose a lot of value," Baca said.

The county's 2010 taxable property value was \$1.038.5 billion, compared to \$615.3 million in 2004.

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"The radiology manager and I are looking at creative options or programs that could minimize the impact," he said.

Santos said although the intent of the Altrusa program was to help those middle-ground women, over the years, others have used the service, possibly to avoid having to be referred by a physician or to avoid a co-pay under an insurance plan. But Treptow said most insurance companies consider a mammogram preventative and will pay 100 percent. Santos added that an annual mammogram appointment also could be set up for women who have insurance, with the hospital handling direct billing.

"We've discuss how to distinguish between the two (those truly in need and those using the program for convenience) and we know it's difficult to say yes to one and no to the other," Treptow said. "We need their help in saying who gets it, but not to take on all comers."

One possibility is to establish something akin to a health saving account, because mammograms are given annually and a person or the organization could put away a little money each month.

Fund raising events are another possibility, Santos said.

"We're here to provide support and to think with them outside the box," Treptow said.

## Three cheers for the talent show

I spend most days huddled at my computer.

But every once in a while, an extraordinary experience punctuates my humdrum existence. Such was the case last Friday night, when I was asked to judge the Kindergarten - Fifth Grade Talent Show.

My fellow judges were Lindsey Salas, manager of the Ruidoso Animal Clinic, and Gage Whipple, senior at Ruidoso High School, distinguished by his participation in drama and football. Lindsey remarked that the experience made her feel old, and I could certainly identify.

Observing the wide-eyed enthusiasm and budding potential of such young performers makes others of us keenly aware of our (ahem) maturity. The experience also made me hesitate and ponder the nature of talent.

Many of the young performers flailed about the stage, unsure of their steps or notes or words.

Others were more confident or better prepared for their acts. But each one, to the last, moved me in some way.

The audience's explosive applause said it all: We love to see our little ones perform.

There were piano, guitar, flute, and clarinet players. There were singers, dancers, rappers, a gymnast, a magician, and a hoola hoopist. I laughed, I cried, I cheered. I was amazed.

As I filled out my judge's spreadsheet, rating each act on originality, crowd appeal, and so forth, I felt a little overwhelmed by the responsibility of rating

these kids' talents. I had no doubt that each and every one of them possessed talent, for I believe that everyone has unique gifts and talents, but was the little piano player who forgot his notes less talented than the ballerina who graced us with "The Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy"? Or had he just not found his unique talent yet?

Indeed, how many of us discovered our talents and gifts at such a young age? I'd call those who did very lucky.

Discovering talent early leads to developing it early enough that it can be enjoyed and used to the benefit of self and others.

To that end, parents should start looking for their children's talents when their children are still just toddling. I don't think it's ever too early to begin nurturing God-given talent in a child. The risk,

of course, is that parents see what they want to see and not what is actually there.

My parents, for example, were raising children in an environment of unprecedented technological growth, so they encouraged us kids toward math and science, regardless of any demonstrated talents. Yet how I wish they had noticed that I loved to write stories. Perhaps I'd have been published before my hair started turning gray.

So parents and grandparents, start watching your little ones for signs of distinctive abilities or inclinations. Expose them to all sorts of activities. Expose them to music and art and literature and numbers and animals and sports and travel and machines and computers (like you have a choice). Then watch closely to see what they have a knack for.

Talent is a seedling that we're given at birth. It isn't immediately apparent what kind of tree it could grow into, but the sooner we know, the sooner we can nourish it, water it, and care for it properly, so that it grows into the fully mature and beautiful creation it is destined to be.

And to the Sierra Vista Primary staff: Thanks for a wonderful talent show and for sharing your indescribable and stunning talents as a kazoo marching band. You rock!



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## SHELTER NEWS

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

An important source of income for our Humane Society are the little dog and cat banks that may be found at the checkout counter at many of the merchants in Lincoln County. Please patronize these establishments and make a donation to our banks, however small.

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We have two old girls that have been in the shelter for way too long and we need to find them each a loving home. One dog is Sierra, a very sweet Shepherd mix, about 6-years old. She is good with

children and other dogs. Sierra weighs about 40 pounds. The second dog is Cricket. She is a pretty red heeler/Aussie mix. She is very attentive and eager to please. Cricket weighs 35 pounds and is about 2 years old. Both of these dogs can be adopted for a reduce fee of \$25.

Like other shelters, we have problem called "black animal syndrome." For whatever reason, our black dogs and cats are more difficult to adopt out.

Accordingly, we are launching a pilot program to train dogs as service dogs. Our first candidate is Sampson, a beautiful young black Labrador retriever.

We had 31 adoptions in February. This was not as good as January but better than February of last year. We also returned 17 animals to their owners.

## Diabetes cooking school

Kitchen Creations, a diabetes cooking school, sponsored by the Lincoln County office of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service and the New Mexico Department of Health Diabetes Preven-

tion and Control Program offers classes beginning March 10. The classes will be held at Ruidoso High School on Thursdays at 5 p.m. To register, call 575-648-2311. The classes are free.



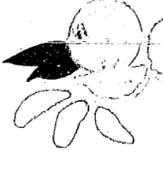

## CHUCK'S PICK OF THE WEEK

**Cara Cara Oranges**

Cara Cara oranges are special cultivar of a Navel orange which are distinguished by their rosy flesh. Depending on the orange, the color may range from a pinkish to a deep red, much like that of the grapefruit. Unlike grapefruit however, Cara Cara oranges are very low in acid, with a naturally sweet flavor. Cara Cara oranges are branded "the power orange" because of its natural nutrition and minerals to power a healthy immune system.

4 fresh salmon steaks. About 4-6 oz each  
1 clove garlic minced  
1 as needed orange, peeled and sliced crosswise  
2 Tbsp chopped cilantro leaves  
1 zest and juice Cara Cara orange  
1 Tbsp+2 tsp sesame oil divided  
2 Cara Cara oranges peeled, cut in 4 slices each  
Sesame seeds (optional)

**Pat salmon steaks dry with paper towels. Coat shallow baking dish with cooking spray and place salmon steaks in pan. Combine garlic, cilantro, orange zest and juice, and 1 tbsp of sesame oil in bowl. Reserve ¼ cup marinade for grilling. Pour remaining mixture over salmon. Place in refrigerator and let marinate 30 minutes. Prepare grill at medium high heat. (use grilling basket if possible.) Remove salmon from marinade and grill until flesh flakes easily, about 8-10 minutes on each side. Transfer salmon to plate, cover to keep warm until serving. In non-stick skillet, heat remaining 2 tsp of sesame seed oil, and place sliced orange pieces in pan. Cook until just warmed, only about 1 minute on each side. (Cooking longer will cause slices to fall apart.) To serve top each salmon steak with 2 sauteed orange slices and sprinkle with sesame seeds.**



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# New settlement extends treatment plant deadline

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An approved modification to a court settlement aimed at improving water quality in the Rio Ruidoso extends the deadlines for the start-up of a new wastewater treatment plant and for an appointed committee to spend \$1 million on quality improvement projects.

The modification was approved last week by the Ruidoso Village Council and Monday by the Ruidoso Downs City Council.

The consent agreement laid out a timeline for the defendants to take steps to improve the quality of water in the Rio Ruidoso, into which the village and city shared sewage treatment plant discharges.

Steve Sugarman, the attorney for Forest Guardians, Gerald Ford and William Midkiff in their 2007 lawsuit against the Village of Ruidoso and the City of Ruidoso Downs, said the modification requires signatures from the village and from the city before it can be filed in the U.S. District Court. Officials with the Department of Justice also must sign off on any modification to a citizens suit resolved by settlement filed under the Clean Water Act.

"The modification provides an extension on the

completion date for the plant" to September, he said.

Although village officials anticipate start-up this month on the \$40 million project, delays can crop up at any time.

The plan originally was to be online by the end of 2010, but the date was changed by the village to March 2011 after delays occurred in the first phase of work waiting on parts, and that then moved back

construction timing.

"The second thing it addresses is the Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee that was charged under the original agreement with spending \$1 million on projects to improve the eco-system and expand recreational opportunities within the Ruidoso watershed," Sugarman said.

"The committee had a difficult time getting off the ground. There was confusion among members as to

the way they should operate, how to select projects, who was to serve on the committee that handled the requests for proposals and selected the contractors, and about the geographical scope of the area available for projects."

The attorney said a little time was burned up ironing out details, and the court and two sides agreed to extend the deadline to spend the money.

"The modification also

was intended to provide further clarification to committee members so they can do the job without calling the attorneys as referees as to how they can operate," he said. The committee has seven fiscal years beginning with 2008/2009.

As for the general outlook on the effectiveness of the lawsuit and settlement in accomplishing the river restoration goal, Sugarman said, "The completion of the plan was a major achieve-

ment for the entire community. I'm hopeful that when it is brought on line, we will see significant changes in water quality in the river there and downstream. All and all, I continue to be very enthusiastic about the results we've achieved."

After a closed session at last week's meeting, Ruidoso village councilors returned to the open meeting and approved the stipulated amendment to the consent judgment in the case.

## Assessors wait for tax lightning bill

While legislators continue to try to come up with a bill that can pass the Senate and the House to rectify the tax lightning dilemma, county assessors across New Mexico are waiting in the wings for their instructions.

"Several bills were submitted, some are dead and some still active," Lincoln County Assessor Paul Baca said Wednesday. "I don't know what will happen at this point."

Tax lightning occurs when a house is sold and the county appraisers bring its value up to market for the purpose of property taxation. Homes held by an owner are subject to a 3 percent cap per year on valuation increases.

If a new buyer doesn't calculate the difference before buying a home, he may be surprised when that first tax bill based on current market taxable value arrives on his new home.

A recent court case in Doña Ana County filed by taxpayers whose appeals were denied when the taxes on homes they purchased doubled, resulted in a ruling that the tax lightning law is unconstitutional.

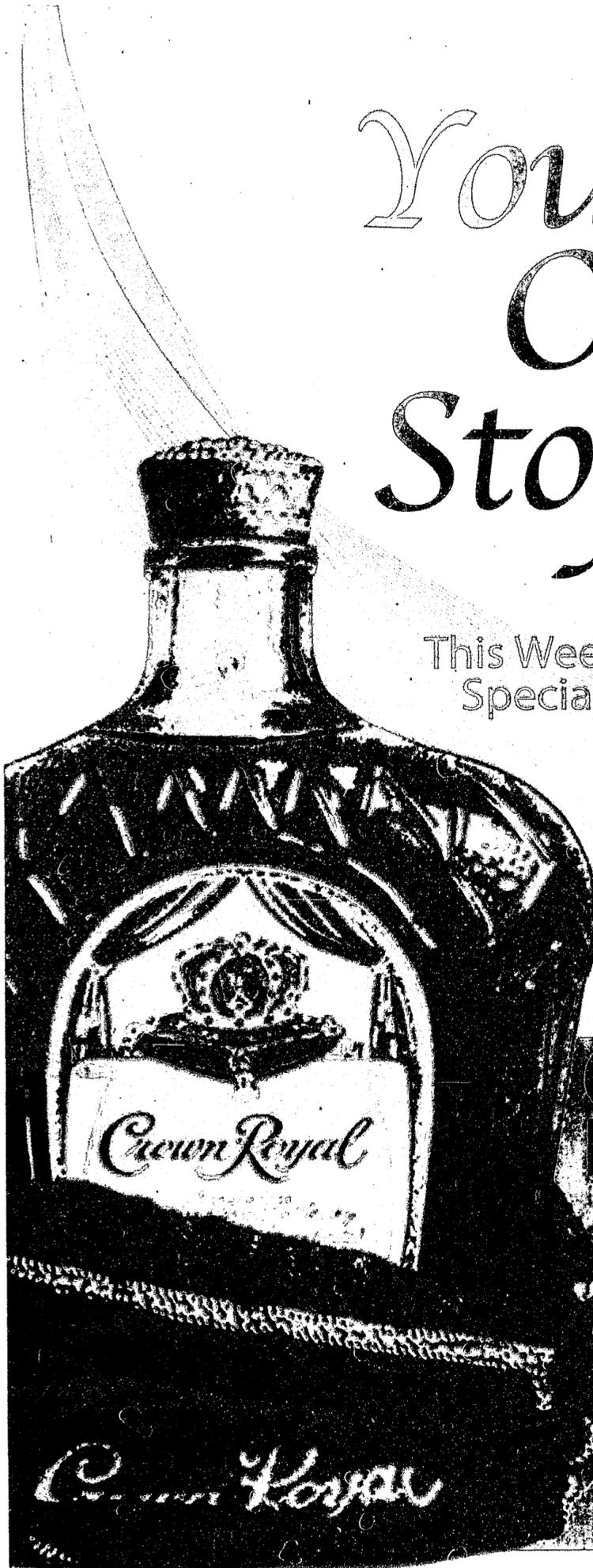
"The court said the property tax value on their houses should be capped out like everyone else's," Baca said. "That would lower the value, instead of raising it."

Baca said one bill submitted this legislative session proposes moving values back to 2004 levels, shortly after tax lightning took effect.

"We would lose a lot of value," Baca said.

The county's 2010 taxable property value was \$1.0385 billion, compared to \$615.3 million in 2004.

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# No cells in the cell Runaway sought

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Cell phones are considered contraband in the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo, because they can be used to coordinate disobedience and escapes, and their parts can be fashioned into weapons.

County commissioners last week approved an amendment to the contraband ordinance that covers tobacco.

County Manager Tom Stewart said the need to ban cell phones was brought to his attention by the new jail administrator, Warden Arthur Anderson.

"He's having a heck of a time with cell phones and handmade weapons," Stewart said. "The purpose of this amendment is to add any handmade weapon or

objects modified or fashioned in any way to create a weapon or part of a weapon; or cell phones and chargers. They are great devices to coordinate detention center activities among prisoners. They just can't be tolerated. The county attorney reviewed the amendment and I recommend approval."

Anderson brought documentation with him on the cell phone problem to hand out to the commissioners. The phones are used to coordinate escapes and for bribes and to communicate with the public, he said.

"It's just a dangerous item to let them have," Anderson said. "We find the ones who have them are more assaultive. The ones who have escaped had these items. Having this deterrent will tell us where they are coming

from. We need to do something. Since the middle of October, we've confiscated nine. We had evidence of an employee involved, but (the person) left before we could do anything. They know the corners to get into to deliver stuff out of camera range. As soon as we pick one up, they have another."

In response to a question from Commissioner Kathryn Minter, Anderson said inmates have access to public phones on a controlled basis and the calls can be monitored.

"It sounds like good addition to the ordinance," Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said.

The motion by Commissioner Jackie Powell to approve the addition was seconded by Miner and passed unanimously with Commissioner Tom Battin absent.

Ruidoso Downs Police are asking for assistance in locating a runaway teenager.

Desiree Chavez ran away from her home on East Circle sometime Tuesday evening after 10:30 p.m., according to the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Chavez is 16-years-old and reportedly left home on foot. She does not have a vehicle.

Chavez has shoulder length, black hair and is just under 5-feet tall.

Police say she was last seen wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and a red hoodie.

If you know where Chavez is, please contact the Ruidoso Downs Police



COURTESY PHOTO

Desiree Chavez was reported as a runaway from her Ruidoso Downs home Tuesday evening.

Department at 575-378-4001. Ruidoso Downs Police said their main concern is insuring that Chavez is safe.

## CARRIZOZO MAGISTRATE COURT CASES

Feb. 16

**Brian Huelsman**, 41, appeared in court and pleaded no contest to charges of driving while intoxicated and no proof of insurance under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Gary Mitchell and Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of DWI 2nd offense and no registration and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Huelsman to one day in jail, 364 days of supervised probation, a \$550 fine and

\$302 in court costs.

**William Schillings**, 58, appeared in court and pleaded no contest to charges of driving while intoxicated (1st offense), driver must be licensed and open container under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Williams.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license and dismissed a charge of roadways laned for traffic.

Proctor sentenced Schillings to three days in

jail, time served, \$575 in fines, 454 days of supervised probation and \$363 in court costs.

**Larry Jones**, 58, of Sulphur, Okla., appeared in court and pleaded no contest to a charge of driving while intoxicated (1st offense) under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mitchell and Williams.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of fail to dim headlights and Judge Martha Proctor deferred Jones' sentence for 364 days.

Proctor ordered Jones to pay \$241 in court costs.

## Shooting victim still not available to give statement

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The victim of Monday's shooting on Parker Road in Ruidoso Downs remains in intensive care and is still not available to be interviewed by police.

"I called this morning

and she is still in ICU and is sedated," Ruidoso Downs Police Corporal Joseph Bailey said Thursday. "I have talked to the District Attorney's office and until I can talk to her (the victim) we really can't proceed with the case."

Police were called to the

Parker Road home at about 9:15 p.m., Monday for a report of a gunshot victim. The woman was reportedly shot in the shoulder.

She was transported to Lincoln County Medical center and is now being treated at University Medical Center in El Paso.

## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Feb. 12

11:08 a.m. - Animal Control officer Chris Eisenberg responded to the 600 block of Wingfield for a report of a dog attack.

Eisenberg reports the

owner of the attacking dog had called and when he arrived, she told him her dog had attacked a smaller dog walking on a leash on the side of the road.

Eisenberg reports that he determined the smaller dog came onto the larger dogs property, therefore, no citations were issued.

The smaller dog was reportedly taken to a veterinarian in Capitan and the larger dog was placed in quarantine.

Feb. 18

3:47 p.m. - Officer Tyson responded to the 300 block of 3rd Street for a report of a man trying to break into a vehicle.

Tyson reports the man ran from him and he apprehended and identified Robert Webb, 44, in the 2900 block of Sudderth.

Webb had a warrant for his arrest from Magistrate Court for failure to report to Adult Probation and Parole following a Jan. 27 conviction for battery on a household member.

Webb's ex-girlfriend had named him as a suspect in two incidents at her home Feb. 14 and Feb. 16. Webb denied any involvement in those incidents.

Tyson reported finding a cell phone on Webb, with the phone number found in the caller ID of Webb's ex-girlfriend. A protection order prohibited Webb from contacting her.

Tyson charged Webb with violating a protection order and criminal damage to property.

4:59 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 100 block of Mountain Breeze for a report of a breaking and entering.

Freeman reports the resident returned home to find the back door open and a window broken.

Freeman reports there was trash in the house and the beds appeared to have been slept in, but there was no one in the home.

10:13 p.m. - Officer Steve Corbin responded to a report of vandalism to a

vehicle on Metz Drive. Corbin reports someone had taped the windshield wipers down, placed tape on the driver's side mirror and the windshield was covered with an unknown substance. Corbin reports none of the damage appeared to be permanent.

Feb. 21

12:16 a.m. - Corporal Aaron Frost reports stopping a 2003 Chevrolet Impala with Oklahoma license plates after it passed him on the right side and then veered toward the curb on Sudderth Drive near Paradise Canyon.

Frost reports he approached the driver and asked for a driver's license and the response was "I don't have one."

Frost said he smelled alcohol on the driver and both passengers and the name the driver gave turned out to be the name of the driver's younger brother.

After Frost arrested the driver and transported him to the Ruidoso Police Department, he contacted the driver's aunt in Mescalero, where he said he lived. The aunt said the younger brother was known to be at his mother's house and identified the driver as Elliott A. Sainz, 20.

Frost found there was a no bond warrant from Otero County for Sainz arrest. Frost charged Sainz with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, driving while intoxicated, open container, license to be carried, minor in possession of or buying alcohol and concealing identity. The total amount of the bond set for Sainz was \$13,800 and he was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

Officer Larry Smith arrested passenger Gabriel Pinto, 17, for minor buying or possession alcohol and officer Tillman Freeman arrested passenger Julian Starr, 16, on the same charge. Both passengers were cited to JPPO and released to their parents.

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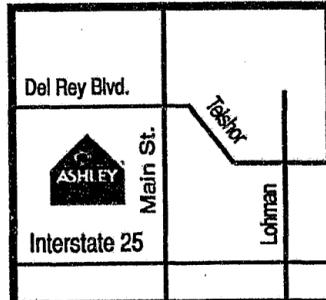
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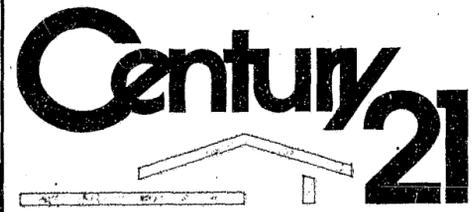
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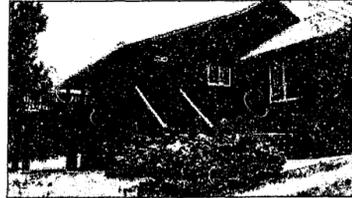
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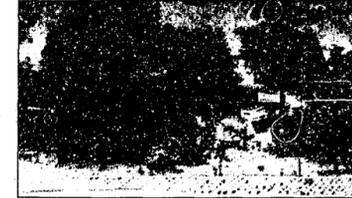
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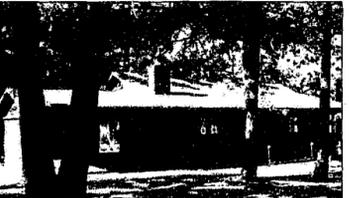
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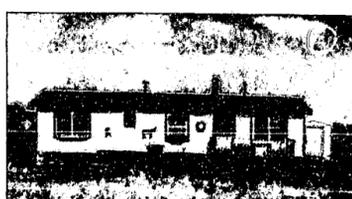
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# SPORTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011

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## side line

### 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](http://www.skiapachesnowreport.com)  
**Tickets:** Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.  
**Snow past 48 hours:** 0 inches  
**Season total:** 59 inches  
**Mid-mountain snow:** 20 inches  
**Snow surface:** Spring conditions  
**Snowmaking:** No  
**Weather for Friday:** Sunny with gusty winds. High 50F. Winds NW at 15 to 25 mph. Friday evening, clear skies. Low 33F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph.  
**Weather for Saturday:** A few clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.  
**Groomed runs:** Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Top Notch, Lower Deep Freeze, Captain Lite, Lower Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Chino and Moonshine Gulch.  
**Lifts open:** No. 2 (open to Midway), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5. Gondola: open

### Results

#### Boys basketball

Wednesday, March 2  
 District 4B playoffs  
 Reserve 66, Carrizozo 45  
 District 3B  
 Hondo 51, Lake Arthur 37

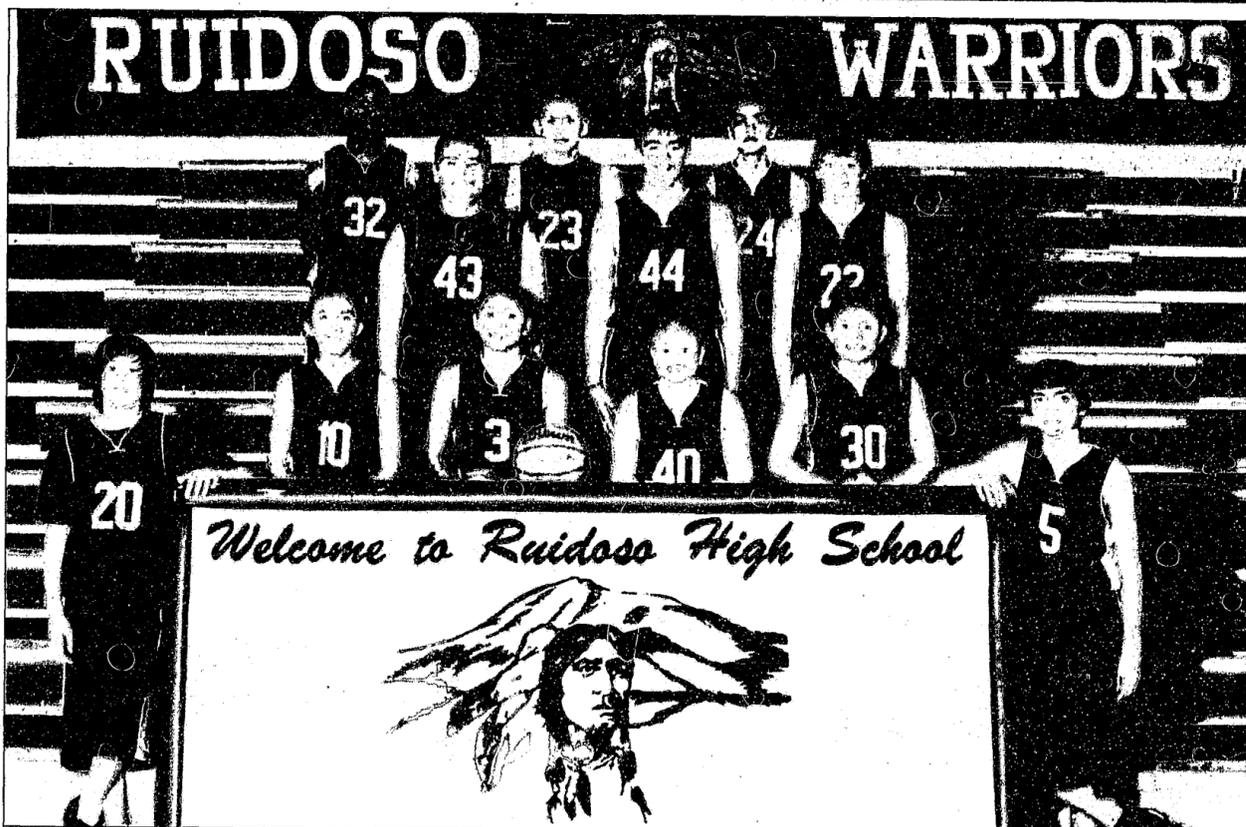
#### Girls basketball

Tuesday, March 1  
 District 4B playoffs  
 Carrizozo 57, Reserve 39

### Sports On Tap

#### Basketball

**Girls**  
 Friday, March 4  
 State playoffs  
 Taos at Ruidoso, 6 p.m.  
 Mesalero at Fort Sumner, 6 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 5  
 District 3B Championship  
 Team TBA at Hondo, 2 p.m.  
**Boys**  
 Friday, March 4  
 District 3B playoffs  
 Hondo at Valley Christian, 6 p.m.  
 Saturday, March 5  
 State playoffs  
 Ruidoso at Sandia Prep, 5 p.m.  
 Capitan at Cliff, 3 p.m.



Members of the 2010-11, 15-1 9th-grade boys basketball team are, back row, l-r, Devon Carr, Adam Ramos and Luis Marquez. Middle row, Keenan Kane, Blayne Maldonado and James Thomas. Front row, Isaac Gilliland, Ernesto Ibarra, Stephen Orocco, Zane Reynolds, Kyle Smith and Rylan Vega.

## Ruidoso boys 9th-grade hoops team realizes a winning year

### Young local basketball squad goes 15-1 for the 2010-11 season

MIKE CURRAN  
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On Nov. 22, the Ruidoso boys 9th-grade basketball team lost their first game of the season to Artesia, 58-47. How could anyone have guessed, that from that point

on, they would reel off 15 straight wins to complete their season.

But that's just what head coach Lane Holland and his 12-man roster did. And that's not to say the team didn't have one or two close contests — they did.

In a return engagement against an Artesia team (second team 9th graders) on Dec. 17, the Ruidoso boys hung on for the 52-49 win after their opponents had sunk a 3-pointer.

The Jan. 22 game at Roswell is a case in point. In the first quarter they were behind eight points before grabbing a slight lead in the third period of play and then

falling a little behind. With six seconds left in the contest, Devon Carr (one of two 10-graders on the team) stole a pass and made a crucial layup for the 46-45 victory and their 13th straight win.

"The kids considered the next game at Tularosa to be a big rivalry matchup," Holland said. "But

See **HOOPS**, page 2B

## The saga of the benevolent bully

"Mr. Dement, one of the kids wanted to cut it out with his bait knife but I told him it wasn't sterile so I just thought I'd bring him home," Freddy said.

"Freddy you did good," my father replied as I watched Freckle-face Freddy walk down our stoop.

My father spent the next hour taking the rusty fish hook out of my cheek.

We were fishing on the pier

and it was just another episode of the benevolent bully.

Freddy had cast and then he blamed me when the hook lodged in my face as the snappers were biting.

Freddy was a tall lanky kid about four years older than me and my friends.

He was naturally obnoxious and downright bossy; in fact we were his serfs.

Oddly he always treated adults with the utmost of respect. He had orange-red

hair and splotchy freckles, hence his nickname.

Every football, baseball and basketball game was supervised by our benevolent bullies. In fact in was not just Freckle-face Freddy.

We had Richie Lamm, another red head that bossed us around. He was always the quarterback who only had two plays in his repertoire; button-hooks and go long.

It was the era of full tackle sandlot football with no equipment.

We were forced to play football in 0-degree temperatures.

Luckily, on one cold afternoon I was carried home by Freckle-face and Richie after spraining my ankle.

Earlier in the game I was tackled by four of my friends and landed face first on the concrete sidewalk. Freckle-face Freddy's knee was atop my head when I landed.

My road rash was the 70s version of a full face "derma-brasion." The road rash was not enough to call it quits. It was only when I could not walk that they brought me home.

I relished being on crutches for three weeks, but as soon as

I was able to walk my father handed me over to my two red-headed oppressors.

It was a Saturday in the middle of a cold February and my job was to test the pond's ice.

With trepidation I straddled onto the ice in my hockey skates, the road rash was now a crusty, necrotic black scab.

Within minutes the older kids along with Freckle-face and Richie skated out to the middle of the ice and I assumed my regular position, goalie.

See **BULLY**, page 2B

## Ruidoso Downs weekly racing schedule

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

Ruidoso Downs will race on a Friday through Monday schedule for the 60-day season that starts on May 27.

Previously, Ruidoso Downs raced on a Thursday through Sunday schedule.

This 2011 racing schedule was approved by the New Mexico Racing Commission on Thursday.

The only exception to the schedule will be racing

on Thursday, August 18 to accommodate the full-day card of trials to the Grade 1, \$2,400,000 (est.) All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race. There will be no racing on Monday, August 22.

"This is a great boost to Ruidoso Downs' awareness on a national level," said general manager Jean Stoddard.

"The track will have increased coverage on TVG (the leading national horseracing network) and

at simulcast outlets from coast to coast.

"It's a big win for everybody involved with Ruidoso Downs and New Mexico racing."

The schedule adjustment means that several trial dates have been moved back one day from their previous runnings.

The Rainbow Futurity trials are now on Friday, July 8 and the Rainbow Derby trials will run on Saturday, July 9.

The Zia Futurity trials will be held on Friday,

July 15 and the Zia Derby trials are set for Saturday, July 16.

The stakes schedule was enhanced with the addition of the Monday programs with the Ruidoso Juvenile Overnight Stakes set for Monday, June 13 and the Rainbow Juvenile Overnight Stakes on Monday, July 25.

The Grade 1 futurity and derby finals are unaffected. The \$600,000 (est.)

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### Tip of the Week:

#### Don't get complacent:

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-Joseph A. Zagone

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# RUIDOSO BASEBALL OPENS AT COBRE TOURNAMENT



Jacob Vasquez shows how to field a ball at third base. MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS



Julian Lopez practices his pitching mechanics in Wednesday's practice before heading out to Cobre the next day for a three-day tournament to begin Ruidoso's 2011 season. MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS



Sophomore Jordan Wright gets time in at shortstop. MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

# No. 2 seed is out for NMSU in WAC tournament

JASON GROVES  
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — The No. 2 seed is out.

But it's of little importance to New Mexico State men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies.

Losing close games with mistakes down the stretch was at the forefront of Menzies' postgame comments after a 58-54 Western Athletic Conference loss to No. 25 Utah State on Wednesday at the Pan American Center.

"We are not making the right plays in winning time right now and it's been hurting us," Menzies said. "We had a couple turnovers that

cost us."

The UtAgs (27-3, 14-1) swept the season series against the Aggies (14-16, 8-7), ending a 12-game conference home unbeaten streak along the way.

Tiebreakers eliminate the Aggies from reaching the No. 2 seed and an automatic bye into the semifinal in the WAC Tournament next week in Las Vegas. NMSU could now finish anywhere between third and sixth depending on how this week's remaining schedule plays out.

But following the Aggies' fourth consecutive loss, tiebreakers scenarios were the last thing on Menzies' mind.

The Aggies are still alive for a first-round bye and either a No. 3 or No. 4 seed with a win on Saturday at home against Nevada.

Menzies revealed that junior forward Troy Gillenwater played 35 minutes with a broken thumb on his shooting hand.

Gillenwater was 6-for-14 from the field for 17 points, but was responsible for one of the Aggies' 15 turnovers.

NMSU trailed by four when Gillenwater fumbled the ball in transition.

"I know I had a huge turnover," Gillenwater said. "I tried to go too fast and I lost the ball. I take full responsibility for that. I have to get better."

The Aggies escaped unscathed as the UtAgs missed two consecutive front end of one-and-one opportunities, allowing the Aggies to inch within two on a Tshildzi Nephawe dunk with 21.7 seconds left.

Utah State point guard Brockeith Pane led the UtAgs with 12 points, hitting the go-ahead bucket for Utah State and later making it a two-possession game by converting a one-and-one with 14.4 seconds left.

Utah State was 0-for-6 from 3-point range but still led by six at the half after eight NMSU turnovers and two assists on just nine made field goals.

The NMSU pressure

started to affect USU in the second half, forcing nine turnovers in the final 20 minutes.

While NMSU senior guard Gordo Castillo missed open 3s on back-to-back trips early in the second half, the UtAgs pushed a six-point halftime lead to nine with senior posts Nate Bendall and Tai Wesley.

Wesley bulled his way to the rim to put USU up 33-24 with 15:57 to play.

The UtAgs started the second half 3-for-5 while NMSU was 1-for-5 and turned the ball over on three straight possessions.

"Gordo had three great looks from the 3 and I told him to just keep fighting and that those are great looks and that's what happened," Menzies said.

"In the second half, we got going and he made some of those."

The looks turned into a 13-3 NMSU run that included back-to-back triples from Castillo. Tyrone Watson completed the comeback with a drive past Brady Jardine that put the Aggies up 37-36 with 9:51 to play.

NMSU went up by five on a pair of Gillenwater free throws with 7:33 to play to give the Aggies their biggest advantage of the game at 43-38.

"We were expecting them to make a run," said Gillenwater, who became the 27th player at NMSU to score 1,000 points, reaching the milestone in 67 games.

"They are a good team and made some really big plays down the stretch."

Gillenwater's right thumb was heavily taped. Menzies said the Aggies were not expecting Gillenwater to play until two hours prior to tip-off.

While his offensive production was affected by the thumb injury, Gillenwater and the Aggies did a respectable job defending Utah State senior forward Tai Wesley.

Wesley was 5-for-8 from the floor for 11 points to go with six rebounds.

The Aggies led for the last time on a Hernst Laroche off-balance shot as the shot clock expired to put the Aggies up 49-47 with 4:34 to play.

Brian Green tied it at 49-49 and Pane hit a pull up in the lane to give the UtAgs a 51-49 advantage with 31.5 seconds left.

NMSU finished the game 44.4 percent from the floor, improving to 52.4 percent in the second half after shooting 37.5 percent in the first half.

Utah State was only 41.4 percent in the first half, missing all six attempts from 3-point range.

But despite the nine second-half turnovers, Utah State was a blistering 61.9 percent from the floor in the second half to finish 50 percent for the game.

The Aggies play host to 7-7 Nevada on Saturday at 7 p.m.

## HOOPS

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they won that one, 49-37."

For their final game of the season (Jan. 29) they clobbered NMMI at home, 58-21, for their 15th consecutive victory. Obviously, the boys were happy as was their coach. For you see, this was Holland's first coaching experience ever.

"Head football coach Kief Johnson and his assistant, Cody Patterson, encouraged me to take the job," Holland said. "And the parents were very supportive throughout the season. I felt I needed to do it to be involved with the kids."

"This is a talented group

of 15-year-olds," Holland explained. "Every kid pretty much contributed in every game. They are a hard-working bunch of boys, passionate about basketball, with good attitudes."

"They wanted to practice and worked well together as a team. Several of the athletes have been together since Little League Basketball."

"Next year's 9th grade team could do well, also. There's some very good talent there."

Speaking of up-and-comers, if the current group of freshmen can hold together as hardwood athletes, the future could bode well for the Ruidoso Warriors varsity teams.



Head coach Lane Holland guided his 9th-grade boys to a remarkable 15-1 season. MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

## DOWNES

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Ruidoso Derby is on June 11, the \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity is on June 12, the \$850,000 (est.) Rainbow

Derby is on July 23, the \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity is on July 24, the \$1,200,000 (est.) All American Derby is on Sept. 4 and the \$2,400,000 (est.) All American Futurity is on Sept. 5.

The projected All

American Futurity purse of \$2,400,000 will be the richest purse in quarter horse racing history and the winner's share of \$1,200,000 also is the highest in the history of quarter horse racing.

As in previous years, the Ruidoso Futurity trials highlight the opening day program on Friday, May 27 and the trials to the Ruidoso Derby will be held on Saturday, May 28.

## BULLY

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I have to admit I was pretty good. After all, playing goalie against kids four years your senior with no mask, no padding, and a catcher's mitt as your only protection was pretty exciting, especially when you have a third benevolent bully shooting the puck

across the ice at 60 miles-per-hour at you.

His name was Brian. We called him the Murderer.

He was six feet tall and two hundred pounds when he was thirteen. He had a penchant for stomping people into unconsciousness but he always looked out for me and my friends. I remember the Murderer being thrown out of Catechism as I was getting ready for my Confirmation.

One of the nuns, Sister Carmody, had hit him with a ruler for talking during class. As he got up to leave she pursued him outside. It is unclear whether he threw her or she fell, but we saw her face down at the bottom of twenty-two brick steps. That was the last time I saw the seventy-something year old nun.

I have not seen or heard about Freckle-face Freddy since my youth. Richie Lamm stole his little brother's fiancé and married her. He still doesn't understand why his brother no longer talks to him. In the 90s I was a Sergeant patrolling a local high school when I felt a whack to my head. I turned and it was the Murderer.

"Haven't you graduated yet?" I asked with a smile.

"Heck, I'm the school custodian," the Murderer said.

I longingly reminisce about life under the benevolent bullies of my youth. With scant adult supervision we learned about life; we played together, laughed, and learned about leadership and that age old pecking order.

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# COMMUNITY SPORTS PROFILES



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's Georgia-Lynn Eldridge stepped up from the eighth-grade ranks to score 18 points in a game at Mescalero, Feb. 24.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Josh Bellin-Gallagher gets ready for the beginning of Tigers' baseball at NMMI, March 15.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Dustin Blowers of Capitan tries a jumper in the Feb. 23 district playoff game at Mescalero that the Tigers won, 43-37.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Mescalero's Corrie Randall drives for two in the Feb. 24 game against Capitan. The Lady Chiefs will begin state playoffs Friday at Fort Sumner at 6 p.m.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's Sidni Hughes gets some mound work in preparation for the Lady Tigers' home opener against Artesia JV March 10.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Coty "Ox" Wheeler talks to his fans after his big win in the octagon at IMG Saturday.

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# STRAIGHT TALK:

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Dear Dianne:  
 This was an especially fine article...and the accompanying cover photo was magnificent. I do not know how often you are congratulated for the work you do, and the craft with which you do it. Not often enough, I'll wager. What I do know is you singlehandedly report on most of the meaningful events in the life of this unique place, and you've been doing it fairly and honestly for years. It's a great tradition, the small town newspaper. In many respects it provides a unifying continuity that no other institution brings to a community. And the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico would be a decidedly poorer place without you and Marty and the gang. Thanks for being such a wonderful chronicler of the region and its history. Happy New Year!

—Ben Young Mason  
Los Angeles, \* Santa Fe

Marty:  
 Your editorial Friday was exceptional. Thank you for having the cajones to speak boldly regarding the GRT.

—Buck Buchanan  
Ruidoso

Thank You Julie!  
 Julie thank you so much. Bonita's story is beautiful. And you picked two great pics of her. I hope that it will make people think and realize that dogs are part of a family and you just can't throw them out. I also hope it helps them see what can happen when everyone works together to do something. Everyone was important--it couldn't have been done without everyone who was there as they were needed. Also thank you for the article on the raffle.

—Barbara Culler  
Carrizozo

Dear Julie:  
 When I finally sit down and read the weekly papers, I am amazed, astonished and in awe at the thoroughness and beauty of your articles covering our events! A whole page of Christmas for our little burg!  
 Thank you ever so much!

—Judy Fitz  
Carrizozo

Dear Rena:  
 Wanted to make a comment on Marty's article in the Friday paper. The article was very well written and spoke the absolute truth about the GRT issue. As you may know this was the best election money can buy. There was some misrepresentation on both sides which is unfortunate, however, this was the most divisive issue that I know of that has been before the village. I personally am very glad Marty set the "record straight".

—Jamie Estes  
General Manager  
KEDU Radio  
Ruidoso

Dear Trina:  
 Could you do me a small favor please? Would you please tell Marty how much I loved his editorial in Friday's paper! I tried to call him today, but I gave up on the switchboard.

—Thanks,  
Jonie Zagone

Hello Julie:  
 Just wanted to tell you how much I enjoy your writings in your columns. You have a great talent and know what you are talking about...

—Thanks,  
Kim W. Blakey

Dear Julie:  
 Good morning! Thanks sooo much for the basketball pics! It is so thoughtful of you and very appreciated on this end. Also, I was one of the people feeding the "Golf Course Dog". I was so glad to hear she was OK, as she had disappeared on us! Have a great day and I will see you this weekend...

—JoAnn Goodwin  
Capitan



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# RELIGION

## Some aspects of cremation are spiritually unwise

**Q.** With all due respect, I felt that your response to a recent question regarding cremation might have offended some readers.

Your opinions that keeping ashes in an urn on the mantel seemed "creepy," and scattering them in public places "slightly goulash," were very strong. I'm sure some people find great comfort in having their loved ones' ashes with them. As well, it must be very gratifying to most people who choose to scatter ashes. I have no personal connection or experience with cremation. Any thoughts?

-L., Lake Grove, NY

family members can come for generations to remember and pray and tell stories, but also the idea of separating places of death from places of life.



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

There is a wise Jewish custom of washing hands when returning home from a cemetery so that not even a particle of dust from a place of death enters our homes, which are places of life.

This separation is, I believe, spiritually wise.

The process of grief work requires both memory and separation.

Memory honors the dead and separation honors the living.

For that reason, placing an urn containing human remains on the mantel creates a very powerful death presence in the home.

Also, when the owner of the house dies and the home is sold, what is to be done with the urn?

An urn is not like Grandpa's watch.

However, people must find their way to a spiritually comfortable solution to the problem of disposing of human remains.

**Q.** I'm very interested in the concept of "hell." Peter Townsend is a British theologian. He is a Christian but he's not working in religion. He intelligently points out that hell was an invention of the church to scare or control believers. How do you view the concept of hell?

-A., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.,

**A.** I believe in heaven and hell because I believe in ultimate justice, where goodness is rewarded and evil is punished. However, I try not to do anything good in my life just for the sake of boosting my post mortem application letter to God at the pearly gates.

The rabbis taught that we should not be like servants who serve their masters for the sake of a reward.

The philosopher Immanuel Kant taught the same thing about ethics from a secular perspective (even though Kant was himself a pious Lutheran).

We should do good and avoid evil because good is rational and also because it is God's will.

We should avoid evil because it is irrational, spiritually degrading and against the will of God. If this gets me into heaven, terrific, but that's not why I behave the way I do (or want to do).

I am, however, not repulsed by the notion that the idea of hell might

serve to scare people into lives of greater moral virtue. It's a low-level ethic, but it's better to have people do good for low-level spiritual reasons than to live like corrupt hedonists.

Driving at the speed limit is a good idea, even if you only do it to avoid getting pulled over by a traffic cop.

Doing good to avoid parental punishment is also the way many children first learn morality, but it must never be the last way.

As rabbi Ben Azzai taught: "The reward of a good deed, is the good deed itself." Sounds good to me, even if it also prevents me from eventually being measured for an asbestos suit!

**NOTE FROM MG:** Miracle stories keep pouring in. From the Pearsons in Boynton Beach, Fla., comes this letter:

"Our son, Garrett, was born in 1978 with a heart defect (a hole in the aortic

valve). We knew of his problem through tests that our regular pediatrician did when he was young. He was too small and frail at that time for open heart surgery, and at that time this procedure was not common for infants.

"We waited until Garrett was 13 months old (he weighed 12 pounds) when the doctors and his surgeon thought he'd have a better chance of surviving the surgery.

Afterwards, he was doing well, based on what we were told at the time. Later that day, while in intensive care, and with his pediatric cardiologist in the room with him, Garrett's heart stopped beating, as if someone had thrown a switch.

"The cardiologist immediately started manually pumping Garrett's heart through chest compressions. My wife and I were out in the waiting room at the time and were unaware that this had occurred.

"The cardiologist, Dr. Grace Wolff, at the Miami Children's Hospital, kept pumping Garrett's heart, talking to him and telling him to come back. She did this for 8 minutes when, as if another switch was thrown, his heart started beating again as regular as if nothing had happened.

"I know at the time that Garrett visited God, and God said it was not his time to pass away.

Garrett just turned 33, and each year we celebrate, as does he, his rebirth birthday.

"To this day, we keep in touch with Dr. Wolff, now semi-retired. Garrett has grown up to work with children and teenagers at a Recreational Center in Boynton Beach, Fla. We live only minutes apart. We thank God every day for sending him back to us.

"You have our permission to share our story to those who might not believe. God is in our hearts every day."

**A.** Thank you for your concern about the feelings of those who chose cremation over burial. I said in my column that although it's not the encouraged spiritual practice for Jews and Christians, I do respect the religious right of anyone who chooses cremation.

My deeper concern involves not only the spiritual value of having a place in a cemetery where

## 'Do unto others' is a tough order

Jesus really laid one on us when He preached the Sermon on the Mount.

That part about doing unto others as you would have them to do unto you is tough. The world has a different "golden rule". The world says, "Do unto others before they do unto you." The world says, "Don't get even, get ahead."

When Jesus spoke those words to the multitudes, He was giving a new code of morals and ethics for the kingdom that the Father would establish, the Kingdom of God. This was not a tablet of "Don'ts," but a list of "Do's."

Let me remind you of what the *New Testament* records for us in Luke 6:27-31. First, Jesus said that we should love our enemies. Why? Because, God loves them. And

remember this, we were enemies of God at one time and he loved us.

So love everyone, even our enemies.

Oh! My Lord that is difficult. But, it gets tougher.

Do good things for others, even those who hate us. Why? Because God does good to everyone. He does good

things for all mankind. It is mankind who does not do good to others.

Bless others. That means "good word" them. Because God blesses all man kind. How can we bless others when they are cursing us? People curse God and He still has good words for them.

Pray for others even when they mistreat us. After all, Jesus prayed for others, even when they were crucifying Him. He is in Heaven right now praying and interceding for us to the Heavenly Father.

Do not respond with evil when someone treats us with evil, like striking us or stealing from us. Give to help others without asking for anything in return. If they need your coat, give it to them. If they need you to carry their load, help them.

And the "kicker" is this ... "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

All the foregoing is impossible to carry out unless we allow the Lord Jesus to empower us, to indwell us, and to make the impossible, possible.

By the way, He didn't say that it would be easy. He told us to let Him do it through us. That means that we have to invite Him into our lives and save us from our human nature, and then, let Him be Lord of our lives to accomplish His good things.

Let's work on the "do's," and we will accomplish the "don'ts." If we do those things, we will have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

## Modern Bible translation helps

**Q.** I know I ought to read my Bible, and I try to, but I just can't seem to make much sense of it. How can I get more out of my Bible? Maybe I need one of those modern translations.

-Mrs. M.McC.

very beginning of the Bible (like you would with most books), but concentrate instead on something that will be easier for you to understand.

Before you begin, ask God to help you understand what you'll be reading and apply it to your life.

Then ask questions as you read. What is happening in this passage? What does it say about God, or Jesus, or how we should live?

Most of all, what difference should it make in my life?

Remember the Bible's admonition: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22). Build your life on God's Word - beginning today.

**Q.** I wish someone had told me how hard it is to be a single mom. I thought getting a divorce would be the answer to all my problems but all it did was create bigger problems. I don't have a question, but maybe my letter will help someone avoid my mistakes.

-B.D.

Thank you for your letter - and I too hope it will help someone who is heading down a

wrong path in life to realize the consequences of what they're about to do.

Almost nothing is harder than being a single parent, whatever the reason.

Why is this? What makes it so hard? One reason is that now you have no one you can turn to who will fully share your burdens and help you carry them.

You must bear them alone - and that's never easy. You also must bear life's financial burdens alone - and that can be devastating.

The Bible wisely says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work" (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

My prayer is that you will turn your burdens - and your whole life - over to Jesus Christ. God loves you, and even when life seems to turn against us, He is with us and wants to help us.

We are never alone when we know Christ. Jesus' invitation is for you: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Invite Him to come into your life today.

Then ask God for wisdom to deal with the problems you face. Some churches, for example, have programs to help single moms get away for a few hours. Ask God also to make you the best mother you can be to your children. It's the greatest gift you'll ever give them.



Billy Graham  
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**A.** I'm thankful you want to read the Bible and hope you won't become discouraged or give up. The Bible is God's Word and He wants to use it to teach you what to believe and how to live.

Yes, I encourage you to obtain a reliable modern translation of the Bible. (Your local Christian bookstore can help you select one.)

Then set aside a definite time each day to be alone with God - listening to Him speak to you through His Word, and also speaking to Him in prayer.

It may be only a few minutes at first, but it will help you build your life on Christ.

How can you get more out of the Bible? First, start at the beginning of a book (e.g., Psalms, or one of the Gospels such as John), and read a portion each day.

In other words, don't skip around or start at the

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. I am a cancer survivor, and I have lost loved ones to cancer. I want 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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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Holleymans - ranch and rodeo history

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They grew up in hard times, lived their life together through good and bad times, all of which anchored them to each other. John and Eva Mae Holleyman will celebrate 65 years of marriage on July 9, 2011.

John D. turned 91 in January. Macular degeneration has rendered him legally blind but it slows him only to the point watching where he walks and peering a little closer at what he reads.

Eva Mae, at 88, and doesn't seem to spend much time sitting still. The hospitable smells of pot roast and potatoes waft from the kitchen as the couple give a photo tour of that takes the viewer on a tour of rodeo history.

John D. was born in Comanche County, Texas near Dublin. The drought and hard times of the era had forced the family to relocate many times in Texas and New Mexico as John D.'s dad sought work on ranches and in the oil fields.

His parents both died in 1930. John D. was only 10 and his older brother had to quit school and get a job. John D. went to work for John R. Scott, Sr., on his family ranch. Through the years the Scott family became their family and the younger John Scott and John D. developed a friendship that lasted until John Jr.'s recent passing.

Time on the Scott Ranch started John D.'s love of horses. The Scotts gave him his first horse and he spent time breaking horses for other people.

Soon after high school graduation, he went to work for the McElroy Ranch Company in Crane, Texas. Buck Kelton was the foreman and when John D. enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1941, Buck traded him an old Jersey cow for the new saddle he'd just bought for himself.

"It was the first cow I ever owned," John D. said. "Buck kept the cow and the offspring for me while I was in the service."

John D. trained to be an airline mechanic in Chanhute Field, Ill., and then was shipped overseas for three years. Ultimately became the crew chief on the B-26 medium bomber for the 12th Air Force. He served in England, North Africa, Sardinia, Corsica, France and Germany.

"It takes about an hour to talk about it," John D. said. "But it took four years to live it."

It was after World War II was over when John D. started down the road to

his roping fame. He went to work for Joe Davidson in Ozona, Texas. Davidson let him run his cows on the ranch until a drought forced him to sell them. He continued to train horses and rope for Davidson, who furnished the money and the horses.

He kept John D. on the road and roping until he got where he was winning his own way. In 1946, John D. won day money in Houston and that fall he roped for the first time at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

During 1946, '47 and '48, his name was a regular on the payoff sheets but he wasn't quite making the average wins that paid off in buckles and saddles.

Knowing that the horse is the success of the roper, John D. bought a 5-year-old gelding he called "Punkin" and things began to happen for him. It was the beginning of a new era for John D. Holleyman.

In 1949, he set a personal and arena record at Livermore, Calif., won the average at Las Vegas, N.M., Sydney, Iowa, and Tulsa, Okla. Later he went on to win Kansas City, Tucson, Woodward, and Prescott.

At San Angelo, he match roped with Troy Fort, a champion of the era, and came out 9.6 seconds ahead on six head. At Pecos, he matched roped Toots Mansfield on 10 calves and they tied with an average of 15.5 seconds on each calf. And topping his year in 1951, was the title of Calf Roping Champion at Cheyenne Frontier Days.

While he was a renowned calf roper, John D. also competed in steer wrestling, steer roping and later in team roping.

It was in New York City that John D. and Eva Mae Wilken, of Ysleta, Texas, became better acquainted.

Eva Mae's brother, Lefty Wilken, was a roper so she had seen John and offhandedly met him at a roping or two around her home area in Texas.

Eva Mae rodeoed as a teenager. She competed in the stake race, calf roping and steer riding.

In 1937, at the age of 15, she won the girls championship at the annual Kids Rodeo sponsored by the *El Paso Herald-Post* newspaper. She won a saddle that she'd been responsible for getting designed and built.

"Our family was good friends with an El Paso saddle maker named S.D. Myres. I told him one day, 'You always make a saddle for the boys; why don't you make one for the girls, too?' And so he did and the next year, I was the one



John D. and Eva Mae Holleyman, Corona ranchers, represent of generation of 'salt of the earth' people.

who won it."

Eva Mae recalls that the man organizing the 1946 National Finals Rodeo saw her ride in a rodeo at Midland, Texas. "He invited me to be part of the Ranch Glamour Girls with Gene Autry and the Sons of the Pioneers and travel to Madison Square Garden and New York City," she said.

"There were six of us and we had to wear Western clothes whenever we were in public. It was for publicity for the rodeo. We rode the train to New York and they took us around town. They took lots of pictures. It must have worked because there were really good crowds at the rodeo."

When John D. and Eva Mae returned home from New York City, he invited her to a big roping at the ranch where he was working. After spending Christmas together, they became engaged and were married the following July.

The better part of every year found the couple traveling coast to coast for John D. to compete in rodeos.

He had joined the Cowboy Turtles Association in 1940 and was still a member when it became the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA) in 1945. In 1970, at the age of 50, he was honored with a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (formerly the RCA) Gold Card, giving him lifetime membership status.

"I never was a world champion calf roper," said John D. "But I came close. I was third in 1949 and fourth in 1953.

In 1956, the Holleymans, with the help of John D.'s uncle, and Walton Poage bought the ranch north of Corona. John D. and Poage had been in partnerships on cattle on leased country in Texas but after three years the drought forced them to sell out and brought them to New Mexico.

They ran sheep and cattle on the Corona Ranch until 1970 when they became a cow-calf operation only. In 1974, John D. bought out Poage's half of the cattle and leased his half of the ranch from him until 1978 when he bought him out.

For 55 years they have



John D. Holleyman, at 63, left roping with Gerald Tully, 80 at the time, in Glencoe in 1983.



Eva Mae, above, got back on her horse, Blue, on her 88th birthday. Above right, John D. on Punkin ready to rope at a rodeo in 1950. At right, Eva Mae in 1946 when she was one of the Ranch Glamour Girls promoting the Madison Square Garden rodeo.



lived and ranched just north of the Lincoln County line. They raised three children, Lois Ann, Karen and Lon. Today it's Lon's responsibility to keep the ranch going.

Eva Mae's cowgirl days didn't end when she moved to Corona. She, like most ranch wives, was the other half of the ranch crew.

"There was the just the two of us to get it all done," she said. "I helped work the cattle and sheep, hauled water for livestock, fed cattle, cooked for the crews when we had help with brandings. I was often in the saddle all day long."

On her 88th birthday, Eva Mae crawled up on her little horse, Blue, and had her photo taken. She didn't appear to have lost

any of her cowgirl touch.

In 2009, John D. was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame in Pecos, Texas. He won his first money at Pecos in the calf roping in 1940. At the West of the Pecos Rodeo, John D. won the Steer Wrestling in 1947 and the Team Roping in 1955, 1970 and 1974. In 1955, he

was named the All-Around cowboy at Pecos.

"The first time I entered Pecos, I was riding a borrowed horse and slept in a bedroll in a friend's yard," John D. recalls. "I won the rodeo. Then 69 years later, I'm invited back to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. That's quite a circle."

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# Keeping priorities in line

"There's just one thing that keeps him from being the best cowboy ever — he's worthless."

That quote from John Erikson covers a lot of things, not just cowboys. However, as usual, my story heads down that trail.

Troy is cowboy, a roper, a contractor, husband, father, grandfather and a horse trader.

The trader qualities likely negate the credibility of the others and the stated order is likely not in proper priority according to Troy. However, the story will set that straight.

This week Troy has four good rope horses. They come and go. Sometimes he's afoot and has to borrow horses to rope on.

When he will finally, actually buy a horse for his own use, some fool will come along and offer him big bucks and it's gone.

He is the quirky kind of roper/horseman — one that can make any plug look like a winner. People buy his horses because they think that the horse will make them as good a roper as Troy.

When Troy is afoot and needy for a horse to rope on, he gets pitifully melancholy.

He'd been to a benefit roping over the weekend and it set his mind to thinking perhaps he needed such a roping for himself.

The roper benefiting from the roping had an appendectomy. He was a truck driver, working for a big company and had

health insurance, but was having trouble meeting the \$500 deductible because he had to save his money for entry fees.

He also needed some time off to recuperate.

He was running out of sick leave and didn't want to use any of his vacation days. He needed those for ropings come summer.

The "benefit" package of such a roping was looking good to Troy. His personal pity party included the recall of all his most recent

woes. He'd spent a couple days sitting around a distant hospital waiting on a grandbaby's arrival. Once that happened, his wife gave him permission to go home.

He hit the ranch gate at in full anticipation of fun. He went directly to gather up his horses, get them saddled and head over to this local benefit roping.

As he led the horses to the trailer, he noticed one of them was limping. A close examination revealed he needed to call the horseshoer.

So he headed back to the house to use the phone and simultaneously remembered he was supposed to be watching his other two grandchildren who had been dropped off just as he arrived. He called his father-in-law to come get the kids, called the horseshoer and then went back out to the barn.

When he got there, his hired hand yelled at him that water was "coming out of the house."

He remembered that he had to gather clothes for the kids anyway, so he went back to the house.

He found massive amounts of water gushing out of a wall.

Quickly taking the siding and the insulation off, he found that the pipes that had been frozen earlier in the week, were now thawing and broken.

Recognizing that the repair was going to be a major job, he shut off all the water to the house. After all, the wife was still off with the new grandbaby business, what did he need water for?

Eventually, the father-in-law showed up and Troy had to shortcut him from going into the house.

He got the clothes gathered up for the kids, the horseshoer arrived and did his thing and finally, Troy left for the roping.

There was a nice big buckle to be won and Troy took it as part of his plunder for the day. He roped all day long, rode down his two good horses and only came out \$16 in the hole. Success is relative.

What sealed the deal for is desire for a personal benefit roping was when Troy greeted another roper he knew.

"Hey man, haven't seen you in a while. Where have you been?"

"Aw, I've been working three days a week," was the pitiful reply from the accomplished #8 roper.

"Three days? How's that working for you?" Troy asked.

"Well, had to go to three, two didn't work out, I couldn't pay my bills."

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BY JULIE CARTER



COURTESY CAPITAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Capitan Public Library offers a pre-school reading hour every Tuesday from 1:15 - 2 p.m. for children 3-4 years old including children from Head Start program.

## CPL offers reading programs

The pre-school reading hour is held every Tuesday during the school year from 1:15 to 2 p.m.

Children 3-4 years old are invited to take part in the program.

Included in this program are the Head Start kids. The teacher is Debbie Myers.

Myer's energy and enthusiasm surpasses that of the children.

She is also the coordinator of the after school pro-

gram that is held, usually, on the last Monday of the month. This program is for grades one through five.

The Six-week Incentive Reading Program is winding down.

There are two teens competing for top reader in their group. Several adults are in the running for top reader in their division.

### Tax return help

If you are in need of assistance completing your

income tax return, the library will be able to provide free tax returns for those with low or moderate income.

CPL must have at least 15 persons sign up for the program. Come in to the library soon and register.

### Book sale

Saturday, March 5 is the monthly \$5 a bag book sale. Come early for best selection. Complimentary coffee and cookies.

## Post offices face uncertainty

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Officials with the U.S. Postal Service are reviewing post offices in New Mexico for possible closures, but have reached no decisions.

Barbara Wood with the public information office of the Postmaster General's Office in Washington D.C., said a study is underway of the entire state, but beginning with offices already vacant or suspended.

The suspended list includes Aragon, Capulin, Gladstone, La Loma, St. Vrain and Cuervo.

"Even those are under study and the process

includes a town hall meeting," Wood said.

"There will be plenty of notice. It will be posted at the office.

"It's harder to close one 70 miles out and away from others," because a diverse population consisting of isolated pockets depend on them, she said.

Lincoln County, one of New Mexico's largest counties in geographic size, is served by post offices in the towns of Carrizozo, Corona, Capitan, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

The settlements of Hondo, San Patricio, Glencoe, Lincoln, Fort Stanton, Nogal and Tinnie.

The post office at Alto

provides service for dozens of subdivisions outside of Ruidoso.

One post office at Hollywood on U.S. 70 is used by tourists and residents of several mobile home and recreational vehicle parks, as well as some subdivisions.

A post office at Claunch in Torrance County also serves an area of northern Lincoln County.

The small post office at historic Fort Stanton State Monument nearly was closed about 10 years ago and in 2000, the Carrizozo post office was downgraded from a distribution center and that function was transferred to Alamogordo.

### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### Smith's Israel

Hayden and Cheryl Smith will give a power point presentation on their recent trip to Israel.

The presentation will be at the First Baptist Church of Carrizozo at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011.

The public is invited to attend.

#### Weather funding

Low-income homeowners are eligible to apply for funding support to help repair water lines, furnaces, water heaters and other damage caused by the freezing temperatures

and gas outages that occurred in February 2011.

The items eligible for the funding assistance include repairs to water heaters and furnaces, water damage to walls or ceilings resulting from broken water lines, broken pipes and weather-related damage from the utility meter to the home's interior.

To qualify, residents must meet certain income limits and own their homes. The work must be done by licensed contractors. Any potential applicants possessing homeowners insurance are not eligible. The program is offered strictly for repairs on indi-

vidually owned principal residence properties.

Applications can be obtained from the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District/Council of Governments at 1600 S. E. Main, Suite D, Roswell, N.M.

Application deadline is March 18, 2011. Applications will also be made available at county and municipal government offices throughout the five county region.

SNMEDD will be accepting applications at the Carrizozo Town Hall, Council Chambers, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, 2-4 p.m., Thursday, March 10.

**HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public Schools will hold its regular school board meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. A copy of the agenda will be available by Friday, Monday, March 11, 2011, at the Administration Office.

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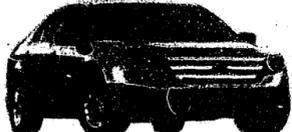


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MSRP.....\$11,960  
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• Pwr. Windows/Mirrors/Locks  
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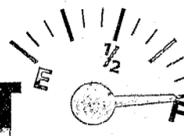


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**\$3,471**  
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MSRP.....\$21,475  
FORD REBATE.....\$2,000  
DEALER DISC.....\$1,471  
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MSRP.....\$24,285  
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'11 HONDA CRV LX  
• Pwr. Wind. & Locks • A/C • AM/FM/CD  
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**\$2,476**  
OFF MSRP!

MSRP.....\$22,475  
DEALER DISC.....\$2,476  
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'11 HYUNDAI Elantra GLS  
• Pwr. Wind. & Locks • A/C • Cruise  
• Tilt/Telescope • AM/FM/CD



Sik # H74872  
**\$1,446**  
OFF MSRP!

MSRP.....\$18,445  
DEALER DISC.....\$1,446  
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'11 FORD Mustang Shelby Cobra Convertible  
• 5.4 L V-8 Super Charged • Leather • Navigation  
• SVT Performance Package

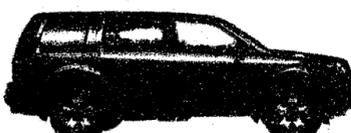


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**\$4,347**  
OFF MSRP!

MSRP.....\$60,330  
DEALER DISC.....\$4,347  
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Sik # H74770  
**\$2,051**  
OFF MSRP!

MSRP.....\$21,050  
DEALER DISC.....\$2,051  
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• A/C • Pwr. Wind. & Locks  
• AMFM/CD (MP3) w/Aux Input & Steering  
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Sik # M031803  
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OFF MSRP!

MSRP.....\$17,105  
DEALER DISC.....\$3,106  
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'11 MAZDA6i SPORT  
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• Tilt telescope steering  
• AMFM/CD (MP3) w/Aux Input  
• A/C



Sik # M031862  
**\$2,886**  
OFF MSRP!

MSRP.....\$20,885  
DEALER DISC.....\$2,886  
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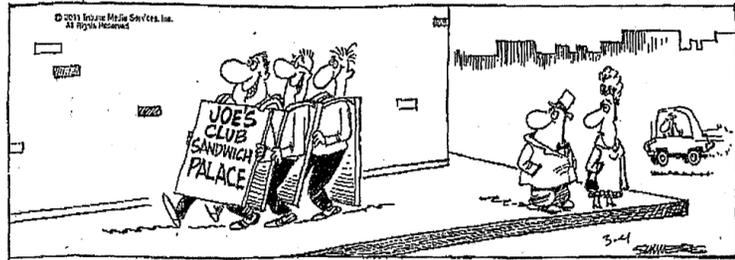
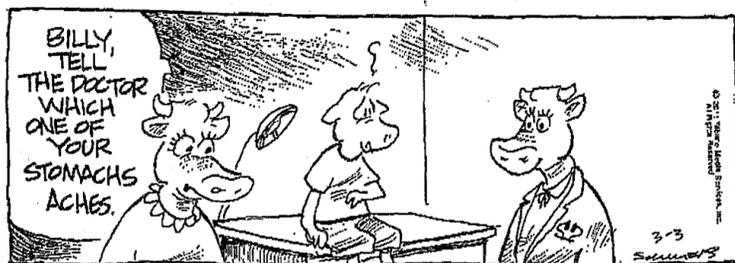
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**SHOE**



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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 '1964  
7 '2006  
12 Award since WWI  
15 Try for a  
18 Dressed like Cinderella  
19 "Pardon my ..."  
21 Letter after pi  
22 With 39-Across, soapbox racer, help  
23 Conommed with pupile?  
24 Shoemaker on a horse  
25 2009-'10 "At the Movies" co-host  
27 Sprayed in defense  
28 '1968  
30 Prefix with gram  
31 Venetian evening  
33 Yule VIP  
34 "I Put a Spell on You" singer  
35 Bygone ruler  
37 Sadie Hawkins Day suitors  
39 See 22-Across  
42 Backup key  
43 '1972, with "The"  
47 Item, such as interest, recorded only when eamed  
49 "Man alive!"  
50 Prize  
53 J.D. holder  
54 1981 World Series co-MVP  
55 Rental ad abbr.  
57 Made misty  
60 Muslim pilgrim  
64 Fertility clinic  
65 '1982  
67 "With 71-Across, 1962  
71 See 67-Across  
72 '1969  
78 Baseball's "Master Melvin"  
79 Record of the year?  
80 Take on, as tenants  
81 Kyrgyzstan city  
82 Op.  
85 Cyclotron bit  
87 Make sense  
89 Fearless  
91 Eye of round, etc.  
96 '1980

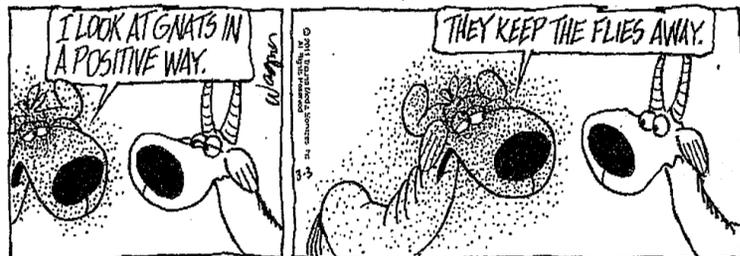
**DOWN**

1 Like the most secure  
2 Summarize  
3 Vitaly  
4 Lealy green  
5 "Gadzooks!"  
6 Original  
7 Facilities for many ex-GIs  
8 Buffalo's lake  
9 "Gimme a Break" star  
10 Turned off  
11 Descendants  
12 Toasted  
13 Tell partner  
14 Squeeze album  
15 Soft shoes  
16 Like nail-biters  
17 Take away  
20 '20s-'30s skating gold medalist  
26 King's station  
28 Hints  
29 Empowering motto  
32 Hunt subject  
36 Kid  
38 Didn't act  
40 Grandmother of Spain's Juan Carlos  
41 Instead of  
44 Remedy for a pain in the neck  
45 Note to  
46 "I... Darkness"  
1999 Bonnie  
"Prince" Billy album  
48 Patronize, as an inn  
51 Dallas cager  
52 Sign of a big hit  
56 Loads of  
58 Psyche's lover  
59 Variance, in the vernacular  
61 Gattysburg general Stuart  
62 "Ho"; 2008 Best Original Song  
63 Glass on the radio  
64 Decree  
65 "Who wants candy?"  
66 Kit Carson  
67 Queens, N.Y., airport  
68 Chicago Loop's Center  
69 Broke the tape  
70 "Ice Age" unit, e.g.  
73 Dorm VIPs  
74 Winnipeg winter hrs.  
75 Spiciness  
76 Rash reaction  
77 It may involve drawing  
81 Light-minded pursuit?  
82 Rate against

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17  
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128

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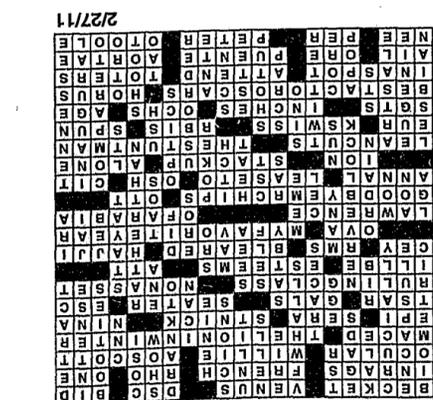
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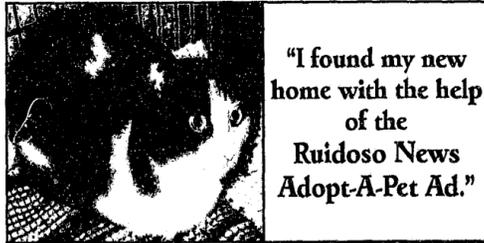
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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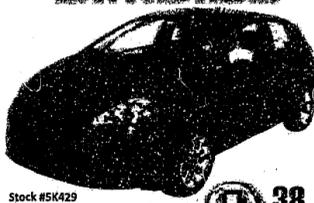
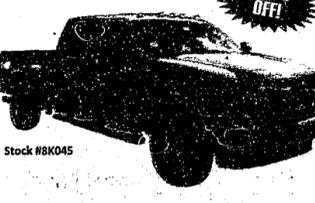
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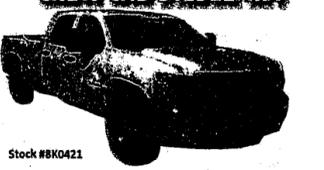
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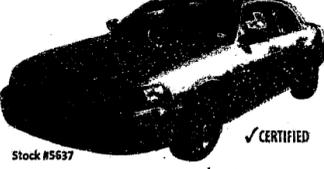
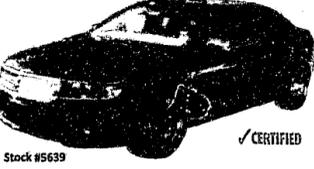
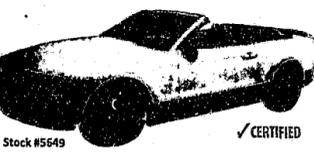
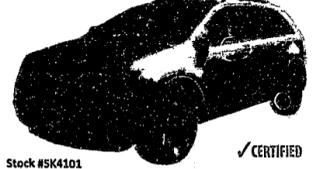
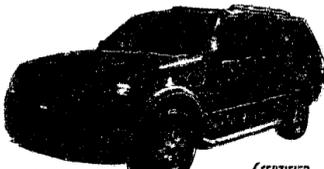
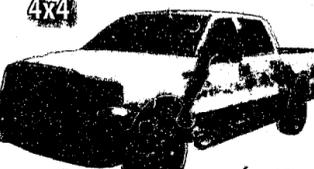
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<p><b>2011 FORD FUSION HYBRID</b></p>  <p>Stock #3K408 <b>41 MPG</b></p> <p>MSRP .....\$28,725 RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$1,000 OFF FACTORY REBATES .....-\$2,000 OFF <b>SALE PRICE \$25,725</b></p> <p>Controlled Climate Control, Ambient Lighting, Sync Voice-Activated System and Satellite Radio</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD FIESTA</b></p>  <p>Stock #5K429 <b>38 MPG</b></p> <p><b>\$208/mo.</b></p> <p>Sport Appearance Package including 6 Speed Automatic, Moonroof, Heated Seats, Ambient Lighting, Sync Voice-Activated System and Satellite Radio</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD TAURUS</b></p>  <p>Stock #3K420 <b>25 MPG</b></p> <p>MSRP .....\$39,990 RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$1,500 OFF FACTORY REBATES .....-\$2,500 OFF <b>SALE PRICE \$35,990</b></p> <p>Limited with all the Luxury Goodies!</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD FOCUS</b></p>  <p>Stock #5K431 <b>35 MPG</b></p> <p><b>\$138/mo.</b></p> <p>Factory Equipped and Economy Plus!</p>
<p><b>2011 FORD ESCAPE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #9K016 <b>26 MPG</b></p> <p><b>\$268/mo.</b></p> <p>XLT Package with Full Factory Power, Sync Voice-Activated System and Cargo Package</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD F150 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K052 <b>\$650 OFF!</b></p> <p>MSRP .....\$36,575 RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$1,600 OFF FACTORY REBATES .....-\$5,000 OFF <b>SALE PRICE \$29,975</b></p> <p>Off Road Package, Sync, Box Side Steps, Tailgate Step and Satellite Radio</p>	<p><b>THE ALL NEW 2011 FORD EXPLORER 4WD</b></p>  <p>Stock #9K038 <b>23 MPG</b></p> <p><b>\$318/mo.</b></p> <p>Full Factory Power and Satellite Radio!</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD 350 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K045 <b>\$650 OFF!</b></p> <p>MSRP .....\$58,190 RFL DISCOUNT .....-\$3,500 OFF FACTORY REBATES .....-\$5,000 OFF <b>SALE PRICE \$46,690</b></p> <p>Lariat Package, Heated Seats, Rear View Camera, Remote Start and Tailgate Step</p>

**USED**

<p><b>2008 CHEVROLET 2500 CREW CAB DIESEL 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K021</p> <p>was \$37,295 NOW <b>\$32,747</b></p> <p>Silverado LT, Duramax, Allison Transmission, Remote Start, Hideaway Hitch</p>	<p><b>2008 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE</b></p>  <p>Stock #5616</p> <p>was \$22,545 NOW <b>\$17,888</b></p> <p>6 Speed, Side Airbags, Foglights, Like New, Only 3,100 Miles!</p>	<p><b>2008 CHRYSLER 300C</b></p>  <p>Stock #5642</p> <p>was \$24,950 NOW <b>\$21,955</b></p> <p>Hemi, Heated Leather, Moonroof, Remote Start</p>	<p><b>2007 TOYOTA COROLLA</b></p>  <p>Stock #6K4091</p> <p>was \$12,475 NOW <b>\$10,475</b></p> <p>CE, Auto, Tilt, Cruise, Power Windows/Locks, 38 Mpg!</p>
<p><b>2008 VOLVO S40</b></p>  <p>Stock #5604</p> <p>was \$18,755 NOW <b>\$14,955</b></p> <p>Alloys, Safety Canopy, Traction Control, Full Power, Economy</p>	<p><b>2009 DODGE NITRO 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5655 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$22,500 NOW <b>\$19,999</b></p> <p>SLT, Stability Control, Remote Start, Satellite, Auto, Loaded!</p>	<p><b>2004 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #6J0861</p> <p>was \$23,485 NOW <b>\$21,955</b></p> <p>Luxury, Nav, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Dual A/C, Low Miles!</p>	<p><b>2002 BUICK RENDEZVOUS</b></p>  <p>Stock #55941</p> <p>was \$9,995 NOW <b>\$7,747</b></p> <p>CX, Leather, Reverse Sensing, 3rd Row Seat, Tow Pkg., Traction Control</p>

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<p><b>2010 LINCOLN TOWN CAR</b></p>  <p>Stock #5637 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$36,845 NOW <b>\$29,855</b></p> <p>Lincoln Luxury with 7,250 Miles!</p>	<p><b>2008 LINCOLN MKZ AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #5639 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$27,895 NOW <b>\$24,599</b></p> <p>AWD, Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p><b>2010 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE</b></p>  <p>Stock #5649 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$25,320 NOW <b>\$21,727</b></p> <p>Auto, CD, A/C, Full Power, Sporty!</p>	<p><b>2007 FORD EDGE AWD</b></p>  <p>Stock #5K4101 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$24,895</b></p> <p>SEL, DVD, Navigation, Heated Seats, Loaded!</p>
<p><b>2008 FORD EXPEDITION 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #514271 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$33,195 NOW <b>\$26,721</b></p> <p>Eddie Bauer, Heated/Cooled Seats, Moonroof, 3rd Row Seat</p>	<p><b>2009 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5656 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$46,020</b></p> <p>Elite, Moonroof, DVD Entertainment, Navigation, THX Audio, Much More!</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD F150 CREW CAB 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5653 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p>was \$30,070 NOW <b>\$24,750</b></p> <p>XLT, Alloys, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, CD, A/C</p>	<p><b>2010 FORD ESCAPE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5658 <b>CERTIFIED</b></p> <p><b>\$279/mo.</b></p> <p>XLT, Stability Control, Safety Curtain, Satellite Radio, Great Economy!</p>

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