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Life or death, she wrote

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Corona teenager plotted elaborate scheme against village clerk

A Corona teenager pleaded no contest to six criminal charges brought against her for felonies committed on Jan. 31.

At her arraignment on Feb. 8, with Mandy Denson as her attorney, Christina McConnell, 16, pleaded straight up "no contest" to charges of armed robbery (second degree felony), aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (third degree felony), theft of a motor vehicle (fourth degree felony), theft of a fire arm (fourth degree felony), unlawful posses-

sion of a handgun (misdemeanor) and negligent use of a deadly weapon (petty misdemeanor).

McConnell was just three months short of her 17th birthday when she put into motion her plot to "take care of Janet" [Verna], the Village of Corona clerk.

In a case reminiscent of a made-for-television script, the teenager's plot against Janet L.

Verna was revealed in a written plan found and entered as evidence into the case. McConnell, police charge, attempted to execute that plan using the victim's own pistol to terrorize and physically harm her before making an escape in a stolen vehicle.

The relationship

Verna had befriended Christina McConnell's older sister,

Elizabeth McConnell, a couple years prior. Elizabeth McConnell worked for Verna at Village Hall during her junior and senior year through a Region IX Work Study program.

When Christina McConnell moved back to Corona in the spring of 2010, Verna included her in every activity that she did with Elizabeth McConnell. Living with their dad, a single

parent, Verna felt the girls needed a female role model and she was willing to help. She reported many good times of the three of them going places together, such as on shopping trips.

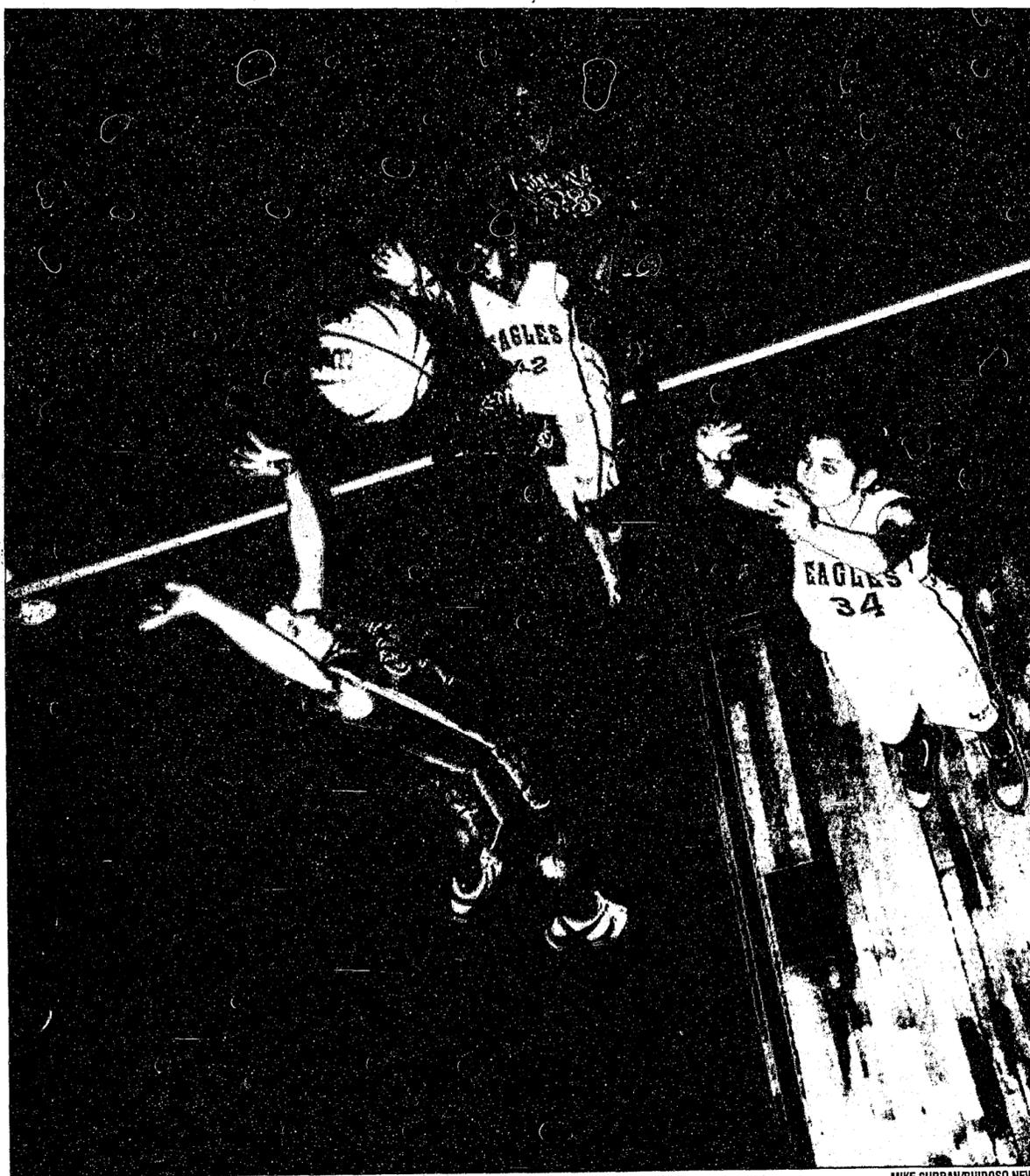
Verna said she never had an unpleasant conversation or situation with Christina McConnell until the night of Jan. 31.

The dark and stormy night

With a serious snowstorm bearing down on the small mountain community of several hundred residents, the solitude of

See PLOT, page 5A

HONDO ADVANCES



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Valeria Lerma of Hondo shoots over Corona's Taylor Huey Saturday during the District 3-B championship game in Hondo. The Lady Eagles won, 57-43, to claim their second consecutive district title. Trailing the play are Stephanie Gomez of Hondo (No. 42) and Judith Torres (23) of Corona. Hondo beat Reserve Tuesday at Bernalillo, 64-45, to advance to the second round of the state tournament, where they resume play on Thursday. Corona lost to Elida in Bernalillo Tuesday afternoon, 68-24. For more details and photos, see today's Sports section.

Village to offer water bill relief for leaks

■ One customer received a bill for \$7,800 in February

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Some Ruidoso homeowners have received huge water bills associated with water leaks and line breaks caused by the early February deep freeze. Village officials said Monday there will be relief.

"We've started to get a lot of calls about people who had breaks and who have large water bills," said Village Manager Debi Lee. "We have a calculation, it's a water leak discount calculation. If they have a leak, they just need to come in and contact us. Tell us who was their plumber. We're not going to put them through any excess rigor. We just want them to be able to tell us they have a leak."

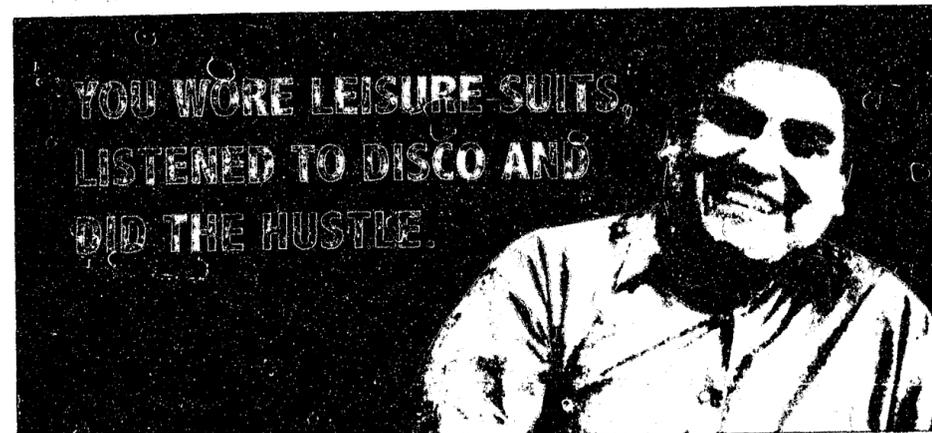
Lee told village councilors contacting village hall would start the process of creating the discount.

"And this is the way this calculator works," Lee said. "If your leak was in January, they take January of '08, '09 and '10 and they create an average. And then that average creates a minimum bill. And then that minimum bill looks at what your overages would be with your current bill. And it subtracts it and divides it by half."

Lee provided an example of a woman who had received a \$7,800 water bill for last month. Using the formula, a credit of about \$7,000 will be applied to the bill.

"I know people are scared to death about what the village is going to do to them and how it's going to impact them," Lee said. "This has been the practice at the village. Probably Frank (Potter, former village manager) started it, I guess. And so we just want to get that word out."

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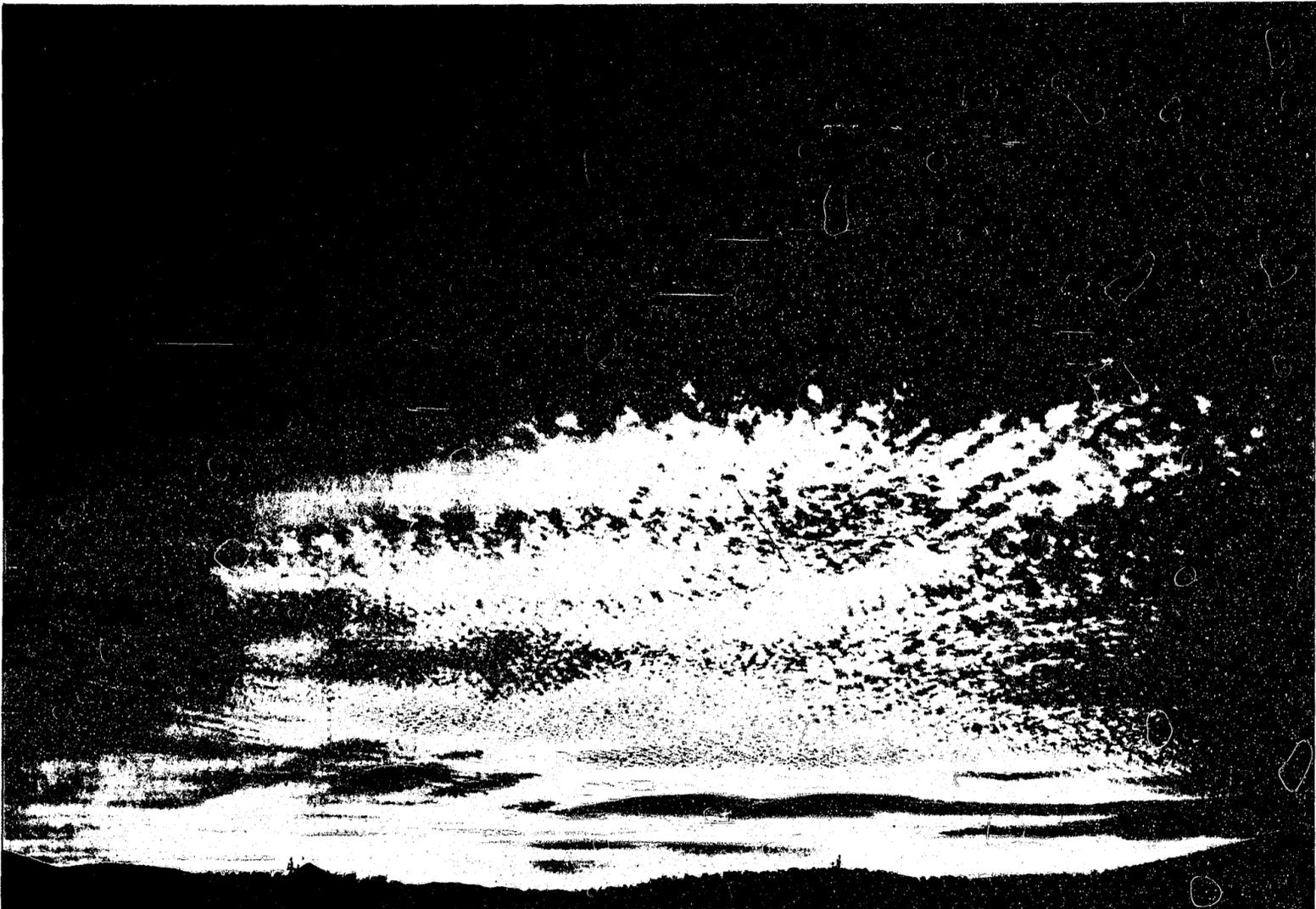
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COURTESY ANGELA FORT

A local photographer shot this gorgeous sunset this week and, as she writes, "was wanting to share it with the town."

'Casey's Shadow'

This month's free New Mexico movie at ENMU-Ruidoso tonight is *Casey's Shadow*.

It is the story of a down-and-out horse trainer who is raising three sons. When a colt comes into their lives, the family decides to train the horse in the hopes of winning the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

Filmed partly in the Ruidoso area, it stars Walter Matthau and Alexis Smith.

The film will be shown in Room 111 at the college, beginning at 7 p.m. To register, call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education at 257-3012.

Spring cleanups

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) has scheduled annual spring cleanups for county residents.

The Authority will provide a crew, roll off containers and equipment between 8 a.m. and noon at the listed county locations. Bulk items such as old kitchen appliances, hot water heaters, construction waste and old furniture are among the items that will be accepted. Yard waste will not be accepted at these pickups.

County locations and scheduled dates include:

- White Oaks: March 12
- Hwy 380 Rest Area SW Hills: March 19
- Historic Lincoln: March

26 Nogal Fire Station: April 2

Loma Grande & Magado: April 9

Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates: April 16

Hwy 48 county residents around Capitan: May 7

Biscuit Hill: May 14

Senior citizens residing in the above areas who need free assistance in transporting discarded bulk items to the pickup site may call the Solid Waste Office at 1-877-548-8772 ahead of the scheduled event.

For more information on cleanups, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, or toll free at 1-877-548-8772.

The clean up schedule is

available on the Authority website at www.greentreeswa.org.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Wing have announced the flying schedule through March 13.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, March 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Friday, March 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

At this time no flights are scheduled for Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13.

Schedules can change

based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

Tea Party meets

The Lincoln County Tea Party will hold a meeting Thursday, March 10, at 5:30 at K-Bob's restaurant.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- Tax Day Rally - Saturday, April 16
- Round Table Forum
- Vetting Questions for Candidates
- Phoenix Tea Party Summit

The public is welcome.

Drama schedule

The Ruidoso High School Drama Boosters are seeking help with the productions of performances of *Peter Pan* by the Red Feather Theatre Company.

The organization encourages all citizens of Ruidoso to become involved.

The rehearsal dates are: Thursday, March 10, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 12, 3 - 6 p.m.

Monday, March 14, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Red Feather meets:

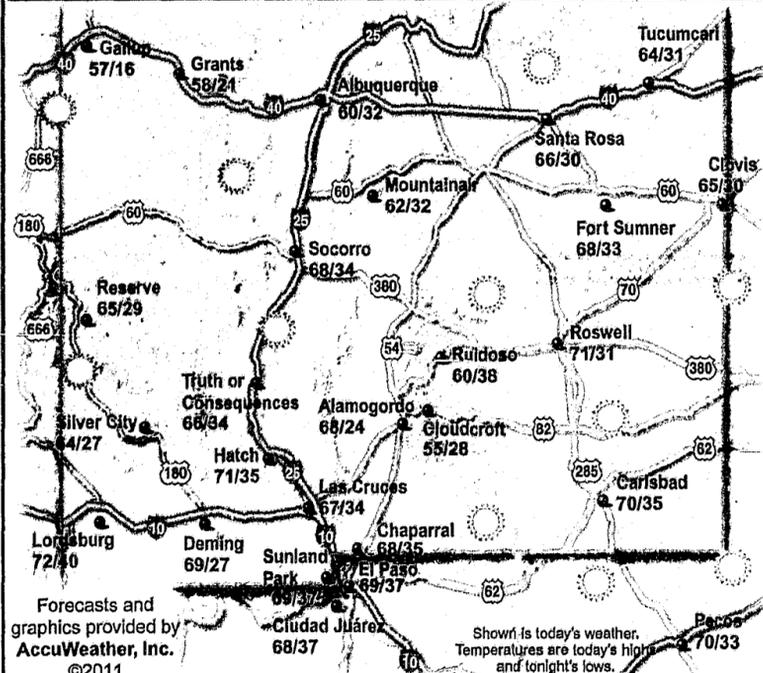
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel 64° Humidity 24%	RealFeel 67° Humidity 18%	RealFeel 66° Humidity 16%	RealFeel 60° Humidity 23%	RealFeel 60° Humidity 20%	RealFeel 61° Humidity 32%	RealFeel 60° Humidity 30%
60° 38° Warmer with plenty of sun Wind: NW 6-12 mph	63° 42° Plenty of sunshine Wind: S 7-14 mph	66° 38° Bright sunshine and mild Wind: WNW 8-16 mph	62° 45° Partly sunny Wind: SSE 10-20 mph	62° 40° Mostly sunny Wind: WNW 10-20 mph	61° 42° Bright and sunny Wind: S 8-16 mph	62° 38° Mostly sunny Wind: SW 10-20 mph

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Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 59°/39°
Normal high 56°
Normal low 24°
Record high 71° (1960)
Record low 0° (1971)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.28"
Year to date 0.76"
Normal year to date 2.76"

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

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

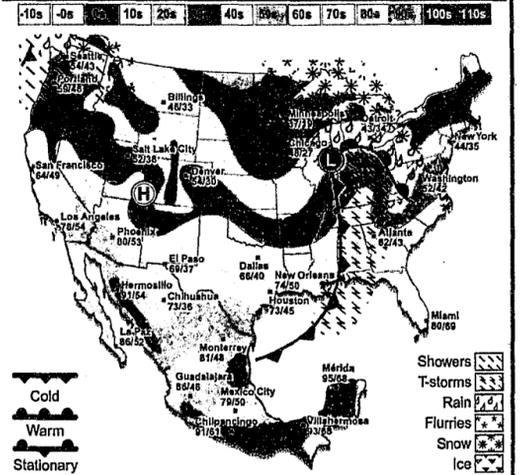
Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 75°/47°
Normal high 65°
Normal low 37°
Record high 82° (1972)
Record low 19° (2008)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.14"
Year to date 1.44"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: How do large snowflakes form?
A: Individual flakes join together during descent.

National Forecast for March 9, 2011



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

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	68/37/s	73/47/s	Albuquerque	60/32/s	68/38/s
Anchorage	28/7/s	27/6/s	Artesia	70/36/s	78/43/s
Atlanta	82/43/r	53/32/pc	Chama	50/21/s	56/22/s
Austin	76/35/s	74/38/s	Clayton	56/26/s	66/37/s
Baltimore	50/42/pc	56/40/r	Cloudcroft	55/28/s	60/21/s
Boston	38/30/s	43/38/r	Farmington	54/25/s	63/32/s
Chicago	48/27/r	41/23/pc	Hobbs	71/33/s	72/38/s
Dallas	66/40/s	70/48/s	Los Alamos	54/29/s	59/26/s
Denver	54/30/s	68/33/s	Portales	67/32/s	72/35/s
Des Moines	38/21/sn	41/31/pc	Raton	58/21/s	64/27/s
Detroit	43/34/r	42/27/pc	Red River	45/21/s	51/21/s
El Paso	69/37/s	75/44/s	Ruidoso	60/38/s	63/42/s
Las Vegas	71/50/s	74/52/s	Santa Fe	58/27/s	66/31/s
Los Angeles	78/54/s	78/52/s	Silver City	64/27/s	72/36/s
Minneapolis	37/19/sn	33/23/pc	Taos	54/19/s	60/25/s
New Orleans	74/50/r	65/44/s			
New York City	44/35/pc	50/44/r			
Philadelphia	49/39/pc	56/42/r			
Phoenix	80/53/s	84/58/s			
Reno	61/37/pc	61/31/pc			
San Francisco	64/49/pc	60/47/pc			
San Diego	72/51/s	68/54/s			
Seattle	54/43/r	51/39/r			
Tucson	78/46/s	86/48/s			
Tulsa, OK	54/35/pc	60/41/s			
Wash., DC	52/42/pc	58/39/r			
Wichita	48/25/pc	61/35/s			
Yuma	83/54/s	87/58/s			

Mexican Cities		
City	Today HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	80/85/s	90/70/s
Cancun	84/64/s	84/64/r
Chihuahua	73/36/s	77/41/s
Ciudad Juárez	68/37/s	75/45/s
Leon	84/48/s	75/39/pc
México, DF	79/50/pc	70/43/pc
Monterrey	81/48/c	73/48/s
Morelia	85/49/s	82/44/pc
Oaxaca	93/57/pc	77/50/pc
Pto. Penasco	79/54/s	81/57/s
Tijuana	75/48/s	72/48/s

Sun and Moon

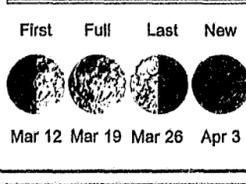
Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:22 a.m./6:06 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 8:34 a.m./10:46 p.m.

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 89° in Pecos, TX
Low: -22° in Williston, ND

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 109° in Niamey-Aero, Niger
Low: -57° in Summit Station, Greenland

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Lety Villanueva, Crystal McClellan and Willie Martinez, l-r, drill holes and plant Coyote Willows along Bog Springs Creek across Warrior Drive from Ruidoso High School Saturday. The area is being developed as an outdoor laboratory for forestry and environmental programs at Ruidoso Schools and Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. See story in Friday's paper.



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Ruidoso Optimist Club member Bruce Morgan and First Savings Bank branch president Richard Hall, left, watch as First Savings Bank employee and Optimist Club Treasurer Lisa McMinn presents Frank Potter a check for the Backpack 4 Kids program, at First Savings Bank, Friday. The Optimist Club is donating all the profits from the sale of their H.O.G. Salsa through May to the program to provide food for school children to ensure they have healthy food during the weekends. First Savings Bank employees added a \$53 donation to the program from their "Wear Jeans to work on Friday" program. The total donation for the month of February was \$291.50.

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Thursday, March 17, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Monday, March 28, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Thursday, March 31, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Saturday, April 2, 3 - 6 p.m.
 Monday, April 4, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 - 9 p.m.
 Thursday, April 7, show run for dress rehearsal at 7

p.m.; actors there at 5:30. Show times are Friday and Saturday, April 8-9 and April 15-16, at 7 p.m.

GOP meeting

Jack Shuster, 1st vice chair of the Republican Party of Lincoln County, will be the featured speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the March 14. Dinner is set for 6 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Cree Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso.

John Billingsley, chairman of the Republican Party of Lincoln County, said, "The Republican Party of New Mexico is com-

posed of citizens of all walks of life." The mission of the Republican Party is to effectively communicate conservative principles to

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the people of New Mexico, he said.

Shuster, a local historian and writer, will discuss the history of the New Mexico Constitution and the New Mexico Bill of Rights, which includes the supreme law of the land, popular sovereignty and self-government and the preservation of rights under the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo.

Parallels with the U.S. Constitution will also be reviewed.

Billingsley will brief members on what is happening in the county Republican Party and Shuster also will report on state legislators, who represent Lincoln County in the House and Senate.

The county organization works hard to represent the interests of Lincoln County Republicans, and money raised through memberships helps ensure that the best candidates make it to the ballot and get the support needed to win, Billingsley said.

Memberships in the Republican Party of Lincoln County will be available at the meeting.

To help with a head count for the optional \$14-per-person dinner, contact Barbara Dickinson at 336-7822 by 6 p.m., March 12.

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OUR OPINION

The recession is over; inflation is tamed

And pigs fly through the air

The recession is over, don't you know. And unemployment is falling.

"Core" inflation is hardly out of control - if you remove food and gasoline, which none of us need, anyway.

If ever there was a clue that Washington does not live in the real world - or, worse, that the administration is lying to us out of political expediency or to avoid cost of living increases - then it's found in the way agencies crunch the numbers that supposedly define our economic condition.

For example, those too discouraged to even look for employment are not counted

as "unemployed." Neither are those whose unemployment benefits have expired, whether or not they're seeking work. It's as if they don't exist, bumped off by statisticians.

Likewise, core inflation doesn't include food and gasoline, and we all feel the sticker shock every time we go to the market and stop on the way at the pump.

Out in the hinterlands, we sense that the cost of living is spiraling out of control, that the dollar is being devalued, that business is slow and that a recession by any other name still hurts.

Will Washington admit it?

Legislation by (but not always by) committee

Little girls in flamenco costumes filled a ladies room in the state capitol one day last week, primping before they danced in the rotunda, a gentle appeal to preserve funding for the arts and culture.

These diminutive, ruffled lobbyists are one of many such waves coursing through the Roundhouse, all with a message. They're the backdrop to a lot of political theater and explain, in part, the meltdown we saw last week in the House and its precedent-setting outcome.

On the legislative session's first day, the Tea Party held a rally outside. For the next week, we saw a succession of education proponents, including early childhood advocates with small children in tow. Human Rights Day produced a massive rally in support of undocumented immigrants - and their driver's licenses. They wore T-shirts saying, "We chose New Mexico too." Another day, hundreds of the elderly handed out heart-shaped AARP fans. The film people made a dramatic showing in T-shirts reading, "We are New Mexico."

Meanwhile, citizens stream through lawmakers' offices. Contrary to what you've heard, their voices are heard. Usually.

Last week, Rep. Andy Nuñez succeeded in plucking his bill from the committee that tabled it and dragged it onto the House floor, a maneuver the longest-serving members could only remember occurring once. We may not always agree with their decisions, but committees filter, study, and often improve bills. Some die because they weren't well thought out, others because they're unnecessary or fly against majority opinion.

HB 78 would repeal driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. The unconventional move, coupled with the divisive subject matter, led to 13 hours of emotional speechifying. In the six or seven hours I heard, two words popped up repeatedly: "my constituents."

Nuñez insisted he'd heard from hundreds of constituents demanding this bill. Rep. Eliseo Alcon said he'd heard from his

own constituents and many of Nuñez's. "They're the people who clean your hotels and pick your chile," Alcon told the Hatch farmer.

Pundits look for the wizard behind the curtain, and in this case the wizard is in plain sight. Gov. Susana Martinez campaigned on this issue (as she did her opponent), and she wants to deliver.

Critics think she's pushing a wedge issue to raise her profile as a national Republican candidate, but about this time in a session, previous governors have flexed their muscles to get bills passed. The difference is that none have upended the process itself.

Democrats expended a lot of lung capacity trying to rip open Nuñez's curtain, but he performed like a coached witness in a big trial, with some polished Republicans defending him.

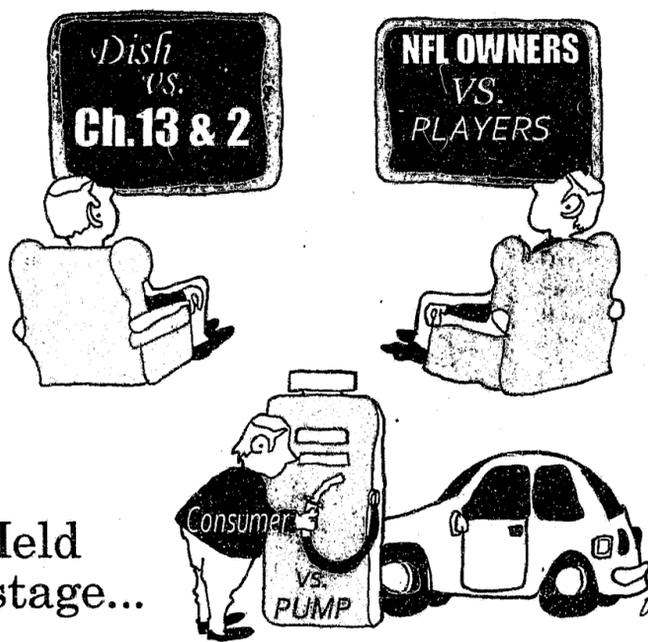
Some, no doubt, assumed Nuñez acted out of revenge, having paid a price for failing to dethrone the House Speaker. His transformation began earlier.

In his 10 years as a representative, Nuñez has carried water and agriculture-related bills and championed the occasional liberal cause. In the 2010 session his House Memorial declared solidarity with the people of Ciudad Juarez.

In November he won a close election against a Republican who now chairs the Las Cruces Tea Party. One day after refusing to vote for House Speaker Ben Lujan, Nuñez introduced the bill in question. In rapid succession, he changed his party affiliation to Independent, agreed to change his bill to suit the governor, and saw his bill tabled.

Maybe it was about his constituents. The result nonetheless is a precedent that will smack everyone in the teeth. Now anybody who disagrees with a committee decision can short circuit the process.

It's a long way from the wishes of most constituents. They still want lawmakers to stop this foolishness and work together to solve problems.



Held Hostage...

Doug McLeod 11
Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

A good run for a 'Bad Year for Tomatoes'

To the editor:

LINCOLN COUNTY Community Theater wants to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals who contributed to the success of our recent fundraiser.

The money raised at performances of *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* in Ruidoso and Carrizozo will allow us to represent Lincoln County at the upcoming American Association of Community Theatre competition in Artesia.

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Larry Kingsley,
President of the Board of Directors
Lincoln County Community Theater

Harris' memo was right on

To the editor:

SUPERINTENDENT BEA ETTA Harris' memo regarding bullying was thought-provoking. She made some very good points

about how our society fosters an atmosphere of aggressive behavior.

When I played football in high school I watched some of my

teammates show off their toughness by harassing other students.

Ms. Harris, you are right on.

Charles T. Maly
Ruidoso

Wolf reintroduction would be devastating

To the editor:

THE LETTER to the editor from Arizona was quite amusing to say the least.

Let me get this straight now he is embarrassed of his government in Arizona, evidently, because they passed legislation to enforce immigration laws that the federal government wouldn't?

Seems to me like he should be embarrassed of other states who

haven't passed similar laws, especially New Mexico who even issue driver's licenses to illegals.

The letter was more about the Mexican wolf being re-established in New Mexico which I and many farmers and ranchers believe is the wrong thing to do. I have seen several ranchers in the Guadalupe mountains go broke from re-establishing the mountain lion in New Mexico.

The wolf will be devastating to

many farmers and ranchers in New Mexico killing off many of their calves and lambs.

Is it worth it so some animal rights lovers can see a Mexican spotted wolf in the wild?

We need to protect the agriculture business in New Mexico not destroy it by bringing in more predators.

Sincerely,
Don Parsons
Nogal

Capital outlay system improving

SENATOR PETE CAMPOS
District 8

It's no secret that New Mexico needs to fix the way it chooses the infrastructure projects that receive state money, and the best time to reform the system is now. We cannot afford to continue our past practices.

New Mexico's list of infrastructure needs overwhelm our resources. While our system, despite its shortcomings, has helped pay for myriad local and state projects, there are still \$3.7 billion worth of projects - not including school projects - waiting for funding, according to the state's Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. The state has less than \$250 million to devote to those projects this year.

We also have far too many projects that have been partially funded, leaving the state with a significant inventory of partially completed buildings, roads and other projects. This is unacceptable.

How are we ever going to catch up and make a dent in the list of projects that still need funding? How will we accurately determine which projects still need funding and make sure that we never again find ourselves with such a large inventory of partially completed projects?

Here's what we need to do to fix the system:

- Fully fund projects or commit to a firm time frame for phasing them in so that projects will be completed within a reasonable time;

- Ensure that the governmental entity that will ultimately manage the project has the financial and human resources to maintain it for the foreseeable future; and

- Create a central, apolitical planning process to identify, prioritize and recommend for final approval by the Legislature and the governor the projects that should be funded.

New Mexico has taken big steps toward addressing some of its most glaring capital outlay management weaknesses, including what may have been the worst method of capital spending in any state in the country. We have reformed the public school capital outlay process, ensuring that approval for school construction projects is based on need and a local district's ability to manage and operate the facility once completed. The New Mexico Legislature is more committed than ever to ensuring that local projects are critically necessary, fully funded and managed well.

But our work is not done. There is still a need to improve our project selection process and ensure accountability so that we can be certain that public funding for roads, infrastructure and public buildings is money well spent, serves a long-term need and can be sustained and maintained by a local or state government.

PLOT

FROM PAGE 1A

winter and falling darkness was about to be pierced with a level of violence that would stun the community.

According to the Incident Narrative filed by a Lincoln County Sheriff's officer, McConnell phoned Verna and said she and her father weren't getting along; could she come and hang out at Village Hall until her friend finished basketball practice at the school?

Working late on monthly reports, Verna agreed to the teen's request. While Verna worked, McConnell played on a computer in Village Hall until she received a phone call on her cell phone. She said her friend couldn't come to get her so Verna agreed to take McConnell to her home, only two blocks away.

The 'missing' cell

When they arrived at the McConnell residence, the teen asked Verna to come into the house, but she declined. McConnell left to go into the house, but while Verna was scraping snow and ice from the windshield of her 2004 Ford Ranger pickup, McConnell returned, saying she thought she might have left her cell phone at Village Hall on the desk by the computer.

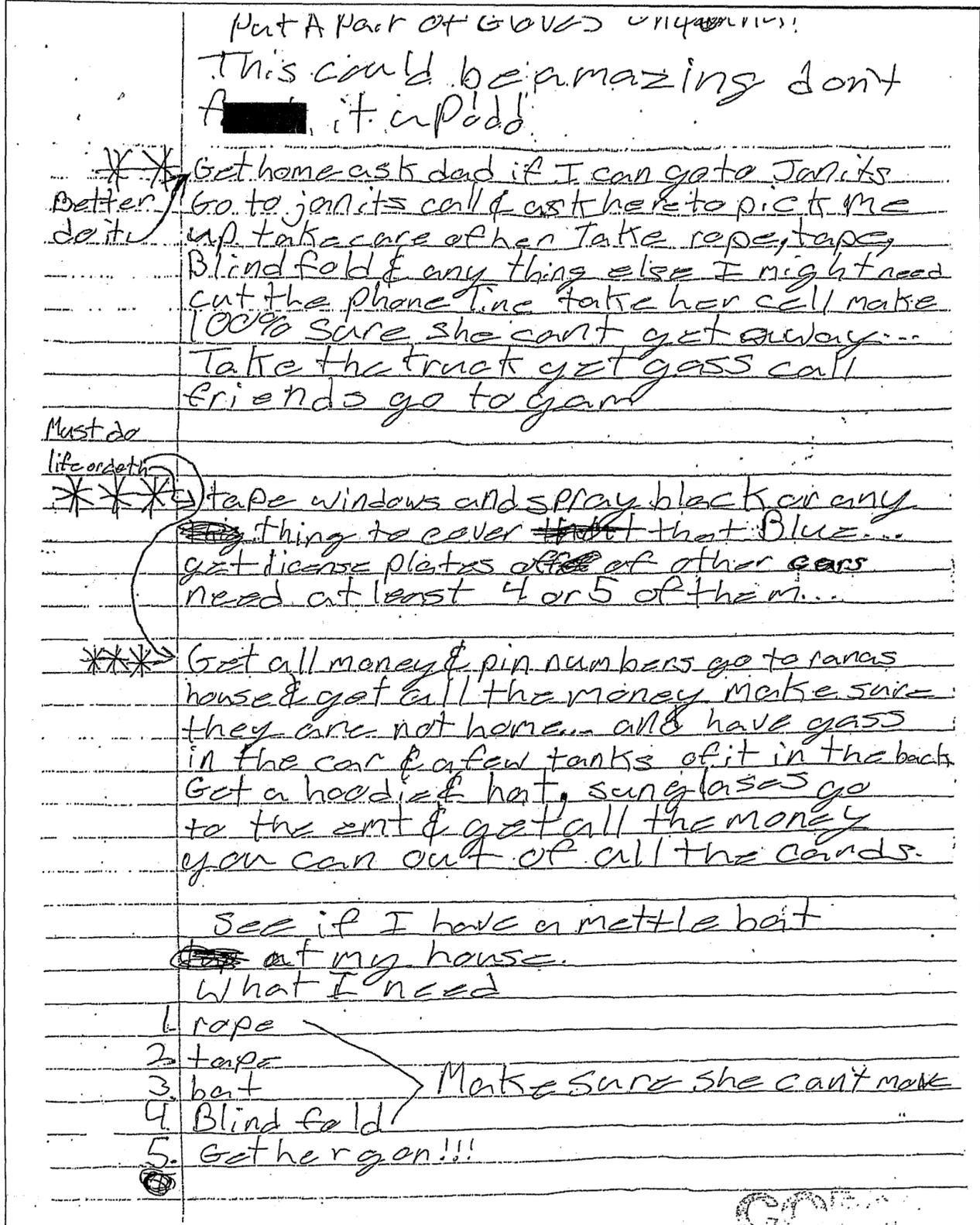
According to the court documents, both Verna and the teen got back into the truck and drove back to Village Hall. Verna parked the pickup perpendicular to the building and went inside to look for the phone but found nothing.

When she returned to the vehicle and sat down in the driver's seat, she was quite unexpectedly and repeatedly struck with a firearm by McConnell. Verna reported the pistol had been in the glove compartment of the truck and was identified as a Smith and Wesson .357 magnum, Model 60-10, 3-inch stainless steel, 5-shot.

Verna said when the assault began, she turned away and attempted to get out of the pickup but fell. McConnell got out of the pickup, walked to the back of it and discharged the firearm. Yelling at Verna to get back in the truck, McConnell was reported to have told her several times, "I'm gonna kill you!"

"I was a little groggy at that point," Verna said. "I don't know if she hit me again with the gun but I somehow found myself on the ground in front of City Hall."

"I just wanted to get



A plan of attack and a list in McConnell's handwriting mentions such needed items as rope, tape, a bat and blindfold, in addition to a reminder to "get her gun." An expletive at the top of the page has been blacked out using PhotoShop software.

away and I kept telling her to take the truck and leave me alone, just take the truck and go."

Verna was able to flee across the parking lot toward the fire station and into the alley. Fearing McConnell would follow, she watched intently and heard the truck move but didn't actually see it leave.

Seeking help at a nearby residence, Verna called the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. She was then taken by EMS to LCMC where she was treated for multiple puncture wounds and lacerations on her head,

face and hands.

The BOLO

A "Be On the Look Out" was issued on the vehicle and both Torrance and DeBaca County Sheriff's Offices were notified by phone. According to the Incident Narrative, a short time later the vehicle was located in or near Fort Sumner.

"Deputies found Christina McConnell operating the vehicle and found her in possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a firearm," the report stated. By order of the Juvenile

Probation Office in DeBaca County, McConnell was taken into custody and transported to detention in Clovis. The vehicle was impounded in order to be searched.

After a search warrant was executed in Fort Sumner, a number of items were seized and inventoried. The list included the pistol, with four live rounds of ammunition and a spent round behind the hammer, a cell phone, a plastic bag containing 10 bullets for the handgun found in Verna's truck, a camouflage purse belonging to

McConnell and a letter and list detailing McConnell's plan for Verna.

The Affidavit for a Search Warrant in De Baca County stated that the notes "were a detailed plan to commit a murder, listing things that had to be done, weapons to be used, items needed including rope, blindfold, baseball bat, etc., and the name of the victim which matched the name of the owner of the vehicle."

The sentencing

The court date for McConnell's sentencing in 12th District Juvenile

Court was set for Tuesday, March 8; however, it was postponed the day prior. According to her attorney, Mandy Denson, the delay was given because McConnell's evaluation was not yet complete.

Life is slowly returning to a new normal in Corona for Verna.

"All I want out of this whole thing is to feel safe again in my home and community," Verna said, "and for Christina to get the help she needs to be able to function in life."

A Ruidoso News exclusive

RELIEF

FROM PAGE 1A

Questioned about proving that a mandated water shut-off on the homeowner side of the village water meter has been installed before receiving a discount, Lee noted about 500 village water customers had water line leaks or breaks last month.

"We're asking for voluntary compliance and actually we're getting a very good response," the village manager said of the water shut-off requirement.

But Councilor Gloria Sayers contended the requirement needed to be affirmed before providing a deep discount.

"The problem with that is we don't have the materials or the plumbers, I don't

think, to require that before you turn the water on," responded Mayor Ray Alborn.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said if manpower and materials are truly an issue, a timeframe for installing a shut-off valve could be established.

"But if we don't, who's going to go back and make sure that they're there?" asked Councilor Angel Shaw.

Council member Jim Stoddard suggested there be a central place for plumbers to affirm a shut-off valve was installed.

"Plumbers brought up the issue," Stoddard said. "The plumbers would like to have someone at village hall that they could call and say, 'OK, Jim Stoddard on Hull Road has talked to me and we're going to get this done.'"



Shaw: Homeowners 'are responsible and so they have to bring us a certification from their plumber so you've got a record of some sort of inspection process.'

Lee said a letter is going out with the new set of water bills that describes the process.

"And it actually does give you Village Hall to contact any of the three water billing ladies. We also have the water operators, Randy's (Public Works Department Director Randall Camp) people, on notice."

Shaw said it is a require-

ment of homeowners to have the shut-off on their side of the meter.

"They're responsible and so they have to bring us a certification from their plumber, or something that says it's done," Shaw said. "So you've got a record of some sort of inspection process."

Lee responded that when a plumber is called to fix a leak they are also

required to make sure a homeowner shut-off valve is in place.

"Those people that didn't have leaks that got turned off, they may or may not put a valve on right away," she said.

Sayers noted that some who were shut off without a leak probably did not receive a huge water bill. Because of the seasonal nature of many residences, village crews in early February shut off water at the meter to homes that appeared to be without signs of occupancy at the time.

Councilor Denise Dean asked how usual it is to provide a water bill discount for water leaks.

"We've had an ordinance that these people were supposed to have shut-off valves in place for year, and they didn't and they lost all this water," Dean said. "Is

this typical that we would give them this kind of discount on their bill?"

Lee said the village has always provided a leak discount.

"It doesn't have anything to do with the water break. This is the policy that's been in place for some time. We're just making it know that this is the policy. It's a common practice in a lot of communities."

To help cover the discounts, Lee said the Federal Emergency Management Agency was expected to compensate the village for the cost of producing the water that was lost because of leaks.

Some 15 million gallons leaked during a week following the extreme cold that sent the mercury to minus 27 degrees in the village on Feb. 3.

EDUCATION

County child screenings scheduled for April

Children who are birth through five years of age are invited to a screening for development, vision, hearing, dental, immunizations and nutrition. In addition, registration for Head Start and kindergarten will also be provided.

"In a child's first five years of life, the child will acquire communication, problem solving, self-help, daily living, motor and socialization skills," said Dahn Freed, education services director and Child Find coordinator with the Region IX Education Cooperative in Ruidoso. "These development skills are a fundamental basis of learning that will continue throughout life. Monitoring children's development at an early age can play an important role in setting a solid foundation for successful student outcomes later in school."

Developmental screening through Child Find is established by federal law and is designed to identify children aged three to 21 who may have special needs or require intervention services.

Child Find teams partner with school districts, health care providers, service organizations, child-care centers and individuals to conduct free developmental screen for all children under the age of five,



Bethany Barnett holds her daughter Audri as a hearing test is performed on the toddler. The free testing will be provided in the area during April.

including infants and toddlers.

Child Find screenings in Lincoln County and a part of Otero County are coordinated through Region IX Education Cooperative which assists families, communities and schools in the Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft, Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso and Tularosa districts.

The first screenings, and registrations for Head Start or kindergarten, will be at the Ruidoso Convention Center on April 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other scheduled locations include: Tularosa Elementary School, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Corona Schools, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; the Cummins Gymnasium at the Capitan schools' campus, April 14, from 9 a.m. to

12 p.m.; Carrizozo High School, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Cloudcroft Elementary, April 28, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and the Hondo Valley School District's Multi-Purpose Room, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Documents a parent must bring are the child's immunization records. To register for Head Start, additionally a birth certificate, the last 12 months of income, and Medicaid or insurance cards are required.

To register for kindergarten, a birth certificate and immunization records are necessary.

For more information contact the Region IX Education Cooperative at 575-257-2368 or the elementary school in your area.



Members of the Alpha Delta Kappa Eta Chapter focus on service projects. Back row, l-r Beth Nosker, Connie Forrest, Martha Sanchez, Darla Lathan, Virginia Tingley, Angie Provine, Linda Field, Mecca Aldridge, Cathy Jones, and Cherril Goad. Front row, Joyce Davies, Dottie MacVeigh, Carolyn Stover, and Martha Bond.

ADK supports altruistic activities

Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for women educators, is united in the common goals of educational excellence, altruism, and worldwide understanding.

Locally, Eta Chapter of Lincoln County has recently submitted their report of altruistic activities for 2010 and 2011 years to the New Mexico State Chairman.

In the two-year period, Eta members performed 4025 hours of service and donated \$21,500 in monetary and non-monetary gifts.

This amount reflects \$3,500 in scholarships.

Currently holding Eta scholarships are Haley Montes of Hondo, Elizabeth McConnell of Corona, Morgan McMakin and Monica Sanchez both of Ruidoso.

Eta chapter also participates in the New Mexico altruistic project which is The Ranches for girls and boys located on the campus south of Belen.

Christmas gifts and a monetary donation are made to The Ranches annually.

Through its international altruistic projects, Alpha Delta Kappa has contributed more than one mil-

lion dollars to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., home of the world's foremost research and treatment centers for catastrophic childhood diseases.

And, since 1997 Alpha Delta Kappa has contributed more than \$400,000 to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Dallas, Texas.

This Foundation is dedicated to raising funds to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

Ferguson wins NMAA scholarship

A Carrizozo High School athlete has been selected to receive a New Mexico Activities Association scholarship, presented by the NMAA Foundation. Senior Matthew Joel Ferguson will receive a \$1,000 NMAA Athletic Scholarship.

The football, basketball and track star was a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, 4-H and Junior Rotary. He was nominated by former U.S. Rep. Harry Teague to the Air Force Academy.

Ferguson has received a number of honors and awards outside of school as well. He is the son of Matt and Becca Ferguson.

Ferguson will be recognized at two events during the 2011 State Basketball Championships this month. The first is a luncheon on March 10 at the Marriot Pyramid in Albuquerque. Ferguson will be honored at the UNM Pit between the first and second quarters of the 1A boys' championship game on March 12.

The NMAA received over 200 scholarship appli-



JOEL FERGUSON

cations and will award 17 financial scholarships and three additional Pursuing Victory with Honor awards. The foundation scholarships will total \$23,000.

In addition to fundrais-

ing throughout the year, the NMAA Foundation received contributions from Farmers Insurance Group and the Universal Cheer and Dance Association.

- Jim Kalvelage

TEEN SPOTLITE

Teen Spotlite features area teens that have made a difference in their community.

Lauren Smith is the next teen in the Spotlite. Lauren is the daughter of Hayden and Cheryl Smith and is currently in her senior year at Carrizozo High School. Smith is involved in a variety of activities at her school and in her community.

At Carrizozo High School, Smith has participated on the cross country team. Smith also shows her dedication to academics by being on the Honor Roll and is a member of National Honor Society.

She is a member of the Carrizozo FFA Chapter

and has served as the sentinel.

Outside of school activities, Smith is very involved in the community. She is in Junior Rotary and attends the Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summits.

She is active in her church youth group and her local 4-H chapter where she has worked as a counselor at 4-H Get Away Camp.

Smith gives freely of her time and has volunteered for the Roadrunner Food Bank, picked up food for Angel Food, and raised money for an orphanage in Mexico. She logged more than 100 hours of community service to qualify for HOBY Leadership Camp.



LAUREN SMITH

Smith lists her parents and family as influences in her life.

She took Disaster Relief Training locally and hopes this will assist her in her future plans to work as a paramedic. Her plans also include pursuing a degree.

Smith is a great example of youth leadership in Lincoln County.

Sponsored by Lincoln County DWI Prevention.

Three Ruidoso school choirs qualify for state

Three Ruidoso Municipal School District choirs received scores in a festival last week that were state qualifying.

The Ruidoso Middle School choir received I's in performance and I+ in sight reading. A five-score rating system was used in the district large group festival sponsored by the Southwest New Mexico Music Educators Associa-

tion. The rating system has an I for superior, II for excellent, III for good, IV for fair, and V for poor.

Ruidoso choir directors Danny Flores and Waynta Wirth said the sight-reading judge noted the middle school choir had the best tone she had heard all day.

"They were pleased with the open, natural sound produced even under the pressure of being judged

and commended the students for their young professionalism," Wirth said.

The Ruidoso High School treble choir received II+ from all three judges in performance and a I in sight reading.

The Ruidoso High School mixed choir earned I's in performance and sight reading.

"Judges were delighted with the interesting pro-

gramming of this group which included a Native American piece accompanied by drum and wooden flute," Wirth said.

Each choir performed three pieces, including at least one foreign language one. The high school choirs were required to present at least one piece acappella.

To qualify for state, choirs must receive a rating of I or II.

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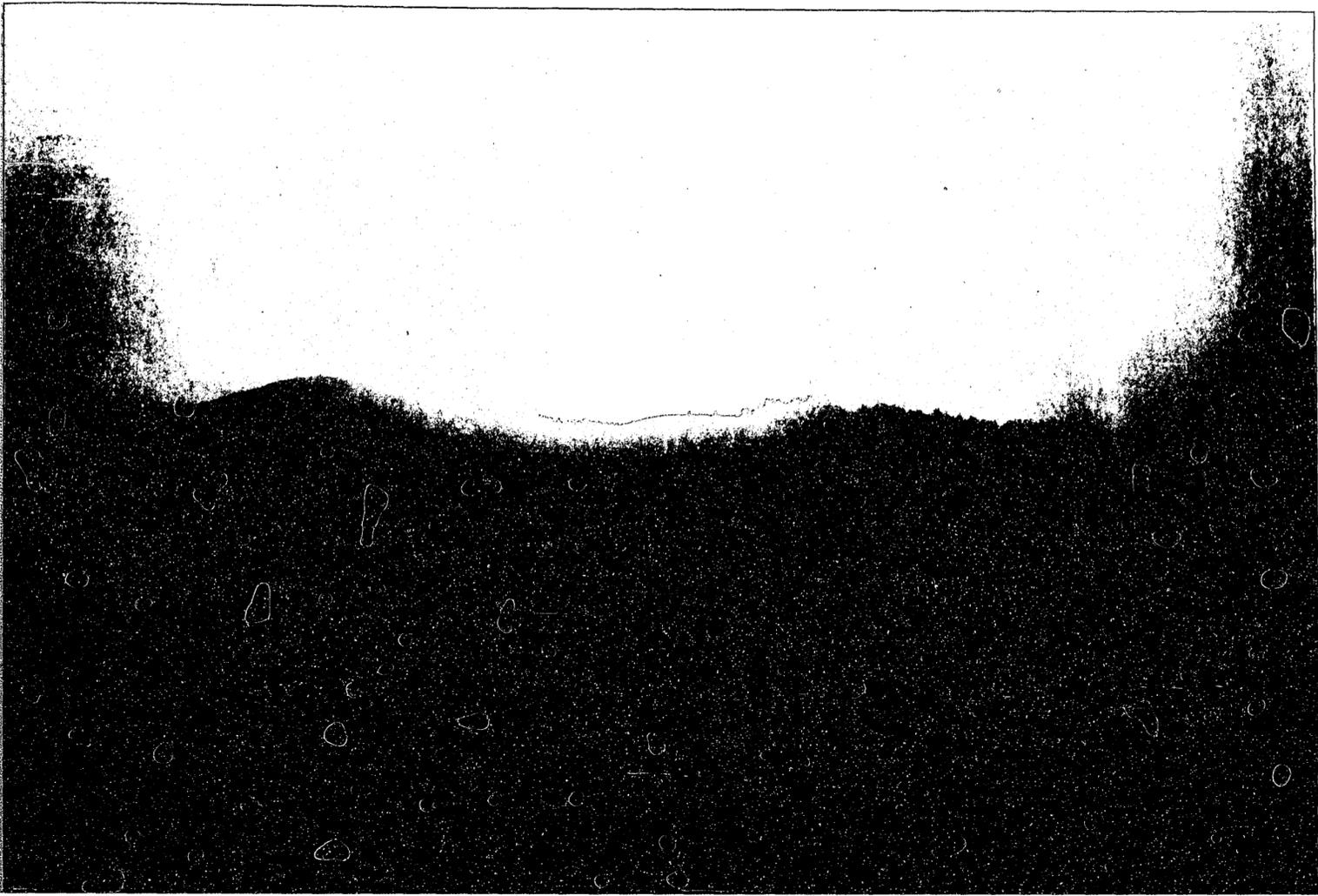
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DUST AT DUSK



Like a best-forgotten memory, Monday's winds kicked up a preview of springtime in New Mexico, eventually blotting out the sun and mountain features as the day wore on. A peak gust of 63 mph was recorded at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport at 4:35 p.m., with sustained winds at 41 mph.

Freelance photographer David Tremblay, who submitted this shot, writes: "It's very windy and dusty here on the side of the mountain today. Irritating is not a strong enough word to describe the dust in the air, much of which has come to us from White Sands on the other side of the mountain. The wind speeds this afternoon have been between 25 and 41 miles per hour. There is no joy in standing outside and I really didn't think that we would get to see anything interesting enough to put a lens onto. Then at sundown the sun peeked out from the clouds and dust just in time to make a few interesting pictures as the sun sank into the mountain for the day. I have never seen a sunset like this one in all the years that we have lived here."

Couponing the 'Old Fashioned' Way

By Jill Cataldo

CTW Features

If you're a regular reader, you know how often I reference the online tools that make a coupon shopper's job of matching coupons to sales a snap. With sites to print coupons, load electronic coupons to a store's loyalty card or match coupons to sales, a digitally connected coupon shopper has an amazing array of money-saving tools literally at their fingertips.

"Clipless" couponing, where shoppers only cut out exactly the coupons they need, has exploded in popularity. Thousands of coupon bloggers around the country write about this method and make it easy for anyone to pick up a pair of scissors and follow along. (I'm one of those bloggers. Since 2008, my grocery savings blog at jill-cataldo.com has provided step-by-step weekly write-ups of the best coupon deals.)

But what about shoppers with no Internet access? Can you still become a Super-Couponer and cut your grocery bill significantly? Yes. But, you will have to invest more time and effort than those who use online tools.

Let's take a step back and consider the way people used to save with coupons, pre-Internet: no websites, no sales trackers and no easy way to figure out the best sales prices in a store's pricing cycle. If you're couponing without the Internet, you'll be doing things the "old-fashioned" way.

With no online guidance from coupon lookup sites to help you quickly locate the coupons you need in



the recent newspaper inserts you've dated and filed away, there's no advantage to keeping those inserts intact. So, shoppers must cut, sort and file all of their coupons as they arrive in the newspaper each week. The "binder method" has long been a staple of old-school coupon shopping. Couponers would fill a 3-ring binder with the same plastic sheets used to collect baseball cards, sorting all of the loose coupons by type into the sheet pockets.

How did they track sale prices? Without any benchmark to determine the best price for a product, shoppers would keep "price books." They would go to the supermarket with a notebook, write the date on the first page and then walk around the store writing down the sale prices for every item they were interested in buying. For example, "Week 1: Spaghetti sauce: \$1.49. Corn Flakes: \$2.99," and so on. The next week, they'd turn the page and write the entire list again: "Week 2: Spaghetti sauce: \$1.29. Corn Flakes: \$2.79" and so on. At the end of one 12-week cycle, the price book was complete. Referring to it, a shopper could look up the lowest price any product reached during that pricing cycle and recognize a "good" sale when it came

around.

Armed with the price book, shoppers could examine their store's weekly flyer, note the sale prices and compare them to the book to determine if it was the best time to buy. Then, they'd flip through their binder and locate the coupons that lined up to that sale, to reduce prices further.

This is an extremely time-consuming way to coupon. Maintaining a coupon binder requires commitment. Shoppers must clip, file and weed out expired coupons every week. Certainly, you can still enjoy a great savings, but you will spend many hours each week to accomplish the same goal others reach in a fraction of the time.

I liken the Internet to a "power tool" for coupon shoppers. Imagine if you were a homebuilder and had to build a house without modern tools. While you can certainly frame each wall using a hammer and a box of nails, the work goes a lot faster and more efficiently if you use an air nailer or a drill. Yes, you can get the job done with an old-fashioned hammer, but expect to spend a lot of time doing so.

Next week, we'll carry the home-building analogy further, addressing readers who don't want to stockpile.

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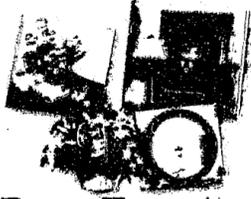
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CAMOUFLAGE OUTFIT



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With the melting of snow, a coyote finds appropriate cover in the tall grass outside Ruidoso.

Residents urged to seek damage help

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Qualifying residents of Ruidoso Downs who suffered damage from the early February Arctic freeze are being urged by city officials to apply for assistance.

The state announced in late February grant funding through the federal Community Development Small Cities Block Grant program had been made available. But applications must be received by March 18.

"This disaster assistance program is to provide financial assistance to low-income, uninsured homeowners that incurred damage to water lines and may have their furnaces, heaters and water heaters red-tagged as a result of the severe weather," said Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong.

"The program will provide up to \$2,000 in assistance to homeowners in owner-occupied dwellings to hire licensed plumbers or general contractors to repair the damage they may have incurred."

Water lines burst and other damage done during the Feb. 1-3 severe winter



Virden: "We prepared a packet and the water department crew distributed the packets to those homes that we knew had water leaks."

event.

"So if there's people that need that kind of help, come into city hall and pick up a package and get it filled out," Armstrong recommended. "Hopefully it will help offset the costs."

Homeowners who have already had repairs completed may also apply for reimbursement if they are able to provide proof such as receipts for labor and materials from a licensed plumber of contractor.

Municipal Clerk Carol Virden said the city is working to ensure residents are aware of the program.

Mayor Armstrong wrote an inter-office memorandum to all the residents of the City of Ruidoso Downs, informing them of the emergency disaster

application and guidelines. What we did is we prepared a packet and Cleatus' (Cleatus Richards, public works director) water department crew came and they distributed the packets to those homes that we knew had those water leaks."

The emergency funding of up to \$2,000 will only cover water line replacement on the resident's side of the meter. In addition to water heater and furnace repair or replacement costs, the program will also cover water damage to walls. The damage must have occurred after Feb. 1.

To qualify, applicants must be at or under the federally designated low-income threshold. The Lincoln County income threshold for household

with one person is \$30,000. A household with two people is \$34,250; three people, \$38,550; four people, \$42,800.

In Otero County, the one, two, three and four person household low-income thresholds are \$26,250, \$30,000, \$33,750 and \$37,450.

The limits increase with larger households.

Income includes wages, salaries, net income from the operation of a business, interest, dividends, net income from property, unemployment and disability compensation, welfare assistance, alimony, child support, regular contributions or gifts, and most Armed Forces income.

Households with owner-occupied dwellings from across Lincoln and Otero counties are eligible.

An official with the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District will be at Ruidoso Downs City Hall March 10 to accept applications from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

In Otero County applications will be accepted at the Tularosa Community Center, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cloudfrock Village Hall.

Stevens dismissed as editor of *Free Press*

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Jeff Stevens is out as editor of the *Ruidoso Free Press*.

"Jeff Stevens is no longer part of our team," Ruidoso Downs Racetrack General Manager Jean Stoddard said Friday.

Contacted by telephone,

Stevens said he was fired for complaining to Stoddard about sexual harassment by MTD General Manager Lisa Morales. MTD, a division of Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, publishes the *Free Press*.

"I filed a complaint yesterday [Thursday] about sexual harassment by Lisa Morales and I was termi-

nated at 8:30 this morning," Stevens said Friday afternoon.

Stevens said he first filed the complaint with Stoddard, and then filed a complaint Friday morning with the New Mexico Department of Labor.

"My complaint was that I was fired for filing a sexual harassment charge,"

Stevens said.

Repeated efforts to reach Morales for comment have been unsuccessful.

Stoddard wasn't sure if Stevens would be replaced.

"We didn't go that far into it," Stoddard said. "Lisa (Morales) would have to make that determination and I have not talked to her about it."

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Police in Ruidoso met with the city council to discuss the shooting at the Ruidoso Parlor and Gym early in February.

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POLICE & COURTS

Club reject arrested for shooting

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Police say a man shot at a Ruidoso building because the motorcycle club that meets there rejected him.

Grant Lewis, 36, turned himself in at Ruidoso Magistrate Court March 2, after Ruidoso Police obtained a warrant for his arrest for shooting at Tre's Tattoo Parlor and Jeff's Gladiator Gym early in the morning of Feb. 14.

"It wasn't some outside motorcycle gang coming in and it did not involve narcotics," Ruidoso Police Detective Sergeant Wade Proctor said. "What I liken it to is someone wanting to fit in and getting rejected. It was just that spur of the moment aggravation, 'I'll show them,' kind of a thing."

Lewis is charged with shooting at or from a motor vehicle, criminal damage to

property and negligent use of a deadly weapon for allegedly firing eight rounds into the building at about 2:30 a.m.

Two rounds shattered the glass in the front doors and one of those went through an interior door into the weight lifting area of the gym. Two rounds struck a hand-painted sign on the front of the building. The other rounds struck the front wall.

Proctor said Lewis had been voted out of "The Reapers" motorcycle club.

"It's Tre's Tattoo and Jeff's Gladiator Gym but it also doubles as their clubhouse," Proctor said. "That's where they (The Reapers) meet."

Proctor said the group rejected Lewis for membership.

"That's the whole motivation behind it," Proctor said.

"Grant is not a horrible

guy," he said. "I've known him for a long time. Just a dumb decision."

After his arrest, Lewis was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center, where he spent the night on a \$30,000 cash bond.

On March 3, Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay recused herself from the case and Carrizozo Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor reduced the bond to \$20,000 surety, on an agreement reached by defense attorney Freda McSwane and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson. Lewis posted bond and was released that day.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

Feb. 16

Benjamin Gallegos appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty to three amended charges of worthless check less than \$25 under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charges from felony issuing a worthless check to misdemeanor charges and dismissed two counts.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Gallegos to 90 days of unsupervised pro-

bation and ordered him to pay \$179 in court costs and a \$100 bench warrant fee. Proctor also ordered Gallegos to pay restitution of \$198.88 to Onda Oil Company within 30 days.

checks on a closed account. Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson filed the charges, claiming that McKeown paid a veterinarian \$238.79 with a check drawn on a closed account.

Feb. 18

Public Defender Mandy Denson waived the right to a preliminary hearing for client Barbara A. McKeown, 47, (also known as Barbie McKeown, Barbara Mckeown-Enos, and Barbara Enos) and Judge Martha Proctor ordered McKeown bound over for trial in District Court on a charge of issuing worthless

Feb. 22

Sean Chappell, 19, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to charges of driving on a revoked or suspended license and speeding.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Chappell to 182 days in jail and \$130 in fines, plus \$142 in court costs.

Probationer did not abscond, court says

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A former probationer from Ruidoso, who had been labeled "an absconder" by the New Mexico District Court for Lincoln County, had the fugitive status removed following a review by the state Court of Appeals.

Dusty Baker, 25, was charged in 2005 with burglary of a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. He had entered a no contest plea and was placed on probation for 2.5 years, until April 20, 2008.

In May 2006 the state filed a petition to revoke Baker's probation, contending he had violated conditions of probation. Baker pled no contest to violating his parole and he was ordered to enter an inpatient drug treatment program in Carlsbad. A separate address and phone number in Carlsbad, where he planned to stay after completing rehabilitation, was provided by Baker. He checked into the program on June 8, 2006 but departed that evening, leaving a handwritten note that said the program was not for him and he would return to Ruidoso.

"I have all the support I need with my daughter and fiancée and God," the note stated.

Two probation officers found Baker's Ruidoso residence vacant and issued a bench warrant. Nearly 2.5 years later Baker was arrested and at a court hearing on Dec. 31, 2008, he denied violating his probation. In 2009 the district court found Baker was an "absconder" from June 27, 2006 to Dec. 23, 2008 and denied probation credit for the period.

Before the New Mexico Court of Appeals, Baker's public defender argued there was insufficient evidence for the district court to determine that he was a fugitive, that the state did not make reasonable efforts to serve the bench warrant on him or show that any attempt to serve the warrant would have been futile, and therefore the district court was wrong in denying credit for time served on probation from June 27, 2006 to Dec. 23, 2008.

Additionally, the defense contended the state had failed to show that the second warrant had been entered into the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) database.

The appellate panel agreed there was a lack of evidence to show the second warrant was listed on the NCIC, and the court added that "weighs heavily against the state."

The state Court of Appeals also noted a Ruidoso probation officer had a residential address and telephone number for Baker in Carlsbad, but the officer said she did not work in Eddy County.

"We hold that one visit to defendant's address in Ruidoso - before a warrant was issued - and informal inquiries directed to defendant's mother is not sufficient evidence to support the district court's decision that the state met its burden," the appeals court said of efforts to serve Baker with the warrant.

At a 2009 oral ruling and judgment, District Judge Karen Parsons said there was evidence that Baker was a fugitive.

"I'm going to find that although the (probation) department could have done more to try to locate him, they did enough," Parsons said. "It was his obligation to - he knew he was on probation - it's his obligation to check in. He said he was going to check in. I think maybe had he not done that, said he was coming back to Ruidoso, it might be a little bit tougher to decide."

Parsons said as a result the bench warrant should stand and Baker should be considered an absconder as of the date the warrant was issued.

But the state Appeals Court said the state failed to meet its burden to serve Baker and thus his probation period ended on April 20, 2008.

The decision also said that as a result, the district court no longer had jurisdiction to decide if he violated his probation.

In requiring the district court to vacate the June 8, 2009 judgment, the appellate panel also ordered a certificate of satisfactory completion of probation be issued.

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Highway maintenance workers lauded for rescue efforts

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Two area highway maintenance workers were presented with the first-ever Governor's Outstanding New Mexico Public Service Award for their heroic rescue efforts after a vehicle had plunged down a ravine in northern Lincoln County during an early February snowstorm.

New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, Transportation Secretary Alvin Dominguez and District Two Engineer Gary Shubert Tuesday presented highway maintenance workers Kyle Davis and Randy Lueras with the recognition.

The two men retrieved a couple and two small children despite a temperature

colder that minus 10 degrees and a wind chill of minus 35 degrees. The men jumped into action when they noticed a pair of skid marks leading off U.S. Highway 54 near Corona. Davis and Lueras, both volunteer firefighters, immediately pulled over to investigate, where they found a vehicle that had flipped multiple times, resting on its rooftop at the bottom of a 30-foot ravine. Inside were 32-year-old Melvin Pickering, 28-year-old Amanda Apodaca and two small boys ages nine and three.

The two NMDOT workers carried each child up to safety and then helped both adults to the top of the embankment where they were able to warm up in the cab of the truck until



Davis and Lueras came upon a flipped vehicle in a snowy ravine. FILE

emergency personnel arrived. According to Pickering, the group had been at the bottom of the ravine for nearly two hours. Lueras said all four were showing signs of hypothermia when rescued and was touched when 9-year-old

Angel Reyes referred to them as his "heroes" that night.

"Randy and Kyle are heroes in the truest sense of the word," Martinez said. "On behalf of all New Mexicans, I extend my deepest gratitude for their

acts of bravery. This award highlights exceptional acts of public service and could not go to anyone more deserving than these two gentlemen."

Transportation Secretary Dominguez also applauded his employees.

"The fact of the matter is four people could have died and we are all grateful that Randy and Kyle were there that night. Not only did these two men have a hand in saving four lives, but they went right back to work, plowing the roadways until 10 a.m. the following morning. It's these kinds of actions that make me extraordinarily proud to be a member of the New Mexico Department of Transportation and to serve the people of New Mexico."

NMDOT District Two Engineer Gary Shubert said road crews do everything the can to keep roads safe. "But on occasion storms become so dangerous for travel, our highway maintainers become rescuers of stranded motorists."

"I'm very proud and honored of the way Randy and Kyle conducted themselves in this matter."

Randy Lueras has been with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Two since 1999 and Kyle Davis since 2005. Both men work out of the Corona Maintenance Patrol Yard and are responsible for maintaining state roadways through snow removal, mowing and litter removal.

County: Organizations seeking money should have act together

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When representatives of the 21 organizations seeking funding from the Lincoln County Commission show up for a budget session May 3, they better be ready to prove what they've accomplished in the past and to justify what they are asking for in Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The two new commissioners on board seem ready to aggressively challenge requests from independent entities not backed up with documentation illustrating significant benefit to the county for the money they've been paid in

the past.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said, "I'd like to see what they did last year or for the last three years, such as how many neuterings or whatever service they provide, depending on what they do."

County Manager Tom Stewart submitted a list of organizations to which he planned to mail letters notifying them of the budget session in the county courthouse in Carrizozo and their chance to give a presentation about their requests.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked commissioners if they wanted to drop any of the groups off

the list and Commissioner Mark Doth said the Lincoln County Transit. As the discussion proceeded, commissioners decided to send letters to all of the groups, but with expanded responses and information required. In addition to financial data, Minter said she wants some performance measure.

"I have problems giving to 501(3)(c) (nonprofit) organizations," she said, referring to possible violation of the state's anti-donation law. "Whatever their purpose is, give me some performance measure."

"I think Commissioner Minter had an outstanding suggestion," Stewart said.

After the financial data request, the next question will be what performance measure a group uses to prove its contribution to benefit citizens of Lincoln County. "There has to be some type of nexus between what you are funding and some function of the county," he said. He already expanded a paragraph in the letter to say a request will be carefully evaluated to ensure the "service provided" meets a priority goal of the county that can't be funded in any other fashion.

If commissioners approve a request, Stewart said, "I will convert it into a contract showing what we

expect them to provide."

Minter said she noticed Big Brothers Big Sisters, an entity to which she contributes, received a large grant to run a program on the Mescalero Apache reservation. Stewart said that's why groups are asked for the total of all income they receive, exclusive of the county. He wants commissioners to know if the county is a main source of support or if other communities are participating, and if a group receives a significant number of dollars elsewhere.

Minter said with the EcoServants organization, she wants to know if skills young people learned on jobs benefited them for secondary schooling or careers, rather than if a boost to economic development occurred. The group's function is to help children get back on track, not economic development, she said.

Some of the agencies enjoy the chance to tell commissioners what they are doing. Others like the Rural Bookmobile simply ask for the same amount every year, but the money is well spent, Stewart said.

"Does anyone use it?" Doth asked. "I keep reading statistic after statistic that kids aren't reading any more."

Commissioner Jackie Powell said, "We're not talking about kids." Adults in her family use the service, she said.

In another matter, the new commissioners also asked about the Lincoln County Community Health Council, because the county is paying \$8,000 for a part-time secretary this fiscal year. The arrangement was to be temporary while the council worked out another source through the state.

Stewart said the council tries to look at all health-related services in the county to find ways to coordinate for the "best bang for the buck."

Doth asked if the council really is needed and County Clerk Rhonda Burrows, who worked with the council while she headed the county's indigent health-care fund, said it "serves a good purpose," such as eliminating duplication of services and coordinating services, identifying the homebound, working with the state Road Runner Food Bank and setting county health priorities, which included teen pregnancy.

"They provide an avenue of communication so that

everyone is not trying to do the same thing their own way," Burrows said, "They're unheralded, because they are advisory."

Commissioners approved a submitted roster of members' names. Groups represented included Help End Abuse for Life, the DWI Prevention Program and the Lincoln County Medical Center, as well as agencies involved with access to care, behavioral health, substance abuse, nutrition, sexual assault, family stabilization, geriatric issues, mental health, physical therapy and community health.

In other action, commissioners:

- appointed Republicans Marci Butchofsky and Jim Dickerson, and Democrat Maria A. Quintana as regular members of the 2011 Board of Registration, and Democrat Marilyn Kamp and Ann Eby as alternates. However, the county clerk was notified that the board, which handles the purging of the county voter registration roster, probably would not have to convene, because the former secretary of state did not initiate the process required in 2007 to urge in 2011. A voter must miss participation in two federal election cycles. Burrows said the county's voter rolls are in better shape than most, because of staff diligence and timely notifications by voters when they move or when a family member dies who is on the roll.

- appointed Jerry Longbotham to the Senior Special Olympics Committee and tabled appointments to the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee and the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for lack of interested volunteers.

- approved a Whistleblower Protection Policy resolution with attachments to guide employees who may want details on various laws and agencies that deal with the issue. Doth said he preferred removing the reference to "governmental" in the policy, because any improper or illegal act should be reported.

But County Attorney Alan Morel said other laws, including one that rambles for 100 pages, specifically deal with whistleblowers and private employers.

The resolution is for Lincoln County and its employees. "There are 18 federal acts that address whistleblower protection," the attorney said.

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Ski Report

Ski Apache

Ski Apache to close Monday, March 21, for the season. 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.skiapachsnowreport.com

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

Snow past 48 hours: 0 inches
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Snow surface: Spring conditions

Snowmaking: No

Weather for Wednesday: Mainly sunny. High around 60F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph. Friday evening, clear. Low 38F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph.

Weather for Thursday: Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

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MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Hondo Lady Eagles are shown shortly after beating Corona Saturday, 57-43, for the District 3-B title. This was Hondo's second consecutive district championship.

Lady Eagles soar to title

Hondo girls beat Corona 57-43 to take second straight district title

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The Lady Eagles were perched high Saturday, saw victory within their

grasp and swooped in to grab the D3-B title in quick order over the visiting Corona Eagles.

The Hondo girls made a statement in the first eight

minutes of play when they took a 15-4 lead going into the second quarter of action. By half-time the hometown girls led 24-10.

Going into the last period of play the Lady Eagles had stretched their advantage to 21

points as they secured a 43-22 supremacy.

Credit the Corona girls with a never-say-die spirit as they out-scored their Hondo opponents 21-14

in the last quarter, but it wasn't nearly enough as the Lady Eagles took their

second consecutive district championship by 14 points.

Hondo was aggressive from the get-go and even better at thievery as they ball-hawked their way to opportunity and a victory.

No. 21 for Hondo, Felicia Chavez, was excep-

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'Zozo girls win district championship

Lady Grizzlies take D4-B title in Saturday overtime home thriller, 54-51

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For the first eight minutes of basketball action at the Carrizozo-hosted tie-breaker D4-B playoff, things looked urgent for the Lady Grizzlies as they fell behind Reserve, 7-3.

But not to worry as the

hometown team put up 17 points to the visitor's 11 in the second quarter and took a 20-18 lead into the locker rooms at the half.

True to its representative symbol - the Mountaineers still had plenty of ammunition on hand and fired

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JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

'Zozo's Shayna Gallacher sinks a basket at the 4-second mark of regulation play to tie the game and send it into overtime.

Sports On Tap

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Boys

Wednesday, March 9

State playoffs

Hondo (7) vs. San Jon (2), 11:30 a.m. at Bernalillo

Lady Warriors capture Tigers in first round of state

Ruidoso girls decisively beat Taos Friday, 67-55, to advance in state

In the first round of state playoff action Friday the 16-11 Taos Tigers came to RHS with high expectations but the Lady Warriors threw a net over the confident Tigers and sent them home with only a loss to show for their efforts.

At the 2:37 mark of the first quarter the visitors held a 12-10 lead ... but not for long.

By the end of the first eight minutes of play the Ruidoso girls re-acquired the lead, 16-14, and carried that momentum into the locker rooms at the half, 28-21.

The Taos girls were nowhere near finished and fought back outscoring the hometown girls, 19-14, in the third quarter to come back to within two, 42-40,

going into the last period of play.

At that point, the Lady Warriors got the bit between their teeth and rolled up 25 points to the Tigers' 15 and won going away by 12.

Towards the end, when the RHS girls were purposely fouled the Lady Warriors made the shots from the line and put the game away.

"It was a solid team effort," Ruidoso head coach Julie Montoya said. "Players did well coming off the bench and we never missed a beat. They want-

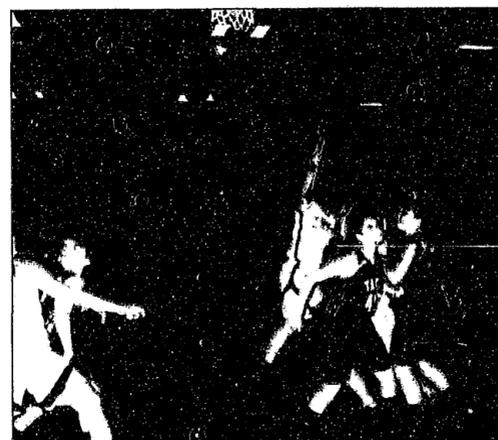
ed it and they went out and got it."

For the Lady Warriors, Brittanie Vega scored in all four quarters and hit 23 for the night.

Madigan Gonzales and Abriana Herrera missed double digits but each scored nine points in the RHS win.

Five of the other nine players who saw floor time also scored.

The Lady Warriors moved on to the second round of state where they lost to Portales Tuesday, 45-23, at The Pit in Albuquerque.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Brittanie Vega goes high for a shot in Friday's win over Taos.

Aggies win, as Castillo delivers big on senior night

JASON GROVES
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES – Career-high rebound total, first-round bye secured, winning final game in Las Cruces.

Gordo Castillo couldn't have asked for more from senior night.

On Saturday, the New Mexico State men's basketball team assured itself of a No. 3 seed in this week's Western Athletic Confer-

ence Tournament in Las Vegas, Nev., with a 77-68 victory over Nevada at the Pan American Center.

Castillo hit a pair of free throws with 37.5 seconds left to cap his final game in Las Cruces and the Pan American Center.

"It was fun," said Castillo, whose four makes from 3-point range passed former teammate Jahmar Young to move to fifth place all time at NMSU with 160 makes.

"It was kind of sad but it's my time to go. It's my last time to play with all the fans and my family. We got the win too."

Castillo was 4-for-6 from 3-point range for 15 points to go with a career-high 10 rebounds for his first career double-double.

"It was a good night in Las Cruces," said Aggies coach Marvin Menzies, whose club finished the regular season 15-16 and 9-7 in

the WAC. "I'm just really happy to have had the opportunity to coach Gordo and especially to a win on his last night on the Pan Am floor. I love him and I miss him but we aren't done yet."

Shortly following the final horn of his final game in his native Las Cruces, Castillo was mobbed by family members near half court.

"That was the big part of our game plan was Gordo coming out here and trying

to play as hard as possible to send him with a win," Aggies junior forward Troy Gillenwater said. "Look at this. This is what it's all about. We just wanted to get this 'W' for Gordo and his family and the city of Las Cruces."

Gillenwater delivered the win, scoring six of his game-high 21 points in the last 11:18 as NMSU erased a seven-point deficit with 10:42 left.

Nevada (12-18, 8-8) drops to the No. 6 seed and will play either Fresno State or San Jose State in the first round at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday.

"The winner plays the Aggies at 3:30 p.m., on Thursday.

"We can work on the things that we aren't doing right," Castillo said.

"We can get some rest and we can go in there with confidence with this win."

HONDO

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tional all afternoon under the Corona basket.

The Lady Cardinals showed talent underneath the Hondo basket on rebounds but put themselves at a disadvantage by not making some of the easy shots they needed to make.

Saturday's win over Corona left the Hondo girls undefeated at 7-0 in district play and upped their overall record to 17-9.

Chavez was the only

Lady Eagle to make double digits with 18 for the day but nine other players scored out of 14 Hondo girls who saw floor time.

For the Lady Cardinals, Allysanne Huey dumped in 14 for the day and Judith Torres hit for 10.

This season's Cardinal team was good, finishing with 9-11, 3-3 records.

The Hondo girls moved on to the state tournament at Bernalillo High School where they defeated Reserve Tuesday, 64-45.

The Hondo boys are scheduled to play San Jon at Bernalillo Wednesday at 11 a.m.



Felicia Chavez goes for two surrounded by Corona defenders.



Corona's Allysanne Huey (No. 13) grabs the ball before Hondo's Stephanie Gomez can get a piece of it.

'ZOZO

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off a series of in-your-face volleys at the Grizzlies in the third period of play, outscoring the hometown girls, 14-8, and grabbed a 32-28 lead going into the last eight minutes of regulation play.

The Carrizozo girls gamely fought back and with four seconds left on the clock found themselves two points back, 45-43.

It was then ninth-grader, Shayna Gallacher, stepped into history, hit a shot and put her team into overtime.

In OT, the Lady Grizzlies put up nine big points to Reserve's six,

with Stephanie Zamora dumping in four, including two free throws, Kristi Gensler made three points from the line and Victoria Ventura dropped in a two-pointer to give the Lady Grizzlies a three-point hard fought victory.

"It was an exciting game to be sure," Carrizozo head coach Billy Page said. "Reserve came

to play but the Carrizozo girls held out for the win. It came down to free throws."

Reserve freshman sensation, Maryah Delgado put in four throws from the line (scoring 28 points for the night) but Kristi Gensler and Zamora out-matched that with five scoring three and two, respectively.

"I'm proud of our girls," Page said. "They stepped up and came from behind on more than one occasion. They didn't panic. They showed poise and composure and it paid off."

In the double digit department Kristi Gensler pumped in 18 for the night, Kelly Gensler scored 12 and Zamora hit for 10.

As of this writing the Lady Grizzlies are 17-6 overall and wound up 4-1 in district.

Last year the Carrizozo girls finished third in district and with this year's D4-B championship in tow the Lady Grizzlies moved into the state playoffs where they lost to Mosquero/Roy Tuesday, 51-41, to end their season.

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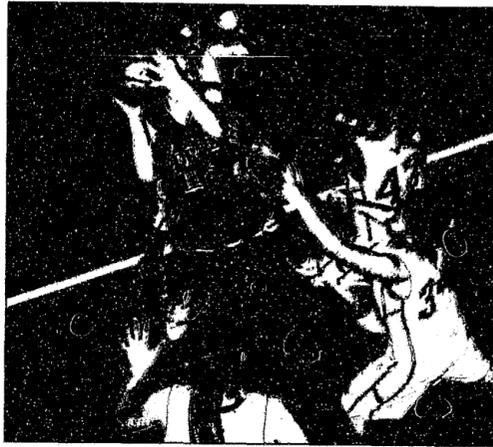
'Zozo's Billy Page (left) and Reserve head coach John Payne shake hands after a hard-fought game.

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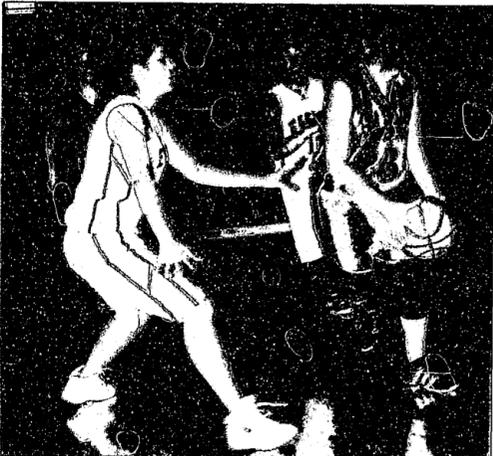
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Ruidoso's Brittanie Vega hits two in RHS's 67-55 win over Taos.



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Taylor Huey, of the Lady Cardinals, is surrounded by four aggressive Hondo players Saturday.



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Corona's Judith Torres is focused on her game.



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Laken Dowell, of Corona, contributes to the cause in Saturday's district championship struggle with Hondo.



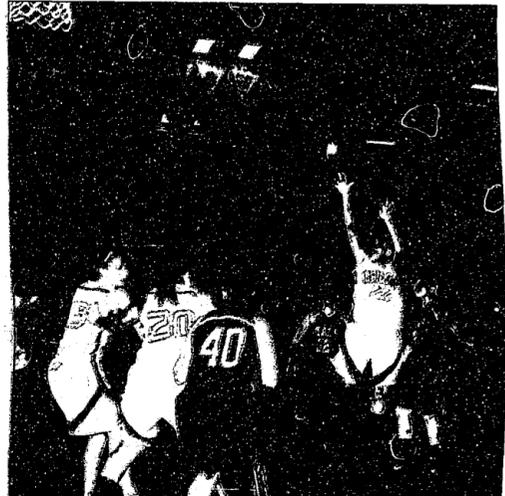
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Zozo's Stephanie Zamora finds a way around a Reserve.



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Kelly Gensler sees daylight and goes for it in Saturday's thriller.



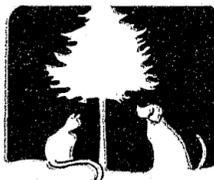
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Ruidoso's Lorely Enriquez goes for a long jumper against Taos.

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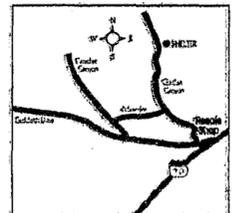


RICHIE

is a wonderful kitten who has basically grown up at the shelter. He was brought in as a stray on November 17 and is still looking for a home. Richie is around 5 months old, very affectionate and well socialized. He has medium length fur, is a grey tabby with four white socks and also has a unique white stripe down his nose. Also, part of Richie's adoption fee has been sponsored.

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BRUNO

is a large (47 pounds) shepherd mix, about 1 year old. He is housebroken, neutered, good with children, and good with other dogs. Bruno is a big puppy that will still need a little obedience work. He does, however, already know how to sit and shake. Bruno would love to find a home where he can receive a lot of love and attention as well as an adequate amount of exercise.

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KEISHA

is a pretty blue and white American Bulldog mix, about 2 years old. She is a big teddy bear; loves to have her belly scratched and would really love to be a lap dog! Keisha does appear to be slightly hard of hearing, but not deaf. She walks well on a leash and is quite playful. Keisha weighs about 67 pounds.

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GRETEL

is a petite, affectionate cat and is 8 months old. She has short hair and pretty grey tabby markings. Gretel does very well with other cats and loves people.

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WINNIE

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ALEXA

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Grand Opening at Rocking Horse Daycare & PreK

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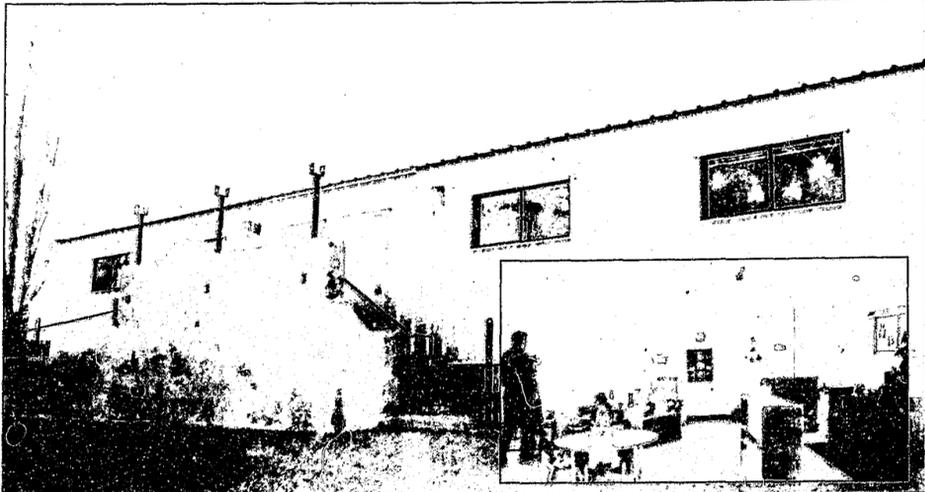
Feb. 28 marked the day of a dream come true for J'Lane and Daniel Zamora when they officially moved into their new Rocking Horse Daycare building.

Rocking Horse Daycare and PreK has been an ongoing project since 1992, growing from a simple daycare to qualification for PreK program. In that growth, the facility began to outgrow itself as it was housed in a small double-wide.

Three years ago the Zamora's were award funding from the state and promised by the governor to build a new building, enabling the business to take in more children.

The need in the community is obvious in that Rocking Horse just moved into the new facility and is currently at capacity.

When the state budget



Rocking Horse Daycare and Pre K in Carrizozo celebrated their move into a new building on Feb. 28. Above left, Isabel Lucero, 5, tips her hat with Cat in the Hat during the Open House held March 2.

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woes began to unravel, the Zamora's hope for their facility. Finally a definite "no" from the state closed that door. Undaunted, the Zamora's sought an SBA loan and received the funding they needed to purchase a pre-fab building.

The new building has a large common room that houses "centers" for learning.

Each center has a purpose such as art, science, reading, writing, home-

making skills, math, music, listening, etc.

J'Lane Zamora said the children love their new environment.

"We still are working on the outside," J'Lane Zamora said.

"We will put in a fence and playground and other things that will give the children a good, safe place to play outside."

Rocking Horse has 27 children on the roster ranging from the daycare to

PreK and the Afterschool Program.

Children who are 4-years old by Sept. 1 are invited to enroll in the PreK program.

Rocking Horse Daycare can be reached at 648-2802.

Tough spelling bee in Carrizozo

With the gym filled with students, teachers and parents the 2011 Carrizozo Schools Spelling Bee got underway Jan. 27.

A total of 34 students from grades 3-8 competed. With each round, students were eliminated until the sixth round when only 6th graders Janae Willingham and Gracie Hooten, along with Gracie's brother Patrick Hooten, a 4th grader, were left.

They provided an exciting conclusion to the bee. They went back and forth as suspense built until Gracie was the winner, and Janae and Patrick were tied for 2nd place. The contest continued the 20th round. So evenly matched, neither Janae nor Patrick emerged as a clear 2nd place winner. The judges decided that a tie would be declared with both Janae and Patrick sharing 2nd



COURTESY

Winners of the Carrizozo Spelling bee are, far right, Gracie Hooten and tied for second is Patrick Hooten and Janae Willingham.

place. First place and both second place winners received a plaque. Gracie will go on to compete in the Regional Scripps Spelling Bee in El Paso, Texas on

March 9, 2011. Congratulations to all the student participants of this year's contest. The school looks forward to another exciting spelling bee next year.

Project Warm Winter offered to 'Zozo

The Town of Carrizozo and Carrizozo Works, Inc., have been awarded a contract to provide energy-saving and weatherization services to 60 Carrizozo homes and businesses.

The purpose of the contract is to decrease utility bills for and energy consumption by Carrizozo residents.

Carrizozo Works, Inc., Carrizozo's economic development organization, will be providing the necessary work to meet the requirements of this contract.

The scope of work will include providing to residents free labor and materials to stop cold air infiltration.

The measures allowed within the contract are considered "light" weatherization such as insulating blankets for water heaters, plastic shrink-wrap treatment for windows, caulking

areas of air leakage, replacing light-bulbs and shower-heads and other services as determined upon home or business assessments.

Offering energy-saving tips and guidelines for further dollar savings is an important component of the contract.

Funding for this Project is provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Federal Award No. DE-EE0000681, CFDA No. 81.128.

It is administered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department.

This Energy and Community Outreach Project is specifically funded by an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The purpose is to produce a Community Out-

reach and Energy Efficiency Program for rural communities and small towns in the State of New Mexico.

Carrizozo Works, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) community and economic development organization, County of Lincoln, New Mexico, located within the SENMCOG planning district, and is under contract with the Town of Carrizozo.

Project Warm Winter Partners are the US DOE, NM EMNRD, SCMRD; the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD); the Town of Carrizozo, the Lincoln County Renewable Energy Initiative, and Carrizozo Works, Inc.

Residents interested in participating in Project Warm Winter may schedule assessment appointments by calling Carrizozo Works, Inc. at 648-8500.

Catching up on news

Whoeeee, did the wind and dust every blow today. It is supposed to blow tomorrow (Tuesday).

We drove on a street that the dust was so bad we couldn't see. Thank goodness it was only a block. I imagine there will some wind damage in the state.

Wayne reported snow in Albuquerque.

The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum had a Rag Rug show over the weekend.

There were 25 vendors from across the state. There were all different exhibits of rugs, recyclable wearables, decorated gourds, jewelry, spinners and weavers and other exhibitors.

There were so many beautiful shawls, wearable, rugs and other items. There were a lot of people attending the show.

Mandy Arrowsmith called us to let us know she and her family were alright. She is visiting her aunt and uncle and cousins in New Zealand.

They felt the shock of the earthquake but there wasn't any damage.

Ralph is recovering from his pacemaker surgery. He had the stitches removed today and will return in two weeks to check and see how the pacemaker is working. He still is not feeling up to par.

John Chapel is doing fine after a bout with pneumonia. But he had broken his hand after he got home.

Now that it has settled down (I hope) maybe I will be able go get more news. My energy doesn't last as long as it use too.

The Lincoln County Spinners will meet at the Hubbard Museum, Saturday.



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Renaissance Festival

The Carrizozo Renaissance Festival on 12th Street in Carrizozo is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.

This event is presented by The Shire of Ghillie Dhu and Gallery 408.

Come as you are or in your fancy or fantasy wear. This is a family event featuring performances, artisans, crafts and good food. A fun time for all ages.

Free booth and vendor space for those in costume. For more information call Jaime Gieb at 575-937-

6957, or email sghilliedhu@yahoo.com.

County cleanups

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) have scheduled annual spring cleanups for county residents.

The Authority will provide a crew, roll off containers and equipment between 8 a.m. and noon at the listed county locations.

Bulk items such as old kitchen appliances, hot water heaters, construction waste and old furniture are among the items that will

be accepted. Yard waste will not be accepted at these pickups.

County locations and scheduled dates include:

- White Oaks, March 12;
- Hwy 380 Rest Area SW Hills, March 19;
- Historic Lincoln, March 26;
- Nogal Fire Station, April 2;
- Loma Grande & Magado Creek, April 9;
- Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, April 16;
- Hwy 48 County Residents around Capitan, May 7;
- Biscuit Hill Area, May 14.



You can send a cowboy to school, but you can't make him quit figuring stuff out the old-fashioned way. Loren Patterson has the Masters degree to prove he's been to college, but remembering the reining pattern before Saturday's FFA Horse Contest required some "homework" in the dirt. See Friday's Ruidoso News for results and photos from the Carrizozo FFA Judging held Saturday. The event brought 47 schools and 900 students to town.

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Hoops 4 Hope raises funds for UNM Cancer Center

SANTA FE — The House "Aggies" and the Senate "Lobos" faced off in the Santa Fe High School gym on Thursday, March 3, in an eagerly anticipated annual match-up whose proceeds benefit the UNM Cancer Center.

This year, the House edged out the Senate for a final score of 33 to 26. But New Mexicans affected by cancer were the true winners.

The "Hoops 4 Hope" game raised a record-breaking \$20,000 for the UNM Cancer Center, doubling last year's amount of \$10,200.

More than 400 people, including Albuquerque mayor Richard Berry, cheered on the legislators and helped support the cause of cancer care and research in New Mexico.

"It was a fantastic evening," said Dr. Cheryl Willman, Director and CEO of the UNM Cancer Center. "We are so grateful to our legislators, the game's sponsors and everyone who turned out for the game."

The proceeds will help us continue to deliver the world-class cancer care that all New Mexicans deserve and to conduct cutting-edge scientific research into cancer causes and cures right here in New Mexico."

Cancer in New Mexico

Cancer is a leading cause of death in New Mexico, second only to



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Ruidoso House of Representative member Zachary Cook participated in the 2011 "Hoops 4 Hope" Legislative Basketball Game on March 3 to raise money for the fight against cancer in New Mexico. The event raised \$20,000 to benefit the UNM Cancer Center, which was double the amount raised at last year's event.

heart disease. The illness accounts for one in five deaths in New Mexico every year.

Approximately 9,100 New Mexicans will be diagnosed with cancer this year; another 3,400 will die from the disease.

Breast, lung and colorectal cancer are the most commonly diagnosed cancers among New Mexican women; prostate, lung and colorectal cancer are the most common cancers affecting men in the state. Rates of cancer diagnosis and death vary widely

among New Mexico's multi-cultural and multiethnic populations.

In fact, the state exhibits some of the worst cancer health disparities in the nation.

Understanding and reducing these disparities is a top priority for the UNM Cancer Center.

UNM Cancer Center

The UNM Cancer Center is the Official Cancer Center of New Mexico and the only National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center in

the state.

One of just 66 NCI-designated cancer centers nationwide, the UNM Cancer Center is recognized for its scientific excellence, contributions to cancer research and delivery of medical advances to patients and their families.

It is home to 85 board-certified oncology physicians representing every cancer specialty and 127

research scientists hailing from such prestigious institutions as M.D. Anderson, Johns Hopkins and the Mayo Clinic.

The UNM Cancer Center treats more than 65 percent of the adults and virtually all of the children in New Mexico affected by cancer, from every county in the state.

In 2010, it provided care to more than 15,800 cancer

patients.

The Center's research programs are supported by over \$59 million annually in federal and private funding.

UNM Cancer Center contact information: Dorothy Hornbeck, JKPR, 505-797-6673, dhornbeck@jameskorenchen.com; Rae Ann Paden, UNM Cancer Center, 505-925-0480, R-Paden@salud.unm.edu.

Corporal punishment gets the House boot

MILAN SIMONICH
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SANTA FE — Members of the House of Representatives approved a bill Monday that would outlaw paddling in public schools.

The vote was 36-31 and fell largely along party lines.

Most Democrats opposed spanking in schools, and most Republicans said it should be an option if local school boards see fit.

The sponsor, Rep. Rick Miera, D-Albuquerque, said 33 of New Mexico's 89 school districts still allow corporal punishment.

This is the only circumstance where the government sanctions infliction of pain as punishment, Miera said.

Striking someone is not allowed in the military, in

prisons or in mental hospitals, he said.

Miera described corporal punishment as "assault."

Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Texico, countered that assault is a crime done with malice. Corporal punishment is a not a crime, but a means of student discipline, said Roch, an assistant school superintendent.

Roch also argued that the Legislature should not set policy for school boards, whose members see their constituents regularly and now a community's standards well.

But another Republican, Rep. Dianne Hamilton, broke ranks with her party. She said she saw no good from hitting children.

Rep. Mary Helen Garcia, D-Las Cruces, a retired teacher and princi-

pal, said corporal punishment was unnecessary. The key to an orderly school is not the threat of striking a student, Garcia said.

Teachers and administrators who gain the respect of students have no need to paddle anybody, Garcia said.

A similar proposal to outlaw corporal punishment failed in the Senate on an 18-18 vote. The House bill now moves to the Senate for a new round of consideration.

Miera's proposal is HB 172.

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Injured dog appears at the Capitol

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SANTA FE — A bulldog named Trinity, whose right hind leg was amputated because of mistreatment by her former owner, appeared Tuesday with various legislators.

The dog was brought to the Capitol as a symbol for tougher laws against animal abuse.

Trinity belonged to a Silver City man, Philip Narvaez, who pleaded guilty in 2009 to cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor.

Ray Davis, who adopted Trinity, appeared this morning on the floor of the

House of Representatives. With him was Cpl. Michael Burns of the Grant County Sheriff's Department, who helped investigate the animal cruelty case.

Rep. Rudy Martinez, D-Bayard, said on the House floor that Narvaez had abused his family, as well as the bulldog.

Burns said he also found evidence that somebody shot Trinity in the head with an air rifle.

That element of the crime could not be proven, he said.

Other legislators will appear this afternoon with Trinity. They have sponsored bills that would make

"reckless mistreatment," abandonment or failure to nourish an animal a fourth-degree felony.

One bill, by Sen. Richard Martinez, D-Espanola, was blocked in the Senate Judiciary Committee on a 6-5 vote.

The other bill is by Democratic Rep. Al Park of Albuquerque. It is awaiting a hearing in the House Business and Industry Committee.

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Corrections secretary was born in Juarez, raised in the Las Cruces area

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SANTA FE — The governor's newest cabinet member is a native of Juarez, a naturalized U.S. citizen and the first woman to run New Mexico's prison system.

"This is an American success story," Sen. Tim Jennings, D-Roswell, said Monday.

Then he and the rest of the Senate confirmed Lupe Martinez as secretary of corrections. The vote was 38-0, and it concluded with every senator rising to applaud her.

Martinez, 49, said she was overwhelmed.

She began working in prisons as an intern 25 years ago while double-majoring in social work and criminal justice at New Mexico State University.

"I fell in love with my job," Martinez said in an interview.

After receiving her bachelor's degrees, she landed a full-time work with the prison system as a classifi-

cation officer.

Jennings put it another way. He said Martinez started at the bottom and rose to the top.

Gov. Susana Martinez nominated Lupe Martinez for the \$106,000-a-year job of running the prison system.

The two are not related. The new governor did not even meet Lupe Martinez until she began conducting interviews late last year to fill her cabinet.

Lupe Martinez previously was warden of prisons in Grants and Roswell. She spent the first two decades of her career climbing the ranks at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Center in Las Cruces, eventually becoming a deputy warden.

Born Concepcion Guadalupe Martinez, she moved with her family from Juarez to the Mesilla Valley before starting school. She became a U.S. citizen in her early 20s, while in college.

Lupe Martinez said she never allowed herself to think she would get the job

of running the Department of Corrections, and was surprised that the new governor picked her.

Between state and private prisons, New Mexico's corrections system has about 6,500 inmates. State senators urged Lupe Martinez to create an environment that tries to rehabilitate all of them.

Sen. Michael Sanchez, D-Belen, encouraged her to try to maintain alcohol- and drug-treatment programs in these lean times, saying inmates who are clean when they finish their sentences are more likely to become productive, taxpaying citizens.

Lupe Martinez said she has never tired of working in prisons, and relishes her next challenge.

"Every day is different. You always have to be thinking," she said.

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Staci Preston Bassinger

Memorial service for Staci Preston Bassinger, 40, of Carrizozo, New Mexico will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the First United Methodist Church in Nocona, Texas. Staci fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed away Saturday, March 5, 2011 in Abilene, Texas. Staci was born April 30, 1970 at Bowie, Texas. Staci graduated from Gold-Burg High School and attended Southern State University. She moved to Lincoln County two years ago from Lubbock, Texas.

Survived by her parents, Ron and Judy Preston of Alto, NM; a brother, Elizabeth of Logan, UT; grandparents, Joy Jackson of Anson, TX; preceded in death by grandparents, ...

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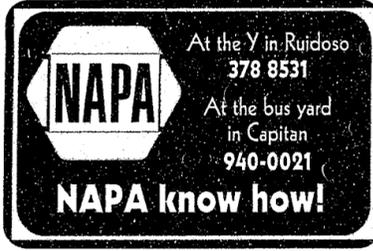
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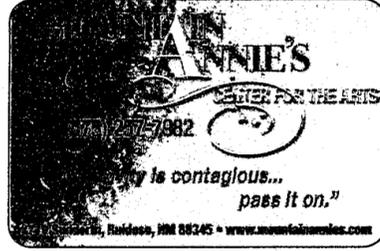
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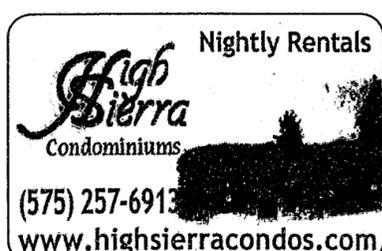
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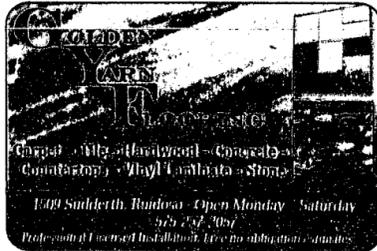
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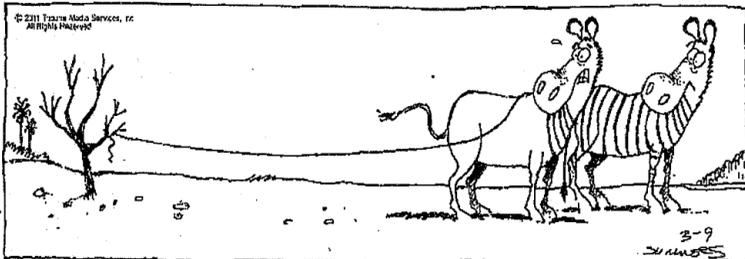
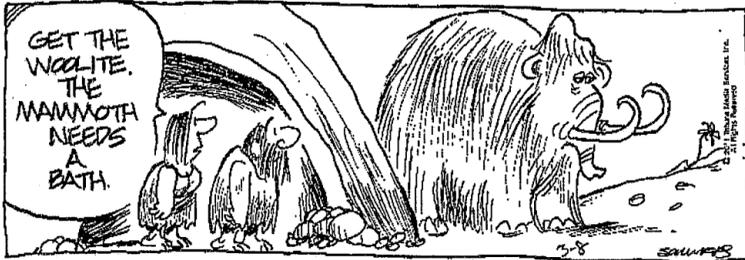


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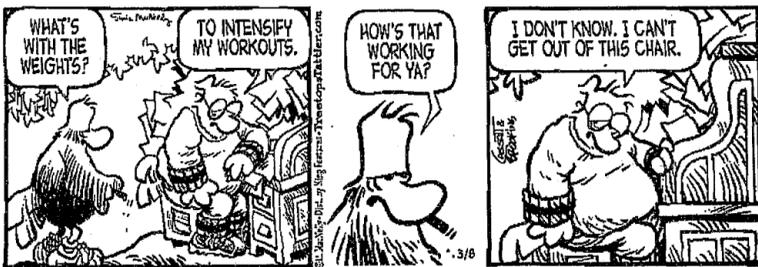


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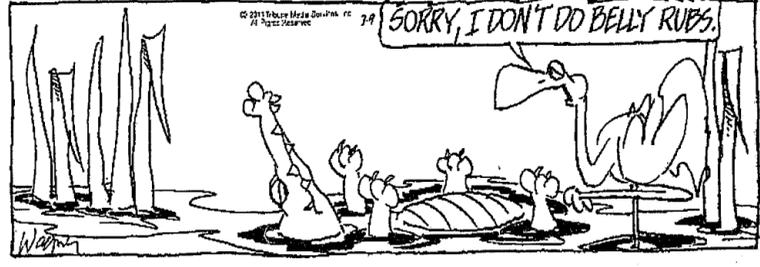
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ANIMAL CRACKERS



SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: **1** 2 3 4

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SOLUTION TO TODAY'S PUZZLE 3/9/11

5	3	7	1	2	6	9	4	8
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7	9	6	3	1	8	4	5	2
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 220

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argilron and Jeff Knurek

C'mon, George, we're late!
Hold on, I want to feel the water

12/30

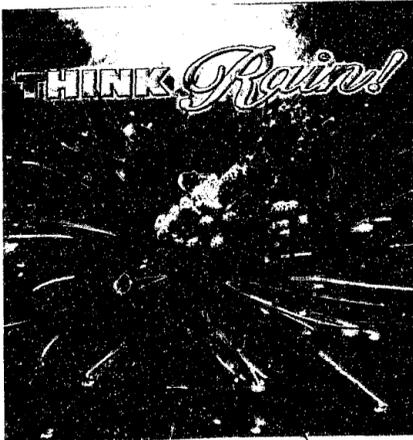
WHAT HE SAID ON THEIR QUICK VISIT TO THE SEASHORE

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

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3bd, 1.5ba, very nice, handicap access.

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Aspen Lodge Apt. Utilities paid. Furnished 1 and 2 bed-room apartments. No pets allowed. Mid town efficiency apt. available. Call Greg at 575-937-0487.

Cozy & clean Effie. Cabin (Midtown, Util. pd. \$395/mo. No dogs. 575-258-5877

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307 Marble 3/2/2 with view of sb/lanca. Fenced yard, very private w/view only. 925/mo 800 deposit. Scott roser owner/agent 808-1297

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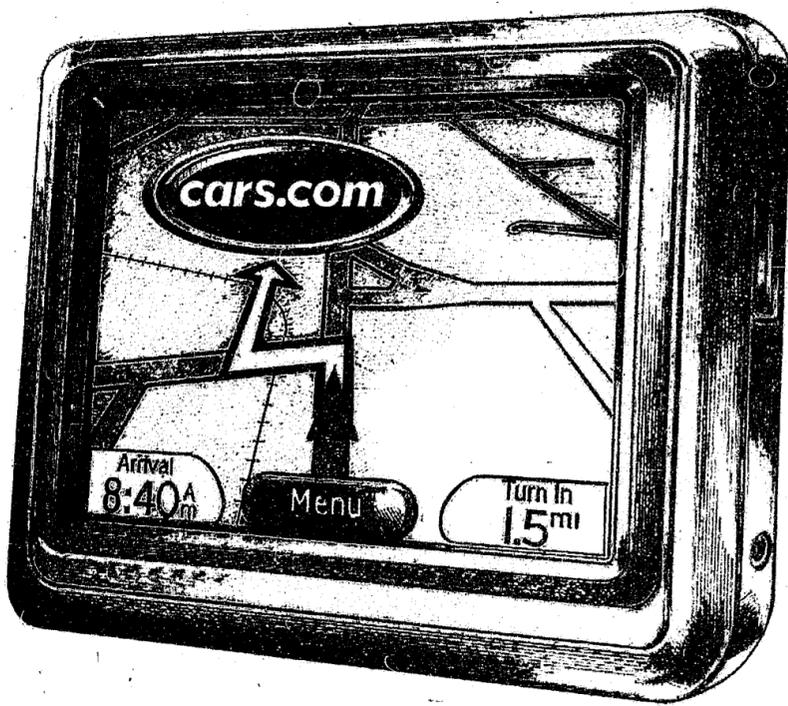
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