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Tax hike considered

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Ruidoso Downs council to discuss GRT rate Monday

Increase projected for new wastewater treatment plant

The gross receipts tax rate in Ruidoso Downs may increase at midyear to help pay for projected higher operating costs of the new Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs regional wastewater treatment plant now going into operation.

The city council is scheduled to consider adopting a municipal environmental services GRT of one-half of one percent (5 cents for every \$10 spent on taxable goods or services) at their March 14 meeting. A decision could follow a public hearing where arguments for and against the additional tax are expected to be presented.

If the environmental services tax is imposed, the overall GRT rate in the city would increase from the present 7.125 percent to 7.625 percent. In neighboring

Ruidoso, which has one of the highest GRT levels in New Mexico, the total tax rate is 8.625 percent.

"We've held off as long as we could," Terri Mosley, Ruidoso Downs' finance director, said Thursday.

State legislation signed by then-Gov. Bill Richardson in 2009 allowed qualifying municipalities to impose a municipal local option GRT of up to one-half of one percent for environmental needs. The measure was crafted to apply only to Ruidoso and

Ruidoso Downs, as the two municipalities were faced with a state and federally mandated new sewage treatment plant that had a \$36 million price tag. The Village of Ruidoso imposed the additional tax on Jan. 1, 2010.

Ruidoso Downs Public Works Department Director Cleatus Richards said the additional tax revenues are needed in large part to pay for sharply higher operating costs at the new sewage plant, which is in the process of going online.

"Molzen-Corbin (the firm that engineered the new plant), when they did their initial study, did some projections on operating costs," Richards said. "And they flagged two areas, chemicals and utilities, as being major increase areas. And I've talked with them further on that, and also with Bobby (Snowden), the plant operator, and they are going to go up quite a bit."

Richards said a firmer handle on the operating costs of the wastewater treatment facility will be known a year after the new plant has been running.

"It's going to be significant," Mosley said of the expected higher costs.

An increase of \$90,000 to \$100,000 annually for the Ruidoso Downs share of the plant's operating expenses was estimated by Richards.

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BACK IN THE SADDLE



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

BRYCE STONE, 2, is the happiest when he's on a horse. Saturday he sat atop his daddy's horse at the Carrizozo FFA Judging Horse Contest and that kept him happily occupied. Bryce is the son of Troy and Kimberly Stone and the grandson of Preston and Willa Stone. The Stone Ranch is on the north side of the Capitan Mountains. For more, see today's Lincoln County Page, 7B.

Former 'Zozo chief arrested in federal raid

KEVIN BUEY
Deming Headlight

COLUMBUS, N.M. — As many as 11 people were arrested under a sealed federal indictment in an early-morning raid in Columbus, on the New Mexico-Mexico border Thursday.

It was not immediately known where the prisoners were being held.

Federal officials reportedly remained in the village at midday Thursday.

One Columbus resident, asking to remain anonymous, said several houses had been surrounded by federal agents.

"In the early morning hours, Chief Angelo Vega was arrested," Luna County Sheriff's Capt. Arturo Baeza said Thursday. "Mayor Eddie Espinoza, Trustee Blas Gutierrez and his wife were arrested, for federal firearms trafficking and drug trafficking."

Espinoza, mayor of Columbus since 2006, is related to Gutierrez by marriage.

Vega was police chief in Carrizozo before resigning in March 2005.

Vega is the seventh police chief under Espinoza, who is now in his second term. Vega was put on administrative leave last November, with a since-fired village treasurer, for what Espinoza called "bud-



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getary concerns."

Vega was reinstated by the Board of Trustees in January.

Luna County Sheriff Raymond Cobos, who said he was briefed at about 7 a.m., Thursday, and some of his staff were meeting that morning with other village officials, including Mayor Pro Tem Roberto Gutierrez, who is Blas

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After more than 25 years of service to the Village of Ruidoso, wastewater department employee Rudy Lugo, right, is recognized by Mayor Ray Alborn Tuesday. The wastewater collection official retired this year.

Dogs for adoption

The Humane Society of Lincoln County is holding an off-site adoption on Saturday, March 12, on the east side of the Lawrence Brothers parking lot from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The shelter is bringing nine wonderful dogs. The dogs are:

- Levi – Terrier
- Dwayne – Australian Shepherd/Corgi
- Nigel – Miniature Pinscher
- Cokie – Australian Shepherd
- Kirby – Australian

Cattle Dog

- Jazzy – Pointer
- Roman – Labrador Retriever
- Bruno – Shepherd
- Casey – Australian Cattle Dog

For more information, go to adoptnmpet.com.

Lodgers opening

The Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee currently has an opening for a committee member. Serving on this important committee provides you with the opportunity to direct the Village's tourism efforts,

determine lodgers tax awards for special events and manage the Village Lodgers Tax budget of over \$1 million. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00pm at Village Hall. Interested parties are asked to send a letter of interest by March 31, 2011 to:

Cindi Clayton-Davis
Chair, Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee
1103 Mechem
Ruidoso, NM 88345
575-258-5200
cindi@ruidosoreservations.com

Illegal dumping

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) heard at its April 27 meeting that three more illegal dumping cases from the Cedar Creek area near Ruidoso are under investigation by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

Other cases are pending from several Lincoln County locations as evidence is being collected and reviewed by the GSWA Security Coordinator and the Sheriff's office.

Operational Supervisor Debra Ingle also stated in a

related report that the NM Department of Transportation had delayed removal of all solid waste dumpsters in the Tinnie and Arabela area for 90 days pending construction of a new GSWA solid waste site at the Espuela arena.

But, almost as the NMDOT delay was issued, GSWA equipment and crew were dispatched to the Arabela area late last week to pick up vast amounts of overnight illegally dumped material.

The additional cost of removal is assumed by other GSWA customers.

In other business, the Greentree Board at its April 27th meeting

• Waived Accounts Receivable or late fees on \$529.99 in County residential accounts after review by the County Assessor's office

• Reviewed plans for traffic flow changes into and out of the Alto Water and Sanitation District solid waste collection center

• Heard the results of recent OSHA and Workers Comp inspections at both

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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso - AccuWeather.com

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 75°	RealFeel 66°	RealFeel 65°	RealFeel 66°	RealFeel 63°	RealFeel 66°	RealFeel 68°
Humidity 12%	Humidity 19%	Humidity 18%	Humidity 26%	Humidity 16%	Humidity 28%	Humidity 23%
73° 45°	59° 42°	65° 44°	66° 47°	66° 46°	65° 44°	63° 40°
Sunshine, mild; breezy in the p.m.	Cooler with plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny	Sunny	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Bright and sunny	Plenty of sun
Wind: W 8-16 mph	Wind: W 7-14 mph	Wind: W 8-16 mph	Wind: SSE 8-16 mph	Wind: SW 12-25 mph	Wind: ESE 8-16 mph	Wind: WSW 8-16 mph

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Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso

Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
 High/low 55°/32°
 Normal high 56°
 Normal low 24°
 Record high 71° (1972)
 Record low 6° (1964)

Precipitation:
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 0.36"
 Year to date 0.76"
 Normal year to date 2.84"

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

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

Alamogordo

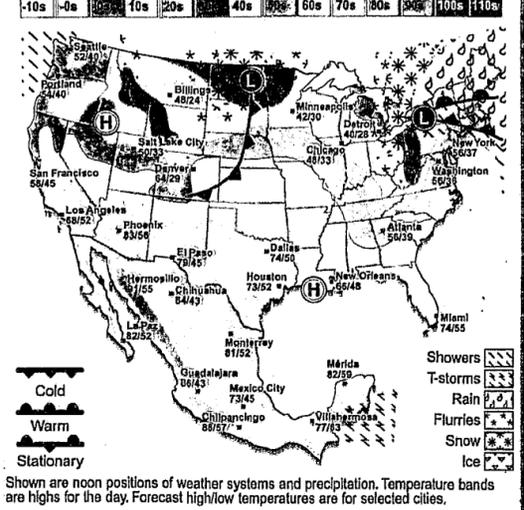
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
 High/low 68°/35°
 Normal high 66°
 Normal low 38°
 Record high 85° (1960)
 Record low 21° (1964)

Precipitation:
 Wednesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.00"
 Normal month to date 0.18"
 Year to date 0.46"
 Normal year to date 1.48"

Weather Trivia™:
 Q: A rotating thunderstorm may be the sign for what?

National Forecast for March 11, 2011



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

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Ableene	76/45/pc	71/46/s
Anchorage	27/9/s	27/11/s
Alta Vista	58/39/s	70/48/s
Austin	76/44/s	74/54/s
Baltimore	54/33/pc	58/39/pc
Boston	54/37/r	52/38/c
Chicago	48/33/s	45/29/sn
Dallas	74/50/pc	72/52/s
Denver	64/29/pc	61/31/pc
Des Moines	56/31/pc	43/26/pc
Detroit	40/28/sf	43/29/sn
El Paso	79/45/s	78/45/s
Las Vegas	75/55/s	74/53/s
Los Angeles	68/52/pc	68/50/s
Minneapolis	42/30/pc	37/23/sn
New Orleans	66/48/s	71/56/s
New York City	58/37/r	53/39/pc
Philadelphia	58/35/c	58/40/pc
Phoenix	83/58/s	82/56/s
Reno	60/30/pc	58/32/c
San Francisco	58/45/s	59/48/pc
San Diego	66/54/pc	63/53/pc
Seattle	52/40/c	50/38/c
Tucson	82/49/s	83/49/s
Tulsa, OK	73/41/pc	65/39/s
Wash., DC	56/36/pc	61/43/s
Wichita	70/32/pc	61/32/s
Yuma	88/57/s	86/56/s

Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	68/37/s	68/39/s
Artesia	86/47/s	78/43/s
Chama	55/25/s	55/24/s
Clayton	72/27/s	61/33/s
Cloudcroft	61/32/s	59/21/s
Farmington	63/31/s	65/33/s
Hobbs	83/38/pc	75/39/s
Los Alamos	60/32/s	58/26/s
Portales	77/31/pc	66/38/s
Raton	70/22/s	60/26/s
Red River	51/25/s	51/21/s
Ruidoso	73/45/s	59/42/s
Santa Fe	67/29/s	65/31/s
Silver City	72/36/s	71/38/s
Taos	60/23/s	61/25/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	88/88/s	90/70/s
Cancún	79/59/pc	81/61/s
Chihuahua	84/43/s	81/43/s
Cloud Juárez	79/45/s	79/45/s
León	82/45/s	84/45/s
México, DF	73/45/s	75/46/pc
Monterrey	81/52/s	86/57/s
Morelia	80/48/s	82/48/s
Oaxaca	81/46/s	81/48/s
Pto. Panasco	81/54/s	79/52/pc
Tijuana	68/50/pc	64/48/pc

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:19 a.m./6:08 p.m.

Friday: Moonrise/Moonset
9:58 a.m./none

Moon Phases

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Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 91° in McAllen, TX
Low: -18° in Clayton Lake, ME

Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 108° in Matam, Senegal
Low: -56° in Summit Station, Greenland

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THE SIERRA BLANCA Steppers were stepping lively in competition in Dallas, earning the local ensemble rave reviews and an invitation to another competition in June. See story below.

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Transfer Stations. There were several violations regarding safety clothing and subcontractor - electrical equipment noted by inspectors. Violations were corrected the same day.

• Heard a report that the GWSA Security Coordinator is now providing periodic grounds cleanup at major solid waste disposal sites across the County

• Approved a New Mexico Environment Department grant resolution/application for the Town of Carrizozo

• Appointed Roger Allen to the Lincoln County Recycling Committee, replacing Brad Treptow, who resigned in February.

• Approved a Letter of Agreement with Operational Consultants Inc. in the amount of up to \$2,000 for additional work on the Capitan Landfill Closure Plan

The Operational Supervisor again reminded the Board that the new Greentree Facility east of Ruidoso Downs is not open for the general public for business.

Bill payment, recycling and solid waste material drop offs are still being conducted at the old GSWA location at 222 2nd St. until Greentree construction is completed and approved by

the state.

The next GSWA Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 25, at p.m.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com.

General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.greentreeswa.org.

Tire amnesty

Recent below-zero temperatures didn't slow down Lincoln County residents and small businesses from tire recycling at the Feb. 18-19 tire amnesty recycling event at Ruidoso's Schoolhouse Park, dropping off 793 tires.

Old and discarded tires were dropped off by 55 participating residents or small businesses from Nogal, Alto, Lincoln, the Hon-do Valley, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Capitan. The 793 tire figure was down from the 1,300 tires collected at a similar event in September 2010.

The event was staffed by volunteers from the Greentree Solid Waste Authority and Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, and the Village of Ruidoso Solid Waste Department staff. The donated tires will be recycled into retaining walls at the new

Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center, now open east of Ruidoso Downs.

"The twice-a-year event helps reduce illegal dumping of tires across the county, stated GSWA Supervisor Debra Ingle. "We had more ranch and farm owners this time with large numbers of old discarded tires."

A rat's nest was found in one tire, as well black water i.e. mosquito habitat which contribute to blood-borne diseases in others. Moreover, the amnesty event helps small businesses and residents by keeping costs down during a slow economy."

Between events, discarded tires may be dropped off for a modest fee at the new Greentree Transfer Station and Recycling Center at 26590 Highway 70.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at gswa@greentreeswa.org. General solid waste disposal and recycling information is available at www.greentreeswa.org.

Steppers compete

Last Friday, The Sierra Blanca Steppers competed in Dallas, Texas for the Second Annual Step Show

for W. W. Samuell High School.

There were seven teams in which the SBS came in second in the co-ed division and fourth place overall.

Even though the Steppers have existed since October 2009, this was SBS's first competition. In this competition, the team was also voted the "Crowd's Favorite."

The winning team from Garland High School was so pleased with SBS's performance that they gave them a personal invitation to watch Garland compete the next day, Saturday, March 5, in an invitation-only step show. The Sierra Blanca Steppers were acknowledged as Garland's special guest and VIP.

To the Steppers' surprise, they were asked to perform for intermission. The crowd was so amazed. If they didn't know the difference from New Mexico and Mexico, they knew by the time SBS left the building.

Dallas was so pleased with SBS and wanted to see more. Since the show, the Steppers have received three invitation-only Step Show competition events. They have accepted the IMANI Multicultural Club Step Show on June 18. The rewards for first-, second-, and third-place is \$10,000. Competing in the Dallas

show were Rinku Bhakta, Omar Garcia, Jazzalann Taylor, DeAundre "Dejae" Mason, Madison Miller, Spencer Sedillo, Bunshry Bhakta, Jason Navarez, Brittany Woods, and Robyn Davis.

Their head coordinator is Linda Mason. Assistant coaches are Cassandra Taylor - parent and legal liaison; Marie Gomez - school liaison; and April Mirelez - team manager.

But most important is the team mascot and head manager, 8-year old Collin Mason, who keeps the coaches in check.

The Sierra Blanca Steppers raised \$1,700 to make the Texas trip from the following sponsors: Gary Lynch of Prudential Lynch Realty; Temper Pedic, Patty White, principle of SVP; willtravelphoto.com; Klassy Kids, Pena's Place, Visions, Gilbert Alvarado, coach at RHS; Pauline Staski, principle of RHS; Corner Stone Bakery;

Xtatiq-K2 Crew; Dr. Deborah Hewitt; Vivian Greigo - Inn of the mountain Gods; Hector Cavavos.

These sponsors donated \$100 and more for travel and stay. We had so many more that sponsored us as well. Every dollar counted. And we appreciate them so much.

Sierra Blanca Steppers also want to thank Evergreen Cleaners for making sure we stepped in nicely pressed style; and Ruidoso Municipal Schools for providing space to practice sometimes six days a week. The steppers practiced for two months, sometimes six days a week and up to four hours each session.

The group especially thanks parents of the Steppers for being so supportive and patient.

If there are any questions, the SBS can be reached out of their home location, The Community Youth Center Warehouse, 200 Church Dr.

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OUR OPINION

New governor will have to be patient

Even as she was laying out her proposed agenda Jan. 18 in the State of the State address to open her first legislative session, Gov. Susana Martinez had to have known she was facing an uphill battle to get even part of that agenda passed.

In many cases, Martinez was asking for a reversal of legislation that was passed by these very same senators and representatives during the last few sessions. The governor seemed to have figured out early on that she was going to have to pick her battles.

Martinez may want to bring back the death penalty and overturn the medical marijuana law, but she wasn't going to waste any rhetorical bullets on those issues.

We won't know the final tally until the close of the session at noon Saturday. And, with the state budget and numerous other high-profile bills still pending, there's a lot of work to be done in the next six days. But, the governor has already established herself as a force for change.

Her greatest victory came in the House, where the gap between Republicans and Democrats narrowed significantly in the 2010 election. Passage of a bill to prohibit those in the country illegally from obtaining a driver's license came as a shock to Democratic leaders, who had assumed they had disposed of the bill in committee.

That victory was dimin-

ished in the Senate, but even the amended version requiring fingerprints of undocumented immigrants seeking licenses goes much further than Democrats had originally intended.

On bills to expand DNA collection for felony arrests, stop social promotions of third-graders who are unable to read at grade level and simplify ratings for schools, Martinez has fared much better.

And, on the most important bill of all – the state budget – the governor and Legislature don't appear to be far apart. A compromise on the incentives given to movie companies filming in New Mexico seems to have bridged what was the most significant disagreement.

But, there will inevitably be more disappointments for the governor and her supporters than victories. The voter ID bill, for example, has little hope of making it through this year.

A new governor has very little time to prepare for their first legislative session, which starts less than a month after inauguration day. Drafting a budget is always the first priority. There's not much opportunity to line up support on other issues.

But the governor does have the power to set the agenda each time the Legislature meets. It often takes more than one try to get a bill through, but persistence usually pays off.

Las Cruces Sun-News

Bingaman leaves a void

Before Pete Domenici announced his retirement in 2007, New Mexico had one of the most senior delegations in the U.S. Senate. Now, with the recent announcement by Jeff Bingaman that he will not seek re-election in 2012, we will soon have one of the most junior delegations.

From 2012 until Tom Udall's seat comes up for re-election in 2014, both of our state's senators will be in their first terms. And while we lament that loss of seniority, we certainly can't begrudge either man a well-deserved retirement. Instead, we offer our gratitude for decades of effective representation.

"At the end of this Congress, I will have been in public service for 34 years – four as New Mexico's Attorney General, and 30 in the United States Senate," Bingaman said in announcing his retirement. "The end of this Congress is the right time for me to step aside and allow someone else to serve."

Bingaman is not the flashiest member of Congress, or the first to rush to the microphones after every meeting, but he is among the most accomplished and influential. As chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a member of the all-important Finance Com-

mittee, Bingaman has played a leading role in shaping legislation on some of the most critical issues facing our nation.

He is also senior member of the Joint Economic Committee and a member of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. And, Bingaman has used his seniority and plum committee assignments to benefit the state, especially the national labs and White Sands Missile Range. He noted in an address to the state Legislature this year that New Mexico gets \$3.34 back from Washington for every \$1 we pay in federal taxes. We trail only Mississippi and West Virginia in federal return.

Perhaps Bingaman's greatest legacy will be his efforts to lead the nation's transition from carbon-based fuels to renewable energy sources, and his efforts to protect our country's wild lands and natural areas.

That legacy still has a chapter or two left to be written. Earlier this month, Bingaman was invited to a White House meeting with President Barack Obama to discuss energy legislation for the current session. He will remain one of the Senate's leaders for the next two years, and there is still much to be done before his well-earned retirement.

Las Cruces Sun-News

Spring Break, starts now...



Doug McLeod '11
Ruidoso News

Unions: Fighting the good fight

Why are so many high-profile politicians so ill-tempered these days?

Is it in the job description? Politico, be unpleasant? Whatever the case, you encounter this snapping and sniping wherever you turn.

In New Mexico, Gov. Susana Martinez routinely bristles at the slightest hint of criticism.

The folks up in Wisconsin got themselves one of the most belligerent of the lot when they elected Scott Walker governor.

Walker's proposed state budget cuts are draconian, but it is his drive to strip state employees' unions of their bargaining powers that has provoked the massive and marathon protests that threatened to bring the roof down at the state capitol in Madison.

Walker claims his attack on unions' bargaining right has something to do with balancing his state's budget, but he got crosswise with that contention when he spoke candidly about doing the unions in during a telephone conversation with a

fellow he thought to be a billionaire campaign contributor.

Only it wasn't a contributor. It was a blogger who posted the would-be union-busting governor's remarks online, creating a hullabaloo still raging.



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UPON REFLECTION

When asked about the deception revealed in what he says in public about his union bashing efforts and what he says in private, Walker snapped, "I'm not going to let one telephone call keep me from pushing ahead with this."

About the same time Wisconsin's egg-faced governor was adding insult to injury, a New York Times/CBS News poll was released showing by almost a 2-to-1 margin Americans oppose efforts to weaken bargaining rights of public employee unions.

A subsequent NBC News poll found fully 77 percent of the respondents support public employee collective bargaining. And the CBS survey registered 56 percent of Americans oppose cuts in public employees' pay and benefits.

Which is where another new governor got his turn to grouse. In his brief tenure as governor, New Jersey's Chris Christie has evidenced a certain delight in bashing public employees and their unions, including firefighters, police officers and teachers.

To hear Christie tell it these are the "21st Century's Welfare Queens."

So what was this freshly minted governor's reaction to the Times/CBS poll? Well, he harrumphed, polls can be "set up so they say what (their sponsors) want them to say."

Christie is being billed as a new "Republican superstar."

It was left to a Capitol Hill veteran, the newbie House Speaker John Boehner, however, to succinctly snarl the snappiest snipe with his reaction to news that scores of economists, including those at the respected non-partisan Moody's Analytics, estimate that upwards of 700,000 American jobs will be lost within a year if the federal budget cuts proposed by Boehner and his cohorts are enacted.

Said Boehner: "So be it."

As the hapless Marie Antoinette was wont to say, "Qu'ils mangent de la brioche." Let them eat cake.

Unions: Holding state budgets hostage

The failings of America's public education system are, I suppose, clearly on display in Wisconsin.

In recent weeks that state's governor, Scott Walker, has found himself embroiled in a battle that, given the merits of the case, seems to fly in the face of common sense.

Wisconsin, like New Mexico, like Illinois, like California, like Indiana – ay yi yi, we could go on, yes? – is basically broke. In the red. Still, thousands of public employees have stormed its capitol in Madison and demanded more.

This is a very simple summary of the battle between Wisconsin public service unions and the governor. More specifically, between Wisconsin teachers who, in essence, are holding parents and children hostage until they get what they want.

To understand the situation Walker is in, one needs only take a peek at what's going on right here. Gov. Susana Martinez inherited a budget shortfall. (I don't pity her much, of course, because it wasn't a real secret, and she spent a long time fighting to get the job.)

Looming was the prospect of teacher layoffs. Martinez, like Walker, has danced about trying to avoid that fate. But in Walker's case, saving teacher jobs hasn't been enough. Apparently, the notion of sacrifice is foreign to public employ-

ees. (Remember in April 2010 when Albuquerque city workers filled City Hall to protest a 3 percent pay cut – a cut created by Albuquerque's mayor in an effort to save jobs? No good deed, eh?)

It's politic to say teachers aren't the problem, union bosses are. Yet, precisely how many union bosses does Wisconsin have? The mobs storming the ramparts in Madison indicate at least a couple of teachers think extorting the public is fine.



JEFFRY GARDNER

RIGHT FOR A REASON

What is even more curious is that the group most affected by Walker's attempt to change the collective bargaining rules work at the University of Wisconsin.

Help me out. When you hear of unions rushing to the rescue, one pictures 12-year-olds, shackled to Singer pedal sewing machines, laboring through a New York City summer, a spoonful of water every four hours, perhaps.

I'm guessing the University of Wisconsin buildings have water fountains.

Truly, from what I've read, though, there is something to the "union bosses bad" argument. One of the changes Walker's trying to implement would be to end the automatic deduction of union dues from state or local employee paychecks. Stroke of genius there. Just imagine if federal taxes

weren't automatically taken out of your check. What if you had to stand in line, pick up your check at one window, then walk to another window at your company and write a check to pay your taxes? Think that would change your mindset about government entitlement services?

Of course it would. So much so, that it's against the law for employers to do just that.

So partly what has union bosses upset is the thought that members – teachers, let's say – might realize they're funding programs or political agendas they don't support.

A Heritage Foundation study found that public school teachers' average salaries roll in at \$53,000. Private school teachers average \$40,000. We're routinely told that public education is failing because salaries are too low to attract quality teachers. Yet, the majority of Americans, teachers included, would donate body parts to give their children a private education.

Public employees enjoy far greater benefits today than private sector workers. Part of the fight in Wisconsin is due to Gov. Walker's desire to have public employees begin contributing to their own benefits in the same way private sector workers have forever.

Look, the nation's in hock and most states' budgets are in deep trouble. Yet public service workers seem not to care that we're turnips. They just continue to squeeze. Something is going to give. Soon. When it does, I fear it won't be pretty.

School Board members sworn in, March 8



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Four Ruidoso Municipal School Board members were sworn in Tuesday evening by Ruidoso Municipal Judge Beverly Rankin. Three new board members are Devin Marshall, Curt Temple and Cecil Davis. Education board member Rhonda Vincent was reelected to her seat in the Feb. 1 election. A fifth seat, held by Kerry Gladden Eastep, was not on the ballot. Marshall was unanimously selected by the board to be the panel's president. Vincent was selected by all five members as vice president. Temple was picked to be the board's secretary, after an initial nomination of Gladden Eastep by Vincent was unsuccessful following nay votes from Davis, Marshall and Temple. (Jim Kalvelage/Ruidoso News)

Training to examine relationship between board, superintendent

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The Ruidoso Municipal School District's school board, with three new members on the five-person panel, will get an education in the coming weeks.

The first training event, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, will look at the relationship between the board and the district's superintendent.

Facilitator Hugh Prather told the board Tuesday that the training will be a two-step process, beginning with the fundamentals.

"Whenever there is even one new board member there are new dynamics," Prather said.

The second phase of the session will delve into working together as a board.

"It will look at the board's role, the superintendent's role, and that gray area in between," Prather, a retired superintendent, said.

The annual process of evaluating a superintendent was called the education board's most important job.

Prather added that the session will go into the complex process of giving a

superintendent direction on the board's goals for the school district.

A follow-up session early next month will involve another half-day or longer with the school board.

Devin Marshall, a new member of the school board who was chosen as its president on Tuesday, said she looked forward to the training.

Additionally, the RMSD will sit down for four hours on Wednesday in a workshop toward compiling a 2011-2012 budget.

Veteran school board member Rhonda Vincent said the district's Blue Ribbon Committee would also like to meet with the new board members to underscore the committee's priorities in the district's Facilities Master Plan.

The committee had studied facilities needs in the district for future projects and schools upgrades. Voters in February approved a bond issue to achieve prioritized needs.

Several weeks ago board members attended a two-day New Mexico School Boards Association institute geared especially to new education board members.

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Midtown Merchants present traffic proposal

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Efforts to enhance Ruidoso's Midtown are bringing in ideas. Terri Sodd, with the Midtown Merchants Association, presented a "traffic calming" proposal to village officials Tuesday.

The goals aim to reduce speeds to avert traffic accidents, improve safety and convenience for pedestrians and other non-motorists, improve scenery, lower crime and revitalize the shopping district.

"We have met with the (police) chief and the DOT (New Mexico Department of Transportation) on re-installing crosswalks in the Midtown area and installing speed tables, not speed humps or speed bumps, but speed tables that will slow, keep the traffic at speeds under 25 miles per hour hopefully," Sodd said.

"And it will help with our health, safety and welfare, and beautification of Midtown, creating more of a walking district."

The village's street department has also been contacted to see if crews could install the speed tables.

A company called Traffic Logix manufactures portable speed tables.

"You can move those tables around," Sodd said. "You stake them into the pavement. These tables, we found out, are not good for snow removal because they would push them out of the way. Our DOT, checking with them, came up with asphalt speed tables that the snow removal equipment could go right over those."

The speed tables could be placed before a crosswalk location. Two electric flashing yellow lights would also warn motorists they were coming up on the crosswalk.

"We wanted to do a textured crosswalk," Sodd said. "We talked to the street department about that, to have a not raised, but textured crosswalk."

Village Councilor Jim Stoddard told Sodd he was a little perplexed.

"At one time we had crosswalks. We had a fatality and the community was told by former police people that the crosswalks should be done away with because the people in the crosswalk felt safe. I'd be interested to hear what your Depart-

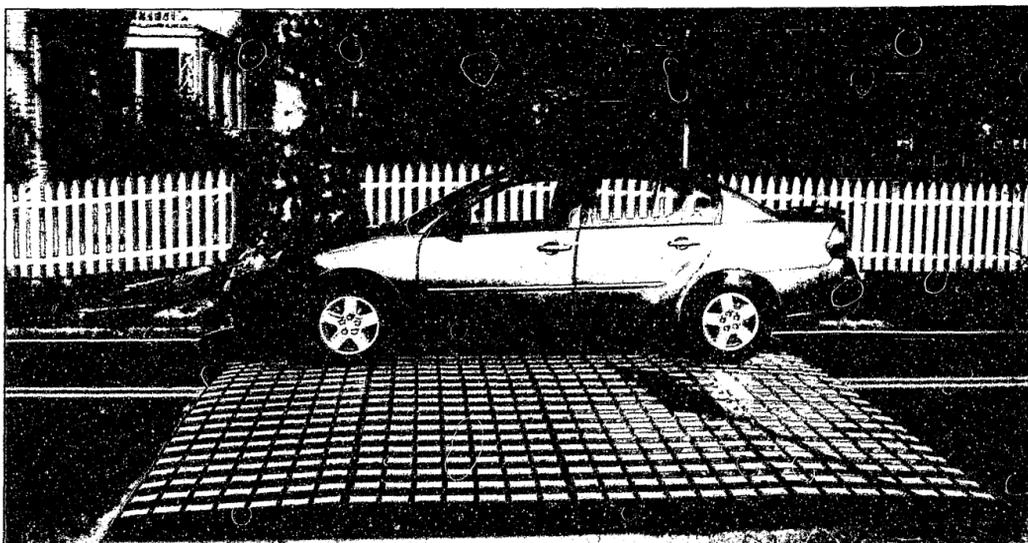


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This speed table shows the concept proposed by Ruidoso's Midtown Merchants Association to slow down Sudderth Drive traffic through the shopping area.

ment of Transportation people, what their thoughts are and what their recommendations are, because obviously they have changed from what it was probably 12 to 15 years ago when we had a fatality."

Sodd said DOT officials were questioned about that and reported that at this time they are for the crosswalks.

Mayor Ray Alborn said some communities in

Colorado put cones at intersections that clearly state motorists must yield to pedestrians.

"With the speed tables, probably it's a warning. Correct me if I'm wrong, Chief (Joe) Magill - the pedestrian has the right of way. I don't think a lot of people know that. But those cones make a great deal of difference."

Alborn said with two lanes of traffic in both

directions through Midtown, he worries one vehicle may stop for someone crossing the street, but another vehicle going the same direction in the second lane may fail to see the pedestrian.

"With the cones up at a crosswalk it might be doable," the mayor said.

Village Manager Debi Lee said she likes flashing crosswalks. "They (flashing lights) come on and it signi-

fies that somebody is in the crosswalk."

Stoddard said a number of enhancements beyond just a crosswalk should be used.

The merchants group is expected to appear before the village council later this month on the plans to enhance the Midtown shopping area. The group said the effort seeks to create a district that locals and tourists want to enjoy.

Unemployment stays elevated

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Lincoln County's unemployment rate remained stubbornly elevated in January, though more people were working that one-year earlier.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions said Thursday the preliminary jobless level for the county was 7.3 percent. That was up from December's 6.8 percent, though close to the rate a year earlier.

Otero County also posted a month-over-month rise in jobless numbers, going from 7.4 percent in December to 7.7 percent in January.

Statewide the out of

work rate rose as well, though subdued, from 8.6 percent to the most recent 8.7 percent.

The past couple of months the national unemployment rate has declined and is currently at 9 percent.

Across New Mexico the rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing January 2011 with January 2010, was negative 0.4 percent, representing a loss of 3,500 jobs, according to the monthly employment news report from the Department of Workforce Solutions.

An analysis of the seasonally adjusted employment data showed that New Mexico's total non-farm employment reached

a peak of 849,600 in February 2008 and a low so far of 796,900 in December 2010.

In January 2010, when Lincoln County's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent, 9,783 people were employed. January 2011 had the employment level at almost 10,000 workers, indicating jobs were created or filled.

Otero County had a smaller increase in hiring workers. And while 2,000 more people state-wide were employed this January compared to a year earlier, the rate of hiring on a percentage basis was less than in Lincoln County.

For nearly all of the previous decade, Lincoln County had annualized jobless rates of 4.5 percent or less. In 2001 the rate was 4.2 percent, followed by 4 percent, 4.3 percent, 4.4 percent, and then 4.5 percent in 2005. The next year

the unemployment rate dipped to 3.9 percent, before falling to 2.9 percent in 2007. In 2008 the rate rose to 3.6 percent. When the impact of the late 2000s recession began to impact New Mexico, Lincoln County unemployment rate for 2009 jumped to 5.5 percent.

Last year's preliminary rate in the county was 6.8 percent.

The Department of Workforce Solutions said as jobs return, new industries will continue to come to the forefront, and the industries that lost the most jobs during the recession, such as construction, may remain depressed for some time.

Another sector that more recently posted job losses has been government employment, especially state and local government employment.

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Sherry Acosta, a bank teller at Otero Federal Credit Union in Ruidoso, was recently named the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce and Ruidoso Valley Greeter's Champion of Service. Acosta has been with Otero Federal Credit Union for three years and has lived in Ruidoso for five years. Rafael "Rifle" Salas nominated her for the recognition. "She is an excellent example of how an employee should conduct herself in the way she serves the customers," Salas said. "She is friendly, self-giving, honest, loyal and has respect for others." Acosta has been married to her husband Carlos for 44 years, loves to exercise and is active in her church.

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Water rights debt may be refinanced

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New borrowing, to repay previous debt for water rights, land and other assets along Eagle Creek, will be considered next month by the Ruidoso Village Council.

The potential would follow late 2010 presentations that recommended reducing interest payments by refinancing some bond debt.

The existing debt was for the 1999 contract loan payment to the Village of Capitan for the Eagle Creek water rights.

The loan is scheduled to be paid off in 2018, and if refinanced would be paid off without going past 2018.

The savings by retiring the debt and issuing new bonds were estimated at about \$100,000, according to a memorandum to councilors.

Financial consultant Mark Valenzuela told the council in December of a need to refinance some debt. Without taking action to refinance, Valenzuela said the village could pay more than 48 million

through 2036 on 13 separate bond issues and loans.

The Capitan water rights debt that began at \$2.865 million is currently at \$2.43 million. The interest rate of 10.5 percent is expected to drop significantly if refinanced later this year.

The new revenue bonds would be paid through water billing revenues and the supplemental municipal gross receipts tax in place.

An April 12 public hearing was scheduled by the council to consider the refinancing through water system improvement revenue bonds.

But the amount of the new borrowing that will be considered could be larger.

"As a result of information that we received from our water team consultants yesterday and conversations that I had with bond counsel today regarding this bond, the amount 'not to exceed \$1 million' may change between now and March 18, which is when we have to have it ready for publication," Village Attorney Dan Bryant told councilors Tuesday.

Bryant: "We're doing research on other projects that are eligible for water department revenues."



"We are doing some research on two other projects that are eligible for water department revenues and special municipal gross receipts tax revenues."

"Based on the advice that we got from the water team, we'll have those numbers nailed down with Mr. Muirhead (bond counsel Christopher Muirhead) and I'll get you all briefed. But when this thing comes to publication that amount may change and under 'purposes' it may include a purpose for paying for water system and distribution system improvements based on that advice."

The village has talked about the need to upgrade its aging water infrastructure. The issue was

impressed again last month following the deep-freeze that broke some water lines.

Village councilors met in a special meeting Monday with much of the meeting in executive session to in part discuss water rights. After returning to open session councilors were unanimous in authorizing its representative to include a settlement discussion on village efforts to resolve and settle water rights protests with the Ford Trust and Hondo Ranch on several applications before the New Mexico Office of State Engineer.

The village has a handful of cases before the state engineer.

A public hearing is scheduled for April 12.

Bog transformed into outdoor lab

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It is not a ditch. It is Bog Springs Creek.

Students and volunteers started working in the area along Warrior Drive in front of Ruidoso High School, turning the area into an outdoor laboratory.

"At least 25 species of plants, shrubs and trees growing in this area," Jack McCaw, Chair, Science and Natural Resources Department at ENMU-Ruidoso said.

"This is part of the collaborative forest restoration program that Ruidoso Schools and Eastern New Mexico University has received a grant from the Forest Service to accomplish."

McCaw said the grant from the Forest Service was \$359,000.

Part of the program involved thinning the forest around the schools to reduce the fire hazard.

"And then part of the project is to create a natural outdoor learning center for the students for the forestry program at the high school and the college and some environmental programs and things like that," he said.

"As far as our part of the program, our wetland is right here across from the high school," McCaw said. "This will be our demonstration area here between the high school and the middle school."

McCaw said other projects will be joining this one.

"There are some other groups we are working with in town that are probably going to connect with us, both upstream and downstream," he said.

Eco-Servants executive director Steven Carter was among those working on the project Saturday.

"From the beginning Eco-Servants has been one of our major players," McCaw said. "They are a collaborative partner, along with the schools."

"They have built a lot of trails here," McCaw said. "They are going to be connecting our trails here all

the way to the schools on Hull Road so students from those schools can come over and take measurements and do any scientific activity out here in the natural areas."

"Nice place to walk," McCaw said. "Interpretive signs along the way and they will explain the forestry and the ecology along the trail."

"We are due to finish in

August of this year," McCaw said. He said this is the fourth year they have been working on the project.

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Spring fire forecast 'looking pretty grim'

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After a number of grass and wildland fires around southern New Mexico the past several weeks, Ruidoso fire officials said they were taking actions to be prepared.

The fire forecast was described as "looking pretty grim already," Harlan Vincent, Ruidoso's assistant fire chief, told village officials Tuesday.

"I've been meeting with Kerry Jones, (the National Weather Service warning meteorologist) out of Albuquerque, and there's lots of wind and lots of dry weather here lately and it seems like we're going to continue to get that."

Village Councilor Rafael "Rifle" Salas questioned Vincent about the status of the fire danger.

"Are we in extreme (fire danger) right now, so there's no fires, no outside smoking, no all of that right now?" Salas asked.

The current fire danger was listed as 'high' by Vincent.

"We're fixing to go to 'extreme.' Because it's so cold outside right now we haven't quite got to the extreme side. But that's probably next week."

Vincent said he has also been in contact with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service and New Mexico's State Forestry Division.

"What we're going to do is starting this Friday we're going to go into our training mode, which usually doesn't start this early. But from now on until we really



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get some rain, every Friday the fire department and Forest Service will be training together in different portions of the village. We'll be running table exercises on a lot of the different areas within the village and making sure that we have our plan in place."

Vincent said the fire

department is ready.

"I don't want it to happen, but if it does happen we're going to give it 100 percent."

Emergency sirens in the village will be tested on the 1st and the 15th of the month, beginning next Tuesday.

"What our initiative is to

try to get the public educated to when they hear those early warning systems then they automatically tune into their Community Radio (KEDU/102.3 FM). They're just going to tell them it's a drill. When it's not a drill it will give them an update on what's going on."

The village's reverse 9-1-1 system has been upgraded to contact more people immediately. The system, which used 23 phone lines, took time to get 15,000 calls out, Vincent said. The system is now web-based and will be able to promptly connect to 30,000 phone lines.

"So we can hit the entire community, 30,000 phone lines, within one minute depending on how long the

No burning

The wildfire worry Thursday prompted Lincoln County to take action.

Tom Stewart, the county's manager, said he and the emergency services director will determine whether critical fire conditions would be in place for the next several days.

Outdoor burning is prohibited through Monday, March 14.

"Lincoln County is 'high,' going to 'very high' fire danger on the Boise Fire Center website," Stewart said.

"Winds in the area are forecast to pick up in the next 48 hours to 20 to 30 miles per hour out of the west. We could very well go into 'extreme' fire danger shortly."

The Boise, Idaho, facility, operated by the National Interagency Fire Center, provides support services for fire fighting.

message is."

The improved reverse 9-1-1 equipment will send audio messages out to land-line phones, voice and text messages to cell phones, and deliver emails. Residents will be asked to go online and submit device identifications (phone numbers and email addresses) to receive phone messages and/or emails. Vincent said the goal is to notify people much faster.

"During the (July 2008) flood, I know there was a little bit of chatter about us not hitting the reverse 9-1-1 system. But we hit it within the first three hours of the incident."

"In the water breaks [last month], that was kind of an hour-by-hour or maybe even a day-by-day thing. If we have a fire, that's going to be more like a minute-by-minute thing, so we want to make sure that we have all of our early warning systems in

place."

Village Councilor Don Williams questioned how often Community Radio would provide information in the event of an emergency and whether someone from the village would be at the radio station.

"Hopefully, if we're in a crisis, it will be on more," Vincent responded. He said he hoped a public information person from Ruidoso would be on air.

Village Manager Debi Lee said that, during the early February water leaks situation, Christian Community Radio, with morning show host Harvey T., became the "Harvey T. and Debi Lee" show. She added that the information was often updated on the station's website.

Councilor Jim Stoddard recommended that information about the fire danger, and what is prohibited, also be provided to the print media.

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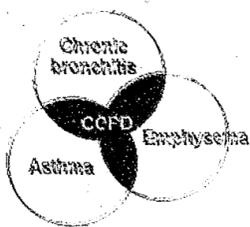
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

COPD makes breathing a difficult challenge

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According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD is the 4th leading cause of death, killing more than 120,000 Americans each year.

More than 12 million people in the United States are likely to have COPD right now. If you or a loved one has shortness of breath, chronic bronchitis or emphysema, COPD is the term that doctors use to describe this progressively debilitating disease.

COPD changes the airways and air sacs in your lungs. Chronic bronchitis is when the lining of your bronchial tubes swells and becomes full of mucus, which blocks the airways.

Emphysema is when the alveoli are irritated. Instead of being elastic, they become stiff and then cannot do the job of removing the carbon dioxide from the body.

Some common symptoms are: the reduced ability to breath, either inhaling or exhaling, struggling to catch your breath or becoming short of breath after limited activity; decreased oxygen absorption; coughing and an increased amount of mucus; diagnosis of chronic bronchitis or emphysema; wheezing or tightness in chest; body pains (as many as 25 percent of people diagnosed with COPD report generalized pains); trouble sleeping; swollen legs and feet; weight loss; muscle weakness; bluish tint to lips, fingers or toes.

Smoking is the lead cause of COPD. 80-90 percent of diagnosed COPD patients are current or former smokers.

Smoking cessation information is readily available and many supporting organizations offer free counseling and free nicotine prod-

ucts.

The New Mexico Quit Now organization is offering these services at 1-800-QUIT-NOW, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Information can also be accessed on the internet at <http://quitnownm.com>.

Others have developed this disease from second-hand smoke, air pollution and exposure to hazards at work from long-term exposure to things that irritate your lungs like uranium, harsh chemicals and asbestos.

According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, it is estimated that approximately 100,000 Americans have an inherited genetic risk called AAT deficiency that make them predisposed to COPD.

Screening for this genetic trait is mostly overlooked, until after the patient is diagnosed with COPD.

The chronic lung disease, COPD is not curable, only treatable.

Because of this, pharmaceutical companies' research is at an all time high, searching for new and improved medications to relieve symptoms.

Pharmacological interventions include life-long therapy with bronchodilators and inhaled steroids.

Other treatments include oxygen supplements, smoking cessation and therapies, such as a pulmonary rehabilitation therapy plan that can be uniquely designed for each individual and performed either in the home by licensed medical staff, or in the outpatient setting.

People diagnosed with COPD are also recommended to receive flu and pneumonia vaccines.

Many people in high altitude communities, such as Lincoln County, experience far more exacerbations of COPD.

Studies worldwide also report that altitude shows to have effect on individuals with mild COPD, where their oxygen levels dropped significantly in higher altitudes.

These studies concluded that even relatively small reductions in arterial oxygen saturation can impair mental and motor coordination, personality and judgment.

Treatment of the symptoms alleviates some potential worsening conditions of COPD in high altitude settings.

There are many COPD patients in Lincoln County and in light of this; Ruidoso Home Care has developed care plans delivered by licensed nurses, physical, speech and occupational therapists and home health aides.

These programs are designed to alleviate symptoms, increase exercise tolerance, and reduce shortness of breath.

Educating patients, their families and caregivers on the use of medications, nutrition, and goal setting is imperative in preventing or lessening exacerbations of COPD.

To find out more about Ruidoso Home Care's pulmonary rehabilitation care plan and treatments, or for free information on COPD, please call 575-258-0028.

THE WALK



COURTESY

The WALK in the Woods Health and Safety Fair is accepting applications for their annual event. This year event organizers will be partnering with The Sprint Triathlon held June 11, at Wingfield Park Events Meadow and Trail from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Applications for booths are due on April 4. Call Aimee Bennett at 258-3252, Ext. 6720 for more information. Above Shirley Beer with the Lincoln County Community Health Council displays an interactive booth sharing information on Health Council opportunities and activities. The fair is held annually with the goal of promoting outdoor recreation for families and information sharing on health opportunities for area residents

Volunteer! It's good for you

ANDREA REED
For the Ruidoso News

News journalist Tom Brokaw once said, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference."

This is something to consider, as making a buck is getting harder these days, and making a difference has more value.

By learning the economic and health benefits of volunteering, we can start making a difference in our neck of the woods, Lincoln County and Mescalero.

Volunteering improves our emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual health.

Several university studies have shown that engaging in volunteer activities fights depression by giving participants a sense of purpose.

Volunteering also enhances the social environment by reducing isolation.

By learning new skills in the interest of helping oth-

ers, volunteers expand their capacity for life-long learning.

Volunteering, a form of altruism, also encourages thinking beyond the self, contributing to spiritual wellness.

With regard to the economic benefits, volunteers often learn new skills which contribute to becoming a more marketable employee.

Volunteering also allows individuals to network with people of similar interests, which often leads to job referrals.

Additionally, both the attainment of skills and the act of volunteering look great on scholarship and job applications.

Outside of personal benefits, volunteering assists our local organizations and community since one volunteer hour is equivalent to paying an employee \$16 an hour.

As budgets tighten across the nation, volunteering is a great way to help a program that you support to operate more efficiently.

If you already volunteer, consider yourself an asset to your community.

If you do not yet volunteer, here are some ideas to help you get started.

First and foremost, you want to match your personality and interests with the right opportunity. Some questions to think about:

Do I want to work with people or work independently? What am I passionate about? (children, teens, adults, elders, animals and/or nature)

What resources can I offer? (time, tools, skills,

finances, education)

What skills can I contribute? (art, music, constructing, crafts, gardening, counseling, instruction, bilingual, etc.)

How much time can I afford to give? (weekly, monthly)

After deciding how and what you would like to contribute, find out what opportunities are available.

Places to look include the Community Listings or Events Calendar in the *Vamonos* section or the Community Pages of the *Ruidoso News*.

Investigate places of assembly, such as the library, churches, the Youth Warehouse, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Common Ground, local senior centers, The Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation, The Humane Society, and the Community Theatre.

As our health continues to be a priority and the economy continues to be strained, consider the many benefits of volunteering to make our community a better place.

By understanding how we can develop personal joy and satisfaction, create better opportunities for ourselves, and lessen an organization's dependence on finances, we can make a difference.

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CHUCK'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Ginger
Ginger is a tangy herb most commonly used in flavoring beverages. In most Asian countries, especially in India, Pakistan and Arab nations, ginger is an important ingredient in a number of curries and other vegetable dishes.

Ginger is cultivated throughout the regions of Asia, Japan, The West Indies, South America and also West Africa.

- Carefully peel the rough exterior off the ginger root using the side of a spoon. You can also use a vegetable peeler.
- Slice ginger into thin discs or matchsticks. This is best for dishes where you want to bite into pieces of ginger.
- Grate the ginger on a fine grater if you want to get the flavor of ginger without the texture.

Fresh ginger will keep for several weeks in the refrigerator or several months in the freezer.

2 cups flour - 2 teaspoons baking soda - 2 cups apples, pared, cored and quartered - 1/4 cup non hydrogenated Crisco or other shortening - 1/4 cup butter, melted - 1 cup sugar - 1 teaspoon salt - 1 teaspoon cinnamon - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract or tablespoon dark rum - 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg - 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger (or 1 teaspoon freshly grated) - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground cloves - 1 cup raisins - 1 1/4 cup whole pecans

In the bowl of a food processor, process pecans very briefly by pulsing twice to leave nearly whole pieces. Add 1 cup peeled and cored apple pieces along with salt, sugar, vanilla, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves and ginger. Process briefly so that chunks remain. Add second cup of apples, processing one pulse only. This provides different consistencies for the apples. Add raisins and melted butter. Pulse once. Add flour and process only until combined, some lumps will remain. Turn into a well greased or floured 9x9x2 inch baking pan. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream flavored with a little vanilla or rum and a sprinkling of cinnamon sugar.

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Ruidoso Downs is responsible for 15 percent of the plant while the Village of Ruidoso covers 85 percent of operating costs and other expenses.

"We have to give ourselves a fairly safe comfort level to know we have enough money on hand to meet our obligations as they occur," Richards said.

The increase in the plant's operating costs for both municipalities was estimated at \$600,000 to \$700,000 by Richards.

"That's at this point," the public works director added. "How much chemicals we're going to need to meet the discharge standards is something that will be determined."

The one-half of one percent tax would deliver about \$200,000 annually to the city, based on revenues from last year, Mosley said.

Questioned about the estimate of \$90,000 to \$100,000 for increased plant operating costs to Ruidoso Downs, Richards said there were other sewer requirements facing the city.

"Under the settlement agreement that we worked out with the U.S. EPA, we're also obligated to connect unserved areas in our community to the sewer system. We have Agua Fria, we have the area north of the river, we have areas along Wood Lane that aren't currently served by sewers. And that's mandated that have to connect those areas. We need funds to do that."

Richards said extending sewers just into the Agua Fria subdivision would cost about \$4 million.

Another expensive sewer

project on the horizon would repair the sewer interceptor, its main line to the plant, that was damaged from the July 2008 flood along the corridor of the Rio Ruidoso.

"When you compare with raising property taxes, it's a lot easier on our citizens," Richards said of the addition to the GRT. He and Mosley noted shoppers from Ruidoso, Alto and elsewhere would help pay the tax because of Walmart and other retailers in the city.

If enacted at Monday's Ruidoso Downs City Council meeting, the new tax could take effect on July 1. Council approval of the tax beyond March would delay implementation until Jan. 1, 2012.

The law allowing the environmental services GRT sets the maximum at one-half of one percent, though it could be imposed in increments of one-sixteenth of one percent. The imposition of a municipal environmental services GRT is not subject to a referendum before voters.

The public hearing had mistakenly been placed on the city council meeting agenda last week but was deleted because it was legally scheduled for the March 14 meeting. But a husband and wife from Ruidoso Downs that regularly attend council meetings made their thoughts known during the public input part of the meeting.

Pam Williams said she disliked what she called some gross receipts tax exemptions at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track in the wake of the Jan. 1-imposed Business Retention GRT that will deliver gaming tax relief to the racino.

"You can't talk out of both sides of your mouth and pick and choose who

gets to pay it and who doesn't. I'm sick of the politics. We just keep getting jerked around. There's two things we have to do — pass on and pay taxes. And everyone just keeps adding on and adding on."

Her spouse, Wayne Williams, also contended race-track owner R.D. Hubbard has gotten beneficial tax treatment.

"I'm sick and tired of our city council members, and our state officials and our federal government giving exemptions to people that don't deserve it. I mean he lobbied for a tax break and got it and now you're going to raise taxes on everybody else except him again. I'd like to renew my suggestion of last time. I think you need to get another lawyer to check these contracts on this tax thing and the museum sale to the state because there's two horses in this race and I think your legal staff has an interest in both of them. I think if you're really, truly interested in doing this city a service, you'll think real long and real hard about this."

City Attorney H. John Underwood's law firm pressed the Legislature last year to sanction the imposition of a Business Retention Tax. Lincoln County voters in September narrowly approved a three-sixteenth of one percent tax after Hubbard threatened that, without gaming tax parity with Native American casinos, he would move the track and casino to another location in New Mexico.

Some have suggested there could be a full house Monday evening for the public hearing on the tax increase. The council meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

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MATT ROBINSON/DEMING HEADLIGHT

Luna County Sheriff Raymond Cobos, wearing a bullet-proof vest, holds a press conference in front of the village of Columbus City Hall on Thursday where a meeting was held to discuss the morning arrest of village officials.

RAID

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Gutierrez's son.

Cobos said he would recommend a long-term agreement with the county to provide law enforcement coverage for Columbus. The county has done that in the past when the village had no police department, coordinating with the New Mexico State Police to provide service.

The Luna County Sheriff's Office has 33 commissioned or sworn personnel, from deputies through detectives and lieutenants. Cobos has directed a schedule be drawn that allows at least one deputy in the Columbus area on each of the department's shifts, so 24-hour coverage is provided.

"I want to reassure the citizens of Luna County," Cobos said, "Columbus will have law enforcement."

The Columbus PD has officers Robert Valenzuela and Derek Smith.

Vega, appointed in April 2009 by Espinoza and confirmed in May by the Trustees, came to Columbus with baggage. He was indicted in 1996, while a Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff, on two counts of extortion and two counts of intimidating a witness.

A plea agreement reduced the charge to a misdemeanor.

"There was a narcotics investigation, a couple of politicians who took the situation to extremes, and we let justice take care of it, after which I continued my law enforcement career," Vega said at the time. "I was attacked politically. It

was investigated by the (state) attorney general's office."

Vega was marshal of Mesilla Park before a January 2009 resignation, as he and Mayor Michael Cadena clashed when Cadena sought to replace him.

In another federal move, U.S. authorities indicted 35 alleged leaders, members and associates of the Barrio Azteca gang on Wednesday, including 10 men charged in connection with the killing of three people linked to the U.S. Consulate in Juárez last year.

The FBI led a multi-agency strike against the binational gang and arrested 12 people during raids Wednesday morning in El Paso and southern New Mexico.

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Democrats' maneuver scuttles voter ID bill

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — Republicans are down to their last gasp as they try to create a voter identification law in New Mexico.

Their proposal stalled again Thursday and may be dead until 2013.

A hearing during which the bill was to be considered started 45 minutes

late, then was adjourned by the Democratic chairwoman before the voter identification proposal could be considered.

"I am extremely disappointed," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Cathrynn Brown, R-Carlsbad. "I believe there are those who want to make sure this bill never gets a fair chance."

She said she had been ready to present the bill for

two weeks.

Brown's proposal would require government-issued photo identification to vote in person or by absentee ballot.

It also would allow for expired driver's licenses to be used, a move she hopes would negate Democrats' complaints that older voters often lack photo identification.

The bill was on

Thursday's agenda of the House Voters and Elections Committee.

The chairwoman, Rep. Mary Helen Garcia, D-Las Cruces, convened the meeting at 9:15 a.m., 45 minutes after the scheduled starting time.

Brown's bill was fourth on the committee's list. Garcia called on Brown about 10:45, but then said there was no time for the

photo identification bill to be heard.

All 70 members of the House of Representatives were being called to the floor, Garcia said.

House Speaker Ben Lujan, D-Santa Fe, and the Democrats' floor leader, Ken Martinez of Grants, are members of the Voters and Elections Committee.

About 25 people had come to the Capitol to sup-

port Brown's bill. Garcia said they could come back Tuesday, when the bill would be up first.

Brown pressed instead for a weekend hearing, and got a tentative agreement from Garcia that the bill would be considered Saturday.

A freshman, Brown declined to answer directly when asked if majority Democrats had intentionally stalled the hearing to keep her bill off the table.

"The powers that be are what they are," she said.

Brown said she had not lost hope because the public favors photo identifications to keep elections honest.

Democrats control the Voters and Elections Committee 7-6. They blocked a different voter identification bill early in the session.

If Brown's bill makes it through, it would then move to a second committee, judiciary. Only eight days are left in the session.

Garcia said earlier this week that Brown's bill effectively was dead already, given the ticking clock. If she is right, the bill probably could not be revived until 2013. Next year's legislative session is to focus on the budget, not policy issues.

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Senate OKs rustling bill

MILAN SIMONICH
Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — Cattle rustling, a crime of the Old West and the new recession, also has a political side.

Sen. Vernon Asbill on Wednesday moved a bill through the Senate to preclude governments from seizing cattle on federally leased lands in New Mexico.

His bill is specifically aimed at the U.S. government. Asbill, R-Carlsbad, said it would prevent federal agencies from taking livestock unless they have a court order or the owner's consent.

Senators approved the bill 29-0. It goes next to the House of Representatives.

Asbill said he offered the bill to curtail government abuses. He said the federal government confiscated cattle in Arizona and then sold the animals before any court proceedings could occur.

"Yes, there are cases in Southwestern New Mexico where this has also happened Asbill said. "This bill is meant to insure due process is followed by the federal government in cases where disputes occur between those who are leasing and the government."

His bill would stop state brand inspectors from issuing certificates to move cattle when there is a dispute. A brand inspection certificate is required when livestock is shipped out of state.

A certificate could be granted, Asbill said, when the U.S. government has obtained a court order.

His measure is SB 13.

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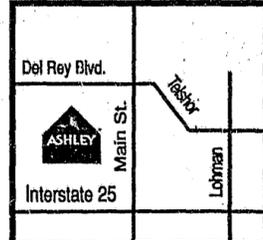
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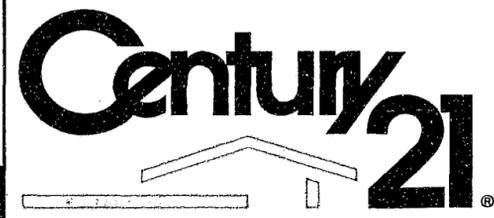
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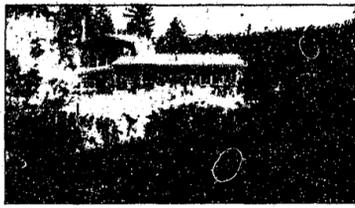
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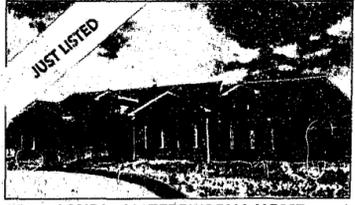
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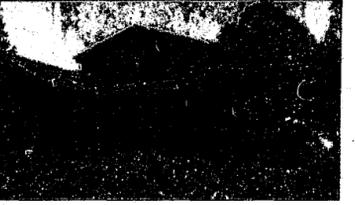
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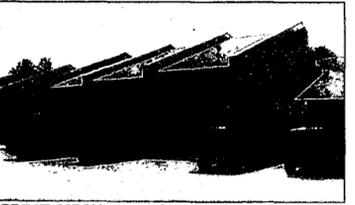


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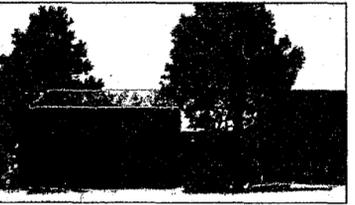
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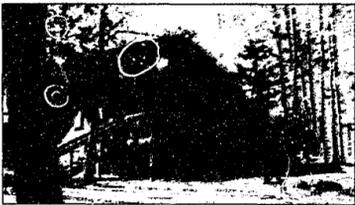
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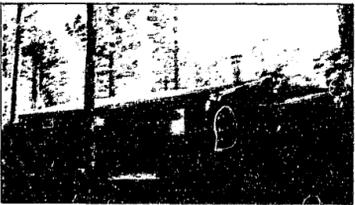
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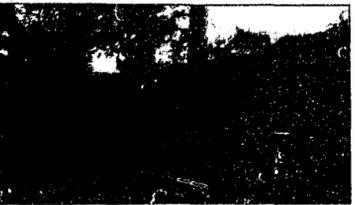
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Ski Report

Ski Apache

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

Snow past 48 hours: 0 inches
Season total: 59 inches
Mid-mountain snow: 20 inches
Snow surface: Spring conditions
Snowmaking: Yes

Weather for Friday: Sunny and windy. High 69F. Winds W at 20 to 30 mph. Friday evening, clear skies. Low 41F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Weather for Saturday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Groomed runs: Bunny, Easy Street, Ramp, Top Notch, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Lower Moonshine, Smokey Bear, Snow Park, Chino and Moonshine Gulch.

Lifts open: No. 2 (open to Midway), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5.
Gondola: open, weather permitting

Results

Boys basketball

Wednesday, March 9
State tournament
Class B
San Jon 68, Hondo 47

Girls basketball

Thursday, March 10
State tournament
Class B
Elida 76, Hondo 33

Baseball

Tuesday, March 8
Ruidoso 18, Socorro 2 (6 innings)

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Saturday, March 12
Eunice at Ruidoso, 1 p.m.

On Deck

Ruidoso Junior Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the first of six scrambles at Kokopelli Golf club on Saturday, March 26, at 1 p.m. The second of the six scrambles will be held the following day, March 27, at Cree Meadows Golf course at 1 p.m. To sign up and for more info call Melissa at Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

Osos nearing league play

Professional baseball team gets closer to May 10 opener in Ruidoso

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The fledgling Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs will commence play May 10 when the Ruidoso Osos hit the White Mountain Sports Complex baseball field at 4 p.m. against the Roswell Invaders in a single game.

It will be the first game for the entire League. Four other professional teams are included: Las Cruces Vaqueros, White Sands Puffish, Carlsbad Bats and the Alpine Cowboys.

The Pecos League is an independent professional baseball organization headquartered in Houston, without franchises in cities currently without a minor league team.

As of March 7, Clyde Woods, of Truth or Consequences was announced as the general manager. Tim Waters, of

"We are coming here to win. We are putting together the best team possible. Winning is No. 1."

Clyde Woods
Osos General Manager

Las Cruces, was hired as the operations manager.

"We are coming here to win," Woods said Thursday. "We are putting together the best team possible. Winning is No. 1."

"We want to make the games a family-type environment for the people of Ruidoso and the fans can expect periodic promotional events (giveaways) at certain specific games."

Tentatively, the Osos will play 72 games and 48 of them will be in Ruidoso. A portion of the games will be exhibition contests and some will be outside of

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Osos Operations Manager Tim Waters (left), KEDU Radio General Manager Jamie Estes (center) and Osos General Manager Clyde Woods gear up for the May 10 opener in Ruidoso, which will be covered live by KEDU.



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Back row, Joseph Salcido. **Front row, l-r,** Fiona Connor-Crewe, Makena Tafoya, Sarah Perez, Jennah Salcido and Carmen Connor-Crewe.



Eight and Under, left, Fiona Connor-Crewe; top middle, Isaak Ogden; right, Jennah Salcido; bottom, Carmen Connor-Crewe.

RHAA swimmers bring notoriety to Ruidoso

DEBBIE SALCIDO
For the Ruidoso News

Many people in Ruidoso do not know there is a small cadre of highly talented swimmers who have been quietly practicing their way towards their respective State Swim Meets this season.

If you are ever around the RAC on MWF, after school, and even some Tuesday and Thursday evenings and sometimes on Sunday mornings, you will find a group of swimmers from the age of 6 to 16, practicing their strokes, dives, and turns, and swimming repeats of anywhere

from 25 to 1000 yards at a time.

These swimmers have to be extremely dedicated, as they lack the gratification of seeing themselves in a mirror, or running with their teammates after a ball, or wearing pretty costumes.

They swim solo: The

swimmer is alone, watching a black line, swimming against the clock, against complete strangers, only for intrinsic satisfaction and the confidence that is developed when a person tackles a scary challenge all by themselves.

The past two months have been hectic for the

team, as the swimmers attended their last qualifying meets in January and February in Santa Fe and El Paso that allowed them to swim in the State Meet.

The Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics team, otherwise known as the

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It's gold again for Lexie

LAURA DOTH
For the Ruidoso News

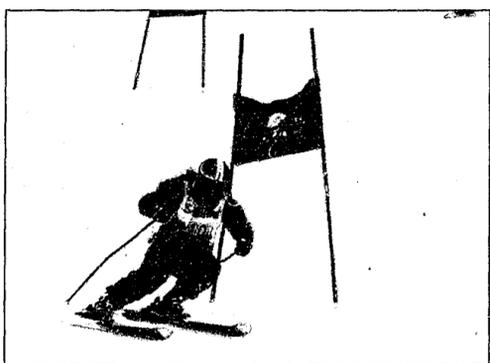
Ski racing is a team sport. Your coach, team mates and parents brave the elements to cheer you on. You fight the wind, the cold and blowing snow together.

But the reality is this: When it comes down to it, it's just you against the mountain. When everything clicks - when your skis are tracking just right and the perfect line opens up before you, and you're

screaming down the hill at breakneck speed, there's no feeling quite like it. After years of training and hours spent running gates, everything is clicking for Ruidoso skier, Lexie Doth.

Days before she was supposed to compete at a Smartwool race in Durango, Colorado, race organizers canceled the event.

The Smartwool race was for older racers, and the younger Ruidoso racers



ZACH DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lexie Doth races down the course on her way to a gold medal at the Grand Canyon State Winter Games.

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OSOS

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Some of the home games, including the May 10 opener will be covered live by KEDU radio.

"As of now, our roster is 65 percent full," Woods said.

"The eventual roster will be complete May 9, when we will make the final cuts. The Osos will have 22 active and eight inactive players on the team.

"We expect to have eight pitchers on the roster."

A few weeks ago the Osos hired Chris Schmidt as manager. Schmidt is an

experienced coach, formerly serving as an assistant coach with the Alpine Cowboys.

Osos General Manager Woods has professional baseball experience having played for the Continental League for one year.

"We hope the residents of Ruidoso will come out and support this new worthwhile venture," Waters said. "We plan to create memories for the fans at large."

As of now, teams in the Pecos League will play four-game home stands Sunday through Tuesday and three-game home stands Sunday through Tuesday.

Exhibition games are tentatively slated for

Mondays and Tuesdays. Each club will have players 22- through 27-years-of-age and will be permitted to have four players over 27.

They will also be allowed four "import" players (non-American players).

The Pecos League will observe Major League Baseball rules (National League, no designated hitter) and will utilize smaller ballparks.

The Ruidoso Osos are looking for host families to supply some players with room and board.

For more information on that and to check the Osos schedule (for games and promotional events) go to www.ruidosoosos.com.

STANBROUGH WINS GOAT TYING AVERAGE



COURTESY

Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, finished 3rd in 1st Go, 2nd in Short Go, 1st in Average at the Ft Huachuca, Ariz., college rodeo March 4-5. The NMSU Men's Team finished 2nd with 640 points and the Women's Team was 2nd with 295 points.

SWIM

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RHAA Dolphins, attended a meet in Santa Fe, where each swimmer posted personal best times and some even won first place in their division.

Dolphin, Sarah Perez competed in the age 11-18, 500 freestyle winning second and the 100 free with her personal best times of 7:00 and 1:13, respectively.

This was Makena Tafoya's first official meet, she competed in the 10 and under 100 yard freestyle and 50 back swimming her personal best of 1:39 and 55.40, respectively.

Carmen Connor-Crewe placed first in the 8 and under 25 yard breaststroke with a time of 30.53, her personal best

shaving off 6.87 seconds. Fiona Connor-Crewe swam her personal best at 28.00 for the 25 yard backstroke.

Joseph Salcido placed third in the 10 and under, 100 yard breaststroke finishing with a 2:13 time.

In the 100 yard freestyle and 100 IM he swam personal best times of 1:52 and 1:58.29, respectively.

Jennah Salcido also attended, gaining her personal best times at the 8 and under 25 freestyle and 25 back of 24.29 and 30.58, respectively.

Last weekend the 8 and unders had a fantastic showing at their State Meet in Las Cruces.

Mac Ogden competed in the 8 and under, 100 freestyle, 50 back, 50 free swimming his personal best of 1:57, 1:03, 50.56, respectively.

Carmen Connor-Crewe competed in the 100 yard free placing first at 1:47, 50 free placing third at 47.34, and 25 breaststroke placing 2nd swimming her personal best of 28.69.

Fiona Connor-Crewe competed in the 100 yard freestyle placing second at 1:53, 50 free at 49.10, 25 back swimming her personal best of 26.06 and 25 breast placing 3rd finishing with a 31.95, Jennah Salcido competed in the 50 yard free swimming her personal best of 55.88, in addition, she competed in the 25 breast, 25 back and 25 free.

This was 6-yr-old Isaak Ogden's first official meet, competing in four events, 50 free: 1:18 time, 25 free: 37.47, 25 fly, 25 breast.

This past weekend, the Senior Swimmers attended the State Meet in Albuquerque.



COURTESY

Mac Ogden competed in the 8 and under, 100 freestyle, 50 back and 50 freestyle.

If you are able to get a moment, congratulate these swimmers on their hard work and silent dedication to a most difficult

sport that gives so much in return.

If you are interested in learning more about RHAA, call the RAC (257-

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SKI

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were scheduled to train at Ski Apache. With her weekend newly open, Dóth headed to Flagstaff, Arizona for the 2011 Grand Canyon State Winter Games. The Grand Canyon State Games is a multi-sport Olympic Festival for Arizona's amateur athletes of all ages and abilities. The Games is a project of the Arizona Sports Council and is affiliated with 47 other states throughout the United States. They are designed to give all Arizonans the opportunity to take part in athletic competition with an Olympic-style atmosphere. 2011 marks the 19th anniversary of the Grand Canyon State Games. Technically, all competitors in the Games are supposed to be residents of Arizona or out-of-state college students attending school in the state.

Lexie Doth has competed in the Grand Canyon State Games for many years as an honorary mem-

ber of the Flagstaff Ski Team.

The Giant Slalom for alpine skiers, telemarkers and snowboarders was scheduled for Saturday, February 26. With storm clouds threatening, over 60 racers from age 6 to 72 gathered at the Arizona Snowbowl for the first of two races.

This was a combined time race with the results accumulating into one final time, so an all-out effort on both races was required. As a winter storm rolled in, temperatures dropped and a biting wind had everybody bundled up against the cold. Given the weather conditions, Lexie Doth opted not to strip down to her speed suit for her first run of the day.

The course was set on the narrow chute called Rattlesnake and then opened up into the broad expanse of Agassiz. At the transition point between the terrain, she got a little late and almost missed a gate. She caught herself and saved the run by going a little wide. Despite her difficulties, she posted the girl's second fastest time

with a 33.43. She was just a second off her good friend Maggie Lembke when she started the afternoon run.

The snow held up well, and race organizers opted not to reset the course for the second run. It was in the afternoon that everything came together for Lexie Doth. She roared out of the start and ripped down the hill. She was tight on each gate and her skis carved beautiful arcs down the hill. She had the rhythm down, and she crossed the finish line in a time of 32.38. Clocking in with a combined time of 1:05.81, Lexie's flawless run gave her bragging rights as the fastest female racer on the mountain and she added another gold medal to her list of awards.

"It is really exciting to see everything come together for Lexie," said her dad and coach, Mark Doth. "She's worked hard to get this far, and I'm so happy to see her success."

The Ruidoso Ski Team continues to train at Ski Apache and will head north to Taos on March 26 and 27 for the Southern Series Championship.

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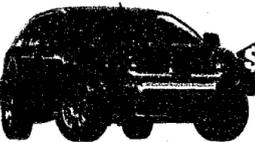
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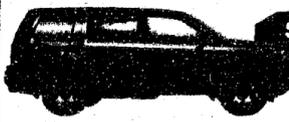
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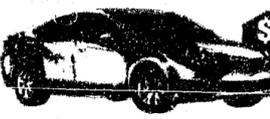
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POLICE & COURTS

A trio of accidents reported

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An Alvord, Texas driver was arrested March 4 near Capitan for aggravated driving while under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, and careless driving.

Tyrell M. Moore, 22, was charged after his car rolled shortly after midnight on New Mexico Highway 48, south of Capitan.

The northbound vehicle went off the right edge of the road, the driver overcorrected, and the car overturned onto its roof.

Moore was uninjured in the incident.

A BMW motorcycle on New Mexico Highway 349

(White Oaks Road) went down, injuring a passenger on the bike.

The incident happened about 1:45 p.m., on March 5.

The driver, Mikell K. Hayden, 58, of El Paso, drove left of center onto loose gravel causing the bike to tumble.

He was accused of driver inattention and cited for failing to maintain his traffic lane.

The passenger was taken to the hospital with a broken ankle. The driver was uninjured.

A two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 70 in Mescalero resulted in citations to both drivers.

A motorcycle operated

by Omar Villarreal, 20, of Ruidoso Downs was westbound on the highway traveling approximately 70 miles per hour, according to a New Mexico State Police report.

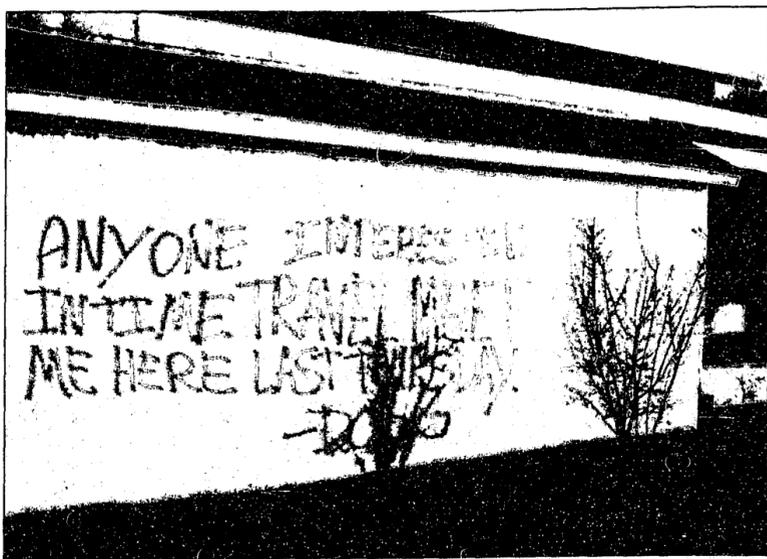
An eastbound vehicle, turning onto Mescalero Tribal Route 4 crossed the path of Villarreal's motorcycle, causing the collision.

The vehicle's driver, Elizabeth Jones, 52, of Ruidoso Downs, was uninjured.

Villarreal was transported to the hospital.

Both drivers were cited for failing to show proof of liability insurance.

The collision happened around 4:30 p.m. on March 4.



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The juvenile responsible for this and other graffiti in the Ruidoso Downs area went to police Wednesday with his father.

Juvenile graffiti writer turns self in

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A recent rash of graffiti in Ruidoso Downs was self-admitted Wednesday by a 16-year-old boy.

On March 6, Officer Darrell Chavez found fresh graffiti on the traffic signal control box at U.S. Highway 70 and Downs Drive, near the city's police station.

Additional graffiti was also discovered on numerous buildings and other items in the area. The red and white spray paint writ-

ing included quotes such as "society gets the vandalism it deserves," and "anyone interested in time travel meet me here last Thursday." A blue-colored spray paint can was also collected by Chavez.

Overnight surveillance video from cameras outside the police station showed a person dressed in black exit All American Park and spray paint the traffic control utility box.

But an effort to identify the person was unsuccessful. Another camera to the east running the footage,

was too dark to show movement.

The 16-year old who went to police with his father and admitted responsibility for the graffiti provided no reason for the activity, according to a police report.

Shoes worn by the youth had tread patterns to those observed by Chavez at the various graffiti locations.

The boy was told of the possible consequences and the process that would be used once a monetary damage amount of the vandalism was determined.

CARRIZOZO MAGISTRATE COURT WARRANTS

Issued Feb. 28- March 7

- Linda A. Coronado, 43, 1304 E. Country Club, Roswell, N.M.
- Tabitha F. Crisp, 26, P.O. Box 635, Carrizozo, N.M.
- Daniel A. Dean, 56, 134 Paradise Canyon, Ruidoso, N.M.
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- Cecilia J. Gardner, William S. Gardner, Jan. 5
- Ann Brown Evans, Fredrick Evan Evans, Feb. 23
- Mary Jo Brewton-Pershall, Merle Pershall, Feb. 21
- Esther Flanagan, Brandi Flanagan, March 2
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Pile It On: Why Stockpiling makes sense

By Jill Cataldo

CTW Features

Fans of my teaching are proud to call themselves Super-Couponers. These smart shoppers know that it takes more than coupons to save big on groceries. To get the best deals, stockpiling goes hand in hand with coupon use. Buying a little more than we need right now, when prices are low, pays off extremely well because prices at the grocery store fluctuate.

My supermarket recently had a sale on pasta sauce, an item which typically ranges between low and high prices. During the sale, the sauce was on sale for .99 a jar. Its regular price? \$2.49.

Even without a coupon, I could buy two jars on sale for less than the regular price of one jar. A coupon good for \$1 off the purchase of two reduces that great price even more, to less than 50 cents a jar. With two coupons, I bought four jars for less than \$2 - less than what one jar will sell for once this sale ends! Who wouldn't want to do this?

Lots of folks. Incredibly, some readers don't want to buy more than one of anything at a time. Judging from the mail I receive, some people are completely opposed to stocking up during a good sale. Here's a recent sampling from some anti-stockpilers:

"Tell me how to save big with coupons without stockpiling," one reader wrote. "I don't want all those groceries in my house but I want to cut

Super-Couponing Tips



with **Jill Cataldo**

my grocery bill to \$20 a week or less, like you do."

A note from another reader: "You keep talking about stocking up but we don't want to tie up money in groceries sitting around. We are spending over \$180 a week, though, and can't figure out how to save any more. Please help."

And another: "I do not want to store lots of groceries in my home. I only want to buy what I need this week and not two or three of everything. How can I save lots of money with coupons?"

It is difficult, if not impossible, to put together an effective savings strategy for anyone who doesn't stock up during sales. If you know something is priced lower than usual, the difference between what you spend on an item now and what you will spend when it's back at full price translates to real money in your pocket.

Here's a great analogy that I've often heard and used to explain why stockpiling saves so much money in the long run. Imagine you're a contractor building a house. The supplier for all of your lumber, drywall and plywood tells you that there will be a big sale on these items next week - half the price they normally sell for!

Do you buy all of the supplies you need to finish the house? Or do you only buy what your crew will use that week, then return each week and pay full price for identical supplies until the house is complete?

If you only buy what you need that week, you miss an opportunity to save 50 percent on the same supplies you need to finish building the house. Perhaps you don't need them all today, but you will need them in the near future.

Stockpiling groceries is similar. While I always have groceries on hand, they are all items we will use in the next few weeks or months. You don't have to go crazy filling your home with groceries, either. I know coupon shoppers who keep small stockpiles in under-bed drawers or in plastic totes in a closet. Each dollar you spend buying something at half price that you know you will use represents two dollars you won't spend on that same item down the road. Stocking up makes sense - and saves cents!

Next week, we hear from a reader who views stocking up as a financial investment... with a 200 percent return!

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Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her website, www.jill-cataldo.com. E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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12TH DISTRICT COURT CASES

Lefevre

Judge Karen Parsons issued a show-cause order for Scott Lefevre February 22.

Lefevre appealed an Aug. 24, 2010 conviction for speeding in Carrizozo Magistrate Court, then failed to make a telephonic appearance for a hearing on the appeal in District Court Feb. 22.

Parsons remanded the case to Magistrate Court for sentencing and issued the order for Lefevre to explain his failure to appear for the hearing.

Lefevre requested the appeal be heard within six months, when he filed the appeal, then on Jan. 28, 2011 asked the court for a delay, because he had to be

in Santa Fe to work as a lobbyist.

Aragon

Antoinette Aragon, 33, appeared in court Jan. 21 for a probation revocation hearing and admitted the probation violation.

Judge Karen Parsons revoked Aragon's probation, ordered her to serve six months in Lincoln County Detention Center and suspended the balance of Aragon's four year, one day sentence with the provision that Aragon attend New Life Recovery and Drug Court.

Aragon tested positive for methamphetamines and amphetamines Oct. 7, 2010, and acquired new charges of receiving stolen

property and conspiracy Oct. 19, 2010.

Aragon is on probation for harboring a felon for helping Michael Anthony Garcia avoid arrest Jan. 5, 2010 in Ruidoso Downs.

Brown

On Feb. 11, Judge Karen Parsons ordered charges of criminal sexual penetration, in the second degree, dismissed against James Brown because the Grand Jury proceeding indicting Brown was not recorded.

Parsons cited New Mexico law requiring that all Grand Jury proceedings

be recorded.

Brown lists six birthdays from 1940-1949, seven social security numbers and six aliases.

On Sept. 13, 2008, Brown had been charged with criminal sexual penetration with injury.

Torres

Theodore Torres, 22, appeared in court Feb. 11 for a probation revocation hearing.

Judge Karen Parsons ordered Torres' probation revoked and ordered him to serve his five year, less two days, sentence in prison.

Torres' probation was

revoked because he had been arrested for shoplifting at Walmart in Alamogordo Dec. 30, 2010.

He was on probation for a Nov. 5, 2007 assault on two hospital employees.

On April 22, 2008 Torres was sentenced to three years probation.

On Feb. 13, 2009 his probation was revoked and then continued after he failed to report to his probation officer.

Prada

Jorge Prada, 53, appeared in court Feb. 4 for imposition of sentence.

A jury found Prada

guilty of battery on a peace officer and assault on Dec. 15, 2010.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Prada to one and a half years in prison, plus one year as a habitual offender.

Parsons ordered Prada transported to prison to serve his time, noting that he had been in jail from May 14, 2010 through Feb. 4, 2011.

Ruidoso police arrested Prada May 14, 2010, when they responded to the Apache Motel for unwanted subjects and Prada kicked officer Josh Snodgrass in the chest and in the leg.

CARRIZOZO MAGISTRATE CASES

Feb. 22

Adam Del Campo, 27, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to a charge of driver must be licensed under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge from driving on a suspended or revoked license and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Del Campo to 90 days of unsupervised probation, a \$150 fine and \$81 in court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Chad Casson arrested Del Campo Jan. 28, 2011 after stopping him on Carrizo Canyon Road in Ruidoso.

The office found that Del Campo was driving on a suspended license from Colorado.

Clark Baca, 46, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney, and pleaded no contest to a charge of fishing with two poles.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Baca to 90 days unsupervised probation, a \$100 fine and \$73 in court costs.

A New Mexico Fish and Game officer cited Baca for fishing with two poles, without a stamp for two poles, at Grindstone Lake Jan. 29, 2011.

Feb. 25

Richard Philips, 80, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to a charge of improper handling of fire.

Judge Martha Proctor deferred Philips sentence for 182 days and ordered him to pay \$73 in court costs.

Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Baltazar Romo cited Philips Feb. 11 for a "control burn on property" that got away and burned a neighbor's property on Highway 380 near the 102 mile marker.

Feb. 28

Odilon Campana Campos, 43, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty to charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Campana-Campos to \$200 in fines and \$276 in court costs and placed him on 379 days of supervised probation.

New Mexico State Police officer Cory Crayton stop-

ped Campana-Campos for speeding near the 53 mile marker on Highway 380 Jan. 28. Crayton found rolling papers and marijuana in Campana-Campos' jacket pocket.

March 1

Elizabeth Duran, 54, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded guilty to improper handling of fire.

Judge Martha Proctor deferred Duran's sentence for 364 days and ordered her to pay \$73 in court costs.

Officer Dan Brawly cited Duran for improperly handling a fire that got out of control and burned about 50 acres at Windmill Ranches on Feb. 15.

Kenneth Yeager, 55, of Clovis, appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driving without a license under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

Under the agreement, the State amended the charge from driving on a suspended or revoked license and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Yeager to pay a \$100 fine, \$81 in court costs and serve 90 days of unsupervised probation.

New Mexico Department of Motor Transport officer Fred Curtis cited Yeager for driving on a suspended license Feb. 3, after stopping him on Highway 54.

March 2

Esgar Ramirez, 27, of Anthony, N.M., appeared in court, waived the right to an attorney and pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driving without a license under a plea and disposition agreement reached with Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson.

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

Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Ramirez to pay a \$150 fine, \$81 in court costs and serve 90 days of unsupervised probation.

Carrizozo Police officer Darrell Chavez stopped Ramirez for speeding at Central and E Streets in Carrizozo Aug. 30, 2010.

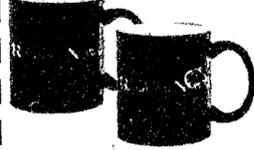
Chavez found that Ramirez's license was suspended, cited him for that offense and arrested Ramirez on a warrant.

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Carrizozo FFA judging is 'in the books'

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With approximately 800 students from 47 schools in attendance, New Mexico FFA was well represented Saturday, Mar. 5, in Carrizozo.

The invitational CDE (Career Development Day) or judging as it was formerly called) is an annual event hosted by the Carrizozo FFA and has been a spring tradition for more than 30 years.

Carrizozo FFA advisor Mike Gaines expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers and the community.

"Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to this school and community. We had a great day Saturday with 1,478 judging entries (about 800 individual students) in 17 contests representing 47 schools," he said.

"Along with that, there were over 100 teachers, sponsors and parents working the different areas. We had over 100 local folks helping out as well. It was a great day to showcase our school, community and ability to stage a huge event."

He gave special recognition to Carrizozo Agriculture Education instructor Bryce Dugger and to the one who keeps track of it all start to finish, Melody Gaines.

"The event was also a huge economic boost for our town. We had many

positive comments about our campus, facilities, concession and the students' positive attitudes as well as positive comments about the quality of the contest areas," Gaines said.

Sweepstakes winners for the Carrizozo Invitational (compilation of all points from the production contests entered by each school) are:

1. Artesia 583.685 points 2. Tatum 575.464 3. Hot Springs 572.749. The top three were followed by Moriarty, Deming, Melrose, Los Lunas and Tularosa, in that order.

This was the second event in the calendar of six invitationals to be held this spring, plus the state competition to complete the season.

Judging teams will head to Las Cruces Saturday, March 12, followed by events in Portales, March 15-16, Quemado on March 19 and Roswell on March 26.

The state contest is scheduled from March 29-April 1.

Of note, two Lincoln County FFA members were named high-point individual winners in two different contests.

Corona FFA member Ethan Johnson took the honors in Entomology, topping 91 other individuals.

Shayna Gallacher, Carrizozo FFA, was the high-point scorer in the Meats Contest, out-scoring 74 other FFA competitors.

A team is made up of four individuals and lower team scores often reflect a lack of a full team. Individual contest results from the Carrizozo event for Lincoln County FFA chapters are as follows:

Agriculture Mechanics (46 teams - 123 individuals): 9. Capitan #1: Sam Edington, Justin Owen, Layne Southard, Bymoen Walker; 32. Hondo: Ziar Apodaca, Cash Ficke; 40. Capitan #2: Jayden Daniel;

Dairy Foods (27 teams - 88 individuals) 21. Hondo: Alyssa Gomez, Jesus Guillen, Luis Masias, Savannah Herrera;

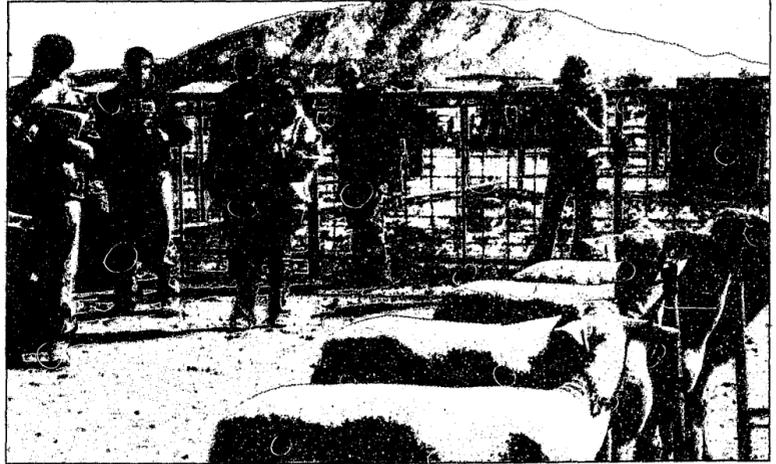
Entomology (35 teams - 92 individuals) 4. Corona #1: Cutler Cox, Troy Dial, Hannah Gage, Ethan Johnson; 24. Corona #2: Chris Frandsen, Sheldon McKibben; 30. Carrizozo: Micah Hamilton.

High-Point Individual: 1. Ethan Johnson 22. Troy Dial;

Horse (47 teams - 141 individuals): 14. Capitan #1: Kaleb Cleckler, Adriana McWilliams, Bryanna Parker, Kaydn Traylor; 15. Carrizozo: Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Arturo Najera, Marshal Wilson; 22.

Hondo: Jake Devine, Omar Lerma, Edwin Prudencio; 32. Capitan #2: Jayden Daniel, Mitchell Edington, Maggie Rich 34. Carrizozo #2: Cirsten Barela, Tiffany Vega.

High-point Individual: 16. Kaleb Cleckler; 25. Cirsten



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More than 800 students converged on Carrizozo for the annual FFA judging event. Here students rate the merits of sheep as part of the Livestock Judging contest.

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Horticulture Produce (38 teams - 112 individuals): 8. Carrizozo #1: Kylie Gaines, Lauren Smith, Jacie Thornton; 12. Capitan: Maggie Rich, Oliver Schultz, Wade Stearns, Kirsten Wilson; 20. Carrizozo #2: Emily Comstock, Don Myers, Dillion Najer; 27. Corona: Hannah Gage, Ethan Johnson;

High-point individual: 6. Ethan Johnson; 16. Don Myers; 22. Maggie Rich;

Landscape Design (16 teams - 35 individuals): 11. Corona: Chris Frandsen;

High-point individual: 5. Chris Frandsen

Livestock (39 teams - 123 individuals): 14. Capitan: Kaleb Cleckler, Christian Sweat, Forrest

Sweat; 30. Hondo #2: Patrick Barela, Anthony Martel, Edwin Prudencio; 31. Hondo #1: Jake Devine, Alyssa Gomez, Omar Lerma, Savannah Herrera;

High-point individual: 6. Kaleb Cleckler; 7. Forrest Sweat;

Meats (26 teams - 75 individuals): 6. Carrizozo #1: Joel Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Shyna Gallacher; 10. Carrizozo #2: Cirsten Barela, Mason Huston, Jacie Thornton;

High-point Individual: 1. Shayna Gallacher; 15. Mason Huston;

Wildlife (65 teams - 205 individuals): 9. Capitan #1: Walker Bymoen, Layne Southard, Kaydn Traylor, J'nae Wood; 27. Capitan #2: Sam Edington, Justin Owen,

Oliver Schultz, Wade Stearns; 29. Capitan #3: Mitchell Edington, Adriana McWilliams, Clay Stearns; 39. Hondo #1: Patrick Barela, Adriana Gandarilla, Jesus Guillen, Anthony Martel; 50. Hondo #2: Ziar Apodaca, Cash Ficke, Luis Masias;

Wool (31 teams - 82 individuals) 5. Capitan #1: Bryanna Parker, Christian Sweat, Kirsten Wilson, J'nae Wood; 8. Corona #1: Saige Bell, Haleigh Erramouspe, Jessica Leibold, Sheldon McKibben; 26. Capitan #2: Forrest Sweat; 28. Hondo: Adriana Gandarilla; 31. Corona #2: Franciso Torres;

High-point individual: 12. Kirsten Wilson; 17. J'nae Wood; 18. Christian Sweat; 20. Forrest Sweat.



COURTESY

The Capitan Board of Education recognized students who were named to the All-State Band. L-r Ed Vinson, Robin Parks, DuWayne Shaver (band director), Cade Haynes, Celeste Salcido, James Fields, Nate Dunn and Steve Dirks.

Capitan students named to All-State Band

All-State Band members Celeste Salcido and Cade Haynes were recognized along with Band Director DuWayne Shaver at last month's Capitan Board meeting.

The students talked about the All State experience and what it meant to them.

Refreshments were shared to honor the students and to thank outgoing Board member Nate

Dunn for his years of service.

The Capitan Board and superintendent have also been meeting with the boards and administrators of area school districts to look at the feasibility of sharing the purchase of resources and utilizing shared staff through distance learning initiatives as a way to better utilize financial resources in the districts.

Questions for the upcoming Quality of Education surveys were discussed, the school calendar for 2011-12, and the Excellence in Student Achievement Award to be decided in March.

A student request for early graduation was approved. Enrollment in the Capitan Schools continues to hold steady this year and is up from last year's enrollment.

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The Capitan Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting at the Capitan Public Library at a special time on Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m.

And the wreck was on

On its own, the word "wreck" conjures up endless images of smoke, dust, and disaster. When you throw in the words cowboy, horse and rope, it becomes not a picture, but a definition. Cowboy defined.

The hard part of the job was over. The yearling stray was roped, tripped, tied down and all that was left was a ride back to get the pickup and trailer, loading up the critter and heading back to the corrals.

Like most cowboys on the job, he was alone, a long way from home and not a soul knew where he was, not exactly. He'd seen enough years to be "seasoned."

He'd done this very same job hundreds of times. And maybe that was his undoing.

When he stepped back up on his horse, rope still tied to one end of the yearling and the other end to the saddle horn, an errant loose coil of his rope snaked around his leg just as the rope pulled tight.

The horse felt the sudden jerk on the rope, jumped and that yanked the cowboy to the ground. And the wreck was on.

It was a cowboy wreck

of the epic kind. Ingredients were trees, sage, rocks big and little for a scenery framework, a scared horse trying to get away from the cowboy hung in the rope bouncing behind him and the yearling dragging along behind.

It happened in seconds. The cowboy was on the ground before he knew what had happened and it

wasn't until many hours later that he could mentally think it through and even venture a guess at what took place.

What he knew was that in those few minutes, it occurred to him they could be his last.

"I felt a couple of my ribs break and knew then, if I didn't get out of this pretty quick, I wasn't going to get out of it alive."

Only the coyotes and the buzzards would have found him.

Providence intervened. The strain of the rope pulling on his foot pulled his boot off.

That released him enough to reach up and cut his rope with his pocketknife. T

hat freed him from the surety of being drug to death -- every cowboy's

nightmare if they let themselves go there.

It was a grueling trip back to the pickup and the drive home even more so, only to face a frightened wife who wished she could kill him before he killed himself.

The blinding pain subsided a little each day in the weeks that followed, leaving only a bad memory and an edge of caution for doing things a little differently next time.

That caution is not what the world outside the cowboy life would do, like make sure you were never alone again, or be certain someone always knows where you are at all times. Not possible, not an option.

Instead, his mind goes over and over every step of what he believes happened that day.

When he has it all sorted out, his solution is simple "Be a little more careful when I step back up on my horse."

For a cowboy, the possibility and likelihood of some sort of "wreck" in his day-to-day business stays at about 101 percent probability.

He's not into the numbers nor does he care. It's just what he does.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.

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Faces and places from the March 5 Career Development Event

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RELIGION

Free will is anything but 'bunk'

Q. It's amazing how you "learned theologians" always toe the party line: God is always responsible for the good things that happen, but good gosh, never responsible for the bad things because of "free will." And God doesn't make garbage.

Bunk. Hitler, Bin Laden and too many more names to fit on the page are all bad because of their environment?

When a product is junk, you blame the manufacturer.

I'd have more respect for you guys if you'd say God can and has been a screw-up, instead of the way you all tap dance around very valid questions with that "free will" nonsense.

-Anonymous



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A. OK, let me see if I understand you. You say that God makes evil people who are evil from birth because they're morally defective "garbage."

Do you actually believe that Hitler came out of the womb as a genocidal murderer?

This is both obviously untrue and unhelpful.

Even if it were true that there are "garbage people," how would we recognize them and what would we do with them?

The obvious truth is that we are accountable for what we freely choose to do.

Free will is not a theological trick to get God off the hook for evil. It is the truth of our moral lives whether God exists or not.

We are free moral agents, either because God so loved us as to give us the gift of moral freedom, or

because we evolved this capacity all on our own.

Either way, people are free to choose, and people are not garbage.

Those who freely choose to do radical evil must be stopped so the world can be free and so that death and oppression can end.

Hitler should have been stopped in 1933 when he rose to power, or in 1939 when he invaded Poland, but our choice to be weak in the face of radical evil helped him gain and solidify power.

His ultimate defeat finally came, but at a high price: The world ran with blood. All this is on us, not God.

God didn't "screw up" by giving us moral freedom. People without free will are like ants or robots, unable to make the choices for good that help us all live virtuous lives.

God did the best thing and the hardest thing by saying to us: "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and

your children may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19)

The evil in the world is not the work of our Creator, who loves us and wants us to choose the way of salvation, happiness, compassion and hope. And that belief is not garbage!

Q. Someone on a cable TV channel recently made a prediction that the world would end on May 29, 2011. He was very sure and adamant about this and is announcing it daily.

What do you think about this? Please let me know before May 29.

-K, Lindenhurst, N.Y.

A. The temptation to know the date the world will end has occupied people with nothing better to do for centuries, particularly in the time between the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament.

Various movements and sects whipped themselves into a frenzy after the

death of Jesus, passionately believing Christ's second coming was imminent.

As time passed without a second coming, some of these millenarian and chiliastic movements lost their appeal.

The Gospels are full of wise advice to avoid such inflammatory speculation.

In Matthew 24:36 we read, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (See also Mark 13:32; Matthew 24:42)

The textual loophole some have used to predict the second coming (which, by the way, is not the same as the end of the world) is the use of the words "hour" and "day."

They interpret this to mean that although we cannot know the time of the day when Jesus will return, we can know the year.

This has become a sad old song as the predicted years have come and gone.

The main reason to avoid speculation about the

second coming, the rapture, the end of time, or the end of the world is that it leads to fatalism - the idea that there's no reason to do anything productive, healing, or good in the world because the world will end soon, regardless of what we do.

There's a great Jewish legend about this. The rabbis of old taught that if you're planting a tree and you hear that the Messiah is coming, first plant the tree and then go out to greet the Messiah.

My advice to you is not to worry.

May 29 will pass by and the sun will rise on May 30 as usual.

I know this because I have a golf outing scheduled on May 30 and I don't think The Boss would want to wreck my day!

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

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Easter - not about eggs and bunnies

Last Wednesday was the beginning of the season of Lent, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday.

Resurrection Sunday is rather late in the calendar this year.

It is scheduled for April 24 with Palm Sunday on the 17. Many of the churches, both Protestant and Catholic, honor these days with special services and practices.

The different denominations have activities and worship services according to their traditions.

With Ash Wednesday,

many Christians observe the practice of placing ashes on their foreheads as a sign of grief and penitence for their sins and the fact that Jesus suffered and died on the cross to pay for them.



Clarifications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Easter, is the celebration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If you have an interest

in any of these special services, contact a pastor, minister, or church for dates, times, and location of these events.

A number of churches have special sunrise services for Resurrection Sunday.

You may be wondering why I call it "Resurrection Sunday."

The word, "Easter" has become associated with Easter bunnies, Easter egg hunts, and the like. So, the true meaning of the celebration gets lost in the emphases of the worldly rather than focusing in on the spiritual meaning and circumstance of the day.

I am not trying to be super-spiritual, but we don't need to water down

the true reason for the celebration.

You might wonder if we did the Easter stuff with our children. Sure, we did, but we did not mix it with the Resurrection story.

Some folks go to the other extreme and do not allow their children to participate in the Easter stuff. Each set of parents has to make their own decisions as to how they will handle it.

Just as at the Christmas season, we must "remember the reason for the season," so also it is true for the Resurrection/Easter season.

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or visit the group on Face Book!!

Admission is Free!!! Come early for best seating

Debbie Sheehey

Graveside service for Debbie Sheehey, 52, of Nogal will be Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 AM in The Capitan Cemetery. Debbie passed away Saturday, March 5, 2011 at her home. She was born September 14, 1959 at El Paso, Texas and lived in Lincoln County all of her life.

Debbie was a good, kind woman and always had something good to say. She loved doing stained glass, going to the lake, but most of all she liked sitting in the warm sun and reading. She worked at Ruidoso State Bank from 1980 until 1998 as a loan processor and then worked at Camp Sierra Blanca for 6 years as a case manager, she enjoyed working there and tried her best to help them achieve something with their life.

Debbie loved her family and friends with all of her heart and treated everyone with kindness. She married Tony Sheehey on May 25, 1987 in Ruidoso.

She is survived by her husband Tony; daughter, Alyx Sheehey of Nogal; son, Camron Sheehey of Nogal; two sisters, Shadow Tate of Cottonwood, AZ and Wendy Alise of Grapevine, TX; two brothers, Dean Perry of Kansas and Len Perry of Capitan; Uncle and Aunt Wayne and Jennie Whitlock of Carlsbad; her step father, Jerry Tate of Capitan. She was preceded in death by her father, George Perry and her mother, Janet Tate.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

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

2 Corinthians 4:18

Antonio "Tony" Padilla

Antonio "TONY" Padilla, 72, born March 16, 1938 passed away peacefully with family members by his side February 17, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A long life resident of Capitan, Tony was born in Enclinos, New Mexico to Lucia and Willie Padilla.

He is preceded in death by his parents, father Willie and mother Lucy, sister Mary Gonzales of Artesia New Mexico, sister Cecilia, brother Ben and son Steven Padilla of St. Petersburg, Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 47 yrs, Mae B Padilla, sons Antony Tre' Padilla, Troy Padilla and grandchildren, Tony and Kayla Padilla, sister Cecilia and husband Rick Ethridge of Nogal, New Mexico, brothers, Eddy and wife Joan of Ojal, California, Alfred and wife Marina of Capitan, New Mexico, Willie Padilla of Albuquerque, Richard and wife Chris of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Freddy Padilla of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Jimmy and wife Debbie of Lincoln, New Mexico and many friends that will miss him dearly.

Cremation has taken place no services have been planned per his request.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Presbyterian Hospital/Hospice staff and Doctors in Albuquerque, family and friends for their support and sympathy who were so supportive during this time in their lives; and to those who sent flowers, tributes, cards and foods, your kindness will always be remembered.

"Dad not a day will go by that we won't think of you or we don't miss you more than the day before. You left us precious memories and we praise God for the gift of your life. You are always in our hearts and minds and may you always rest in peace in the house of the Lord. Until we meet again.....Love, Mae, Antony, Troy, Tony and Kayla"

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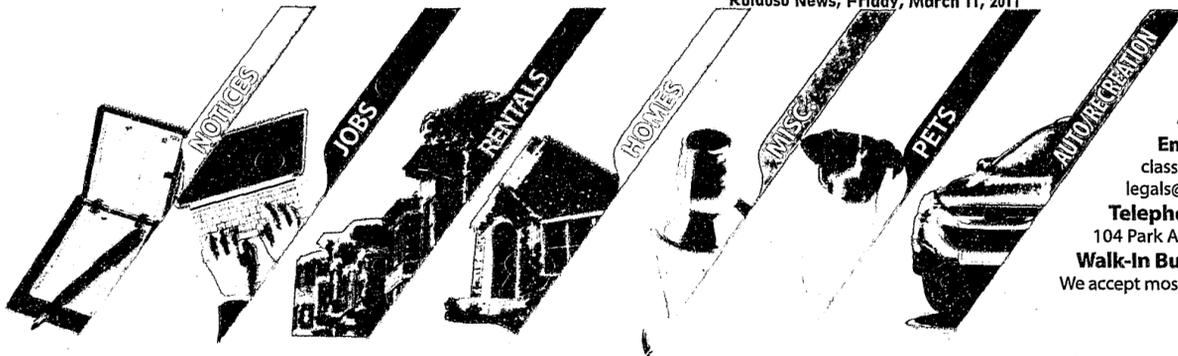
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Begin your day with wellness in mind when you stop by our green juice bar that opens at 7:30 am. Enjoy Arbonne wellness protein shakes, power juices, organic wheatgrass, assorted muffins and fresh fruits. And since we want to begin the day with a focus on you, we also include a Keep in Mind card with your juice to kick-start your morning of mindfulness!

Although Sanctuary on the River is not a traditional restaurant, a salad du jour is catered in by our neighbors at Blue Goose Restaurant and is available for you to pick up and enjoy while you journal or meditate by the Rio Ruidoso. We will have salads on-hand, but we encourage you to call us at 630-1111 by 10:30 AM to reserve your salad. Enjoy lunch with a friend you haven't seen in a while...you!

Afternoons at the Sanctuary will focus on workshops, seminars and worth-your-time experiences are listed on our website at www.SanctuaryOnTheRiver.com. The Sanctuary is a resource center for you. If you have ideas or talents that you would like to share through a workshop, let us know. We are a community of life-long learners that believe in the incredible value of sharing our experiences.

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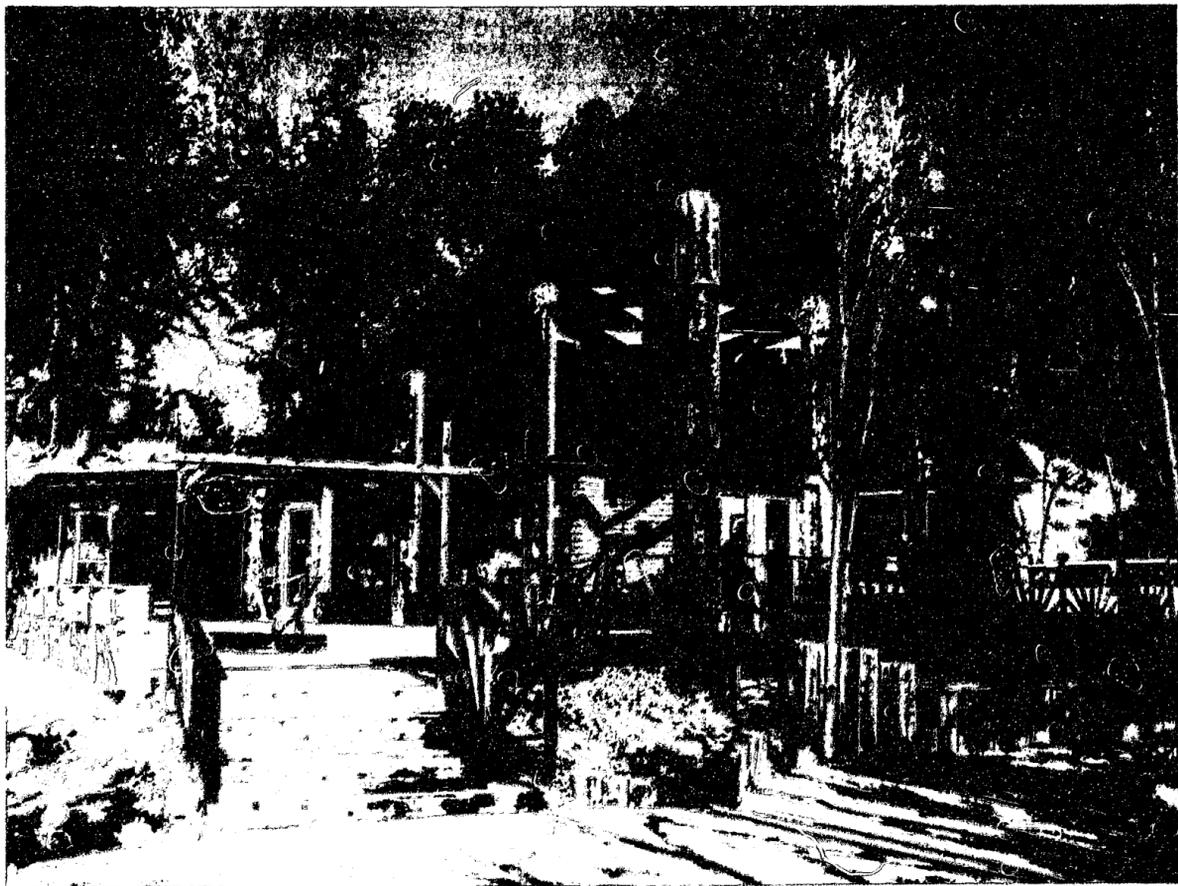
River is committed to hospitality. We are not only a unique meeting location, workshop space and classroom but we are truly a "special" event center. Your wedding at Sanctuary on the River will be envied. Our picturesque river setting, romantic bridge connecting our secluded "island," and warm, inviting reception areas provide the setting to make your wedding day as special as it should be. Anniversaries, birthdays, family reunions and end of life celebrations are

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Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Meeting Notice for March 24, 2011

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Public Notice of Meeting of the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO)

A Meeting of the Policy and Technical Committees of the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 10:00 am at the Boardroom, Room 201, Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District, 301 N. Pennsylvania, Roswell, New Mexico.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs assistance or an auxiliary aid, please contact the Southeast Regional Planning Organization (SERPO) at (505) 624-6131 at least one (1) week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public accommodations, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the SERPO at (505) 624-6131 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed. The agenda shall be available at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

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The following units at AA STORAGE INC. 26130 US Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346 are for sale.

Auction Date: April 12, 2011
Auction Time: 11 am - 4 pm

Unit #C-26
Kymberly Bates, 4328 Solano, Wyo., Union City, CA 94587. Misc boat clothes & furn.

Unit #F-5
Christopher Janis, 4255 Hurst, Hurst, TX 75955. Misc furn. & VCR tapes.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Commission Ruidoso Downs will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the City of Ruidoso Downs, 123 Downs Blvd., Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico for the following purpose:

DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION for the request of rezoning from AR-1 to C-2 on property located at 26711 US HIGHWAY 70, the Wright Tract No. 2, 512 NW 1/4 and part of E 1/4 Section 30, T11S, R14E, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, requested by Joelyne Wright and Carol Beechle, owners and applicants.

The Special Meeting will be open to the public. All citizens will have an opportunity to make written and/or verbal comments at this time.

I certify that notice of the Special Meeting has been given in compliance with Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA, 1978 and Resolution 2011-1. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, interpreter, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact the Planning and Zoning Commission at 375-275-4422 at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

Steve Dunigan
P/Z Director

General Help Wanted 230

Office Position open for honest, outgoing, dependable and self-motivated individual. Must be computer literate in some experience in general office duties. Applications may be obtained at 107 Cree Meadows during normal working hours. 375-258-5916.

General Housekeeper wanted Starting part-time work into full-time position in June. Spanish speaking a plus but must speak English. Call Joe for appl. 375-257-4504.

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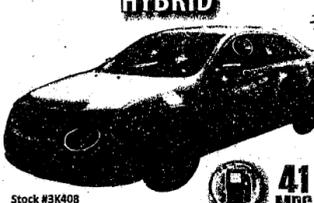
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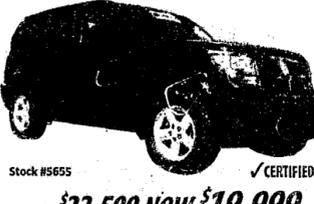
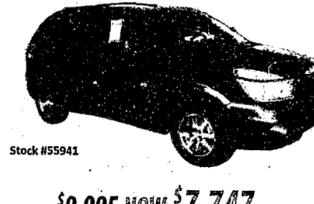
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<p>2008 CHEVROLET 2500 CREW CAB DIESEL 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #8K0421</p> <p>was \$37,295 NOW \$32,747</p> <p>Silverado LT, Duramax, Allison Transmission, Remote Start, Hideaway Hitch</p>	<p>2008 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE</p>  <p>Stock #5616</p> <p>was \$22,545 NOW \$17,888</p> <p>6 Speed, Side Airbags, Foglights, Like New, Only 3,100 Miles!</p>	<p>2007 CHRYSLER 300C</p>  <p>Stock #56321</p> <p>was \$23,985 NOW \$19,999</p> <p>Hemi, Moonroof, Low Miles, Heated Leather, Boston Sound, 6CD, 25 Mpg!</p>	<p>2004 CHEVROLET SILVERADO</p>  <p>Stock #8K0341</p> <p>was \$9,975 NOW \$8,688</p> <p>Vortec V6, Dual Zone Climate Control, 5 Speed, Great Economy, Clean!</p>
<p>2008 VOLVO S40</p>  <p>Stock #5604</p> <p>was \$18,755 NOW \$14,955</p> <p>Alloys, Safety Canopy, Traction Control, Full Power, Economy</p>	<p>2009 DODGE NITRO 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5655 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$22,500 NOW \$19,999</p> <p>SLT, Stability Control, Remote Start, Satellite, Auto, Loaded!</p>	<p>2004 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #610861</p> <p>was \$23,485 NOW \$21,955</p> <p>Luxury, Nav, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Dual A/C, Low Miles!</p>	<p>2002 BUICK RENDEZVOUS</p>  <p>Stock #55941</p> <p>was \$9,995 NOW \$7,747</p> <p>CX, Leather, Reverse Sensing, 3rd Row Seat, Tow Pkg., Traction Control</p>

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<p>2010 LINCOLN TOWN CAR</p>  <p>Stock #5631 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$32,395 NOW \$28,833</p> <p>Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p>2008 LINCOLN MKZ AWD</p>  <p>Stock #5639 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$27,895 NOW \$24,599</p> <p>AWD, Lincoln Luxury!</p>	<p>2010 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE</p>  <p>Stock #5649 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$25,320 NOW \$21,727</p> <p>Auto, CD, A/C, Full Power, Sporty!</p>	<p>2007 FORD EDGE AWD</p>  <p>Stock #5629</p> <p>was \$25,095 NOW \$21,757</p> <p>Sel Plus, Leather, Vista Roof, Advantecrac, 100K Factory Warranty!</p>
<p>2008 FORD EXPEDITION 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #514271 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$33,195 NOW \$26,721</p> <p>Eddie Bauer, Heated/Cooled Seats, Moonroof, 3rd Row Seat</p>	<p>2009 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5656 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>\$46,020</p> <p>Elite, Moonroof, DVD Entertainment, Navigation, THX Audio, Much More!</p>	<p>2008 FORD F150 CREW CAB 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5653 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>was \$30,070 NOW \$24,750</p> <p>XLT, Alloys, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, CD, A/C</p>	<p>2010 FORD ESCAPE 4x4</p>  <p>Stock #5658 ✓ CERTIFIED</p> <p>\$279/mo.</p> <p>XLT, Stability Control, Safety Curtain, Satellite Radio, Great Economy!</p>

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