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## Village: 'Not a cash cow'

**Mayor Alborn says some hope to make a fast buck off recent water crisis**

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Ruidoso will not be a "cash cow," for those hoping to make a fast buck, Mayor Ray Alborn warned.

"There are people who just view the village as 'here's a place for some easy money,'" Alborn said Tuesday. "I don't know whether that goes on past history or what it is. But I firmly believe that and I haven't changed my position on that. I still think there's some people who every time something comes up they're going to sue to see if they can get some easy money."

One issue involves legal threats.

Alborn said he was told 10 or 11 people have come to Village Hall to obtain tort claim forms for damage caused by the early February record cold temperatures that broke hundreds of water pipes, many inside homes.

"What they have to prove in order to have a claim is that the village was negligent. I think that's going to be very difficult for them to prove."

Alborn said the sub-zero cold that hung on for 40 hours was "an act of God."

Village Manager Debi Lee said that, of the tort claims that were returned, all so far have been denied by the New Mexico Municipal League's Self Insurers' Fund.

"They looked at the case, the facts, and said the village wasn't negligent," Alborn said.

The mayor contended that the village actually responded honorably by reducing what would have been unbearable water

bills for those who had leaks. The high number of leaks nearly exhausted the municipal water supply for the majority of Ruidoso.

"Instead of people complaining, I think they ought to be saying, 'Boy that was nice of you to be willing to do that,'" Alborn said of the formula used to pare back what otherwise would have been very large water bills. "But there's not many people that have said that because most are upset because they're paying more than what they normally pay regardless of the circumstances. The village stepped up to the plate in reducing these. We lost the water. Then you come down to the cost of producing that water. So the village stepped up, I think, big time and hopefully people will realize that."

And some vendors that provided services to Ruidoso were put on alert by the mayor.

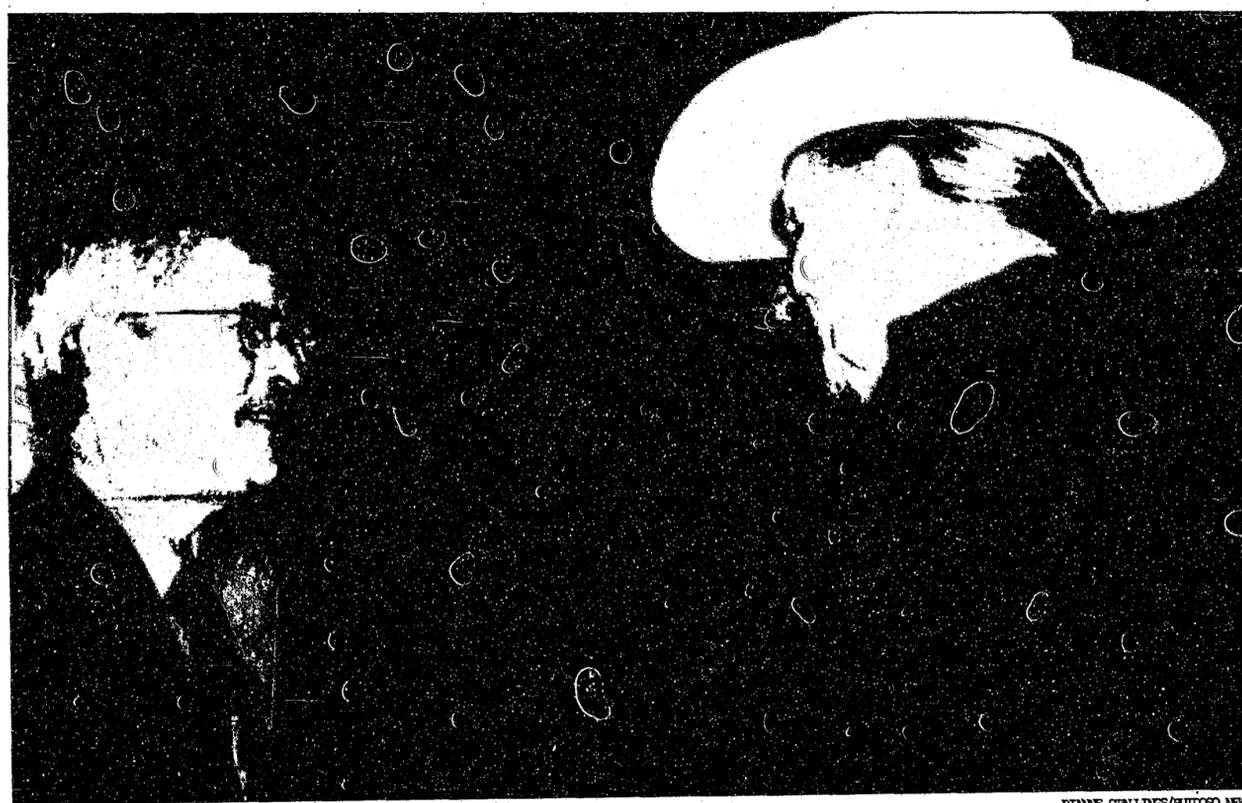
"We don't mind you making a buck. But don't hold us up," Alborn said.

The mayor cited a situation from early this month.

"We had an estimate for a job that was \$1,200 and then, all of the sudden, we get a bill for \$2,400. There's something wrong with that picture. We need to put a stop to that. And we're going to follow the procurement procedures. I would ask that people in the community that are vendors, we're not asking you to take a hit, but we're also asking you to not gouge us."

Alborn said he had gone into the municipal finance director's office earlier this month while she was on the phone with the vendor.

"I've nicknamed her now 'killer,'" Alborn said of finance chief Nancy Klingman. "She was after it. I'll tell you, I was proud of it. We need to put an end to the good ol' boy system."



Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-New Mexico), left, chats with former state forester Beth Elzer at Wednesday's Wildland Urban Interface Summit in Ruidoso. See companion story, page 11A.

## Planner Beth Hood resigns

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In a surprise for fellow members on the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, Chairman Beth Hood announced she will not seek reappointment to the volunteer position.

"This is my last meeting," she told the other commissioners last week. "My tenure has expired and I notified the mayor that I am not seeking reappointment."

She complimented the planning and zoning staff as being "terrific," and said the board, composed of all new members except Hood since 2010, has been excellent.

"It's the difference between night and day and you've been the day," she said. "I've missed three meetings in four years and it's time."

She recommended that the chairmanship of the board "be passed around," and not handled for years by the same person. And if members find attendance too difficult to manage, because they are bored with the tedious code reviews compared to tackling the major developments of previous years, they shouldn't continue to serve.

Hood was appointed in April 2007, and dogged the preparation of meeting minutes to ensure they became more completely representative of actions at meetings and the intentions of board members, and that all meetings were adequately advertised to the public and to the principals with interests in proposed actions. She was reappointed in 2009, and her second two-year term expires this month.

She was selected as chairman in April 2010.

## 'Pray for rain': Bingaman addresses summit

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Looking fit, but a bit tired Wednesday, U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico, opened the 2nd Annual Wildland Urban Interface Summit in Ruidoso with a status report on three programs he considers vital to improving national forest health and minimizing the threat of wildfire.

The room at the Ruidoso Convention Center was crowded with fire chiefs and forestry-related officials from across the state

and neighboring areas, who work in environments where forests and residential settlements mix. Proud organizers pointed out that two additional tables were required to provide adequate seating. The event is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Forestry, New Mexico State Land Office and New Mexico Association of Counties.

Bingaman, a Harvard and Stanford School of Law graduate, former New Mexico Attorney General and five-term United States senator, said the

Collaborative Forest Restoration program began in 2001 and he gave Walter Dunn from his Washington D.C. office credit for the work on that bill, which funnels \$5 million a year to New Mexico.

Bingaman chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and serves on the Senate Finance Committee, Joint Economics Committee, and the Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee.

"It's good for the state and is used strictly for forest restoration," he said, and created 300

forest-related seasonal, full-time and part-time jobs. "I hear a lot about it (when he's traveling in the state). It's existence brought a lot of folks together to try to solve problems that we're not talking to each other much before."

The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration program began in 2009. While similar to the CFR program, it focuses on a landscape scale project, Bingaman said.

Authorized for \$40 million, it is unclear if the program actually

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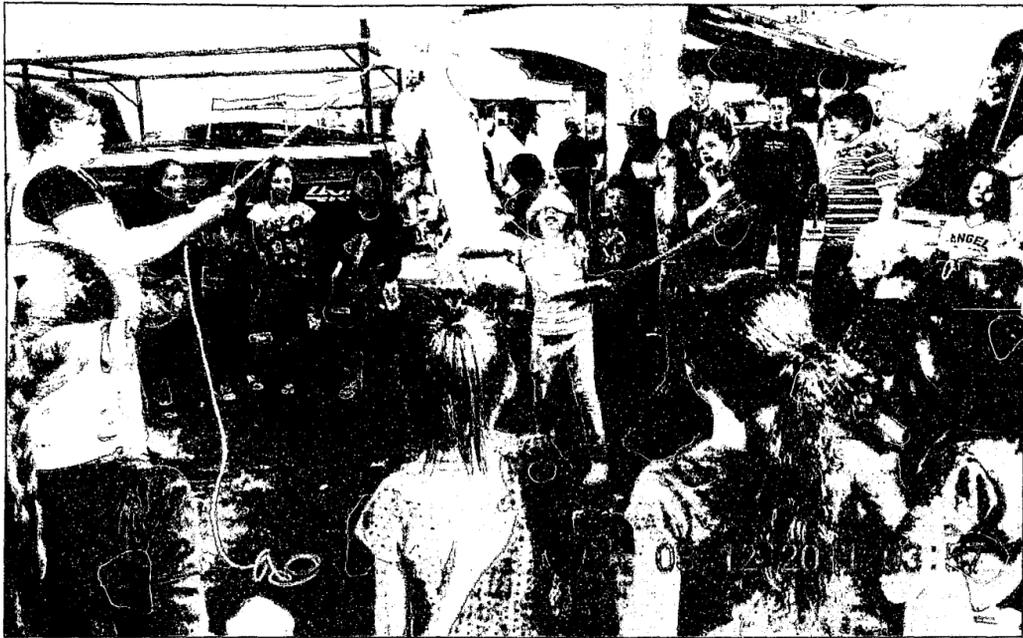
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A day of fun in the sun at Cloud Nine to celebrate two little girls birthdays turned into a huge community event with 42 kids and their parents March 12. For entertainment there were the traditional piñata filled with candy, face painting, balloon animals and the Jumping Balloon provided by H&M Balloons. Genevieve Rivera turned 8 and Rebecca Adams turned 7.

**Deadline extended**

The deadline for a program that offers assistance to low-income residents who sustained damage to homes during freezing temperatures in early February has been extended.

The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration's Local Government Division last month made \$1.1 million available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program.

Applications will be processed through April 1. Eligible applicants must contact their regional planning district office to begin the process.

The regional office that covers Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, Eddy and Lea counties is the Southeastern New

Mexico Economic Development District in Roswell. The phone number is 575-624-6133.

The program will fund emergency repairs up to the \$2,000 for problems such as broken pipes, repairs to water heaters and furnaces, and water damage to walls.

To qualify, residents must meet certain income limits depending upon family size and localized factors.

The program is offered strictly for repairs to individual properties. The financial assistance is not available to those who have home insurance and can file claims with their insurers. Eligible residents who already paid for qualified repairs can seek reimbursements but receipts must reflect services performed after Feb. 1, 2011.

**C.O.P.D. talk**

Dr. Neal Fellers, consultant in pulmonary medicine and critical care, will be the guest speaker at the April 5 meeting of Huff n Puff, a Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease support group.

The meeting will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alamogordo Senior Center.

Family, caregivers and guests always are welcome. For more information on meetings and schedules, call the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department at 575-443-2745 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday or call Jan Lundstrom at 575-443-2499.

**Food drive**

During the month of April, Curves of Ruidoso will participate in the 13th

Annual Curves Food Drive to collect non-perishable food and cash donations to benefit the local food bank.

Current Curves members who make a \$30 donation or an equivalent value of food are eligible to receive a Curves reusable food drive grocery bag.

From April 4-17, Curves will waive the membership fee for new members who donate a bag of non-perishable food or make a donation of \$30 or more.

In addition to the food and monetary donations that each gym collects, Curves International is offering gyms the opportunity to win cash prizes for their local food banks. Prizes will be awarded to clubs with the most food collected, clubs who beat their 2010 donation level by the largest amounts, and to two randomly select-

ed clubs drawn from all the Curves that enter the contest.

Curves clubs have donated more than 61 million pounds of food in the United States and Canada since 2004.

"The past few years have been difficult for many families," said Curves founder Diane Heavin.

"Curves annual food drive is one way that everyone in the Ruidoso area can make a real difference for a local family that is struggling.

"We encourage everyone, not just our members or those who are thinking about joining our gym, to make a cash donation or drop off a bag of non-perishable food items in April."

The Ruidoso Curves is at 1216 Mechem Dr. The phone number is 258-1111.

This year's food drive will include founders Gary and Diane Heavin being featured on ABC Television's "Secret Millionaire" show, airing Sunday, April 3, at 7 p.m.

**Fiesta call**

Middle and high school students are being sought to join the Ruidoso Schools Fiestas.

The event, set for May 6, will involve colorful dancing and other festive pageantry.

Practices are being held at 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at the Horton Complex cafeteria.

There is no charge to join in, but participants are required to have their own dress or charro outfit as well as dance shoes or boots. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer, to assist with decorating, concession stands and other venues.

Two volunteers are

working with a couple of student groups, and another volunteer is needed. Practice for kindergarten through 5th grade students takes place during school hours.

The fiesta will be at the main gymnasium of Ruidoso High School, starting at 6:30 p.m., May 6.

Those interested in dancing should contact Debbie Jo Almager at 505-660-6652 or Naomi Brady at 303-905-9354.

The Ruidoso School Fiestas is a scholarship program for seniors who have participated in the initiative since their freshman year.

**Pajama party**

Snuggle down to hear bedtime stories during preschool story time Wednesday, March 30, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library.

You need to wear your jammies and bring your blankie, pillow or sleeping bag to stretch out and hear these wonderful stories. And bring your stuffed animal. The stuffed animals are going to go exploring the library while you listen to stories.

Come back to the preschool story time on April 6 to get a photo of what fun and exciting things your stuffed animal did while you were at the pajama party.

Little ones are always invited to story and craft time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the library. Parents and guardians of preschoolers - bring your little one for a fun time. Story time usually ends around 11:15 a.m.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd., next to Village Hall.

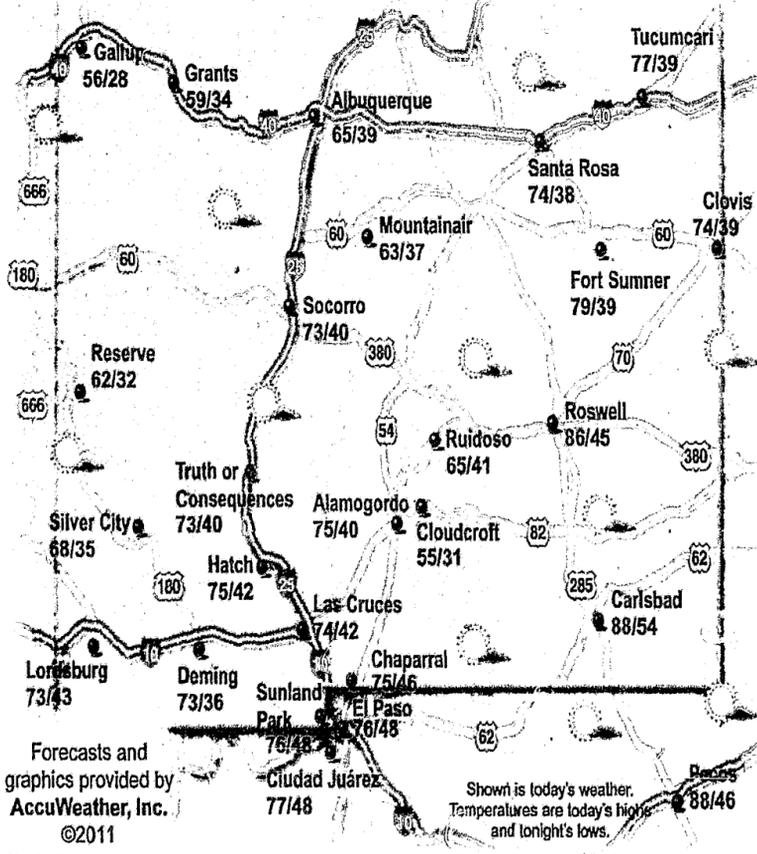
**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso**

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 65° Humidity 15% 65° 41° Mostly sunny and windy Wind: WSW 15-25 mph	RealFeel 60° Humidity 21% 60° 43° Windy with plenty of sunshine Wind: W 12-25 mph	RealFeel 53° Humidity 28% 55° 39° Windy with plenty of sunshine Wind: WNW 20-30 mph	RealFeel 61° Humidity 18% 61° 39° Windy with bright sunshine Wind: SW 20-30 mph	RealFeel 62° Humidity 24% 63° 41° Sunny, breezy and pleasant Wind: W 10-20 mph	RealFeel 60° Humidity 27% 60° 29° Turning out cloudy Wind: SW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 49° Humidity 52% 51° 44° Sunshine and cooler Wind: WNW 8-16 mph

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**Regional Cities**



**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Wednesday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 64°/32°  
Normal high ..... 60°  
Normal low ..... 26°  
Record high ..... 71° (1971)  
Record low ..... 2° (1952)  
Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... Trace  
Normal month to date ..... 0.79"  
Year to date ..... 0.76"  
Normal year to date ..... 3.27"

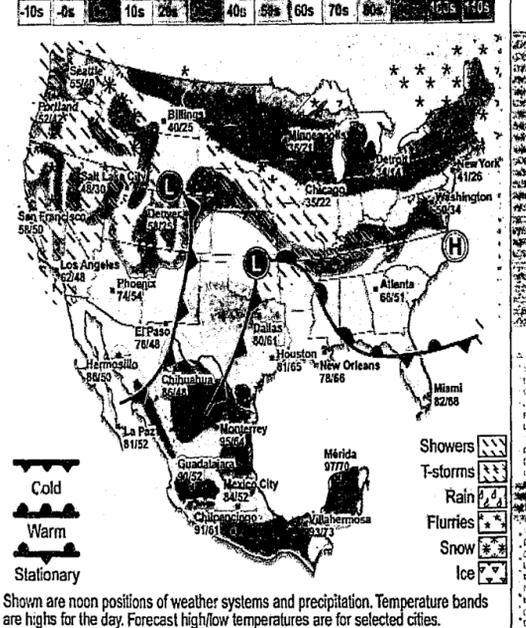
**Pollen:**  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... High  
Weeds ..... Absent  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Mulberry  
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

**Alamogordo**

Statistics through Wednesday  
Temperature:  
High/low ..... 70°/31°  
Normal high ..... 69°  
Normal low ..... 40°  
Record high ..... 84° (1971)  
Record low ..... 23° (1955)  
Precipitation:  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.38"  
Year to date ..... 0.46"  
Normal year to date ..... 1.68"

**Weather Trivia™:**  
Q: What type of weather increases during spring in the United States?

**National Forecast for March 25, 2011**



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

**National Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	82/56/pc	85/52/pc
Anchorage	39/27/sf	40/28/c
Atlanta	66/51/s	72/58/r
Austin	80/63/sh	85/58/pc
Baltimore	48/32/pc	48/35/c
Boston	38/27/sf	38/28/s
Chicago	35/22/c	37/20/pc
Dallas	80/61/pc	86/54/pc
Denver	58/25/s	58/25/pc
Des Moines	41/24/sf	36/27/sn
Detroit	34/14/pc	32/18/pc
El Paso	76/48/s	76/50/s
Las Vegas	66/47/pc	67/50/s
Los Angeles	62/48/c	62/50/sh
Minneapolis	36/21/c	36/17/c
New Orleans	78/66/s	80/66/pc
New York City	41/28/s	39/32/pc
Philadelphia	42/26/s	42/31/pc
Phoenix	74/54/s	75/56/s
Reno	45/33/r	50/31/r
San Francisco	58/50/sh	59/47/r
San Diego	63/53/c	61/55/pc
Seattle	55/40/c	52/42/sh
Tucson	75/45/s	76/50/s
Tulsa, OK	68/53/r	73/42/r
Wash., DC	50/34/pc	49/36/c
Wichita	66/47/pc	56/35/c
Yuma	76/52/pc	75/54/s

**Regional Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	65/39/s	62/40/pc
Artesia	86/53/s	83/53/s
Chama	48/24/s	49/28/pc
Clayton	73/34/s	59/29/pc
Cloudcroft	55/31/s	54/27/s
Farmington	57/29/s	54/35/pc
Hobbs	82/43/s	83/42/s
Los Alamos	55/29/s	53/31/pc
Portales	78/39/s	76/39/s
Raton	67/26/s	58/28/pc
Red River	46/25/s	45/27/pc
Ruidoso	65/41/s	60/43/s
Santa Fe	62/30/s	60/32/pc
Silver City	68/35/s	67/41/s
Taos	57/28/s	55/30/pc

**Mexican Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	90/70/s	90/70/s
Cancún	84/68/pc	86/70/pc
Chihuahua	86/49/s	84/46/s
Ciudad Juárez	77/48/s	77/50/s
Leon	90/52/s	90/52/s
México, DF	84/52/s	82/50/pc
Monterrey	95/84/s	97/68/s
Morelia	88/56/s	89/51/s
Oaxaca	91/57/pc	91/57/pc
Pto. Penasco	73/50/s	72/52/s
Tijuana	63/48/c	63/48/pc

**Sun and Moon**  
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 7:01 a.m./7:18 p.m.  
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 1:16 a.m./11:26 a.m.

**Noon Phases**  
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Mar 26 Apr 3 Apr 11 Apr 17

**Extremes**  
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 95° in Laredo, TX  
Low: -4° in Stanley, ID  
Wednesday's World High/Low:  
High: 111° in Malam, Senegal  
Low: -72° in Summit Station, Greenland

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# Pearce calls for removal of logging ban

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With federal spending at \$3.5 trillion a year, and only \$2.2 trillion in revenues, job creation could increase taxes to bridge the gap, U.S. Representative Steve Pearce (R-New Mexico) said Tuesday.

During a stop in Cloudcroft, Pearce said he had introduced legislation last week that would restart employment in the state's once-thriving timber industry.

"I would tell you that you cannot cut deeply enough to get \$3.5 trillion to \$2.2 trillion," Pearce said. "You must move the \$2.2 toward \$3.5. How does the government get more revenue? Find more jobs."

Pearce said good paying jobs could be reestablished locally on the Lincoln National Forest through a return to employment in the timber industry.

"When I walk through the forest I see that we used to have jobs here in Cloudcroft. People had careers that they were building. And instead of those careers now we have just the tourism. I don't diminish tourism but they're never going to pay to the kind of pay that timber jobs did."

## Regulations hurt

Pearce said the area's timber industry was not crippled because of Canadian competition but rather government regulations.

"If you were here in the 70s you would remember the spotted owl. We said we were going to keep the habitat, we don't want the spotted owl to go extinct. I don't want the spotted owl to go extinct either."

"I just don't think we



Pearce in Cloudcroft Tuesday: "Let's put people back to work and keep the spotted owl alive."

should have killed every job in the timber industry statewide and nationwide and that's basically what we did. We had 20,000 jobs in New Mexico in timber alone and now we're down to zero."

The ban on logging was called an "extreme" response by Pearce.

"We could keep the spotted owl alive in sanctuaries. You can put 1,000 acres, 2,000 acres, I don't know, we'll let the scientists discuss that. This for-

est here is one million acres. You don't need 1 million acres as habitat. So let's put people back to work and keep the spotted owl alive."

The legislation would protect the Mexican Spotted Owl in sanctuaries and provide what Pearce said was a "balanced approach" to logging.

"If you're reading a copy of the bill there are people saying 'Well those mean Republicans want to clear-cut the forest. I don't want

to do that at all."

Pearce said the net result would be protection for the endangered owl, a return to a healthy forest, and job creation.

"I have a friend in Virginia. His father ran a small land and lumber company. And his father worked his whole career on that 5,000 acres cutting timber. They had about 50 employees and a little sawmill. Fifty employees. Think what that would be here. And they only have

5,000 acres.

"His son now manages that business his whole life. They don't ever clear-cut the 5,000 acres. They just go through and harvest it. And the next year they harvest and harvest."

"If we would put 5,000-acre allotments out in this forest and lease those out for 10, 20, 30 years, people would take care of the forest. The Forest Service could watch and make sure they did it correctly but jobs would start tomorrow."

Cloudcroft Mayor Dave Venable told Pearce the bill was "an important first step" for the local economy and the environment.

Logger John Braziel took Pearce on a tour and showed him the impact of the logging restrictions. Braziel said even the healthiest forest areas were still considerably more dense than ideal conditions.

"A healthy forest is going to look like it does when you drive to Ruidoso," Pearce said. "On one side you have the national forest service which doesn't cut trees. On the other side you've got the Mescalero who can cut trees. Their forest looks like a healthy forest should."

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## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## Village, county at odds over liquid gold

But we're all in this together

Back in 2004-2005, when Leon Eggleston presided as mayor or Ruidoso, and the village council was turning on itself, a civil war broke out between the village and the county.

At one point – and it might have been just for show – the village talked about seceding from Lincoln County and either forming its own jurisdiction or offering to join neighboring Otero County.

The Lincoln County Commission then was largely representative of rural interests, and it's safe to say that, regardless of flashpoint headlines, the underlying conflict stemmed from a clash of cultures.

Over the next few years, with the election of Tom Battin, Dave Parks and Don Williams to the commission, tensions between the two sides eased. Now, after the 2010 shakeup that ousted Parks and Williams, the commission

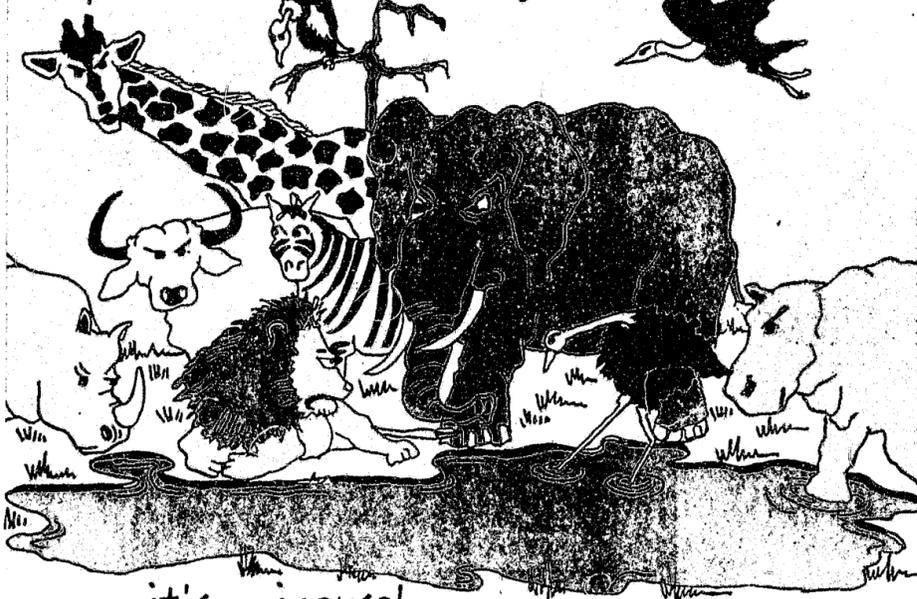
has gotten feisty again in matters pertaining to the county's cultural and population hub.

In a county stretching from desert plains to Alpine meadows, with economies spanning ranching and tourism, it is inevitable that a tug of war will occasionally flare over water resources more precious than gold. While the county doesn't have a direct legal claim over the pumping of North Fork wells on Eagle Creek, it has voiced its concerns over Ruidoso's desire to do so. Those concerns are legitimate – but so, too, are Ruidoso's justifications.

Among such talking points as water rights, surface flows and special use permits, let's not forget that we're all in this together. There will be compromises, but for the village and county to prosper, there must be a synergy based on understanding and empathy.

As a region, we go there or we go nowhere.

## Competition at the watering hole...



... it's universal.

Doug McLeod 11 Ruidoso News

### YOUR OPINION

## Absurd to say film didn't benefit Carrizozo

To the editor:

AT THE LAST Carrizozo town council meeting, the trustees chose not to pass a resolution that supports the film industry. This is the same resolution that Capitan, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs did pass.

I question whether the trustees were voicing the desires of Carrizozo residents or their own views. If the town chose to reject the resolution because they believe the film incentive is wrong, or does not benefit the state, that is one thing and I can understand even if I disagree.

However, that is not the reason the resolution was rejected. I admit I was not at the meeting but this is what has been reported to me:

Trustee Dusty Voss said the town did not benefit from the filming of *The Book of Eli*, that it had cost the town rather than giving businesses a boost. How

absurd. There were people at the meeting who stood up and spoke about how the film had helped them get through the winter. The motels and restaurants and residents all benefited. The town film liaison spoke admirably about the good that had been done, and the positive reputation that Carrizozo had gained and how this was good economic development for the town.

State Representative Dennis Kintigh, who for the last three years has proposed eliminating the film incentives altogether, is helping Carrizozo and the county with the relocation of the county courthouse within the town. It has been suggested that the town council and the mayor do not want to get on the bad side of the representative, and indeed last year I was told that it did no good to ruffle the feathers of our legislative leaders.

Well, excuse me, but they

work for us, and the day we need to worry about them not doing their job because there is disagreement about particular views, is the time those representatives need to be replaced, not kowtowed to.

This is not an admonition of Representative Kintigh, but rather to those who feel they need to curry favor in order to get anything done in government. I am not completely naive; I know how things work, and I know how things get done, but let us not fear those whom we have entrusted our lives, and livelihoods.

Despite anyone's views, when the next film comes to Lincoln County, the county will benefit. People will be paid, hotel rooms rented, materials purchased, and taxes paid. I do not see how anyone can oppose that.

Dirk Norris  
Carrizozo

## Governor's learning curve was a steep one

Martinez came up short on wish list

Gov. Susana Martinez did her best to put a positive spin on her first legislative session, saying that she was grateful to be able to make good on some of her campaign promises.

And, there were some accomplishments this session. High on that list was expansion of Katie's Law, which allows law enforcement to collect DNA samples from those convicted of certain crimes. Originally, samples were only taken for the most serious crimes, such as rape and murder. Now, they will be taken for all felonies.

It looked for a while like the bill was destined to fall victim to a split between the House and Senate. But, a reasonable compromise was reached in the closing days, calling for samples to be collected upon arrest, but only entered into the database following a court finding of probable cause.

This one is personal for us. Katie Sepich, who the bill is named for, was an NMSU student murdered in Las Cruces. We commend her parents, Dave and Jayann Sepich of Carlsbad, for their tireless advocacy in hopes that other parents will be spared from going through what they have.

Bills to give letter grades to schools and trim incentives to filmmakers can also be counted as successes for the governor. And, the state was able to close its budget gap without hiking taxes.

But, this session will be remembered more for what was not passed than for what was.

For example, while the state budget was trimmed, nothing was done to consolidate agencies and begin to

scale back the explosive growth of state government that occurred during the Bill Richardson years.

The school grading bill was only a small part of the governor's education reform package. A bill to require third-graders to show proficiency in reading before advancing to fourth grade died when the Senate failed to take it up. And, her proposal to offer tax incentives to help parents send their children to private schools never gained any traction.

But, the greatest failure came on the bill that generated the most emotion and attention – Martinez's effort to repeal the 2003 law allowing those who immigrated into the country illegally from obtaining a New Mexico driver's license.

Working with Rep. Andy Nuñez, they were able to blast the bill out of committee and muscle it through the House. But the Senate offered a compromise that would have allowed those immigrants to still get a license, but with new restrictions and requirements.

When Martinez announced she would veto that bill, the session ended with the status quo still in place.

A lifelong prosecutor, Martinez came into this session with no legislative experience, and little time to prepare. The learning curve was steep indeed. Working with a House and Senate in which Democrats still have majorities, it was probably unrealistic to expect much more to have been accomplished this year.

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## Be wary of less regulation

We complain that they aren't competent. But now we have reason to worry that there aren't enough of them.

Government employees, that is – specifically, the front-line regulators who are charged with keeping us safe and keeping our institutions honest. This is an effect of the looming cuts in the state budget.

Construction inspectors are in short supply, a construction industry executive told me. Budget shortfalls have led several New Mexico municipalities to let go of their own inspectors because they can turn over inspection duties to the state.

At the same time, the state has fewer inspectors. Since construction projects require inspections at several points during the course of a project, if inspection is delayed, the project has to stop and wait. Small contractors shut down, and workers go home with no paycheck. In an industry hard hit by economic factors, this makes things worse.

Contractors complain about the incompetence of inspectors. The complaint depends on which side you're on. If you're the contractor being inspected, the inspector is an idiot for finding fault unfairly. If you're a rival, the inspector is an idiot for letting bad work go uncorrected.

But for most consumers, the inspector is a safeguard. Just by being there, he helps keep contractors honest and construction projects safe.

The top manager of a state regulatory agency worries that the budget will leave him unable to hire qualified people to oversee a challenging industry.

In some industries – banking and insurance are examples – qualified regulators are hard to find, partly because the industry itself is so lucrative. If you can earn six or

seven figures as a banker or insurance executive, why would you work for government, earn a mediocre salary, make unpopular decisions, be mistrusted by the industry you regulate, and get not much respect from your community?

In 2008, years of inadequate regulation contributed mightily to the global meltdown of the securities industry. We learned that too late.

I'm noticing how much we rely on regulation just to get through the day, in a world that is too complex for us to be fully informed consumers without help.

The days of Jimmy Stewart's locally owned Building and Loan are long gone. Nowadays, we have to count on the assurance that rules exist and somebody is

enforcing them. Imagine trying to do enough research on your own to decide where to open a bank account. Most of us couldn't do it. Even if we knew how, there are not enough hours in the day. We rely on regulators every time we pump gasoline or buy groceries.

And we entrust regulators with some of the toughest decisions in society, such as when to take children away from irresponsible or abusive parents. Though they occasionally get it wrong, with tragic results, they are filling a vacuum created by other changes in society.

So, in the current budget crisis, reducing the size of government is necessary but we dare not let it be done either randomly or carelessly. The popular method called "vacancy savings," for example, means letting whatever positions happen to be empty right now stay empty, instead of making decisions about what's needed. Vacancies in government are most often found in the toughest and least appreciated jobs, such as case-workers for abused children, where the burnout rate is legendary.

In the spirit of never letting a crisis go to waste, we have to hope that our new administration will support good managers and smart use of technology, finding ways to save money without making tough times worse.

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## Red Flag warning

Red flag warnings have been a common alert this week, including on Thursday. The National Weather Service office that covers south central New Mexico, including the Sacramento Mountains, cautioned that strong winds and critical fire weather conditions on Thursday would repeat with a "near carbon copy" on Friday.

"The combination of strong winds and very dry humidities will create critical fire weather conditions along the central mountain chain east to the Texas state line," said senior forecaster Ken Widelksi. "In some cases, relative humidities will fall into the single digits."

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center, in Thursday's fire weather outlook, painted much of New Mexico, except for the northwest and a sliver of the far west, as critical.

A series of Pacific storm fronts was poised to move across the region in the coming days. The better odds for precipitation from the systems were expected to be farther north. In New Mexico the Pacific systems would deliver ongoing winds.

A red flag warning means a combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and high fire danger ratings will create extreme fire growth potential.

- Jim Kalvelage

## Ruidoso's Eddie Fowler removed from Racing Commission

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Four of the five members of the New Mexico Racing Commission, including Ruidoso's Eddie Fowler, have been replaced.

Gov. Susana Martinez announced Wednesday that she had appointed Beverly Bourguet of Albuquerque, Jerald Glenn Clopper of Los Lunas, Rob Doughty III of Albuquerque and Gayla McCulloch of Farmington to the five-member commission that regulates horse racing in the state. Current Commissioner Ray Willis of Roswell was reappointed by Martinez.

Fowler, who owns businesses in Ruidoso, had been appointed to the commission in January 2005 by

Gov. Bill Richardson. He had previously served on the Racing Commission from 1995 to 1999. He was most recently the vice chair of the commission. A horse owner and breeder for 40 years, Fowler has been actively involved in the racing industry since 1965 and served on the Ruidoso Downs Horsemen's Committee, and a term as the president of the New Mexico Horsemen's Association. In 1999 he received the association's Life Time Achievement Award.

Also departed from the Racing Commission were Larry Delgado of Santa Fe and Arnold Rael of Rio Rancho. Marty Cope of Hobbs, who had been the commission's chair, resigned in January.

New commission mem-



FOWLER

ber Bourguet is a race horse owner and is director of the Northern New Mexico chapter of the United States Tennis Association, according to information supplied by the governor's office. She earned degrees from New Mexico State University.

Cosper is a veterinarian who owns and operates Arrow Animal Hospital in

Los Lunas, specializing in equine breeding and foaling. He previously worked as an associate veterinarian at Village Veterinary Hospital in Bosque Farms and worked at Ruidoso Downs assisting in medication administration. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in animal science and graduated from Colorado State University as a veterinarian.

Doughty is a practicing attorney and shareholder with Doughty & West, P.A. He has specialized in personal injury and insurance defense cases. Doughty graduated from NMSU with a degree in criminal justice and earned his degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Gayla McCulloch has

extensive experience with horses and the racing industry. She is involved in Drake Running Horse Ranch as well as McCulloch Ranch, both family businesses. She is also the director of the American Quarter Horse Association and is a board member and past president of the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association.

She also serves on the Farmington City Council.

Reappointed Commissioner Willis has served on the Racing Commission since 2006. He has been a horse owner and breeder since 1981. Willis served for six years as a trustee of the New Mexico Horse Breeder's Association and for three years on the Horsemen's Committee at Ruidoso Downs. Willis

owns and runs a horse farm in Roswell and is also the president of Hanson Operating Company, an oil and gas exploration firm.

The New Mexico Racing Commission regulates pari-mutuel horse racing to protect the interests of wagering patrons and the state while promoting a climate of economic prosperity for horsemen, horse owners and racetrack management, according to a mission statement. The commission meets monthly.

The adjustments to the Racing Commission will bring a change to the New Mexico Gaming Control Board, which oversees gambling in the state. The chair of the Racing Commission also serves as a member of the Gaming Control Board.

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# BUSINESS

## Ruidoso Chamber seeks four new board members

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With the recent resignations of four members, officials with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce are seeking community-minded leaders interested in serving on the organization's board of directors.

The responsibility of the directors is to shape the direction of the Chamber's goals and assist with the implementation. The board consists of 12 elected directors representing 10 different business councils. The terms are for three years.

This is an ideal opportunity for business professionals to give back to the community and provide their expertise to help strengthen the business climate in Ruidoso, chamber representatives said.

Four positions are available in the Retail, Attractions, Restaurant and Professional business councils. One member from each of these four business councils will be elected during the Chamber's annual mail-in election in April.

Interested individuals should contact the Chamber by 5 p.m., March 31.

The Chamber also is seeking nominations to recognize the incredible service from individuals and

businesses that make Ruidoso such a wonderful community, said Executive Director Sandi Aguilar.

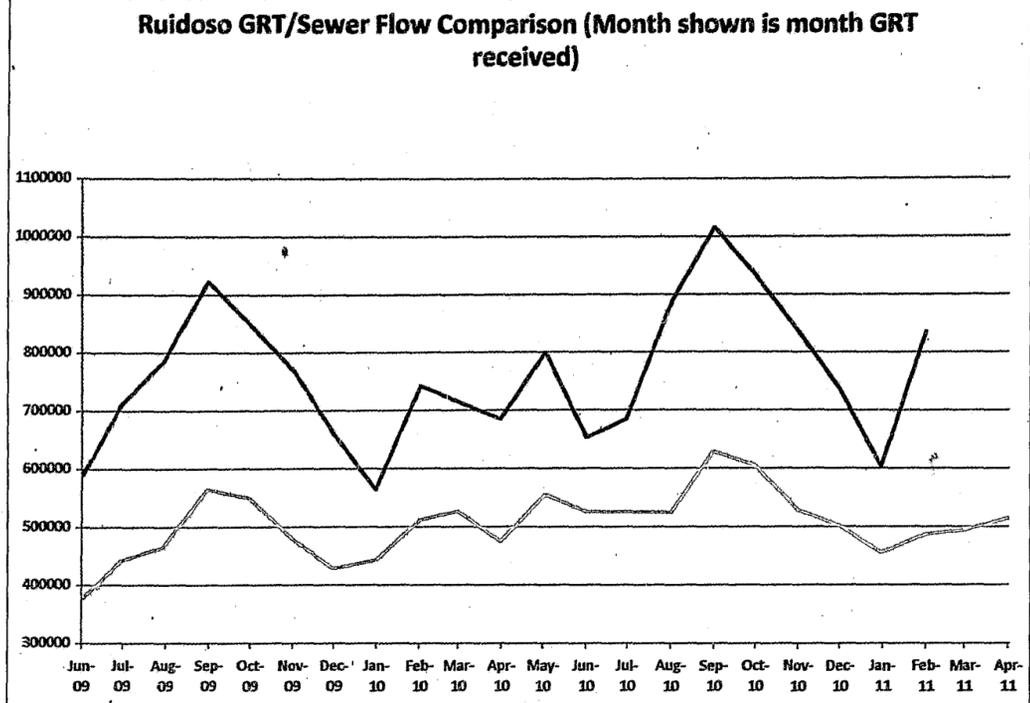
Nominees for the Citizen/Volunteer of the Year award should be individuals who have given unselfishly to a worthy cause within the region.

Nominees for the Hn' Zhu' Ne' Beautification Award should be those Chamber member business owners, who have improved their store front or property through remodeling or new construction this past year.

A third award for Business of the Year and will be given to a special company that has given back to the community through customer service, charitable endeavors and community involvement.

Submit a letter with nomination, details of their accomplishments, and the nominator's contact information by Thursday, March 31 to the Chamber offices.

Election of the Chamber Board of Directors will run from April 4, through April 15, with a mailed ballot to the membership. The ballot will include voting for the Hn' Zhu' Ne' Business Beautification, the Citizen/Volunteer of the Year award and Chamber Business of the Year.



## Flushing for dollars in Ruidoso

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The noise of gurgling water in a commode is actually the sound of money in Ruidoso.

As sewer flows fluctuate, gross receipts tax revenues to the village move in harmony.

In addition to providing revenues for municipal operations, high flows are good for businesses like lodgers, who depend on visitors staying in town.

"GRT and flushing go

together," said Ruidoso Public Works Director Randall Camp. "People laughed at me on that one but its no phenomenon especially in tourist areas."

July, August and September of the past two years showed spikes in both the GRT and sewer flows. Januarys detect the low points.

"Randy loves to show the correlation between sewer flows and gross receipts taxes," said Village Manager Debi Lee. "It's really interesting. When

you have a lot of people flushing that means they're here spending money."

There apparently were fewer people pulling the chain during the height of the Great Recession more than a year ago. GRT revenues to the village from July 2009 to June 2010 were \$8.8 million. The average annual sales tax revenues for the previous three years was \$9.4 million, nearly a \$540,000 difference. The best year was fiscal year 2008-09, when nearly \$9.7 million dollars

arrived. For the current fiscal year, which began on July 1, 2010, \$6.5 million has come into the village, meaning a likely rebound. March is yet to be included, and April, May and June will be added later.

"In New York City they can actually tell you exactly when half-time is during the Super Bowl," Camp said.

The village receives GRT distributions from the state for its general fund, a municipal water fund, and an environment fund.

## Home sales reflect economy ups and downs

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Last month's New Mexico home sales numbers and median prices were down slightly from February 2010, but year-to-date sales numbers are ahead of last year.

Year-to-date median prices are down on average statewide, continuing to reflect distressed (often lower-than-market prices) property sales, the Realtors Association of New Mexico said.

In Lincoln County the trends released by the state's Realtors group were mixed.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Commerce Department reported nationwide sales of new homes dropped 16.9 percent to a new record low for February.

And prices continued to weaken. Earlier in the week the National Association of Realtors said

February sales of pre-owned homes fell 9.6 percent from a year earlier. Median prices declined 5.2 percent.

Across the Land of Enchantment, median prices generally continued to decline.

February's median of \$165,000 was 2.6 percent less than January 2011, and 1.8 percent less than February 2010's median of \$168,000.

But the numbers vary by location.

New Mexico generally lags national trends by several months.

"National surveys indicate both homeowners and real estate professionals expect home values to decrease or stay the same through at least mid-2011," said Teresa Ramos, president of the Realtors Association of New Mexico.

"Bargain prices should continue to nudge on-the-fence buyers into the home

buying market."

In Lincoln County, February sales totaled 25 units, one more than the month before.

The 25 units sold last month was, however, nearly 32 percent ahead of the 19 units sold in February of each 2009 and 2011.

The median sales price last month in the county was \$237,000, up 9.5 percent from January's \$216,500.

But it was nearly 21 percent below February 2010, when the median price was \$299,500.

While February 2011 sales in New Mexico are slightly less than February 2010 sales (when tax credits were in effect), year-to-date numbers - 1,600 sales for the first two months of 2011 - are 1 percent higher than 2010 year-to-date sales numbers.

But the Realtors Association of New Mexico noted every market is dif-

ferent, with half of the reporting counties showing an increase in February sales from 2010 and half indicating a decrease.

Lincoln County's year-to-date unit sales totaled 49, which was 36 percent more than January and February of 2010.

The current year-to-date median price in the county was \$237,000; an 8.7 percent decline from January and February 2010's \$259,500.

"According to the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, while the national unemployment rate dropped slightly in January, the state's rate rose to a seasonally adjusted 8.7 percent," said M. Steven Anaya, executive vice president of the statewide Realtors organization.

"Even with low mortgage rates, unemployment figures continue to affect home sales in New Mexico."

## County Renewable Energy Conference set

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In an effort to foster business development, job opportunities and green living in Lincoln County, the second annual Lincoln County Renewable Energy Conference will be held next month in Ruidoso.

The conference, open to all, has credited classes for Realtors, a trade show with products and services, scholarships for students, and a solar tour to see residents and businesses with renewable energy.

Hosted by a number of organizations in the county, the conference is designed to inform on the topics of renewables, energy efficiency and green building technologies, through exhibits and workshops.

Addressed would be diverse interests, such as adding a solar powered livestock water pumping system to going completely off the grid. Workshops include Solar Heating and How They Work, Green Building and What Buyers Want.

Among the speakers will be New Mexico State Land Commissioner Ray Powell and compressed natural gas specialist Colin Messer with the New Mexico Energy Conservation and

Management Division.

Powell and Messer are expected to present the scope of renewable energy projects in southeastern New Mexico.

Adding to the event this year, the Ruidoso/Lincoln County Association of Realtors has invited their members to learn how renewable energy affects the real estate market. Credited classes will be held on April 21 at ENMU-Ruidoso. Registration for the course is \$25.

A collaborative effort of ENMU-Ruidoso, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Lincoln, the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, Carrizozo Works and the New Mexico Workforce Connection, the conference itself will take place on April 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Admission is free.

On Saturday, April 23, a self-guided tour of earth homes, solar arrays and energy efficient businesses will provide participants with a hands-on opportunity to see easy and effective green energy can be.

Maps will be available at the conference and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce office.

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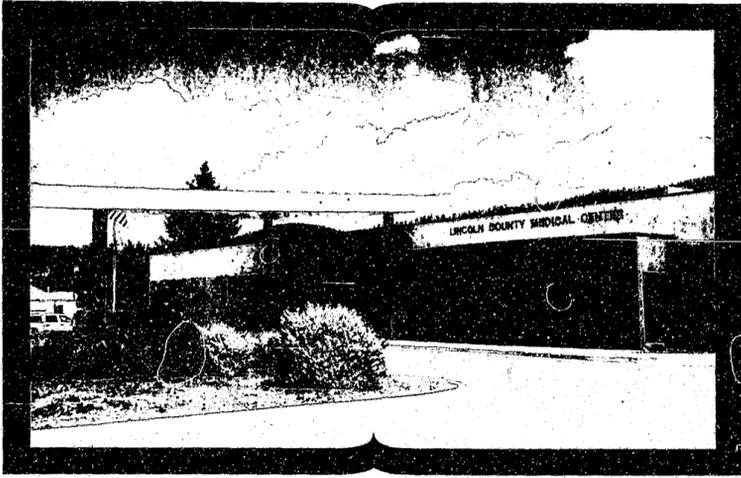
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## Lincoln County Medical Center Report to the Community 2011

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### We serve our community every day. Here's how many people we served in 2010.

- 25 licensed acute care and intensive care beds
- 1,330 patients admitted to the hospital
- 50,768 outpatient days
- 335 babies delivered
- 12,808 patients treated in the Emergency Department
- 32,881 patients cared for by our Presbyterian Medical Group providers
- 2,713 critical patients transported by our Emergency Medical Services
- More than \$1.4 million in financial assistance to patients (unaudited)

### Serving the community is one of our top priorities. Here's how we helped our community in 2010.

- Provide more than 250 jobs for local residents.
- More than \$18 million in employee salaries, wages and benefits.
- Raised more than \$5,000 for the Lincoln County Medical Center Foundation.
- Participated in Run for the BEACH (largest team for the second year in a row), Relay for Life, Smokey Bear Fun Run and Walk in the Woods Health Fair.
- Supported community events, including the Lincoln County Fair, Art Loop and Smokey Bear Days.
- Supported Altrusa's Low Cost Mammogram program.

### Our facility improvements – made possible in part by Mil Levy funds

- Purchased more than \$700,000 in medical equipment to improve patient care.
- Remounted one ambulance to 'like new' condition for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services.
- Purchased and installed a digital mammography unit.
- Installed an Accudose medication safety system for the ICU department.
- Implemented computerized radiography.
- Purchased a specialized stretcher for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services.
- Purchased a mobile radio communication system for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services.

### Our community comes together to create a better place for healing and prevention

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### What's ahead in 2011?

Moving forward, we are committed more than ever to:

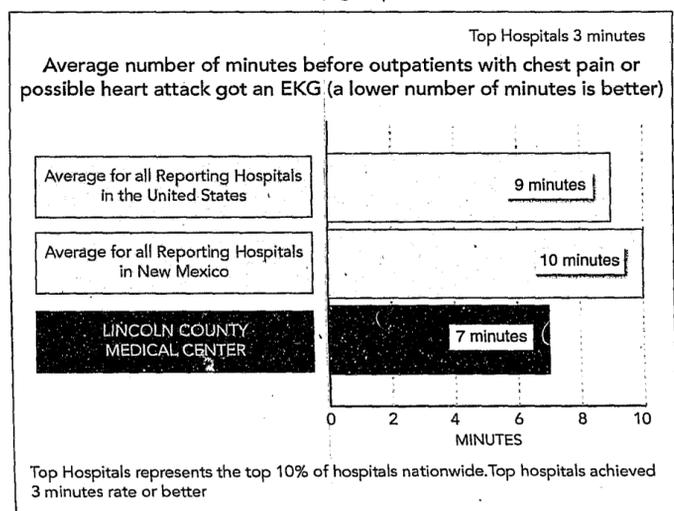
- Building a new physician office building
- Implementing a County Assistance Program to help lower costs and increase access to healthcare services
- Expanding the Emergency Room "Fast Track" option to seven days a week
- Purchasing a new MRI machine
- Expanding key services to benefit Lincoln County, including orthopedics, vascular ultrasound and echocardiograms
- Recruiting healthcare providers

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### Our continued focus on quality standards and practices

- We are improving the care of patients admitted through the Emergency Department for a heart attack. We worked to improve the processes so that patients admitted with chest pain receive an EKG test within 10 minutes. Our most recent results show that patients at Lincoln County Medical Center received EKGs within 7 minutes of admission which is faster than results of reporting hospitals in New Mexico (10 minutes) and than the national average (9 minutes).

The rates displayed in this graph are from data reported for discharges October 2009 through September 2010.



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov

- The use of the new Accudose machine in the Intensive Care Unit will help increase patient and employee safety.
- We are one of only two New Mexico hospitals to receive the 'New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA) Brilliant Torch Award for consistently exceeding Medicare clinical (core) measurement targets. These targets demonstrate quality patient care.
- White Mountain Medical Clinic has met or exceeded a 90 percent childhood immunization rate for 6 consecutive years.

**Employees:** More than 250 valuable, hardworking and dedicated employees worked to make sure that patients and visitors receive safe, high-quality customer care and service.

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Sincerely,  
Al Santos, MHA  
Lincoln County Medical  
Center Administrator

Gary Mitchell  
Lincoln County Medical  
Center Board of Trustees



# Costs of rooftop solar systems are declining

**FROM REPORTS**

The myths of expensive rooftop solar are rapidly evaporating.

"It's too expensive", "paybacks are 15 - 25 years out" and "solar systems require high maintenance" are commonly heard.

Recent developments in the world-wide solar industry suggest quite the opposite. Commercial and residential solar costs for example have been falling dramatically, according to recent industry reports, led by a 50 percent drop in wholesale photovoltaic [PV] panel prices in 2010, while

the solar market grew 67 percent.

Other cost reductions are anticipated in 2011 in the BOS [balance of system] items such as wiring, mounts, service connects, etc. Home PV solar system packages are now being tested in the Home Depot stores in California. The era of solar myths is gone.

**Global competition**

The cause? No surprise there. High world-wide demand and the entry of China in 2010 into the PV [producers of electricity from the sun] solar panel manufacturing market

have forced competition in the panel market.

Demand for solar panels not only in the US but in other parts of the world has been steadily rising. That's good news for homeowners and small business owners since panels are 50 percent of the cost of a residential or small scale commercial rooftop PV solar array.

**Private sector in play**

Where is this demand coming from? Not from government-funded projects in the United States as is commonly believed. Residential and business demand in other parts of

the United States and in other countries has accelerated rapidly.

Recent state and federal government incentives from both the Bush and Obama administrations have played a start-up role but the substantial investment in solar is overwhelmingly from the private sector. Ironically, much of it is worse solar climates than New Mexico - the second best solar environment in the United States.

Here's the math. Local solar retailers have recently suggested for example that the typical residential

system, a 3.5 kWh structure costing \$25,000 to \$28,000 in late 2009, now costs in the vicinity of \$19,000 and is dropping. Deduct off the top a 30-40 percent state/federal tax credit, plus a mortgage interest deduction if you borrow the cost of the system via a home mortgage, add in money from power sold back to either PNM or OCEC, and the system's net cost is around \$10,000. Return on investment [ROI] is often now in the vicinity of five to eight years.

Returns on solar hot water and solar thermal heating systems are even better, in the 1.5 to 3.0 year time frame. These technologies are very appropriate for Lincoln County. Upfront costs are lower and more modest tax credits are also available.

Maintenance? PV solar systems rarely require maintenance of any kind over their 25 - 30 year lifetimes. A large ranch north of Carrizozo for example has had PV solar systems of several types used to pump livestock water since 1980.

These systems have required maintenance once since that time when a single panel broke.

"Something must have fallen out of a plane," said the rancher/owner. Residential and small business systems have similar maintenance records.

Solar in the 21st century is dramatically different

than solar in the 1980s. In the 1980s, when President Jimmy Carter put solar panels on the White House, efficiency for electricity generation [PV] was in the 8 percent range.

Today, efficiencies push 20 percent, and are increasing each year in intense competition among manufacturers and supported by testing activities at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory [NREL] in Golden, Colo.

Continuing advances in photovoltaic research at other national laboratories including Los Alamos and Sandia in New Mexico, and at private research facilities already report 40 percent-plus efficiencies. Technology transfer of these new PV materials to the manufacturing sector proceeds at a rapid rate.

Assistance is available at the Lincoln County Renewable Energy office at Century 21, 721 Sudderth on how to fill out the state and federal tax credit forms.

For more information on solar and other renewable energy opportunities in Lincoln County, contact Jim Miller at the Lincoln County Renewable Energy office at Century 21, 725 Sudderth Dr., by phone 575-937-2873 or via email at jamespmiller@windstream.net.

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## Ruidoso recognized as a national leader in recycling efforts

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Ruidoso may be a national leader on recycling, thanks in part to its yard waste program.

"We'll be sending a notice to the state. The Village of Ruidoso is at a 55 percent recycling rate," said Jeff Kaplan, solid waste and general services director.

"The State of California has a zero waste goal. The leader in this country with recycling, they average around 51 percent recycling."

A recent annual report to the New Mexico Environment Department indicated the village collected 18,931 tons of waste, both garbage and materials that can be recycled, in 2010. Of the amount, 8,429 tons ended up in the Otero/Lincoln County Regional Landfill south of Alamogordo.

**Savings noted**

Village Manager Debi Lee said the report includes details like the savings achieved through recycling. "He averages 35 tons per trip at a cost of around \$400 a round trip," Village Manager Debi Lee said of the shipments that go to the landfill.

"And gas is going up and we're all worried about it and we're all going to be sensitive to it."

In addition to \$213,163 in disposal fees at the landfill last year, the transportation costs were more than \$96,000.

The village recycled 3,436 tons of cardboard,

newsprint and plastics in 2010, which saved \$47,760 in disposal fees and \$39,270 in hauling costs, for a total savings of \$87,030.

"This savings is very encouraging as we continue our recycling efforts," Lee said.

More than 165 commercial and residential recycling dumpsters, painted blue, are located around the village. Commercial customers can request recycling dumpsters at their business location.

Cardboard represented 3,112 tons of materials diverted from the landfill because of recycling. Newsprint accounted for 321 tons and plastics 2.5 tons in 2010.

Kaplan said 6,857 tons of pine needles, brush and green waste were collected by the village's grapple trucks.

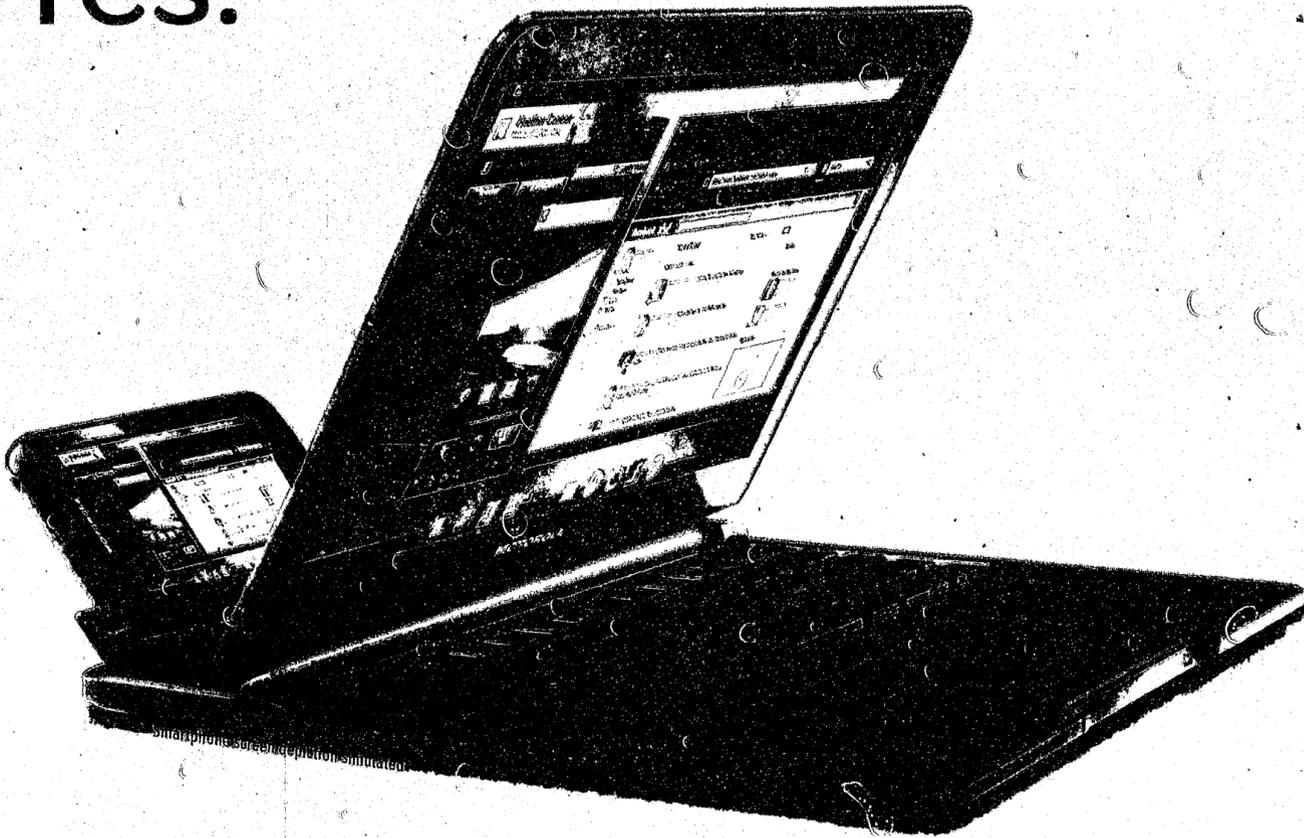
**Turned into compost**

The yard waste, representing 36 percent of what was collected by the solid waste department last year, was turned into mulch and compost at Sierra Contracting.

"Eighteen percent is going through to the Greentree Solid Waste (Authority) and that's the plastics and the cardboard," Kaplan said. "Debi was eluding to the amount of money that we save as a result of this."

"When you consider that we do 19,000 tons of collection of solid waste in this community, and over 54 percent of it is not going to the landfill, that's something to be proud of."

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# River Trail features materialize at session

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Plenty of ideas were thrown out at the well-attended public input session Monday to help designers come up with a plan for the first phase of The Ruidoso River Trail.

Laura Doth, who serves on the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee and wrote the grant application that earned a \$250,000 award in 2008, said people in Ruidoso have been waiting three or more decades for a promised walking and biking area along the Rio Ruidoso.

Earlier plans promoted under the MainStreet program envisioned beginning at Mechem Drive and moving down river to Two Rivers Park and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, involving primarily private land.

The current proposal instead, will use 9.7 linear acres of village-owned property, removing many legal obstacles. When the first phase from Two Rivers Park to a park at the River Crossing complex is finished, Doth said she hopes private landowners further upstream will be so im-

pressed by the end product, they will want to be part of the Phase 2 future endeavor and the desired "spurs" that could offer special opportunities. The second phase would run from River Crossing up to Eagle Drive.

"We hope the property owners see what a wonderful asset it will be and how it will enhance their property," she said. "We want very much for this to be a community project.

"If some say no, we will find a way around it," she said of the property owners.

A grant application for Phase 2 was submitted to the Scenic Byways program in 2010, and, "is sitting on the desk of the Secretary of Transportation in Washington D.C.," Doth said. "I feel hopeful. We were ranked number one in the state of New Mexico, so I hope there will be more money to continue the project."

The Byways money comes from the Federal Highway Administration, she said. The Federal Highway Administration provides 80 percent of the cost and the village matches with 20 percent using labor and equipment.



Among participants at the River Trail meeting were Village Councilor Gloria Sayers, above, and grant writer Laura Doth and designer Scott Belonger, right.

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The River Trail project meets many of the goals promoted by other agencies as well, she said.

"The timing is good on this, because all of the different federal programs fit perfectly with what the trail will provide, the anti-obesity campaign (from the White House) and push for exercise; the Discover the Forest initiative from the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management's get out and active program."

"Many federal programs are emphasizing the quality of life element and we raise stars for that 'livability factor,'" Doth said.

One already willing but impatient private property participant is Johnny Durham, who lives on Robin Road, and encouraged Doth to, "eliminate the red tape and get it done."

"If only I could," Doth replied, adding, "I wish you could convince the State Environment Department of that." The department is one of the many approvals required for any design structures.

A major change in the approach to a multiple use path along the river is tied to a switch from a "river



walk" to a "river trail" concept, acknowledging the varied and often challenging nature of the terrain and space along the river.

Doth said the new approach will feature an outdoor public art sculpture park, funded by an annual art show and sale. Additional volunteer support will come from a Friends of the Ruidoso River Trail group.

Scott Belonger, an engineer with Loris and Associates Inc., the Colorado company charged with designing the trail, said he should be back in about six weeks with the preliminary plans. The company specializes in bike-related trails in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Wyoming, primarily in resort towns. Doth said possibly by fall, some trail construction could begin.

Belonger said the process covers four steps, determining the desire results, establishing goals to obtain those results, identifying opportunities and challenges and finding solutions. The thrust of the four would include stimulating the economy and promoting a healthy lifestyle, designing features that are visible and attractive, provide interpretation and signing information, inviting exploration, to stay within budget, figuring how to offer comfortable multiple use, and to safe guard natural environment while providing long-term durability from such events as the July 2008 flood on the Rio Ruidoso.

While Americans With Disability handicapped access will be provided in some areas, other portions of the trail may not be suitable for the elderly, for strollers and for the disabled, and information to that effect should be dis-

played prominently, Belonger said.

Some areas may accommodate walking, running, jogging and biking, but others may be too narrow.

The surface of the trail may be chipped wood or could be a hard surface to better accommodate strollers and people a little unsteady on their feet or using walkers and canes. In some portions, the trail may venture onto a side street and share space. Just how that arrangement can be designed for safe use without great expense will be a challenge for Loris, he said.

Some of the other challenges will be steep grades, crossing the river, the possible need for retaining walls to prevent erosion, dealing with natural features and fitting an 8-foot to 10-foot wide path into the terrain, especially with limited rights of way on Robin Road and Rio Street. "We want to showcase the natural features and consider viewpoints and overlooks," he said.

"To begin the design, we have broken the first phase into three smaller pieces, the sculpture park being the first," he said, adding the layout will be handled by Chris Green with Consensus Planning, a landscape planner from Albuquerque with 700 parks to his credit.

Doth said the vision behind the sculpture park is a similar park in Loveland, Colo., celebrating its 27th anniversary and boasting 700 sculptures worth \$6 million. "It draws visitors year-round," she said. "On Labor Day, they have an art sale and it's a huge event."

The concept would enhance the village's art community, provide permanent exhibits and sale proceeds

would be used to purchase permanent assets, she said. "We would start small and if we can buy one bronze the first year, that would be a success to me," she said.

The project also will encourage interaction with the art. Enough space exists at Two Rivers for the first five to 10 years, but eventually, art work would be spaced along the trail, giving people a reason to explore and continue their walk. Maps would be available as in Loveland to indicate the location of each sculpture.

Green said the Ruidoso sculpture park would be more intimate and on a different scale than Colorado, balancing user interests in the park with the art. Possibly a small stage area could be built for small concerts. Pathways could be provided to maintain a connection with the water for children and those who may want to fish, he said.

A resident suggested that information also be posted about needed licenses for fishing and where they can be obtained.

Frederic Moras worried about the width of the path and said at least 12 feet is needed for walking, dogs on leashes and biking.

Eugene Heathman with the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, suggested that organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America be involved in aspects of the development. He said Child Unlimited raised money for a fishing lake in the community where he grew up. "We can't rely on \$250,000 for each phase," he said.

Other comments included:

- the U.S. Forest Service indicated an interest in developing a path from the trail to the fire lookout tower.

- possibly erecting some walking bridges over the river at different points.

- using barriers to separate traffic from walkers and bikers on the trail when it converges with a road.

- investigating the use of money from the Art in Public Places funding available to the village.

- forming public/private partnerships or finding corporate sponsorships for benches and other amenities.

- look at barbecue pits or gas grills, possibly partnering with Zia Natural Gas.

- consider not lighting the path to avoid glare for residents of homes on the mountain above the trail, or using lights oriented downward.

- find an area accessible for the handicapped, who want to fish. Durham said some deeper "holes" of water must be created for the trout habitat, if fishing is to be encouraged.

- fears that a flat-surfaced trail would invite skateboarders and roller bladers, disrupting the leisure and natural environment experience. Belonger said the path may be too narrow for those uses.

- using speed pads to slow traffic where the trail joins roads.

Belonger and Doth said the trail does not seem adaptable for horseback riding when miles of unencumbered land for riding are available on Bureau of Land Management trails near historic Fort Stanton.

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**Cutter Whipple**  
Announces his Engagement to  
**Shelby Clement**

Shelby Lynn Clement of Lamesa Texas is a graduate of Lamesa High School Class of 2010. Cutter Whipple attended NMJC for a Wedding Certificate and was a member of the Rodeo Team. Cutter is a graduate of Capitan High Class of 2007. Cutter Whipple is currently employed for Terry Adcock Lanes in Lamesa TX. Shelby is the daughter of Fernan and Shelby Clement of Lamesa TX and Granddaughter of Fred and Brenda Clement of Lamesa TX and Lloyd and Shanna Eubanks of Capitan TX. Cutter is the son of Craig and Connie Whipple of Capitan TX and Grandson of Richard and Debra Bartlett of Ruidoso NM. Jane Biddle of Ruidoso NM and Eva Webb of Highland Village TX. The Wedding is planned to be held June 4th, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Lamesa Texas.

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# A Democrat in the house: Bingaman defends Brazilian oil plan

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Although a Democrat in a heavily Republican area, U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman has maintained his popularity in Lincoln County over the years through his dedication to local issues, he said Wednesday.

Speaking in the hallway after giving the opening speech at the 2nd Annual Wildland Urban Interface Summit in Ruidoso, he said, "I think we try to work on real issues that affect people and folks appreciate that. Sometimes there are no simple solutions, but I think they believe I am trying to find the right solutions."

Several of the issues he's championed while in office dealt with restoration of forest health and reduction of the risk from wildfire, major problems facing Ruidoso and much of the county with the Lincoln National Forest and private forested land.

Regarding his announced retirement at the end of his fifth Senate term in two years, Bingaman said he continues to work on projects that need resolution.

"It's early in the Congressional session, so not much has gotten through so far, but I hope to have passed a whole range of legislation dealing with energy," said the senator, who chairs the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "We also are working on a rewrite of the No Child Left Behind Bill, which has all kinds of problems as it now operates."

Asked to respond to news reports of President Barack Obama's remarks in Brazil about the United States' support of that country's offshore oil drilling efforts, Bingaman referred the question to his staff, saying he was unaware of any new pledge of money by the President.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that Brazil's state-owned oil company, Petrobras, will be lent \$2 billion to finance exploration of a huge off-shore discovery in Brazil's Tupi oil field near Rio de Janeiro. A preliminary commitment letter was issued by the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

According to several

reports, during his week-end stop in Brazil, Obama said his administration wants to assist the Brazilian government with technology and support in developing reserves and will later be in line to be one of the country's "best customers."

U.S. Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) reacted that, "It's ridiculous to ignore our own resources and continue going hat-in-hand to countries like Saudi Arabia and Brazil to beg them for more oil."

While agreeing that encouraging oil production in Brazil is better than relying on an unstable Middle East, Latin America Gulf Oil Chief Executive Officer Joe Petrowski was quoted by Fox News on-line as saying, "It would be a lot better if we had drilling here. And it seems a double standard and it seems somewhat hypocritical to a country that desperately needs jobs, that we're encouraging other countries to create jobs that we need."

Bingaman sees a much different picture

"With regard to the bank, it is underwriting a loan to a country that would use the money to purchase American-made goods; that is, in fact, the role of that bank, the increase of U.S. exports," according to a spokesman in his Washington, D.C., office. "Petrobras, the company on whose behalf Brazil is taking on the loan, produces oil. It can either drill using Chinese-made drill bits, or U.S.-made drill bits. Obviously, we want American companies to be the supplier. So this loan supports American jobs. Additionally, Brazil is a major oil exporter to the United States."

"United States oil production mostly saw decreases, with some years remaining constant, during the Bush administration. Production has risen since 2008, as the chart shows."

Speaking on the Senate floor March 17, Bingaman outlined the reasons for high gas prices after a session with experts in the fields of energy and international economics.

"While they each highlighted different factors that are important in



Sen. Bingaman, in blue coat, meets with constituents Wednesday.

explaining how we've come to find oil prices at levels that we haven't seen since 2008, it struck me that there were two factors in particular that none of them highlighted as important to current prices," Bingaman said. "The starting point for the discussion was one fundamental truth: The primary driver of the price for gasoline at the pump is the price of crude oil."

"While some past gasoline price spikes can be attributed to phasing out the additive MTBE, for the last 3 years, gasoline price movements have exactly tracked global crude oil prices. The idea that our gasoline prices are high today because of some policy of the Obama Administration is just not supported by the facts."

"First, none of these

experts highlighted the Administration's permitting process in the Gulf of Mexico as being a significant factor in world oil markets," Bingaman said. "Second, any anticipated Environmental Protection Agency regulation of greenhouse gas emissions at refineries was not included in any of the presentations as a driver behind the current increased in prices."

"I know some of my colleagues are concerned that we haven't built a new refinery in the United States since the 1970s. I would like to assure them that the data suggest that their concerns are not well-founded. Demand for refined products is believed to have peaked in the United States. At the moment, 17 percent of our existing refinery capacity in this country stands idle, and

that's not because of environmental regulations, but it's because demand for refined products has come down."

The bulk of the briefing discussion was about events in the Middle East and North Africa, he said.

"It should be obvious that this is the major force driving oil prices," Bingaman said. "When the world's key oil producing and exporting region, which is the Middle East and North Africa, is unstable, world oil markets are also unstable."

On top of that uncertain environment, the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that struck Japan introduced the possibility that the world's second-largest economy might be consuming less oil in the near term, he said. World oil markets are reacting by falling back below \$100 per barrel, he said.

While he believes that increased U.S. oil production will play a significant role in world oil markets, Bingaman added that some experts contend the United States has less than 2 percent of the world's proven reserves.

"Despite our relatively modest resource base, the oil and gas industry in the United States has led the world in developing state-

of-the-art technology for oil exploration and production. Our companies are continuing to get more oil out of the ground and into world oil markets than any of us would have believed possible," Bingaman said.

He referred to a chart showing oil production is up across the United States in the last few years. "This chart demonstrates that current increases in oil production are reversing decades of declines," he said.

The key to reducing the United States' vulnerability to world oil prices and volatility is to find ways to use less oil and to diversify sources of transportation fuel, he said.

"We need to set ourselves on the right path, as we did when we passed the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007," Bingaman said. "That law required us to make our vehicles more efficient, and to shift toward relying more on renewable fuel."

"The bipartisan path that we laid out in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 is the right approach. As part of whatever bipartisan approach we take to energy in the weeks and months ahead, we need to continue moving in that direction."

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will be funded at that level by the U.S. Congress, he said. The aim is to improve the health of the forest and deal with wildfire threats to communities. A project in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico was picked as one of the top 10 in the country and the Lincoln National Forest recently was nominated to compete for another grant, the senator said.

The Secure Rural School program, the third cited by Bingaman, unfortunately is scheduled to expire and needs Reauthorization, he said. Title II and Title III of that Act provides money for wildland-urban interface projects such as Firewise money for homeowners.

"Participation is important to the Northwest portion of the nation and to New Mexico," Bingaman said. "But nothing is easy in Washington, D.C., these days, as you've probably noticed."

The funding is not automatic and unfortunately,

has to be approved annually, he said.

When Bingaman visited his hometown of Silver City after a recent devastating fire that burned 13 houses, he could see that the owners of the surviving homes had taken precautions to keep vegetation away from their structures.

"I know everyone is aware (of the wisdom of removing vegetation from proximity of homes), but it's easy to think it's not going to happen to me," he said.

"The threat is enormous this year," Bingaman said, then acknowledged Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn and the multitude of problems the official is facing in the village. "The most useful thing to do may be to pray for rain."

But Ruidoso and the surrounding national forest over years of effort have reduced the hazard. Such diligence is extremely important, he said.

"I hope we can get through this season without more major calamities," Bingaman said. "I hope you come up with some solutions at this conference."

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## CHUCKS PICK OF THE WEEK

**Artichokes**

**How to select artichokes**  
Choose globes that are dark green, heavy and have tight leaves. Don't select globes that are dry looking or appear to be turning brown. If the leaves appear to "open" then the choke is past its prime. (Don't throw these away, you can always make artichoke soup.)

**How to store artichokes**  
Fresh artichokes should be put in a plastic bag, unwashed, it is best to use them within four days of purchase. Don't try to freeze artichokes because they will turn brown and be unappealing in taste and in color.

**How to cook and eat an artichoke**  
Prep time 5 minutes      cook time 35 minutes

**Cooking an artichoke**  
1. If the artichokes have little thorns on the end of the leaves, take kitchen scissors and cut off the thorned tips of all of the leaves. This step is mostly for aesthetics as the thorns soften with cooking and pose no threat to the person eating the artichoke.  
2. Slice about 3/4 inch to an inch off the tip of the artichoke.  
3. Pull off any smaller leaves towards the base and on the stem.  
4. Cut excess stem, leaving up to an inch on the artichoke. The stems tend to be bitterer than the rest of the artichoke, but some people like to eat them. Alternatively you can cut off the stems and peel the outside layers, which is more fibrous and bitter and cook the stems along with the artichokes.  
5. Rinse in cold water.  
6. In a large pot, put a couple of inches of water, a clove of garlic, a slice of lemon, and a bay leaf. Insert a steaming basket. Add the artichokes. Cover. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to simmer. Cook for 25 to 45 minutes or until the outer leaves can be easily pulled off. Cooking time depends on how large the artichoke is, the larger the longer it takes to cook. Note: artichokes can be cooked in a pressure cooker, about 15-20 minutes cooking time.

**How to eat an artichoke**  
Artichokes may be eaten cold or hot, served with dip, either melted butter or mayonnaise or a favorite dip, mayo with a little balsamic vinegar mixed in.  
1. Pull off the outer petals, one at a time.  
2. Dip white fleshy end in melted butter or sauce. Tightly grip the other end of the petal. Place in mouth, dip side down and pull through teeth to remove soft, pulpy, delicious portion of the petal. Discard remaining petal. Continue until all of the petals are removed.  
3. With a knife or spoon, scrape out and discard the inedible part (called the choke) covering the artichoke heart. Cut into pieces and dip into sauce to eat.




# A wing and a prayer: Local recovers from air show mishap

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A 1999 graduate of Capitan high school and his wife are hospitalized recovering from injuries and burns sustained in a fiery landing of their stunt plane during the Air Fiesta 2011 air show in Brownsville, Texas, March 12.

Speaking from his hospital bed at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Kyle Franklin, 31, said he expected to be released next week, but would undergo many months of skin grafts and other burn-related treatment on his arms and hands.

His wife Amanda Younkin Franklin, 25, who was wing walking when the plane's engine failed, will be in the hospital for six months or longer, he said. She received 3rd degree burns over 70 percent of her body, as well as broken bones in her face.

His wife was on top of the upper 30-foot upper wing of their modified biplane 1940 Waco UPF-7, when he was coming out of a maneuver.

"As I pulled up, the engine quit," Franklin said. "We have a procedure. She looks over her shoulder for my signal. I assessed to be sure everything looked right and decided she had to come in. I gave a nod for the front cockpit and she starts moving immediately. She's lightning fast getting down. You don't want a walker out in a forced landing, because if it hits hard, the plane could go on its back and crush her. I tried



In this file photo, Amanda Younkin Franklin demonstrates a wing-walking technique used in air shows, piloted by her husband Kyle Franklin.

my best to keep it in the air. I was low and slow, about 35 mph with a headwind that was slowing me down.

"I knew I wasn't going to make the runway and hoped I could hit the grass, but I couldn't. I found an open square and went for that. We were running out of air fast. I planted it right where I wanted it."

He didn't think the plane hit that hard, but he must have been knocked out briefly, Franklin said.

"The next thing I remember, I see fire in my face and I have a hold of Amanda and I'm trying to pull her out and I can't. The next thing I know, guys

have me pinned on the ground, because I'm still trying to go to Amanda. Other guys are spraying the plane with foam."

He found out later that the safety cable so vital for his wife's safety while wing walking became wedged or hung up in the front cockpit on landing. The rescue team had to cut the cables to remove her from the plane.

"I was between conscious and subconscious," Franklin said. "I don't remember getting out of the airplane, but apparently, when we hit the ground, I was knocked out and my subconscious took over. I

hit the radio with "We're on fire," and (the response team) said that saved us."

The first rescuers arrived on four-wheelers and when fire trucks appeared blocked, the drivers just "bulldozed" through the vegetation and obstacles to reach the site with the foam, he said.

The couple met at an air show and both lost their fathers on July 10, 2005, when the two men, Jimmy Franklin and Bobby Younkin, were killed in a mid-air collision while performing together at the Saskatchewan Centennial Air Show in Moose Jaw.

"I learned to fly when I

was eight and did my first wing walk at 14 for fun," Franklin said. "At 17, I was the world's youngest professional wing walker. Every summer since I was 12, I worked with my dad. (When he began his wing walking career) I would go to school all week, leave early on Friday, drive to El Paso and fly out (to a show), wing walk over the weekend and be back for school on Monday."

Amanda, who began flying solo at age 16, became his manager in 2005, and also managed her brother, Franklin said. In 2009, she began wing walking and "was awesome at it, one of

the best in the world," he said. Their company is known as Franklin's Flying Circus.

Franklin already underwent several skin grafts on his arms to correct the 3rd degree burns on his right arm and 2nd degree burns on his left arm and face. Physicians are using other techniques on Amanda, because she doesn't have much undamaged skin left, he said.

The cause of the accidents hasn't been determined, but Franklin suspects something fuel-related, either a fuel injector malfunctioned or a line went bad.

The Federal Aviation Administration released the plane to him and it is locked in a trailer. At some point, the engine will be removed and examined.

As for the future of the couple and their air show business, Franklin said they will return to the sky.

Flying is what we love," he said. "It's our passion. Amanda is a pilot as well. It's dangerous, but there are a thousand ways of dying. Every day, people are killed in car accidents. Typically at an air show, it's a controlled environment. The scariest part is getting from one site to another."

Franklin's sister, Debbie Haines Nix, established an account for the couple to help defray medical expenses. Donations can be sent in their names to Southwest Securities Federal Savings Bank, 1860 Sudberth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, or donate online at [www.icasfoundation.org](http://www.icasfoundation.org).

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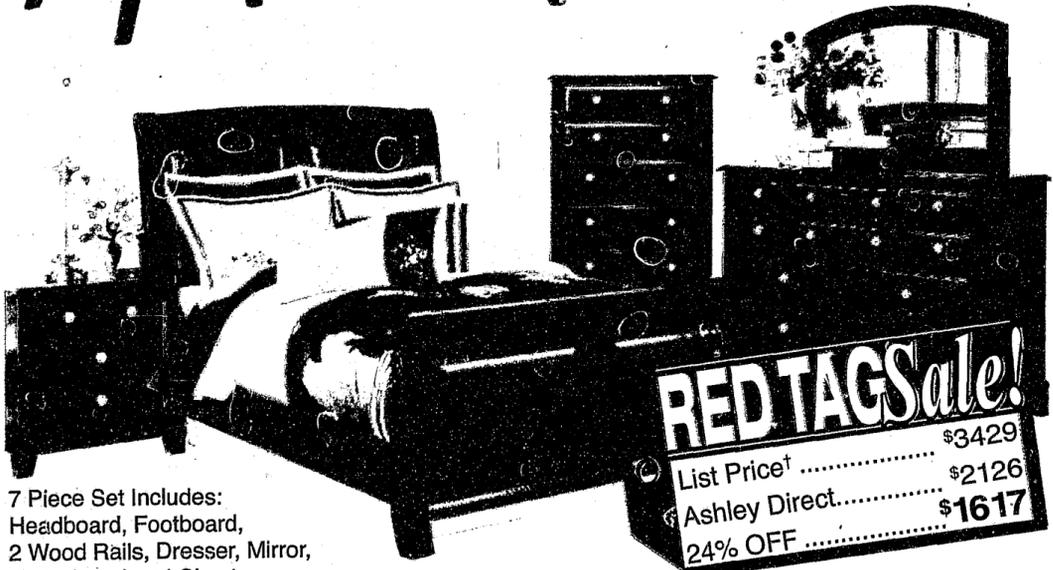
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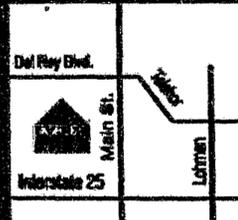
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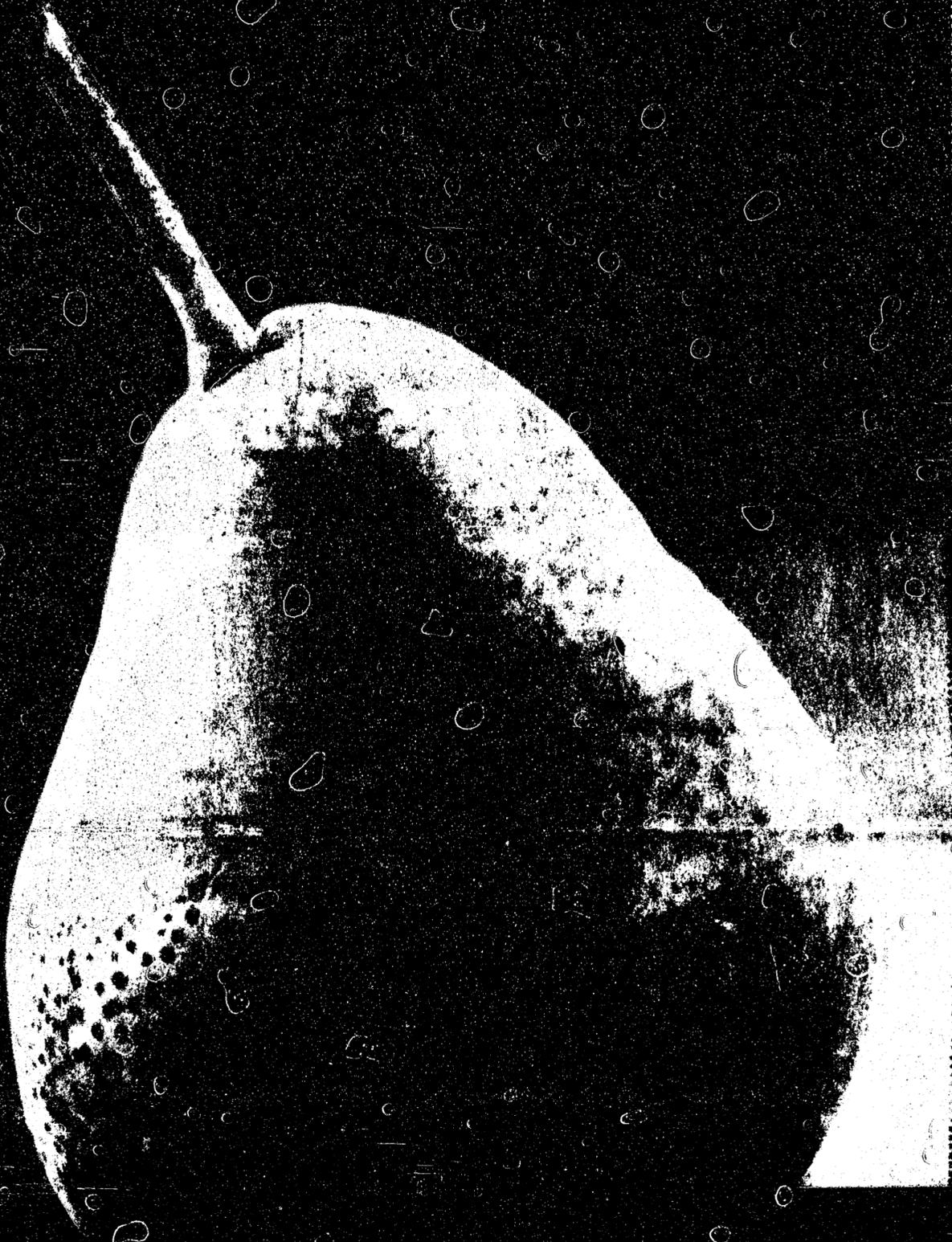
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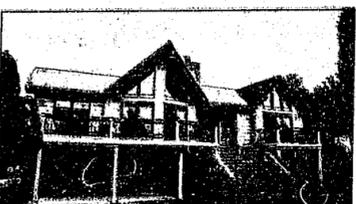
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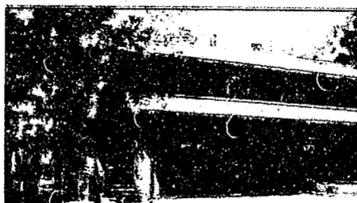
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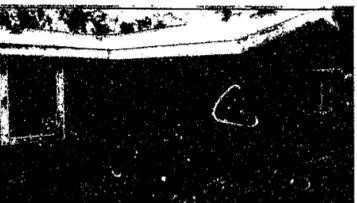
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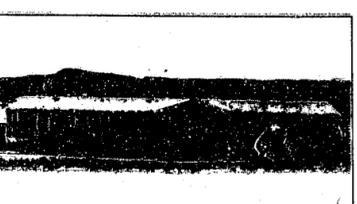
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## Bird dog field trials in Carrizozo

L. M. ENGLISH  
For the Ruidoso News

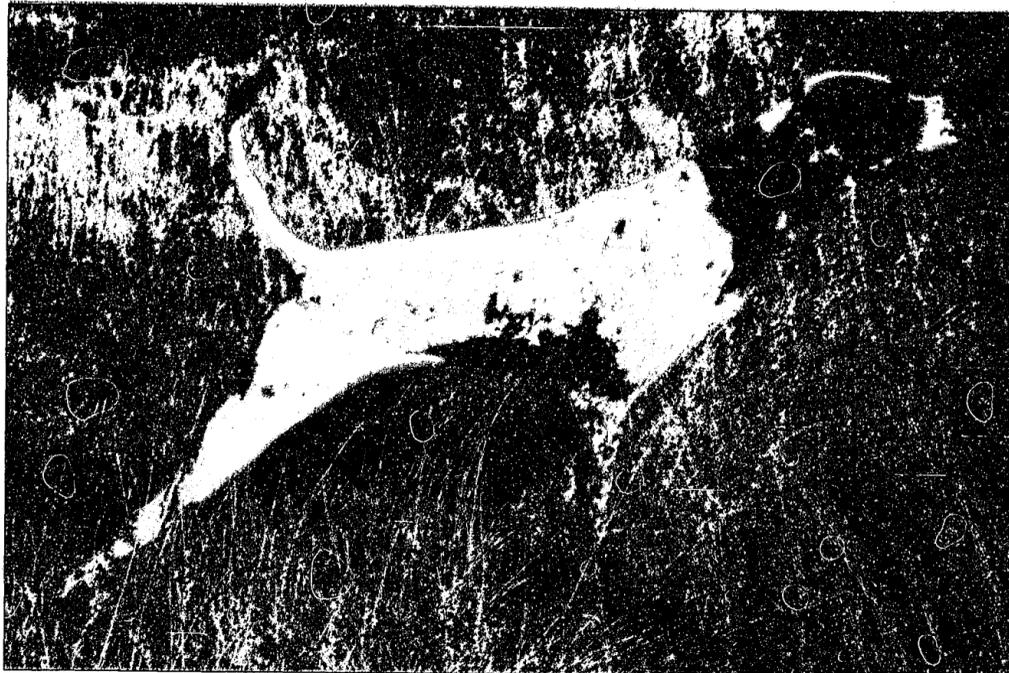
The month of February 2011 is in the record books. It was an amazing month for bizarre weather. By mid-February much of Lincoln County had seen record low temperature of -25 degrees to -31 degrees F and a week later the temperature was pushing 75 to 80 degrees F.

The 100-degree swing in temperatures was unusual, but late winter and early spring winds can be expected. Luckily the Rio Grande Bird Dog Club's scheduled trials in Lincoln County, missed the bone chilling cold, but there was plenty of wind.

For the past five years the Hefker/Vega Ranch, south of Carrizozo, has been the host for bird dog trials.

This year the ranch was wearing her best dress. Last season was a great year for growing forages in this part of New Mexico. The rangeland on this ranch has a very diverse flora.

It is covered with drop seed, gramma grasses, four-



COURTESY

English Pointer, pointing birds at the recent bird dog trials in Carrizozo.

wing salt bush, mesquite brush, snakeweed, winter fat and numerous annuals.

This is a working cattle ranch with a range dotted

by mother cows and calves of mostly black and red Angus influence.

The Henry Vega and Jack Hefker families are the

owner/operators of this ranch and they have been magnanimous in letting the Rio Grande Bird Dog Club use their ranch and facili-

ties to host the Region 12 Amateur Championship and companion stakes.

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### Ski Report

#### Ski Apache

Ski Apache closed Monday, March 21, for the season.

### Sports On Tap

#### Baseball

Friday, March 25  
Capitan versus Lordsburg at NMMI tournament (started Thursday)  
Lubbock Christian at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 26  
Lubbock Christian at Ruidoso, 11 a.m., doubleheader

#### Softball

Friday, March 24  
Ruidoso at Dexter tournament, three days (started Thursday)  
Capitan at Dexter tournament

### 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.

## Alumni football – a full contact reunion in 'Zozo

JULIE CARTER

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Alumni football hits the Carrizozo Schools gridiron at 7 p.m., April 8, with all the bells and whistles of a first-class pigskin production.

Alumni Football USA presents the inaugural game between age-old rivals, Carrizozo Grizzlies and the Capitan Tigers.

Pat Ventura, head football coach at Carrizozo High School and coordinator for the game on his home field, said there are at total of 75 alumni play-

ers signed up to play. "I have coached 49 of them when they were in high school," he laughed.

Ventura is also listed on the roster and will assume coaching duties.

J.P. Whipple is the coordinator for Capitan team along with Michael Fish, Justin King and Orlando Baca.

"We've got a pretty good team put together," Whipple said, "and they are all really excited about this game. When you are in high school, that Friday night football game is everything to you. So it's a

real thrill to get to strap those pads on one more time for a Friday night game."

Capitan has 39 players on their roster and Carrizozo lists 36. Ages range from 18-46 on the Capitan Tigers team while the Grizzlies run 18-48 years old. Ventura wears the "old guy" crown for Carrizozo as a 1980 graduate and Lee Roy Page is a 1984 Capitan graduate.

Players pay a \$75 fee to play the game. Alumni Football USA provides a group of people to work the gates, handle the announc-

ing, run the clock, and officiate the game. Two hours before the game players will be outfitted with uniforms, pads and helmets. "It's a first class deal," said Ventura.

Tickets are \$10 each (5 years and under are free). Tickets that are purchased before the game will benefit the high school athletic clubs at Capitan and Carrizozo Schools.

"We get half the money from the pre-sold tickets," Ventura said.

"The ones Capitan sells, they get half of. All the proceeds from the tickets sold

at the gate on game day go to Alumni Football USA to cover their expenses. So we are really trying to get people to buy early and help the school athletic programs make a little money from this."

Ventura said tickets can be bought from any of the players and he is asking his high school athletes to also sell tickets. For information or tickets call Ventura at 973-4970.

Capitan tickets are available from Whipple at 575-491-5157. Whipple said his team had already sold close to 250 tickets.

A concession will be on site on game day hosted by Carrizozo Athletics. Alumni Football USA will sell t-shirts and videos of the game.

The game is a "play at your own risk" situation for the players. Former high school players will put on the pads and step back into their legendary memories for one more full contact football game. The glory days of their high school years are given back to them for one more game in front of family, friends and

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## Complete games rare at NMSU

JASON GROVES

Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES – Complete games are rare at New Mexico State.

Rarely does an Aggies pitcher last into the middle innings in the thin air and offensively friendly dimensions of Presley Askew Field.

But Dan Reid changed all that last weekend in an 11-2 victory over IUPUI on Friday. Reid allowed six hits, walked three and the two runs he gave up were unearned.

"It's fun to start a game and then finish it," said Reid, who was named this week's Western Athletic Conference pitcher of the week. "It was kind of cool being out there for the first time in college on the mound recording the last out."

More importantly, Reid's effort set up a series sweep of IUPUI where the pitching staff outshined the Aggies' offense.

It's a reversal of sorts for the NMSU baseball program, long built on offense with pitching playing a supporting role.

And while the Aggies still put up 52 runs in four games, NMSU pitchers held their opponents in single digits all weekend.

"Last year was pretty tough for most of the pitching staff but this year, our pitching staff has done a lot better," Reid said.

After transferring from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College prior to last season, Reid went 6-3 in 14 starts last year with a 6.38 earned run average.

Reid is 4-0 this year in five starts, with an unheard of 2.10 ERA.

"When was the last guy to have an ERA like that?" asked Aggies coach Rocky Ward. "We haven't. We have always said if we can pitch in the 4.5 ERA range, we are going to be pretty good."

Reid hasn't pitched fewer than six innings in any of his starts this season, but on Friday it was a combination of throwing strikes and getting solid defense behind him. Reid only struck out two hitters and walked three.

"If my defense is behind

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# DOGS

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Not enough can be said for this venue. The rugged southwestern landscape of the ranch is nestled between the Godfrey Mountains on its eastern border and the Milagro Mountains on the western border.

Lincoln County history hangs around the ranch like an old Mexican serape. The tall snow dusted mountains of Mescalero Indian Reservation's Ski Apache Resort can be seen peaking over the Godfreys to the east.

To the north, the home of Smokey Bear, the Capitan Mountain range can be seen. It is not hard to imagine the likes of Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid following the route that is now US Highway 54 on the western border of the ranch.

To the south is the famous White Sands Missile Range, where so much military history has been made. It is this special blend of natural history, landscape, climate and daunting façade that make this such a special place.

Bird dog field trials have been part of American history for nearly 250 years.

When Europeans came to the new world, they brought many of their "gentlemen sports" with them. Field tests or trials were part of culture in England, Spain, Germany, France, Ireland, Scotland, and Hungary.

As they set up plantations in the southern part of early America, they imported hunting dogs to chase the bobwhite quail that flourished around their cultivated fields.

Breeding dogs to better handle the new world hunting situations and market hunter needs, lead to one plantation owner bragging he owned the best bird dogs,

thus competition began.

In fact, complete achievement records have been painstakingly kept since day one.

Actually, most purebred bird pointing dog owners can document their canine's parentage better than their own going back 250 years.

The American Field stud book can trace each of the dog's parentage through their registry back to when relatives arrived in the new world. They have the records of how many trial wins they had and how many offspring they had that competed successfully in field trials.

In today's world, DNA records are kept to make sure of each dog's parentage. In a word field trialers tend to be "serious" about their dogs.

The southern plantation owners also developed fine blooded horses. Many plantations developed smooth gaited horses so gentlemen owners could travel in comfort on their lands and look good doing so.

The best known of these horse breeds is the Tennessee Walking horse. The next logical step was to use fine blooded horses to follow fine blooded hunting dogs. Thus was born the sport of horseback bird dog field trialing.

Like any other sport or manly endeavor, it was soon evident that rules of competition needed to be established. While all may be fair in love and war, all is not fair at a bird dog trial.

Soon the Amateur Field Trial Clubs of America and the American Kennel Club published rules for the sport. Many of the very early rules and ideals have remained since the very early days and have been unchanged for over two centuries.

However, the sport is somewhat dynamic and most recently, governing entities have had to make some rules to control how

electronic devices may be used in competition for an example. Another trend in field trialing is the continued increase in women dog trialers. As a matter of fact, three of the four judges at our trial were ladies. They did a great job, I might add.

The license plates on the horse trailers and vehicles at the ranch were from California, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. A number of the best dogs from these states were on hand to compete. Several local sportsmen are involved in the sport too.

Notable among these is Dr. Steve North from Roswell, NM. Dr. North has a very successful medical practice in Roswell. He and his wife, Faith, have four children and he is a very busy man with his professional, social and family commitments, but he always manages to help with our field trial. Steve is a great student and benefactor to our sport.

He buys and prepares foods for gourmet meals at the ranch for our trialers. He procures prizes for winners. His notable awards include silver inlaid spurs made by Clint Conder, a rancher and artisan from Chaves County.

Dr. North also acquired engraved saddle bags from Mr. Daryl Andrus, Rockin A Equine and Rodeo Gear Inc. in Roswell.

Saddle bags and fancy spurs are big deals to our competitors and competition is keen to garner these awards. This year, his daughter Leah, traveled with him and rode horseback to watch the dogs and help greet and charm the trialers as they arrived. There are numerous other people who volunteer to make our events successful.

If any New Mexico rancher, arena cowboy or ranch day work hand would have shown up at the Hefker/Vega Ranch early



Amateur All-Age Championship winners Mike English, left, with Runner-up Champion Englishshire's Pepper; Ed Mayhew with Champion White Powder Grip; behind: Judges Ms. Tracy Haines and Ms. Mary DeVos, Denver, Colo.

Saturday morning, Feb. 19, they would have been familiar with much of the activities of the early morning.

The smells associated with the outside of a horse, the jingle of spurs, the creaking of saddle leather, and the barking sounds of dogs are common on New Mexico ranches.

But some things would have been slightly strange. The dogs were not blue heeled or border collies but they were English pointers, English setters, Brittany's, or German shorthaired pointers. Most of the saddles were either Canadian trooper saddles, plantation flat seat saddles or endurance saddles most of which do not have saddle horns.

The horses did not have the thick heavy muscled bodies of the American quarter horse, most of them being either Tennessee Walking horses or Missouri Foxotters.

The sounds of dog whistles or the "whup-whup-whoa" sounds of dog handlers singing to their canine charges as they coursed

through the open rangeland would have been foreign to most newcomers to the sport.

There were three stakes run over the three days on the Ranch this past February: The New Mexico Shooting Dog Classic, New Mexico Derby Classic, and the Region 12 Amateur All-Age Championship.

The general format of these stakes is: two dogs released in braces followed by their handlers, each watched closely by two judges, one for each dog. The dogs stay on the ground and hunt for one hour.

The dogs are to search for and point beavies of birds. Upon pointing, the dog is to stay staunch with lofty style while the birds are flushed by the dog's handler and then the handlers fires a blank gun, during which time the dog must remain staunch to flight and fire.

We don't shoot any birds at these events as a matter of fact plentiful birds is a must to hold these trials so we do all we can to increase bird populations on the grounds. Of course, there

are many other requirements for each type of stake run but these are the generalities.

The winner of the Region 12 Amateur All-Age Championship was Californian; Ed Mayhew with his pointer male, White Powder Grip, Runner-Up Champion was Mike English from Capitan, with his pointer female, Englishshire's Pepper.

The winners of the New Mexico Open Derby Classic were Jim Schultz of Arizona with his pointer male, Cash'n In, Runner-up was Ed Mayhew of California with his Brittany male, Knine Tucalota Chance, third place went to professional dog trainer, Bill Gibbons and his setter female, Magma's Cactus Wren from Arizona.

The winner of the New Mexico Open Shooting Dog Classic was pointer female, No Limit Belle for her owner Jim Schultz from Flagstaff, AZ and Runner-up in the event was Tucalota's Rubee, pointer female for Californian Ed Mayhew.

# ALUMNI

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foe.

Teams have five formal practices and as many informal ones as they can muster, without pads given the theory they maybe won't hurt themselves before the game.

Fans will love the return of their favorite alumni football players.

They may be more mature, bigger, stronger, thicker, wiser and perhaps a little slower, but they will

still hit, tackle and score.

The teams play 12-minute quarters with referees using high school rules. There are three exceptions to the high school rules.

According to the Alumni website those are:

1. Only four rushers from three- or four-point stances and only four players in three- or four-point stances. Seven players must be in a two point stance. Pre-snap 5-yard penalty from the line of scrimmage. After a hand off, linebackers can go. When the quarterback rolls out past the tackle anyone

can go. Send 11 OK on punts, but no one can go through a gap or touch the snapper. (Shotgun on 2nd down is not punt formation.)

2. No crack back block from wide outs. Blocking from outside is OK with two hand lead and both feet planted. No head or shoulder lead. These guys have to go to work on Monday.

3. Celebrations after touchdowns are okay!

Ruidoso will host Deming in an official Alumni USA pigskin match on April 16. For the dates of other New Mexico games,

visit [www.alumnifootballusa.com](http://www.alumnifootballusa.com).

"If this all goes well," said Ventura, "they'll do it again next year with Capitan hosting on their field."

"This will be a lot of fun, but fans need to remember this is on school grounds so all the rules apply for sportsmanship, no smoking, no alcohol, etc."

Capitan Roster: Justin Smith, James Robinson, Devan Nease, Stephen Silva, Joey Saiz, Justin Joiner, J.T. Eldridge, Michael Fish, Raymond Harris, Cody Joiner, Nathan Thomas, Orlando

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Carrizozo Roster: Nathan Beltran, Greg Vigil, Robert Dutchover, John

Green, Johnny Beltran, Joe Samora, Eric Koroscil, Jeremy Zamora, Casey Barela, Ryan Roper, Chaz Zamora, Anthony Archuleta, Jake Narvaez, Jesse Samora, Rafel Chavez, Daniel Hernandez, Sam Green, Troy Koroscil, Josh Vega, Jack Green, George Vega, Michael Barela, Abe Padiilla, Simon Beltran, Kevin Sheehan, Bryan Bartz, Stephen Najar, Damian Luna, Pat Ventura, LeeRoy Zamora, Carlos Zamora, Jesse Green, Val Reyes, James Verdugo, Alfonso Lucero and Matt Dutchover.

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me like they have been, hopefully I can work deep into games more often," Reid said. "I think (middle infielders Parker Hipp and Ryan Aguayo) turned three double plays for me and then in the ninth inning, I got one. I was at 105 pitches going into the ninth inning.

The double plays really helped."

Reid is the ace on the staff of four quality starters who have helped make up for down offensive numbers as the Aggies and the rest of the NCAA adjust to a change in bats this season.

"I like being the Game 1 (pitcher) because I want to be the guy who goes out against their best," Reid said. "Winning the first one is really crucial because if

we beat their No. 1, they are sitting back and they have to win two-of-three just to salvage the series."

Mack is 3-1, junior left-hander Trey Ross is 4-1 and sophomore Ryan Beck is 3-2 for the Aggies, who are 18-5 on the season.

While Reid and Ross started their career at the junior college level, the Aggies have young prospects in sophomores Mack and Ryan Beck.

Mack and Beck were pushed into duty last year due to inconsistency above them. They finished last year a combined 9-1 as freshmen.

"You can't have a true winning program unless you develop young pitchers and they are in the program for two or three years," Tidwell said. "We have some good ones coming in next year. So we have to keep building on that."

Mack's fastball reaches the low 90s and he possesses what Tidwell considers a "Big League breaking ball."

Mack is 3-1 on the year as the Aggies' No. 4 pitcher with a 7.43 ERA. He did not start two weeks ago against Oregon State, coming out of the bullpen. It seemed to help him against IUPUIFW. Mack struck out 10 and allowed four hits in seven innings to move to 3-1 on the year with an 11-8 win.

The result has been a staff of four starters capable of taking the Aggies where they want to be when Western Athletic Conference play opens April 8 at Louisiana Tech.

The New Mexico State Aggies will host Binghamton for a four-game series at Presley Askew Field, which started Thursday.

Game 2 will be Friday at 6. A Saturday doubleheader is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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# Worldwide simulcast weekend at Ruidoso Downs

**TY WYANT**  
Ruidoso Downs Track Publicist

The \$10,000,000 Dubai World Cup, the world's richest race, and the Grade 3, \$800,000 Sunland Derby, the only graded thoroughbred stakes in New Mexico, are the cornerstones of a much anticipated simulcasting weekend in Billy's Race Book in the Billy the Kid Casino adjacent to Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

The Dubai World Cup features four races worth \$22,000,000 simulcast from Meydan Racecourse in

Dubai on Saturday morning at Billy's Race Book

Mutuel windows on Saturday morning will open at 8:30 a.m. with the first simulcast from Meydan, the \$2,000,000 Dubai Golden Shaheen, projects to have a 9:05 a.m. post time.

That will be followed by the \$5,000,000 Dubai Duty Free, the \$5,000,000 Dubai Sheema Classic and then the Dubai World Cup at about 11:35 a.m.

The 14 horses starting in the Dubai World Cup have won a remarkable 27 grade/group one races

while earning a staggering \$40,816,859, the richest field in racing history.

The leading earner in the group is Japanese horse of the year Buena Vista, a 5-year-old mare who has bankrolled more than \$12 million and is bidding to become the world's all-time leading earner.

If she wins the World Cup, which is worth \$6,000,000 to the victor, she will easily surpass T.M. Opera O, who earned \$16,200,300.

Heading the American contingent is Gio Ponti, a 3-time champion in North

America. He has won 11 of 23 starts, including six grade 1 stakes, and earned \$5,037,800.

On Sunday the premier card of thoroughbred racing in New Mexico is offered. The program at Sunland Park is highlighted by the Sunland Park Derby and the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks.

The Sunland Park Derby is the southwest's top Kentucky Derby prep race with the winner virtually guaranteed of the earnings required to enter the Kentucky Derby, run on the first Saturday in

May. Astrology makes his 2011 debut in the Sunland Derby for trainer Steve Asmussen after placing in each of his 2010 starts.

He won the Iroquois Stakes and was second in the Kentucky Cup Juvenile, each at Churchill Downs. Also in the Sunland Park Derby is Borderland Derby winner Fusa Code and Turf Paradise Derby upset winner Beer Meister.

The Sunland Oaks attracted Plum Pretty from the Bob Baffert barn.

She raced to third-place

finishes in the Grade 1 Las Virgenes Stakes and the Grade 2 Santa Ynez Stakes at Santa Anita this winter.

Also on Sunday from Sunland Park are the \$120,000 La Coneja Stakes, \$100,000 Harry Henson Handicap, \$100,000 New Mexico Breeders' Derby, \$100,000 New Mexico Breeders' Oaks and the first running of the \$45,000 Mark Villa Memorial.

Additionally, races from 12 other tracks from throughout North America will be offered this weekend.

# Local horse owner, trainer win a big one at Sunland Park

**ERIC ALWAN**  
Sunland Park Track Publicist

The classy mare Jenuine Joy steamrolled her male opponents with a sterling victory in the \$100,000 Mesilla Valley Speed Handicap at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino on Sunday, March 13.

Fresh off a big win in the \$120,000 Lou Wooten Handicap last December, Jenuine Joy was ready to roll in the 350-yard stakes race for New Mexico-bred Quarter Horses. The 5-year-old mare grey daughter of Genuine Strawfly blasted away from the gates under jockey Larry Payne and was prominent early in the dash. She throttled up to the front in deep stretch and gained a commanding edge to win by one-half length. The winning time was a sharp 16.763 seconds, good for a

104 speed index.

Payne said in the winner's circle, "She always does her job and performs so well. I was a little concerned running against the boys. She broke really hard and was very strong at the end of it."

Trainer Carl Draper's star mare capped off her sixth career win from eight starts. The powerful mare has won six of her last seven starts and defeated colts and gelding in four races. She earned a \$60,000 paycheck for owner **Fredda Draper** of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. The 9-1 shot paid a healthy \$20.80 to win.

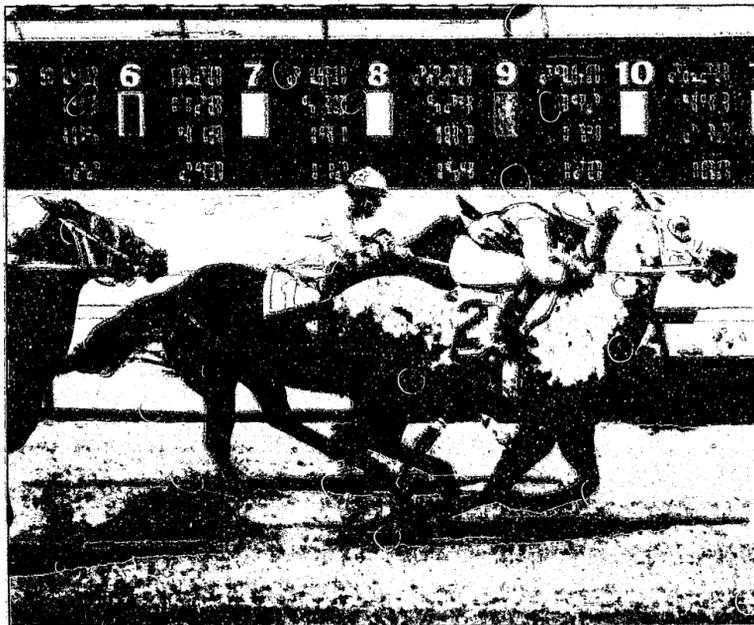
Corona Memory Crest placed in his second Sunland Park stakes this meet. The hard charging son of Corona Caliente finished second along the rail with jockey Alejandro Medellin. Corona Memory Crest fin-

ished a close third in the Jess Burner Memorial Handicap last December. He earned \$21,000 for Desiree Mooring and Ramon Gonzalez, Jr.

One Diamond Kitty went off as the 3-2 favorite under jockey Freddie Martinez. The Jess Burner Memorial winner was restless in the gate before the start. He tried his best after breaking a bit slowly. He drifted out down the lane and remained in third place, beaten one length.

Dueling Juan, A First Caller, Here Kittykitty-kitty, Cp Lawman, Miracle Snow, Tecate N Lyme and In Famous Caper rounded out the order of finish.

The \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) will run Sunday, March 27, which is Sunland Park's biggest day with over \$1.5 million in purses.



The Fredda Draper-owned, Carl Draper-trained Jenuine Joy wins the \$100,000 March 13 Mesilla Valley Speed Handicap at Sunland Park with Larry Payne aboard.

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## UNITED KINGDOM AND BACK



**Five Carrizozo High School** seniors and three chaperones spent 11 days in the UK for a "senior trip." At left, Kylie Gaines, McKenna Sandoval, Lauren Smith, Fernando Najera and Joel Ferguson stand at the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland. At right, the students with sponsors Cheryl Smith, far left, and Sarah Ball, center, stand for a photo on the London Bridge. (not pictured is Carol Wilson). The group also toured Scotland.

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## County commission stands strong against federal 'land grab'

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Following the lead of Lincoln County Commissioner Mark Doth, the commission approved a resolution opposing relinquishing the power to create a national wilderness area to the Secretary of the Interior.

Doth called the DOI Secretarial Order 3310, a land grab, and contended Monday that only by action of the U.S. Congress with the signature of the President can a wilderness area be declared.

"At the end of January, the governor of Utah met with Secretary Ken Salazar to try to come to some compromise," Doth said. "They left with irreconcilable differences and it continues to be a problem, fighting the government. The Wilderness Alliance is intent on

closing all public land to public access.

"It makes my blood boil." Over the past 15 years, the environmental group continues to file lawsuits to close roads, to ban logging and to prohibit energy development, he said, citing an article about the Otero Mesa in a statewide newspaper that morning and the group's effort to fight any development there.

"I agree totally," said Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo. "I'll jump on the soapbox too."

The resolution was approved unanimously.

Officials with the Wilderness Society view the situation differently.

"In late December, much of the conversation in the press and on Capitol Hill has centered on a few loud voices that stand in opposition to this Wild lands

management guidance," they wrote in a prepared statement.

"These opponents are working to influence Washington, D.C., and now some members of Congress are targeting the Wild Lands policy in upcoming legislation.

"They are also threatening to prevent the Bureau of Land Management from implementing the policy by passing a 'funding limitation' through the 2011 and 2012 budget processes.

"In reality, though, there is deep-seated and growing support for the Wild Lands policy. As communities and elected officials learn more about the policy we are finding increased support for this management decision."

During the previous administration, the nation's public lands were under attack and conserva-

tion took a back-seat to oil and gas interest, they contended.

"Secretarial Order 3310 simply clarifies management authority and planning for Bureau of Land Management field offices," they wrote.

"In fact, identifying and protecting wilderness values has always been part of the BLM's mandate.

"Secretary Salazar's Order rectifies a radical departure in policy that actually prohibited the BLM from exercising its authority to designate and effectively protect wilderness study areas.

"This policy put places like Utah's redrock canyons, New Mexico's Otero Mesa, Oregon's Steens Mountain, Colorado's Roan Plateau, Arizona's Sand Tank Mountains, and Wyoming's Adobe Town at risk from destruction due to oil and gas drilling and off-road vehicle abuse."

They attached statistics

showing that in the five Rocky Mountain states with the most oil and gas development, 1 percent of land managed by the BLM is designated Wilderness, while 42 percent of the BLM's land is leased to the oil and gas industry.

"Additionally, the oil and gas industry has 41 million acres under lease across the West, but is only drilling on 12 million acres. That means the industry is sitting on nearly 30 million acres of land, so there is clearly no shortage of places to drill."

They stated that outdoor active recreation, such as hiking, hunting, and rafting, contributes \$730 billion annually to the U.S. economy and supports nearly 6.5 million jobs.

"Economists have also found that rural counties with protected lands nearby, such as wilderness, experience greater economic growth than counties without," according to the

Society.

The Lincoln County resolution notes that the Secretarial order is inconsistent with many local land use plans and that the county supports the multiple use of federal land, and the socio-economic benefits that accrue to state and local governments and the citizens they represent.

Commissioners contended in the resolution that the existing management practices are more than adequate to maintain naturalness and solitude through the protection of scenic vistas and identification of special management areas of critical concern.

They "strongly oppose" the secretary's order on the basis that it is "beyond the scope and contrary to the clear delineation of authority between the Congress and the Department of Interior, and that it has been adopted without respect for mandatory procedures."



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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Grand openings Monday for new 'Zozo businesses

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Two grand openings will introduce new businesses just opened in Carrizozo to the community.

On Monday, March 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Alli's Salon and Zamora's Auto Service will host an Open House for the community. Both businesses are on south Central in Carrizozo and share close proximity to the Y intersection.

Food will be available for visitors, laid out on tables in front of Roy's Gift Gallery.

"We invite folks to come have lunch and meet us," Allison Waggoner, owner of Alli's Salon said.

Most of the food is donated by area restaurants. "Kelly's and Willie's and the Najars are all helping out," Waggoner said. "There will be brisket with the trimmings as well as dessert. If the weather's bad, we'll find someplace inside."

### Alli's Salon

Allison Waggoner saw a need in Carrizozo and had the skills to fill that void.

With 21 years experience in cosmetology, the transplant to New Mexico from Nashville, Tenn., decided to step out and make a business happen.

Working with Roy Dow, owner of the little building next to his store, The Gift Gallery, Waggoner did a complete remodel and makeover of the inside.

The transformation opened two tiny rooms into an airy, open space for the salon.

The Salon will offer a full spectrum of haircuts, styling, and coloring for men and women.

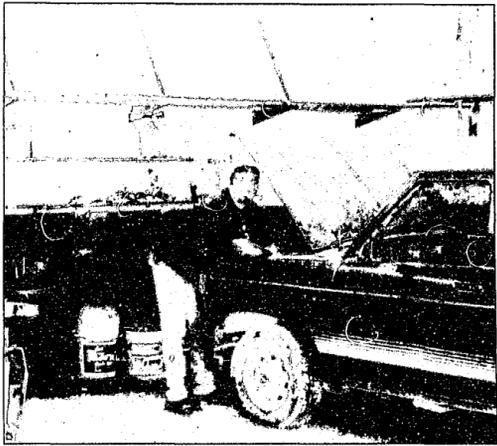
Pedicures and manicures and artificial nails are also available.

"I charge \$23 for a man's



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Alli's Salon, above, and Zamora's Auto Service, below, are sharing in an Open House welcome to the community on Monday, March 28, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Food will be served and the community is invited to come meet the new merchants.



haircut but it's a full service experience. I trim nose, ears, neck and eyebrows. If there's hair, I trim it," she said.

Woman's cuts are \$30 and color starts at \$40. Pedicures are \$35 and include the hot towel and massage treatment.

Waggoner is currently waiting on final licensing approval from the State of New Mexico.

"I'm taking appointments and preparing for an

official opening by mid-April," she said.

The Salon's hours are Monday - Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., closed on Friday and open Saturday morning 8-12 by appointment only.

"Walk-ins are welcome, appointments are preferred," she said.

Waggoner said anyone who makes an appointment on Monday at the grand opening will get a

free paraffin hand wax treatment when they come in to their appointment.

Alli's Salon can be reached at 648-4567.

### Zamora's Auto Service

Michael Zamora is a hometown boy, a 1989 graduation of Carrizozo High School, who has come back to town.

"I've lived all over," he said. "I've always been somewhat of a shade-tree mechanic and thought this

would be a good business for me."

Zamora has opened up in the bright blue filling station building at the Y, next to the Big Blue Auction Barn.

He officially opened March 1 and is ready for people to know he is there and looking to work.

"I'm going to get a sign up so people know I'm here, but until then, let them know I'm open for business."

Zamora is offering tune-ups, oil changes, tire maintenance, brakes etc.

"If it's something I can do it, I'll do it. If I can't, I'll tell you," he said.

Zamora said oil changes run \$35 and a full lube and fluid level check is \$45.

Zamora is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays 8-12.

He can be reached at 575-517-6872 or drive on in and let him know what you need.

## Socially disadvantaged cowboys

The headline read: USDA Introduces an Online Tool to Assist Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers.

I just couldn't let it go. I had to write the USDA office and inquire about a specific clarity as to the meaning of "socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers."

I was fairly certain the USDA's definition and mine weren't at all similar.

Kindly, it was explained to me that "Socially Disadvantaged" is a term that means they belong to

one of the protected groups such as Native American, woman, African American, etc. It is actually a term that is written into law by congress.

Behind the scenes in the government office, the joke is that it means, "they can't dance."

While I realize that particular skill is certainly lacking among many in the cowboy set, I didn't exactly have it on my "socially disadvantaged" list.

I suggest to you that dancing is more of an athletic event requiring timing, rhythm and an ear for

a musical beat. The social aspect of it takes place around the dance floor with said cowboy leaning up against the bar holding a cold long-neck, or around the pool table where looking cool is as important as sinking the 8-ball at the right time.

I believe that the social disadvantage for most cowboys is not so much in what they can or can't do, but more powerfully in what they say. They have an uncanny skill for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time to the wrong person.

Last summer, the wife had used a shovel to kill three rattlesnakes on the road to ranch headquarters. Deciding she preferred a garden hoe as her

weapon of choice, she dug around in the shop until she found one. However, she quickly realized it was as dull as a politician and not in "snake-killing shape."

She went on to the house where her rancher husband was settled in for the evening. "Any idea where I can find a sharp hoe?" she asked.

Barely looking up for the newspaper he was reading, he replied with a completely straight face, "Not in this town."

Not so long ago ranchers in the area were spending daylight past dark breaking ice and thawing out frozen pipelines in order to keep the livestock watered.

One willing ranch wife

decided to pitch in and help with the thawing job on a water line that ran from the float box to the trough.

Out in an open, treeless pasture, the pair built a cow manure fire along the 8-feet of line. Two hours later the water ran free making the cows and the cowboy happy.

Not able to leave well enough alone and possibly thinking an ornery grin would buy forgiveness he set his social skills aside.

As they walked from the pickup to the house, the cowboy dutifully mentioned to his bride that she "smelled like a burning cow turd."

Not many days later, she had just mopped the kitchen floor as he and the

kids came tromping through from the muddy corrals. No one bothered to stop and pull off their over boots, leaving muddy tracks as clear-cut evidence.

"I just mopped and waxed this floor," she said in disgust and despair.

With his notoriety in witty comebacks, the cowboy retorted, "Good. Your mop must still be handy then."

Any long-range thinking about consequences had completely missed the moment. That, my friends, is case and point for the socially disadvantaged cowboy.

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### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### Taxes and amnesty

Free tax assistance for those with low to medium income available at Capitan Public Library on Monday, April 4 from 1-4 p.m. Call for an appointment at 354-3035.

April is amnesty month at the Capitan Public Library.

Check your bookcases, DVD storage, your child's room - any item returned in April will have all fines forgiven.

Our library has limited funding for the collection so

we are happy to have lost or overdue items returned.

#### First Friday

The Capitan Public Library presents "Astronomy for the Novice" at the April 1, First Friday event at the library.

Ehrich is a Nogal resident with his own observatory. Come enjoy the fun at the library on April 1, (no joke), 101 E. 2nd St, in Capitan at 7 p.m.

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# RELIGION

## The still small voice after the earthquake

“And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.”— I Kings 19:12 (KJV)

Recently, I've answered many questions from readers about God and evil. Many people wanted to know how a good and powerful God could be reconciled with the profound and proliferating instances of evil in the world.

Now, the earthquake in Japan has sent shudders through our planet, and our lives, putting a bloody edge to such agonizing questions about God and goodness.

I've tried to help questioners understand that most of the evil we face is our own fault. Free will is the most common cause of our moral blindness.

Our indifference to evil is usually the main reason for the spread of evil and consequent suffering.

I've tried to explain that this freedom to choose good or evil is both a blessing and a curse, whether God exists or not. Whether we're alone in the uni-

verse or the beloved creations of a loving God, we can't escape our responsibility to make the world a better place. We can't shift the burdens of our moral lives to a God who'll magically protect us from our own venality and brokenness.



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

The work of goodness in the world is ours, not God's. For those of us who are religious, we can take both comfort and guidance from a God who's set forth a path of life and blessing to guide us. For those who are not religious, the work of goodness still claims and challenges us to make a difference in this wounded world.

However, the earthquake in Japan reminds us of the terrifying truth that natural evil—evil not caused by our moral failures—is still and always will be a threat. This evil is on God.

Yes, we can say—and I've said this myself—that even natural evil is not really evil because it's just the natural consequence of living on top of the crust of a living planet.

If the earth were a dead rock, it would not belch fire, as it's now doing in Hawaii. If the earth were dead, its tectonic

plates would not shift, causing earthquakes and tsunamis, as just occurred in Japan.

However, if the earth were dead, we'd also be dead. Without the protective buffer of our atmosphere, for example—made up in part of nitrogen and other gases spewed by volcanos—we'd be unprotected from meteors and other threats.

We live with a dangerous but living, breathing earth and any other option would mean death for all life. I've used this defense of God for natural evil many times and still believe it's true and theologically valid, but theology is not comforting in the face of the massive destruction and death in Japan and around the North Pacific basin.

It's simply foolish to say that we could have done more to predict and protect the people of northern Japan.

True protection would mean evacuating all of Japan, all of California, large swaths of Latin America, Central and Southern Asia, and a thousand other places where the earth could suddenly twitch. Some natural evils we simply can't escape.

Now, my soul energies are not focused on defending God, but rather on a deeper contemplation of our arrogance and vulnerability before nature.

Because we can escape into warm homes, we've foolishly come to believe we've mastered the cold. Because we enjoy our beaches, we've come to believe we're stronger than the waves.

Such beliefs are part of a thin fabric of illusion that we can reach the sky through our own efforts and never be struck down by the power of the earth's natural forces.

To say this simply, we are very small animals. Our only gift is that we've been given minds and souls to understand our place in the universe.

We're weak, but we are aware. That awareness must always temper our pride and calm our arrogance before the overwhelming majesty and unconquerable power of what Jefferson called "Nature and Nature's God."

We must embrace the paradox of our physical weakness and our spiritual audacity. If God had made us invulnerable to nature, we'd be gods. If God had taken away our divine souls, we'd be dumbfounded before the power of nature, as are all other animals on the planet.

Instead, God has made us as we are, just "a little lower than the angels," yet capable of comprehending God's power and majesty in the world.

The best biblical reference I know that relates to all of this is Psalm 8, which reminds us of the paradox that we are both great and vulnerable at the same time. The Psalmist makes clear that our dominion on the earth is real but modest:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"—Psalm 8: 3-9 (KJV)

Finally, let us pray that our brothers and sisters in Japan will soon find their way out of despair into hope.

## Sowing the seeds of hope

Spring has sprung, and so has my clock. This day light savings time has gotten me all messed up. Not only did I spend four days in Texas that first week, participating in Glenn Whitfield's memorial service, and the wedding of my wife's niece, but, we returned late Saturday night.

In Texas, we were already on New Mexico's daylight savings time. So, I was living in total confusion.

For many folks, daylight savings time is a god-send. My bad! I should have said that it is a "government send." We have more hours in the late afternoon and evening to enjoy the paradise of the Sacramentos.

We are given more time to enjoy the sunsets over

Sierra Blanca and the beauty of the mountains. And, of course, we have more time for yard work and other outdoor activities. We must remember that there are some negatives for every positive.

With the advent of Spring, the vegetation "greens up" and we begin to think of planting flowers and vegetables for the growing season. I love to garden and grow things and, to be honest, I have not gotten all the wrinkles ironed out of the gardening process in the alpine desert.

I built a green house, and that has helped with my gardening. But I am still a greenhorn when it comes to getting a good harvest.

My friend, Charles O'Banion advised me that

I would have been better off financially to buy my tomatoes at the grocery store, rather than trying to raise them. He is right about that, but they just don't taste the same as homegrown. So, I'll just keep on trying to grow them.

The harvest is a wonderful time. To go out and pick a ripe tomato and pop it into your mouth is a great pleasure and privilege. The taste is just out of this world.

The Bible speaks of "springtime and harvest." And the truth is that you can't have one without the other.

One sows the seed in the hope of reaping the harvest. This is true in physical life as well as spiritual life.

The Gospel seed must be sown so that there can be a harvest. I suppose that God has put that farmer's heart in me.

I love to sow the seed and anticipate the harvest. And God is good for the fields are white unto the harvest.

When I sow the seed, I

have help for today and hope for tomorrow.

### Japan's disaster

The Japanese situation is one of the most difficult tragedies of this new century. To have a natural disaster of a terrible earthquake and the ensuing tsunami is bad enough. But the result of an impending nuclear threat makes the whole scenario more devastating than anyone could imagine.

Thousands are dead and tens of thousands are missing. Who knows what the final total will be? And, what will be the result of the radiation that can be released if the nuclear cores melt down.

The Japanese have experience with the threat of nuclear explosions and radiation from the bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

The Japanese nation is wealthy, far beyond the poverty that Haiti had to fight against in the their earthquake of two years ago. The reaction, of many people, is to rush to the aid of the Japanese. And right-

ly so, because we should help, with all means possible, to relieve pain and suffering.

There are several organizations that one can have confidence to contribute financially for Japanese relief.

The American Red Cross, Samaritan's Purse, and the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention are three that I recommend. And I am sure that there are others.

The results of the disaster are and will be impacting Japan and the world financially for many years. But there is an awesome and inspiring fact that we need to acknowledge... in spite of the horror and destruction in the circumstance, there is no looting and no taking advantage of the disadvantaged.

In fact, one man had 10 or 12 bottles of water to purchase and thought that others might need water as well. So he kept two and put the others back on the shelf.

There are many other stories of people helping

others in the tragedy. Some gave their own lives to help others preserve theirs. One American who taught English in a Japanese school, got her class to safety and paid with her own life.

We all hate to see disasters and tragedies, but they seem to bring out the best or the worst of human behavior.

We should all pray for the Japanese and give what we can through reliable aid groups to help them.

My wife's brother married a Japanese lady while he was stationed in Japan. And they have been in touch with her kinfolks who live on the western side of Honshu. They have not been immediately affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

With God's help, we can give the Japanese help for today and hope for tomorrow.

### Donations for Japan relief

The Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces is taking donations for victims of the earthquake and tsunami that struck the northern coast of Japan March 11. Donations will be sent through Catholic Relief Services to Caritas, Japan, at the request of Japanese bishops.

To provide a donation, make checks payable to the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces and send it to 1280 Med Park Drive, Las Cruces, NM, 88005. Write "Japan" on the memo line of your check.

"We have received so many emails from all continents filled with words of compassion and prayer," said Japanese Bishop Isao Kikuchi, SVD. "We are very grateful for this solidarity."

**§Nathaniel Gilbert**  
"Gib" Munro ☪  
1940-2011

Nathaniel Gilbert "Gib" Munro, 87, passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2011. He was born in the mining town of Central, New Mexico, on January 24, 1924. Gib lived in Ysleta, Texas, from grade school to high school. After graduating high school he went to Texas A & M. In the spring of 1942 Gib joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, he became an air cadet. He trained at Texas Tech to become a pilot and flew a B-17 in WWII until 1946, and then he attended Colorado State University, graduating in 1948. Gib married Elizabeth Jane Quinan on February 12, 1949. He moved to El Paso, Texas and worked 30 years for Chevron Oil Co., he retired and moved to Ruidoso in 1978 to become a part owner in a Chevron distributorship. Gib retired in 1988 and moved back to Albuquerque in 1997. He is survived by the love of his life for 62 years, Elizabeth; his son, Blake and his wife, Rosemary; his daughter, Mary and her husband, Rick Medford; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at The Cathedral of St. John, 318 Silver Ave. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. To view funeral information or leave a condolence please visit [www.danielsfuneral.com](http://www.danielsfuneral.com) Nathaniel's care has been entrusted to:  
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## POLICE & COURTS

# Downs chief catching up

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**RUIDOSO DOWNS** - One week into the job as Ruidoso Downs Police Chief, Doug Babcock has been busy.

"Catching up," Babcock said on Wednesday afternoon. "Things got put on hold until they filled the position. I have been getting us compliant with everything."

Babcock was sworn in March 14 and started March 16. He replaced Alfred Ortiz, who had been fired Nov. 22, 2010 after a six-month probation.

State officials have not released the findings of a special audit, but at the City Council meeting where Babcock was sworn in, certified public accountant Dan Austin noted inconsistencies in calculating overtime in the police department.

Babcock said working overtime on any grant comes with requirements for accounting.

"They provide forms that you have to submit," Babcock said. "It is just a matter of filling them out correctly and making sure that the officers worked the time that they put down. It's not rocket science, it's just documentation and if you have the numbers to back it up, it is not a problem."

Babcock praised the police department personnel he inherited.



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Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock has been on the job for just over a week.

"Great people," Babcock said. "I couldn't ask for a better bunch. They have a great attitude and want to do a great job."

Babcock said there is currently one open position in the department and he is advertising that and working to fill it.

He also said he plans to apply for grants.

"We plan to," Babcock said of local, state and federal law enforcement grants. "With the budgets the way they are, you are going to be seeking alternative funding sources. I'm sure we are all going to be competing for grant money."

Grants to pay for overtime for officers can be awarded to target drug trafficking, seat belt use or driving while intoxicated (DWI).

"There is still DWI enforcement money through Lincoln County," Babcock said. "It comes in blocks and it starts and stops."

Babcock said the DWI cases would be going to Magistrate Court, most of the other citation would stay in Ruidoso Downs.

"For the most part you are going to want to cite it into Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court," Babcock said. "The Municipal Courts want to get away

from handling DWIs, so most of the DWIs are going to go to Magistrate Court because by State statute, Municipal Courts can only handle first time DWIs. If it is a secondary offense, it has to go to Magistrate Court."

Babcock said he has had a lot of visitors in his first week.

"Just a lot of people coming in," he said. "Mostly positive contact. There have been a lot of people coming in stating that they are looking forward to doing business with me. There are a lot of good people to work with around here."

## Columbus to place jailed Police Chief Vega on leave

KEVIN BUEY  
Deming Headlight

**COLUMBUS** - The Village of Columbus is in the process of putting its jailed police chief on leave without pay.

The Columbus Board of Trustees, Mayor Pro Temp. Robert Gutierrez initiated that action Wednesday night.

"It is going to be done by our legal council, Robert Turner," said Gutierrez. "There will be a letter. That is something the council has agreed to. It takes a legal process."

Trustees did approve appointment of Derek Smith as interim chief of the village's three-member department.

Angelo Vega has been jailed since March 10, on a federal indictment charging conspiracy in a firearms smuggling case. He is being held without bail, as are Mayor Eddie Espinoza and Trustee Blas Gutierrez, are also jailed on that indictment. Blas Gutierrez is Roberto Gutierrez' son.

Because Vega was appointed by Espinoza and confirmed by trustees, the village is able to act on Vega's position.

Removing the mayor and a trustee from elected office requires a different path.

"We were just informed of that last night," Roberto Gutierrez said of the process to follow regarding elected officials when there

is no recall option. It requires a petition from the board to district court requesting action.

"Then," said Trustee William "Bud" Canfield, "it is up to a judge to rule whether we can do it. The judge has to do it."

The village has not acted on a recommendation from Luna County Sheriff Raymond Cobos that the LCSO assume law enforcement coverage for the village.

Cobos has had his office's schedule reworked so one deputy is now in the area on each of the LCSO's three 10-hour shifts. The New Mexico State Police, now providing dispatch communication for Columbus, are also available, and the U.S. Border Patrol is in the area.

But, Canfield said last week, village people are split on whether to accept Cobos' recommendation.

"Some support in town," Canfield said of Cobos' proposal. "I'd say more (are) against it."

Vega, Espinoza and Blas Gutierrez were among 11 people indicted after a federal grand jury returned an 84-count indictment for conspiracy, false statements in acquisition of firearms and aiding and abetting and smuggling goods from the U.S.

The Columbus' Trustees next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 13.

Kevin Buey can be reached at kbuey@deming-headlight.com

## RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

### March 6

2:56 p.m. Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to Denny's Restaurant for a report of falsely obtaining services.

The manager reportedly said that a man and two women, smelling of alcohol, left a tip, but left without paying for \$35.66 in food.

Valenzuela asked the restaurant to notify him if they returned.

### March 8

8:09 a.m. - Corporal Joseph Bailey responded to the 200 block of Downs Drive for a report of graffiti.

The victim showed Bailey where someone had marked on her vehicle with a black permanent marker during the night.

### March 14

2:32 a.m. - Officer Carolee Jones responded to Ruidoso Downs Racetrack for a report of unwanted subjects.

Jones reports the unwanted subjects were three men she and Officer April Payan had contacted on Diaplo Hill at 1:59 a.m. when they were parked on

the roadway with the hazard flashers on.

At that time, the men said they were waiting for assistance with a flat tire. One of the men's girlfriends was supposedly returning with a jack so they could fix the tire. He couldn't remember her name.

Jones reports she checked and two of the men had suspended drivers licenses, with arrest clauses.

When Jones arrived at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, she reports Humberto Lerma, 24, of Picacho, was seated in the driver's seat of the car, and when he opened the door to exit, the "ding" indicated the keys were in the ignition.

Jones arrested Lerma on a charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license and reportedly told the other two men that if they returned to Ruidoso Downs Racetrack they would be arrested for criminal trespass.

When conducting an inventory of the car so it could be towed, Jones reports finding an open 40-ounce bottle of beer. She contacted the District Attorney about adding a charge of open container.

## DISTRICT COURT CASES

### Four more years

Kelly Trapp, 44, appeared in court Feb. 11 and pleaded no contest to charges of larceny of more than \$500, conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary, larceny and attempting to possess a firearm or deadly weapon by a felon, all misdemeanor charges, under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman and defense attorney Todd Holmes.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of larceny of over \$500, aggravated burglary (deadly weapon), larceny of over \$2,500, possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts of larceny of a firearm, all felony charges.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Trapp to four 364-day terms of probation, consecutive, and ordered him to pay \$1,700 in restitution.

Parsons ordered Trapp's probation to run consecutive with his current probation for a Sept. 2010 no-con-

test plea to charges of criminal trespass and aggravated battery. That probation ends Feb. 22, 2014.

A Grand Jury indicted Trapp Sept. 15, 2010 on charges of entering a Capitan homes and stealing two pistols and a shotgun.

### Probation violation

Charles Addison appeared in court for a probation violation March 4.

Judge Karen Parsons revoked Addison's probation and then continued his probation with a provision that he receive COPE screening.

Adult Probation and Parole supervisor Katie Lund recommended a 60-day diagnostic for Addison.

Addison is on probation for larceny of over \$2,500 worth of jewelry.

### Child abuse case

Amberly Switzer McSwane, 28, appeared in court March 4 for imposition of sentence under a plea and disposition agree-

ment reached by Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman and Public Defender Mandy Denson.

Under the agreement, the state reduced a felony child abuse charge to a misdemeanor and dismissed two charges of fraud by worthless check.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced McSwane to three years, less three days, probation and ordered her to enroll in and complete the New Life program and Drug and alcohol screening.

Capitan Police Chief Randy Spears charged McSwane in Aug. 2010, after the father of McSwane's child had the child's hair tested for methamphetamines and the test was reportedly positive.

### Pre-pros completed

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman

dismissed charges against Karen Stanbrough March 10.

Stanbrough completed a pre-prosecution diversion program.

Stanbrough had been charged with aggravated assault on a household member from a Jan. 31, 2010 incident.

### Charges dismissed

Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams dismissed charges on Israel Parraz March 16.

Parraz, 42, had been charged with driving while intoxicated (2nd offense), possession of drug paraphernalia, battery on a household member and reckless driving.

Ruidoso Police corporal Lawrence Chavez arrested Parraz following a vehicle crash in the 200 block of Gavilan Canyon Road Feb. 8, 2010.

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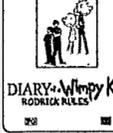
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**CARRIZOZO MAGISTRATE COURT CASES**

**March 10**

Jeff Salcido, 23, of Bent, N.M., appeared in court and pleaded no contest to a charge of careless driving under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of driving while intoxicated, 1st offense, and Judge Martha Proctor

sentenced Salcido to one day in jail, time served, 89 days of unsupervised probation and ordered him to pay \$86 in court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Cory Crayton charged Salcido for driving under the influence after an August 18, 2010 incident in which a motorist advised State Police a vehicle had crashed at about the 280 mile marker on Highway 70.

Crayton reported arriving to find Salcido's vehicle

on the side of the road. Crayton reported that he pulled in behind the vehicle, which pulled forward, then backed into his police vehicle.

Crayton reportedly removed Salcido from the vehicle and detained him. He reported Salcido did not smell of alcohol, but appeared to be intoxicated.

An ambulance arrived at the scene and transported Salcido to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

At LCMC, Crayton reported Salcido told the nurses that he had taken B-19. Crayton said Salcido told him he had taken pot-pourri, soaked it in acetone and let it dry. After it was dry, Salcido reportedly put powdered B-19 on it and smoked it.

**March 11**

Eddie Kyner, 59, of Ruidoso, appeared in court and pleaded no contest to a charge of open container

under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney John Bernitz.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed a charge of concealing identity, and Judge Martha Proctor sentenced Kyner to pay a \$25 fine and \$86 in court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Chad Casson filed the charges against Kyner Jan. 15, 2011.

**WARRANTS**

Issued by Ruidoso Magistrate Court, March 10-24  
Levelle Jamar Anthony, 28, 615 Highway 70 #18, Ruidoso, N.M. (two warrants)

Ted D. Baltazar, 32, 500 Joya Del Valle, Socorro, Texas

Julian J. Brady, 22, MM 284, Hondo, N.M.

Teresa M. Breedlove, 41, 7714 Vernon Avenue, Lubbock, Texas

Robert A. Brothers, 38, 126 El Paisano, Capitan, N.M.

Luis G. Chavez, 18, MM 279.3 Highway 70 E., San Patricio, N.M.

Jason Christensen, 39, 3408 Golden Gate Court, Albuquerque, N.M.

Lonnie C. Cole, 37, 908 West Summit, Roswell, N.M.

Jordan A. Comanche, 22, 129 Carrizo Trail, Mescalero, N.M.

Sutherland D. Comanche, 42, Highway 70 and Highway 244, Mescalero, N.M.

Clarrisa Conner, 37, 8518 S. Startem Lane, Hobbs, N.M.

Alice Coonie, 49, 204 San Carlos Drive, N.M.

Hector Cortez, 45, 2400 Olive Street Apt. B, Vernon, Texas

Gilberto Diaz, 41, RR1 Box 356, Fresno, Texas

Ricky Alan Elmore, 48, RR1 Box 317D, Saltville, Virginia

Rachel Ferguson, 22, 6116 Old Clovis Highway, Roswell, N.M.

Rachel N. Ferguson, 22, 2814 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, N.M.

Samuel Frey, 24, PSC 80 Gox 20914 18 AMXS, APO AP 96367

Harlan Greybull, 36, P.O. Box 27, Mescalero, N.M.

Curtis Guthrie, 50, 18839 S. Memorial Drive, Humble, Texas

Jerry Hipley, 20, 112 Apache Hills, Ruidoso, N.M.

Levi W. Hogge, 37, 1535 1st Street, Culver, Oregon

Seth Hornedeagle, 23, 204 San Carlos Drive, Mescalero, N.M.

Stephan Ivie, 18, 20240 Apt 247-B, El Paso, Texas

John R. Lynn, 38, 105 Arrowhead, Ruidoso, N.M.

Felix Martinez, 34, 443 W. 1st Street, Capitan, N.M.

Louis R. McCallister, 22, 200 West Street, Ruidoso, N.M.

Jesus Perez-Ortiz, 36, HCR 46 Box 1552, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Justin Pfeiffer, 25, 8119 Tangerine Place, N.W., Albuquerque, N.M.

Justin Phillips, 30, 210 Crown Drive Apt. A8, Ruidoso, N.M.

Jeffrey R. Renteria, 25, 140 Porr Drive, Ruidoso, N.M.

Juan Romero, 44, 7600 Montgomery Blvd, N.E. Apt 2023, Albuquerque, N.M.

Nick R. Rue, 20, address not provided

Jessica M. Sainz, 18, C30 Palmer Loop, Mescalero, N.M.

Michael L. Schultz, 19, 31733 Nice Street, Sorrcinto, Fla.

Joshua L. Slaten, 431 Enchanted Forest Loop, Alto, N.M.

Derek Toohy, 28, 1840 Corte Del Sol, Alamogordo, N.M.

Cassandra Torres, 19, 5422 Marshall, Lubbock, Texas

Patricio Torres, 26, 112 Shifting Sand Way, Chaparral, N.M.

David Villareal, 36, 319 Prescott, Chaparral, N.M.

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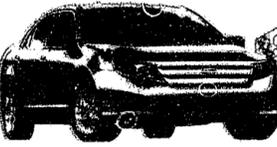
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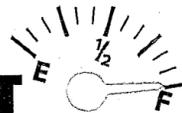


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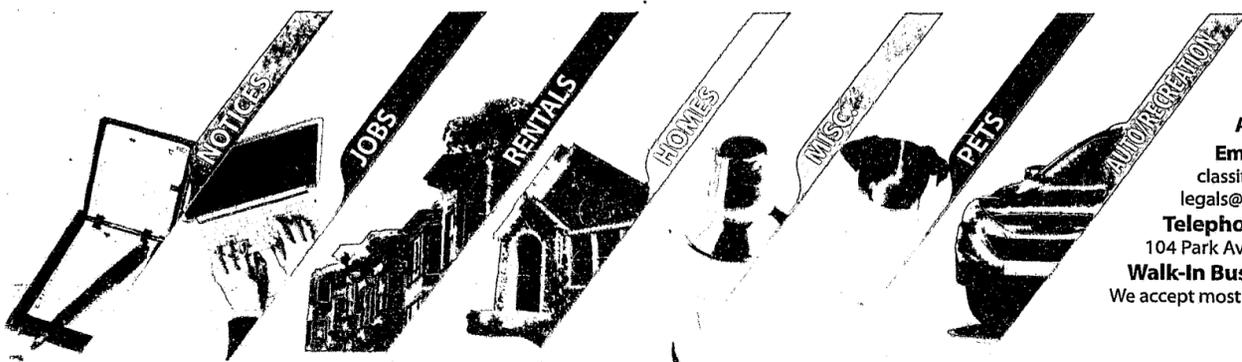
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- Purchase your wedding gown at a place other than a bridal salon
- Supply your own alcohol if you are allowed
- Consider not having a dinner reception. Opt instead for brunch, afternoon tea, cocktail or dessert reception
- Decorate with more greenery than flowers
- Ask professors at local universities for qualified and inexpensive musicians, photographers and videographers



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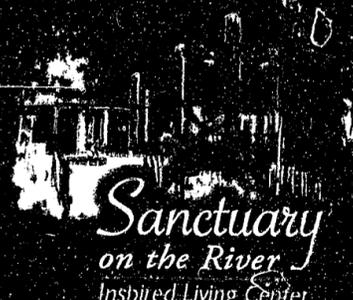


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Dear Dianne:

This was an especially fine article...and the accompanying cover photo was magnificent.

I do not know how often you are congratulated for the work you do, and the craft with which you do it. Not often enough, I'll wager. What I do know is you singlehandedly report on most of the meaningful events in the life of this unique place, and you've been doing it fairly and honestly for years.

It's a great tradition, the small town newspaper. In many respects it provides a unifying continuity that no other institution brings to a community. And the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico would be a decidedly poorer place without you and Marty and the gang.

Thanks for being such a wonderful chronicler of the region and its history.  
Happy New Year!

—Ben Young Mason  
Los Angeles, \* Santa Fe

Marty:

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

—Buck Buchanan  
Ruidoso

Thank You Julie!

Julie thank you so much. Bonita's story is beautiful. And you picked two great pics of her. I hope that it will make people think and realize that dogs are part of a family and you just can't throw them out. I also hope it helps them see what can happen when everyone works together to do something.

Everyone was important--it couldn't have been done without everyone who was there as they were needed. Also thank you for the article on the raffle.

—Barbara Culler  
Carrizozo

Dear Julie:

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

—Judy Fitz  
Carrizozo

Dear Trina:

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

—Thanks,  
Janie Zagone

Dear Rena:

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

—Jamie Estes  
General Manager  
KEDU Radio  
Ruidoso

Hello Julie:

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

—Thanks,  
Kim W. Blakey

Dear Julie:

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

—JoAnn Goodwin  
Capitan

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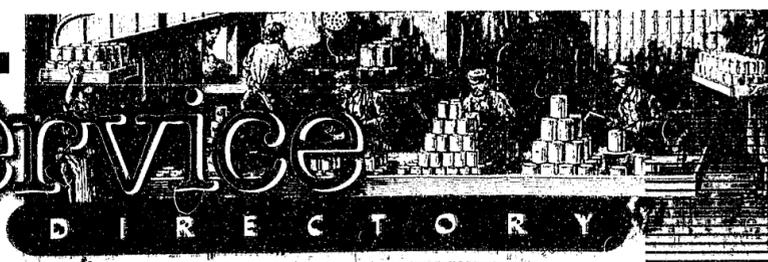
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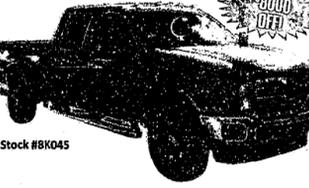
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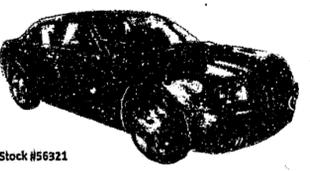
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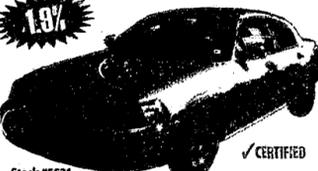
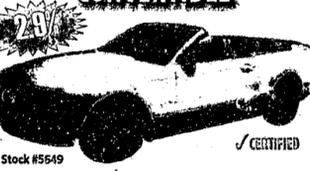
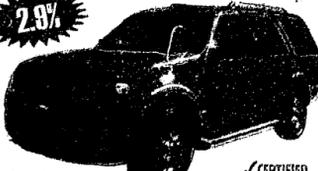
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<p><b>2007 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN</b></p>  <p>Stock #53621</p> <p>was \$13,985 NOW <b>\$12,747</b></p> <p>SXT, QUAD CAPTAIN'S, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL A/C, STOW N GO</p>	<p><b>2008 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE</b></p>  <p>Stock #5616</p> <p>was \$22,545 NOW <b>\$17,888</b></p> <p>6 Speed, Side Airbags, Foglights, Like New, Only 3,100 Miles!</p>	<p><b>2007 CHRYSLER 300C</b></p>  <p>Stock #56321</p> <p>was \$23,985 NOW <b>\$19,999</b></p> <p>Hemi, Moonroof, Low Miles, Heated Leather, Boston Sound, 6CD, 25 Mpg!</p>	<p><b>2007 F-250 CREW CAB DIESEL 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #8K061</p> <p><b>\$35,295</b></p> <p>Lariat, FX4, Grill Guard / CERTIFIED</p>
<p><b>2008 VOLVO S40</b></p>  <p>Stock #5604</p> <p>was \$18,755 NOW <b>\$14,955</b></p> <p>Alloys, Safety Canopy, Traction Control, Full Power, Economy</p>	<p><b>2009 DODGE NITRO 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5655</p> <p>was \$22,500 NOW <b>\$19,999</b></p> <p>SLT, Stability Control, Remote Start, Satellite, Auto, Loaded!</p>	<p><b>2004 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #610861</p> <p>was \$23,485 NOW <b>\$21,955</b></p> <p>Luxury, Nav, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Dual A/C, Low Miles!</p>	<p><b>2007 JEEP COMPASS 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5K4161</p> <p><b>\$15,760</b></p> <p>Stability control, safety canopy, GREAT ECONOMY!</p>

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<p><b>2008 FORD EXPEDITION 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #514271</p> <p>was \$33,195 NOW <b>\$26,721</b></p> <p>Eddie Bauer, Heated/Cooled Seats, Moonroof, 3rd Row Seat</p>	<p><b>2009 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5656</p> <p>was \$45,833</p> <p>Elite, Moonroof, DVD Entertainment, Navigation, THX Audio, Much More!</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD F150 CREW CAB 4x4</b></p>  <p>Stock #5653</p> <p>was \$30,070 NOW <b>\$24,750</b></p> <p>XLT, Alloys, Power Windows, Locks, Tilt, Cruise, CD, A/C</p>	<p><b>2008 MARINER 4WD</b></p>  <p>Stock #5630</p> <p>was \$23,395 NOW <b>\$19,995</b></p> <p>Moonroof, navigation, 6 CD, Loaded, LOW MILES!</p>

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