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Rain sweet rain

■ It wasn't much, but Thursday's moisture gave fire fighters a break and lifted residents' spirits

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Some rain finally wet down the Sacramento and Capitan mountains region Thursday. Though temporary, it was embraced by those working the fire suppression efforts north and east of Ruidoso Downs.

"We did end up with a fairly potent upper-level low pressure system that came in from Baja California that sort of had two parts to it," said Brian Guyer, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service forecast office in New Mexico.

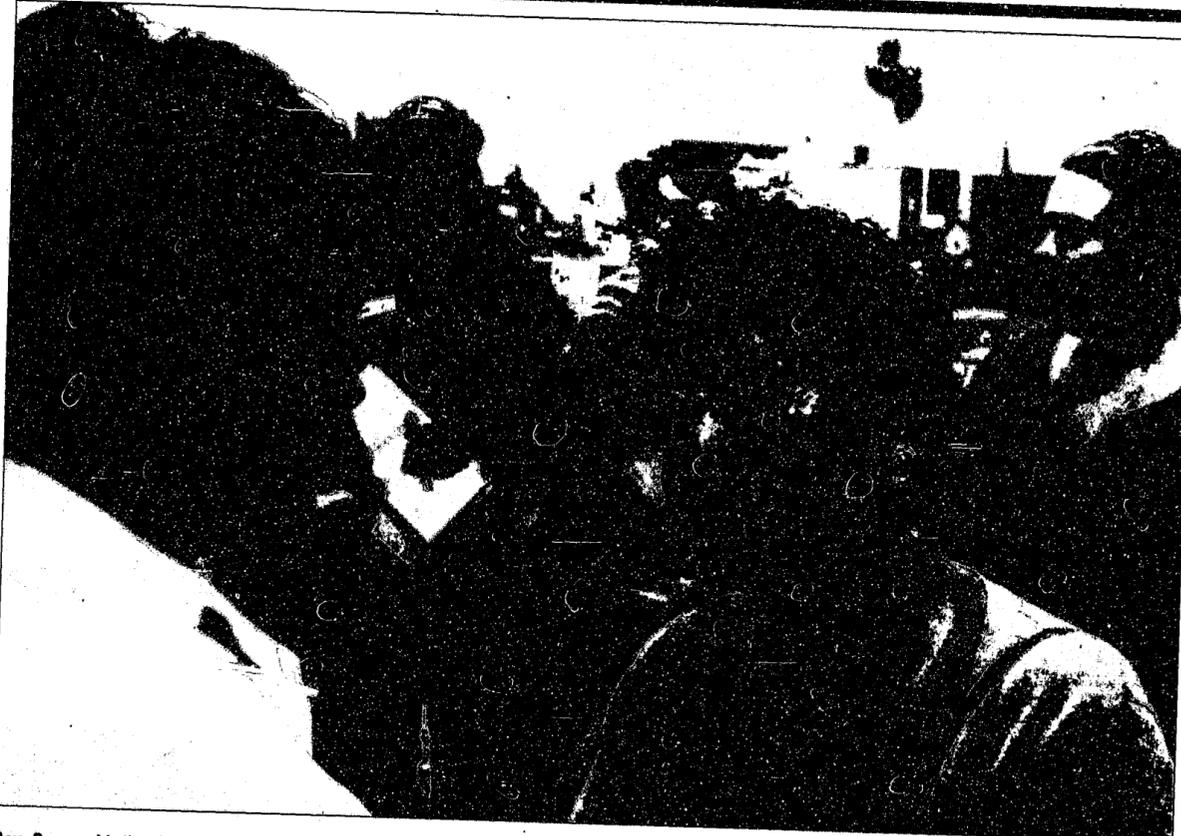
"The southern edge actually moved across south-central New Mexico and brought the rain showers to the Ruidoso area."

In Ruidoso, the weather service said one-tenth of an inch was recorded. Sierra Blanca Regional Airport had 7/hundredths of an inch. A weather station at the Smokey Bear Ranger District offices in Ruidoso collected 18/hundredths.

But the localized precipitation reports were much less than what fell in some parts of north central New Mexico.

White Fire incident meteorologist Tom Bird said the rain's coverage in southern Lincoln County and northern Otero County was pretty much widespread.

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Gov. Susana Martinez hears from Faye Randolph, who was evacuated from her North Lane home in the White Fire. Randolph's daughter, Bertha, lost her home.

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Martinez: 'all as one'

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Governor praises fire efforts

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez Wednesday met with local, state and federal firefighters, area government leaders, and some of those impacted by the White Fire.

In a stop at the Ruidoso Convention Center, site of the fire incident logistics center, and before taking a tour of the burned area and locations that suffered property damage, Martinez was provided a rundown of response efforts that occurred between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday.

"This group has done a fantas-

tic job," Incident Commander John Pierson told the governor. "It is excellent to see the camaraderie and the coming together to deal with an emergency situation. You know, people look at the incident commander as the top dog but I don't take much credit. It's these folks, team members, the volunteer groups, the other organizations. They're the ones that are dealing with that."

Pierson called Wednesday a big test because of winds.

"We have similar situations that we had on Sunday. We have

high expectations that we are going to be successful. But we never know until the day is over. And the ultimate goal is to make sure that our community folks get home safe to their families every night."

Martinez responded that she was grateful to those on the frontlines and those in support.

"It is enormous to come to a community like this and see all as one. To make sure, one - that they stop the fire, and two - that they support those who have suffered losses," the governor said.

"But at the end of the day, one of the commanders said, their job is to deal with it safely and minimize the damage that takes place. It's proof of the spirit of New Mexicans, how everyone just pulls together for these tragic situations to bring them to an end as quickly as possible."

Martinez said her administration is "very aware" of the funding that will be needed to deal with a potentially severe fire season.

"We are making sure that we have the budget shored up in a way that allows for that funding to be immediately available as necessary when these fires break out."

White Fire 50 percent contained; some crews released

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Fire fighting efforts on the White Fire peaked Wednesday and Thursday as another 138 fire fighters arrived in Ruidoso to contain and extinguish the blaze that has been burning since Sunday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening the Type 2 team, headed by Incident Commander John Pierson, reported significant progress on the blaze that burned more than 10,000 acres, reporting that the fire was 50 percent contained.

Beginning Thursday, some crews were released as the fire fighting effort was downsized.

"There is a big difference between containing the fire and

putting the fire out," Don Scott with Bureau Chief of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management said on Tuesday evening.

The fire started on Lincoln National Forest land, east of the White property in the 400 block of Gavilan Canyon Road Sunday and winds gusting up to 61 miles an hour quickly spread it over Gavilan Ridge into the forest north of Ruidoso Downs.

The burned area increased Wednesday to 10,341 acres, from the previously reported 10,089, because of more accurate mapping of the rugged terrain.

Sunday afternoon the fire had forced evacuation of the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack Casino, homes in the Spaghetti Flats area north

of the Rio Ruidoso in Ruidoso Downs, River Run RV Park near Fox Cave on Highway 70 and scattered homes north of Highway 70 within 10 miles to the east of Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. Five homes and the Cowboys Riding Stables office were destroyed by the blaze.

Residents were allowed to return to their homes Monday afternoon and the casino reopened.

Damage at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack was limited to the corner of one barn.

"We are very fortunate," said Ruidoso Downs general manager Jean Stoddard. "We are very thankful for the courageous work



A veritable tent city sprung up near the convention center to house crews fighting the White Fire.

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Valley View Elementary School's 5th graders (Madison Battle, Tiffany Lasitter, Brooke Elliott, Kaitlyn Holl & Patrick Brown) were among the 300 students traveling from the Roswell Independent School District to the Spencer Theater on Thursday, March 31 to see "Seussical, The Musical," which was part of the Spencer's 2010-2011 Class Acts Series of shows for school children. Next up: "Pippi Longstocking" on April 28.

Reps to speak

New Mexico State Reps. Zach Cook and Dennis Kintigh, along with State Senator Rod Adair will be the featured speakers at Monday's monthly meeting of the Republican Party of Lincoln County. Cook is a Republican from Ruidoso. Kintigh and Adair are from Roswell. The legislators will discuss the recent 60-day legislative session in Santa Fe and will take questions from the floor. Dinner is set for 6 p.m., with the meeting at 6:30 p.m., at Cree Meadows Restaurant's North-Forty on Country Club Drive in Ruidoso. The menu will consist of fried catfish, beans, cole-slaw, hushpuppies, French fries and dessert for \$14. Memberships in the Republican Party of Lincoln County will be available at the meeting.

To help with a dinner head count, contact Barbara Dickinson at 396-7822 by 6 p.m., Saturday.

Downs cleanup

The annual Great American Cleanup in Ruidoso Downs has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9. The event will concentrate the cleanup efforts along U.S. Highway 70 and in neighborhoods. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center. T-shirts, safety vests and gloves will be provided to all volunteers. At noon everyone will gather again for lunch and prizes. Additional details about the cleanup are available at City Hall by phoning 378-4422. Greentree Solid Waste will be open until 12 p.m. on April 9 to take large household items for proper

disposal. Call 378-4697 for further information.

Earthday Picnic

Keep Ruidoso Beautiful is partnering with local residents to host the second annual Earthday Picnic to be held April 17 at Wingfield Park from noon-5 p.m. The event is free to the public and will host music, dancing and games for all ages. There will be a clothing swap booth to exchange unwanted items. Contact 973-4119, 937-2725 or email dearcommunityground@aim.com for more information.

Correction

A report on Monday's house fire in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates incorrectly named the home's owners as Bertha and George Polaco. The home was owned exclusively by Bertha Randolph.



Victor Montes, director, and Rick Vigil, cook of operations, of the Community Youth Center Warehouse celebrate awards the organization received at the CYFD State Meeting for Summer Food Service Program this past summer. Among them were **Certificate of Appreciation**, for serving meals to children in the 2010 Summer Food Service Program through the NM Children, Youth and Families Department; **Awesome Outreach Award**, recognized for Outstanding Outreach Efforts in the 2010 New Mexico Summer Food Service Program; **Seedling Award**, for Completing the First Year in the 2010 Summer Food Service Program; the **Distinguished Person Award**, to Victor Montes, for His Enthusiasm, Dedication and Efforts in the 2010 NM Summer Food Service Program; **the Big Bang Award**, for being recognized as the Best New Sponsor in the 2010 New Mexico Summer Food Service Program. The awards were presented March 30 and the 31.

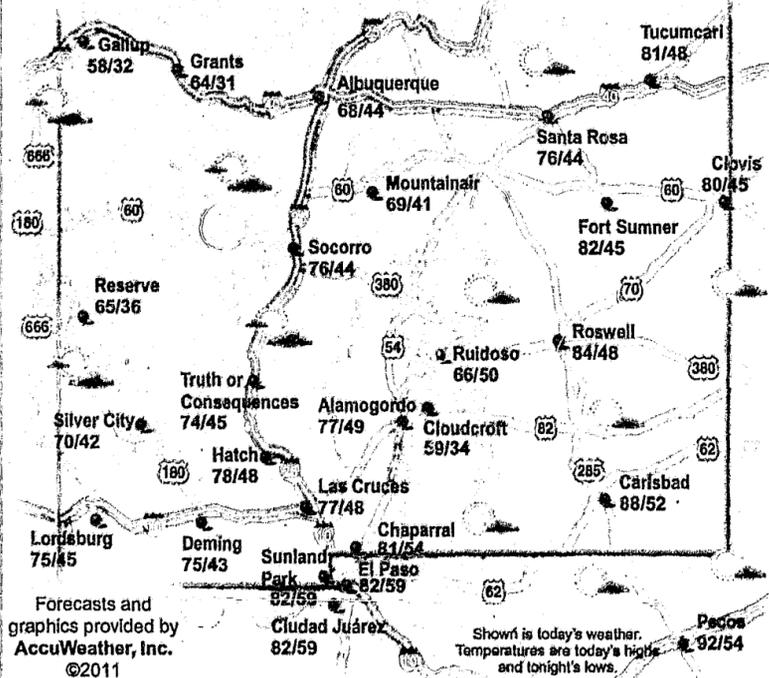
Last summer, CYCW served an average of 200 meals a day, even sending meals to Carrizozo. These are free lunch meals for youth 1 to 18 years of age. This year's program runs from June 6 through Aug. 12. Sites will be advertised, but the main site will be the Community Youth Center Warehouse, Monday through Friday.

AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel: 66° Humidity: 27% Mostly sunny; windy, blowing dust Wind: SSW 15-25 mph	RealFeel: 56° Humidity: 25% Very windy; partly sunny Wind: SSW 30-40 mph	RealFeel: 50° Humidity: 27% Mostly sunny and windy Wind: W 25-35 mph	RealFeel: 61° Humidity: 14% Windy with a full day of sunshine Wind: SSW 12-25 mph	RealFeel: 70° Humidity: 16% Mostly sunny and windy Wind: WSW 15-25 mph	RealFeel: 63° Humidity: 25% Bright and sunny Wind: N 12-25 mph	RealFeel: 61° Humidity: 34% Plenty of sunshine Wind: NNW 10-20 mph

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Regional Cities



Sun and Moon		Moon Phases	
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:42 a.m./7:28 p.m.	Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 9:45 a.m./none	First	Full
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 101° in Vernon, TX Low: 0° in West Yellowstone, MT		Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 111° in Matam, Senegal Low: -41° in Eureka, Canada	

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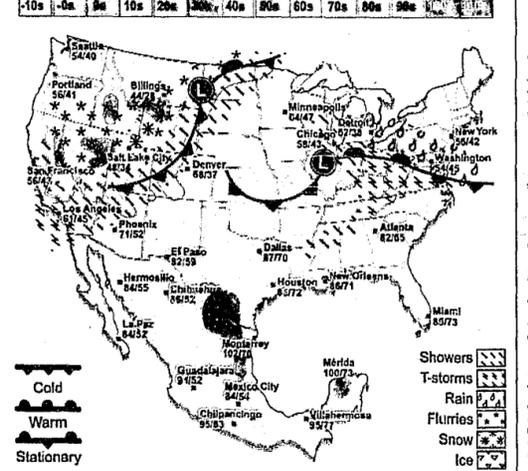
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Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 73°/45°
Normal high 63°
Normal low 28°
Record high 80° (1960)
Record low 10° (1973)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.03"
Month to date 0.03"
Normal month to date 0.18"
Year to date 0.79"
Normal year to date 3.69"
Pollen:
Grass Absent
Trees Very High
Weeds Absent
Mold Low
Predominant Juniper tree
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 85°/64°
Normal high 73°
Normal low 43°
Record high 91° (1972)
Record low 29° (1983)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.06"
Year to date 0.48"
Normal year to date 1.82"

Weather Trivia:
Q: Flowers can sprout even when the air is still cold, why?
A: Increased solar radiation warms

National Forecast for April 8, 2011



National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	88/64/f	91/59/pc	Albuquerque	68/44/pc	61/32/c
Anchorage	43/29/sn	44/26/c	Artesia	87/53/s	84/46/s
Atlanta	82/65/pc	85/63/pc	Chama	57/30/pc	47/23/f
Austin	86/70/pc	88/71/pc	Clayton	76/44/pc	74/34/pc
Baltimore	54/42/r	58/48/sh	Cloudcroft	59/34/s	53/20/pc
Boston	48/38/s	56/44/pc	Farmington	63/35/s	58/29/sh
Chicago	58/43/c	72/58/c	Hobbs	88/51/s	86/42/s
Dallas	87/70/pc	89/66/pc	Los Alamos	60/33/pc	50/23/c
Denver	68/37/pc	68/34/pc	Portales	83/45/s	82/35/s
Des Moines	63/55/pc	82/64/f	Raton	70/34/pc	69/30/pc
Detroit	52/38/r	61/54/c	Red River	55/28/pc	47/20/c
El Paso	82/59/s	81/44/pc	Ruidoso	66/50/s	60/33/pc
Las Vegas	58/42/sh	60/46/f	Santa Fe	66/37/pc	59/26/c
Los Angeles	61/45/f	64/50/pc	Silver City	70/42/pc	62/31/c
Minneapolis	64/47/pc	71/55/c	Taos	62/35/pc	58/23/r
New Orleans	86/71/pc	83/71/s			
New York City	58/42/pc	57/47/pc			
Philadelphia	53/42/r	59/49/sh			
Phoenix	71/52/pc	63/47/f			
Reno	46/26/sf	53/31/pc			
San Francisco	56/43/pc	60/48/pc			
San Diego	60/48/f	62/51/c			
Seattle	54/40/pc	53/43/sh			
Tulsa	73/51/pc	59/36/f			
Tulsa, OK	84/68/pc	83/68/r			
Wash., DC	54/45/r	58/53/c			
Wichita	82/82/pc	83/58/f			
Yuma	69/52/f	72/50/c			

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

Forestry Task Force still evaluating fees

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Rejecting the prospect of backtracking on already-enacted fee increases for forestry debris collection, Ruidoso councilors directed members of the Forestry Task Force to continue their assignment of evaluating costs of operation and disposal of forest waste.

Once a long-awaited database is completed and the group has actual numbers with which to work, they should reconvene and re-evaluate rates.

Speaking for the task force, James Townsend pushed for adoption of a temporary fee schedule that would pass a higher percentage of the cost to lots in the village that haven't been certified as complying with forestry rules. Although the village hasn't notified all areas to comply, proceeding instead with the most hazardous section by section, any lot owner could decide not to wait for notification, and request inspection and certification.

Councilor Rafael Salas, who serves on the task force and initially raised the issue of the higher rates submitted for the current

fiscal year by Forestry Department Director Dick Cooke being unfair for some owners, said he erred by not including adoption of the temporary rates on his request for an agenda item.

Salas noted on the agenda memorandum that the database is 77 percent complete and the committee proposed the temporary rate schedule. "In my haste, I left out the key words" about taking action, he told the other councilors.

"The fees are very much a challenge," he said. "I couldn't get the results I promised in two months. We got snagged up on the database. We've been waiting since November and we're still six months out."

"It's a challenge to understand how we currently bill, let alone those that aren't even being billed."

Townsend said there are 12,000 properties in Ruidoso, 9,000 are on the database being billed and 50 percent of those are certified. Once the database is known, the task force can equitably charge the costs against users based on the service level. Right now, the members only can guess, he said.

"We're asking for a temporary fee structure for six



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months," he said.

Councilor Don Williams asked what it would cost the village to implement a temporary fee for six months. No one could say.

Councilor Gloria Sayers, who served on the task force and advocated the temporary fees, said, "The fee schedule changed quickly (when Cooke recommended it be imposed at budget time). I thought this could be done quickly too."

Lee said Cooke's fees were recommended quickly, but not changed quickly. It took months for the software servicers to handle the chore. The same company is finishing up the database.

"Dick was being responsible, trying to sustain the expense of the department," Lee said. "It's a good

think the task force recognized there are lots out there getting service without paying or being billed."

If a house has a utility meter, it is being billed, but is not necessarily in compliance, she said. Looking at a Geographic Information Systems map, the white spots represent lots and tracts without meters and not being billed, she said.

Students from Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, majoring in computers or GIS, are to be hired under a work-study contract to update the GIS and water billing data bases, and will help with manpower in the field, Lee said.

The council approved the contract earlier in the meeting with salaries beginning at \$7.50 per hour. The village pays 25 percent and the Work Study program pays 75 percent. The total cost to the village will be about \$15,000 for six months or less.

Arguing against a temporary fee schedule, Cooke contended, "You're going to put back the data base six months and \$10,000 to temporarily change the rates. My preference is to keep it the same until we get the database."

Council approves change in residential land-use code

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Developers in Ruidoso no longer are restricted to a minimum one-acre for lots cut from subdivided property in R1, single-family dwelling districts, under a change in land use code approved by the Village Council.

With limited developable land in the village, because of the Lincoln National Forest hugging much of the boundary, along with the Mescalero Apache Reservation, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and councilors said allowing smaller lots is more realistic and in keeping with the size already existing in village subdivisions, and might encourage more multi-family construction in other areas.

Proponents of the larger

lots argued when the standard was adopted several years ago that people moved to Ruidoso to enjoy home on large forested lots with no encroaching neighbors.

The one-acre size was needed to maintain the character of the community and would encourage construction of well-built and sizable homes, they contended.

Another aspect of the land use code change is aimed to ensure someone reading the code will know clearly all of the potential uses allowed under each category. Those primary permitted and conditional uses now are spelled out, instead of referring back to previous classifications, an approach called "cascading."

The changes were approved with little discussion on a motion by Councilor Rafael Salas.

Councilors also approved zoning for 93 parcels of land annexed in four areas into the village in 2008, adding 436,17 acres to the municipality.

Building Official Shawn Fort explained that Area A, consisting of 47.99 acres in eight parcels, is located in Perk Canyon next to the old and undeveloped Thunderbird Subdivision. An R1 designation was approved based on the use of surrounding land on a motion by Councilor Don Williams.

Area B, consisting of 211.17 acres in seven parcels, is located on the north side of the village. Two of the parcels are owned by the village and two others are used for communication towers. The rest is undeveloped. A slight modification was approved under the general classification of R1, to

accommodate three-quarters of an acre next to the towers that an agent for the owner said would be dysfunctional for residential use.

Area C, consisting of 36.44 acres in four parcels lies on the north side of the village and is undeveloped. The R1 zoning was approved.

Area E, consisting of 140.57 acres in 74 parcels along U.S. 70 from the intersection with New Mexico Highway 48 to the boundary of the Apache reservation, contains both built and vacant property.

Staff recommended and councilors approved three different zones, Commercial 4 facing the highway, Mobile Home 2 near already existing mobile home developments and Agricultural-Residential 1, where large pastures and related uses exist.

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OUR OPINION

Splash on the colors in Midtown

Standards, yes; conformity, no

Our state capital, Santa Fe, is known as The City Different, but architecturally, from the casual observer, it all looks the same.

Of course, we realize that the origin of the phrase germinates from the fact that Santa Fe, through the preservation and replication of its earthen-toned native architecture, is unlike any city in the United States. It is the most foreign-looking place in the land.

At one time, Ruidoso was considered perhaps the next Santa Fe — getting in line behind such burgs as Sedona, Taos and Silver City. It never really was, except for the influx of artists, and it never will be.

Ruidoso might be labeled The Village Uncertain. We are part Alpine, part desert, part West Texas and part Southwestern Territorial.

That is reflected in our hodgepodge demeanor, which in turn mirrors various eras and stylistic trends. Cabins, adobes and Western-style buildings mingle with the latest in retiree compounds.

Mountain rustic meets mountain chic.

Our uncertainty is to be celebrated. If we can't figure out

who we are, we might as well accept the fact and turn that into an odd sense of cohesion.

A village councilor has brought up the notion of architectural standards in Midtown (*Ruidoso News*, April 1). If by that she means a collection of buildings that signifies a sense of place, we can agree. We can also agree that certain architectural functions such as beauty, proportion and a timeless grace are important.

But we don't agree that "standards" should mute color, personality or eccentricity. We love the adobe tan and our log cabins, but elsewhere we should paint the town (not just Midtown) red — and yellow and green and purple. We should celebrate a lively aesthetic through the artful and tasteful use of the rainbow's palette, to reach out to visitors and residents alike with the joy and daring inherent in bold splashes of color.

We could apply that aesthetic to murals, sculpture and other forms of visual art. There are some awfully "gray" walls, lots and buildings in this town.

Let's truly be different and admit that, visually, we're a hybrid. What a selling point.

Bishop has been leader, advocate

Ramirez retiring from Roman Catholic Diocese

He's been such an integral part of our community — not just our faith community, but our community as a whole — for so long, that's it's hard to imagine a day when Bishop Ricardo Ramirez will no longer lead the Roman Catholic Diocese in Las Cruces.

Still vibrant, alert and energetic, Ramirez looks as though he could remain on the job for several years to come. But church rules dictate that he step down sometime following his 75th birthday on Sept. 12.

Exactly when he will be asked to retire, and who will fill his large shoes, has yet to be determined.

Ramirez helped build the local diocese from the ground up when he came here in 1982. Like so many other things, Las Cruces and southern New Mexico had been lumped in with west Texas before then. After a brief stint as auxiliary bishop in San Antonio, Ramirez was given the assignment of creating a new diocese here.

"We started in a tiny little office near the Downtown Mall," Ramirez recalled. "We hired a secretary and that's all we could afford."

Some three decades later, he will leave behind a strong, thriving diocese that plays an important role in the lives of many southern New Mexico residents. Traveling some

30,000 miles a year to stay in contact with the 45 parishes in the diocese, Ramirez does his best to personally conduct mass every day.

Along with being a spiritual leader for the many Catholic residents of our community, Ramirez has also been a strong and tireless advocate for the poor, the powerless and the downtrodden. And, he has worked cooperatively with spiritual leaders of other faiths to form bonds of mutual respect and understanding.

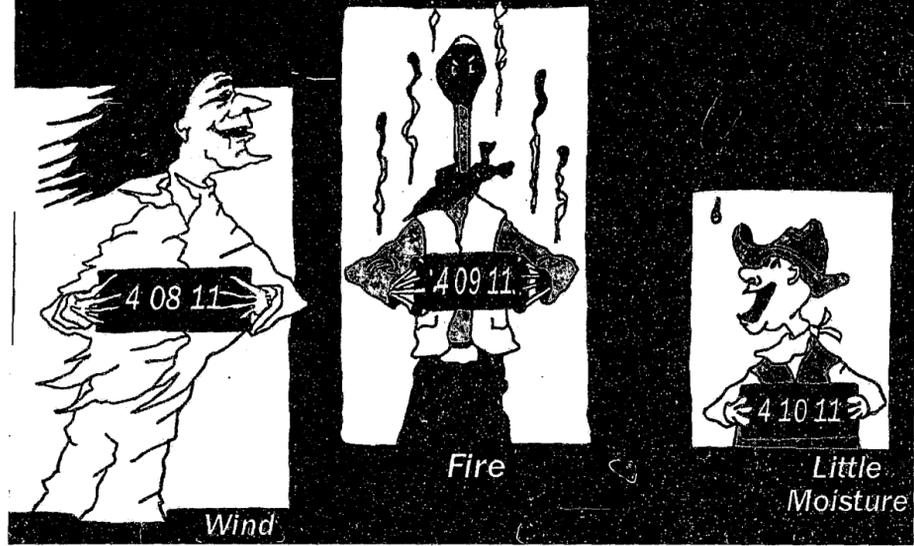
We fully expect Ramirez to continue in that same spirit following his retirement, though he has said he will be sure to give his replacement plenty of space to set his own course for the diocese. He plans to take some well-deserved time off to do a little traveling and visit friends. But Las Cruces will remain his home.

It's too soon for farewells. The church is busily preparing for upcoming Holy Week activities. While parishes have started preparing for the transition, there is still much to do before a replacement is named.

And so for now, we join with the rest of the community in offering our thanks, and look forward with a bit of trepidation to the day when, for the first time ever, somebody else is at the helm of the Las Cruces diocese.

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YOUR OPINION

Lack of fire information disturbing

To the editor:

MONDAY AFTERNOON, a gentleman in an SUV parked at Lawrence Brother's IGA had a cigarette between his fingers, his hand hanging out of the open window.

The day before, I had been under an evacuation order on lower Eagle Creek and in 2000 my family was evacuated for five days during the Cree fire, so I am concerned about our community's vulnerability to wildfires.

I asked the man if he knew that what he was doing was illegal. His answer was the he was from Texas and didn't know anything about fire restrictions. I politely explained what had happened the day before and what

the restrictions are on smoking cigarettes.

As I walked into the store, I was struck by the total absence of any information on our current fire danger, fire restrictions, and restrictions on cigarette or tobacco smoking.

There was no information posted at any of the gas stations I checked in town, nor in any other grocery store or business I looked at.

It seems to me that the Village Council, Capitan, and the Lincoln County Commission could require that all fire-related information be posted at every business licensed in Ruidoso and the county. The two Ruidoso newspapers could print bold, clear

posters of varying size to be taped or posted on the doors, windows, and counters of businesses, and as cards placed in hotel rooms or other rental properties.

Santa Fe has information on water conservation in every business and hotel room in the city. I believe that Ruidoso, Capitan, other at-risk villages and the county should consider doing the same thing for our fire danger.

It might not eliminate risk, but I would hope that education and reinforcement of information at every commercial venue would help people think before they flick their ashes out the window.

*Janet Arrowsmith
Ruidoso*

Midtown: A colorful alternative

To the editor:

AFTER READING A recent article in the April 1 edition of the *Ruidoso News*, I am a bit dismayed at the treatment a local (soon to be) business received.

In an article titled "Councilor suggests Midtown guidelines," a picture of a newly painted business was featured as a photo for the article that has done nothing wrong, yet the article implied far more.

The building, which used to be a ski shop, and has been closed down temporarily, has received a new paint job in bright bold colors. While it was suggested that the business should have used better judgment in their color coordination, I have spoken to many people that actually like the color combo and have stated that they never even noticed the building till now.

This statement alone suggests that the business will have increased foot traffic resulting from the paint job. The owner of this business has yet to even open their doors for commerce but they are already receiving under handed put-downs in the local paper.

Currently there are no paint color restrictions for businesses along Sudderth Drive that I am aware of. It is my feeling that

when people come to a small mountain village they are looking for "unique and individual" — an environment that leads to an upbeat feeling unlike the tan and stucco buildings of Santa Fe.

In fact, it may be time for some of our leaders who are looking to "clean up" the midtown area to do a bit of research on merchant district trends.

For example, the town of Hunter, N.Y., sits atop the high peaks of the Great Northern Catskill Mountains.

There is a small village there by the name of Tannersville and an excerpt from the town's web page states "[It] is wearing a new look. The store buildings along Main Street, many of which were built in the 19th century, have been painted in bright colors with decorative signs and shutters. There are many interesting boutiques and shops, antique stores, a antiquarian book shop, and several popular restaurants and take out food places."

I certainly feel that while you could have printed the article discussing the Village Council's input on a semblance requirement guidelines, it was in poor taste to include a picture of a business that has not broken any rules. It is a daunting task to run a business in today's tough economy.

We are all struggling after a dry winter and it was disheartening to see any entrepreneur be the embarrassing focus of a town's opinion in the paper.

*Lori Robertson
Ruidoso*

To the editor:

IN REFERENCE TO [the caption], "Extraordinary colors on some shops may not fit into a semblance of requirements in Midtown, says one village councilor":

I personally feel that, yes, the time is right to consider design standards for buildings in Midtown. I felt excited and uplifted to see this artistic, creative, and colorful shop sitting in our midst.

Why not have the rest of Midtown follow suit and repaint their businesses bright, cheerful colors. This would make our town a joy to visit, and live in. Yes, color is subjective, but, done with artistic care and patience, can be beautiful.

I think that this shop, that is displayed in the news paper, is beautiful. What is a "rustic mountain look," anyway? In my opinion, this shop is a rustic mountain look.

*Pat Speight
Ruidoso*

Small school districts at risk

To the editor:

IN ALL OF the newspapers' postmortems I have read about the disappointing 2011 legislative session, I have seen nothing about Senate Bill 2, School Capital Outlay, Grants & Consolidation. It passed the Senate Education and Finance committees unanimously, then languished on the Senate floor for weeks.

This bill would have slanted capital outlay funding toward the creation and maintenance of

smaller schools and provided strict requirements for closing or combining small schools.

SB2 recognized many experts' preference for small schools. From Think New Mexico's issue statement: "smaller schools have higher graduation rates, higher student achievement, lower levels of student alienation and violence, and higher levels of satisfaction among students, parents, principals and teachers."

Without the protection afford-

ed by this bill, village and neighborhood schools are at the mercy of local school boards. They can be closed by non-educators whose eyes are on short-term financial rather than on long-term educational goals.

It is vital that [we] monitor [our] school boards, and voice concerns when budget-cutting threatens a community's welfare with the loss of its schools.

*Adele E. Zimmermann
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BUSINESS

Ruidoso counters misinformation about fire

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Ruidoso is trying to counter some of the perceptions potential tourist reportedly have gotten of the White Fire. Village Tourism Director Gina Kelley said she was told phones have been "ringing off the hook" at the visitors' center.

"They said that it wasn't safe to come to Ruidoso," Kelley said she was told of some of the calls. "That the air quality was so poor that they recommended that children, the elderly, and anyone with respiratory problems, don't come."

Kelley said she herself had not heard or seen any such reports, but she told the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Thursday that the public is being told that.

"All we can do is keep putting out information. It doesn't seem like the media is responsive to our request to actually publicize the actual news. We're really distraught over it," Kelley said.

U.S. Highway 70, for

several miles east of Ruidoso Downs, was closed for a time Sunday because of heavy smoke.

The smoke had mostly dissipated the next day. In a press release on Monday, the New Mexico Environment Department and the Department of Health, issued a health advisory for the south-central mountain areas affected by smoke from the White Fire.

The departments recommended that sensitive groups, such as the elderly, small children, or any individuals with respiratory or health problems, leave areas with unhealthy smoke levels.

Kelley said it was callers from El Paso and Lubbock questioned the safety of coming to Ruidoso. She said she did not know which media outlets carried the reports. "We're very concerned about that. We might have to do ourselves another emergency." The Lodgers Tax Committee, has emergency funding available to counter the negative publicity. Committee Chair Cindi Clayton-Davis said news



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Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Chair Cindi Clayton-Davis said she was "a little disappointed" in one TV station's story about the fire.

departments need to be bombarded with emails providing the correct information.

"I think we can look at this because fire season is early," Clayton-Davis said. "We have a long way to go and it would be good for the groups to get together and say 'If another fire breaks out how can we balance

it?"

Kelley said the village this week has been responding. "Actually we put it together pretty quickly," Kelley said. "We got the word out really fast."

Clayton-Davis said she saw a White Fire report on Channel 7 news earlier this week that pointed to mud-



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Tourism Director Gina Kelley: "We're distraught" over some media coverage of the White Fire.

slides from the burn area if a heavy rain happened.

"And they were showing footage from the 2008 flood which was a hurricane not a mudslide. I was a little disappointed in that."

She said it was a good thing the Ruidoso area is currently in the off-season with that style of reporting. Public relations special-

ist Kerry Gladden Eastep said if incorrect information can be pinpointed to a specific location, such as Lubbock or El Paso, she can help. "If someone can let me know that I can get on with (TV station) a weathermen that I've developed a relationship with and then we can actually hit that."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IGA award

Lawrence Brothers IGA in Ruidoso captured a top merchandising award for the supermarket's produce department.

The Excellence in Produce Merchandising is presented to only one grocer each year. Lawrence Brothers was chosen from among more than 2,000 stores serviced by Associated Wholesale Grocers.

Chuck Gurvitz, the store's produce manager, is a seven time national honoree for produce merchandising.

During 2010, he was awarded first place in a national blueberry merchandising contest. Past first place awards include displays and promotions for Washington State apples, the Vidalia onion, Sunkist naval oranges and a Chilean soft fruit contest.

When Gurvitz is not managing his department or building displays, he writes Chuck's Produce Pick of the Week, a weekly article that appears in the *Ruidoso News*.

The Excellence in Produce Merchandising award was presented at the Associated Wholesale Grocers annual shareholder

meeting in Kansas City on March 20.

NM tops in income

Personal income during 2010 rose faster in New Mexico than any other state in the nation.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reported Wednesday that personal income in the state rose 4.2 percent last year after being flat in 2009.

Personal income growth ranged from a low of 0.3 percent in Nevada to the 4.2 percent in New Mexico.

All three major components of personal income — earnings, property income, and personal current transfer receipts — rose last year.

Personal current transfer receipts are government distributed benefits, such as retirement, veterans, medical and disability insurance benefits, unemployment compensation, low-income assistance, worker compensation, and other programs.

In 2009 only transfers grew as lower employment reduced earned income and smaller interest rates and profits trimmed property income, which is comprised of dividends, interest and rent.

Construction income fell however in 2010. Industries with growth were professional, health care and social assistance, accommodations, food services and federal government.

Earnings in New Mexico and nine other states rebounded in 2010 above their previous peaks after falling in the recession.

Rate hike approved

A more than year-running New Mexico medical insurance rate case was settled again Wednesday.

Tens of thousands of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico customers will continue to see rates that were increased last year by an average of 21.3 percent.

New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance John Franchini affirmed the settlement agreement which had originally been agreed to almost 12 months ago by staff at the New Mexico Public Regulation Insurance Division, the New Mexico Attorney General, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico and the case's original complainant.

The agreement had been approved by the former insurance superintendent Mo Chavez, a move that proved unpopular and led to an evidentiary hearing regarding the settlement.

Franchini, who was hired several months after the initial settlement was

approved, said he conducted a lengthy review of the case before making his final determination.

"Over the course of the past four months, I have logged an estimated 300 to 350 hours, much of it on my own time, reviewing BCBSNM filings and documents, hearing testimony, staff reports and public comments to get a clear and comprehensive picture of this very complex issue as possible," Franchini said. "After careful deliberation and consideration of the facts, contained within the voluminous case file and the statutes that until just recently dictate how insurance rate increase requests are handled, I have come to the conclusion that the previously agreed upon 21.3 percent increase must be granted."

But members of the elected Public Regulation Commission were largely unhappy. "I don't agree with Franchini's decision, but we cannot overrule him — it's his decision," said Commissioner Ben Hall of Ruidoso.

The increased rates were for the BCBSNM's BlueDirect A, BlueDirect B, BlueDirect C, BlueChoice 20, BlueChoice 30, BlueEdge Individual HAS, BlueEdge 100 HDHP, Blue Transitions, New Mexico Major Medical, Number One and Conversion policies.

Unemployment up slightly

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It was, however, up from February 2010's 8.2 percent.

The jobless rate in Lincoln County increased very slightly January to February. But the current 7.4 percent rate was less than a year ago, when it stood at 7.8 percent.

Numbers released Thursday by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions showed 793 of the county's 10,693 individuals in the labor pool were unemployed.

In February 2010, the number of people out-of-work was at 821. A year ago the labor force was 10,579 strong.

"There's not a lot going on," department labor economist Mark Boyd said of Lincoln County. "There really aren't any serious concerns. There is general improvement from last year. And the rate remains significantly below the statewide and the national levels."

Across New Mexico, February's unemployment level was at a seasonally adjusted 8.7 percent, unchanged from the previous month.

While the state has increased year-over-year, Lincoln County has dropped.

"I think that's a significant achievement really," Boyd said. "With everything adding up to the statewide rate, if you're coming down that means most everybody else (other counties) is going in the other direction."

Unemployment insurance claims numbers in Lincoln County peaked during 2010.

"They still remain at elevated levels in the county, but they have come down," Boyd said. "The claims for the county are down a little bit more percentage-wise than they are for the state as a whole. The county appears to be outperforming the state in a number of areas."

Statewide, the department considers a recovery under way, but progressing slowly.

Missing is the impetus for new job growth from any one industry or group of industries to lead the way forward.

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Raising concerns Thursday about potential fire debris runoff from the White Fire, Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong points to Johnson Canyon and its course that provides a drainage to the Rio Ruidoso.

Fire, rain – and runoff concerns

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Experiencing a fire this week that threatened his community and even encroached and burned three homes to the ground, Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong wants to mitigate future damage potentials. He fears mud and burn debris runoff when the rainy season arrives. He also worries future fires that could prove even more catastrophic.

"I have contacted the BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response, but pronounced bear) group, the one that's going to be doing this," Armstrong said Thursday of upcoming runoff mitigation planning and work. "I had started

this the day of the fire because I was here on that Cree Fire and I know what the damages were then."

Months after the 2000 Cree Fire was out, ash-blackened mud came down hillsides in lower Eagle Creek following heavy rains, causing damage to properties and homes.

"This is a lot closer to town," Armstrong said of the White Fire scorched hillsides along Ruidoso Downs' southern exposure. "There's going to be a lot more of town affected. I'm going to be working with their (BAER) group on how they're going to engineer their drainage, their bales, and whatever else they put up there."

The first part of a BEAR team arrived Thursday.

The mayor said in addition to being involved in the erosion control planning he will want to know how much flow from the burned area could be expected so the city could deal with it. Armstrong said he would even have the city pay to have barriers erected to protect properties from the possible runoff.

"I want to try to hold the burned debris to a place that we could pick it up so we don't have it in everybody's backyard. It's cheaper than having to go into everybody's backyard. That's a very smelly deal when it's wet and it's something we don't want for a tourist town."

Armstrong said there are about a dozen canyons that funnel rain runoff

from the mountains south of the city. A couple of those narrow valleys, such as Johnson Canyon, could be especially troublesome.

Planning by the BAER team was expected to begin next week.

"I want their plans so I can do our plans," Armstrong said.

A separate concern raised by the mayor was a forest fire that might someday move into the southern part of Ruidoso Downs. The city's south side has an east-west strunge Otero County Electric Cooperative transmission line part way up the mountain. The power corridor is about fifty feet wide, running about three miles near the city's southern boundary.

"It's not maintained

other than its got poles every once in a while. They do have a trail there. I though if they did enhance that road and thinned on both sides, that would make a safe area for us. And it would be something that we could get equipment into that could actually then keep the fire down."

Armstrong said he has talked with both the electric cooperative and the U.S. Forest Service about making the transmission line service road a fire break. He noted winds in the area mostly come from the southwest making the fire break a fire safety necessity.

City Councilor Dean Holman said the south side of Ruidoso Downs is addi-

tionally important for the municipal water supply; Griffith Spring, the largest part of the water system, is fed by the mountains to the south.

A Ruidoso Downs fire south of U.S. Highway 70 would be a catastrophic event, Armstrong said.

"I don't like even thinking about it other than we need to do everything humanly possible to clear that (transmission line area)," the mayor said. "I mean that's like a resource, like a big fire barrier going through there because I think that right of way is like 50-foot wide to start off with. And if you do thinning on both sides and keep that not grown up with the under stuff, you'd be all right. It will help."

RAIN

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"I would say most every bit of the fire got some amount of rain on it but probably no more than 2/hundredths of an inch," Bird said. If you noticed Wednesday evening before it got dark you could start seeing the clouds moving in and dropping lower. And then you could see what we call virga was hanging below. What was happening was the rain was coming out of the clouds and was evaporating before it got to the ground. It just took a couple of hours of moistening up at the lower levels to bring up the dew point temperatures and finally we got moist enough with enough rain that we could get it to the surface."

Bird said the limited moisture was welcome.

"It helped us in the regard that it brought the relative humidity up overnight. That had been staying very low, 20 percent or less which doesn't allow the fuels to absorb any moisture overnight so it allows

the fuels to burn earlier in the day than what is typical and burn longer during the day."

Relative humidity reached about 80 percent Wednesday night into early Thursday morning, which Bird said was a major increase from what had been recorded previously during the White Fire.

But the incident meteorologist said the moisture would be short lived with the windy conditions on Thursday expected going into the weekend.

"That wind will dry the area out quite rapidly."

Another system would be moving east on Saturday. But its precipitation was expected to fall much further north. For especially southern New Mexico, the system would bring additional strong winds.

Saturday a concern

"Saturday looks concerning here," Bird said. "Relative humidities will be low enough to be a concern. It won't be as low as it had been in the previous several days where we've seen single-digit relative humidities. We'll be closer

to upper teens to lower 20 percent relative humidity range. It looks like winds with potential gusts to 70 the way I see it now. We could see sustained above 40, so it looks like a very windy day. We're likely to have a high wind warning out for that day and potential red flag warnings out for Saturday, although the relative humidity may be just above our criteria. It's definitely an issue that we're watching."

The fire weather conditions prompted Lincoln County to extend their burning ban. Open burning is prohibited at least through Monday, April 11. County Manager Tom Stewart said he would recommend a Fire Danger Emergency be enacted by county commissioners when they meet on April 19.

On Thursday the Lincoln National Forest initiated restrictions on activities that could start a fire. The Mescalero Apache Tribe also has restrictions in place. Both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs forbid activities such as outdoor smoking or charcoal use.

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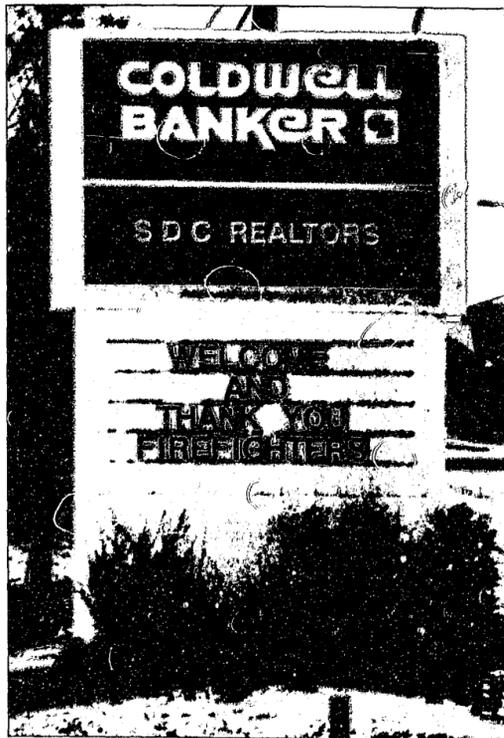
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of firefighters, the police and all of the responders. They're amazing. Our hearts and prayers are with the fellow members of our community who have been impacted by the fire."

Stoddard said Ruidoso Downs Racetrack is ready to receive horses in the stable area for the upcoming summer racing season, which begins May 27.

A cold front that moved through the area Wednesday, bringing cooler temperatures, higher humidity and showers aided fire fighting efforts Wednesday and Thursday as they continued to "cold trail" along the Highway 70 corridor searching for smoke and extinguishing hot-spots within the fire.

The Incident Management team said they were going to begin releasing some of the 539 fire fighters from the White Fire on Thursday and the management of the fire is scheduled to transition to a smaller Type 3 Incident



COURTESY STACEY HAMILTON

The sign outside a real estate office on Mechem expresses the sentiment of area residents to fire-fighting crews.

Management team today at 6 p.m.

A Burn Area Emergency Response team began arriving in Ruidoso Thursday

to start the assessment for rehabilitation of the burn area to prevent erosion. That assessment is scheduled to begin today.

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Home plate: Osos seek hosts for baseball players

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Officials with the newly organized Ruidoso Osos of the Pecos League of Professional Baseball Clubs are looking for host homes for the baseball season that kicks off May 10, at the White Mountain Sports Complex off Hull Road.

Mayor Ray Alborn is set to throw out the first pitch.

Clyde Woods, general manager, and Tim Waters, operations manager, briefed Ruidoso village councilors last week about their need for accommodations, emphasizing that the players don't expect to be fed by the families, they just need a place to sleep and unpack their gear.

Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager, who helped broker the agreement with the league, said school and volunteer coaches are excited that the Osos players can act as role models for students.

Woods said to check out the Osos website where plenty of team items are for sale and will help support the club.

Waters told councilors the players are expected to abide by a behavioral code and know how important successfully performing in the league could be for a future career.

"This is about as low as they can go and still be in professional baseball," he said. Professional baseball clubs are not the same as farm teams, which are owned by and act as feeders to professional teams.

Alborn, a former football coach at Rice University,



Parks & Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager and Osos office personnel Tim Waters and Clyde Woods address Village Council in seeking lodging opportunities for the baseball team's players, who begin play in Ruidoso May 10.

said staging a clinic in town for children would be a great public relations move.

The council approved a facility use agreement with the league, but Councilor Denise Dean added one caveat. She specified as an accounting and budget issue that money for improvements at the complex be part of the village's General Operation Fund and requests for expenditures should be presented to Village Manager Debi Lee or Finance Director Nancy Klingman. They in turn, would request the money in the budget process.

Councilor Rafael Salas, former director of village parks and recreation, said he supports reinstatement

of a Recreation Fund to ensure that the department has adequate money to maintain its facilities. "I've been here a long time, and parks and recreation always received the short end of the stick," Salas said. "This is a recreation destination."

"Your concern is that revenues defined for recreation are not absorbed into the General Fund," Lee clarified. "We can define that certain revenue is designated for a particular program, but supports the Parks and Recreation Department in the General Fund."

The use fee in the agreement with the League was negotiated to \$12,000 for the summers of 2011 and 2012, including a percent-

age of sales from the concessions.

The league will not require village staff at each game, Almager pointed out as a budget savings. Although the maximum seating capacity at the complex now is 400, "if and only if the League's All-Star Game is scheduled in Ruidoso," the necessary seating capacity will climb to 1,000 spectators, Almager wrote in her memorandum to councilors. Bleachers from other complexes would be relocated for the one-day event, and portable restrooms would be brought to the site. She noted that the complex previously has been used for U.S. Specialty Sports Association Baseball/Fast-pitch, New Mexico Adult

Soccer Association, British Soccer Camp, University of New Mexico Lobos practice and by many youth and adult sports organizations.

Safety fencing will be placed from the dugouts to the concession stand to create an entrance for ticket sales. The fencing also will allow the high school to charge a gate fee for its baseball games, she wrote. On March 8, a crew from the village Street Department and volunteers from PNM moved the backstop closer to home plate, as requested by the Pecos League and the high school coaches, Almager wrote.

She included a schedule of her discussions, meetings and approvals from the first time she was contacted by League officials

in reference to a possible move from Clovis to Ruidoso.

Almager also noted that Team Tourism, after a meeting with her and the former executive director of the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, came up with a slogan of "It's a Homerun of Family Fun," to promote the Ruidoso Osos games.

Tentatively, the six teams in the Pecos League will be comprised of 22 players from 22 to 27 years old. Four of the players will be permitted to be over 27. On the roster will be 12 "active" players and 10 "taxi players." The roster for the Osos included 24 players posted on the Web page Friday.

General admission tickets will be \$6 and season passes will be available for \$200.

Alborn said a few people told him they were worried about lights at the sporting complex interfering with the night sky of Ruidoso, but the games are scheduled for 4:05 p.m. and should be finished before dark. No alcohol will be served at the complex that sits behind several schools for elementary and primary students.

Besides the Osos, Pecos League teams include the Alpine Cowboys of Brewster County, Texas; the Carlsbad Bats, The Cruces Vaqueros in Doña Ana County, Roswell Invaders and the White Sands Pupfish.

Anyone interested in offering a place for a player to stay, contact Woods at 575-808-3323.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Teenagers in the kitchen

I've reached that lovely age at which I don't remember what happened yesterday, much less a year ago. It's for this reason that I forgot what happens when my teen-age daughter and her best friend decide to cook.

Even as they started clanging around in my kitchen, I had a vague sense of repeated history, but couldn't quite get that brain cell to awaken.

Their end-of-the-semester project in Spanish class was to create a video-tape of themselves making a traditional Spanish dish. Sounds innocuous enough, doesn't it?

The project began with a trip to Walmart.

Confident that I could keep the damage to a minimum, I asked to see the shopping lists before we got out of the car.



Anne Wilson Twitte

My daughter's recipe was scrawled by hand, backward and upside down, on a torn sheet of spiral notebook paper. (Someone must've told her that doctors have sloppy handwriting, and I feel certain she is destined to be a brain surgeon.)

Nonetheless, I can make out the basic ingredients: rice, condensed milk, raisins, cinnamon. It appears to be a recipe for rice pudding, though I don't remember that being a traditional Spanish dish.

The best friend's recipe is more neatly written, and in fact the margins of the

paper are embellished with high-schoolish artwork. Her recipe calls for lettuce, potatoes, hard-boiled eggs, cheese sauce, black olives, salsa. Spanish lettuce wraps? Potato Nachos? Hmm. We shall see.

Once home, the bags of stuff are abandoned on the kitchen counter and the girls disappear into my daughter's cave/room. I line up the ingredients and realize we are missing raisins and black olives. A quick inquiry reveals that they don't like raisins and black olives, so they didn't get any. Ah. Silly me. Don't like an ingredient in a recipe? Just leave it out. Why didn't I think of that?

Hours go by and I haven't seen any water boil for those eggs, potatoes, or rice. I'm thinking it's going to be a long night.

I finally venture to inquire about what they are

up to and if they understand that rice and potatoes take a while to cook. I'm told that they are working on the script for the video, which has to be in Spanish. Ah. Silly me. The script.

At long last the young Spanish-speaking chefs emerge, script in hand, and begin their assault on the kitchen. In addition to writing the script, they have dolled themselves up. I grasp that this endeavor is as much about looking good as it is about speaking good Spanish or making traditional Spanish rice pudding and lettuce wraps.

Not wanting to hinder their creative genius, I stay in the next room. But curious, I keep an ear on the goings-on. They are quite professional in their approach.

Each filming segment is preceded by several giggly rehearsals. I know a little

Spanish myself, so I'm trying to translate what I'm hearing, but can't quite make it out. I finally figure out that the word "air-us" is "arroz" and "hew-vus" is "huevos." I stop listening.

This giggling and slaughter of the Spanish language goes on for a quite a while. Best friend's parents have called a few times to find out when best friend will be home.

But eventually, the creations are completed, the videotaping is finished, and I am invited to sample the wares. Chunks of baked potato and hard-boiled eggs perched on lettuce leaves, covered with molten cheese sauce. Rice boiled in sweetened milk, with a dash of cinnamon. I'm thinking it doesn't get much more Spanish than that.

Exhausted from an evening of teenage mayhem, I turn in for the night as best friend's par-

ents pull in the driveway to pick her up. I call to my daughter to be sure to leave the kitchen the way she found it and smile when I hear a reassuring response.

Now let me ask you, dear reader, do you think that I should have entered my kitchen the next morning expecting anything less than "the way she found it"?

Actually, it wasn't too bad. It only took three people three days to chip the burnt milk out of the bottom on my favorite sauce pan. And in a few more days, the glop in those eight Tupperware containers will be past any possibility of being eaten and I can throw it out.

Will someone please remind me of this experience the next time my daughter says she and her best friend are going to cook?

Thanks.

New MRI machine at LCMC

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) installed a new MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) unit on March 30.

Hospital Administrator Al Santos said this was a significant event as LCMC and Presbyterian reinvest in improving the health of those patients and communities served.

"The installation of this state-of-the-art MRI unit marks the commitment the LCMC Board of Trustees and Presbyterian Healthcare has to modernizing equipment and improving technology to better serve our patients," said Santos. "The unit represents the latest generation of MRI scanners which will be of significant benefit and convenience for patients," Santos added.

LCMC Radiology Manager Julia Capuano agreed that this is a major investment for a rural community hospital.

"Not only does this MR system provide some of the clearest images available,

it also offers patient-friendly features," said Capuano. "Specifically, this new MR unit can provide an entire body scan more quickly thus reducing exam times."

Capuano said this new MR system incorporates the latest technology and provides exceptional image quality which is of tremendous benefit to the region.

Intelligent scan

"This new MRI unit also provides an intelligent approach to MR scans using an innovative application called SmartExam," said Capuano.

"SmartExam provides fully automated planning, scanning and processing with a single mouse click," Capuano added.

Capuano said SmartExam ensures consistent clinical results every time for the physician.

MRI scans are not like traditional x-rays. An MRI scan uses a powerful magnet in conjunction with radio frequency waves to generate images of internal

organs and structures.

MRI scans are one of the least invasive tests that can see inside the body.

"The LCMC Community Board of Trustees has set the strategic vision of modernizing our technology. This unit will allow us to collaborate and partner with referring physicians from neighboring communities as well as throughout the state," said Santos.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased and operated by Presbyterian Healthcare Services, New Mexico's only private, not-for-profit healthcare system serving to improve the health of individuals, families and communities. Presbyterian Healthcare Services was founded in 1908 and has been serving Lincoln County residents since 1972. Presbyterian offers eight hospitals including Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, a statewide health plan, and a growing multi-specialty medical group.

The Maze of Life for youngsters

The Lincoln County Community Health Council is pleased to announce the Maze of Life.

This activity will be presented for the first time in April to all Lincoln County and Mescalero eighth graders.

The experiential maze is an interactive life-size game designed to help teens better understand the consequences of decisions they are presently making and others they will face in the future.

The game will be set up in a maze format, and participants will make their way thru the maze based on decisions and games of chance at different booths.

The interactive game provides information to students on a variety of topics which could include: education, finances, legal matters, tobacco, alcohol,

parenting, gambling, and career choices.

Lincoln County and Mescalero schools will schedule a time to go through the maze. There will also be times set aside for parents and community members to participate in the activity.

The objectives of this exercise include providing teens with accurate information about teen issues in a positive forum, encouraging discussion between teens and parents on current teen issues, and reinforcing the life skills needed to handle potential life situations.

The booths will all be based around realistic scenarios that could arise in each student's life. No judgment is made on the life paths presented in the maze as the goal is to help students see the possible

choices, consequences, and resources available in our community associated with some of the milestones they possibly will face.

Parents are invited to preview the Maze of Life on Tuesday, April 20, from 5-7 p.m. at the Horton Complex (previously Ruidoso Middle School).

Attendees will experience the Maze in the same manner their children will on Wednesday or Thursday. This will acquaint parents with the topics and, hopefully, allow for open discussion after the students complete the activity too.

This is a community event and if you would like to volunteer or have questions, contact Nancy LaPointe at 575-973-1829, coordinator of the Lincoln County Community Health Council.

BIRTHS AT LCMC

3/1/2011 Nicolas Blake Peirot M 9lbs, 0.1oz, 20in. Raynessa & Joseph Peirot;

3/1/2011 Talon Asa Thompson M 7lbs, 9.1oz, 19in. Christina & Mar-

shall Thompson;

3/1/2011 Keegan LaRae Rank F 6lbs, 7.5oz, 19 1/2in. Jayci Susanne Rank;

3/5/2011 Sergio Melqui-ades Ramirez M 6lbs, 11.1oz, 19 1/2in. Faviola Ramirez;

3/7/2011 Isaac Rene Cuevas M 7lbs, 0.1oz, 20in. Sara Hoffer & Aldrin Cuevas;

3/8/2011 Mallorie Nor-ene McKenna F 9lbs, 8.8oz, 22in. Casey Van-Tussenbroek & Brady McKenna;

3/10/2011 Kyson Bryce Baca M 7lbs, 4.9oz, 20in. Charlene McCallister & John Baca;

3/10/2011 Lucas Ethan Lightner M 6lbs, 7.7oz, 18in. Handria & Kyle Lightner;

3/14/2011 Neci Lenae Vasquez F 7lbs, 13.0oz, 20 1/2in. Nicole Camejo & Andrew Vasquez;

3/14/2011 Lilliah Nylene Bigrope F 8lbs, 1.7oz, 19in. Christyn Kirgan;

3/15/2011 Emanuel Ale-jandro Castillo Rosales M 7lbs, 10.0oz, 21in. Rosalinda & Alex Castillo;

3/15/2011 Madison June Griffin F

6lbs, 14.1oz, 20in. Faith & Billy Griffin;

3/17/2011 Amillie Lynn Butler F 6lbs, 7.4oz, 20in. Tiffany Thompson & Jeremiah Butler;

3/17/2011 Dominic Ray Tawney M 8lbs, 0.6oz, 20 1/2in. Kristin Chee

3/19/2011 Bella Faye Lutterman F 7lbs, 13oz, 20 1/2in. Rachel & Zakary Lutterman;

3/21/2011 Victoria Theresa Rodriguez F 7lbs, 13.1oz, 20in. Jonna Hamilton & Victor Rodriguez;

3/24/2011 Yansi Leticia Lopez F 6lbs, 6.1oz 19in Norma & Maurino Lopez;

3/29/2011 Travien Edward Comanche M 6lbs, 8.5oz 18 1/2in. Jessica Yellowcloud & Sutherland Comanche Jr.;

3/29/2011 Andre' M'one Pellman-Toehay M 4lbs, 12oz 19 1/2in. Andrea Pellman & Maylin Toehay;

3/30/2011 Eliana Salene Lueras F 6lbs, 9.4oz 19in Katina Maldonado & Carl J Lueras;

3/31/2011 Antonio Macario Contreras M 6lbs, 9.5oz 19in. Marilinda & Chris Contreras.

CHUCKS PICK OF THE WEEK

Fennel or Anise
Fennel is widely cultivated, both in its native range and elsewhere, for its edible, strongly flavored leaves and fruits, which are often mistered "seeds". Its aniseed flavor comes from an aromatic compound also found in anise and star anise, and its taste and aroma are similar to theirs, though usually not as strong.

Fennel is used predominately in Mediterranean cuisine, where bulbs and fronds are used, both raw and cooked, in side dishes, salads, pasta and vegetable dishes.

Fennel Bulb
Fennel really gets around. Italians, for example, use the seeds in sausage, and the feathery fronds to flavor fish. One specimen is flavored just for the crispy, juicy bulb. With a delicate anise flavor, thin, raw slices star in winter salads, tossed with lemon juice or pieces of blood orange. At Compass on the upper west side, look for this modern interpretation, its dressing spiked with spicy chorizo.

Shaved raw fennel and pear salad with warm chorizo vinaigrette

Serves 2
From the executive chef John Fraser of Compass

For the salad- 1 fennel bulb, 1 bosc pear, small handful of toasted slivered almonds, small handful of chervil leaves (or parsley), sprinkling of extra virgin olive oil, pinch of salt, pinch of white pepper, juice of 1/2 lemon.

For the vinaigrette- 1 clove garlic peeled and thinly chopped, 2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil, 1 2 inch slice of Spanish chorizo finely chopped, small handful of almonds chopped, pinch of saffron, juice of 1 lemon, zest of 1 lemon.

Directions
Shave lemon and pear north to south with a mandolin or slice thinly. Toss with almonds and chervil, and dress lightly with olive oil, salt, pepper and lemon juice. Sweat garlic in a pan with the olive oil until it becomes fragrant. Slowly add chorizo, almonds and saffron, then lemon juice and zest to finish. Immediately pour the warm vinaigrette over salad.

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New district ranger plays catch-up on issues

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Back in front of the Lincoln County Commission for the second time in a week, new Smokey Bear District Ranger Dave Warnack deflected a few volleys from commissioners as he promised to work on some of their pet issues.

As district head for the Lincoln National Forest locally, he first appeared at the commission's March 15 meeting that was cut short and adjourned to March 21. He returned to brief commissioners on his background. A resident of Grant County, this was his first opportunity to be a district ranger, Warnack said. He previously worked in recreation, spending time working on motorized and non-motorized trails, as well as equestrian, which created opportunities for the recreating public and economic development for surrounding communities, he said.

In Catron County, he was stationed at Beaverhead Work Center, then Silver City, where he was assigned to recreation management and then on the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program. He's married with three young children, who are finishing their school year and will follow him to a new home in Lincoln County that he and his wife have not yet selected, Warnack said.

"I wanted to meet with the commission and let you know I intend work collab-

oratively and cooperatively with you out in the open," Warnack said. "Along those lines, I wanted your input on whether you would appreciate a standing agenda item, an update from the district for all commission meetings.

"I'd like to come up with a briefing paper format with different topics I can fill out and submit at your (preagenda session) ahead (of a meeting). I will work with (County Manager Tom Stewart) on that."

Warnack was asked by Commissioner Jackie Powell about a \$61 fee for John Cox to cross forest service land to reach his private driveway off County Road C007.

She's offended by the requirement, "especially for the homesteaders who were there before New Mexico became a state and before the Forest Service was created and who had passage to go through there," she said.

"It seems unconstitutional that someone has to put in an application for permit to turn off to their house where they have been all along and the Forest Service rearranged the boundaries. It would be like (the state Department of Transportation) requiring a permit to turn off to my house from the highway or for the village to charge to turn into driveways."

She can see the difference between Cox's situation and that of subdivi-

sions subsequently developed that require access to cross Forest Service land, she said.

"It's not necessarily that \$61 is difficult," Powell said. "But as the Forest Service is pushed more and more by the Forest Guardians, it might raise the rate or say people can't have access anymore through public land."

Warnack responded, "I think it is within the county's right to claim C007 as an RS2477 road (existing before statehood and open for public use), but it is incumbent on the county to adjudicate that. I've dealt with these issues in past. We could convey the (special use) permit to the county, as have many national forest system roads to counties, to take over maintenance. I'm willing to work with you on that."

He understood that several special use permits exist to cross public land to driveways off C007 and he needs to keep the approach consistent for all of them, Warnack said. "Are we going to do that with the next and the next?" he asked. "It's a big issue, not just one driveway. But I am willing to work with the permittee on this."

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo asked who maintains the road. Stewart replied that annual maintenance is handled by the county to ensure the road remains open, but anything extra is arranged by agreement, with the

USFS supplying material and the county pitching in with labor and equipment.

Stewart said the special use permit covers about 250 yards where the county road ends and the route goes through Forest Service land. At the end, it splits, with one fork going over a private driveway to the Flying Diamond Ranch and the other to John Cox's place.

"That's what the Forest Service charges \$61 for?" Sedillo asked for clarification. "That road has been in existence for years, I gather. Then all of sudden, the Forest Service wants to charge. I can see the problem."

Warnack explained that the issue didn't just "pop up."

"I understand special single purpose use permits to cross forest service land have been going on for some time," he said.

Powell said the Cox permit came under review when the grandfather signed it over to his grandson. "They should have just continued it with no fee from the grandfather down," she contended.

"And we shouldn't have to go to court to fight for a road that's been there so long a time," Sedillo said, adding, "But that's just my opinion."

Warnack reiterated that he would work with the permittee to get a better understanding of the history and issues about the permit.

Committee discusses road

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To avoid the legal expense of pursuing the issue in court, estimated as high as \$100,000, a Lincoln County advisory committee submitted five recommendations to the county commission on how to handle the issue of a road established before New Mexico statehood now encompassed by the Lincoln National Forest.

Members of the County Land and Natural Resource Advisory Council suggested that instead of filing in federal court to establish an RS2477 designation for the road leading to the private drive turnout to the home of John Cox, commissioners should write separate letters to members of the county's Congressional delegation expressing concern for the LNF Roadless Initiative and associated Travel Management Plan.

Other recommendations were to:

- Gain a commitment from the new Smokey Bear District ranger not to close any currently traveled roads without at least six month's notice, or as soon as the need to close is identified.

- Request the appropriate agency compare county roads that are identified on the County Road Map with those roads indicated on the SBRD Motor Vehicle Use Map, dated Jan. 1, 2011, to pinpoint any disconnects where roads may have been closed or dropped.

- Become involved in the defense of current RS2477 related access with the Arizona/New Mexico Coalition of Counties, New Mexico Federal Land Council, New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau and the Cattle Growers.

- Reiterate at every opportunity, the county's position as expressed in County Resolution 2007-37, regarding rights of way in the county and the legitimacy of RS2477 designations.

Before the commission

approved the recommendations unanimously, Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she liked option three, the road comparison, which would give the county something to present to the district ranger as a baseline.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo agreed and said while she also liked recommendation two, "I don't know if that's a possibility to get him to commit to let us know before he closes a road so we can get on it. Actually, all recommendations are good. I think it may take all five."

Commissioner Mark Doth said, "In light of the current forest fire danger, don't know if two is feasible right now. We may be facing the whole forest being closed very soon. I don't know how that would affect accessible roads."

Sedillo said she's only referring to roads going across national forest land to homes.

County Manager Tom Stewart said he already plotted out all county roads that run through the SBRD and he discovered none were closed.

"The road map shows a lot more roads than we have county roads," he said. "But perhaps in the future, we should monitor the (Forest Service Road Management maps) as they come out. I'm encouraged by our discussion with (new District Ranger Dave Warnack) and feel a lot can be addressed. I'll ask him to include (roads) in his monthly reports."

Commissioner Tom Batin suggested that Stewart also review with Warnack the LANRAC assignment and what's the group is trying to accomplish for the new district ranger to include a response in his first update.

Commissioners added that to their approval. They directed Stewart to notify Rick Simpson, chairman of LANRAC to allow him to plan to attend that commission meeting to ask or answer any questions pending.

Agreement places gymnasium at village's disposal

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A joint use agreement approved by the Ruidoso Village Council will allow the village to use a school district gymnasium for the summer and after-school Wilderness Camp during inclement weather and for other programs that could generate revenue.

While councilors approved the JPA, they asked for more details on the associated cost of using the Horton Auxiliary Gym and the expected amount of revenue to be generated.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager said she was contacted on Jan. 14, by Bea Harris, Ruidoso School District superintendent, and Yvonne Perez, finance director, about a JPA, and they met again Jan. 21, to discuss details. On Jan. 24, Almager and Rodney Griego from her department met with Village Manager Debi Lee and went over the details, then submitted a task order to the village attorney for his review.

Conditions attached to the arrangement include that the gym will be used by the schools for home football games, for softball and soccer practice during inclement weather, for basketball practice and that the weight room is used by employees.

Under the agreement, the village can use the gym for Wilderness Camp, for Adult Basketball League and open gym playing, and for the Adult Volleyball League.

Councilor Denise Dean expressed hesitation because the council was "asking the taxpayers to take on another responsibility."

She noted that besides regular custodian maintenance, the floors are to be stripped and waxed yearly, the village would repair any

major damage and handle any remodeling to meet Americans with Disability Act standards. The deal is contingent on the village being able to budget for the expenditures.

Dean said she wants to know what fees will be charged. When people speak of charging fees "in the future," those fees are not always charged, Dean said.

"I feel we need to document the anticipated expenses and where the money will come from," she said. "I think this may need more thought until we have a rock-solid proposal when we're asked to take on more financial responsibility. To me, these items could be extremely expensive."

Almager said the village has used the gym for years for the basketball league and Wilderness Camp. The school district pays the utilities and cleans when their activities are finished.

Dean said the village's budget shows minimal revenue from the leagues and camp. "What are we really spending?" she asked.

Almager said the department provides the labor using compensatory time, not overtime.

But Dean wasn't convinced. "Those items are major expenses," she said. "It's not a bad idea, but show me the expenses and revenues and how it will impact our budget."

"Do we know the number of hours we use it each year?" asked Councilor Don Williams.

Almager said the village only pays when the gym is used.

"I don't think we need to lose money, but we need to furnish services to the youth," said Mayor Ray Albom. "We need to belly up and do it, if we can."

"I just think it's responsible to see the figures," Dean pressed. "Going into

the budget process, I want to see what it's costing us."

Almager said she will break out that part of her department's budget

Councilor Rafael Salas, formerly head of parks and recreation, said being able to track expenses and revenues precisely was why he preferred to keep a separate recreation fund, but under a new approach, all of the money is mixed into the village's General Fund.

Dean said when review-

ing the budget, she saw the department's overall revenue, not the direct expense for each program. "I think we need to define that," she said.

Lee agreed.

Salas offered a motion to accept the joint use agreement with Ruidoso Municipal Schools, adding in more detailed costs and reflecting the revenue to be received. The motion passed, 4-1, with Dean against and Jim Stoddard absent.

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Smooth driving: Roads to be chipsealed

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Some more roads in Ruidoso will sport smoother surfaces under a state-village cooperative funding agreement approved recently.

Village Street Director J. R. Baumann explained during a council meeting last month that the 2011-2012 projects will cost \$137,984.17, with the state paying 75 percent and the village responsible for 25 percent, amounting to \$34,496.04, primarily in labor and equipment.

Chipseal is a mixture of oil and rock applied as a less expensive alternative to regular paving. The roads slated to be surfaced include Aspen Circle, Birch Drive, Cedar Place, Wintergreen Drive, Dogwood Drive, Grove Drive, Fir Drive, Hemlock Circle, Juniper Road, Spruce Drive, Ivy Lane, Kingwood Place and Porr Drive above Mechem Drive.

"I don't see Coronado Drive on that list," Mayor Ray Alborn joked about the street where he lives.

"I'll keep you in mind," Baumann bounced back.

"Oh, the old 'I'll keep you in mind' trick," the mayor jabbed.

Turning to a more serious topic, Finance Director Nancy Klingman received approval from councilors of a revised Investment Policy.

"Generally Accepted Accounting Practices recommends investment policies be reviewed and updated, if necessary, on a yearly basis," she said. The Investment Policy was established as part of the Financial Policy that was brought to the council in 2009. This revised policy changed the delegation of authority from the deputy village manager of administration, a position that no longer exists, to the village manager to recommend and develop the investment program for council approval.

The policy includes the establishment of an internal Investment/Finance Oversight Committee to assist the manager in developing investment policy recommendations.

Councilor Denise Dean, a private business owner for years, accepted the position on the committee. Quarterly reporting to the council is required, as is the incorporation of internal controls.

In other action, councilors:

- approved an audit contract with Accounting & Consulting Group LLP to audit the village for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, at a charge of \$53,509.

Klingman said the firm already "is racing to get us current or better," after five years of late audits under other firms since the schedule was thrown off in 2005, by a special state audit. "This one should be a lot easier and cheaper," she said.

Field work for the FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10 audits was scheduled to be completed this month and final approval is expected from the State Auditor soon after submission.

Lee said that, once the village is current, it will become eligible for Community Development Block Grants and other programs from which it now is excluded.

- heard Alborn read a proclamation declaring April 1 as Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico Tribute to Teacher Excellence Day.

- heard the mayor proclaimed April as Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Month. "It would help if we got some rain," Alborn said.

Chairman Susan Lutterman thanked councilors

for their support, particularly Councilor Rafael Salas, former director of parks and recreation and now council liaison with the KRB Committee. She invited participation in the April 30 Bank Challenge clean-up that begins at 8 a.m. at Schoolhouse Park between the Senior Citizens Center and the municipal pool.

At 11 a.m., after picking up debris for three hours, everyone comes back to the park to enjoy hot-dogs and a few prizes. About 130 people usually show up for the Saturday event and they bag as many as 500 containers of trash. "It's a great way to get to know your community with some social time," Lutterman said.

Other events this month include the Great American Pickup kickoff April 12, aimed at cleaning up roadsides, and on April 15, the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) joins with the KRB committee for an Arbor Day tree planting event at the White Mountain Sports Complex.

Lutterman also thanked a local Boy Scout troop for collecting 17 bags of trash in the Grindstone Lake area.

Reverse 9-1-1 company disappears from view; county OKs new firm

Original system had operational problems, anyway

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A contract for a new telephone system to alert Lincoln County residents in emergencies was approved after another company simply disappeared, the county manager said.

A countywide test of the new system is planned this month.

County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners at their meeting last month that before February, the county was using a Reverse 9-1-1 service from SurfSimple Mapstorm.

It was used about once a month to ensure capability, "but when we went to use it to potentially assist the village of Ruidoso, we found that the system would not operate," he said.

When staff tried to contact the company, they learned the phone was disconnected.

Already paid

Because the county already paid for three years of service with a Homeland Security grant, the attorney wrote a letter to three addresses Stewart found for the firm, notifying the owners they were in breach of contract.

The county had received no response by the day of the meeting, he said.

Stewart subsequently notified Homeland Security officials of the default and also contacted other county managers signed up for the service to ensure they knew it likely was not working.

With an elevated fire danger because of strong winds and dry vegetation, the county was in imminent need of a Reverse 9-1-1 system, an automatic phone system that can alert thousands of house-

holds about emergencies within minutes, Stewart said.

He and County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell expedited selection of a replacement firm and a Web-based program.

Five firms were contacted and CodeRED was selected for a three-year service at \$5,250 the first year and \$10,000 per year thereafter, with the first three months free.

Stewart successfully demonstrated the service for commissioners, calling in a message that within one minute rang on each commissioner's cell phone.

Not only can land lines receive the messages, cell phones can be signed up by Website for the notification list, he said.

The service provides unlimited text and e-mail notices, and 30,000 voice minutes per year, the manager said.

The system became operational the morning of March 9, with 25,293 Geographical Information System located phones in the data base, he said. Atwell, Emergency Services Coordinator Joe Kenmore, Undersheriff Robert Shepperd and lead dispatcher Mickie Howard were trained on the system and have immediate access from any Internet connection.

A link to enable citizens to sign up for the program and receive cell phone message, text or e-mail alerts associated with their correct rural address will be placed on the county Website, Stewart said.

He plans to give the system a little time to settle in and then at the April 19 commission meeting, a call will be generated as a test of the system.

"The subcontractor will provide this complimentary call out to test the speed of our phone system," he said.

RPD adds certified officer from Lovington

Curtis Rodgers, previously with the Lovington Police Department, was hired March 21 as a certified patrol officer in the Ruidoso Police Department.

He is a former patrol

lieutenant with 15 years of experience.

In other department news, Ruidoso village councilors at their late March meeting were told Corporals Mike Weaver, Aaron Frost and Lawrence Cha-

ves are eligible to take the examination for promotion to sergeant.

Councilors also heard that:

- in a new approach to getting rid of surplus items,

the village sold 36 items on an Internet auction site for \$54,392.56.

- the Street Department in March completed drainage improvements for better water flow on Hull Road, High Loop and the intersection of Cree Meadows Drive and Kansas City Street, and completed utility cuts at seven locations, as well as patched potholes on Country Club Drive before it was resurfaced.

- under the Parks & Recreation's report, the Mountain of Blues Festival is set for June 4 at Wingfield Park and the Ruidoso Triathlon for June 11 at Wingfield Park.

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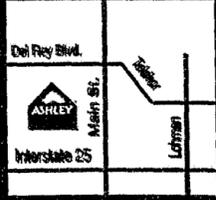
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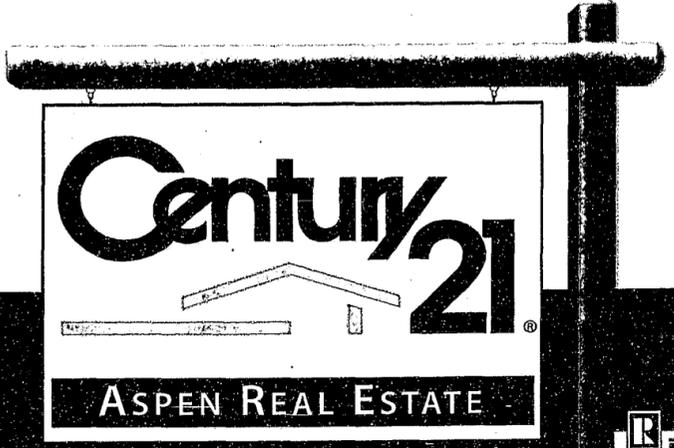
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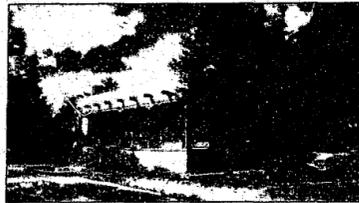


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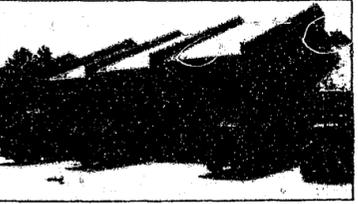


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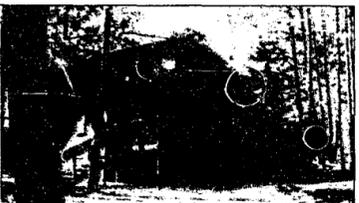
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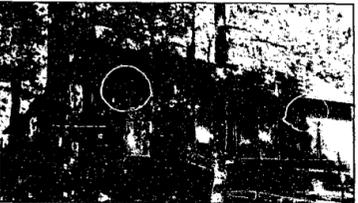
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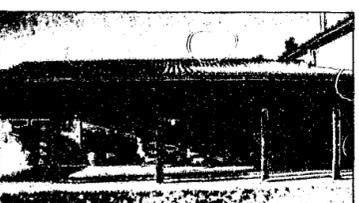
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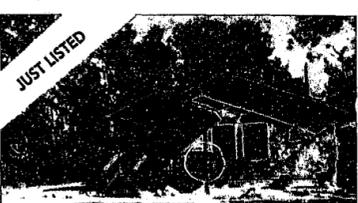
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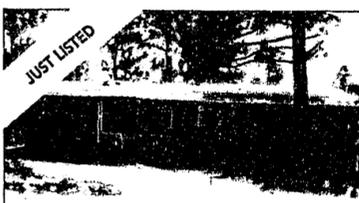
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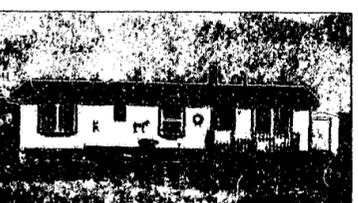
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Tuesday, April 5
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Baseball

Friday, April 8
Capitan at Elida, doubleheader, 1 & 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 9
Ruidoso at Lovington, doubleheader, 1 & 3 p.m.
Monday, April 11
Lake Arthur at Capitan, doubleheader, 3 & 5 p.m.

Track

Friday, April
RHS at Moriarty, 3 p.m.

Softball

Friday, April 8
Loving at Capitan, doubleheader, 1 & 3 p.m.

On Deck

Alumni Football

Alumni Football USA presents the inaugural game between the Capitan Tigers and the Carrizozo Grizzlies, Friday, April 8, at the Carrizozo High School football field at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (5-years-and-younger are free) and are available from J.P. Whipple at 491-5157 or Pat Ventura at 973-4970.

Ruidoso Junior Golf

The Ruidoso Junior Golf Association in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the fifth of six scrambles at Alto Lakes golf and Country Club on Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. To sign up and for more info call Melissa at Cree Meadows at 257-5815.

Senior Olympics

The Lincoln County Senior Olympics will hold an cycling qualifier, Saturday, April 9, at 8 a.m. on Airport Road (Bonito Fire Station). All persons 50 years of age (as of 12/31/11) or older may participate. An entry fee of \$5 is required, which entitles the entrant to enter all events offered. Country participation is required to enter the state meet. Table tennis and shuffleboard qualifiers will be held April 12 and April 14, respectively, at the Ruidoso Senior Center. For more info or directions call Sandee Jourden at 257-4565, 937-4416 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

Local pro fighter prepares

Javier Rubio makes ready for an important fight in Lubbock

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Ruidoso resident Javier Rubio has been training hard for his upcoming April 16, King of the Cage (KOTC) professional fight in Lubbock at the Grand Civic Center where he will face off against a local pro from the Leonard Garcia (a UFC fighter) camp.

All 14 fights will be professional and it will be KOTC's inaugural event in Texas. Rubio's overall record - including amateur and professional fights - of 24-3 is remarkable considering the tough competition he faces in cage fighting.

As a three-year pro (6-2), he has something left he feels he needs to prove after his Nov. 27 first round TKO loss to Patrick Dixon at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The two will meet again for a rematch in the octagon, in July, at a time and place yet to be announced.

"I wanted to quit after that defeat," the 23-year-old fighter said. "But I'm a contract fighter with KOTC. I had eight fights left to fulfill and I have to honor that commitment. It's been six months since my last fight and I'm ready to get the cobwebs out."

"Sweet Face" Rubio has been training hard, seven days a week, at Mike Widener's Southwest Personal Fitness and Martial Arts facility where Rubio is an instructor in Jiu-Jitsu (he holds a brown belt) and Widener and Mike Nelson are the boxing instructors.



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

See RUBIO, page 2B Javier Rubio will move up to the middleweight class for his fight in Lubbock, April 16.

Ruidoso racers finish in the top 10

LAURA DOTH
For the Ruidoso News

While the rest of their classmates were basking in the sun over spring break, the Ruidoso Ski Team headed north to Taos Ski Valley for the Southern Series Championship and more snow.

Two days of racing were slated for March 26-27, on Lower Stauffenberg at the prestigious northern New Mexico ski resort. Since this was the championship, racers came prepared for both a giant slalom and a slalom race.

Lower Stauffenberg is a demanding hill, and the Ruidoso team took advantage of spring break and did some pre-race training on Friday, March 25.

Following training, race organizers set a wide open giant slalom (GS) course with thirty-five gates and thirty-four direction

changes. The racers would cover a course with a vertical drop of 755 feet.

Saturday, March 26th brought clear skies and bright sunshine. The previous night had been very cold, and the spring snow was frozen solid.

According to the junior racers, the course was "bullet proof", meaning it was treacherously hard and icy. In an effort to lay a line that was easier for the younger racers to follow, the older ability racers went first. Ability racers range in age from thirteen to nineteen. They must complete the first race with no faults in order to proceed to the second race. Their times are then combined for their final ranking.

Wearing bib number one, Jetonne Mumma was the first racer on the hill and the first Ruidoso athlete out of the gate. Mumma has not had the opportunity to train very much this season, and

the icy conditions presented a challenge. She completed her first run with a time of 1:27.58.

Seasoned racer, Lexie Doth started near the end of the ability girls. She encountered problems at the first gate, but regained her composure and picked up speed as she negotiated the gates. She crossed the finish line with a time of 1:00.68, leaving her in fourth place after her first run. She was just a half a second behind the third place finisher.

The age class racers followed their older team mates. Age class races are timed individually, so regardless of how they finish, the race is judged complete at the end of the run. Nine year old J5 racer, Arianne Mumma tackled Lower Stauffenberg next. She took the gates a little wide, but finished cleanly with a time of 1:12.27. Her time was good enough for



MARK DOTH/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Lexie Doth sets up for the next gate at the Southern Series Championship.

7th place, giving the Ruidoso Team its first top ten finish of the day.

Ruidoso racer, Aric Jensen was the next age class athlete to take on the hill. Aric is also 9 years old and a J5 racer. The hard packed snow threw him off a bit, and he was a bit hesitant on his approach. He finished

with a time of 1:20.35, landing him in 20th place for the morning.

The one benefit to the hard packed snow on the course was that even after over 130 athletes had skied over it, there were few ruts and the snow held up beautifully.

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Tale of the Brooklyn Trolley Dodger

"Bob, come on down," I said. "This is where it should have been," Bob screamed.

My heart fell as I looked down nearly 200 feet to the train yard below.

He was teetering the way he always did when he was drunk. He inched toward me on the girder. Within a minute he was standing on the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic Avenue.

"Why the heck did you let him run off?" my partner, Cathy Davis said as she ran up to me.

The night has started after a day shift at the Kings Warrant Squad. We left the 78 precinct, located at 65 Sixth Avenue; the four story building was Brooklyn Police Headquarters when it was built in 1925. We went across the street to Freddie's bar where printers from the *NY Daily News* commingled with cops.

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We were drinking the printer's favorite drink, boiler makers. The conversation had returned to sports. Cathy, a Queens girl, and I talked about the Mets. Bob, a 51

year old printer with shellacked black died hair, pounded his fist down on the bar and I noticed the characteristic four fingers of his right hand, hence the nick-name "four-finger Bob." With his penchant for drinking I had assumed he had lost his thumb at work.

"There would have never been those Mets if Robert Moses had not forced Walter O'Malley to take those Dodgers out of Brooklyn." Four-finger Bob said.

Bob explained that the Brooklyn Dodgers franchise, a team named because in the late 1800s when

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RUBIO

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Rubio has changed his training regimen to include more weightlifting where it is now a 50/50 mix between that and cardio

vascular workouts. "Before, my training consisted mostly of cardio," Rubio said. It's not hard to figure out why KOTC signed the popular Ruidoso cage fighter to multiple fights. He's talented, appealing and loquacious. In the past, he

has been featured in such cage fighting magazines as *Tapout* and *Gladiator*. For the Lubbock fight he will be moving up from the 170-pound class (welterweight) to the 185-pound division (middleweight), which he calls his "natural weight."

Currently, he is undefeated in that weight class. "I'm looking for a knockout in Lubbock as a dedication to my brother-in-law, Casey Saenz," Rubio said. Rubio, along with Saenz (amateur, 155-pound class) and local favorite James Flores (amateur, 135-

pounder) will all fight together May 14 at the Buffalo Thunder Casino for KOTC. All fighters are members of the High Altitude Kombat team. Professional cage fighting, like many other professional sports require dedication, commitment ...

and sponsorship. The affable Rubio is fortunate to be supported by such businesses as Sierra Blanca Motors, Hall of Flame Burger, Copper Mountain Auto Body, Christian Construction, DCMouthguards and Sniper Fight Wear.

RACERS

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fully. Given the conditions, race organizers opted to slightly redress the course, and Ruidoso coach, Mark Doth, reset three gates towards the end of the course to improve the flow of the race. Following a quick inspection period and the racers started downhill again.

In ski racing, the start order of the afternoon run is based on times for the ability athletes and bib number for the younger racers. In the ability division, the slower racers will start first, and the fastest competitors will start last. In the age division, the racers run in reverse order of their morning start. Because of that, Jetonne Mumma once again started first. With the uncharacteristically warm day, the snow had softened just a bit, and Mumma was able to shave almost three seconds off of her morning time. She finished with a time of 1:24.57,

giving her a combined time of 2:52.15.

With her eyes on the podium, Lexie Doth attacked the course in the afternoon. Carving an excellent line, she too improved on her first time by two seconds. Her time of 58.92 was the third fastest of the afternoon, but it wasn't quite good enough to land her on the podium. She finished fourth for the day with a combined time of 1:59.60. She missed a bronze medal by 38/100ths of a second which was an amazingly tight finish.

Also looking to improve on her earlier time, Ari Mumma skied the afternoon race very well, taking a full second off of her morning run. She finished the GS with a time of 1:11.20 putting her in 9th place for the afternoon.

Hot on her heels was Aric Jenson. Still plagued by a few late turns, Aric crossed the finish line with a time of 1:20.47 landing him in 22nd place for the afternoon.

The final Ruidoso tally for the day was three top ten finishes in the GS. The

slalom was scheduled for Sunday, March 27th. The slalom course was also set on Lower Stauffenberg, but the vertical drop was reduced to 394 feet, and the number of gates was increased to forty-two with forty-one direction changes. Where a GS race incorporates long arcing turns, slalom races require quick turns and very technical skiing. Due to USSA rule changes, two separate courses were set, one for the ability racers and one for the age class athletes.

Saturday's weather was gorgeous with plenty of sunshine and no wind. Many athletes, coaches and parents know that it wouldn't be a Taos ski race without cold and snow. Mother Nature did not disappoint, as it started to snow on Saturday night. By inspection time on Sunday morning, the mountain was in the throws of true blizzard conditions. There was plenty of cold and driving snow to go around. With over six inches of fresh snow on the ground, the coaches, athletes and volunteers slipped the course,

pushing the fresh snow out of the way.

Due to the bad weather, Sunday's races started over an hour late, and the snow continued to fall. The junior racers kept their same bib numbers, but their start positions were randomly determined by organizers. The ability course was a challenging set and the fresh snow didn't help matters. Jetonne Mumma started just ahead of Lexie Doth. At the top of the pitch, she blew a gate and was disqualified. Lexie Doth skied the top of the hill really well, but got caught in some fresh powder at the top of the knoll. She pitched a bit, but got back on course, finishing with a time of 49.17. There were no happy competitors after the morning run, but Doth's time put her in fourth place going into the afternoon race.

On the age class course, Arienne Mumma was on her way to her third top ten finish of the weekend. She crossed the finish line with a time of 1:07.87, good enough for tenth place in the morn-

ing run. Aric Jenson had difficulties near the end of the course, and missed a gate. He skied out of the course and was listed as a DNF (did not finish). Because he was an age class athlete, he was able to compete in the afternoon race.

Fighting the snow and wind, course workers again opted not to reset the race courses. Athletes completed a brief inspection before starting the afternoon run. Because Jetonne Mumma was disqualified in her first run, she was not allowed to compete in the afternoon. However, race organizers allowed her to forerun the race.

After racing over the course in the morning, Lexie Doth was fully prepared to let her skis run in the afternoon. The storm lifted and visibility was much better. She skied the top flawlessly and roared down the pitch. She finished her second run in the quick time of 48.76. Her combined time of 1:37.93 put her in fourth place for the second time giving her two top ten finishes

for the weekend.

Consistency was the name of the game over on the age class course. Ari Mumma bettered her time by a fraction, finishing in 1:07.51. Her time landed her in 13th place for the afternoon. Aric Jenson followed his teammate down the hill, this time completing the course cleanly in a time of 1:15.06. He finished 20th in his division.

With five top ten finishes on the books, Ruidoso Ski Team coach, Mark Doth was pleased with the athlete's efforts. "This was a great way to finish the Southern Series," said Coach Doth. "The icy course on Saturday wasn't easy to race on, and then the cold, snowy conditions today threw another kink into things. All of the kids raced proved they were up to the challenge, and they raced very well."

The Southern Series Championship was the final race for the younger members of the Ruidoso Ski Team. Lexie Doth still has two more races to compete in before her season ends.

DODGER

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Brooklyn was still its own city, fans had to "dodge" the trolleys that killed

scores every year if you were not careful. They started as the "Robins" and then became the "Trolley Dodgers," and in 1913 they entered the National League as the "Brooklyn Dodgers." Of course the

owner then was a scurrilous man which reminded fans of the "Artful Dodger" character in Charles Dickens famous "Oliver Twist." The press then called the team the "bums" because of the unsavory

Dickens character.

The "Brooklyn Bums" were a favorite as the rivalry of the Dodgers and NY Giants became the talk of the town during the 30s, 40s and 50s. Bob explained how he followed

Duke Snider, Jackie Robinson and the rest of the team in Brooklyn's Ebbett's Field as a kid. Bob had had enough about the Mets. "Let's print some papers," he said with his characteristic demonic smile.

By the time Cathy got back from the bathroom Bob had darted out of the bar and was stumbling across the street to the *Daily News* plant where he had worked for the past thirty years. We were in close pursuit. Bob was always an accident waiting to happen.

I could not hear as the next days paper was on huge rolls ten feet in height. Large gears turned the rolls. I went to grab Bob as he stumbled into the wall. The force of grabbing the lanky man caused me to lose my balance and I felt myself falling. I felt a sharp pinch as the huge roller hit me in the back almost pulling in my shirt as Bob jerked me away.

Within a few minutes we were down the block at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Atlantic

Avenue and Bob was sitting on a girder dangling his feet 200 feet from the train yard below. Bob pulled a beer out of his navy blue coveralls and finished his story.

"Robert Moses, the master builder, built the bridges, highways but he killed Brooklyn. Everybody thinks Walter O'Malley wanted to go to Los Angeles with the Dodgers. My father ran the concessions at Ebbett's Field. Ebbett's Field was old and outdated, and because the public transportation to Flatbush was inferior attendance was down even while we made it to the playoffs. O'Malley wanted to build a new stadium right here."

Bob was looking downward. I realized that Flatbush and Atlantic would have been a perfect location. Still, I was concerned that Bob would fall off the girder.

"Moses wanted to give him Flushing Meadows in Queens where later in 1964 the World's Fair was held and then the Met's came there when Shea Stadium was built. Moses would not give in and Brooklyn lost big."

I would have been working for the Dodgers if things had stayed the same. O'Malley got fed up with Moses and moved the team to the West Coast.

Moses told Mayor Robert Wagner that O'Malley was bluffing, that he would never leave Brooklyn. In '57 we lost the Dodgers and Giants to California. You don't hear that every day," Bob said.

"Why do you have ink down your back?" Cathy said.

I thought back to the print rollers which nearly killed me a few minutes earlier.

I have not seen or thought about four-fingered Bob in over twenty years. In a book by Robert Caro called *The Power Broker*, a less-than-flattering view of Robert Moses was presented. Moses always got his way. While be built infrastructure that was practical and expedited traffic in the growing city; highways, bridges and tunnels, he placed them in locations that cut off whole neighborhoods; the very life blood of a city.

I wonder what would have happened to Brooklyn if the Dodgers had stayed. Brooklyn never recovered. It is a shame that the ego of a small minded, selfish man that had to win at any cost hurt the people of Brooklyn. Across America, in cities and small town alike, there are power brokers like Robert Moses that do much good but there failing is their unyielding ego.

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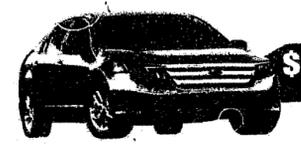
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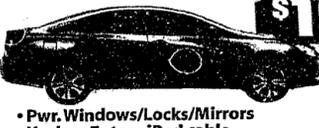
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Jessie,

This is just a short note but a very LOOOONN-NNGGGG and heartfelt thank you for the article on Joan that you had in Vamonos last Friday. We certainly hope we have a nice turnout at this Saturday's OPENING. Joan has worked on this exhibit for close to two years and it combines many different types of media. She feels that this show really combines her love of art and her college Philosophy degree. She feels the Commitment to Principle and the Servant Leadership that Joan of Arc demonstrated way back in the early 1400's could still be a great role model for many of today's world leaders as well.....

Warren Malkerson
Carrizozo, NM

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Julie:

Don't know how we will do at State FFA CDE's. Been a rough season. We may peak just right. You never know. I feel like we worked hard but the distractions have been hard to overcome. We have some fine seniors making their final appearance at state and some incredible younger students. I hope we bring home some good results. Thank you for all you do for our programs and our kids.

Mike Gaines
Carrizozo FFA Advisor

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Ms. Carter:

My friend, Martha Proctor, often sends your articles on to me and I've enjoyed every one of them! The one she sent today, "Hug An Old-Timer Today," is my top favorite, though, because one of those old-timers sitting up in heaven watching the fat cattle in the green pastures is my dad, Raymond Fitzgerald. He was an example of those noble traits you wrote about and he taught me those lessons plus one about "Never turn your back on the herd," which got me through a long career as a school teacher. I miss that old-timer and would give anything if I could give him a hug today.

Thanks for sharing your experiences, keep those good articles coming, and God bless.

Donley (Kate) O'Brien

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Julie:

Heck Julie you don't even need a photo with this wonderful true life story. Only in ones imagination, but of course do it for those who need both Imagination and understanding. As your put it in a way for all to understand. Don't think any one could have done better. Great work!!! Keep it up.

John (Sparky) Eastlake
Colorado Springs, CO

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Ms. Carter:

I have known guys like this all my life... when I was a kid I always wanted to spend my time with these guys... my grandma Betty Camper always said I never grew up I was jerked up a horseback lol! I truly hope some day the young people think of me that way! This article truly put a lump in my throat thinking of the old timers of the past and present! Thank you for your words and outlook on cowboys, keep up the good work!

Blayke Cardenas,
Westcliffe, CO

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Julie:

Every once in a while, you do hit a golden 'lick' with that pen! This is one of those times! How true the thoughts and lessons that you have shared with us! I've printed this page and will put it on my wall with a little frame, I think! Good words to live by, to remember each morning and to be reminded again each evening...

...Our time is short here now, and should not be wasted!

Bobby Hettinga,
Ruidoso & Las Cruces

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Julie:

Just wanted to say "GREAT" for socially disadvantaged cowboy. At the ripe young age of 69, I find myself to fit that category as good as ever. My wife and I can make beautiful music together whether we are on the dance floor or singing and play a favorite gospel song at church. We do quite well, if I do say so myself.

To me, what is so very sad is the fact that this wonderful country is WWAAY too far from her Agricultural roots. It is a damn shame that most/all of those, umm, good folks have not had the privilege of smelling like a burning cow turd, chopping a rattlesnake into several pieces, thawing pipes with heated natural material, or putting up with mud on a clean floor. My sweet wife has - and still does - put up with all of those things as well as my favorite dog or 3 helping me track in fresh "stuff" from the corral.

I enjoyed your story.

Jim Culberson,
Arizona

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POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. Diocese of Las Cruces was in Carrizozo on March 30, for an official Episcopal visit to Santa Rita Catholic Church. Representatives of Capitan's Sacred Heart and Corona's St. Theresa mission churches were at the event. Mass was celebrated with Fr. Tony Basso and Bishop Ramirez. This was followed by a potluck supper at the parish hall. After the potluck, Bishop Ramirez, with the aid of a diocesan assistant and a power point presentation, reviewed survey highlight responses with the parishioners. Leaders at each of the churches were recognized. He offered support and suggestions.

Visiting to say 'thank-you'

Greetings from the Ozarks in southern Missouri. Over the next few days, we will be visiting friends from the past.

In prayer, a few weeks ago, it was laid on my heart to go to all the men and women who served with me in my ministry and thank them for their faithful service.

I suppose you could call this my "bucket list."

Believe me, I have not received divine communication that I am going to be called home. But I am going to enjoy seeing my former associates in the ministry and give them a well-deserved "Thank You!" for their faithful service to the Lord with me.

No! I am not visiting all of them in one trip. There are more than 45 of them and they are scattered over the nation. On this trip, I will visit Hal and Penny Graves in Rogers, Arkansas, and Bruce and Cindy Edwards in Mansfield, Texas. Over the next few years, by God's grace, I will take trips to see all of them. There will be reminiscing of days past and a heartfelt appreciation for the years of service together.

INVITATION

The public is invited to the First Christian Church as the Rev. Ryan Arnold is installed as senior minister at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 10. The Rev. Charlotte Hoppe, Tres Rios Area Minister, will lead the installation worship service.

Plan to stay after the service for a reception in the fellowship hall.

As I was thinking about this project, I realized just how many dedicated men and women with whom it has been my privilege to serve in the ministry of the Gospel.

And I realized that I never thanked them as much as I should have.

So my "bucket list" is one of going, seeing, and thanking a group of people who have been important to the ministry to which God called me.

They all had gifts, talents, and abilities that I did not possess. But together, we formed a team of servants to the Lord and His church to get 'er done.

The visit to Hal and Penny was full of remembering the past and catch-

ing up on their children. Their oldest daughter is working with YWAM on a mission to Muslims in North Africa. Their youngest is getting married this summer and will live with her husband in Colorado Springs. The girls were six and four when I first met them.

Bruce was one of my students at Lanier High School in Austin, Texas, back in the '70s.

Both of their sons, Zachary and Jonathan are ministers, like their dad. Bruce pastors the Gateway Baptist Church in Mansfield, Texas. Their daughter, Kelly, is getting married in the summer.

There are others that Alice and I will visit in the times ahead. Seeing their continued dedication and service to the Lord and his church gives me help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clary-fications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

Let hope lead you away from loneliness

Q: I'm divorced and never remarried. My parents are deceased and my two children are grown. I've recently relocated and am trying to make connections, but that's much harder to do later in life.

I'm lonely and have even started thinking this will be my lot in the afterlife. After all, if we're supposed to reconnect with our loved ones and our soul mate, who will be there for me? I'd appreciate any words of encouragement for me in this life and the next.

-D., Brooklyn, N.Y., via email



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

remarked, "Happiness is having a large, loving, close-knit family--in another city."

Try picking a charity to which you can devote your energies.

Getting out of your way by helping others may bring you both new friends and more importantly, a new purpose for your life.

Helen Keller did this for the cause of blind people. She wrote, "Many persons have the wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained

through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."

You not only have a life to live, you also have work to do. Getting involved with a church, synagogue or other religious institution could be the context for your charitable efforts, or you might get involved in a charity with a vision that's not specifically religious. Either way, you'll be bound up in that effort with other people, and that binding will strengthen you. A saying of the Masai tribe in Africa (also found in rabbinic teachings) makes this point with simple wisdom: "Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. Sticks alone can be broken by a child."

Keep your hope alive. I bless the buses from the North Shore Animal League each year that traverse the country taking animals from remote shelters to high-traffic malls so they can be adopted. On the side of one bus, I saw a cartoon by Patrick McDonnell, who draws the "Mutts" comic strip. A cat is shown cogitating. In the

first panel, the cat says, "I know what it's like to be alone in a cage ... waiting for a kindness from a stranger ... In the second panel, he continues: "You wait...and wait ... Hoping ... praying ... thinking, 'Life shouldn't be like this' ..."

In the last panel, he closes with: "You know you can do more ... Be more ... You hold onto the dream. ..You just wish someday you could share it with someone." I want you to hold onto your dream, hold onto your hope.

If you prefer Bible verses to cartoons, consider these words from the Book of Job (14:7-9): "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and its tender branches will not die. If its roots are old in the earth, even if the trunk dies in the ground, at the first scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant."

Part of holding onto that hope for me has always been holding onto God. The reason I have faith is that hell is living without hope. God loves you and wants to use you to heal the world, and in so doing, heal yourself from loneliness.

There is a rabbinic teaching, "If a person uses broken vessels, it is considered an embarrassment. But God seeks out broken vessels for his use, as it says, 'God is the healer of shattered hearts.'"

Out of your brokenness can come a wholeness that will sing to you a song that poet Emily Dickinson knew well:

"Hope is the thing with feathers;
That perches in the soul.
And sings the tune -- without the words,
And never stops at all."

Sondra Harriet Schiffman

passed away on March 29, 2011 in Roswell, NM. Memorial services for family and friends will be held at a later date in both Key West, FL., and Ruidoso, NM.

Sondra was born to Samuel Robert Silberman and Esther (Esta) Redlich Silberman on March 16, 1932 in New York, NY. She was a member of the B'nai Zion Synagogue in Key West, FL. She was the owner of Interiors Ala Mode since 1970, and a member of the following professional organizations: American Society of Interior Designers, National Society of Interior Designers, Association of Interior Design, and Interiors Design Society. She was also an eleven year member of "Ruidoso Noon Lions"; fourteen year member of Key West Lions; avid member of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County; Democratic Women of Sacramento Mountain Area; the Kidney Foundation, Los Angeles Chapter; N.O.W.; and a founding Member of Moon Mountain Conservancy in Ruidoso.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter Beth Schiffman of Studio City, CA., son Joel Schiffman of New York, NY., granddaughter Kyle Anne Schiffman of Denver, CO., brother Ira J. Silberman of Opelika, AL., and cousins Rhonda Goldstein of Jacksonville, FL. and Carole Shafner of St. Petersburg, FL.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald Jay Schiffman. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com.



A wake service for Tielson Ray Cajé, 38, of Mescalero will begin Thursday, April 7, at 6:00 PM at the Cajé residence at 684 South Tularosa Canyon Road with burial to be Friday, April 8, just a little before sunrise at the Cajé Cemetery.

Tielson passed away Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Mescalero, he was born November 16, 1972 in Mescalero and had lived at Mescalero all of his life. He was a Helitech and a Hot Shot crew member. He married Christina Hubbard on December 20, 1999 at Alamogordo.

He is survived by his wife, Christina Cajé; his mother, Leola Cajé; brother and sisters, Owen Little and his wife Gleda, Millie Cimarron and her husband Max and Heidi Cajé. He was preceded in death by his father, Erwin Little; sister, Edwina Little; niece Brandi Little; and grandmother Adeline Cajé.

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

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LINCOLN COUNTY

County schools shine at state FFA competition

JULIE CARTER
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Capitan FFA Chapter president J'Nae Wood made her school proud by topping the Wool Evaluation contest at last week's New Mexico State competition.

The Capitan Wool team placed third overall.

Corona's Landscape Design team placed second with Christy Huey landing in the No. 3 spot in the individual scoring.

The Corona Entomology team was fourth with Ethan Johnson placing fifth high in the individual scores.

Carrizozo's Livestock team placed fourth with Marshal Wilson in fourth place in the individual scores.

Carrizozo also landed a fifth place in the Meats contest.

Lincoln County was represented by FFA Chapters from Hondo, Carrizozo, Corona and Capitan.

Ag Mechanics (31 teams)

17. Capitan: Walker Bymoan, Sam Edington, Justin Owen, Layne Southard; 19. Carrizozo: Don Myers, Fernando Najera, Wade Sultemeier, Casey Vega;

Crops Evaluation (23 teams)

15. Carrizozo: Kylie Gaines, Fernando Najera, Lauren Smith, Wade Sultemeier;

Entomology (34 teams)

4. Corona #1: Troy Dial, Ally Huey, Jordan Huey, Ethan Johnson; 14.



COURTESY

Corona FFA members that attended the state contest are: Back row: l-r, Alicia Palomarez, Allysanne Huey, Ethan Johnson, Hannah Gage, Troy Dial, Cutler Cox, Sheldon McKibben, Jordan Huey. Front row: Christy Huey, Jessica Leibold, Saige Bell, Haleigh Erramouspe.

Corona #2: Cutler Cox, Hannah Gage, Christy Huey; 19. Carrizozo: Miccah Hamilton, Fernando Najera, Lauren Smith, Wade Sultemeier;

High-point individual:

5. Ethan Johnson, 17. Jordan Huey, 20. Ally Huey, Christy Huey;

Horse (48 teams)

16. Capitan: Lane Carter, Kaleb Cleckler, Bryanna Parker, Kaydn Traylor; 23. Carrizozo: Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Arturo Najera, Marshal Wilson; 40. Hondo: Jake Devine, Edwin Prudencio, Montana Prudencio;

High-point individual:

12. Kaleb Cleckler;

Horticulture Produce (47 teams)

7. Corona: Hannah Gage, Ethan Johnson, Alicia Palomarez, Judith

Torres; 15. Carrizozo #1: Kylie Gaines, Lauren Smith, Don Myers, Jacie Thornton; 30. Carrizozo #2: Emily Comstock, Dillon Najer, Jade Roper, Tiffany Vega;

High-point individual:

20. Alicia Palomarez;

Landscape Design (20 teams)

2. Corona: Ally Huey, Christy Huey, Alicia Palomarez, Judith Torres;

High-point individual:

3. Christy Huey, 8. Ally Huey, 14. Alicia Palomarez, Judith Torres;

Livestock (38 teams)

4. Carrizozo: Joel Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Arturo Najera, Marshal Wilson; 24. Capitan: Lane Carter, Kaleb Cleckler, Forrest Sweat, Kirsten Wilson; 29. Hondo: Patrick Barela, Jake Divine, Anthony Martel, Edwin



J'NAE WOOD, CAPITAN FFA

Prudencio;

High-point individual:

4. Marshal Wilson; 10. Kirsten Wilson;

Meats (21 teams)

5. Carrizozo: Joel Ferguson, Sarah Ferguson, Mason Huston; 13. Corona: Saige Bell, Cutler Cox, Troy Dial, Haleigh Erramouspe;

High-point individual:

7. Mason Huston 12.



COURTESY

Hondo FFA teams attending the state contest were, top photo, Livestock team: Patrick Barela, Jake Devine, Edwin Prudencio Anthony Martel; Middle photo, Horse team: Jake Devine, Montana Prudencio, Edwin Prudencio; Bottom photo: Wool team: Adriana Gandarilla, Lauren Gomez, Stephanie Gomez, Celena Sanchez.

Pasture and Range (22 teams)

22. Hondo: Stephen Stasiuk;

Wildlife (38 teams)

12. Capitan: Layne Southard, Wade Stearns, Kaydn Traylor, J'Nae Wood;

Wool (25 teams)

3. Capitan: Bryanna

Parker, Christian Sweat, Kirsten Wilson, J'Nae Wood; 8. Corona: Saige Bell, Haleigh Erramouspe, Jessica Leibold, Sheldon McKibben; 18. Hondo: Andriana Gandarilla, Lauren Gomez, Stephanie Gomez, Celena Sanchez; High-point individual: 1. J'Nae Wood; 6. Kirsten Wilson.

The prom or a pig sale?

It's the time of year again. Every high school in America is planning their Junior - Senior Prom and all across rural America, the pig sales are on the calendar.

"Perfect opportunity to put lipstick on a pig," one bystander chortled.

Pig and prom time is an age-old conflict of scheduling. Throw the topic out in conversation and be regaled with the memories of the many who experienced it.

One mother recalled the day her family had gone to pick up a trailer load of pigs and while in town, they stopped by the dress shop to purchase their daughter a prom dress.

Parking the pig-laden rig right in front, they traipsed into the interior of the shop, selected the gown and hurried back home.

"We got home, she got

pigs settled in, was showered and ready for her prom date by 7 p.m.," her mom said. "And, I'm sure the dress shop has never smelled the same!"

Pig sales

The ring of a cell phone could be heard just barely over the roar of the F-350 flatbed as it rolled down the highway.

"I'm on my way to a pig sale," she said loudly into the phone.

Cell phones invite callers into a rural world that

is completely foreign to many of them.

This caller was a hi-tech computer jockey working on a network of computers at an office belonging to the woman he called.

He politely tried to reason why in the world would she be going to a pig sale?

It is sometimes difficult for "regular" people to grasp the concept of live-

stock projects for FFA and 4-H youngsters that, in a few months, will be headed to the county and state fairs.

Their deductive reasoning finds no logic in driving great long distances to buy just the right pig or three of them, spending the next three months buying feed and dispensing it to said animals, knowing the odds are for losing money in the end.

The value of this effort year after year is not tangible because it really isn't about the pig.

It isn't about how much he ate, how well he showed or how many cents per pound he'll bring in August. It is all about the kid.

It is an investment in responsibility. From now until fair time, the kid will be required to daily feed, groom, exercise and clean-up after his pig.

And the most surprising part to those same amazed regular people is that the kid really does like it and so does the pig.

Something happens within a youngster when an animal becomes part of his daily life and depen-

dent upon him. Psychobabblers would call it bonding. The pig has no idea about that but he knows that the short person that shows up every day is bringing chow and some attention. That's good enough for a pig.

And the proms? Another investment in growing up except in a venue with a little more glitz and glitter. Still, the chatter will argue the conflict.

"Go with the pig sale. You've seen one girl in a dress, you've seen them all."

"The pig sale would cost less."

You can dress the kids up in tuxes and dresses with matching satin in both, send them off to a decorated ball room and serve them punch from a crystal bowl.

However, underneath it all, they're still the same kids who will spend a whole lot of time this year hanging at the pig pen.

God bless the wonders of rural America.

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



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COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan meeting

The village of Capitan is changing the date of the regular monthly meeting to 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 11, at Village Hall.

Pig Sale

The Carrizozo FFA Pig Sale is 2:30 p.m., April 16 at the Carrizozo FFA Ag Farm on FFA Road. There will be approximately 30-40 show pigs available for five quality breeders. Breeds available will include Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Spot and Cross. Pigs will be available for viewing at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Gray Gallacher at 575-799-0388; Bryce Dugger at 575-640-3989; Chris Barela at 575-491-7215.

Blood drive

Carrizozo Schools is hosting a United Blood Services Blood Drive, Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room.

Drop by and give a drop or two. Give the gift of life. To make an appointment, call 648-2347.

Library amnesty

April is Amnesty Month at Capitan Public Library. This means that borrowers can return those overdue items that you may have been embarrassed to return because your kids

checked them out last summer.

We will take them this month - no questions asked and no overdue fees.

The Library has limited funding to purchase items for the collection so we will be happy to have these "lost" books, DVDs, books on tape, etc. returned.

Please look around your home. The library items have a bar code on the front cover and a spine label.

Local art

The High Mesa Art Tour featuring 14 artists show casing their creations at eight locations along State Highway 37 is Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Carrizozo potter Scott Goewey and photographer Sheryl Savas will show their works in her home at 1037 Hwy 37. Support your local artists.

Tried but True Sale

The Carrizozo Woman's Club Tried but True Sale is April 15-16. Sale hours are Friday, noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Drop by the Woman's Club or visit with the 'locals' having rummage sales at their own homes as shown on maps by Rick Geary.

For more information, contact Sharon Hefker at 648-2941, Deborah Geary 648-2191 or Bonnie Soley 648-2687.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

March 28

7:13 a.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the Ruidoso Police Department to investigate a report of battery on a household member.

Freeman reports the victim, a 20-year old female from Lubbock, Texas, reported that her boyfriend had been drinking the previous evening and they began to argue about a password on a phone.

She reportedly said that he became angry and threw the television remote at her, striking her in the side of the neck, then threw a cordless phone at her, striking her on the left thigh. She reportedly said that she fell down and he threw a book at her, striking her in the face.

Freeman reports that the woman said she ran downstairs and hid in a closet for about 10 minutes. She reportedly said he found her in the closet and was still angry. When he went back upstairs, she reportedly left the house through the garage, ran down a rock driveway and up a dirt road to a neighbors house. She reported she was barefoot and Freeman reported she had cuts and scrapes on her feet.

The victim reportedly called her brother in El Paso and stayed with the neighbor, a stranger, for three hours while her brother drove to Ruidoso from El Paso. Her brother brought her to the Police Department to report the incident.

Freeman reports he went to the house on

Sandia Drive and found Floyd Linville, 28, of Lubbock, asleep in an upstairs bedroom. Freeman reported Linville smelled of alcohol.

Freeman reported Linville admitted the argument and said he didn't think it was any big deal.

Freeman arrested Linville on a charge of battery on a household member. Linville was booked and posted bond.

1:09 p.m. - Officers Larry Smith and Josh Snodgrass responded to the 200 block of Mechem Drive for a report of a domestic dispute.

Smith reports that when he arrived, there was a female walking down the stairs, crying. She reportedly said her boyfriend was upstairs, intoxicated and she had left when he went to the bathroom because she was scared of him.

Smith reports going into the apartment and finding William Beohler, 45, intoxicated. Smith arrested Beohler on a charge of battery on a household member.

According to Smith's report, Beohler resisted when Smith tried to handcuff him, so Smith and Snodgrass took Beohler to the ground to handcuff him.

Magistrate Court set Beohler's bond at \$3,000.

March 29

2:21 p.m. - Officer Larry Smith responded to a daycare for a report of a battery.

The victim reportedly told Smith that Jaqueline Benavides, 30, had come to

her place of work to talk about some personal issues they had and alleged that Benavides had struck her on the side of the face.

A witness reportedly said that the two women grabbed each other by the arm, but there were no blows.

Smith issued Benavides a non-traffic citation to Municipal Court on a charge of battery.

3:20 p.m. - Corporal Aaron Frost reported that he was traveling south in the 300 block of Mechem and spotted Louis McCallister, 22, walking with another man. Frost reportedly knew there was an arrest warrant outstanding on McCallister.

Frost reports dispatch confirmed that there were three outstanding warrants for McCallister.

Frost turned around and returned to the area, but did not see McCallister. He reports that he then observed McCallister exiting Thriftway, unwrapping a corndog.

Frost reportedly yelled "Louis" and McCallister started to approach his vehicle, then seemed to realize it was a police car and ran away toward Upper Terrace.

Officer Tillman Freeman pursued McCallister on foot, but was unable to apprehend him.

Frost filed a criminal complaint against McCallister for resisting, evading or obstructing a police officer.

March 30

1:30 p.m. - Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to the 800

block of Main Road for a reported breaking and entering.

The owner of a vacation home reported that the front door of his home had been kicked in, there were empty beer cans on the kitchen counter, the beds had been disturbed and someone had built a fire in the fireplace.

Tyson reported there were no pry marks or any other marks on the door.

April 1

5:11 p.m. - Animal Control officers Robert Simpson and Chris Eisenberg responded to Hart Street for a report of dogs running loose.

Simpson reported that the neighbors reported the dogs acting aggressive.

Simpson reported they encountered Robin DePalma, 45, of Hart Street looking for her dogs. Simpson reported he had cited DePalma for one of her dogs running loose March 22.

DePalma reportedly said she was reluctant to turn the Pit Bulls over to the Humane Society for fear they would be "put down." She said she would turn them over to the "no-kill" shelter in Alamogordo.

Simpson reports that he cited DePalma for dogs running loose but told her that if she provided proof that she turned the dogs over to the shelter in Alamogordo, he would dismiss this latest charge.

April 3

10:14 a.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman respond-

\$500 and a lecture

HAROLD OAKES
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Two Ruidoso residents, cited for improperly handling fire, appeared in Municipal Court this week and were fined and lectured.

Ruidoso Police officer Steve Corbin cited Nathaniel Mays for throwing a cigarette out a vehicle window on Sudderth Drive May 26 and officer Larry Smith cited Juan Hildalgo for building a fire in a fire pit in his back yard on Second Street April 2.

Both pleaded guilty.

Judge Beverly Rankin ordered Mays and Hildalgo to each pay a \$471 fine and \$29 in court costs, for a total of \$500.

Rankin also suspended a 90-day jail sentence for each man and told them that if they were convicted again, she would make them serve 90 days in jail.

ed to Travel Lodge on Highway 70 for a report of a larceny.

A female guest, who paid for her room in cash, reportedly stole a blanket, ice bucket, room tray, basket and three pillows, total valued \$98, from a room.

April 4

10:53 a.m. - Corporal Mike Weaver responded to Best Western Ruidoso Inn on Camelot Way for a report of a missing engagement ring.

Weaver reports the woman said she removed the ring to wash her hands in the hospitality area and forgot the ring.

When she returned a short time later, she said the ring was gone.

The desk clerk reportedly said she did not see anyone else in the area.

The woman's ex-fiancé reportedly called Weaver to say that, since they were no longer engaged, the ring belongs to him, if it is found.

3:33 p.m. - Officers

Curtis Rodgers and Larry Smith responded to the 100 block of Cedar Place for a 911 hang up.

Rodgers reports that while Smith interviewed the man who answered the door, he reportedly found a 35-year old female in the back bathroom, bleeding from her head.

Rodgers reported there was a large hole in the bathroom door, indicating that it had been kicked open.

Rodgers placed Stanton C. Chelciu, 31, in investigative detention and reports that Chelciu then admitted that he threw a medicine bottle that struck his girlfriend in the head.

Rodgers reports EMS transported the woman to the hospital where she received five or six staples to close the wound.

Rodgers arrested Chelciu on a charge of aggravated battery on a household member.

Bond was set at \$7,500 and Chelciu was transported to Lincoln County Detention Center.

Readers Share Their Favorite

Coupon Coups

By Jill Cataldo

CTW Features

I love hearing how my readers use Super-Couponing to cut their grocery bills. I'd like to share some of their favorite tips:

On stocking up:

"One of the hardest things for me to understand at first was buying not what we need this week, but what we will need for the next weeks to months. Since I started couponing your way, I notice how much prices can vary on the same item. A jar of peanut butter can go from \$1.49 to \$2.99. I held onto my \$1 coupons and bought four jars when the price hit \$1.49, so I paid \$1.96 for four jars. That is less than the cost of one jar at regular price - and I have four! I remember back to the day when I used to pay whatever the price was. Now, the thought that I would have paid \$11.96 for the same four jars of peanut butter sickens me a little. I didn't realize how much money I was wasting by not stocking up even a little bit."

"People who write to you saying they don't want to stock up because they don't want too many groceries in the house need to realize they are really saying 'I don't mind paying 200 percent or more than I have to for my groceries.' I hope these people never complain about the price of things. I have noticed even if you don't use coupons, stocking up a little when prices are low



can save two-thirds or more. This week dish detergent is \$1 a bottle but is usually \$2.99. I could buy three bottles for what one costs when it isn't on sale. Of course I used three \$1 coupons and got all three free!"

On thinking small:

"Your tip about buying the smallest-sized packages of items is such a great one. I used to just grab the big boxes of cereal thinking I wouldn't have to buy it as often. But now I really watch the sizes. One of my favorite cereals is on sale this week, \$1.99 for the smaller size and \$3.79 for the bigger. I had a \$1 coupon. Comparing ounces in each box, it was a better value to buy the small box for 99 cents after the coupon because the cost was less per ounce of cereal."

"Pretty often I find \$1 coupons in the newspaper inserts good for any size of a certain brand of laundry detergent. If I am stocked up, I buy the smallest size of this detergent, a one-load travel size. It sells for \$1, so it's free with the coupon. Before, I would have tossed these coupons out if I didn't need detergent but now I always look for the smallest size and see if

it might be free. I find deals on quite a few travel size items with \$1 coupons because they are usually priced at \$1."

"I had a coupon good for a free box of facial tissues with the purchase of any cough and cold relief product. I found a small box of cough drops for 99 cents and then got the tissues free with the coupon, though they were also priced at 99 cents. I needed the tissues anyway, but now I got the cough drops free with them."

"I had a coupon for a brand of skincare products that said "Buy any bar of soap, get a bottle of body wash free." I looked in the trial size aisle and found the bar of soap for 97 cents. The body wash was \$4.97 so I got that free and both were less than a dollar!"

I have more great tips from readers that I'd like to share with you next week. If you have favorite tips or savings stories to share, remember that you're always welcome to send them my way. Email them to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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

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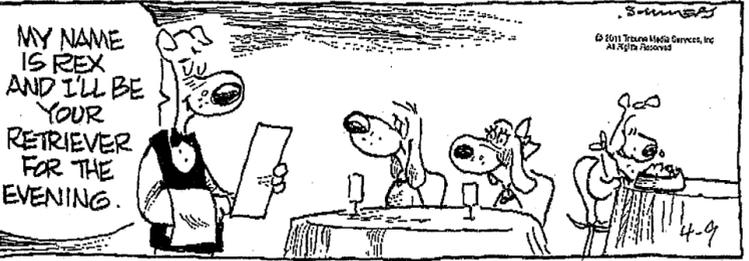
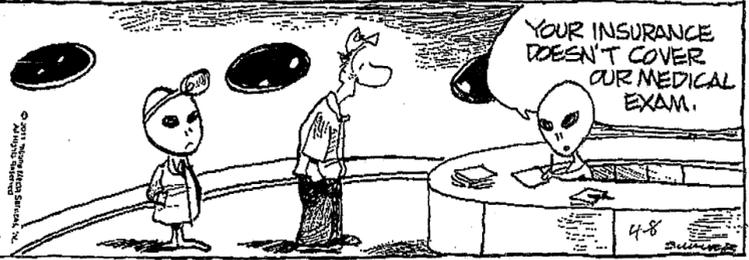
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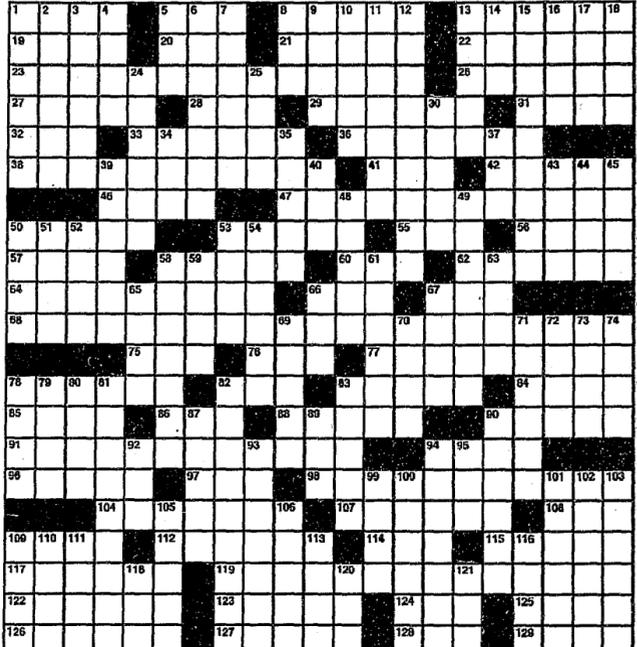
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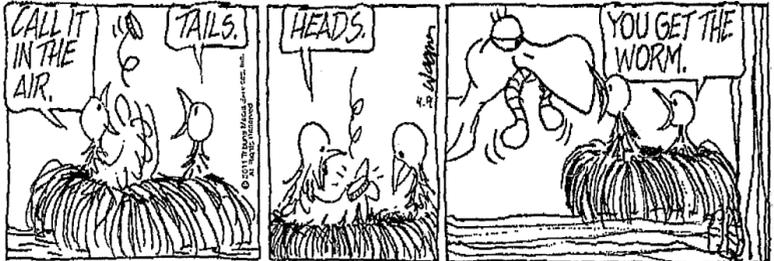
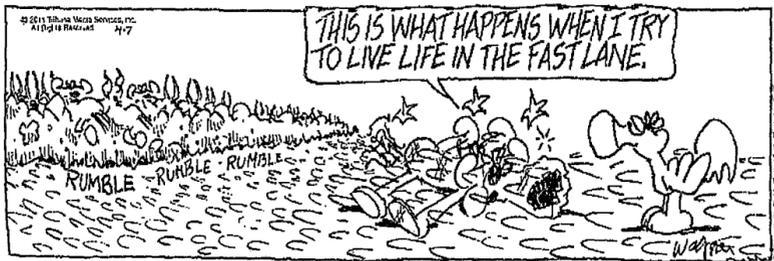
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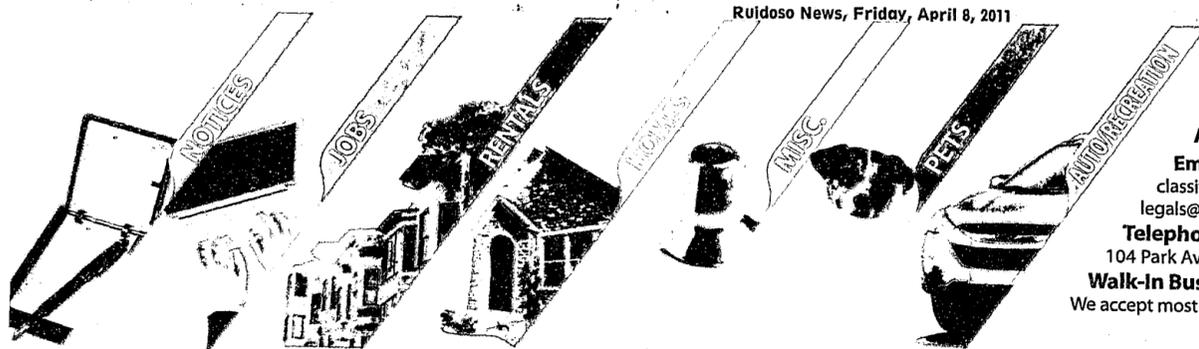
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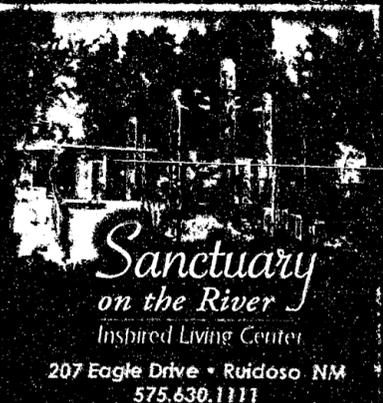
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"District Audit Services"
DUE: Wednesday, April 20, 2011

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All proposals submitted must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope with the Proposal Number, Date, and Time of Opening. If the proposal is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Proposal" along with the Proposal Number. Proposals should be sent or hand-delivered to Lakes Water & Sanitation District, P.O. Box 750 (Drive), Alto, New Mexico 88345 by 2:00 P.M. local time, Wednesday, April 20, 2011. Proposals will not be publicly opened. Proposals received after that date and time will be returned unopened.

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and the above-described Manufactured Home to pay the such as Stipulated and Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure and Appointment of Special Master referred to the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the total amount of \$88,042.12, including interest to the date of the Foreclosure Sale. A such sale, the Plaintiff may become the purchaser of the property being sold, or part thereof, and may apply all or part of the bid, should it be the highest bidder. The Special Master's discretion, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled. In the event of the Special Master is unable to conduct the sale when scheduled, the Special Master may designate a successor to act as Special Master for the purpose of the sale. Without further notice, the said successor may conduct the sale as necessary.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, wishes to inform all interested parties that a public hearing will be held:

Date: April 25, 2011
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Place: City Hall Hubbard Room
Address: 123 Downs Drive Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico

Purpose: DISCUSSION and CONSIDERATION for the re-zoning of rezoning and re-plot of property located at 26711 S 72nd NW 1/4 and part of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, T11N, R14E, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 29, 2011.

Meetings are open to the public and all persons will have opportunity to make written and/or verbal comments at this time.

I certify that notice of the Public Hearing has been given in compliance with Section 10-151 through 10-157, N.M.S.A. and Resolution 2011-01 if you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, interpreter, qualified sign language interpreter, or other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend, participate in the hearing or meeting. Please contact the Planning and Zoning Commission at 378-378-3422 at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

Steve Dunigan
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12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN
CASE NO: DM11-26
ROSE ANN CLEMENT vs. ALFORD LEE CLEMENT
Respondent
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ALFORD LEE CLEMENT
GREENING: You are hereby notified that Rose Ann Clement, the above-named Plaintiff, has filed a civil action against you in the above-captioned court and cause, the general object of which is to dissolve the marriage between Plaintiff and yourself. Unless you enter your appearance in this case within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you. The first date of publication is April 8, 2011.

Rose Ann Clement
PO Box 833
Ruidoso, NM 88355
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WITNESS the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 7th day of April 2011.

/s/ Jolene Bridges
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
GREEN TREE SERVING LLC vs. WILLIAM T. JOINER, MARLENE JOINER, aka Andrea M. JOINER, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NEW MEXICO, a National Banking Association, BRF COMMITTEES BANCO ESTADOS, MARCI JOINER and NEW MEXICO REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION, INC.
Defendants.
NO. CV 2010-394
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- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN RUIDOSO**
Fr. Fred Griffin, Priest
25974 Highway 70
Ruidoso, NM. For more information, call Char Jagoe @ 257-1561
- Mescalero Family Worship Center**
Pete J. Luna, Sr. Pastor
Elden D. Stiffy, Assoc. Pastor
464-4741
- First Assembly of God**
El Paso Rd, Ruidoso
257-2324.
Rev. E. Thomas Kearns, Pastor.
- BAPTIST Canaan Trail Baptist**
Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Capitan. Roland Burnett, Pastor.
- First Baptist Church**
270 County Club Dr, Ruidoso, NM 88345.
(575) 257-2081.
- First Baptist Church**
Ruidoso Downs. Randy Widener, Pastor.
- First Baptist Church**
Tinnie, Bill Jones, Pastor.
- Mescalero Baptist Mission**
Mescalero.
- Ruidoso Baptist Church**
126 Church Dr, Palmer Gateway, Wayne Joyce, Pastor.
- BAHA'I FAITH Baha'i Faith**
Meeting in members' homes.
257-2987 or 258-5595
- BUDDHIST Buddhism of the Lotus Sutra**
George Brown
257-1569
- CATHOLIC St. Eleanor Catholic Church**
Ruidoso. 257-2330.
Reverend Al Galvan.
- St. Theresa Catholic Church**
Corona. Sunday Mass: 6 p.m.
- St. Joseph's Apache Mission**
Mescalero. Father Paul Botenhagen, OFM.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Benf. Father Larry Gosselin.
- CHRISTIAN Christian Community Church**
127 Rio Corner W/Eagle, Mid-town.
For more information call: 378-7076
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**
1211 Hull Road Ruidoso
575 258-4250
Senior Minister Ryan Arnold

- CHURCH OF CHRIST Gateway Church of Christ**
415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381.
- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS Church of Jesus Christ LDS**
Ruidoso Ward, 1091 Mechem Bishop Jon Ogden, (575) 258-1253 or (575) 258-1253.
- Church of Jesus Christ LDS**
Mescalero Branch, 671-4630, Wayne King, President, 575-434-0622.
- EPISCOPAL Church of the Holy Mount**
121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso. Rev. Judith Burgess Rector 257-2356. Website: www.eccl.us
- St. Anne's Episcopal Chapel**
in Glencoe.
- EVANGELICAL THE LIGHTHOUSE**
Christian Fellowship church, 1035 Mechem Dr. 258-2539
- FULL GOSPEL Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Int'l.**
K-BoB's Hwy. 70 in Ruidoso. Ron Rice, 354-0255, e-mail fgbmf@ruidoso-online.com
- Mission Fountain of Living Water**
San Patricio
- JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Ruidoso-Kingdom Hall**
1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 257-7714.
- Congregacion Hispana de los Testigos de Jehova**
1102 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095.
- JEWISH / HEBREW Kehilla Bat-Tzion & Hebrew Learning Center, Inc.-2204**
Sudderth Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 575-257-0122.
- LUTHERAN Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**
1120 Hull Rd. 258-4191
shlcruidoso.org
Thomas Schoech, Pastor.
- METHODIST Community United Methodist Church**
Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank, Todd Salzwedel, Pastor.
- PENTECOSTAL Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly.**
Retired Pastor and author Harry A. Peyton
- Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church of Ruidoso**
613 Sudderth Dr. Unit D. Pastor, Art Dunn, Youth Pastor, Nathaniel Dunn. Free home Bible studies.
- PRESBYTERIAN First Presbyterian Church**
101 Suttoon Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220. Tony Chambliss - Pastor. www.ruidosopies.com
- Ancho Community**

- Presbyterian Church Corona United Presbyterian Church**
Nogal Presbyterian Church
Reverend Bill Sebring.
- REFORMED CHURCH Mescalero Reformed**
Mescalero. Bob Schurt, Pastor.
- SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist**
207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161. Pastor Bill Kasper 575-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Maya 575-937-4487.
- UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,**
Call 336-2170 or Call 257-8912 for location.
- NON-DENOMINATIONAL American Mission Fellowship**
Rick Smith, 682-2999. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org
- Calvary Chapel**
127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915. Pastor John Marshall.
- CASA DE ORACION**
Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (575) 257-6075. Pastor: Carlos & Gabby Carreon. *All Services are
- Grace Harvest Church**
1108 Gavilan Canyon Rd, 336-4213.
- Iglesia Bautista "Vida Eterna"**
Pastor Rev. Ramon Robledo, 207 East Circle, Ruidoso
- Evangelistic Assembly Church.**
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(south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044, Mel Gnafkowskl, pastor 808-0607
- Mountain Baptist Church**
Independent-Fundamental
KJV, 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (575) 937-4019
- CATHOLIC Sacred Heart Catholic Church**
Capitan, 354-9102.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST Capitan -**
Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister.
- EPISCOPAL Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln**
- FOURSQUARE Capitan Foursquare Church**
Highway 48, Capitan. Harold W. Perry, Pastor.
- METHODIST Capitan United Methodist Church**
Pastor Jean Riley and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist. White Oaks and Third in Capitan. 575-648-2846.
- NAZARENE Angus Church of the Nazarene**
Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032. Rick Hutchison Pastor.
- NON-DENOMINATIONAL Christ Community Fellowship**
Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458. Ed Vinson, Pastor.

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD Carrizo Community Church (A/G)**
Barbara Bradley, pastor. Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth.
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Hayden Smith, Pastor.
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648-2853. Father Franklin Eichhorst.
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Perry Zumwalt, minister. Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
- EPISCOPAL St. Mathias Episcopal Chapel**
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street.
- METHODIST United Methodist Church Parish**
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846. Carrizozo. Johanna Anderson, pastor.
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Sales/Agents 252 HELP WANTED ART GALLERY SALES POSITION Sales experience preferred. Must be able to work Tuesday thru Saturday. Please send resume to PO Box 1310, Ruidoso, NM 88355. 505-667-8811/8812.com

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Heavy & Medium Duty Trucks 910 Dodge Ram '96 auto, 4x4, 1hr, pwr, f, w/c, 1-866-614-9328/Rainbow 915-778-8888 Barnett

Sport Utility 912 Buick Enclave '10 CXL 1hr, pwr, f, w/c, 1-866-614-9328/Rainbow 915-778-8888 Barnett

Auto For Sale 917 Dodge Ram 3500 '97 A/C, 12 passengers, We Fin. 915-629-0079 Barnett

Finance Liberty Finance looking for a reliable outgoing individual with strong customer service skills & attention to details required. Must have all certifications required to be a life guard. Salary dependent upon experience. Complete job description and applications are available at town of Carrizozo City Hall, 400 9th Street, P.O. Box 247, Carrizozo, NM 88301. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

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Mobile Home Rental 308 167 Yellow Pine, Newer 2 bd, 2 ba mobile home w/wview, w/d hookup, \$600/mo. + util. \$450 dep. & lease. No pets. 575-937-2494

Homes - General 412 For sale or trade for house in Ruidoso, Las Cruces, NM has of 1000 sq ft, close to golf course, 3bd, 2.5bth, partly furnished. A fenced area has security cameras appraised at \$360,000. 575-922-6427 or landline 647-4669.

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Ford F250 '08 XL s/cab, 4x4, auto, \$13950 915-630-5774 Mowad

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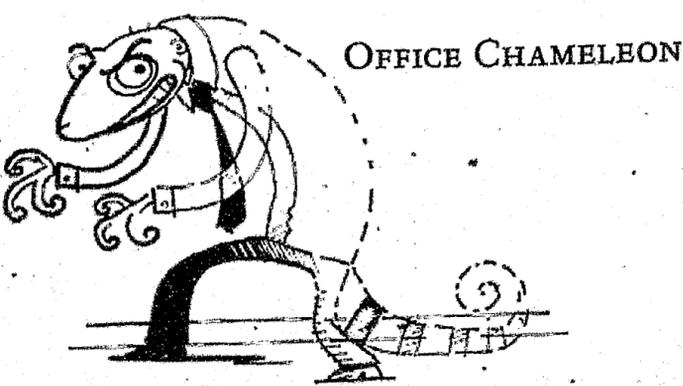
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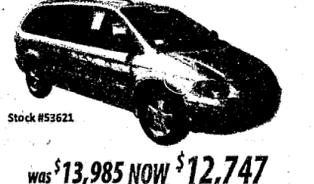
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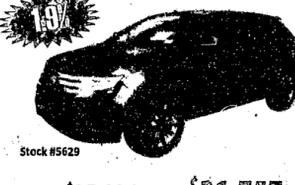
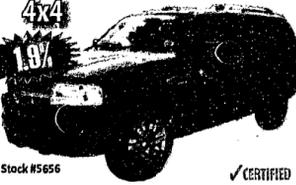
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