

# RUIDOSO NEWS

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## Rally zooms out of the Downs

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The fall motorcycle rally will not be held in Ruidoso Downs this year. It is moving to the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

"The Golden Aspen Rally is moving to the Inn," Rally organizer Patrick Pearson said. "The Aspen Cash will be at the (Ruidoso) Convention Center, as always."

The Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, held in September, has been held at the Sports Arena at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack.

"We went to Jean Stoddard and Ann McGovern, when she was there, and looked at some different alternatives,"

### Fall motorcycle rally, the largest of two annually, heads to the reservation

Pearson said. Stoddard is the current general manager at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack and McGovern was the previous GM who resigned last fall.

"We looked at using the Valet Parking area, leveling that area off, and looked at the area where they have the Cowboy Symposium, leveling that off, but the cost was really prohibitive."

Pearson said the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally had moved to the Sports Arena from the Racetrack and Casino parking lot because of issues with water draining through the area.

"I met with Mr. (R.D.) Hubbard and he was very open about everything," Pearson said. Hubbard is the majority owner of Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. "There weren't any bad feelings or anything. The last thing we got from Jean Stoddard is 'The doors are open.' If this doesn't work out, we can go right back."

Pearson said he also met with Ruidoso Downs City Clerk Carol Virden.

"She expressed the concerns of the mayor, gross receipts tax and all that," Pearson said. "But we have got to grow it." Growth, asphalt and concrete the main

reasons Pearson cited for the move.

"For the last few years we have been dealing with a dust issue and we had complaints from our larger venues - one of them is J&M Sound, which is a sound system that comes in with a semi - and basically they won't come back as long as the dust is an issue."

Golden Aspen has put tarps around a building without sides and put carpet on the dirt to form the Vendor Sales area for the past nine years.

"We have tried a lot of different things," Pearson said. "We've done carpet, we've done plastic with carpet. With the foot traffic on Saturday, it makes it difficult."

"Some of our riders have began watch-

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### ALL DRESSED UP



Capitan students headed to prom Saturday night paused for a photo in front of Mescalero Lake after dining at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. L-r Dustin Blowers, Jamie Fields, Chris Olmstead, Dani Jones, Colorado Romero, Kersti Davis, Haden Williams, Maritza Nava, Rudy Chavez, Maribel Villegas, Adrian Garcia.

## LCMC debate can't schedule appointment

County commissioners halt discussion on hospital finances and management

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The majority of Lincoln County commissioners made it clear Tuesday that they're not interested in any public debate over the finances and management of the county hospital in Ruidoso.

As Commissioner Kathryn Minter, who took office in January with Commissioner Mark Doth as new members of

the board, struggled to explain why she is seeking more information, the conversation was cut short on a motion by Commissioner Jackie Powell, who proposed that the commission accept all the information gathered by County Manager Tom Stewart.

The data included the lease of the Lincoln County Medical Center to Presbyterian Healthcare Services; a management contract with the same firm to handle the hospital, the county ambulance service and most of the rural health care clinics; the amount of revenue generated by a voter approved special property

tax; and other pertinent hospital-related documents.

"And if one or two of the commissioners want a full day of this kind of education, that's fine, but I see no reason to go there," Powell said. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Tom Battin while members of the hospital's Community Board, its chairman Gary Mitchell and Hospital Administrator Al Santos watched from the audience.

Although Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo agreed that public money is allocated to the hospital in that special "mill levy" property tax, she insisted.

"The money they receive is not for them, it's for our people and was approved by the people. They passed it and that tells me the people want this hospital."

Minter replied that she's not advocating the county sell the hospital.

Battin, formerly on a hospital foundation board, said he is "sensitive" about attacks on the hospital, because he's convinced the county has the highest quality of care and none of the money goes to Presbyterian.

"After Presbyterian gave us

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## Chamber director resigns

Sandi Aguilar leaves after controversial term

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A letter of resignation was submitted Tuesday by Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sandi Aguilar. The chamber's executive board Wednesday accepted the resignation.

Incoming chamber board president Anne Reveley said the resignation came out of the blue.

"There is no bad will, either on the board's side or Sandi's side," Reveley said. "And I think it's very pleasant, very happy."

Reveley said she believed Aguilar wanted to look at other options.

"It was time to move on and explore some new opportunities for me and my family," Aguilar said in a prepared statement released by the chamber. "I have enjoyed my time at the chamber and being a part of an organization that has such a positive effect on the community."

Aguilar was expected to take paid administrative leave for the remainder of her contract which goes into June. Her last day at the chamber was anticipated to be Friday, Reveley said.

"We have told her it is perfectly fine with us," Reveley said of



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# THE COMMUNITY PAGE

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beverages will be provided. The event is a chance for constituents to meet their 2nd Congressional District representative.

## Fischmann speaks

At the April 16 meeting of the Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountains Area, with members from Lincoln and Otero Counties in attendance, guest speaker State Senator Steve Fischmann from Senate District 37 provided his perspective on the just-completed 2011 session of the New Mexico legislature. He noted that his viewpoint is shaped by a career in business, and embraces fiscal conservatism.

Senator Fischmann termed the 2011 session productivity "disappointing", much of the action "political theater" rather than focused on solving problems for New Mexicans.

He observed that the real foundation of economic development is not tax breaks but a competent, educated workforce. Accordingly, a particular interest of Senator Fischmann is education, and he serves on the Senate Education Committee. He voiced support for the Secretary of Education nominee, Hanna Skandera, - at least on the subject of education.

Senator Fischmann reported that in New Mexico, an average of approximately \$360,000 per classroom per year is spent of combined federal and state funds. If the teacher of that classroom is paid \$50,000 (possibly \$70,000 with benefits), where does the rest of the money go, he queried. The expenditure in some districts is \$28,000 per pupil, on the

other end, some districts spend \$6000.

He described an irony generated by Republican demagoguery on taxes. The NM unemployment fund is close to going broke. A bill was introduced to temporarily double the levy on businesses; the alternative was a federal requirement that would quadruple the levy on businesses if a certain level was breached. The NM business community recognized that it was in their best interest to support the bill and did so. Nevertheless, the governor vetoed the bill.

He introduced SB 52, "Electronic copies of Public Records"; it prohibits agencies from charging those requesting copies of records more than it actually costs to provide them. Since the majority of records these days are in electronic form, cost is minimal. SB 52 passed both houses unanimously.

## Pearce to speak

Congressman Steve Pearce will attend a Rotary meeting in Ruidoso on Tuesday, April 26th. The meeting will be held at noon at Cree Meadows Country Club, at 301 Country Club Drive.

Congressman Pearce plans to discuss the ongoing budget and federal funding negotiations in Congress, the national debt, and jobs in New Mexico. He also plans to address the proposed listing of the Sand Dune Lizard as an endangered species. This listing would have a devastating effect on jobs and economic growth across southeastern New Mexico.

Congressman Pearce will also answer questions from attendees. The visit is part of a two-week district work period during which Mr.

Pearce is meeting with constituents and providing updates on his work in Washington.

For more information about the meeting, telephone 1-855-4-PEARCE, (1-855-473-2723).

## Corrections

Rhonda Burroughs, Lincoln County Clerk, will be the featured speaker at the April meeting of the

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. The meeting is Monday, April 25, at 11:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a sack lunch. For more information: 430-7258.

Also, off-site adoption of humane society animals is on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at IGA Lawrence Brother's parking lot.

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### OUR OPINION

## Invocation by school board unnecessary

Prayer also is a matter of silence

The Ruidoso Municipal School Board is considering an invocation to open its monthly meetings.

Sentiment on the board, however, seems opposed to the idea, and we agree.

The Bible essentially warns against aggrandizing in prayer, that communion with God is a private matter. This omits the possibility of hypocrisy from the matter of faith.

We can debate the role of Christianity in the founding of this nation. Obviously, it was

an underpinning of our Founding Fathers. Our fathers also were seeking freedom from organized religion.

The notion of a separation between church and state in a nation of immigrants is really a practical way of establishing religious freedom. Within that freedom is an individual's right to honor, or deny, a deity of choice. In that simple, solitary relationship, no one can abridge that right.

A moment of silence is sufficient to accomplish that.

## A retrospective, part II: Drifting into the writer's life

Lee Ann and I married in March 1972 in southern Wisconsin. She was on the fast track of a teaching career; her betrothed was scuffling to find meaningful work somewhere in the media.

That summer, Lee Ann accepted a teaching position at Antigo High School, up in the forests of northern Wisconsin. Therefore, I left a small-time radio job I had found with a station near Beloit playing Sinatra and Mel Torme on late Sunday nights.

Antigo was a lumberjack town and a perennial football power. The closest city of any size is Wausau, a paper mill center, and to Lee Ann's credit, she agreed to live there, increasing my job prospects but also necessitating hairy winter commutes.

across the snow to her new job.

It worked. I landed a position at WAOW-TV, Ch. 7, the local ABC outlet. Salary: \$5,000 a year. I ran camera on newscasts and special programs, then moved into a reporter's slot for general news assignments. I did "stand-up" filmed reports and live on-camera stories and became the Sunday night anchorman.

It was a life, you might say. Ken Thorpe, our affable, well-loved news anchor, was killed that fall in a car wreck returning home on election night. I had to sit in for him on the next evening's newscast. Never felt so inadequate.

The highlight of every week was guys-night-out poker games in the rathskeller of an employee's home. Cheap beer, cheap hands, low-brow humor.

Still, for this big-city creature, it was culture shock. I began to despise the bleak, frozen tundra, void of relevance, and I was becoming disillusioned with TV. The essence of TV news stories was lost to stage sets, Klieg lights, makeup, camera angles, producers and directors. I wanted to tell stories as a simple line of communication between you and me, a solitary exercise that required only a keyboard.

I would become a writer. I would go to the big city, where writers go, and explore. By then, at age 28, feeling

stifled, I wasn't a very good husband. After Lee Ann and I divorced in the spring of 1975 I flew south to Milwaukee.

I never heard from Lee Ann again, a regret I'll have to take with me wherever I go.

In Milwaukee I hooked up with an old flame, Kathy Reichart, a nursing student, then wound up living in a boarding house near UWM with a cast of characters: Rose, a gypsy-like figure who wore rings on every

finger and ate raw meat due to a blood disorder that eventually killed her; her "husband"

Tunji, from some African nation whom she only married to gain him citizenship; and Ron, a long-haired blond guitarist who kept a tarantula in his room. I settled in nicely.

I gravitated toward a Saturday night DJ

gig on WZMF, Menominee Falls, an "underground" free-form rock station. At a time when the daytimers had to spin wimps like Supertramp, ELO, the Knack and Kansas, I played kick-out-the-jams from Clapton, Nugent, Iggy Pop and Alvin Lee for the party-heads 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Made \$2 an hour. Loved it.

And then I approached the *Bugle-American*.

The *Bugle* was a tabloid in the mold of many alternative papers, most of them weeklies that challenged the mainstream press and intrinsically understood the counter-culture of sex-drugs-rock & roll and liberal leaning. More than that, the alternative press gave young newshounds the freedom to explore a personal style we knew as "gonzo journalism."

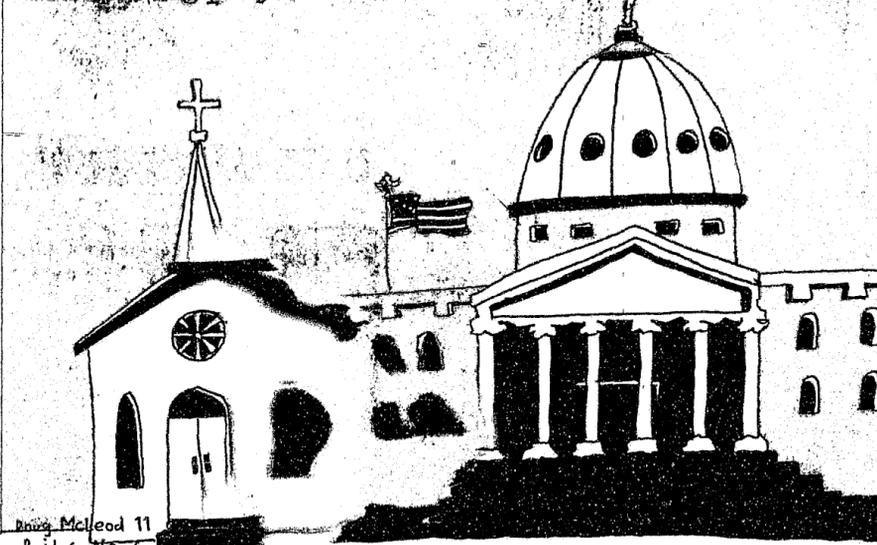
For some reason, the *Bugle's* owners, Mike and Judy Jacobi, took a flyer on the would-be writer who drifted into town from Wausau. Judy, now Teya Jacobi living in a cabin in southern Oregon, recently tracked me down on the Internet and explained in an email:

"I remember recognizing good writing when I saw it, and always liked your bluesy half hung-over semi-Hunter Thompson style. Apparently it has served you well!"

The *Bugle* had a sterling staff, but a photographer I met there merely changed my life.

Next week: Cathy Gubin

## An opening prayer at Ruidoso School Board meetings?



### YOUR OPINION

## School board has more important goals

To the editor:

IT HAS BEEN said that the separation of church and state benefits both. Many people believe it a fundamental tradition in this country.

As an alternative to prayer at government sponsored events, most local governments have a moment of silence, during which people may silently pray, meditate, or reflect. The Ruidoso School Board has followed this policy in the past.

Public prayer at government sponsored events is commonly challenged in court, both by organizations and individuals. This would force the school district to spend money to defend the policy.

In the current climate of dramatic cuts to school district budgets, this would be unacceptable.

Sometimes, in an attempt to avoid a legal challenge, local leaders adopt a narrow, prescribed formulaic prayer in hopes of not offending someone. This approach usually ends up pleasing no one as well.

Many people prefer the moment of silence because it provides the opportunity and free-

dom of their own personal spiritual expression.

When our school board members ran for office they pledged to be good stewards of the school districts budget and resources, as they should be. This policy proposal potentially is in conflict with that pledge.

As a voter who followed the election campaign, both written statements and answers to questions made at a candidate forum, I never heard discussions or statements regarding their intentions to propose this policy change.

I believe it would have been appropriate for the candidates to reveal this agenda before the election.

Ron Hardeman  
Ruidoso

To the editor:

THE RUIDOSO Municipal School Board is considering a new policy that will begin their monthly board meetings, and perhaps other public gatherings with an invocation. (*Ruidoso News*, April 15, 2011).

At least two board members have expressed their opposition

to this policy to have invocations (prayers). They cite concerns about separation of church and state, the anti establishment clause in the Constitution's first amendment. Also, biblical concerns have been cited, as The Bible gives guidance as to how, when, and where to pray.

Does the school board not have enough on its plate to adjudicate, mediate, or otherwise ossify, than to spend its time deliberating over Curt Temple's request for a Christian invocation before every board meeting?

Should the board not spend their time on promoting intellectual fecundity, sagacious management with limited funding, and creative pedagogical approaches to learning?

With more than half the world living as non-Christians, and a serious budget crisis that cannot be wished away, it may be wise for the Ruidoso School Board to spend their time on more productive pursuits, like the education of our youth instead of offering most of them a one way ticket to the knackerly.

Sarah Crewe  
Ruidoso

## The right to wear the uniform

To the editor:

AS A CONCERNED mother, I would like to set the record straight. Christopher (Corkey) Condon did not masquerade as a Brigadier General.

He is indeed a Brigadier General in the New Mexico State Defense Force (Army).

Brigadier General Jones was the in command of the NM State Defense Force at the time of his service Brigadier General Mel Lehrman signed his orders Aug. 4, 2001.

Corkey had the right to wear the uniform, but was unaware that he did not have the authority to swear someone back into the military.

Corkey's date of service was 1985-1994. Date of service in the New Mexico State Defense Force was 1995-2001.

He served in Desert Storm and was honorably discharged. There are some misconception, but he is a veteran and should be treated with respect.

He was awarded the Sliver Star for bravery, and was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame on Feb. 13, 1995. We are a very proud military family--my father, my ex-husband, my sons and grandsons, Corkey would never disgrace the uniform of the United States military.

He is honorable, respectable, and kind.

There are traits that, unfortunately, many do not possess. He has made some mistakes, but how many of us could throw the

first stone?

Sharon Condon  
Ruidoso

## Help most appreciated

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to express sincere thanks and gratitude from the bottom of my heart to all those who have helped me during the loss of my home to fire, which has been very difficult.

I have been very blessed in so many ways during this time and could not have done it without the help of family, friends, co-workers, business associates, and the entire community who have gone out of their way to help me in so many different ways.

I am so appreciative and want the community to know that there are so many wonderful people here in Ruidoso.

May God Bless you all.

Bertha Randolph  
Ruidoso Downs

## Governor's disrespect

To the editor:

IN JUST THREE short months as governor, Martinez has now twice been judged to have violated the constitution of our state. First the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled against her when she attempted to prevent the implementation of both a rule aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions and a measure which would control pollution from the dairy industry.

Now the court has ordered that two members of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board be reinstated, declaring her arbitrary removal of them to be an unconstitutional abuse of her authority. It is troubling to find a former DA acting with such disrespect for the law.

Ellen Wedum  
Cloudercroft

## Crime pays

To the editor:

WHO SAYS CRIME doesn't pay? In Lincoln County, it sure does. I pay \$674.00 yearly for vehicle registration, license and insurance. Ruidoso, Ruidoso and the state police do their jobs catching and arresting motorists who have no insurance, registration or driver's license.

The county district attorneys plea bargain everything that comes across their desks, then the three bleeding hear judges let them walk with a small fine and court costs. This procedure also applies to DWI and illegal drug possession. Then these same offenders set up a payment schedule with the courts to pay their fines, then skip the county. You will see their names again in the warrants column for failure to pay their fines.

Yes, law-abiding citizens, crime does pay in Lincoln County, and we pay the bill.

Donald W. Grab  
Nogal

# Endangered owl takes up residence in Ruidoso

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The owl with a rounded head landed on Mel Smith's railing at his home in Ruidoso's Black Forest subdivision in Upper Canyon.

"All the jays were squawking and hopping around," he said. Taking a closer look, he realized the new visitor was a Mexican spotted owl, a bird listed in 1993 as an endangered species in the United States.

"It was so much larger than the other birds," Smith said. "He sat there and slowly swiveled his head and stared at me."

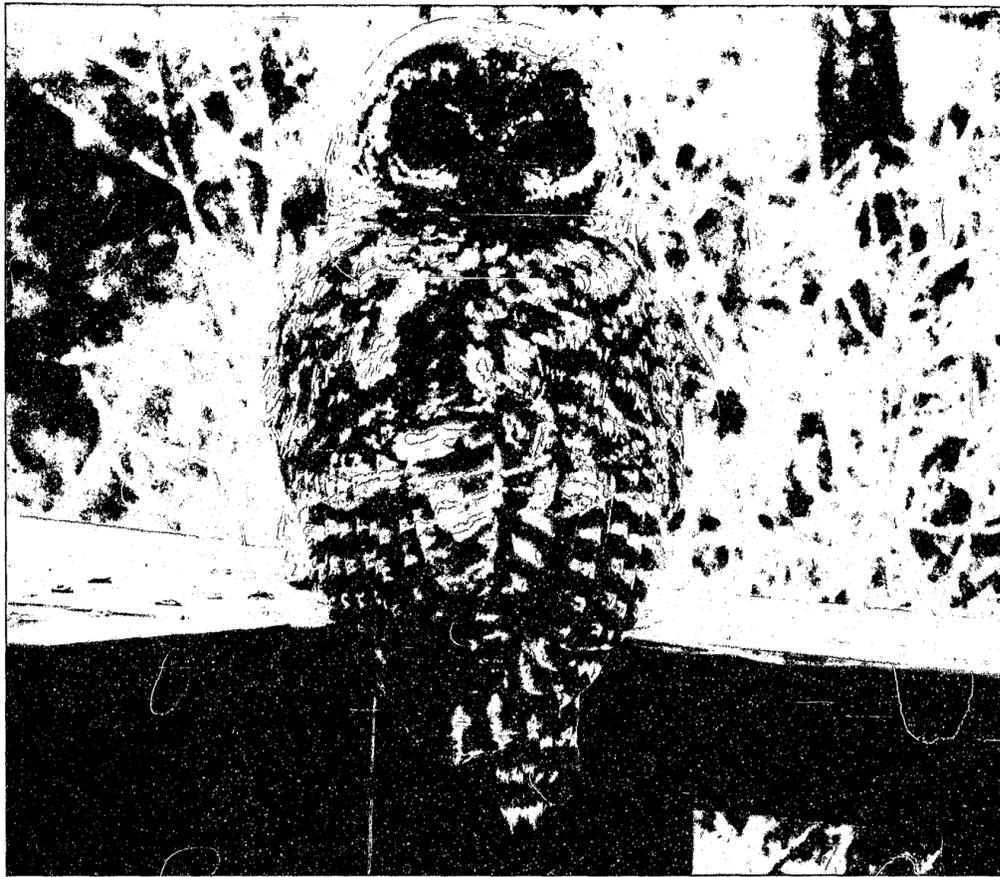
Smith took his digital camera with the photographs of the owl to the Smokey Bear District office of the Lincoln National Forest, where he said one of the foresters "was quite excited about it."

According to information from the Defenders of Wildlife, the Mexican spotted owl, scientific name of *Strix occidentalis lucida*, is one of three subspecies of spotted owl.

Although it is the smallest of the spotted owls, the species is one of the largest owls in North America, and lives in old-growth forests.

The owls reach from 16 inches to 19 inches in height, with a wingspan of 42 inches to 45 inches. They weight in at about 1.4 pounds and the males are smaller than females.

The Mexican spotted owl displays ashy-chestnut brown feathers with white and brown spots on its abdomen, back and head.



A Mexican spotted owl landed on the railing of Mel Smith's Black Forest subdivision

COURTESY MEL SMITH

The spots of Mexican spotted owls are bigger than the spots of the other two subspecies, California and Northern spotted owls, making the Mexican spotted owls appear lighter than their relatives. Their brown tails are marked with thin white bands.

They are one of the few owls that have dark colored eyes. Most owls' eyes are yellow to red-orange. They

are exclusively nocturnal hunters and eat wood rats, mice, voles, rabbits, gophers, bats, birds, reptiles and arthropods. Their life expectancy is 16 years to 17 years in the wild.

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# OPINION

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### OUR OPINION

## Invocation by school board unnecessary

Prayer also is a matter of silence

The Ruidoso Municipal School Board is considering an invocation to open its monthly meetings.

Sentiment on the board, however, seems opposed to the idea, and we agree.

The Bible essentially warns against aggrandizing in prayer, that communion with God is a private matter. This omits the possibility of hypocrisy from the matter of faith.

We can debate the role of Christianity in the founding of this nation. Obviously, it was

an underpinning of our Founding Fathers. Our fathers also were seeking freedom from organized religion.

The notion of a separation between church and state in a nation of immigrants is really a practical way of establishing religious freedom. Within that freedom is an individual's right to honor, or deny, a deity of choice. In that simple, solitary relationship, no one can abridge that right.

A moment of silence is sufficient to accomplish that.

## A retrospective, part II: Drifting into the writer's life

Lee Ann and I married in March 1972 in southern Wisconsin. She was on the fast track of a teaching career; her betrothed was scuffling to find meaningful work somewhere in the media.

That summer, Lee Ann accepted a teaching position at Antigo High School, up in the forests of northern Wisconsin. Therefore, I left a small-time radio job I had found with a station near Beloit playing Sinatra and Mel Torme on late Sunday nights.

Antigo was a lumberjack town and a perennial football power. The closest city of any size is Wausau, a paper mill center, and to Lee Ann's credit, she agreed to live there, increasing my job prospects but also necessitating hairy winter commutes

across the snow to her new job.

It worked. I landed a position at WAOW-TV, Ch. 7, the local ABC outlet. Salary: \$5,000 a year. I ran camera on newscasts and special programs, then moved into a reporter's slot for general news assignments. I did "stand-up" filmed reports and live on-camera stories and became the Sunday night anchorman.

It was a life, you might say. Ken Thorpe, our affable, well-loved news anchor, was killed that fall in a car wreck returning home on election night. I had to sit in for him on the next evening's newscast. Never felt so inadequate.

The highlight of every week was guys-night-out poker games in the rathskeller of an employee's home. Cheap beer, cheap hands, low-brow humor.

Still, for this big-city creature, it was culture shock. I began to despise the bleak, frozen tundra, void of relevance, and I was becoming disillusioned with TV. The essence of TV news stories was lost to stage sets, Klieg lights, makeup, camera angles, producers and directors. I wanted to tell stories as a simple line of communication between you and me, a solitary exercise that required only a keyboard.

I would go to the big city, where writers go, and explore. By then, at age 28, feeling

stified, I wasn't a very good husband. After Lee Ann and I divorced in the spring of 1975 I flew south to Milwaukee.

I never heard from Lee Ann again, a regret I'll have to take with me wherever I go.

In Milwaukee I hooked up with an old flame, Kathy Reichart, a nursing student, then wound up living in a boarding house near UWM with a cast of characters: Rose, a gypsy-like figure who wore rings on every

finger and ate raw meat due to a blood disorder that eventually killed her; her "husband"

Tunji, from some African nation whom she only married to gain him citizenship; and Ron, a long-haired blond guitarist who kept a tarantula in his room. I settled in nicely.

I gravitated toward a Saturday night DJ

gig on WZMF, Menominee Falls, an "underground" free-form rock station. At a time when the daytimers had to spin wimps like Supertramp, ELO, the Knack and Kansas, I played kick-out-the-jams from Clapton, Nugent, Iggy Pop and Alvin Lee for the party-heads 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. Made \$2 an hour. Loved it.

And then I approached the *Bugle-American*.

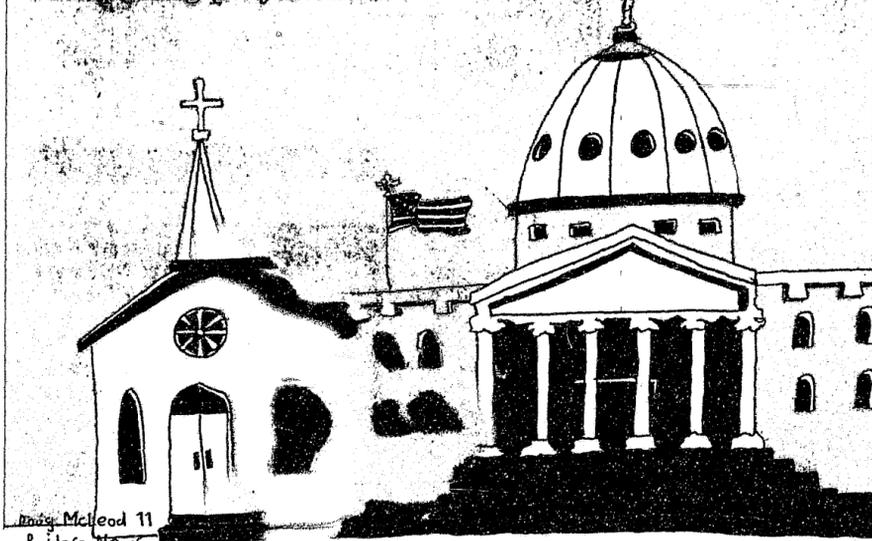
The *Bugle* was a tabloid in the mold of many alternative papers, most of them weeklies that challenged the mainstream press and intrinsically understood the counter-culture of sex-drugs-rock & roll and liberal leaning. More than that, the alternative press gave young newshounds the freedom to explore a personal style we knew as "gonzo journalism."

For some reason, the *Bugle's* owners, Mike and Judy Jacobi, took a flyer on the would-be writer who drifted into town from Wausau. Judy, now Teya Jacobi living in a cabin in southern Oregon, recently tracked me down on the Internet and explained in an email:

"I remember recognizing good writing when I saw it, and always liked your bluesy half hung-over semi-Hunter Thompson style. Apparently it has served you well!"

The *Bugle* had a sterling staff, but a photographer I met there merely changed my life. Next week: Cathy Gubin

### An opening prayer at Ruidoso School Board meetings?



### YOUR OPINION

## School board has more important goals

To the editor:

IT HAS BEEN said that the separation of church and state benefits both. Many people believe it a fundamental tradition in this country.

As an alternative to prayer at government sponsored events, most local governments have a moment of silence, during which people may silently pray, meditate, or reflect. The Ruidoso School Board has followed this policy in the past.

Public prayer at government sponsored events is commonly challenged in court, both by organizations and individuals. This would force the school district to spend money to defend the policy.

In the current climate of dramatic cuts to school district budgets, this would be unacceptable.

Sometimes, in an attempt to avoid a legal challenge, local leaders adopt a narrow, prescribed formulaic prayer in hopes of not offending someone. This approach usually ends up pleasing no one as well.

Many people prefer the moment of silence because it provides the opportunity and free-

dom of their own personal spiritual expression.

When our school board members ran for office they pledged to be good stewards of the school districts budget and resources, as they should be. This policy proposal potentially is in conflict with that pledge.

As a voter who followed the election campaign, both written statements and answers to questions made at a candidate forum, I never heard discussions or statements regarding their intentions to propose this policy change.

I believe it would have been appropriate for the candidates to reveal this agenda before the election.

Ron Hardeman  
Ruidoso

To the editor:

THE RUIDOSO Municipal School Board is considering a new policy that will begin their monthly board meetings, and perhaps other public gatherings with an invocation. (*Ruidoso News*, April 15, 2011).

At least two board members have expressed their opposition

to this policy to have invocations (prayers). They cite concerns about separation of church and state, the anti establishment clause in the Constitution's first amendment. Also, biblical concerns have been cited, as The Bible gives guidance as to how, when, and where to pray.

Does the school board not have enough on its plate to adjudicate, mediate, or otherwise ossify, than to spend its time deliberating over Curt Temple's request for a Christian invocation before every board meeting?

Should the board not spend their time on promoting intellectual fecundity, sagacious management with limited funding, and creative pedagogical approaches to learning?

With more than half the world living as non-Christians, and a serious budget crisis that cannot be wished away, it may be wise for the Ruidoso School Board to spend their time on more productive pursuits, like the education of our youth instead of offering most of them a one way ticket to the knacker.

Sarah Crewe  
Ruidoso

## The right to wear the uniform

To the editor:

AS A CONCERNED mother, I would like to set the record straight. Christopher (Corkey) Condon did not masquerade as a Brigadier General.

He is indeed a Brigadier General in the New Mexico State Defense Force (Army).

Brigadier General Jones was the in command of the NM State Defense Force at the time of his service Brigadier General Mel Lehrman signed his orders Aug. 4, 2001.

Corkey had the right to wear the uniform, but was unaware that he did not have the authority to swear someone back into the military.

Corkey's date of service was 1985-1994. Date of service in the New Mexico State Defense Force was 1995-2001.

He served in Desert Storm and was honorably discharged. There are some misconception, but he is a veteran and should be treated with respect.

He was awarded the Sliver Star for bravery, and was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame on Feb. 13, 1995. We are a very proud military family--my father, my ex-husband, my sons and grandsons, Corkey would never disgrace the uniform of the United States military.

He is honorable, respectable, and kind.

There are traits that, unfortunately, many do not possess. He has made some mistakes, but how many of us could throw the

first stone?

Sharon Condon  
Ruidoso

### Help most appreciated

To the editor:

I WOULD LIKE to express sincere thanks and gratitude from the bottom of my heart to all those who have helped me during the loss of my home to fire, which has been very difficult.

I have been very blessed in so many ways during this time and could not have done it without the help of family, friends, co-workers, business associates, and the entire community who have gone out of their way to help me in so many different ways.

I am so appreciative and want the community to know that there are so many wonderful people here in Ruidoso.

May God Bless you all.  
Bertha Randolph  
Ruidoso Downs

### Governor's disrespect

To the editor:

IN JUST THREE short months as governor, Martinez has now twice been judged to have violated the constitution of our state. First the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled against her when she attempted to prevent the implementation of both a rule aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions and a measure which would control pollution from the dairy industry.

Now the court has ordered that two members of the Public Employee Labor Relations Board be reinstated, declaring her arbitrary removal of them to be an unconstitutional abuse of her authority. It is troubling to find a former DA acting with such disrespect for the law.

Ellen Wedum  
Cloudercraft

### Crime pays

To the editor:

WHO SAYS CRIME doesn't pay? In Lincoln County, it sure does. I pay \$674.00 yearly for vehicle registration, license and insurance. Ruidoso, Ruidoso and the state police do their jobs catching and arresting motorists who have no insurance, registration or driver's license.

The county district attorneys plea bargain everything that comes across their desks, then the three bleeding hear judges let them walk with a small fine and court costs. This procedure also applies to DWI and illegal drug possession. Then these same offenders set up a payment schedule with the courts to pay their fines, then skip the county. You will see their names again in the warrants column for failure to pay their fines.

Yes, law-abiding citizens, crime does pay in Lincoln County, and we pay the bill.

Donald W. Grab  
Nogal

# Endangered owl takes up residence in Ruidoso

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The owl with a rounded head landed on Mel Smith's railing at his home in Ruidoso's Black Forest subdivision in Upper Canyon.

"All the jays were squawking and hopping around," he said. Taking a closer look, he realized the new visitor was a Mexican spotted owl, a bird listed in 1993 as an endangered species in the United States.

"It was so much larger than the other birds," Smith said. "He sat there and slowly swiveled his head and stared at me."

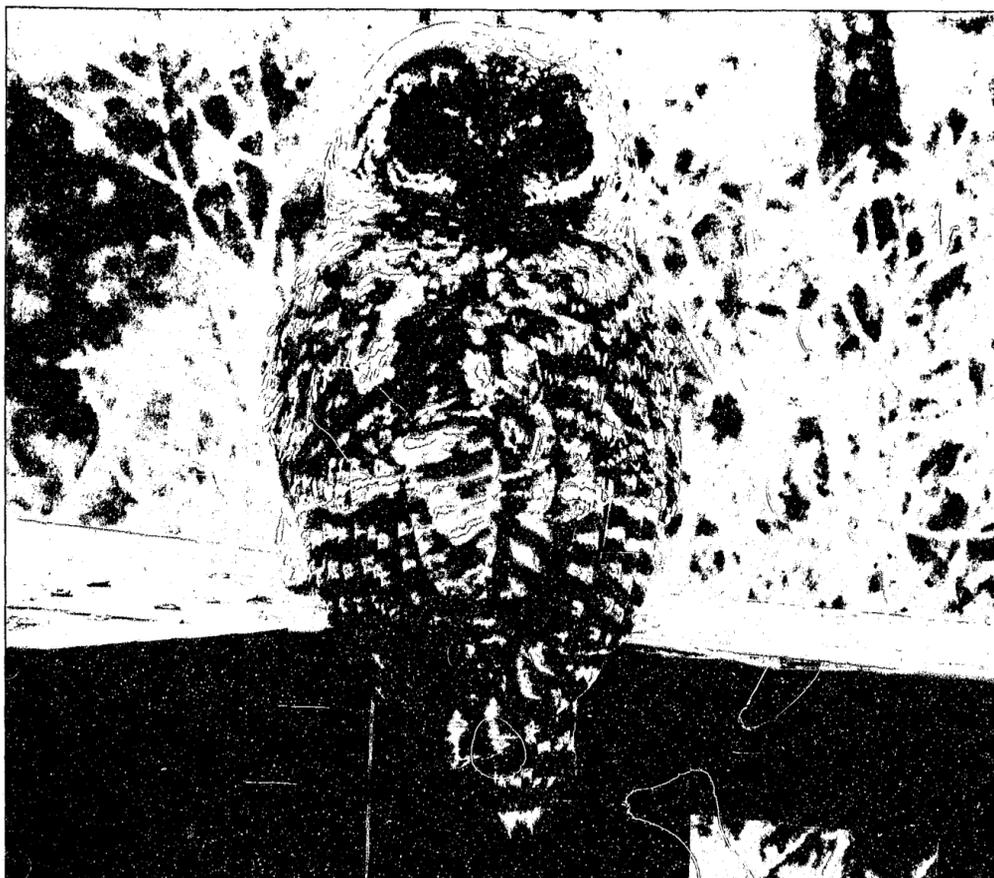
Smith took his digital camera with the photographs of the owl to the Smokey Bear District office of the Lincoln National Forest, where he said one of the foresters "was quite excited about it."

According to information from the Defenders of Wildlife, the Mexican spotted owl, scientific name of *Strix occidentalis lucida*, is one of three subspecies of spotted owl.

Although it is the smallest of the spotted owls, the species is one of the largest owls in North America, and lives in old-growth forests.

The owls reach from 16 inches to 19 inches in height, with a wingspan of 42 inches to 45 inches. They weight in at about 1.4 pounds and the males are smaller than females.

The Mexican spotted owl displays ashy-chestnut brown feathers with white and brown spots on its abdomen, back and head.



A Mexican spotted owl landed on the railing of Mel Smith's Black Forest subdivision

COURTESY MEL SMITH

The spots of Mexican spotted owls are bigger than the spots of the other two subspecies, California and Northern spotted owls, making the Mexican spotted owls appear lighter than their relatives. Their brown tails are marked with thin white bands.

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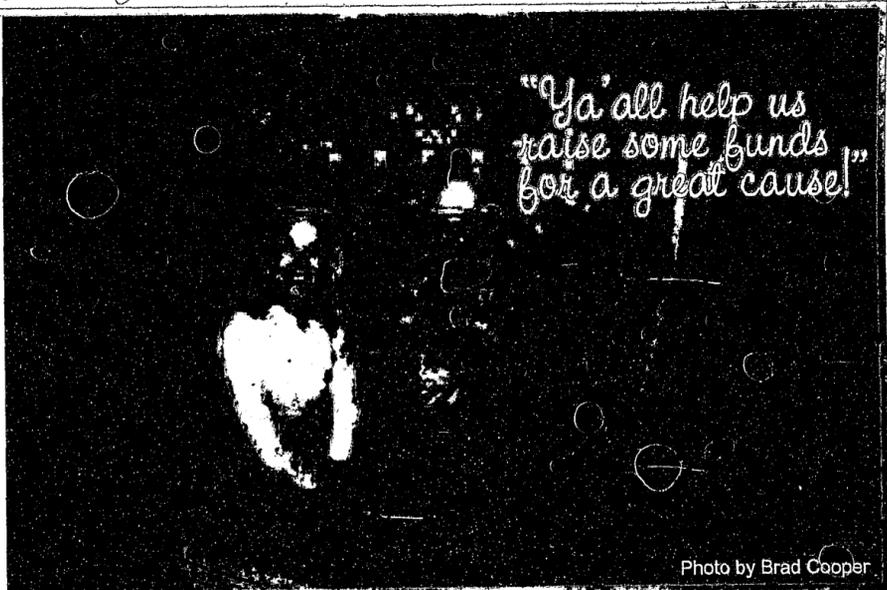
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# BUSINESS

## Unemployment plummets

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With 157 Lincoln County residents off the unemployment list, and 106 fewer people on the labor rolls in March, the county's jobless rate plummeted from 7.4 percent in February to 6 percent, according to figures released Thursday by the New Mexico Department of Workforce solutions.

In March 2010 the county's unemployment rate had been 7.5 percent.

"That is significantly lower than a year ago," department labor economist Mark Boyd said of the county's current jobless rate.

Similar drops in out-of-work-rates were reported in all New Mexico counties, taking the statewide jobless rate to 8.1 percent in March, down 0.6 from the month before. While noting the positive direction, Boyd voiced a caution.

"It's unusual to see such a large movement in just one month and in fact it's

unprecedented. But everything has to add up when you have a drop of such a magnitude statewide. Really, it will impact every single county," Boyd said he prefers comparing statistics year-over-year.

Lincoln County's labor force for March was 10,598, identical to a year earlier. The number of people employed last month was 9,963. That was 165 more than March 2010. The level of unemployment, 635 people, was 165 less than the 800 in March 2010.

"It is hard to explain a drop of this magnitude. Some of it is people dropping out of the labor force, either going back to school or they're not looking for work anymore."

Boyd said he did not expect a one-month decline to survive what is known as "the benchmark," an annual point for measuring value. "I'd like to see another couple of months to see if we stay along at this level or if we jump back. I'm really not certain what we'll be doing. It does appear our unemployment rate peaked

earlier on in the year, in January and February. It appears it may be leveling off or coming down now."

Boyd said the big turnaround in March was the amount of job losses statewide.

"This month we're just mildly negative in job growth, pretty near zero," Boyd said. "That's the first time in a couple of years we've even been close to that. Things may be turning around. It's just a little bit of a surprise the unemployment rate dropped by so much in just one month."

Otero County's jobless rate in March was 6.3 percent, down from 7.4 percent in February. A year earlier the rate had been 7.5 percent.

The county rates are not seasonally adjusted.

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.1 percent in March. It had been 8.7 percent in February and 8.2 percent a year ago.

The unusually large declines in the out-of-work rates may be subject to later revisions.



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The Champions of Service award is presented to Casteel and Marty Martell, owners of Village Ace Hardware, by Bev Reynolds of the Ruidoso Valley Greeters.

## Martells champions of service

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Hardware stores are typically known for customer help. Village Ace Hardware in Ruidoso takes customer service a step further, the Ruidoso Greeters told store owners Marty and Casteel Martell Thursday. Marty was nominated for the Champions of Customer Service award for April by John and Glenda Duncan, owners of Noisy Waters Lodge. The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's Greeters followed through with the award.

"Glenda states Marty realized that many of his customers were experiencing financial challenges with repairs following the recent freeze up," Greeter Bev Reynolds told the Martells. "He responded

immediately by offering discounts on their account and thanking them for their business. He could have enjoyed a windfall for his business with all the repairs that needed to be done, but instead he reached out to help his customers and neighbors in a very concrete way. Marty is friendly, self-giving, honest, loyal, and has respect for others."

The Martells have owned Village Ace Hardware for 11 years. Marty Martell called it a rewarding experience.

"A small town, you get to know your customers real well," Martell said. "If you do your job reasonably well they reward you with coming back and shopping here."

Martell said he and his employees work constantly at personal service.

"Most of our staff has been with us for a long time. I'd say the average length of service amongst our employees is probably seven to eight years. And there's been quite a few that have been with us for more than 10."

"Our store manager Harry, he's been here for 16 years. The continuity really helps. To be able to service in this kind of product line you have to know your products well."

The shop has 19 employees right now. That will grow a little during the summer months.

Those entering the hardware store are recognized almost immediately.

"The objective is to get greeted and helped before you make it down to the end of the first aisle," Martell said. "It's what we think really sets us apart."

## LC home sales and prices rise

Sales of existing homes in Lincoln County rose during the first quarter of 2011, up a modest 1.2 percent from the first quarter of 2010, according to a report from the Realtors Association of New Mexico. The increase was more dramatic comparing January, February and March of 2011 with the same three months of 2009. There the rise in the number of housing units sold was 20.3 percent.

Across New Mexico, sales were down year-over-year in the first quarter by 3.6 percent. This year's first quarter however was up 10.7 percent statewide over 2009's first quarter.

The median sales price of a home in Lincoln County over the past three months was \$237,000, a 1.2 percent rise from 12 months earlier.

And it was 69.3 percent higher than 2009's first quarter median price of \$140,000.

New Mexico's median home sales price was \$165,000 for the first three months of this year. The quarterly median fell nearly 3 percent in each 2010 and 2011.

The total value of home sales in Lincoln County for January, February and March of 2011 was \$21,278,107, a 14 percent increase from the same

period of 2010. It was 73.8 percent higher than the first quarter of 2009.

The National Association of Realtors reported Wednesday that sales of existing homes continued an uneven recovery that began after sales bottomed last July. For the first quarter, sales were up almost 1 percent nationally.

"We project moderate improvements into 2012, but not every month will show a gain primarily because some buyers are finding it too difficult to obtain a mortgage," said Lawrence Yun, the chief economist with the National Association of Realtors.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### PNM promotion

Long-time PNM employee Steve Dettmer will assume the position for the area manager for the southern part of the state, the electric utility recently announced.

Dettmer has been with the company since 1983,

when he joined Texas-New Mexico Power in Alamogordo as an apprentice lineman.

He worked his way through the ranks, becoming line foreman in 1995. In 2002, he transferred to Ruidoso, and in 2007 became craft supervisor with responsibilities for

both Alamogordo and Ruidoso.

In his new role, which was effective March 26, Dettmer will lead and coordinate electric distribution and transmission system operations in the Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Tularosa, Silver City, Deming, Bayard and Lordsburg

areas. He will be based in Alamogordo, the town in which he grew up.

#### IMG Golf open

Open early for the season, the links at the Inn of the Mountain Gods is offering "shoulder season" rates

to guests for \$55 on weekdays and \$65 on the weekend.

Non-guests rates include \$75 weekdays and \$65 for the weekend.

New this year, the championship course has 83 new golf carts and a 5,600 square-foot synthetic driving range for golfers to

warm up and tune up.

The course was recently selected as one of *Golf Week* magazine's 2011 Best Course to Play On.

The par 72 course features a challenging layout with an island fairway and fast breaking greens.

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# DEBATE

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half a million dollars worth of property, we built a beautiful therapy center," he said.

When Minter attempted to explain her concern again, Powell admonished her not to interrupt. Obviously stung by the rebuke, Minter said, "Fine, it's all good. I'll never ask another question." She continued, "I don't appreciate the treatment (I've received) here. I think each commissioner has a right to ask a question."

Powell said she also would have told Battin not to interrupt, if he was talking over Minter. She said Minter could ask questions when it was her turn to speak.

Minter countered that the item was listed on the agenda, "and I thought we were going to go through every document. It's an

open meeting."

Sedillo reiterated that Minter should ask the questions on her own time one-on-one with Santos, Mitchell or others at the hospital.

"And I can come back and report what I find out?" Minter asked.

Sedillo agreed, adding at that time the commission could decide if any action was needed.

Minter said she'd rather schedule a workshop dedicated only to a hospital discussion, but Sedillo remained firm, saying that, if after visiting with hospital officials, she still lacked answers and was adamant about a workshop, one could be set up.

The item was placed on the agenda when Minter pushed last month for a comprehensive discussion of healthcare in Lincoln County.

When the item came up Tuesday, Powell immediately proposed limiting the discussion, because she

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contended ample opportunity occurred over the last few years for people to educate themselves about the county and its arrangement with PHS.

"I think our system works very well, I will compare to anybody anywhere with no debt," she said. "It's a system that isn't broken, it doesn't need any fixing. It works. It's amazing for our little bitty area."

Battin at that point said he wasn't sure about the objective of any discussion.

"It's not a hearing," he said. "I think the most productive way to understand what the hospital does and how it is organized to have a one on one with Mr. Santos or the ambulance director and ask any questions you want."

"I've have occasion to visit other hospitals that are larger for-profits and they don't compare with our equipment and personnel. We've gone over and over this. We have an agreement hammered out with the help of Gary Mitchell."

The arrangement created a more influential role for the community board that advises PHS and it plows any excess dollars

back into the hospital, he said.

Sedillo was confused about how the item came back to the commission agenda. From the discussion at the meeting last month, "I thought (Minter) was going to meet with hospital (officials) one-on-one and if anyone else had questions to clarify, they could ask."

Minter said she received good service from hospital, and the staff does "a great job," but "I feel I don't have enough information looking out for the taxpayer and are we getting the best deal. I think it should be a public discussion. I thought that's why we got all the documents, so we could ask questions."

"I don't understand wanting to go back and restructure when it's working," Battin said.

"You say it's working," Minter responded. "I'm not satisfied we're getting the best deal" and she is having difficulty weeding through financial information.

Battin said if Minter went to any other hospital in the state and asked for financials and what doctors earn, she would be turned down. "They are not public

institutions," he said.

Minter said the public has a right to see everything if public money is involved.

Battin said not when PHS is leasing a building from the county.

"It's not just a lease, they get public funding," she retorted.

"We're getting into a debate," Battin said.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to do that," Minter said.

"We lease the building to them, we can't step into their day-to-day business," Powell interjected.

County Attorney Alan Morel said several years ago a county commissioner served on the hospital community board, but problems of liability arose, because he heard confidential information that he could not discuss with the rest of the commission.

"You can probably blame me for (removing a commissioner)," Morel said. "If we couldn't discuss what one commissioner knew and he couldn't share, it increased our liability for operation, like we were participating in the operation."

The public money allocated is used to offset indigent health care in the county or to improve the facility.

"We only have one hospital in the county and whoever shows up gets treatment," Morel said. "We would incur those costs with or without participation in the Sole Community Provider program (that returned \$4 federal dollars for each local dollar paid)."

It seemed to Minter that the community is designed to help PHS, not the community, she said.

Morel disagreed, saying this community board is unique and drew the line on demands for more local control and autonomy.

"If it didn't get it, they were going to pull out," he said. The concessions were not made to any other community board by PHS, he said.

Minter asked to see that agreement.

Sedillo reminded Minter that PHS is a private busi-

ness. "They're here to have a hospital. They lease the building. The Sole Community (payments) help our people without insurance."

But Minter said the new master plan calls for expansion of the hospital.

"We own it," Sedillo said. "That's our decision. It would mean more benefits for our people" and offer more options so that fewer residents have to spend extra money and travel out of county for care.

Minter said her basic philosophy reflects where she grew up and the county hospital was there to provide care to citizens and control costs. "Now I see costs going up and too many government dollars everywhere," she said.

Battin recalled that a former commissioner continually advocated the sale of the hospital.

"Fortunately, the community did not agree," he said. "Roswell sold its county hospital and got a big price and built a new courthouse, but the rates in the hospital went up to pay for it on the backs of patients struggling to pay for their care."

"Because they lease the building doesn't give me the right to challenge (how PHS operates) as long as they maintain the agreement and quality standards."

Minter also pointed out that the hospital is not subject to state audits like government entities, but Battin said a certified audit is completed each year and it is not a state institution.

Powell contended the relationship is similar to the county's hiring of a company to manage the detention center.

Minter said she's comfortable with detention center arrangement, because the county hired a contractor to provide administration and the county pays that company every month. The arrangement is not the same with the hospital.

But Sedillo said the hospital arrangement, like the jail, provides some protection from lawsuits and liability and yet all assets are owned by the county

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Rena Walsh, General Manager of the Ruidoso News has named Lucina Sarber as Editor of Vamonos.



Lucina Sabar

Ms. Sarber is a local writer and business woman whose family hails from El Paso. She returned to the region six years ago after two decades in Chicago where she attended Columbia College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications. A career in Radio, TV, and commercial voice-over work ensued. Lucina's radio career spanned all aspects of the medium from news writer, traffic reporter, news anchor and sidekick to host of her own show. She was the voice of one of the local PBS stations as well.

Many Ruidoso and Lincoln County businesses and entrepreneurs are familiar with Lucina through her business "The Creative Partners," an advertising design studio that specializes in graphic design and creative services for their customers whether the need is for brochures, magazine or websites. Lucina's husband, Greg, who is the creative and visual wunderkind behind TCP will take over and ensure the continued growth of The Creative Partners.

Lucina intends to bring a fresh creative and editorial vision to Vamonos applied with energy and enthusiasm. Her focus will be on best serving the needs of the community through the pages of Vamonos. In Spanish "vamonos" means "let's go!"...Lucina wants to add a welcome twist: "Let's Grow!"

Rena Walsh says, "Under her direction, Lucina's first edition of Vamonos, is already a greatly improved product. From the interviews, choice of topics and presentation, I believe Vamonos is headed for great things."

Lucina, Greg and their pound puppy feel lucky and blessed to call Ruidoso home. Lucina can be reached by email, [lsarber@ruidosonews.com](mailto:lsarber@ruidosonews.com) or by phone, 1-575-257-4001 Ext.4112 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Readers are invited to comment on her work and because of Lucina's community minded approach, ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Grab your earrings, it's time to evacuate

I like to think we live in a sleepy little town, but things can sure happen fast around here. The White Fire of April 3, was a horrible tragedy for the Ruidoso area, but as with most tragedies, there is much to be learned.

I live in an area of Ruidoso that was only asked to prepare to evacuate, which we did with all diligence. Good thing we didn't actually have to evacuate, because I doubt we could've gotten all the stuff piled by the front door into the truck.

It was the first time I've come close to having to grab my stuff and run, and in my haste, I certainly wasn't thinking clearly. As I put the stuff away over those next few days, I had to ask myself, "Why on

earth, Anne, were you going to take along this thing, and why on earth, Anne, did you not pack the really important stuff?"

Who's to say what goes through a person's mind when told to prepare to evacuate? I took the pictures that hang above my fireplace, but not my photo albums. I took my day planner but not birth certificates or passports. I took my earrings, but not titles, deeds, or insurance papers.

Perhaps it was just the sequence of events that muddled my thinking. My husband was working that day (when is he ever not working?) and called just after the fire started.

My daughter shouted, "The animals!" I shouted, "No, people first, animals

second." It was probably the only truly sane moment of those next few hours.

After packing clothes, shoes, jewelry, and toiletries for all three of us into suitcases, we stacked those by the front door. I think now that we should have gone ahead and put those suitcases right into a vehicle, so that we would've been ready to go with at least that much at a moment's notice.

Next, we got the easy animals. I reasoned that if they were hard to catch and get into cages, we couldn't waste our time on them. So after the three dogs, four out of five cats, and the ferret were in their travel cages, we headed down to deal with the horses.

I have to say here that I have never been prouder of my daughter, Vivian. I'm often heard to say that parenting a teenager is like nailing jello to a tree, but she was no ordinary

teenager that day. She was clear-thinking, purposeful, and did whatever I asked of her.

So I guess I'm going to have to change my tune: Parenting a teenager is like nailing silly putty to a tree...

Now these two horses of ours are a cross between Thoroughbreds and Notinghams, commonly known as Thorough-KnotHeads.

As a general rule, Knothead One will do anything for food, but it was not a day for general rules.

However, after sufficient threatening and pulling, then some pleading and prayer, the big dude took pity on us and got in.

His backward glance with that one blue eye very clearly expressed both his amusement and disdain.

Knothead Two has never been loaded without someone in the other side pulling her in, but

Knothead One was in the way. Luckily Knothead One's prayer carried over and Knothead Two also loaded without incident.

Had they known they would be standing in the trailer for the next four hours, they might have been less accommodating.

Pride, as we all know, goeth before a fall, so our huffy crowing and high fives were soon ended when the truck wouldn't start.

Now, I am not a helpless woman, but jumping vehicles is not part of my repertoire of skills. So here's a tip, and if you take nothing else from this article, take this: Everyone needs to know how to jump a vehicle. Men, no worries, it's in your DNA. Ladies, learn.

Luckily, the fire passed to the north of us so our preparations turned out to be a dry run. But we learned some very important things, which I am, of course, obligated to pass

on to you. Ideally, you and your family would have a plan for evacuation and take the time to have a practice drill. But if nothing else, think it through. Think about the order in which you would do things, based on the importance of the action.

Make a list of the things you would take and, if possible, put all these important things in one place, such as in a small fire-proof safe.

I am the world's most accomplished list-maker, and without a list to guide me, I was at the mercy of my feeble little brain. When I rushed into my bedroom with the intent of grabbing important stuff, those earrings seemed every bit as important as anything else.

Believe me, if I had to prepare to evacuate again today, I'd go for the photo albums, savings bonds, and important papers first. Then the earrings.



Anne Wilson Twite

## Lincoln County residents' overall health is good

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Another report on the health status of New Mexicans indicated Lincoln County residents in general are pretty healthy.

The recently released New Mexico Department of Health's Indicator-Based Information System report showed Lincoln County had lower death rates from diseases and lifestyle behaviors that the state and in some cases the country.

The heart disease death rate for the county was 141

per 100,000 population, well below New Mexico's 203.8 rate.

The national rate was 190.9

The diabetes death rate in the county was 30.6 per 100,000 people, compared to 32.6 statewide.

The country's diabetes death rate was 21.8.

Deaths from influenza and pneumonia averaged 7.6 per 100,000, significantly better than the state's 20.6 rate and the nation's 17.5.

The alcohol-related death rate for Lincoln County was 35.3, compared

with 52.9 in the state and 28.1 across the U.S.

The drug-induced death rate was 16.5, 22.8 and 12.7, for Lincoln County, New Mexico, and the nation, respectively.

The motor vehicle traffic crash rates were 15.6, 18.3 and 13.8.

Lincoln County residents have a life expectancy of another 20.1 years beyond age 65.

Across New Mexico the number of years past age 65 are 18.7. Nationally it is 17.7 years.

The teen birth rate for the county was 28.2 births per 1,000 girls ages 15 - 17. New Mexico's rate was 31.6. The U.S. teen birth rate is 20.1.

Much of the data was from years 2007 - 2009, though some categories used an additional earlier year or two.

Looking at risk and resiliency factors, Lincoln

County had a higher percentage of adult smokers (22.5 percent) than the state (20.1 percent) and the country (19.8 percent).

High school youth smokers in the county (21.4 percent), were less than the state (24 percent), but more than the nation (19.5 percent).

Local youth obesity was put at 10.9 percent of high school students in Lincoln County.

The rate was 13.5 percent in the state and 12 percent across the U.S.

The level of adults who said they were physically active in Lincoln County was 51.2 percent, compared with 53.3 percent for New Mexico and 49.5 for the country.

Lincoln County ranked poorly for health insurance coverage.

In 2007, 32.8 percent of county residents were uninsured, significantly

worse than New Mexico's uninsured rate of 26.7 percent.

Nationally 17.1 percent of the population was without health insurance.

There was one primary care provider for every 1,163 people living in Lincoln County during 2008.

In New Mexico, there was a primary care provider for every 832 people.

The county also ranked poorly in the percentage of children living in poverty, at 30.2 percent of the population under age 18.

New Mexico was 28.8 percent. The U.S. was at 20 percent. The youth poverty rate was from 2009.

In general, the southeast region of New Mexico had the poorest health status in the state because of lower income levels and educational achievement, a higher adult smoking rate,

and higher rates of chronic disease and chronic deaths.

Within the Department of Health, Lincoln County is included in the state's southwest region.

"Tracking the health status of New Mexico regions and counties allows us to target prevention programs toward the areas of greatest need," said Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Catherine Torres.

The department regularly examines the state's health status to help guide policy decisions and improve health programs.

A separate state report released in late 2009 ranked Lincoln County at the top of its health outcomes category.

The New Mexico County Overall Health report looked at an array of factors divided into the categories of health determinants and health outcomes.



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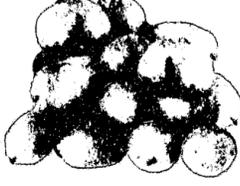
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# Village, Downs agree on grease regulations

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Both Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs testified Wednesday they were enforcing municipal regulations to keep grease out of the wastewater collection system. And Ruidoso may toughen their ordinance.

The efforts to keep grease from the system has been heightened as a new sewage treatment plant will have increased intolerance to grease and other materials that could clog expensive filters at the plant.

"I think it is very incumbent upon us as partners in this enterprise to report back to each other as to the enforcement of the grease (traps) because obviously if we're not enforcing, the life of those membrane filters is severely affected and the cost to all of us is increased," Ruidoso Downs City Attorney H. John Underwood told the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs members of the Joint Use Board (JUB). "That was the reason that we put this on the agenda. I think it's an item that will help us avoid future disagreements as to the cost of replacement of filters."

The two partners in the regional wastewater treatment plant have had a number of disagreements over the years about issues connected with sewage collection and the plant.

Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards and Ruidoso Projects Engineer Bob



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Joint Use Board member Cleatus Richards (right) of Ruidoso Downs details enforcement efforts of the city's grease trap regulations as fellow JUB member Angel Shaw, a Ruidoso councilor, takes notes.

Decker detailed what each municipality was doing.

"We have full compliance on grease traps within our community," Richards, a new member of the JUB representing Ruidoso Downs, stated.

"We have an ongoing program for inspections. We have an agreement with the haulers. They give us reports when they're emptying the grease traps."

Richards said there were no problems with restaurants in Ruidoso Downs.

Mayor Tom Armstrong, the chair of the JUB, noted there had been a question about the Ruidoso Downs Race Track possible not in compliance with the grease trap ordinance.

"They are definitely in full compliance," Richards responded. "They have more than one establishment there, but all the grease traps conform and they are serviced on a regular basis and properly maintained."

Armstrong said the city would do everything

humanly possible to keep grease out of the new treatment plant.

"The City of Ruidoso Downs has been involved with this grease trap thing once we heard that grease doesn't fit well at the plant," Armstrong said.

Decker reported that Ruidoso's one inspector was working to get all restaurants into compliance.

"We have some that have been working on it and working with us," Decker said. "And then there's some that have not been. And so that's what our issue is, that we are looking at is trying to beef up the penalty part of the ordinance because we're having some issues with some of these folks not really wanting to cooperate."

Decker indicated a draft of some ordinance changes have been prepared.

Underwood said he had read "with interest" the potential changes. He said the amendments included a provision to shut off the water of those who fail to

comply with grease trap enforcement.

"Where we don't want to end up is in five years from now having to replace, spending \$200,000 or more, to replace a bank of filters because of non-enforcement of our various ordinances," Underwood said.

The hope is to see the membrane filters last as long as 10 years.

Armstrong noted Ruidoso years ago connected a part of the Mescalero Apache Reservation as a village sewer customer, including the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino and the Highway 70 Travel Center.

"Do they have grease traps?" Armstrong asked. "Are you all able to inspect that?"

Decker answered that Mescalero has actively cooperated with the village on the need to keep grease out of the sewage collection system.

"They have some large traps and they maintain them on a fairly regular basis," Decker said. "Theirs

are large enough so that it's a fairly regular activity for them. Our problem is the smaller people that don't really want to do something. Plus, we've got a lot of them that are in the floor, in the building. And so we have trouble inspecting them. We're trying to push them outside, trying to get them to install new ones outside."

Decker said the village has about 60 businesses that have grease traps. Ruidoso Downs has about

12, said Richards.

"We're slowly getting there," Decker said of compliance with the ordinance section that addresses grease, oil and sand traps. "Certain individuals are improving what they've got but we still have some that are just outright avoiding us."

Underwood said he would work with Ruidoso's municipal attorney to draw up an agreement for the exchange of information on enforcement activities.



Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by the uncontrollable growth of cells, often causing death.



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## RESIGN

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the board's response.

In an error that came to light last month, Aguilar had earlier transferred \$12,000 out of an account used to operate Ruidoso's Visitors Bureau to cover a temporary chamber deficit because of a delay in grant funding.

When the grant funding arrived, the money was reimbursed to the visitors center fund. The chamber operates the visitors center under a contract with the village.

Aguilar was chosen to lead the organization in May of 2008 and stepped into her role the following month.

Formerly she had been the national tourism sales manager for the Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau and held an executive position with the Tourism Association of New Mexico.

Reveley said she anticipated the search for a new executive director would start soon.

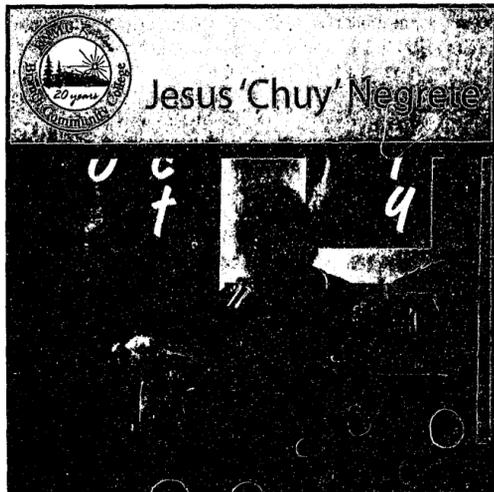
"I'm sure we'll put a search committee together

made up of past-presidents and other community members and begin fairly quickly."

Glenda Duncan, the current chamber president, said the board would meet

on April 27 to finalize a process to attract a new executive director.

She added that the decision by Aguilar not to renew her contract was "mostly confidential."



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# Commissioners remove ENMU-Ruidoso item

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Although the president of the Ruidoso Community Branch College of Eastern New Mexico University was placed on the Lincoln County Commission agenda Tuesday at his request to ask for funding, commissioners removed the item shortly after convening the meeting.

Clayton Alred was scheduled to request a distribution of revenue from the business retention gross receipts tax that took effect in July, for 3/16th of 1

cent per dollar.

County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners he advised Alred the request was premature and they all agreed, although Commissioner Tom Battin voted against removal of the item from the agenda.

"I'd like to remove it from the agenda, because it is way too premature for discussion," said Commissioner Mark Doth.

The county in March received its first distribution from the business retention tax initiated Jan. 1. Based on that number, County Manager Tom

Stewart is projecting an annual generation this calendar year of \$840,000. Of that amount, \$750,000 goes to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track to offset its tax debt as a leveling tool in its competition with nearby Mescalero Apache casinos, which pay a much lower tax to the state.

### Courtesy call

"I don't disagree," Battin said to Doth. "But (Alred) asked to be on the agenda and out of courtesy, I think we should allow him to speak. That's why I will vote against this motion."

When the motion passed 4-1, Battin asked if Alred would be allowed to speak

during the public comment period after the meeting reconvenes, following the lunch break.

Hearing that he would have that option, Battin asked Stewart to contact Alred to let him know the situation.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo added that Stewart should tell Alred he also could be on the agenda at a later date when the commission has more information about the revenues produced by the business retention GRT.

During a break in the meeting, Battin said he hoped the commission did not offend Alred. "We need to build bridges, not burn

them," he said.

### Textbooks the issue

According to the item memorandum included in the agenda packet, Alred was prepared to ask for money to buy textbooks that could be lent to students in need.

The manager wrote that as long as the books remained the property of the state, that arrangement would not violate New Mexico's constitutional anti-donation clause.

When voters approved the business retention tax in September, one of the conditions was that any money generated in excess of the racetrack's \$750,000

would revert to the county to decide how it could be used.

One of the permitted uses is for local higher education.

Stewart said the commission should consider keeping the estimated additional \$90,000 for administration of the county, "while considering a property tax break in proportion to the amount of business retention GRT refunded by the state, even if the amount is only equivalent to 0.125 mills of property tax, currently estimated to yield \$124,201.27."

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# Clause added to building regulations

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Imagine their surprise when Ruidoso officials realized the only penalty spelled out in the village's building regulations deals with demolition.

At their meeting last week, village councilors applied a minimum penalty clause to the entire chapter.

The changes also included adjustments to a few

electrical inspection fees.

Shawn Fort said the omission came to the department's attention when a few hardcore cases occurred this year.

Resident Andrea Reed asked councilors to consider denying approval. She said during poor economic times, adding penalties and/or increasing fees is counterproductive.

At a recent meeting of the county Republican Party, she heard from State Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell) that the new governor promised not raise taxes or fees, and that she would cut state administration costs by 40 percent, along with a 10 percent reduction in the State Cabinet budget.

The village is going in the opposite direction.

"You call them minimum penalties, but I don't consider them minimum," Reed said.

Fort told councilors that the penalties are "pretty common," based on his research and that the proposed electrical fees are not new. One is a reduction and the other is a \$5 increase, he said.

Penalties are needed because of the extreme fire hazard posed by unlicensed people working on a building, he said.

Reed said specifying that each day after 30 days of noncompliance is considered a separate offense is excessive and the timing may not allow someone the chance to take the issue to

court.

Fort repeated, "These unlicensed people create hazards."

Mayor Ray Alborn said, "I don't know how many people come in (after doing unpermitted work and being red-tagged) and say, 'Oh, I didn't know I needed a permit.'"

Fort added that most people will comply, but in a few cases recently, several citations yielded no compliance. Village Attorney Dan Bryant agreed.

A red tag usually results in a person fixing the error, he said. "The other side knows they were wrong and they keep doing it until you catch them," Bryant said. "It's critical that penalties be there. I was aghast when I realized it was not there."

The 30-day grace period is generous, Fort said. Most cities specify compliance within 10 days.

The penalties must be significantly higher than the cost of remediation and be per day, or the person may not fix the red-tag, he said.

Councilors approved the changes unanimously.

The new regulations specify that if after a violation is cited, a permit or inspection is not obtained within 30 days of notice, the building official may issue a criminal violation and/or file a civil complaint in court.

Each day the violation continues beyond 30 days is considered a separate

offense. Prior to appearing in court, village officials may negotiate a resolution with a date certain for compliance and a specified penalty for failure to comply.

Civil penalties may include the cost of enforcement and a fine equal to 50 percent of the value of the work in violation.

Continued noncompliance could result in the building official ordering demolition of all unpermitted or uninspected construction.

If the owner fails to comply, the village could hire a contractor to perform the required demolition and place a lien on the property to recover the cost of the work.

The minimum fine is \$200 or \$229 with court fees for the first offense, \$379 with court costs for the second and \$529 for the third and subsequent offenses.

In other business, councilors:

- approved \$4,000 in Ruidoso Lodgers Tax special events funding to promote the Billy the Kid Chute Out Bull Riding, June 3-4.
- approved \$4,000 in lodgers tax special events funding to promote the Zia Rides 12 Hours in the Wild West Mountain Bike Race, May 13-15.
- approved a lease agreement with Help End Abuse for Life for two 2007 Dodge Caravan vehicles.
- approved the bid from Page Sports Promotions for the operation of concessions at White Mountain Sports Complex.
- ratified the license, support and shared hosting agreement with Dialogic Communications Corporation, doing business as Cassidian Communications, for the Reverse 9-1-1 system.

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**DISTRICT COURT CASES**

**DWI jail sentence**

Paul Samora, 53, appeared in court March 18 for a change of plea and imposition of sentence.

Samora pleaded no contest to an amended charge of driving while intoxicated, 4th offense and driving on a suspended or revoked license under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Williams.

Under the agreement, the state dismissed charges of no proof of insurance and failure to display current registration and amended the DWI from a 5th offense.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Samora to serve six months of a two year and six month sentence in Lincoln County Detention Center. Parson gave Samora credit for 129 days time served and ordered him to report to LCDC March 25 to begin serving the remainder of his jail sentence.

Parsons also ordered Samora to pay \$302 in fines and court costs.

New Mexico State Police officer Chad Casson arrested Samora June 27, 2010 after stopping him on Mechem Drive for an expired vehicle registration.

**Camp here**

Shane G. Scrimshire, 49, appeared in court March 29 for a change of plea and imposition of sentence.

Scrimshire pleaded no contest to a charge of aggravated driving while intoxicated, 3rd offense under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and ADA Elizabeth Williams.

Under the agreement, the State dismissed charges of limitation on backing and improper turn.

Judge Karen Parsons sentenced Scrimshire to 12 days in jail, with credit for time served, and five years of supervised probation.

Parsons also ordered Scrimshire to pay a \$750 fine and to install an ignition interlock device in his vehicle for three years.

New Mexico State Police officer Samuel Huston arrested Scrimshire June 19, 2010 when he reportedly observed Scrimshire stop on Highway 48, back up around a curve and turn in to Alto Lake.

Scrimshire reportedly told Huston he was camping there. Huston told him there had not been any camping allowed at Alto Lake for five years.

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Anabell Cadena, 37, 2547 Lakeview SW, Albuquerque, N.M.

Matthew J. Cajé, 22, 319 Dipalo Road 25 B, Ruidoso Downs, N.M.

Hugo G. Flores, 26, 1305 Lansing Street, Aurora, Colo.  
Cameron S. Grimm, 24, P.O. Box 68, Dexter, N.M.  
Kristopher A. Hollingshead, 21, 1212 Akers, Las Cruces, N.M.

Boris Kristalski, 35, 85-46 Berwick Cres, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada

John N. Oltean, no age provided, 34764 Moravian Drive Apt 204, Sterling Heights, Mich.

Karina Rivera, 21, P.O. Box 2574, Ruidoso, N.M.  
Luis A. Rosales-De Santiago, 56, P.O. Box 71295 El Paso, Texas

Keith R. Sultemeier, 21, 1218 Little Big Horn, Alto, N.M.

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**RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS**

**April 11**

11:06 a.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to Innsbrook Village for a report of burglaries.

The manager reported five units had been burglarized over the weekend.

Snodgrass reported that the windows were broken in most of the units. In one unit, the sliding glass door was broken and four flat-screen televisions, four painting, video systems, tools, a fur coat and liquor was reported stolen. A pistol was reported stolen from another unit.

reportedly discovered missing

**April 16**

1:18 a.m. - Officer Steve Corbin reported observing a male smoking a cigarette while walking in the 2500 block of Sudderth Street.

Corbin reported approaching the man and identifying him as Kenny Garcia, 37, of Clovis. Corbin cited Garcia for improper handling of fire.

**April 17**

12:40 a.m. - Officer Steve Corbin responded to a report of a structure fire at 100 Umbrella Drive.

Corbin reports that he arrived to find Joshua Wheeler, 28, attempting to extinguish a fire in a trash can on the deck with a garden hose.

Corbin reports he cited Wheeler for improper handling of fire for allegedly putting a cigarette into the trash can.

Corbin reported Wheeler told him a friend had put the cigarette in the trash can, but did not know the friend's name.

**April 12**

3:02 p.m. - Officer Curtis Rodgers responded to Grindstone Dam for a report of a burglary from a Village vehicle.

The Village worker reported that someone had stolen some sockets from a toolbox on the side of a Village truck.

Rodgers reports that there was no apparent sign of forced entry.

Rodgers filed a supplemental report that additional equipment was

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# Fate of controversial 'Chicken Rock' at stake

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The future handling of Chicken Rock, a favorite tagging boulder on U.S. 380 for Capitan students over many decades, is being debated.

"Within the last week, I've received several e-mails about it," said Ralph Meeks with the District II Office of the New Mexico Department of Transportation. "I grew up in Roswell and went to Capitan all my life. I don't understand why it is an issue now."

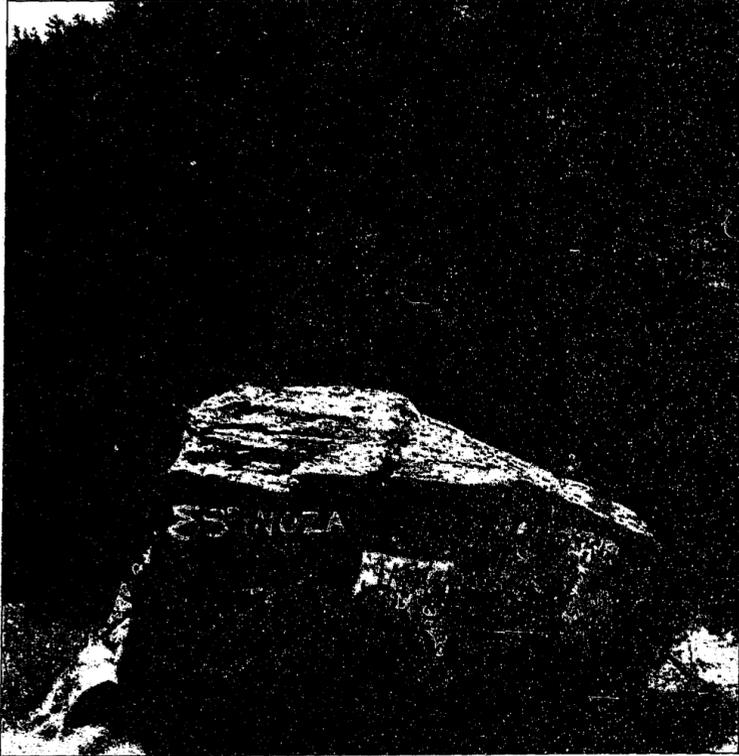
Gary Lynch, a real estate agent based in Ruidoso, authored one of the e-mails in an on-line conversation with Mike Bilbo, a cave specialist with the Bureau of Land Management.

Both are members of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee, but were representing their personal feelings about the boulder.

"It has always bothered me," Lynch wrote. "I would love to see something done about it. I know most of you have seen it (about 2/10ths of a mile west of Salazar Canyon on the Scenic Byway).

"It is the only blight on the entire byway and it's against the law. I'd like to suggest we contact the Highway Dept to get them to sandblast it - and keep it that way."

He recalled in a conversation Wednesday that he first noticed just a few words painted on the boulder, but now it is covered. "You are driving along and everything is gorgeous and



all of sudden, wow," Lynch said.

Bill Hirschfeld, chairman of the byways committee, said the group never discussed the boulder, "But it would be a good idea for the next meeting. Obviously, some people are concerned."

"If NMDOT can clean it, I will volunteer to stay on it and get rid of new stuff each time it appears," Bilbo said. "I found out that the rock actually has a historic formal name of 'Chicken Rock,' named for the long-ago horseman contest of chicken pulling, which apparently happened in

that meadow on the other side of the road from it."

Bilbo said he was speaking as an individual committee member, a resident and as a "Leave No Trace" Master Educator. For years, Roswell city officials have used an anti-graffiti task force and a policy that when tagging occurred, it is removed quickly, he said. More recently, he's noticed gang signs from Roswell groups painted on the rock.

Historian, Lincoln resident and author Lynda Sanchez said Murray Arrowsmith with the Lincoln State Monument, unearthed the name of the

boulder. She explained chicken pulling was practiced by early settlers by burying a chicken in the earth up to its neck and then riding by and attempting to scoop down and pull it out of the ground by its head. Gruesome, but a test of fitness at the time.

Sanchez said she's not concerned about Chicken Rock as much as the billboards along the scenic byway and other highways that she considers a blight on the New Mexico countryside. As for seeing possible gang signs from Roswell painted there to

mark a drug pickup spot, Sanchez said a law enforcement official to whom she spoke seemed to think the openness of the area wouldn't lend itself to a drug deal.

Meeks said he's submitted the complaints about Chicken Rock for discussion and is talking to the agency's environmental staff to see if the boulder could be sandblasted or removed.

"It would cost the taxpayers to sandblast it, diverting the money from roadwork," he said. "And it would happen again, and people would expect us to sandblast again. It may have historic value, but if it becomes a big enough issue, I'd rather remove it for a one-time cost. That's more prudent than going back again and again."

He offered to send a technical support engineer to a Scenic Byways Committee meeting to discuss the issue.

As one Capitan woman, who asked that her name not to be used, observed, "I painted on it, my children painted on it and my grandchildren painted on it. Unless the kids are sold (to keep the boulder clean), it won't change."

To that end, Bilbo said the time may be right to bring an educational program into the schools on littering and graffiti.

"I'm a Leave No Trace Master Educator and have been conducting LNT Trainers courses," he said. "There exists several awareness programs within LNT that might be applicable and adaptable."

Along New Mexico State Road 220 within one mile on each approach to Fort Stanton State Monument, about 500 pieces of litter recently were picked up, mostly plastic bottles, beer cans and empty cigarette packs, he said. In areas in the state considered fairly litter-free, the count is more like 50 to 100 pieces per mile.

"I have been working with Keep Ruidoso Beautiful for thirteen years, trying to get people aware of littering or not littering," said Ellen Bizzell with Ruidoso Parks and Recreation. "The rock has been painted for years and there was an article in the paper about five years back or maybe more. It seems that graffiti is actually on the rise, as Ruidoso and the Downs has seen more of it in just the last month. Our bathrooms in the parks have been graffitied and vandalized twice to where automatic locks were installed in the Midtown area so everything is locked at a certain time."

One tag in Ruidoso Downs read, "Society deserves to be vandalized," she said. "If that is a tagger's mentality, it would probably be easier to remove the rock than the tagging."

Lynch said he doesn't accept the idea of a "sacrifice location," or that the graffiti is a local high school tradition, "because that's unacceptable. It's simply inappropriate behavior, a mar or blight on an otherwise great byway and it remains against the law."

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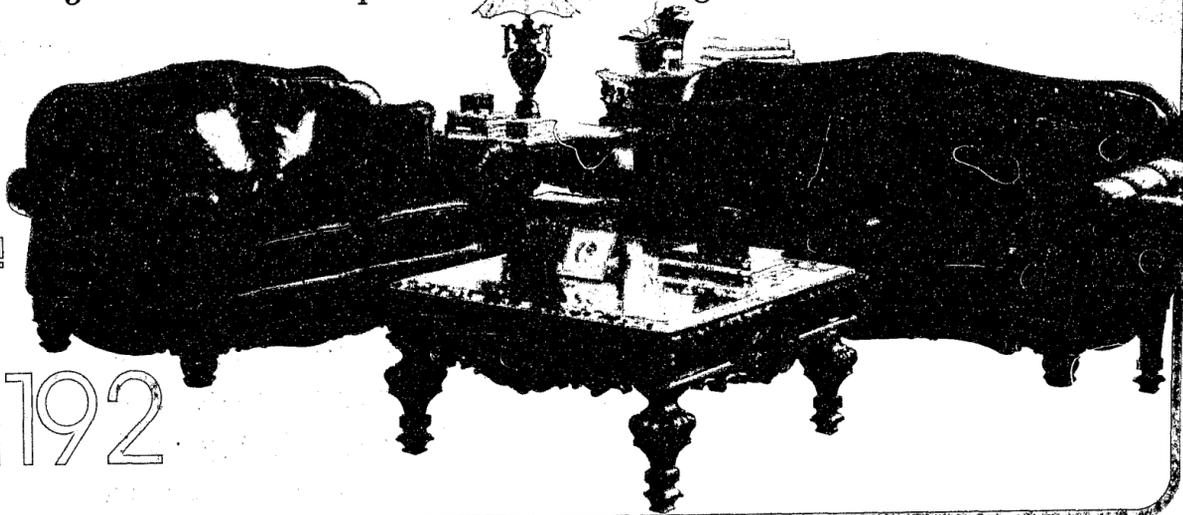
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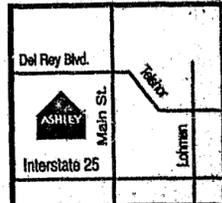
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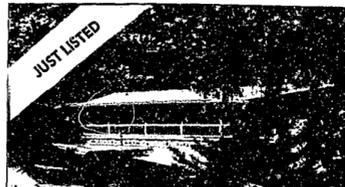
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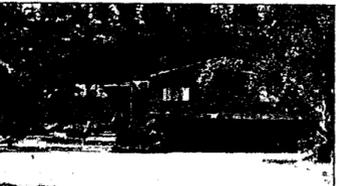
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Monday, April 25  
Elda at Capitan, 3 p.m.

**Softball**  
Tuesday, April 26  
Mesalero at Capitan, double-header, 3 & 5 p.m.  
Ruidoso at Lovington, double-header, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**On Deck**

**Hershey's Track Meet**  
Hershey's Track Meet, 2011, is for all kids between the ages of 9 and 14. Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m. is the time to come to the Ruidoso Warrior track on Warrior Drive to run, jump and throw for ribbons, health and a chance to qualify for the State and National Meet. And it's all free. Watch for flyers and posters at school. For more info call 257-5030.

**Ruidoso Junior Golf**  
The Ruidoso Junior golf Association in partners with the Ruidoso Golf Teams will be hosting the final of six scrambles at the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course on Saturday, April 23 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 billiard qualifiers will April 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ruidoso Senior Center. 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. For more info or directions call Sandee Jourden at 257-4565, 937-4416 or Bart Young at 257-3193.

**SADSP Tennis Fundraiser**  
The first annual "Raise a Racket" Senior Doubles Tennis tournament will be held June 27-July 1 to benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program (SADSP). The tournament will be for players over 50-years-of-age and will be played at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts. Competition matches will feature women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event and all proceeds go to SADSP, which is one of the oldest adaptive ski schools in the country. It depends on fees, grants, donations and fundraisers to operate. The program is in need of a "bi-ski," which enables a non-ambulatory person to sit and experience skiing with the aid of a volunteer. The Raise a Racket tournament hopes to raise \$4,000 to purchase a new and updated bi-ski for next season.

# Ruidoso 'M' Games

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Six months ago, when Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo. Almager was mulling over how she could promote additional military participation in the village of Ruidoso the thought suddenly came to her, "Why not support the events we already have in place here and include a military partnership?"

And thus the Ruidoso "M" Games were born.

Nine existing events, plus five newly created competitions will now include participation with U.S. Armed Forces members. Six such entities are thus far committed to the "M" games - Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Missile Range, Cannon Air Force Base (Clovis), Kirtland Air Force Base (Albuquerque) and elements of the New Mexico National Guard are on board with the plan.

Other possible military entities, such as the New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) are under consideration.

The Military 365 Ruidoso Committee, which Mayor Ray Alborn recently appointed, will gather prize packages and



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The Ruidoso "M" Games will commence with the MAW Golf Tournament at Cree Meadows April 28.

trophies. Such awards will include hotel and restaurant discounts, among other rewards, and will be lumped together and

handed out to the winning base at the end of the year.

"M" game T-shirts will be given to the top finishers in each contest.

All 14 events on the schedule are open to military and civilian participation alike.

First up on the schedule - fittingly so - will be

the MAW (Military Appreciation Weekend) Golf Tournament, April 28, at Cree Meadows.

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## The bigger they are the harder they fall

**M**aking predictions can many times prove embarrassing in the end. And we do it all to ourselves. No one puts a gun to our head and says, "Go on, predict something, now."

I try to refrain from forecasting coming events because I know I can't. My crystal ball is chipped, cloudy and not one with me. I stored it away many years ago in some long-forgotten nook.

Every once in a while I forget the lessons life has taught me about my shortcomings and before I can stop myself I blurt out some inane utterance like, "Yeah, the Pittsburgh Pirates will be sold and moved to another town within the next five years. That city can't support those exorbitant



MIKE CURRAN  
CURRAN EVENTS

Bucco salaries." Fast forward to the April 20 Associated Press headline out of Los Angeles - "MLB takes control of the Los Angeles Dodgers." One of the Goliaths has fallen on hard times and had to be taken over by Major League Baseball itself.

It seems the Dodgers' demise first began the big "over and out" when long-time, married lovebird owners - Frank and Jamie McCourt - discovered their 30-year marriage was headed for the "big sleep."

Frank McCourt fired his wife as chief executive officer of the Dodgers in October 2009. Lesson No. 1 fellas - never fire your wife from anything.

The other shoe fell a week later when Jamie McCourt filed

for divorce after three decades of wedded bliss. Husband Frank countered with flimsy accusations that she was having an affair with her bodyguard-driver and performing poorly at work.

Who didn't know that was coming? Obviously, sometimes, love and marriage don't go together like a horse and carriage. Drat.

One sordid thing led to another - as they nearly always do in cases like this - and before you know it the financially strapped husband/owner was forced to borrow big-time money to pay his players' salaries.

In the end the MLB felt obligated to step in to keep the mighty Dodgers temporarily afloat.

Hey, the U.S. government went to bat for AIG, Bank of America and General Motors, didn't they? What better example

could the MLB have to draw from?

Once again, art (or in this case, sports) copies real life. That's why I love the game of baseball. Success and failure are mixed together and produce a hero one moment and a goat the next. This is striking too close to home; let's quickly move on.

Aside from the McCourt's nuptial suicide pact, a closer look at the salaries of the Dodgers could be partly to blame.

Of the 30 MLB teams they rank 12th in player payrolls (according to USATODAY) with an annual outlay of \$104,188,999, which means the average player on that team gets \$3,472,976. As you would guess, the New York Yankees command the top spot.

A cursory glance of the poor

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## NMSU softball sits in WAC first place

SUN-NEWS REPORT  
Las Cruces Sun-News

Riding a six-game win streak, the New Mexico State softball team returns to action this weekend against Louisiana Tech.

The three-game series opens on Friday at 6 p.m., at the NMSU Softball Complex and concludes with a doubleheader on Saturday.

Here's what to watch this weekend at the ball-yard.

Already sitting in first place in the Western Athletic Conference at 11-1 in league play, the Aggies need just one victory this weekend to set a new record since joining the league in 2005.

NMSU's 11 wins ties the 11-9 record the Aggies posted in 2008-09.

On paper, the Aggies have an opportunity to blow past the WAC win record as the Bulldogs enter the weekend 3-9 in conference play.

With wins over Fresno

State and Nebraska this season and with 33 wins on the year, the Aggies received three votes in the latest USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25 poll, voted on by NCAA Division I head coaches.

Texas Tech received 24 votes, Fresno State had 19, Pacific had five and Hawaii and NMSU each received three votes.

The Aggies junior outfielder has been on a tear. Jennings has hit 10 home runs in the Aggies' last 10 games, going deep in the

Aggies' last five contests. Jennings is hitting .394 in league play with 44 RBI and 13 home runs. Jennings is the reigning WAC Hitter of the Week for the past two weeks after combining to go 9-for-12 at the plate with 11 RBI and four home runs against Nevada last week.

NMSU leads the WAC in batting average (.423) with Teresa Conrad (.513), Kandis Jones (.488), Kylie Randall (.480) and Tiare

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# Potential is fleeting for Aggie cornerback Green

TEDDY FEINBERG  
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - A cornerback for the New Mexico State Aggies, senior Jonte Green has the physical tools to cover the field.

He has the size - 6-foot, 174 pounds.

He has good speed and a short stride, which allows him to quickly change directions.

"He could be an NFL player," said NMSU head coach DeWayne Walker.

With that being said, Green hasn't realized his potential the past two seasons. Physical abilities aside, he hasn't mastered the all-important mental aspect.

His work habits can wane and his confidence can rattle. Perhaps he believes he's better than reality would

suggest and needs to play more physical.

"This is his third year playing," Walker said. "We've fought and battled with him to get him to his potential."

Last year, teams consistently threw to Green's side of the field and were successful doing it.

The reasons were twofold. One, quarterbacks didn't care to toss it Davon House's way, a former Aggie cornerback who will be selected in next week's NFL draft. The percentages of throwing to Green's side were more appealing.

Also, Green would occasionally cover teams' top receivers and he didn't seem to improve from his sophomore season. The lack of an Aggie pass rush certainly didn't help his cause.

"I think I need to improve just making more plays," Green said.

Green has had more than his fair share of coaches during his college career. Prior to NMSU, he was at Benedict College, where he played mostly man defense as a cornerback - cover-one and man-zero - as well as some zone-based cover-three.

Green redshirted his first season at NMSU, under then-defensive coordinator Joe Lee Dunn, who's 3-3-5 scheme was similar to the one at Benedict.

Then, in came a new coaching staff headlined by Walker, a former NFL defensive backs coach. The Aggie secondary has played a quarters scheme under Walker - essentially cornerbacks are asked to cover a

quarter of the field with a mixture of man and cover-two zone, depending on various plays.

It's more complex, and factor in that two cornerback coaches have tutored Green during that time - R. Todd Littlejohn and Will Martin - and it can be a learning process for the player.

"It's a big challenge. But it all pays off."

It would be nice if it paid off for the Aggies. Green is a veteran of the program and a secondary can never have too many cover corners - particularly those with Green's physical attributes.

But the team isn't resting on its laurels. This fall will see a handful of new cornerbacks come to town, headlined by junior college transfers Jeremy Harris and Anthony Edwards.



Jonte Green

Second-year player Darien Johnson is expected to improve.

Green could conceivably be the Aggies' No. 1 cornerback, or not.

# A productive week in the world of Aggie athletics

SUN-NEWS REPORT  
Las Cruces Sun-News

This past week saw a handful of athletic milestones achieved at New Mexico State University.

Junior softball player Tiare Jennings was named the Verizon Wireless Hitter of the Week for April 11-17 after she went 9-for-12 with four home runs and 11 RBI in a sweep over Nevada.

Jennings moved into second place all-time at NMSU with 39 round-trippers.

She is second on the Aggies this season with 14 home runs and 45 RBI.

NMSU baseball middle infielder Tyler Forney was named Verizon Wireless Hitter of the Week for April 11-17. Forney hit .600 during the four-game series against San Jose State and

was struck out just once. He went 4-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored in the series-finale win over the Spartans. The Aggies took the series from San Jose State, winning three-of-four games.

Senior Suteera (Pang) Chanachai was chosen First-Team All-WAC along with freshman Demi Mak after helping the Aggies to a second-place finish at the

2011 WAC Women's Golf Championship.

Mak was also selected as the 2011 WAC Freshman of the Year.

Co-head coaches Paul Brilliant and Jackie Booth were named WAC Coaches of the Year in women's golf as well, voted on by the league coaches after a bounce-back year for the Aggies.

The duo led the Aggies

to a win at the 2010 Price's "Give 'Em Five" Intercollegiate with an 866, which is the lowest score ever at the NMSU-hosted tournament.

On the men's side of the golf course, senior Tim Madigan was named the Verizon Western Athletic

Conference Golfer of the Week for April 11-17. Madigan, a native of Rio Rancho, won his second

tournament of the season after capturing the title at the 65th annual Western Intercollegiate held in Santa Cruz, Calif., over the weekend.

Madigan carded a 3-under-par 207 (69-68-70) and was the only player of the 92 in the field to record par or better in all three rounds at the par-70, 6,615-yard Pasatiempo Golf Course.

## GAMES

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In addition to golf, sports such as mountain biking, softball, triathlon, disc golf, bicycling, running and tubing will be covered.

The "M" games will

conclude, Dec. 3, with the Winter Park flying Tube Jump Off.

"We are confident the village of Ruidoso will embrace the military personnel who visit here and give them an incentive to return," Almager said.

The Ruidoso "M" Games schedule:

- April 28, MAW Golf

Tournament, www.ruidosomaw.com

- May 14, Twelve Hours in the Wild West (new, mountain bike race), www.ziarides.com

- May 20-22, Sierra Blanca Opener Softball Tourney, pagesports@valornet.com

- June 11, Ruidoso Triathlon, Frederick Mor-

as, 937-7106

- June 17-19, Cool Pines Classic Softball, pagesports@valornet.com

- July 3, Return of Smokey's Revenge (new, mountain bike race), Lance Winebrenner, 575-649-7876

- July 10, Ruidoso Outlaw Scramble and Shootout (new, 200-meter

obstacle course), Debbie Jo, 257-5030

- July 15-17, Last Chance Qualifier Softball, Patsy Page, 378-9810

- Aug. 13, Ruidoso Disc Golf Tournament (new), T-Bone, 937-2919

- Aug. 19-21, Mountain Double Up Co-ed Softball, Patsy Page, 378-9810

- Sept. 10, Run for the

Beach, Rafael Salas, 808-0430

- Sept. 24, Tour de Ruidoso, Steve Hightower, 336-1151

- Oct. 29, Ski Run Road Challenge, www.skirun-roadchallenge.com

- Dec. 3, Winter Park Flying Tube Jump Off (new), www.ruidosowinterpark.com

## FALL

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(literally) Pittsburgh Pirates payroll shows they rank 28 out of 30 in the salary department. Total

salaries there are \$45,047,000, giving the average player there \$1,553,344. I might have been a bit hasty in my prediction that the Buccos would be leaving soon.

When times are good, the big boys - like the

Dodgers and Yankees - can rake it in. But when things like love, competent management and the economy go south these guys stand the chance of falling faster and harder than Max Schmeling did in the first round of his 1938 sec-

ond fight with Joe Louis.

Additionally, Pittsburgh is known as a blue-collar, shot-and-a-beer town.

The varied ethnicities that reside there don't really expect too much from the Pirates. The fans go to the games, quaff an

Iron City beer or two, inhale a pizza pie and schmooze among themselves.

If the Buccos win, that's icing on the cake. After all, they still have the Steelers, Penguins and the University of Pittsburgh.

Now that I think of it, it's like marriage - don't expect too much from it and you may be able to muddle through the whole thing.

A wise sage once told me, "Marriage is not for the squeamish."

## NMSU

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Jennings (.462) ranking first through fourth in the league, respectively.

The Aggies lead the

WAC in the following offensive categories: slugging percentage, on-base percentage, hits per game and runs scored.

NMSU is also solid in the field, committing just 18 errors in league games while turning a WAC-best

11 double plays.

NMSU pitchers Alex Newman and Celisha Walker have provided a steady hand in the circle this season.

Walker ranks sixth in WAC play with a 2.78 ERA and Newman is 10th

with a 4.35 mark. Newman's six WAC wins are tied with Fresno State's Michelle Moses for the most in the league and Walker's four wins are tied for fifth, giving the Aggies a solid one-two punch in the pitcher's cir-

cle.

In order to beat the Bulldogs this weekend, the Aggies will have to solve Louisiana Tech's Meghan Krieg.

With an offense that is last in the league with a .200 batting average in

WAC contests, getting to the senior pitcher is the key for an NMSU sweep.

Krieg ranks seventh in league with a 3.26 ERA, limiting teams to a .228 batting average in a WAC-high 58 innings pitched.

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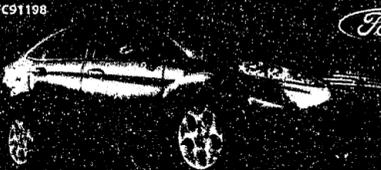
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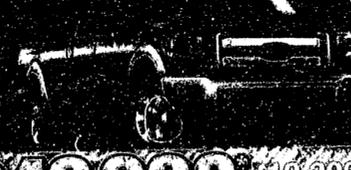
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# RELIGION

## Passover and Easter are both grounded in love

I love the fact that that Passover and Easter, both being lunar holidays, usually overlap. This seems to me to be a sign from God that we're more the same than we are different. To be sure, the official theologies of Passover and Easter are fundamentally different.

The Passover meal is eaten for God, and the Easter meal (the Eucharist) is eaten of God. In Easter, a man becomes God, and in Passover, a man leads an entire people to God at Mount Sinai.

In Easter, atonement is made through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus, while in Passover, the ancient biblical sacrifices offered at the Temple in Jerusalem remind us of how we still must sacrifice for our faith and seek atonement from God for our sins.

However, beyond the differences between ham and gefilte fish, chocolate bunnies and horseradish, Exodus from Egypt and Exodus from original sin, there are powerful commonalities between these two supremely important holidays that we'd all do well to remember.

Passover and Easter both remind us that nature is not enough to reveal God. Springtime is a time so marked by the glories of nature that it's easy to think of nature as a direct pathway to God. This is not so.

Nature is amoral. In nature, the strong eat the weak and storms tear up coastlines and cities without remorse.

Both Passover and Easter overlay sacred history upon the eternal cycle of nature. The Exodus and the Passion are both sacred moments in history, unique and unrepeatable.

They teach us that beyond nature, God's love and grace are available to us, especially when we are weak and about to be consumed by earthly power. They teach us to look beyond nature to the God who made nature and made us.

This makes the change of seasons an opportunity for a change of heart. The immutable power of nature is made mutable by God's love.

This is the essential spiritual revolution that Judaism and Christianity brought to the world. We're not just animals driven by the urges and rhythms of nature.

We are sacred beings with animal natures made in the image of a loving God. Nature yields to love.

Passover and Easter also remind us that hope exists even in our most broken and fearful times.

The people trapped temporarily at the shore of the Red Sea lost hope. The followers and family of Jesus, seeing the death of their messianic savior, lost hope at the crucifixion. But hope endures and the sea splits and the cross and the cave are emptied of death.

Those miraculous historical evidences

of hope must give to each of us enduring hope that our personal trials will yield to a divinely ordained hope as we progress on our spiritual journeys to the God of hope. I know that for many, the essential gifts of religion are laws and customs and creeds, but for me the greatest gift of faith is hope.

May your burdens be lifted by hope and may you never despair that you will live out your days in the House of Bondage. Sinai and the road to Damascus await you and the sun will shine again on your burdened life.

Passover and Easter both teach us to treasure our families as the fundamental building blocks of faith. Beyond the communal prayers in church and synagogue, these holidays give us the impetus to gather in our homes with those we love — not

just families but also dear friends for old and beloved customs and menus and the deep feeling that we are knit up in the fabric of family and friendship.

Even for those who are not ready or open to the deep theology of these days, these gatherings retain their power to call us together.

I'm not the one to say that this is not enough of a motivation to gather and eat and share our blessings. For many, this is enough for them and for now.

I bless you and those who love you as you gather together in the holy springtime of your life. We live the rest of the year eating mostly alone or in small groups with no ritual framework or history to our meals.

This time we eat together and that is a surpassing blessing.

Finally, both Passover and Easter teach us to keep one eye open for the coming of the Messiah. Whether it's the first or the second coming matters to those who score theology, but it will not matter so much to anyone else if our hope for an epiphany of God's chosen one becomes finally real in our broken world.

We are charged to do everything we can through acts of love and compassion, justice and forgiveness to make the world ready for the coming of the Messiah, but we know that such a profound change in our spiritual horizons cannot come through our unaided efforts alone.

So I pray and I ask you to pray with me for the coming of the Messiah, whose name we cannot agree upon but whose promise gives us the strength to carry on until that springtime which will be the very last and the very first at the very same time.

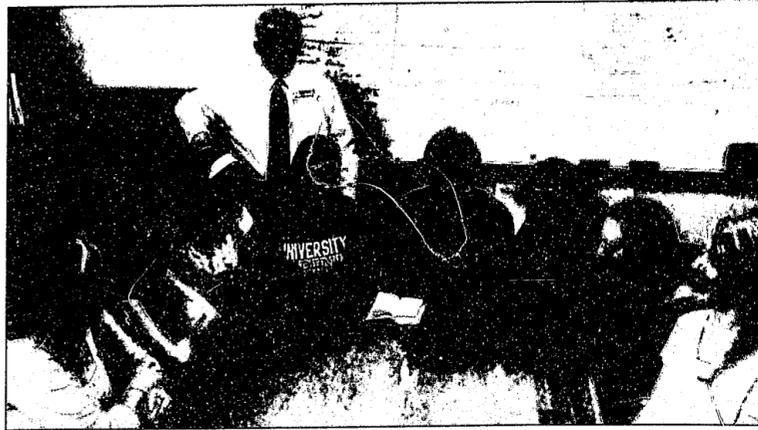
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*The God Squad*  
MARC GELLMAN

## WARRIORS FOR CHRIST



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Bible is their textbook. A new student group, Warriors for Christ, meets weekly at Ruidoso High School. The four-week old organization has 17 members and is looking to grow. The group meets on Wednesdays, during fourth and fifth period lunch times. Warriors for Christ was founded to create a Christian presence at the high school and to reach out to other classmates its members said. The group noted the school's administration was supportive of establishing the organization. The students came up with a constitution that was approved by the high school's principal. Adult sponsor Billy Jones, a pastor in Ruidoso, said Warriors for Christ is open to every student regardless of race, color, creed or religion. "There is no exclusivity," Jones said. "As long as that's the case then they can meet here." Warriors for Christ members (left to right) Cheyenne Choate, Baylee Moore, Sarah Sue Jones, Brianna Travis, Ryan Williams, Jacob McCaw, Tamela Parker and A.J. Shackelford. Standing in the back is Pastor Billy Jones of the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship.

## War and rumors of war

With wars between nations going on around the globe and drug wars going on at our borders and in our nation and ethnic and status wars sweeping through our states, I am not surprised.

Jesus told us that wars and rumors of wars would happen. There would be famines, earthquakes, and natural disasters in the world. These things are just the beginnings of the end times.

I can't imagine the horrors and atrocities that will take place in the days to come. When you read the prophecies in the Bible, I don't believe that we can comprehend the scope of human and natural disasters that will come on the world.

As a colony and nation, we have been blessed in the almost 400 years of existence. A verse comes to mind from the Psalms 33:12: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

One is mistaken who thinks that America will escape the disasters of the end times. We are a nation that has forsaken God and His guidelines. When the citizens deny God's existence, deny the Bible's veracity, and establish their own divinity, the nation is in deep trouble.

One might say that America is a Christian nation. Billy Graham has stated that 80 per cent of church members are not Christians. Their church membership is a social function, and not a spiritual one. If you check church attendance, churches with a membership of one thousand will normally have an attendance of two hundred fifty.

If you look at Lincoln County and Mesalero, the population is about 25,000 and on an average Sunday, the total church attendance might be 2,500.

The leaders who founded the nation followed the principles found in the Scriptures. Today, as a nation, we are floundering because our leaders are floundering and waffling on the God-given principles that brought about God's blessings.

### The Resurrection

Folks, down through the ages, have done their best to disprove the

Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Beginning with the argument that bringing the dead back to life is impossible, especially after three days. Yes, there have been some folks pronounced dead whose heart

started beating again after a few minutes or an hour. Some folks have been comatose and thought dead, who have come back to life.

I have heard of none, which have announced ahead of time that their resurrection would take place. Very few have announced ahead of time that their death would take place to help others. The disciples of Jesus vigorously denounced statement of Jesus that he would die

and be resurrected in three days. Apparently, the Jewish leaders had more concern about Jesus' statement than did the disciples. They demanded that the Romans place a 24-hour guard on the tomb to make sure that the disciples did not steal Christ's body. When Jesus was raised from the dead, they lied and spread the rumor that the disciples stole his body.

There are three reasons that I believe in the resurrection.

1. The prophecies of Scripture were perfectly and completely fulfilled in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Reason #1, the Bible said so.

2. The change in the disciples of Jesus. They were a bunch of cowards who were immediately empowered and transformed by the resurrection of Jesus. The miraculous events of the resurrection gave them the basis for a life of faithful service to the Kingdom of God. Reason #2, changed men.

3. It's personal. I'm not trying to be overly spiritual, but I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. No! It is not a normal human relationship. It is a spiritual, God to man, kind of relationship. Jesus Christ has proved Himself to me time and time again in my life. Reason #3, changed me.

The relationship is available to all who will put their faith in Jesus Christ. Everyone is loved of God and super special to Him. The relationship that one can experience with Jesus Christ gives one help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Clarifications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR



Anne Flaherty

### § Anne Flaherty §

1949-2011

Anne Flaherty, 62, of Ruidoso, New Mexico passed from this life on April 12th, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Anne was born April 5th, 1949 in Appleton, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of the late Robert A. and Katherine E. (Jauquet) Flaherty.

Anne graduated from Marquette University with a B.S. in Speech & Hearing. She received her M.A. in Speech Pathology from Michigan State University and graduated from the University of Detroit Law School. She practiced law in the Detroit, Michigan area for 8 years before relocating to Ruidoso.

Ms. Flaherty was employed by the Ruidoso Municipal School District as a Speech/Language Pathologist for the past 13 years, serving students for the past three years at Sierra Vista Primary. "Miss Anne", as she was known to her students, was a devoted teacher who was loved by her students, their parents, and her co-workers, as well.

Anne is survived by her siblings Michael R. of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Mary M. of Dallas, Texas; Patricia Flaherty-Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky; James J. and John R. Flaherty of Indianapolis, Indiana; four nephews and two nieces. She is also survived by her beloved dog, Isabella, and a host of friends. One friend recently remarked of Anne, "she had a kind heart wrapped in true grit." Anne enjoyed her twice daily walks with Isa, reading, gardening, and planning and building her retirement home in Northern Michigan.

A memorial service is planned by Sierra Vista Primary with the date to be announced at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

### § Dorinda Ann Torres Cajé §

1950-2011

Visitation and Prayer service for Dorinda "Ann" Torres Cajé, 61 of Mesalero, were held on Thursday April 21, 2011 at the Mesalero Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday April 22, 2011 at the Mesalero Baptist Church with Rev. Leonard Kanesehaw III officiating. Burial will follow at Mesalero Cemetery.

Dorinda was born on February 24, 1950 in Mesalero to Deverne and Eulalia Betty (Evans) Torres and passed away on April 18, 2011 in Mesalero. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who loved to cook and be with her family. She was a Christian woman and was very involved with the church. She loved to read everyday especially her bible. She had worked at Ski Apache and other various other jobs with the Tribe.

She was married to Richard Simon Cajé Sr. who preceded her in death along with her Parents and a sibling, Alden Torres Sr. She is survived by her children Stephanie L. Torres, Davina N. Cajé, Angelica DePaula Cajé, Joseph Simon Geronimo Cajé Sr., Amanda J. Torres, James P. Cajé, and Matthew J. Torres. She is also survived by siblings, Orinda Stevens, Sterling C. Torres, Loma Torres, Ermadine Torres, Corina Torres, Devona Torres, Deverne Torres Jr., Natalia Torres, Michelle Gallierito, 24 Nieces and nephews, and 20 grandchildren.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.lagroneRuidoso.com](http://www.lagroneRuidoso.com)

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Best cowboy bar in the West

The name alone is an inviting challenge. The No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks, N. M., is an enticement if only for the historical allure it emanates as it stands in what is left of the late 1800s gold mining town.

The April 2011 issue of American Cowboy magazine named The No Scum Allowed Saloon as one of the "Best Cowboy Bars in the West!"

"Who didn't know that?" exclaimed a local.

Owner Tony Marsh said, "We were the only one from New Mexico chosen!" Although, it was not the first time the No Scum had made the big time.

In 2008 True West magazine tapped the saloon with the wand of fame when it named it as one of the "West's Best Saloons." Marsh has hinted that there are more accolades to come.

Just nine miles off the main highway, White Oaks is a century away from civilization as we know it. Where the pavement ends and the West begins.

Accordingly, people have been known to drive long distances just to taste the acclaimed "coldest beer around" and soak up some history from the days of the Lincoln County War,

the McSweens, Tunstalls and John Chisum.

When Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid rode the streets of White Oaks, the little brick building housed a lawyer followed by an assayer, a print shop and later the post office.

A half-century or so after, a local rancher turned it into a saloon. The walls were still peppered with bullet holes, suspect and logically thought to be

from when it served as a lawyer's office. When the railroad bypassed White Oaks and the mines played out, the town made every attempt to fade into a proper ghost town.

You can stand quietly on a dark night and listen for the whispers of the past, the laughter from a ghostly brothel or an echoing gunshot from a cowboy as the sounds of a galloping horse fade into the hills.

Drifting on a soft breeze that moves the night air around the shadows, hear the shuffle of cards and the clicking spin of a roulette wheel from the casino owned by Belle La Mar, known as Madam Varnish because of her reputed "slick ways."

Texan Tony Marsh stumbled across the No Scum when he drove a few hundred miles out of his



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way to get a cold beer. When the owner mentioned that he might sell the bar, the negotiations began and the rest, as they say, is history. Old West history.

The No Scum Allowed Saloon regularly attracts local musicians for jam sessions on Friday and Saturday nights. Nothing organized or formal but always fun.

Sitting atop the bar with a fiddle or guitar, a cowboy sings the songs that evoke emotions and memories. The lights are dim and the dance floor beckons. The melodies float out the open door into the peaceful night where only the stars light up hill-sides.

The charm and mystique of the Old West still hang in the air of the bar, now upgraded with modern amenities like indoor plumbing to provide facilities for the ladies and gents that passed the "no scum" test.

The ceiling of the main barroom is covered wall-to-wall with dollar bills signed, dated and left by



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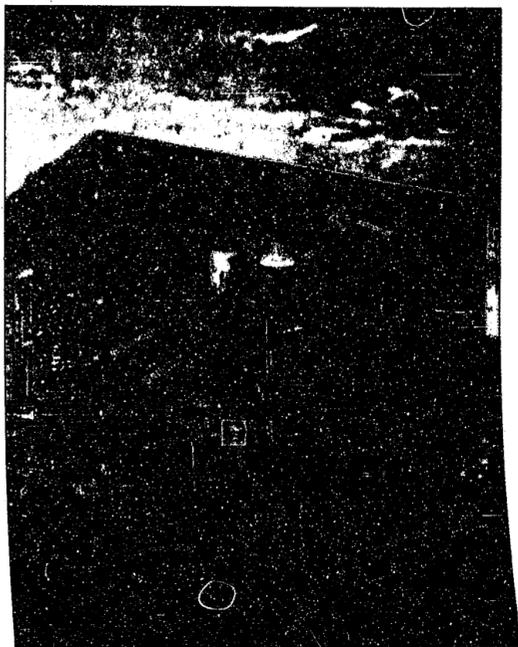
The No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks was named as one of "Best Cowboy Bars in the West" by American Cowboy magazine.

patrons over the decades.

Snake Bite, sitting on the bar in a large bottle labeled as such, is a signature drink for the No Scum Allowed Saloon. A secret recipe of a unique mixture of alcohols, it beckons the daring and is an ongoing topic of conversation.

The locals claim that in White Oaks tomorrow is a holiday. That also applies to today and yesterday.

Julie can be reached for comment at [jcarter@tularosa.net](mailto:jcarter@tularosa.net)



## CPL STORYTELLER



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A special program was held for the Capitan Head Start children, April 19, through Patsy Neely, mentor of Lincoln County Headstart. Nile Stanley, above left in yellow shirt, and Gary Dulabaum, at his right, assisted by Marisa Rosa, entertained the children with their storytelling at the Capitan Public Library. Stanley is Associate Professor of Primary and Elementary Education at the University of North Florida. He is also a poet, storyteller and musician. Dulabaum, from Vermont, wears many hats: writer, songwriter, educator, child protection consultant, speaker, recording artist, musician, entertainer, and stand-up comedian. He travels the United States sharing his love of music, rhythm, and using song as a teaching tool. The children were attentive and thoroughly enjoyed the program which is not always the case with 3-year olds at one in the afternoon.

## Carrizozo P&Z ordinance is on the front burner

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Carrizozo trustees and Planning and Zoning Committee have moved one step closer to changes in the ordinance Policies and Procedures.

With Town Attorney JulieAnne Leonard, three trustees and Trustee Dusty Voss attending by phone from Texas, the audience participated in going through the proposed document step-by-step.

The P&Z Ordinance establishes policies and procedures for land use within the town, guiding the use of public lands and public resources as well as protecting the rights of private landowners.

It also promotes the coordination and cooperation between the Town of Carrizozo, Lincoln County,

The state of New Mexico and any Federal agencies in decisions affecting the used of the lands and resources.

The ordinance regulates and restricts within guidelines that promote health, safety and general welfare

of the citizens of Carrizozo.

The ordinance outlines monitoring and compliance guidelines implemented by the Board of Trustees utilizing the advice and recommendation of the P&Z Committee composed of a minimum of five members with two alternates.

The committee is to be a cross section of residents and industry representatives.

Persons interested in serving on the P&Z committee should submit a request to do so in writing to the Town of Carrizozo in care of Mayor Mike Petty.

An official zoning map will be created, updated from the current one, and recorded with the ordinance.

### Livestock rules

Attorney Leonard is also working with P&Z to create an amendment to the ordinance guidelines for livestock within the Town of Carrizozo.

Changes will affect all landowners within the Town limits including

those that have always had animals on their property.

While a conditional-use clause would allow them to continue keeping animals even in areas not zoned for that purpose, changes in the permitting for the animals will be included in the amendment.

The permits will be tied to the person, not to the property, meaning that as long as that person owns the property, the animals can remain.

Should the property change hands for any reason, the permitting doesn't transfer to the new owner.

Guidelines are also being written that will mandate the number and kind of animals allowed depending the size of the property.

A public hearing will be held at a later date for the amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance.

The Policies and Procedures will go into effect 30 days after the ordinance and zoning map are recorded with the Lincoln County Clerk.

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**COUNTY BRIEFS**

**Mother's Day Tea**

The Carrizozo Womans Club will host a gala Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 7 from 3-5 p.m.

The Tea will be held in the beautiful round room of the historic clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue in Carrizozo.

The Adobe Revival Style Clubhouse was built in 1939 and is on both the United States and the New Mexico Registers of Historic Buildings.

The Mother's Day Tea will feature local clothing designers and their fashions will be modeled by members of the Woman's Club.

This Spring Fashion Show will feature the sophisticated designs of "Piaki" by Pia Imas and the vintage ensembles and flowing scarves of Capitan's Linda Caperton.

There will also be some handmade and beautifully detailed clothing for little girls made by Jamie Gieb from her shop, The Shire of Ghille Dhu, on 12th Street in Carrizozo.

All clothing will be available for purchase.

For your Mother's Day gift shopping, there will be a table set up with unique and affordable treasures by local artists.

A delicious tea with sandwiches, salads and elegant desserts will be served. There will be a variety of teas and coffee.

As a special treat, baked goods by Carrie Scott and Fran Mack will be served at the luncheon.

Tickets are \$12 and can be bought in advance from the Woman's Club members.

For tickets and more information, call Bonnie Soley at 648-2687.

**White Oaks Art**

Saturday, April 23, tour Ivy Heymann's White Oaks Pottery from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Dinner and a movie**

Friday, April 29, see *Lonely are the Brave* (1962) with Kirk Douglas and Walter Matthau.

The movie was filmed in Albuquerque and Tijeras Canyon.

The Carrizozo Heritage Museum provides movies made in New Mexico.

Free admission and it starts at 7 p.m., at the Community Building behind the Four Winds Restaurant, 103 12th St. Soda and popcorn available.

The Volunteer Fire Department may have a brisket dinner from 4-7 at the Senior Center that same evening.

Pay \$6 for the meal, then go watch a free movie. Proceeds from the dinner got to support the July 4th fireworks.

**Warm Winter**

Applications for free weatherization services for 60 Carrizozo homes and businesses are still being taken.

The project is being administered by Carrizozo

Works.

Call Carrizozo Works at 648-8500 for your help.

**Valle del Sol Golf**

Plans to open the golf course are scheduled for May 1, if not sooner. Stay tuned for further details as they unfold.

**'Zozo cleanup**

Carrizozo Cleanup Day is Saturday, May 14, at the McBride facility near the end of E Avenue before you turn south on 54.

Volunteers will be needed, so call Town Hall if you can help 648-2371.

If you need a pickup, call Town Hall and schedule it.

**Bookmarks**

Carrizozo Bookmarks are available around town or from Elaine (648-2757), the Sign Studio, the Caboose Visitors Center and the CWI office.

Help distribute them and get people to Carrizozo this summer for all the events.

**Caboose volunteers**

The caboose is the Carrizozo's visitors center and is currently open only three days a week.

If you'd be interested in spending four hours (10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch time off) on a day of your choosing, call the Chamber at 575-648-2732 and volunteer.

Meet and welcome some neat folks to Carrizozo and the surrounding area.

**CARRIZOZO FFA PIG SALE**



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The Carrizozo FFA held its 2nd Annual Pig Sale Saturday at the FFA Farm. Top left, one of the producers urges a young hog to strut his stuff in the ring while the auctioneer, Frank Walker, encouraged the bids. Top right, Hondo hog producer Gerald Montes lifts one of his prize offerings over the fence into the ring. Above, l-r, Lindsey Chavez, Cirsten Barela and Christie Gallacher in charge of being in charge and of keep tabs on the bookkeeping.

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Can Stores Say 'No' to Coupons?

By Jill Cataldo

**CTW Features**

**Question:** "I tried to redeem coupons at a store in my area and was told they do not accept coupons. Is a store that sells Colgate toothpaste not required by the manufacturer of Colgate to accept manufacturer coupons for their products?"

**Answer:** Having stores accept your coupons is a privilege, never a right. Believe it or not, no stores are required to accept manufacturer coupons at all. The right to accept or refuse coupons always lies with the store. That said, it certainly is advantageous for stores to accept manufacturer coupons. If a store does not accept them and its competitors do, the store has to accept that it's at a disadvantage.

You may wonder why a store wouldn't want to accept manufacturer coupons when they are reimbursed for doing so. There could be several reasons. While a store receives reimbursement for the manufacturer coupons it accepts, this doesn't happen instantly. The store sends coupons to a clearinghouse to be scanned and totaled and the reimbursement process begins. If a store does not want to wait to be reimbursed for accepting coupons, it could choose not to accept them.

Unfortunately, coupon fraud is another reason stores opt out. A small local grocer in my area will no longer accept coupons due to fraud. It had an incident in which shoppers used a large number of photocopied coupons to fraudulently get groceries at reduced prices. The

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with Jill Cataldo



clearinghouse refused the fraudulent photocopies and would not reimburse the store. The store took a financial hit on the money it expected but ultimately did not receive. To avoid a repeat incident, the store stopped accepting coupons altogether.

To find out what kinds of coupons a particular store accepts, read your store's coupon policy. Many stores have their coupon policies available online on the store's website or at the customer service counter in the store.

**Question:** "If a manufacturer coupon can be accepted anywhere, can you use a manufacturer coupon with one store's logo on it at a different store? One store in our area will take any manufacturer coupon, even if it says 'Redeemable at [store name]' with a different store's name printed on it. Others won't. Why not?"

**Answer:** It's true that a valid manufacturer coupon can be accepted by any store that chooses to take it. As long as it has a valid address for redemption, a store will be able to submit it for reimbursement. But, like you said, some stores will accept a coupon with another store's name or logo on it while others won't.

In my area, one supermarket's coupon policy states, "We accept all manufacturer coupons." It doesn't matter if another

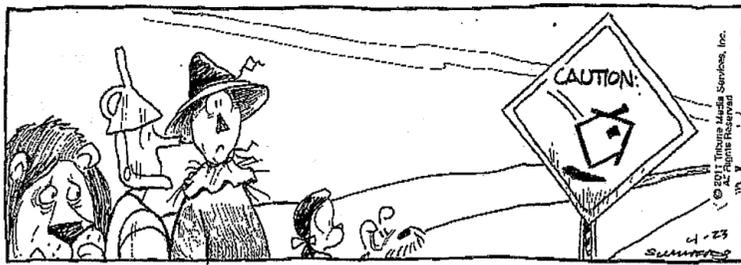
store's name or logo appears on it. As long as it's a manufacturer coupon, they'll accept it. This generous policy makes the store a favorite among local coupon shoppers, too. Shoppers know that any manufacturer coupon they bring will be accepted there, and the store knows that they will be reimbursed for them.

Occasionally, stores may use the words "manufacturer coupon" on a coupon that's technically a store coupon, and this is where things can certainly begin to get a little confusing for shoppers! Manufacturer coupons contain a standard bar code along with a physical mailing address printed in the redemption instructions. If the bar code is an internal store bar code and the coupon has no redemption address printed on it, it's likely not a manufacturer coupon, despite the wording. These coupons must be used at the store that originally issued them.

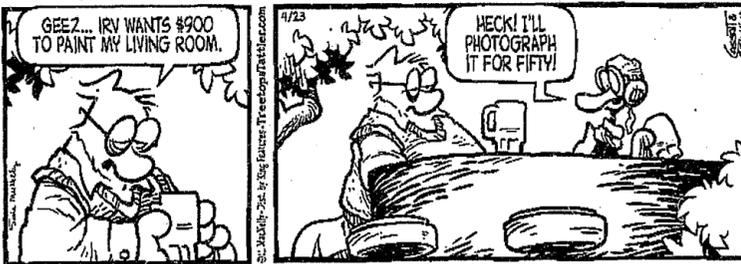
Stores' coupon policies can be an invaluable source of information about the types of coupons your store accepts. The written policies often provide details as to how your store handles specific coupon situations, too. Next week, we'll review the ways shoppers can best use coupons during Buy One, Get One Free sales, another topic I've been receiving lots of reader questions about.

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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](http://www.jill-cataldo.com). E-mail your own couponing victories and questions to [jill@ctwfeatures.com](mailto:jill@ctwfeatures.com).

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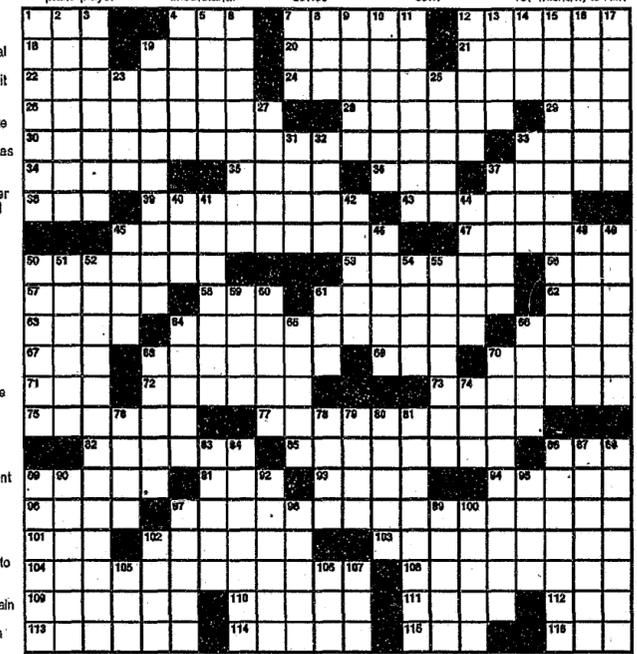
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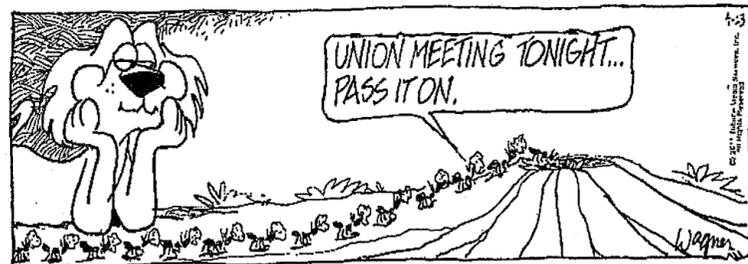
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29 Suffix with mail
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112 What's expected of a dragon?
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16 City in California's Central Valley
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25 New, in Nicaragua
27 Poetry competitions
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32 Turn down
33 Old orchard spray
37 Keep from ending normally
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48 Hang it up, so to speak
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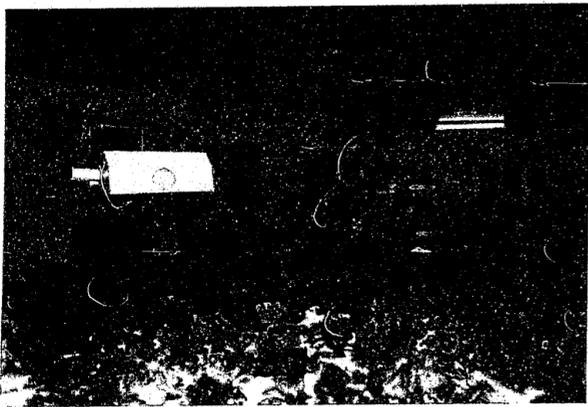
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Owning a greenhouse is an important investment in your family's health, your enjoyment of nature and your peace of mind.

We also know that eating fresh, natural vegetables is good for us. Some can even help prevent diseases like cancer. And yet, it's still hard to get into the fresh vegetable habit! This is especially true in the off-season, when so many vegetables in stores are either

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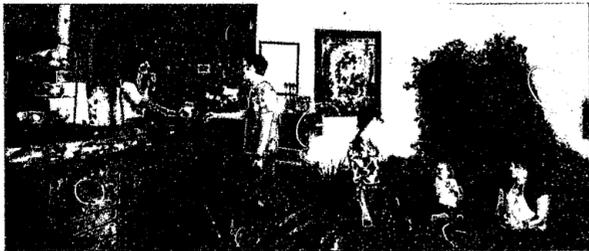
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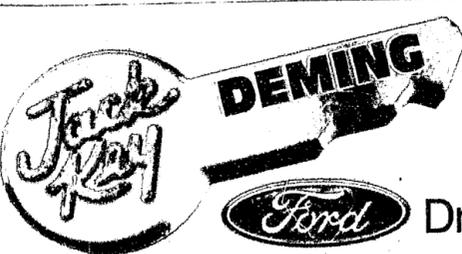
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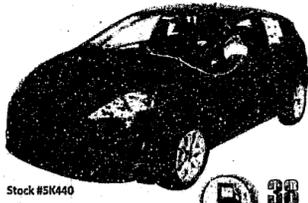


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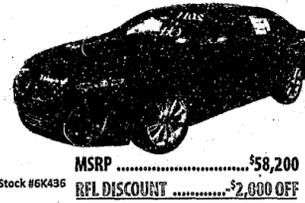


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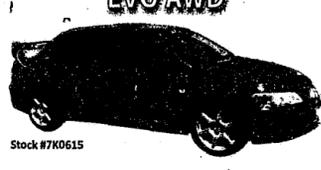


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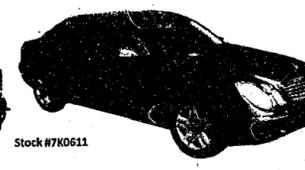


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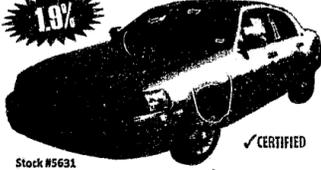
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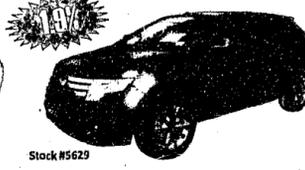


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