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Residents vow to fight for post office

San Patricio facility one of five in county that could be shut down

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Some residents in San Patricio say they intend to fight the closing of their post office, especially when the options for new delivery, including Tularosa, are 53 miles away.

"If this is how the Postal

Service values their customers, no wonder they are losing money," said resident Wayne Greaves.

Five small post offices in Lincoln County are targeted. They are Glencoe, Hollywood, Picacho, Tinnie and San Patricio. The post office at Fort Stanton still is under review from a previ-

ous possible closure list. The closures are part of a budget-cutting effort by the Postal Service, which saw a massive \$8.5 billion net loss last year. Service officials are examining 53 post offices in New Mexico and 3,700 nationally.

A community meeting is scheduled by the Postal Service

for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at St. Jude's Church on U.S. 70 in San Patricio to discuss "community concerns."

The letter received from Greaves from Jolea Quintana, the Arizona-based manager of Post Office Operations, states that it should be considered a notice that the U.S. Postal Service is conducting a discontin-

uance feasibility study of facility operations at the San Patricio Post Office into the Tularosa Post Office.

"The office is being studied due to declining office workload, which may indicate that maintaining this facility is not war-

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Art and money

Convention Center committee finds balance

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Sixty-two pieces of artwork were delivered Wednesday to the newly renovated Ruidoso Convention Center for members of a village committee to select for hanging throughout the building.

A few months after being appointed to fill a vacancy on the council, Gloria Sayers suggested to Mayor Ray Alborn that local artists submit work from which an appointed committee could select those best suited for subject, space and budget. Some delay occurred as

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Members of the committee charged with selecting artwork to hang at the newly renovated Ruidoso Convention Center consider the entries Wednesday. From left standing are Josie Powell, Chairman Roy Brown, Jamie Slack and Sunny Hirschfeld. Kneeling from left are Shirley Estes and Gloria Sayers.

Rally for the Rally

Motorcycle event gets positive reviews

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The 2011 Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally, which was held at the Inn of the Mountain Gods for the first time this year, had space for more vendors and more motorcyclist.

"Overall it was good," event organizer Patrick Pearson said Thursday. "It will take us a while to get the numbers."

Pearson said he expected there were about 20,000 motorcycle enthusiasts who attended the five-day trade show at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, which is the usual attendance — But that number wouldn't include all rally participants.

The rally began Oct. 15 and went through Oct. 18.

"At one time on Saturday the parking garage was full and our security people counted 4,000 motorcycles parked along the road," Pearson said. "There are people who come to the rally and don't register. There are people who register and come to the trade show every day."

Motorcyclists could go to the back lawn of the Inn of the Mountain Gods for food, live music and beer.

Area police reported no major problems with the event.

"I am very pleased that there were no major incidents," Ruidoso Police Chief Joe Magill said. "I think that is because of the

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Prosecutor describes the challenges of domestic violence

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A domestic violence survivor herself, 12th Judicial Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman doesn't need to brush up on the psychological forces driving such incidents, she's been there.

Her job is to determine the proper charge in each case and to seek a conviction, if warranted.

A big obstacle in achieving that goal can be the victim, she said.

"A large problem is that the victim will recant and say it did not happen, or often that it did not happen like the police said it did," Zimmerman said during a recent interview. "Or they will say they didn't want to prosecute. 'We want to just go on with our lives.' They also can make it very difficult to locate them."

This is the third part of a four-part series on domestic violence that will be published in Friday editions throughout September.

If a law enforcement officer in New Mexico responds to a domestic violence call and sees enough to believe an offense was committed, they statutorily have no recourse and must make an arrest, she said.

"Some women, and the victims are predominantly women, will say, 'Just make him leave, I don't want him arrested,' but the officer has no discretion."

No one but the district attorney can dismiss a charge. Sometimes a district attorney can move forward with prosecution even if a victim recants, Zimmerman said

One situation in which charges



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Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman is a survivor of domestic violence herself and deals with domestic violence as a prosecutor.

can be dropped is if investigators find the facts are not what were alleged by the victim. "The system can be abused by both parties," Zimmerman said. Allegations often

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The myths

Soldiers in the battle to break the cycle of domestic violence say most of the excuses for the behavior floated over past decades are bogus.

The causes of domestic violence rarely are physiological.

The use of alcohol is not the cause for the violence to occur, but alcohol and chemical abuse often are found with abusive behavior, and their use can be determined as "factors." However, the problems of violent behavior are not caused by the alcohol or chemical substance. Violence is a learned behavior or learned

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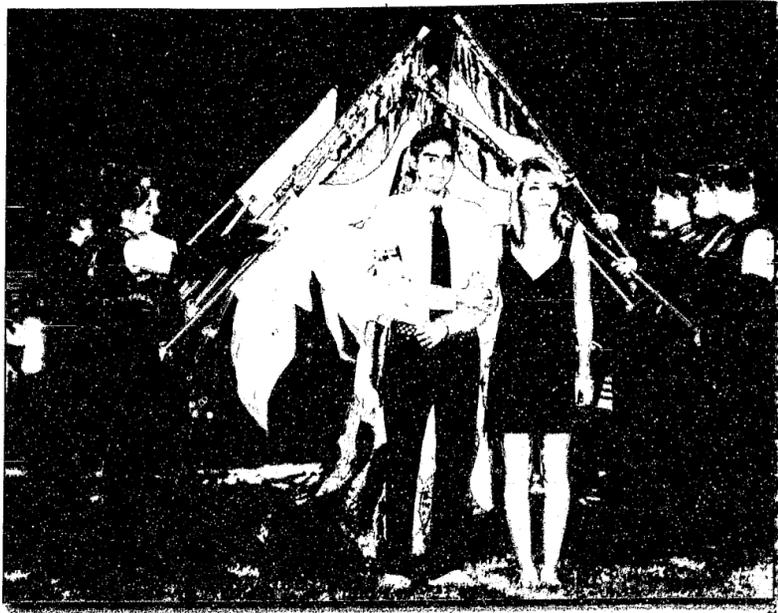
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Homecoming Queen Emma Lindsey, escorted by Warren McCracken (No. 56), is presented to the crowd on hand at Friday's football game at Horton Stadium with West Las Vegas.



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Homecoming King Wambli Little Spotted Horse and Marisa Chavez are introduced to the throng of RHS fans at the halftime ceremonies of Friday's football game.

Fall cleanup

The semi-annual cleanup event in Ruidoso Downs will have an additional feature — a used tire amnesty. Old tires, with or without rims, can be dropped off on

Friday, Sept. 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The drop off location is at All American Park. Tires will be accepted from individuals, but not from commercial operations. Tires over 17 inches in diameter will not be accepted. People can also bring old pots and pans. The metal in the utensils will be recycled. The tire amnesty is available to residents from beyond Ruidoso Downs. Sept. 24 will host the city's Toss No Mas beautification event from 8 a.m.

until noon. Volunteers who will pick up along streets in the city are asked to initially meet at the Senior Citizens Center in All American Park. After the cleanup the volunteers will be treated to hamburgers and hot dogs. The fall cleanup is sponsored by the Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Committee.

Republicans meet

Speaking on Obamacare, Dr. Tom Lindsey, a surgeon on staff at Lincoln County Medical Center, will attend

the September meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County. Scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring a sack lunch and please use the side door. For information: 430-7258.

Swap meet

Spencer Park Antique and Collectible Swap Meet, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 24, Spencer Park in Carrizozo. Food, music, free spaces for qualified vendors/artists/craftsmen. Call

480-299-6441 for more info.

Museum program

The Hubbard Museum of the American West will host a special program titled, "Recent Excavations in the Canada Alamosa Project," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Dean Hood and Delton Estes have worked on projects at the archaeological research sites in south central New Mexico for parts of the past five years.

The focus of the presentation will be the excavation of the four locations that make

up the Canada Alamosa Project and what has been learned to date about the inhabitants who occupied the sites hundreds of years ago. Included in the discussion will be the varieties of ceramics found, other types of artifacts uncovered during the excavations, and what is still needed to complete the work.

The U.S. Department of the Interior had considered one of the sites for national monument designation.

Estes is retired from the

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CORRECTION

The Ruidoso Downs police officers pictured on page 1A in the Sept. 21 edition, were Martin Valenzuela, Chief Doug Babcock, Carolee Sandoval, Ryan Frost and Joseph Bailey.



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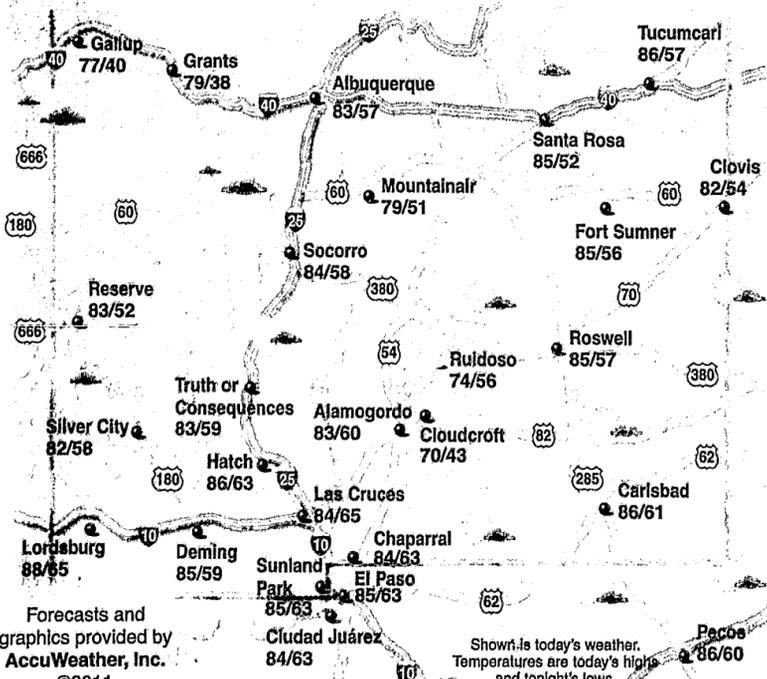
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AccuWeather® 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 83°	RealFeel 83°	RealFeel 84°	RealFeel 79°	RealFeel 81°	RealFeel 78°	RealFeel 73°
Humidity 42%	Humidity 30%	Humidity 23%	Humidity 28%	Humidity 25%	Humidity 41%	Humidity 47%
Partly sunny	Sunny and nice	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	An afternoon thunderstorm possible	Sunny	Partly sunny with spotty showers
Winds: NW 4-8 mph	Wind: W 7-14 mph	Wind: W 8-16 mph	Wind: W 8-16 mph	Wind: NNE 6-12 mph	Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	Wind: SE 8-16 mph

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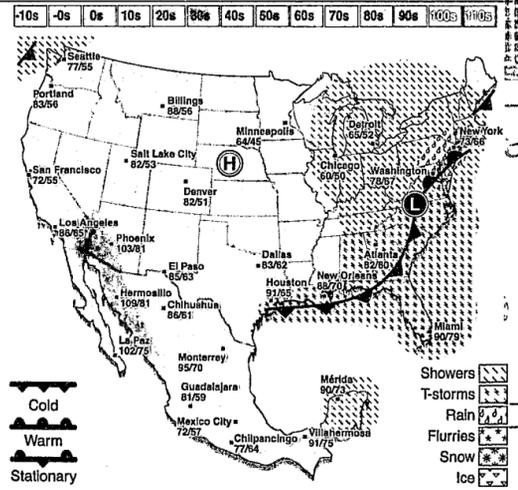
Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature: High/low 73°/48°, Normal high 74°, Normal low 43°, Record high 83° (1960), Record low 28° (1957)
Precipitation: Wednesday 0.02", Month to date 0.82", Normal month to date 1.94", Year to date 6.72", Normal year to date 17.27"
Pollen: Grass High, Trees Absent, Weeds High, Mold Low, Predominant Artemisia
Alamogordo Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature: High/low 90°/58°, Normal high 84°, Normal low 59°, Record high 96° (1956), Record low 39° (1965)
Precipitation: Wednesday 0.00", Month to date 0.85", Normal month to date 1.06", Year to date 3.20", Normal year to date 8.49"
Weather Trivia: Q: What major U.S. city is often the first to have a significant snowfall?

National Forecast for Sept. 23, 2011



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

National Cities Regional Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Abilene	82/61/s	90/66/s	Albuquerque	83/57/s	85/58/s
Anchorage	58/44/s	55/44/c	Artesia	86/62/s	95/64/s
Atlanta	82/60/t	79/58/pc	Chama	74/41/s	78/33/s
Austin	88/60/s	92/65/s	Clayton	82/53/s	86/53/s
Baltimore	75/62/t	79/68/t	Cloudcroft	70/43/pc	71/34/s
Boston	71/65/r	74/66/sh	Farmington	82/46/s	83/49/s
Chicago	60/50/c	64/46/sh	Hobbs	84/53/s	91/57/s
Dallas	83/62/s	91/69/s	Los Alamos	75/49/pc	76/43/s
Denver	82/51/s	85/52/s	Portales	84/56/s	88/56/s
Des Moines	64/45/pc	65/44/s	Raton	80/43/s	83/43/s
Detroit	65/52/c	67/50/sh	Red River	69/37/s	70/34/s
El Paso	85/63/s	89/65/s	Ruidoso	74/56/pc	78/57/s
Las Vegas	98/78/s	94/77/s	Santa Fe	80/48/pc	83/48/s
Los Angeles	86/65/pc	82/63/pc	Silver City	82/58/s	84/58/s
Minneapolis	64/45/pc	65/49/s	Taos	78/40/s	80/37/s
New Orleans	88/70/pc	87/69/s			
New York City	73/66/t	75/67/sh			
Philadelphia	74/66/t	77/65/sh			
Phoenix	103/81/s	103/80/s			
Reno	90/54/s	85/54/s			
San Francisco	72/55/pc	69/57/pc			
San Diego	78/66/pc	75/66/pc			
Seattle	77/65/pc	75/65/pc			
Tucson	97/72/pc	98/72/s			
Tulsa, OK	80/57/s	82/58/s			
Wash., DC	78/67/t	80/69/t			
Wichita	78/57/s	76/54/s			
Yuma	104/81/pc	99/78/s			

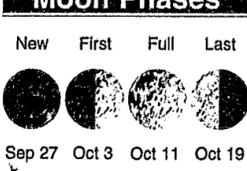
Mexican Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	82/73/r	90/77/t
Cancun	90/73/t	90/72/t
Chihuahua	86/61/pc	90/59/s
Ciudad Juárez	84/63/s	88/64/s
León	82/55/pc	81/57/t
México, DF	72/57/t	72/55/t
Monterrey	95/70/s	97/70/s
Morelia	79/58/t	80/60/t
Oaxaca	81/59/t	84/61/t
Pto. Penasco	97/79/s	95/77/s
Tijuana	82/63/pc	78/61/pc

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:51 a.m./6:59 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 2:33 a.m./4:19 p.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 107° in Phoenix, AZ Low: 18° in Shirley Basin, WY
Wednesday's World High/Low: High: 112° in Jahra, Kuwait Low: 2° in Summit Station, Greenland

EVENTS

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Ruidoso School District and Dean Hood is currently teaching at Ruidoso Middle School. Admission to the museum is \$6. There are reduced admission costs for senior citizens, military personnel and youth.

Fort project

As a partner to the Fort Stanton State Monument, the Bureau of Land Management-Fort Stanton National Conservation Area invites Fort Stanton, Inc. members and the public to the historic fort Saturday for project work.

The project will celebrate National Public Lands Day by cleaning modern trash that over the years was pitched over the slope on the Rio Bonito side of the fort. Volunteers and crews will work from 11 a.m. to about 4 p.m. Participants need to wear long pants, sturdy hiking shoes or boots, bring work gloves, water and lunches. A tailgate safety and "Leave No Trace" session will precede the work and EZ Reachers will be used to nab trash. National Public Lands Day T-shirts will be passed out to participants. The meet-up location is at the Fort Stanton Museum.

Gospel sing

The Fifth Annual Gospel Sing will be at 5 p.m., Sunday, at the Flying J Chuckwagon, 1028 New Mexico Highway 48.

The benefit is a fundraiser for Sierra Blanca Christian Academy. The SBCA students will perform and in addition, the program will feature Two Days Walk, Canaan Trail Bluegrass, Grace Harvest, J Bar J Church, and a grand finale showcasing The Flying J

Wranglers. Intermingled with great music will be a dessert auction, allowing a person to go home with a delicious treat. A special love offering will be taken for the school, but admission to the program is free. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sierra Blanca Christian Academy at 630-0144.

LCMC board

The September meeting of the Lincoln County Medical Center Board will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in the Physical Therapy Conference Room.

Historical Society

The Lincoln County Historical Society will conduct its annual meeting at noon Oct. 1, at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

Bring a dish and stay to hear Richard Melzer, Ph.D., an authority on New Mexico statehood. The session is open to the public.

Exhibit extended

The Arte en la Charrería: The Artisanry of Mexican Equestrian Culture exhibit at the Hubbard Museum of the American West has been extended until Jan. 1, 2012. Museum Director Jim Kofakis said the added showings are because of overwhelming popularity and great reviews.

With more than 240 artifacts, Arte en la Charrería offers a unique view of the culture surrounding the charro, or Mexican cowboy. Leather work, costumes, textiles, silver and iron work merit consideration as art objects due to the exceptional craftsmanship of the charrería artisan. The culture of charrería is

rooted in a nearly 500-year old heritage dating back to the introduction of horses and cattle in the New World. During the 19th century, charros began to organize celebrations to showcase their skills and compete against one another. After the Mexican Revolution, the competitions were formalized by charrería associations in an effort to preserve the tradition.

Charrería today is the national sport of Mexico.

Public Lands Day

National Public Lands Day is Saturday, Sept. 24, and as a way to celebrate, the Lincoln National Forest will offer several recreation sites for all to enjoy at no fee.

The purpose of this fee-free day is to encourage visitation to our nation's national forests while recognizing our public lands as the invaluable recreational resource they are for old and young alike.

Fee-free sites on the Smokey Bear Ranger District include: Oak Grove Campground, Cedar Creek Picnic/Pavilion, Monjeau Campground, Skyline Campground, Baca Dispersed Campground, and Three Rivers Campground.

Fee-free sites on the Sacramento Ranger District include: Pines Campground, Upper and Lower Karr Campground, Bluff Springs, and the Trestle Recreation Area. The Sitting Bull Falls Recreation Site on the Guadalupe Ranger District would typically be fee-free for National Public Lands day. However, due to fire rehab projects currently in progress, this site is closed with a tentatively scheduled opening of next spring. All

three Ranger Districts are open for dispersed camping. Anyone wanting to camp, hike, sightsee, or just relax is welcome to enjoy the Lincoln National Forest.

For additional information on the Lincoln National Forest, please contact the Supervisor's Office in Alamogordo at 575-434-7200; the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office in Ruidoso at 575-257-4095; the Sacramento Ranger District Office in Cloudcroft at 575-682-2551, or the Guadalupe Ranger District Office in Carlsbad at 575-885-4181, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Online, the Lincoln is at www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln and can be followed on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/LincolnUSForest>.

River cleanup

Volunteers are needed for a Ruidoso River Cleanup from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday.

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Two Rivers Park Pavilion #2 by the walking bridge.

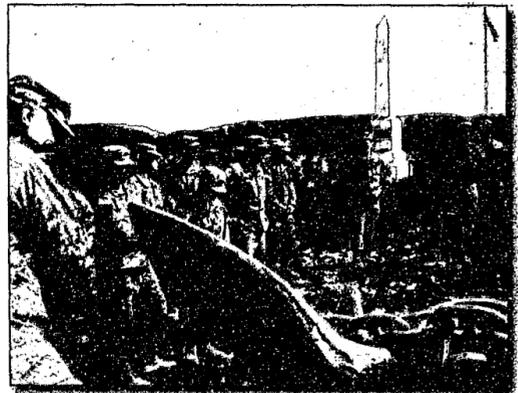
Refreshments and snacks will be served by the village Parks and Recreation Department.

Spencer Guild

Spencer Guild officer for 2011-2012 were elected and installed at a luncheon in the home of Wanda Harmon. Elected were: president, Wanda Harmon; vice president, Norma Bennett; secretary, Jean Gilliland; and treasurer, Mary Kay Sarrett.

The next guild meeting is Oct. 5 at the theater. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend.

ROTC AT THE FORT



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

At top, senior ROTC students from New Mexico State University participated in a recent tour of historic Fort Stanton with historian and author Lynda Sanchez.

The tour was organized by Phil Schreiber, one of the Fort Stanton historians and docents. Jack Shuster, with beard and frontier garb (at right with Sanchez), later gave the cadets a tour of the settlement of Lincoln. Sanchez said they plan to make the Ruidoso, Fort Stanton and Lincoln tour part of their semester programs. Their commander is Col.



Andrew Taylor, one of the founders of the Bataan Battalion and the now famous tribute to the Battling Bastards of Bataan walk from Alamogordo to Las Cruces, a grueling annual event.

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OUR OPINION

Border Patrol base not most effective location

While we are pleased to see progress being made on a new U.S. Border Patrol forward operating base in the state's Bootheel area, we continue to believe that the best location for the facility is closer to the border than the "preferred site" now under consideration.

Last week, concerned residents from throughout the region had a chance to see for themselves the two proposed sites, which are about 13 miles apart.

Border Patrol spokesman Demetrio Guerra said public comments are being reviewed, and a "finding of no significant impact" will be issued soon reflecting the final decision on the preferred site.

The location favored by the Border Patrol is south from Animas on County Road 001 on a parcel of land owned by the Diamond A Ranch, a major landholder in southern Hidalgo County. Levi Klump, whose own ranch is just east of the proposed site, claims that the property is in a draw fed by two other arroyos, and could be prone to flooding.

But the primary concern of Klump and others is that the proposed site is not close enough to the border or visi-

ble enough to chase away problem crossers.

They prefer a second site seven miles from the border off Battalion Road.

"It's an obvious, no-brainer for me that the site should be on Battalion Road, for access, for safety to citizens, for a long-term, projected outlook," said Hidalgo County Commissioner Ed Kerr, who attended the tour.

"The other, Horse Camp Road site is a hidden cove in a flood-prone area.

It's almost like we're trying to hide from the enemy."

Either site would be a huge improvement over current conditions, in which officers must drive two hours each way from the headquarters in Lordsburg.

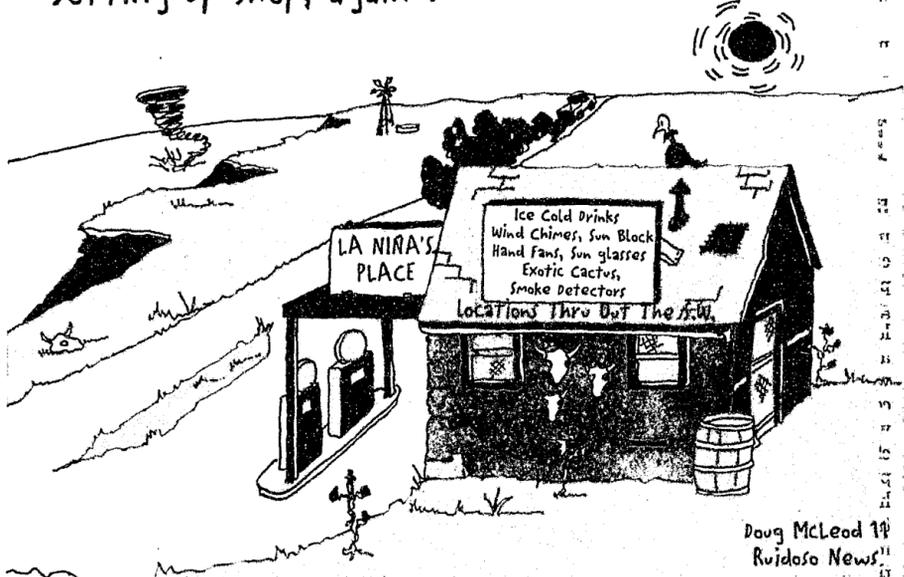
Wherever the base is located, it will have a heliport, horse corrals and modular buildings capable of housing up to 16 federal agents, who'll stay for short-term spans, according to the environmental review.

This area of the border has been neglected for too long.

We're glad to see that changing.

But to get the most impact from this new base, it should be located as close to the border as possible.

Setting up shop, again?



Doug McLeod 19
Ruidoso News

GUEST COMMENTARY

Mayor's ambiguity led to controversy

The mayor should have known better.

Ray Alborn's executive order

on gun control in the village of Ruidoso - issued in response to a citizen packing heat at a recent Village Council meeting - traveled farther than a speeding bullet. A lot farther than expected.

The former football coach, with no thanks to Village Attorney Dan Bryant, called a series of curious plays, and thus it is his administration and not just the New Mexico Constitution that

will be under the gun Tuesday when Village Council considers that executive order.

The original order banned guns from "all public property of the Village of Ruidoso." That opened up any number of interpretations.

But no, Alborn backtracked. It applied only to village buildings.

Or was it simply Village Council meetings?

Several days before the tumultuous council meeting on Sept. 13 that drew scores of people opposing the edict, several concerned citizens, in a face-to-face with Alborn, asked him to

rescind the order. It was unconstitutional on federal and state grounds, they pointed out.

Had Alborn clarified that his intent was merely to limit the directive to Village Council meetings and not make Ruidoso a gun-free zone, most opponents - not all, of course - would have been mollified, and the brushfire that challenged the executive order might not have flared.

Instead, he got his hackles up. At that Sept. 13 council session, the mayor circulated a press release claiming his executive order applied only to council meetings and "public gatherings" - more ambiguity - even as the language in the original order remained unchanged. Now we had duél-

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MARTY RACINE

YOUR OPINION

What's behind the gas prices?

To the editor:

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, I purchased gasoline in Alamogordo at the commonly available price of \$3.379 per gallon. When I left Ruidoso that morning, the lowest cost per gallon in sight was \$3.629 per gallon. This reflects a difference of twenty-five cents per gallon. People who frequently travel to Alamogordo commonly report lower gasoline prices in that area, usually ranging between fifteen and twenty-five cents per gallon.

Travelers into the city of Roswell often report somewhat lower gasoline prices than in Ruidoso, though the differential

is not usually as great as in Alamogordo. Only a few days ago, I easily found gasoline on Fourth Street in Albuquerque for \$2.289 per gallon. On my return trip to Alto, I saw the price of gasoline in Carrizozo was posted at \$3.579 per gallon, and was \$3.659 in Ruidoso.

Consider the following extrapolation. If a vehicle owner drives the approximate national average of one thousand, two hundred miles per month, at an average 20 miles per gallon (many pickup work trucks do not do that well), the noted additional twenty-five cents per gallon costs the vehicle owner an

extra fifteen dollars per month, or an additional \$180.00 per year. That amount of money could go to good use buying food or utilities for a family.

The basic question then becomes, why is gasoline so much more costly in Ruidoso? A corollary question must be, why is the charge per gallon so close to uniformity throughout Ruidoso? This writer must remind himself that it would be inappropriate to arbitrarily accuse gasoline suppliers (both wholesalers and merchants) of price gouging, or local price fix-

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OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

The First Amendment

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Do you think post offices should close on Saturdays to save money?



Eddy Hedin
Ruidoso

"It's not a big inconvenience for me. They need to do what they have to to save money - they're too top-heavy."



Luis Espinoza
Ruidoso

"I'm sure it will affect their employees and some types of business, but it wouldn't have a big impact on us."



Nancy Turner
Ruidoso

"I really wouldn't mind at all if they closed on Saturdays. It would just be one more day without the mail."



Carolyn Bass
Ruidoso

"No, I think they should stay open. People count on the post office to be open, and most people work every weekday."

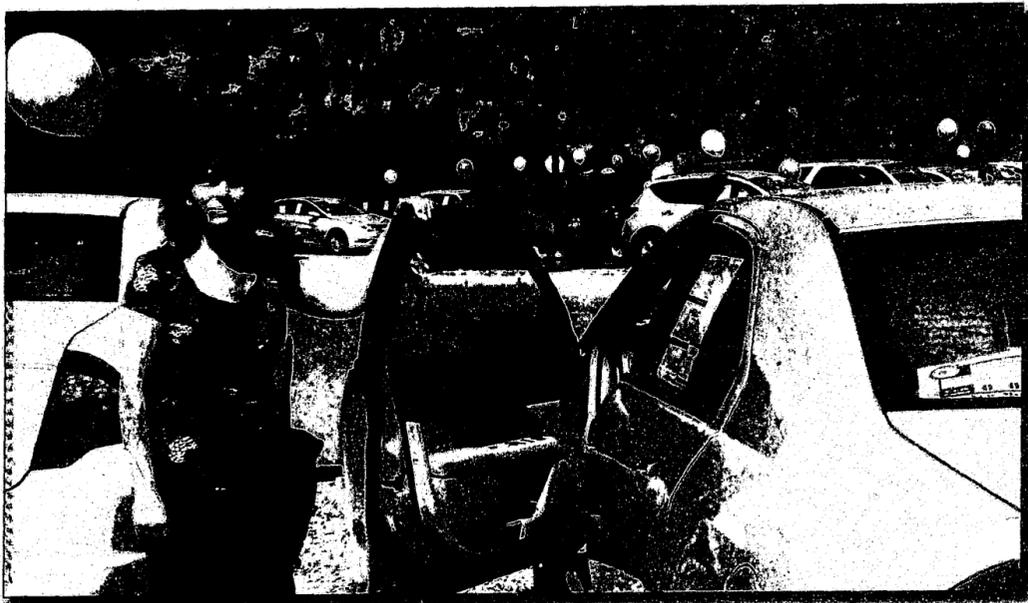


Jimmy Harper
Ruidoso

"We need a post office, I don't care if they open only on Monday. They need to do whatever they need to keep going."

BUSINESS

TENT EVENT



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln Sales Consultant Pam Obholz shows off a vehicle at the Tent Event Thursday. The semiannual showing began earlier this week at the Avalon Town Center, across from Walmart. "This year we felt like we wanted to try the Avalon location," said Christopher Carusona, owner and manager of Ruidoso Ford-Lincoln. "Having the traffic signal makes it a lot easier getting in and out. And it's just a nice location." The Tent Event runs through Saturday.

Event to feature a "Taste"

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Planning for a Midtown Ruidoso festival during November's Veterans Day will include a "Taste of Ruidoso."

The Nov. 12 block party, called R&R in Ruidoso, is set for noon until 4 p.m., said Ruidoso Tourism Director Gina Kelley. The event will close Sudderth Drive between Chase Street and Center Street.

"We wanted to start small this year," Kelley said. "So what we've got are bands, two stages with one set up on either end. We plan on having eight to 10 bands that day. We've got a lot of local restaurants signing up to do a Taste of Ruidoso. We want to get the military here to have fun, meet the people who live here. We meet them and they get to find out what Ruidoso has to offer."

The Taste of Ruidoso will provide some sample sized food choices.

"What we're asking them (restaurants) to do is pick a thing off your menu and sell it for a dollar," Kelley said. "And then bring whatever else you want for how ever much you want. But we are asking that they have a menu item for a dollar for people to try."

Kelley said a lot of attractions are interested in being a part of the street fair being assembled by her, the village's Military 365 Committee, and the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

"Ski Apache's going to be here selling their season passes. (Ruidoso) Winter Park is going to be here prompting tubing. And we've got a kids zone for jumping castles and stuff like that for the kids."

For the adults, some New Mexico wineries, as well as the Sierra Blanca Brewing Company, will be on hand.

Mountain Annie's Center for the Arts will present western music legends The

Sons of the Pioneers that evening.

"It's going to be fun," Kelley said. "It's going to be a block party, get out and have fun. We've picked a week that's traditionally quiet."

The weekend is also the annual Christmas Jubilee at the Ruidoso Convention Center, providing another venue in the village.

Kelley said involvement by Fort Bliss at El Paso has been good. One of the bands that will perform during the street fair will be from the army base.

"We're going out to the lodgers and asking for a really deep discount during the week of November 7-12," Kelley said. "So the (festival) event's kind of capping off a whole week of really super discounts for the military, retired and active. For example, The Lodge at Sierra Blanca is dropping almost \$100 off their room rate that week for the military. We want them to come up and enjoy themselves, have a good time, don't wear your uniform for goodness sake, be here for some fun."

But the Midtown activities are for others as well. "We're going to promote it more than just to the military," Kelley said. "We're going to promote it all throughout New Mexico."

And merchants in the shopping Mecca appear to be on board.

"Nancy Mitchell, from Mitchell's Silver and Turquoise, went door-to-door to every single business on that block and said this is what we want to do. How do you feel about it? Every single one supported it. They didn't mind us closing the street. They're letting us use their driveways for different things."

There still are some details to work out.

"Every week we meet and we've got new ideas and new things going on. It's an ongoing effort, but it's coming together pretty well," the tourism chief said.

RVCC has new officers

New officers have been announced for the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The 2011-2012 year will see Rutalee Todd-Jernigan as the chamber board's president. She is with Farm Bureau Financial Services in Ruidoso. Brad Treptow will be the board's treasurer. A former RVCC executive director, Treptow is the public relations manager for Lincoln County Medical Center. Clayton Alred will be the board's vice president of economic development. He is the president of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso. Doug McAllister will be the chamber's vice-president of membership. He operates Shadow Mountain Lodge in Ruidoso's Upper Canyon. The chamber's new executive director, Marla Lewis, started on Aug. 15. A president-elect will be selected later this fall. The chamber board has scheduled its annual planning session on Sept. 28 to determine a strategic plan for the next three to five years.

- From reports

PNM to fight EPA mandate Company asks for stay on green upgrades

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Reeling from just enacted rate increases, customers of PNM could face even higher bills in the near future.

An Environmental Protection Agency mandate, that PNM claims will cost as much as \$741 million, will be fought by the utility.

PNM has formally asked EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson for a stay on a five-year timeframe to install expensive environmental equipment at the coal-fired San Juan Generating Station west of Farmington. The stay would delay implementation to allow an appeal of the mandate to work through the courts.

"With the stakes for us and our customers so high, we believe a request for stay is a reasonable request to make," said Pat Vincent-Collawn, president and CEO of PNM parent company PNM Resources.

PNM, which owns 46-percent of the four generation units at San Juan, estimated its share of the \$741 million expense would be nearly \$345 million. The EPA contended the actual costs would be just less than half

of what the utility figured. In August, the EPA ordered the plant to put in the equipment to address haze. The federal Clean Air Act targets haze visible to the human eye in certain federal parks and wilderness areas.

"I personally am committed to continuing to improve the plant's performance and reducing its impact on the environment," Vincent-Collawn said. "We are willing to continue to make prudent investments that keep the plant reliable, safe and compliant with environmental laws."

But with 25 percent of New Mexico children living in poverty, New Mexico electric customers cannot afford unnecessary costs associated with a new mandate.

Attorneys for the utility warned that residential customer rates could increase 2.31 percent to 12.24 percent, depending on how long the appeal process takes and the length of a recovery period to recoup the costs.

"EPA's aggressive, five-year compliance timeframe means that without a stay, we will be forced to begin spending enormous sums of money without knowing if EPA's decision will stand,"

said Pat Themig, PNM vice president of generation. "This places PNM and its customers in a difficult financial position."

The utility estimated that if the appeal process were to last a year, plant owners would spend more than \$43 million on early design and construction during that time.

If two years passed before a decision from the U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver, about \$246 million would be spent toward the total project cost.

"We continue to urge EPA to consider the reasonable, thoughtful plan adopted by the state," Themig said. "It would meet the federal law's visibility standards at a far lower cost to customers."

The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board in June had approved a plan that PNM said would cost about one-tenth of the EPA requirement. In addition to PNM, the San Juan Generating Station is owned by several municipalities in the west and Tri-State Generation and Transmission, a provider that delivers electricity to electric cooperatives, including Otero County Electric Cooperative.

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MAIL

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ranted," she wrote. "There are a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office to provide the sales of stamps and the mailing of most package items.

"A discontinuance feasibility study involves a review of delivery and retail operations of a postal facility. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the facility's operations in a continuing effort to meet customers' retail needs, improve productivity, increase efficiency, and cut costs," she wrote.

Quintana continued that customer needs have changed dramatically. Many customers receive and pay their bills online and communicate by e-

mail and text messaging. Many also demand easier, more convenient access to Postal Service products and services when and where they want them — online, on their smart phones and at the stores they frequent.

"If a decision is ultimately made to discontinue the San Patricio Post Office and you are a Post Office Box customer, you will have the option of Post Office Box delivery at the Tularosa Post Office," she wrote. "To request delivery, submit a request for establishment of rural delivery service, PS Form 4027, Petition for Change in Rural Delivery.' This form is available at the San Patricio Post Office."

Quintana noted that the Tularosa Post Office is 53.0 miles away and has retail hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Friday and from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The Hondo Post Office is 5.0 miles from the San Patricio Post Office with retail hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

"Retail services would continue to be available through a variety of channels beyond traditional brick-and-mortar facilities, such as the www.usps.com website, non-city delivery carriers, stamp consignment locations, and Stamps by Mail, Fax, and Phone," she wrote.

"We value your opinions during this review process. As the Postal Manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your input concerning your postal needs. We encourage you to complete and return the enclosed survey in the pre-

addressed, postage-paid envelope provided."

Those responses will be included in the study and considered before any final determination, she assured customers. Comments are to be submitted no later than Oct. 5.

Postal representatives will be at the St. Jude Community Center for one hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 to answer questions and provide information about the service, she wrote. Questionnaires can be submitted then or written comments may be hand-delivered to the San Patricio Post Office.

Quintana cautioned that the study consists of a publicly available record and those who submit should be aware that any information or responses furnished will be visible to others.

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ART

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committee members waited for a budget, which eventually was approved at \$20,000 in lodgers tax revenue. Roy Brown was named to the committee and picked as chairman. Other members are Jamie Slack, Sunny Hirschfeld, Shirley Estes and Sayers. "I've been pleased with how well a committee of five women and one man have worked together," Sayers said Thursday. "We're installing the selected pieces today and we should be coming in under budget."

In selecting the pieces, members had to keep in

mind where a piece would fit in the center and their budget.

"It was difficult," Sayers said. "We couldn't just go for the best art, we had to think of space and money. We had asked the artists to set a market value. There were pieces we might like, but they were too expensive. We tried to get as many artists as possible."

Twelve works were chosen, all by full-time, Lincoln County artists, the councilor said.

"The village will schedule a reception and we thank everyone or their participation," she said. "It was a fabulous seeing all of that art in one room."

She hopes to see more competitions and events of that type in the communi-

ty, Sayers said. Each work will have a bronze plaque with the name of the artist and title of the piece.

- Those selected are:
- Andrea Dante for "Stampede"
 - Jacqueline Kastor for "Sierra Blanca from Monjeau"
 - Deborah Wenzel for "It Takes a Village"
 - Sherry Witt for "Summer's Harvest"
 - James Horne for "Spirit Horses"
 - Miranda Howe for "Sunspots"
 - Terrell Perkins for "Alone in the City"
 - Georgia Stacy for "Returning"
 - Victoria Mauldin for "Painted Face"
 - John Kiker for "New Mexico Valley"

• Maria Hamilton for "Calf Roper" and Bruce DeFoor for "The Rains Return to Sierra Blanca"

RALLY

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prior planning and the cooperation with other agencies."

Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies, BIA law enforcement and New Mexico State Police all operated on a common radio frequency and shared information during the four-day motorcycle rally.

New Mexico State Police assigned at least a dozen motorcycle officers to work Ruidoso and the surrounding area during the event. They wrote 450 citations during the five days.

Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepherd said his deputies assisted with two accidents and wrote some citations. "It was pretty quiet as far as we were concerned," Shepherd said.

The New Mexico State Police reported six accidents, four of which involved motorcycles and one involved alcohol.

"Thankfully there were no fatalities," State Police spokesman Lt. Tim Johnson said.

A statement from BIA law enforcement was not available at press time Thursday.

Moving the rally to the Inn of the Mountain Gods lessened the workload on the Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

"It was a non-event down here," Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock said. "I didn't schedule any extra help for Saturday."

Babcock said he had a couple of extra officers on duty Friday because of the Fall Festival at All American Park.

Ruidoso Downs reported

no accidents during the rally.

The event moved from Ruidoso Downs to the Inn of the Mountain Gods this year.

"The rally photographer said that he took more photos of bikers this year than he ever has," Pearson said.

The rally photographer took pictures of the motorcyclist as they arrived at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, but only those who came in the access road from the east.

Pearson said one particular incident on Saturday illustrates the reason there were no major incidents.

"We had a lost wallet turned in," Pearson said. "The wallet contained \$600 in \$50 bills, driver's license, etc. and a debit card with a receipt showing a balance of \$143,000 in the account. It was all there when it was turned in. That's the kind of people we get at the rally."

The move to the Inn of the Mountain Gods is just the latest move for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

"Ron Andrews told me he has moved the rally six times," Pearson said. "He said this is the smoothest it has ever ran in the first year of being in a new location. I heard a lot of positive things from the bikers."

The move to the Inn of the Mountain Gods gave the vendors an extra 10,000 square feet of space over what they had at the Ruidoso Downs Sales Arena.

"The staff at the Inn of the Mountain Gods was great to work with," Pearson said. "The reason it went so smooth was because of them."

Pearson said they did identify some areas that need to be changed for next year's rally, but overall it was a good event.

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Fall Harvest Specials

LAW

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fly both ways when custody of children or pets is involved.

The district attorney also can decide to plead a case down from a felony to a lesser charge, especially if the facts are not totally clear on which spouse was the aggressor or if the incident was extremely isolated.

Consequences

"Conviction of domestic violence (such as a fourth-degree felony involving battery on a household member) carries some serious ramifications," Zimmerman said. "You can't ever own a firearm, so you lose your Second Amendment rights." Mandatory counseling for 52 weeks also is required and other conditions may be attached.

But lesser charges could be misdemeanors or petty misdemeanors.

Generally, if an arrest occurs, the person will be incarcerated in the county jail. If they are released on bond, conditions will be attached to their release, such as no contact with the victim. But that decision is up to the magistrate judge. Sometimes, contact will be

Data compiled in the Incidence and Nature of Domestic Violence in New Mexico provided by Dawna Reyes, victims advocate at the Ruidoso Police Department, shows that in 2008, law enforcement agencies reported 18,485 cases of domestic violence.

From 2007 to 2008, the Ruidoso Downs Police Department showed an increase of 13 percent in the number of cases reported from 24 to 27, and Ruidoso posted a 58 percent decrease from 276 down to 117 cases.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's

Department did not submit a report.

However for the two towns, the number of clients served by domestic violence service providers increased from 75 in 2004 to 300 in 2008, about two years into the operation of the Nest domestic violence shelter supervised by Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL).

The number of incidents involving alcohol and drug use declined after bumping up to about 60 in 2006 and 2007, down to 35 in 2008. Incidents involving the use of weapons soared in 2007 to 33, but

then dropped back down to 9 in 2008, the range of previous years.

The number of domestic violence crisis calls climbed from 104 in 2004 to 508 in 2008. Of the 112 cases that were filed in magistrate court in 2008, 52 percent resulted in convictions compared to 39 percent of the 33 cases filed in district court.

Ruidoso statistics for 2010 provided by Reyes show the primary age of victims from 26 to 45, and of perpetrators from 26 to 55. Most victims were Caucasian, followed by Hispanics. Cases involving Native Americans from the Mescalero

Apache Reservation adjoining Ruidoso often are handled in tribal court or in Otero County.

About twice the number of females file complaints as males and of the cases filed, 63 involved injuries and six involved weapons. In 32 cases, children were at the scene and in 98, alcohol or drugs were used.

In 75 incidents, no arrests were made. All cases involved spouses, ex-spouses or current or former boyfriends or girlfriends. Eleven involved criminal sexual penetration

The statistics

allowed, at the victim's request, Zimmerman said.

If the victim wants more protection, he or she must obtain a protective order through the district attorney's office or the local office of COPE, Center of Protective Environment, in Carrizozo.

"We have multiple domestic violence cases weekly," Zimmerman said without having numbers readily available. "They represent a good part of our caseload and a good deal of the calls officers must respond to."

According to a breakdown from Victims Advocate Dawna Reyes with the Ruidoso Police Department, from January to the end of

December 2009, the department responded to 136 domestic violence incidents, 49 involving male victims and 87 involving female victims. The primary age range for victims was from 26 years to 45 years and for suspected abusers from 26 to 55 years.

In six incidents, a weapon was used, and in 63 incidents, injuries resulted.

A male victim of domestic battery is not rare in Lincoln County, but definitely represents a minority of cases and Zimmerman said she also doesn't see many same sex couple domestic violence complaints.

Besides experiencing domestic violence directly in her life, Zimmerman also

managed a shelter while attending law school and manned a hotline. She's heard all of the reasons for recanting statements about domestic violence.

"These women generally have low self-esteem to begin with and they feel they can't survive without the abuser," she said. "They can't survive monetarily on a single income when they have children. It also could be intimidation or the family saying to them they made their own bed."

Repeat complaints from the same couple or family are common, Zimmerman said. "Statistically when I worked the shelter (in Virginia before moving to Truth or Consequences

and then Lincoln County two years ago), we would say a woman would leave nine times before she leaves for good."

Factors

While outside factors don't cause domestic violence, which is a learned behavior, they can aggravate a situation and move it from emotional to physical abuse, Zimmerman said.

"I can't say statistically, the economy has impacted our cases, but when the economy goes down, or on holidays and in bad weather, the cases seem to increase," she said. "Alcohol often is a common

factor. It triggers emotional abuse that can escalate to physical abuse. Drug dependency can play a part and can be a reason for staying, because the man may be her supplier as well."

Another complicating factor is a state statute that is a couple of years old and prevents police officers from serving warrants or court papers on an individual in a shelter, she said. "It's an anonymous place and I understand the reasons, but it is beginning to pose an issue about serving papers to let people know they are to appear in court," Zimmerman said. "I see both sides. I don't know the solution."

In still other families, the violence may be sporadic, but may have the effect of controlling the abused partner.

Courtesy of Center of Protective Environment (COPE) in Otero County

Myths

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response to stress, frustration and anger. In a broader context, it is a result of unequal power between men and women.

A common myth is that

it is all right to hit a loved one for their own "good."

The truth is that violence is learned, and it is passed on from generation to generation.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that one intimate partner or spouse exerts over another as a means of control. It

may include physical violence, coercion, threats, intimidation, isolation and emotional, sexual or economic abuse.

Frequently, perpetrators use the children to manipulate victims by harming or abducting the children, by threatening to harm or abduct the chil-

dren, by forcing the children to participate in abuse of the victim, by using visitation as an occasion to harass or monitor victims, or by fighting protracted custody battles to punish victims.

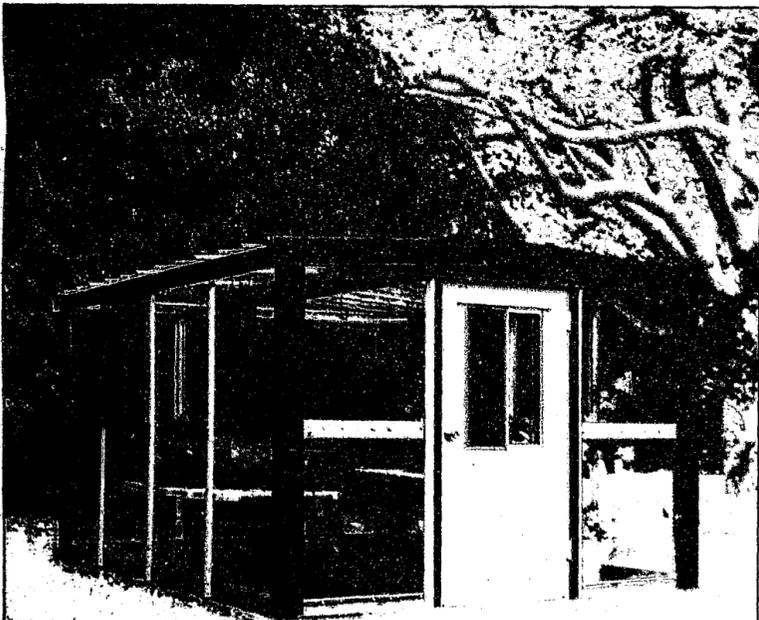
Perpetrators often invent complex rules about what victims or the children can or cannot do, and force victims to abide by these frequently changing rules.

Domestic violence is not defined solely by specific physical acts, but by a combination of psychological, social and familial factors. In some families, perpetrators of domestic violence may routinely beat their spouses until they require medical attention.

In other families, the physical violence may have occurred in the past and perpetrators may currently

exert power and control over their partners simply by looking at them a certain way or reminding them of prior episodes.

In still other families, the violence may be sporadic, but may have the effect of controlling the abused partner.



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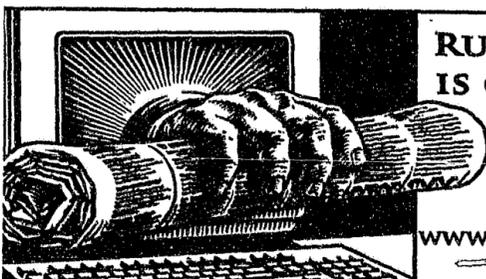
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Purple light is on HEAL

The Village of Ruidoso and Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) are kicking off a campaign dedicated to spreading awareness about domestic violence. During the month of October, the large trees at the Big Y, the intersection of Sudderth Drive and Highway 70, will shine purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This campaign is designed to shine a light on a problem that is often associated with silence and shame. The local campaign grows out of the Purple Light Nights campaign born in Washington in 2007 and which now covers 14 states. The goal is to remember the pain victims of domestic violence endure and give hope to those who are still living with abuse. The color purple is recognized as the international color symbolic of domestic violence. In addition to the color purple, butterflies are also a symbolic representation of domestic violence victims and their journey of change. The butterfly is a powerful symbol for transformation and new-found freedom. The butterfly will be the theme of HEAL's Sweet Charity Ball: A Night of Hope. The ball, originally scheduled for Oct. 1, has been rescheduled to summer 2012. Leroy Anderson, a local artist from Nogal, designed and handmade silver butterflies for the event. He said the butterflies are a perfect representation of the transition victims experience at the Nest.

"Many times in our lives, we have the opportunity to make changes or transitions, and when provided the opportunity to change, it is up to the individual to choose to make the change or stay where they are," Anderson said.

"We are committed to organizing a first-class event to celebrate survival," said Coleen Widell, HEAL executive director. "After a last-minute conflict in schedule with our keynote speaker, we decided to reschedule our event. We thank the community for their continued support and look forward to a truly spectacular event in the summer."

If you are interested in volunteering on the Sweet Charity Ball Committee, call Martha at the Nest at 575-378-6378. For up-to-date information, find and "like" HEAL and the Nest on Facebook.

Statue blesses the Nest

A friend of Help End Abuse for Life donated a Lady of Lourdes statue for the newly planted garden at the Nest. Thove Doiron, the mother of Nest resident advocate Mariamne Baker, donated the statue, which represents healing and faith. Doiron's husband ordered the statue from a friend and gave it to his wife as a gift. She painted the statue and displayed it in her home for 30 years. When her husband passed away three years ago, Doiron downsized and moved to a smaller home. She didn't have room for it at her new home, and



COURTESY

Leroy Anderson, an artist from Nogal, shows off his silver butterfly pins designed for the HEAL's Sweet Charity Ball.

decided the best place for the Lady of Lourdes was at the Nest.

"I couldn't think of a better place to donate the statue," she said. "I hope that it will inspire the residents to escape domestic violence. My hope is that the women and children can find peace and healing, which is what the statue represents. I couldn't find a better home for her than with the residents of the Nest."

The statue blesses the garden; a peaceful refuge for residents of the Nest, and the statue's healing power is symbolic for the families living here. According to the Catholic Church, in 1858, in the grotto of Massabielle,

near Lourdes in southern France, Our Lady appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a young peasant girl. She revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked that a chapel be built on the site of the vision, and told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto. No fountain was to be seen, but when Bernadette dug at a spot designated by the ghost, a spring began to flow. The water from this still flowing spring has shown remarkable healing power, though it contains no curative property that science can identify. Lourdes has become the most famous modern shrine of Our Lady.

- From The Nest



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Hannah was found running loose in Alto.

Shelter news

This Week's Shelter News is devoted to finding a home for Hanna, an Australian Shepherd/Border Collie mix who we believe to be between 12 and 14 years of age. She was found running loose in Alto without any identification.

Although she is an older dog, she is spunky and very sweet. She has had her shots and has been spayed.

We very much want to find her a home. For now she is safe and well-treated; however, we think she

deserves to be in a loving home, rather than in a kennel nearly 24 hours per day.

While we would prefer to find her a permanent home, we would also consider placing her in a foster home as a short term solution.

Due to her age, we will waive the normal adoption fee.

Anyone interested in adopting Hanna, or fostering her, should call Trish at (575) 257-9841

- From reports

Strong women, healthy hearts

First Christian Church, in cooperation with Lincoln County Extension office, New Mexico State University, and Tufts University of Boston, Mass. is offering a series of heart-healthy classes for women.

The classes will begin in early October, and women

over 40 that are not exercising regularly are encouraged to participate in this study.

For more information on qualifications, please contact Marsha Palmer at (575) 648-2311 or at palmer@nmsu.edu.

- From reports

Thoughts about parenting

My daughter is naturally brilliant. I often express to friends and family how much more she's done than I had done at her age, how much more she knows than I knew at her age.

My bragging is usually met with agreement or a compliment on my good parenting. Of course I appreciate the flattering remarks, because I, as most modern parents, know that much is expected of parents these

days.

In fact, I would venture to say that we parents are preoccupied, obsessed even, with parenting. We are expected to coalesce all the latest socio-scientific findings about how to raise children. We read book, listen to radio shows, read newspaper columns, ingest the newest models of child-rearing. We collaborate with fellow parents about how it's done, and then put it all

into practice on our unsuspecting unquestioning children.

The primary modern parenting theory, as near as I can tell, is that children who get abundant praise for success will have higher self-esteem and will, therefore, do better in school and in life. I have to admit that I have, along with most parents I know, bought into this theory.

I've put hand-written

notes into my daughter's lunch box, telling her how amazing she is. I publicly brag on her. I've repeatedly told her she can do anything she sets her mind to. I encourage family members to support her and build her up, rather than criticize or nag her about her faults. I downplay her failures and highlight her successes. Her plaques and awards and ribbons adorn the hallways and bookshelves in our

house.

I sometimes think I go overboard in protecting my daughter's self-esteem, but I read something the other day that made me look downright neglectful: a school in Massachusetts

where the children jump rope without jump ropes. Say what? The children jump without jump ropes because tripping on a jump rope might damage a child's self-esteem.

Or how about this one: Athletic teams that have stopped counting goals during games so kids who don't score and kids on the losing team don't feel like failures. Everyone, regardless of ability, receives a trophy, lest anyone go home feeling less than victorious.

Reminds me of an incident when my daughter was in second grade. She read a book that was far above her reading level and we were told she needed to read easier books in order to help level the playing field for other children. And the time she came home and told me that her teacher said she should not say something is "easy," because it might hurt the feelings of a child having trouble with the activity.

But I digress. The question I'm asking myself is this: Is the "Praise Success" theory true? Is there a concrete connection between self-esteem and accomplishment? Is our obsession with praise and approval and

admiration really helping our children? Or are we doing them a disservice?

Sadly, I think we are. Kids who grow up thinking they excel at everything do not

learn to handle adversity. When they've always been told they succeed, they do not learn skills for coping with failure. Over-praised children are more likely to cheat, because the focus has always been on perfection. They're more likely to give up when their grades drop, because they haven't learned to be happy with anything less than A's. They are less likely to take risks because of their need to preserve their reputation for success.

I don't think my daughter is any less brilliant, but I'm going to start focusing my praise in a new direction. Better, I'm thinking, to praise for effort, something a child can control, than to praise for aptitude, achievement, or ability.



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CHUCK'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Butternut squash

Butternut squash is a fall and winter favorite. The popular winter squash, butternut squash can last as long as three months if kept in a cool place. When the fruit is fully mature, it has a nutty sweet taste. Many people like the taste of butternut squash to that of a sweet potato or pumpkin. Come into Lawrence Brothers to check out the variety of winter squash that is available.

Butternut Squash and Carrot Soup



- *3 cups peeled, diced butternut squash (about 1 small squash)
- *2 cups thinly sliced carrot (4 medium)
- *3/4 cup thinly sliced leek or chopped onion
- *1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- *2 14-ounce cans reduced-sodium chicken broth
- *1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- *1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- *1/4 cup half-and-half or light cream
- *Crème fraiche or dairy sour cream (optional)
- *Toasted pumpkin seeds (optional)
- *Fresh tarragon sprigs (optional)

1. In a large covered saucepan cook squash, carrot, and leek in hot butter over medium heat about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add broth. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 25 to 35 minutes or until vegetables are very tender. Cool slightly.
2. Place one-third of the squash mixture in a food processor or blender. Cover and process or blend until almost smooth. Repeat with remaining squash mixture. Return all of mixture to saucepan. Add white pepper and nutmeg; bring just to boiling. Add half-and-half; heat through. If desired, garnish each serving with crème fraiche, pumpkin seeds, and/or fresh tarragon.
3. Makes 6 servings (6 cups)

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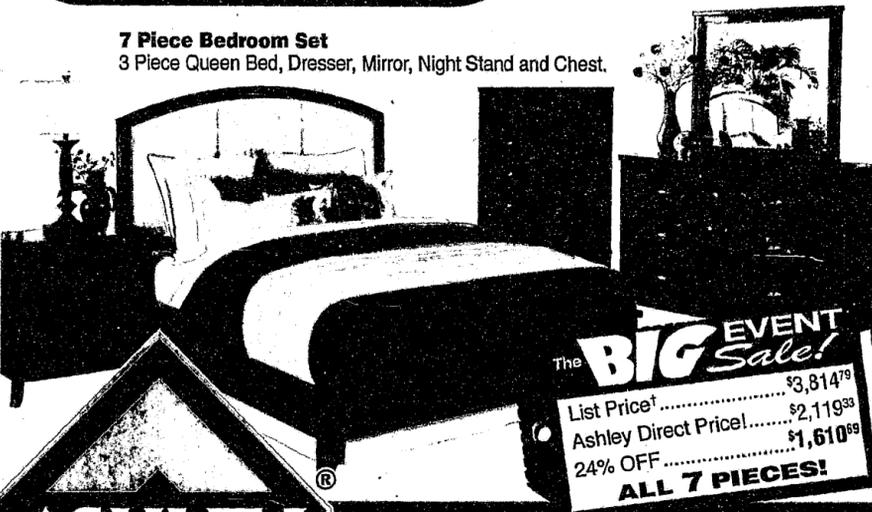


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Three redistricting plans creates gridlock

Adair against plan

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — Congressional gridlock has a hold on the state Capitol. Three different bills to redraw boundaries for New Mexico's congressional districts are stuck in committee. None has the votes to win in the state House of Representatives or make it to the governor's desk. State Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, offered a bill Thursday to

make all three of the state's congressional districts more competitive. A House committee blocked it on a 13-0 vote. Cervantes wanted to make the northern New Mexico district a bit more favorable to Republicans. In turn, the southern congressional district, held by Republican Rep. Steve Pearce, would have been redrawn to give Democrats a fighting chance of winning it. With the shifts Cer-

vantes proposed, the southern district would have been almost evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. Moreover, the district would have a majority Hispanic population. If nothing else, Cervantes managed to unify the House Voters and Elections Committee. Its members were unanimous in voting to bottle up his bill. House Speaker Ben Lujan is a member of the committee. His son, Ben

Ray Lujan, is the congressman in New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District. Republicans on the committee also disliked Cervantes' proposal, which is House Bill 46. It would have diluted Pearce's superiority by moving Republicans out of the southern congressional district. Other congressional redistricting bills have different objectives. Sen. Linda Lopez's plan, which cleared the Senate

but is stalled in the House, would shore up the Albuquerque-based 1st District for Democrats. The incumbent congressman in Albuquerque, Democrat Martin Heinrich, is giving up that seat to run for the U.S. Senate in 2012. A proposal by state Rep. Edward Sandoval, D-Albuquerque, would beef up the Albuquerque and northern congressional districts, but given Republicans even more help in the south.

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Calling a New Mexico Senate redistricting plan "unbalanced, unfair and wrong," state Sen. Rod Adair (R-Roswell) voted Thursday against the measure. The bill passed along party lines, with all 27 Democrats in favor and all 15 Republicans against.

"It is wrong for certain minorities, it is wrong for the minority party, and it is wrong for all of the regions of the state," Adair said. Adair has represented portions of southeastern New Mexico, including areas in Chaves and Lincoln counties, since 1997.

"Democrats are trying to choose their constituents rather than allow constituents choose their senators," he said.

Adair, who is a demographer and has assisted some local governments, including Lincoln County with local redistricting, said the Democrat-pushed plan failed to reflect current voting trends. He contended New Mexico's voters are balanced fairly equal between Democrats and Republicans but the new plan does not take that into account.

"It is very unbalanced in favor of the Democrats," Adair said. "It is unfair to our constituents and does not give them the fair and equal representation they are entitled to under the law. If this plan goes to court, it will cost New Mexico taxpayers millions in legal fees."

Court-challenged redistricting plans in 2001 cost the state more than \$3.5 million in court fees, he said.

Adair is scheduled to meet with the Lincoln County Commission on Oct. 18 to discuss redistricting the five commission district boundaries.

Jumping the gun

MILAN SIMONICH
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SANTA FE — The House minority leader today announced the retirement of Republican Rep. Dianne Hamilton, but she later said he was wrong.

"If I don't get my voter ID bill through, I will run again," Hamilton, of Silver City, said in an interview about 40 minutes after Taylor's announcement.

Hamilton, 77, has sponsored bills the last three years that would have required photo identification to vote.

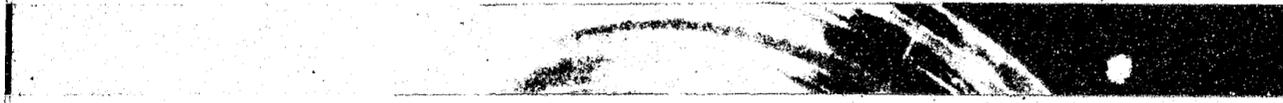
Hamilton said she will introduce the bill again in January.

"If it doesn't pass, I will run again," she said. "It depends on my bill."

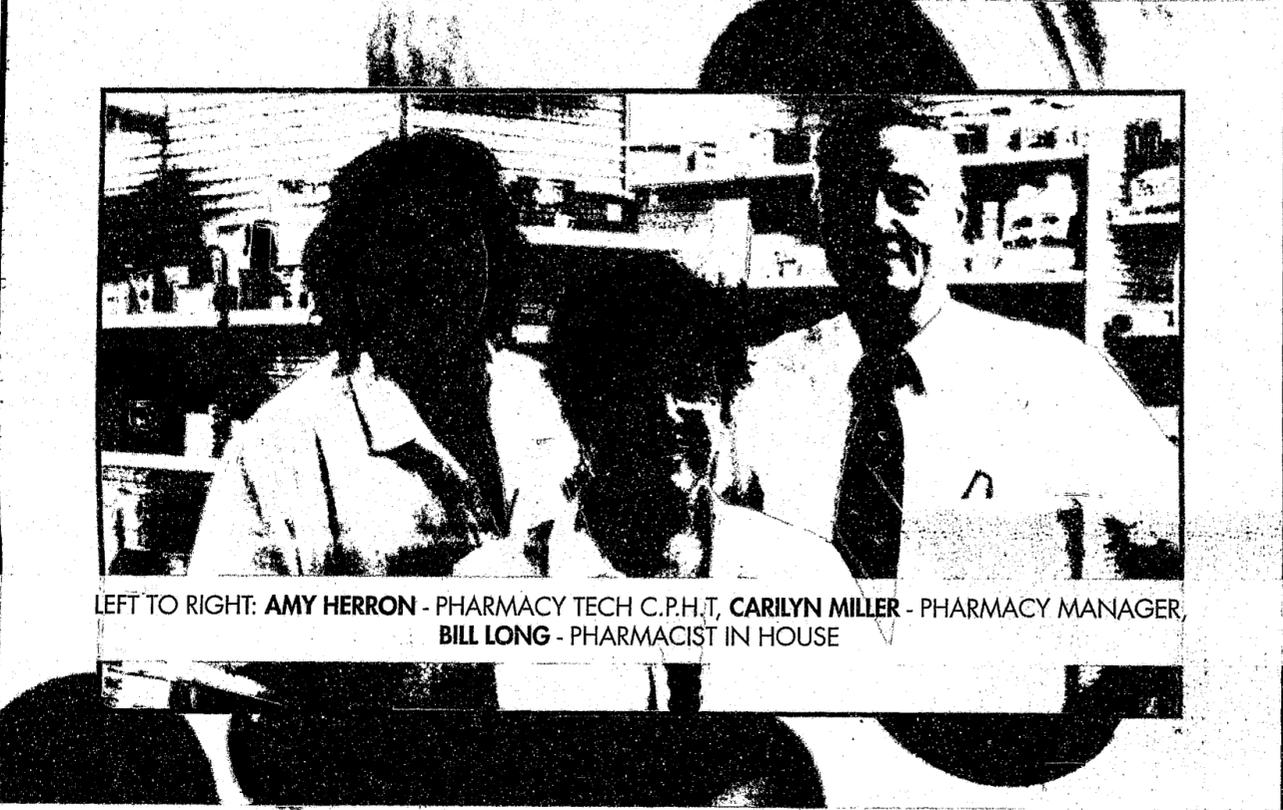
Taylor said the opposite during a morning news conference attended by most of the 33 Republican representatives. Hamilton, though, was absent.

Hamilton said she later told Taylor he was premature and probably flat-out wrong.

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Program to help identity theft victims

FROM REPORTS

SANTA FE — State Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla announced that the Motor Vehicle Division has begun implementing a new program to help victims of identity theft in New Mexico.

"We will be issuing special driver's licenses and identification cards to about 250 victims of identity theft so they are not wrongfully detained or arrested for crimes committed by those who assumed their identities," Secretary Padilla said Tuesday. "This will also allow victims of

identity theft to clear their names in cases involving where someone has opened a bank account or obtained a credit card with their information."

The Motor Vehicle Division has been working with the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, The Department of Public Safety and law enforcement agencies across the state in implementing this program.

The driver's licenses and identification cards for the identity theft victims will feature a special endorsement in the back of the card that reads "Victim of Identity Theft."

MVD will send new licenses to the 250 victims

already in the database.

Any new victims of identity theft are encouraged to first file a police report which is uploaded into the Identity Theft Database maintained by the New Mexico Attorney General Office.

Victims then could go to any MVD office and let the clerk know that he or she is a victim of identity theft. The clerk will verify that information on MVD database and will initially issue a permit and then a new card is mailed to them.

The Motor Vehicle Division driver database is also updated with the endorsement which will be visible should law enforcement query the system.

GRANT AWARDED



Executive director of the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation, Robert Donaldson, left, presents a check for \$20,000 to Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock Wednesday. The grant will be used to purchase new video recording equipment for police cars. "This new video equipment will greatly enhance officer safety and reduce liability during traffic enforcement," Babcock said. "We wish to thank the Hubbard Foundation for their support and for Mr. Hubbard himself for his continuing support of Ruidoso Downs," Mayor Tom Armstrong, right, said.

Gov. declares Saturday United States Marshals Day

• Billy the Kid served as a special U.S. Marshal

FROM REPORTS

Santa Fe, N.M. —Gov. Susana Martinez announced that September 24 will be known in New Mexico as United States Marshals Service Recognition Day.

The United States Marshals Service was established under the Judiciary Act of 1789 as a result of President George Washington signing into the law Senate Bill

Number One.

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In 1850 after New Mexico was established as a Territory John Jones was appointed as New Mexico's first United States Marshal.

During the territorial conflict known as the Lincoln County War, the U.S. Marshal found there were deputies trying to enforce the law from both sides.

Among the names were Patrick Garrett and William Brady, but little known was that the famous outlaw Billy the Kid actually served as a special deputy U.S. marshal for a short period in early 1878.

Perhaps the most resounding effect of the Lincoln County War was the Posse Comitatus Act, which forbade military forces from being installed under the command of civilian units in domestic situations.

During two centuries of service to our country, more than 250 United States Marshals and Deputy Marshals have died

in the line of duty. Their supreme sacrifice reveals the great personal risks that U.S. Marshals continue to accept each day. Deputy U.S. Marshals from the territory or state of New Mexico who have made that supreme sacrifice include:

- Deputy Marshal Robert Olinger, April 28, 1881 - Deputy Marshal Robert Olinger and Deputy James Bell of the Lincoln County, N.M., Sheriff's Department, were shot and killed during an escape attempt by the notorious outlaw Billy the Kid. The suspect was later successfully pursued and shot.

- Deputy Marshal Tom C. Hall, March 18, 1886 - Deputy Marshal Tom C. Hall was shot and killed near Santa Fe, when he encountered several men who had abducted a 15-year-old girl and stolen two horses.

- Deputy Marshal William H. Guyse, April 23, 1896 - Deputy Marshal William Guyse was shot and killed while attempting to arrest three suspects in Lincoln County, New Mexico. The suspect who shot him was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

- Deputy Marshal Colby S. Farrar, October 7, 1939 - Deputy Marshal

Farrar was killed in an automobile accident near Deming, New Mexico, while transporting a prisoner from Tucson, Arizona, to Abilene, Texas.

Today, United States Marshals are engaged in virtually every federal law enforcement initiative. Marshals provide for the security of federal courts, including the protection of judges, witnesses, jurors, and other court personnel.

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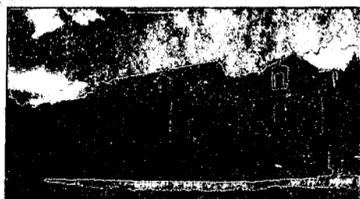
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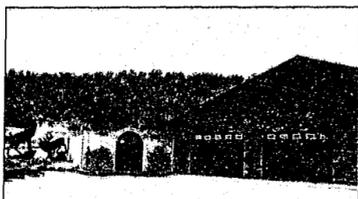
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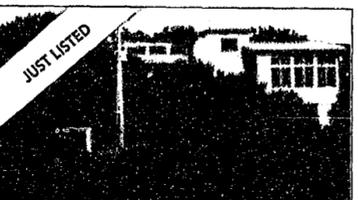
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Lady Warriors soccer

The Ruidoso soccer girls continue tough play through an injury-riddled season

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One key injury can diminish almost any team but five unhealthy players on a squad can be devastating.

As of this report, the Ruidoso Lady Warriors soccer team had Bethanee Granado (midfielder/defender), Fabi Bravo (midfielder), Yessica Rangel (midfielder), Lorely Enriquez (forward) and Yumilex Miramontes out injured.

Additionally, Cheyenne Lanik has been out with a knee injury but was due to rejoin the team in time for Thursday's home match against Deming. When you have 17 players on the roster, this can be a huge factor in a team's win/loss record.

Granado was injured Tuesday when she was knocked out in a game against visiting Chaparral

"Soccer is a tough sport. It takes girls who are not afraid to get knocked down and are not afraid to get bruised."

Darien Ross
RHS girls head coach

where the Lady Lobos defeated Ruidoso 9-0. "She wanted to come back in later but we couldn't let her because of her type of injury," Ruidoso head soccer coach Darien Ross said.

"On the bright side of things, we had 16 shots on goal, which is the most we've had so far in seven games.

"Up to then we had been averaging two shots a game. We don't have a lot of speed.

"Lanik is a welcome addition back to the team. She's considered legally

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Yumilex Miramontes prepares to kick the ball as Anna Belen Enriquez, top, and Desiree Chavez follow the play in Tuesday's match with Chaparral.

side line

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Football

Friday, Sept. 23

Ruidoso at Hatch, 7 p.m.

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On Deck

Capitan Golf Team Benefit

The Capitan Tiger Golf team will hold a benefit tournament, Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods at 1 p.m. It will be a four-person scramble, with a shotgun start. A fee of \$65 per person is required, which will cover green fees, cart and range. Please pay at the golf course — credit cards are not accepted. There will be prizes for 1st place, random places, long drive and closest to the pin. Contact Royce Brown at 354-8589 (work); 336-9955 (home); or 937-4686 (cell) with player names by Saturday, Sept. 24.

Random thoughts: Sept. 11, a decade later

I just returned from a September 11th, ten-year tribute in South Dakota called, "Cry out America." The message was that Americans have to come together and work together as we did following 9/11.

We have to return to a state of unity, something uniquely non-partisan, if we want our country to survive.

As soon I arrived back in town, my wife informed me that the parents, coaches and players from an opposing team were suspended because of a melee that resulted because they didn't like the umpires' calls.

I asked her the name of the team. She told me they were called the "Outlaws." Hmm... Can we ever come together as a country when kids can't play simple Little League baseball without know-it-all, over-zealous coaches, crazed parents, and arrogant and punky juveniles acting badly as they make a debacle of our cherished game?

My cousin once asked me what my thoughts were on his kid getting in trouble with the law. I said, "Eddie, do you think he's trying to live up to his name?" He replied, "Benton?" I replied, "I'm talking about his first and middle name, Jesse James." Eddie said, "He just feels he's special and unique."



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I was thinking about the Outlaws and Jesse James.

Why doesn't anyone just name their kid, Ted Bundy? The sense of entitlement and the rampant egos in society nauseates me.

Why do we celebrate criminals; bad behavior, and gangsta rap? Is it the exciting bad boy running on the border of polite society norms that enthrall us?

Baseball has its share of these anti-establishment types. The recent arrest of former baseball great, Manny Ramirez, for domestic violence comes to mind. Throughout a nineteen year

career, he put up phenomenal stats: a .312 batting average, 555 homers, 1831 RBIs, and 2574 hits, while being a two-time doper, finally quitting rather than riding out a suspension.

A quirky guy, can we say a bit mavericky, he did some bizarre things during his tenure with the Boston Red Sox which included urinating during a pitching change opposite the thirty-seven foot high left field wall, affectionately called, the "Green Monster," by Boston fans. Talk about draining the monster.

Who else names two of their children, Manny Jr.? Or have two different Social Security numbers and five different driver's licenses?

Have you ever heard of a player demanding to be traded from a Major League team to a minor league team which happened to be the Red Sox's own triple A team?

How many pros can be criticized on a daily basis for their lack of hustle, on several occasions barely leaving the batter's

box after hitting an infield dribbler, or in the field for dropping routine balls because he couldn't figure out the arc?

Who else "high-fives" the opposing team's first baseman after having been the second out of a double-play?

Who loses an expensive earring during a slide to second only to hold up the game to look for it?

What kind of guy has a locker on the opposite side of the locker room, separate and secluded from his teammates, or refuses to travel with the team on the team bus? We downplay and make light of the bad behavior.

That was just "Manny being Manny." Frankly, we seem to cut him and others in the public eye entirely too much slack. We tolerate the intolerable.

When I think of the alpha males, the Manny Ramirez' in society, on the baseball field, in the corporate boardrooms, and on Main Street in small-town America, I think about how even

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Christian to lead Aggie offense

TEDDY FEINBERG
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — No need to raise the white flag.

Don't push the panic button just yet. The New Mexico State Aggie football team can win with Matt Christian at quarterback.

They did so last year against San Jose State on a last-minute drive that he directed.

They intend to do so

again on Saturday when they visit Northern California.

"We can't lose two in a row," Christian said, referring to last week's defeat at the hands of UTEP. "We're trying to change the mentality around here." Christian is a veteran player who knows what's coming at him.

He's average-to-good at most — a pretty good run-

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Quarterback Matt Christian will guide Aggie offense Saturday.

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SOCCER

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blind but she goes aggressively to the attacker and usually gets her foot on the ball. She also plays with finesse. Evelyn and Jasmine Mendoza have speed, are physical and use their bodies. When focused they can break up a play."

Ross has tried to meet the injury challenges as best she can.

"I'm moving players around trying to find the right mix," she said.

"Our defense is weak but there's only so much you can do and not affect the offensive side of things. In soccer you need to be able to sub girls in and out.

"In the second half of Tuesday's game I made it a point to stand down toward our half of the field and direct our defenders. And I thought we had a strong 40 minutes of play. You need to keep your defense strong. But a coach can't always do that in a game. If I can get my players where I need them to be we would do better. But they try hard.

I tell them to utilize the drills we do in practice, apply them in the games we play and stay focused for the entire 80 minutes."

Ross is a competitive,

veteran soccer player and coach. She played the game in New York for Lyons High School and played on a women's soccer league in Rochester.

"I hate to lose," she said. "It's difficult for me."

Like any good coach, though, she keeps an eye on the future as well as handling the demands at hand.

"I've been working with the youth soccer league (ages 4-14)," she said.

"We've invited seventh-grade girls to practice with us so when they reach eighth grade, they can play for us. We've already spotted some seventh-graders we're excited about.

"I keep telling myself, if I can get young girls interested now in soccer, in three or four years we'll have a good, solid team.

Soccer is a tough sport. It takes girls who aren't afraid to get knocked down."

Two games do not appear on the Lady Warriors soccer schedule: On Sept. 29, the Ruidoso girls will play a 3 p.m. match in Silver City and there has been a rescheduled game with Hatch, Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11 a.m. at Horton Stadium.

It has been designated as senior recognition day where the 12th-grade players will be acknowledged.



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Ruidoso goal keeper Daniela Puente covers the ball in front of the Ruidoso goal as Chaparral's Carolina Cordova tries to take the ball away during the first half of Tuesday's game at Horton Stadium.

RANDOM

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chimpanzees show deference to the alpha male by bowing, allowing the alpha to walk ahead, or acquiescing when the alpha

challenges.

When are we Americans going to stand up and stop tolerating the egos, the bad behavior, the repulsive and offensive, and realize that contrary to what mommy told us as kids, each one of us, as well as the stars, celebri-

ties, and politicians we look up to ain't that special?

Little League teams, their coaches and parents, Major League teams, and the ordinary Joes must one day realize that we don't have to be sycophants and bow down to these maver-

icky types that cause chaos where ever they go exporting abhorrent behavior.

We don't have to put up with unruly coaches and fans, politicians that circumvent the rule of law, or pretentious celebrities and sports heroes.

We have choices and we

have much un-tapped, collective power. We can take our kids off the team, vote the bums out of office, stop patronizing firms that outsource American jobs, and refuse to pay to see the celebrities whether they are movie stars or obnoxious baseball greats.

If we can learn from 9/11, it took the collective efforts of an entire nation to get through it.

We have to put aside our egos, our sense of entitlement, roll up our shirt-sleeves and work together in the tumultuous era we are now entering.

AGGIES

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ner, a good-enough arm, a good leader who knows how to win.

He can pick up a blitz, he can operate the offense.

"He's got a great under-

standing," coordinator Doug Martin said.

That, and he should have something to prove.

Christian lost the quarterback competition to sophomore Andrew Manley this summer.

The reality is that Manley seemed to be the frontrunner throughout the race, and during the

first three games of the season he showed why.

But Christian's a competitor who wanted to be in there. Now, he gets his shot to lead the team.

"Not a lot of people get that second chance," he said. "To get a chance to step back in that leadership role and take these guys where they want to

go."

The dimensions of the Aggie offense should change with him in the game.

He's a different player than Manley — not as strong of an arm but with better mobility, he's a steady veteran.

The Aggies' ceiling might not be as high with

Christian in the game, but he shouldn't hurt the team either.

"What he brings to the table is an added dimension of mobility," Martin said.

"We can do a few more things with the quarterback in the run game."

That is, as long as he stays healthy. The Aggies

— and Christian — will need to do what they can to keep him out of harms way. An injury to the senior, and the team could then be in deep trouble.

"Last year I was kind of reckless running," Christian said. "I gotta be a little smarter this year with not a lot of depth behind me."

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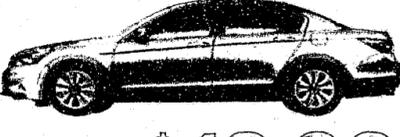
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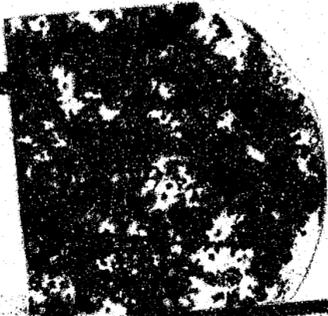
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RELIGION

Does God want us to colonize other worlds?

Q: If the human race ever finds a way to reach and colonize another planet, do you think we should do it?

The reason I ask is that some religious people I know say God would not want us to settle other worlds. They say that if God wanted us on other planets, God would have put us there already.

Some of these people don't believe that humans ever walked on the moon or that the international space station even exists. — B.

A: I think you need to hang out with a better class of religious people. The idea that the moon landing or space station are just hoaxes is ridiculous. However, your question does raise the important issue of the relationship between religion and science.

One of the first obstacles to the development of medical science, for example, was the religious objection that God made us sick to punish us for our sins, and therefore it's a

sin against God to heal the sick.

Galileo had trouble convincing the church that a heliocentric solar system was not a violation of the teachings of Genesis.

If religion opposes scientific

advancements, it will become irrelevant, like the Luddites who smashed machines in England in an attempt to stop the industrial revolution. God wants us to use our minds to make the world a better place.

A spirit of exploration, whether it involves crossing an ocean to discover the New World or crossing space to discover new habitable planets, is a gift from God to expand our vision of the world God has created.

In fact, the first verse of Genesis, properly translated from the Hebrew, does not say that in the beginning God created THIS heaven and THIS earth but rather: "In the beginning of God's creating this heaven and this earth."

This means that God may have created many other worlds, and possibly other civilizations.

God is the God of the whole universe, not just our own planet, and someday perhaps our vision of God's magisterial creation will expand as we "boldly go where no one has gone before."

The conflict between religion and science is absolutely real when science violates the moral law, but it's not real when people try to limit our minds and our impulse to discover what God has wrought.

Q: My father always stressed education when I was growing up. He'd say to me, "Educated peo-

ple will look up to you even if you're a pauper." Well, maybe that was true in my father's Italy but I don't know about here. I teach at a community college and wherever else I'm asked to teach. I really do believe that education will cure the ills we have in this world. Does God agree? Is there anything in Scripture that urges people to strive to learn? — H.

A: I think we had the same father! I, too, was taught that education is the highest value and most important task of life.

This message is obvious for people who receive God's words in sacred books. Let's begin with Deuteronomy 11:19: "And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The emphasis is on teaching our children, which means we must first learn the words of God for ourselves.

And then there is



MARC GELLMAN
THE GOD SQUAD

Proverbs 1:5: "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." This verse reminds us that there is a difference between

wisdom and learning.

Smart people, people with learning, are not always wise people.

Smart people know what is true. Wise people know what matters to live the truth.

I agree that there are not enough learned people in our world, but on balance I think there are enough smart people and not enough good people.

The Nazi scientists were smart and learned but not good.

Just as it's wrong to make cultural idols out of ignorant and uneducated celebrities, so too it is wrong to idolize people with outstanding educational credentials and deficient moral values.

We see the perils of worshipping smart people in the Christian Testament (Colossians 2:8): "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." The point is that religious faith is not always the result of learning. A good mind will sometimes fail to get a person to the place where only a good heart will suffice.

Still, I'm on your side. I believe in learning and my faith encourages me to learn every day. The reason is that God is not only love. God is truth. Perhaps this is why we're commanded to find God with both our mind and our heart.

Seek God's love in troubled times

Q: It took me about two minutes to discover that my college roommate isn't only an atheist, but he's also very aggressive about it.

Should I move out and find a roommate who won't constantly make fun of my faith in Jesus? — W.W.

A: I know this isn't an easy or comfortable situation — but has it occurred to you that God actually may have put you there so you could be a witness to your roommate of Christ's truth and peace?

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

After all, what will it take to change your roommate's views? Will it be intellectual arguments that state the case for believing in God, or seek to demolish his own convictions? They may have their place — but in reality, the one argument he can never answer is the fact of a life that has been changed by Jesus Christ.

Remember too that often an atheist who loudly and vigorously defends his disbelief does so because down inside he's actually insecure and uncertain. He is still trying to convince himself that he's right — although he probably doesn't realize it.

But God hasn't written him off, and God can get through his defenses.

Pray for your roommate every day, that God will break through his pride and open his heart to Christ's truth.

Q: I thought that in time I'd get over our son's death (in a car accident at the age of 19).

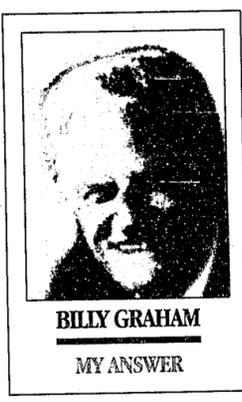
But it's been over a year now, and if anything I'm more broken up now than I was when it happened. Why is that? Why can't I stop grieving? — Mrs. T.M.

A: I can understand your heartache; it's been several years now since Ruth, my wife for almost 64 years, went to be with the Lord. And yet in some ways I miss her even more now than I did when she died.

One reason — especially in your case, since your son's death was so sudden and unexpected — is that when a loved one dies, we're almost numb at first. We realize, of course, something terrible has happened, and we may be overwhelmed with grief. But only later does the numbness wear off, and we realize how deep our loss is.

I've found too that as time passes our minds turn away from the immediate fact of their death, and more and more to the memories we have of them. This too prolongs our grief.

My prayer is that you will find your comfort in Christ. God knows what you have been going through, and He loves you. If you have never done so, by faith turn to Jesus and ask Him to come into your heart and life today. Turn your burden of grief over to Him, for His promise is still true: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).



BILLY GRAHAM
MY ANSWER

Share the beauty of Ruidoso with family

Well! The Hondas, Harleys, and Indians have gone for an eight-month hiatus, but they will be back in May.

There are many Ruidosans who leave town for the motorcycle weekends. I can understand their desire to get away from the "foreigners" who come to ride and do the sight seeing things.

What we need to understand is this... these motorcycle riders bring their families and friends, their clubs and close buddies, and their motorcycles and money to Ruidoso to enjoy the mountains and get away from the flat land heat.

For many folks, this is getaway time, a vacation, and family time. Personally, I am glad that we can share the beauty of the Sacramentos with all who come.

There is another issue

that we need

to consider... these

folks come to town with

billfolds full of money. I

am not an economist or

financial guru, but a

rough estimate of the

money, that comes to

town, is over ten million

dollars. These folks eat in

restaurants, sleep in

rentals, buy gas, purchase

groceries, take souvenirs,

and they

loved the

ambiance of

our mountain city. It

was not their

first trip to

Ruidoso, but

it wasn't the

motorcycle

rally that

brought

them. It was

golf and family. It was a

great family

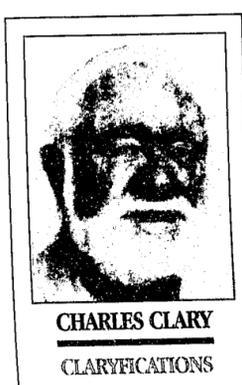
time.

Remember this... we

live here. That gives me

help for today and hope

for tomorrow.



CHARLES CLARY
CLARIFICATIONS

Charles E. Padilla 1940-2011



Memorial services are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 at the Episcopal Church in Lincoln County, located at 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, NM for Charles E. Padilla, age 70, who passed away Sept. 8, 2011. Reverend Judith Burgess will officiate. Charles was born on Sept. 22, 1940 in Carrizozo, NM to Louis Z. Padilla and Bertha Mirabal Padilla. They both preceded him in death, as did brothers Cruz and Louis.

Charles is survived by his wife: Elena Gonzalez of Ruidoso, NM; daughter: Andrea Padilla and husband Gerardo of Santiago, Chile; son: German Marchant and wife Sigrid of Fort Lauderdale, FL; daughter: Sofia Marchant and husband David of Puerto Varas, Chile; sisters: Helen Jobe and husband Steve of Roswell, NM; Gerry Greenwood and husband Walter of Hobbs, NM; and Debbie Padilla of Boulder, CO; four grandchildren: Christian, Rocio, Javiera, and soon to be born Gabriela; one niece: Kim Henry and husband Scott and daughter Lauren and son Eric of Devil's Lake, ND.

Charles was a U.S. Army veteran, having worked for the N.S.A. in Washington, DC in the early 1960s. He finished his service in the Army in Germany, and then traveled through Europe and Asia before returning to the states to study journalism. After having studied at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, he traveled through Central and South America, first as a student in Quito, Ecuador and then as a professional when working as director for United Press International in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, and Venezuela, just to mention a few countries. He later returned to the United States in the 1980s and continued working as a copy editor in the Sun-Sentinel Newspaper in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Retirement came in the year 2006, and that is when he came back to New Mexico.

Following the memorial services, a reception will be held at the Episcopal Church's Hall in Ruidoso, located in the building adjacent to the church.



Amy Jane Chavez 1952-2011

Amy Jane Chavez, 59, of Ruidoso, NM, passed away suddenly on the afternoon of September 19th, 2011 at her home in Ruidoso, NM. Amy was born on September 4th, 1952 to Bridgido (84) and Jane Contreras in Alamogordo, NM. Amy is survived by her husband Felix Chavez of 40 years and their five children: Emiliana Chavez (38), Abeslin Felix Chavez (36), Chris Contreras Chavez (25), Alexandria Jane Chavez (22), Aristeo J. Chavez (19) and 4 grandchildren. She is also survived by her two sisters Gloria Sarmiento of Ruidoso, NM and Pricilla Romero of Captain, NM.

Amy was best known for her creative talents. She was crafty, resourceful, generous and always eager to help on any project in the Ruidoso community. She was dedicated to her family and always had a beautiful smile.

Memorial Services will be held September 24th 11:30AM - 1:30PM at the Fountain of Living Water Church in San Patricio, NM (Hwy 70, mile marker 278) and reception will be held at 2pm at the Chavez Family House at 401 Carrizo Canyon Rd, Ruidoso, NM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Chavez Family, P.O. Box 1476, Ruidoso, NM 88355

LINCOLN COUNTY



COURTESY

From left, attending the closing for the USDA grant were Chris Schneider, executive director, Rene Burton, New Horizons Developmental Center board member, and Sandra Alarcon of the USDA Rural Development Office in Las Cruces.

Capitan looks at new zoning

Options discussed at workshop

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Capitan may finally get some zoning ordinances, which would be a first in the village's history, said Ricky LaMay, village council trustee and secretary of planning and zoning.

During a Planning and Zoning meeting Tuesday night, members of the board, along with Capitan residents, discussed the growing need for restrictions on new buildings in Capitan.

"I think people are realizing, like with the Family Dollar, that we need more control," said Joe Shafer, president of the board.

Many residents have complained about the 24-hour lighting at Familiar Dollar, on Highway 380.

LaMay called the meeting to discuss ideas for form-based zoning, a method of zoning that focuses primarily on the form and appearance of buildings in an area, as well as to solicit ideas from citizens about how any possible zoning should proceed.

"I have changed my ideas about zoning," said Virginia Jones, a resident of Capitan. "A simple document would be best. If we're going to have something, let's do it right. We have an opportunity to make Capitan really attractive, and we need that."

"That's what we'd like to see — something simple, and not overboard," said Tracy Alred, a member of the board

Jones, along with Jean Coulton and other members of Grassroots Capitan,

"If we're going to have something, let's do it right. We have an opportunity to make Capitan really attractive, and we need that."

Virginia Jones
Capitan resident

a group of residents lobbying to preserve the past of Capitan, as well as plan for the future in the best interests of the residents, was present at the meeting with a document of their suggestions and concerns for zoning.

Included in the document were requests similar to ones brought up during a recent open forum held by Conquest Investments LLC for public input on its planned 23.4-acre commercial subdivision along Highway 380.

Building green

"We'd like you to look at a green building code — the water catchments facilities" Coulton said. "That's important because we are getting less and less water, and it would be nice if people had the catchments because they could at least water their gardens or landscaping."

According to the Palmer Drought Index, a project under the National Climatic Data Center, New Mexico is expected to be in a constant drought status by 2051.

Another issue brought up was the visual require-

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New Horizons to get new boiler

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Winters will be a lot warmer in New Horizons Developmental Center in Carrizozo, thanks to a US Department of Agriculture (USDA) rural improvement grant to replace an outdated boiler in the center.

Chris Schneider, executive director for the center, said he expects the new boiler to be installed by the end of September.

The wing of the building in which the new boiler will be installed in houses eight out of the 15 current residents of New Horizons. It will replace a 38-year-old boiler, Schneider said.

"It's been hard to find

replacement parts (for the old boiler)," Schneider said. "The repairmen usually have to jury-rig something."

So starting in February, Schneider began looking for a way to replace the outdated boiler before the winter with the help of Laura Rose, service coordinator for New Horizons.

Schneider said he heard about the USDA grant, and when he applied for it through the Las Cruces Rural Development office, he found that the grant would cover 35 percent of the \$19,000 it would cost to purchase and install the new boiler, along with an air conditioning unit. The contract to install the boiler will go through a local busi-

ness, Bonito River Services, located in Nogal.

The remaining 65 percent came from Lincoln County funds after he contacted County Manager Tom Stewart, Schneider said.

USDA Rural Development grants fund projects that benefit rural areas, such as business and community development, as well as town infrastructure.

Before coming to New Horizons in December of 2010 to replace former director Linda Reeder, who left for personal reasons, Schneider said he lived in Florida and worked as an international sales manager for a manufacturer of laboratory equipment.

He added that he's working on several other grant applications for other improvements to the center, but it was too early to know if anything would come of them.

New Horizons Developmental Center is a licensed intermediate care facility for mentally disabled adults.

Members of the organization focus on community integration, and they work to teach life skills and values to their residents while providing care.

For more information on the center, please call (575) 648-2379 or visit their website, http://carrizozochamber.org/local_pages/new_horizons.htm

Lessons learned, cowboy style

Bill was one of those young cowboys who struck out to make his name in the cowboy world as a teenager. It was 1948.

At 14, Bill spent the summer away from his Colorado home, cowboy-ing on a ranch in the Davis Mountains in Texas.

When he arrived, the heavy summer rains were beginning to fill the large man-made lake at the ranch.

The cow boss, Charlie Greer, was worried that it may wash out, so he kept a close watch on the water level.

Bill and another young cowboy, Slim Benson, came by the lake around four one afternoon on their way to the headquarters that was five miles beyond.

Hungry as pups, they ate a late lunch. As they finished their meal, Charlie Greer walked in and both boys cowered.

To them, Greer was the meanest son-of-gun they knew and they were both scared to death of him.

Greer spoke. "Bill, how much does the water level have to rise in the lake before it starts to run out the spillway?"

Bill, feeling like the big dumb kid he was, turned to his partner and said, "Oh I don't know, what do you think Slim?"

Charlie Greer got right in Bill's face and shouted, "If I had wanted Slim's opinion, I would have asked him. If you don't know, you get your butt back on your horse and trot back down there and find out. And you damn well better not

come back until you find out."

Bill saddled up and rode the five miles back to the lake, made his calculations and trotted back to headquarters.



JULIE CARTER
Cowgirl Saus
& Savory

He made his report to Greer sometime after 10 p.m., long after dark, and worse, long after supper was put away. Lesson

learned. Whenever a new hand

showed up at the ranch, he was given an assigned string of horses to ride.

That cowboy had to ride them no matter if they were sorry, bucked, or were just plain dumb. The cowboys were allowed to trade horses with each other if they wanted.

As the boss, Charlie Greer, rode the best horses. He had one horse called Rocky that Bill thought was the best horse he'd ever seen.

His mouth watered every time Charlie rode Rocky. Bill really wanted him in his string.

One day later in the summer Greer said to Bill, "Would you trade me Jughead for Rocky?" Now Bill knew Jughead was the dumbest horse ever born but he knew he'd trade any horse he had, real quick, for chance at Rocky.

The next morning Bill rode Rocky and he was everything he thought he might be. He was one happy cowboy.

The following morning

when the remuda came in, he saw that Rocky had a big swelled up place on both sides of his withers.

He felt terrible and couldn't figure it out. He hadn't made a horse sore all summer.

Three days later Greer told Bill, "I know you feel bad about Rocky's back, don't you." Bill admitted he did.

Then Charlie said, "The next time someone offers to trade you a good horse for a dumb one, you had better run your hands over his back and legs and really look him over close. Rocky was getting a sore back when I traded him to you." Lesson learned.

Life is full of "lesson learned" moments. They seem to come along right about the time we get to thinking too highly of ourselves, followed by a rapid humbling.

And that pattern in itself is a lesson learned.

Julie, a veteran of humbling moments, can be reached for comment at jcarternm@gmail.com

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Elizabeth Montoya is on board as business manager for Carrizozo Public Schools, replacing Gwen Huston. Montoya has lived all her life in Capitan and is a graduate of Capitan High. Before coming to Carrizozo, she served 16 years as payroll administrator for Capitan Schools. She is married to Joseph Montoya, foreman with New Mexico Department of Transportation Hondo patrol. They have two grown children, Gerald and Emilia.

Grant could complete work on center

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The Capitan Board of Trustees Wednesday approved the application for a Community Development Block Grant to finish construction of the seniors' center.

Attendance with the senior center has "almost doubled" said Mayor Sam Hammons, and trustees resolved that improvements and expansion of the facility were required to continue providing low-cost meals, socializing

areas, and other assistance to seniors in Capitan.

The grants, which will be requested from the state CDBG board, will be for \$125,000 and \$375,000 to complete phase two of the project, which includes an extension to the building, construction of a parking area, landscaping, demolition of the old building, and a connection of the new building to the town's septic system, according to the resolution passed on Wednesday.

The village is expected

to learn whether the grant is approved or not after March 2012, said village clerk Kay Strickland.

"It usually comes with a one-year deadline to use the money," Strickland said, anticipating the project to be completed by September of 2013, if the money is awarded.

The village would be required to put up \$25,000 in matching funds if the grant is awarded, Strickland said.

Wright & Hammer Architects out of Albuquerque would continue its

work from phase one of the project on to phase two, Strickland said.

Other grants would be sought from the legislative session running from January through February for other projects, including replacing worn-out septic liners, installing new water storage tanks, equipment maintenance, installing sidewalks and streetlights, as well as a skateboard and basketball park, according to Capitan's Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan.

ZONING

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ments of any ordinances, such as limiting colors on buildings to earth tones, as well as adhering to the New Mexico Night Sky Act, which restricts the direction and strength of outdoor lighting.

"Certain colors and lighting are more beneficial to human comfort and animal welfare," Coulton said, citing policies from the Bureau of Land Management that work to blend buildings and roads into the landscape.

"We try to blend facilities with the setting," said Mike Bilbo, the Leave No Trace coordinator out of the BLM's Roswell field office. "That's why we try to manage visual resources — to reduce the impact."

Bilbo said that in BLM projects, the state uses primarily translucent colors, particularly gray-green in the Fort Stanton area, and avoids opaque colors, such as tan or white. Other aspects of visual resource management include curving roads, in order to blend in with landscape patterns, and putting buildings below the horizon line, if possible.

"We need to come up with a uniform," Lamay said, but cautioned that in developing building codes they "want to be careful, and not deter (businesses)."

Visuals

Coulton said she was particularly concerned with Conquest's commercial lots that would face away from Highway 380, potentially giving visitors their first sight of Capitan and its dumpsters.

Measures discussed included landscaping or building an adobe wall to block off the view.

"Maybe some kind of screening as far as landscaping," Alred said.

Another issue discussed

at the workshop was the number of metal buildings already in Capitan, and possibly writing an ordinance to prevent or limit any more from being constructed.

"I don't know if you can really discriminate against site-build and pre-fabricated (buildings)," Alred said.

But the board members said they might be able to include in the ordinances requirements for facades, such as putting up stucco, over metal exteriors.

"One of the things Capitan needs — really, we need greenery," Jones said. "We'd like to have a park included, we'd like to have open spaces."

The board discussed another measure to require a percentage of landscaping on each new lot, rather than try to draft a square-foot requirement.

"We could require so many trees be planted — a percentage actually landscaped or left natural," Alred said. "I just hate to see commercials go in from lot line to lot line and pave it."

Coulter said she would like to see landscaping, compatible with natural materials and plants, such as shrubs and trees that would survive in a dry climate.

Another proposal from the audience was to have an ordinance restricting visible trash, such as junked cars parked in residents' front yards.

"We've got to clean up our own place before we tell others what to do," said Bob Sanders, a member of the board. "That's where we should start first."

Concluding the meeting, LaMay said he planned to meet with Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee to discuss her previous work on form-based zoning to get a better idea of how to go about it.

A second zoning workshop is scheduled for Oct. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Village Hall.

School contest celebrates New Mexico Centennial

The Lincoln County Historical Society (LCHS) is sponsoring a poster and essay contests for area public school students as part of New Mexico's Centennial celebration.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in this important upcoming event.

The Society hopes that faculty and students of area schools will become involved and enter these contests.

Poster contest

Elementary students can submit their posters on any subject related to the centennial.

The size of the poster should be 11" x 17" and will be judged on originality and artistic endeavor.

Essay contests

There are two categories for the essay contests; one for middle school students, and, one for high school students.

Subjects of essays should be related to Lincoln County's history during New Mexico's quest for statehood and should be two to five pages in length.

Judging will be based on subject matter, as well as grammar.

Prizes

There will be three prizes presented for the poster contest and three prizes for each of the two essay contests.

Additionally, both the poster and essays will be featured in upcoming LCHS events and publications.

Entry deadline

All entries are to be submitted by Dec. 16, and an announcement of winners will be made by Jan. 6, 2012, in conjunction with the New Mexico Statehood Centennial ceremonies in Lincoln County.

Entries may be mailed to: The Lincoln County Historical Society

P.O. Box 91
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Alternately, they may be delivered to the Lincoln State Monument Courthouse Museum on Highway 380 in Lincoln.

For more information please call Gwendolyn Rogers at (575) 653-4372.

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WINTER WEATHER



DANA TERLECKY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Piles of hail lingered around mile marker 17 on Highway 37 just outside of Capitan, following heavy rains on Sept. 15.

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This event is a benefit fundraiser for Sierra Blanca Christian Academy and will be, as always, a fun evening for the whole family.

The SBCA students will be performing, and in addition, the program will feature Two Days Walk, Canaan Trail Bluegrass, Grace Harvest, J Bar J Church, and a grand finale showcasing the

music of the Flying J Wranglers.

Intermingled with great music will be a dessert auction, allowing visitors to go home with a delicious treat.

A special love offering will be taken for the school, but admission to the program is free.

There will be light refreshments served. For more information, please contact Sierra Blanca Christian Academy at (575) 630-0144.

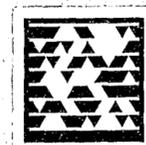
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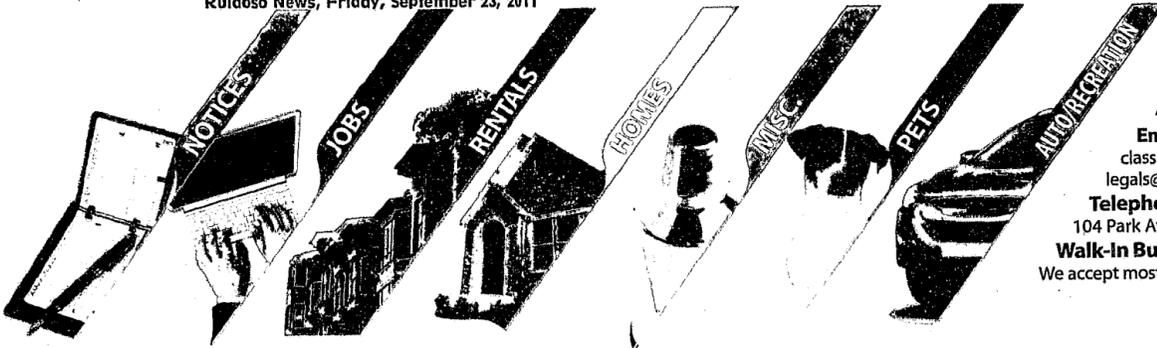


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Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 19, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the herein-after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 105 Altamira Drive, Alto, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

TRACT 105, THE RANCHES OF SONTERRA, UNIT ONE, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MAY 18, 1994, IN CABINET F, SLIDE NO. 21, AND BY THAT CERTAIN AFFIDAVIT, ELAT OF CORRECTIONS RECORDED IN BOOK 1994-19 LINCOLN COUNTY RECORDS, PAGE 434.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$391,381.50 and the same bears interest at 6.75% per annum from August 16, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,704.63. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Further, if any of these conditions exist at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the funds shall be returned, and the Special Master may specify other conditions that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the funds shall be returned, and the Special Master may specify other conditions that would cause the cancellation of this sale.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described

disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Peter Baca,
Special Master
P.O. Box 215
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(505) 648-9925

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-1226-CV-201100076

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO JPMORGAN CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, a Delaware corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
DANI SU STRANGE AND VILLAGO OF RUIDOSO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on October 19, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. from the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Block 4 of DEL NORTE ADDITION, Unit 3, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat of a part of Block 4 of Del Norte Addition, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, June 1980, in Tube No. 705

The address of the real property is 505 Del Norte, Ruidoso, NM 88355. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated address is the street address of the described property. If the stated address does not match the legal description, the Plaintiff's responsibility is to the legal description. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Further, if any of these conditions exist at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the funds shall be returned, and the Special Master may specify other conditions that would cause the cancellation of this sale.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described

property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$127,948.72 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,380.28. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Further, if any of these conditions exist at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the funds shall be returned, and the Special Master may specify other conditions that would cause the cancellation of this sale.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-1226-CV-201100188

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARLIN D. EKSTROM, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on September 29, 2011, at 10:00 AM, at Ruidoso Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 1A, Block 2 of ESTATES, UNIT 3, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat of Lots 1A, 1B and 1C, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, November 16, 2007, in Cabinet F, Slide No. 571.

The address of the real property is 1101 Hill Rd, Ruidoso, NM 88345-7903. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address of the described property; the stated address does not match the legal description, then the Plaintiff's responsibility is to the legal description. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Further, if any of these conditions exist at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the funds shall be returned, and the Special Master may specify other conditions that would cause the cancellation of this sale.

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ject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a redemption, or any other condition that the purchaser of such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-11-149
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
RAYMOND M. SWANSEN JR., and if married, JANE DOE SWANSEN (true name unknown), his spouse,
Defendants.

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95% of U.S. adults report that the recession has impacted their shopping in some way. 76% report doing fewer shopping trips. Adults also plan purchases more (67%). Actual purchases continue to be predominantly made in stores (79%) though shopping information channels have dramatically expanded.

59% of adults rank newspapers first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of newspaper readers report looking at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined. (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 59% clipped a coupon, 52% bought something advertised and 45% visited a store.

60% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way. 44% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of readers used a preprinted insert in the past 30 days. On average, adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 59% used to compare prices, 55% used to compare one circular to another, 52% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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Clubs/Associations

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, Junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 E.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountain Top Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the Woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Car Club: Cruise on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to various restaurants; Denise Dean, 257-4966.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, dancing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5863, or

Martha, 575-430-9808.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games. 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 973-0953.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles: Attitudinal Healing study group: Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Mon., 6:30 p.m., women's open meeting; Thurs, 6:30 p.m.; Fri., 7 p.m., Beginners and young people's big book study; Sat, Sun, 7 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Sunny Spirit Group. Mon. & Thurs. at noon, Fri. at 5:30 p.m., Women's group meets Wed. at noon. Parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

COPE: Center of Protective Environment -1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 12. Ruidoso, NM. 575-258-4946. M-Thur. 8:00-5:00, Fri. 8-12n.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. and the Nest Domestic Violence Selter: 515-378-6378; 24 hr Hotline: 866-378-6378.

Holiday Grief Support: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 575-258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New

Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified in-structors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Sanctuary on the River: Life enrichment classes, seminars. 207 Eagle Dr. 630-1111. sanctuaryontheriver.com.

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month at K-Bobs. Info: Dick Mastin 336-2170.

Democratic Woman Sacramento Mountain Area: Third Saturday at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, 11:30 a.m. For information call 808-1133 or 257-6078.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meets 4th Monday monthly, 11:30 a.m., Ruidoso Senior Center. Bring sack lunch. For information, call 430-7258.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building,

U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

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Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, www.fbcruaidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynena, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the Y open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalea, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lekennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday monthly, 2 p.m. at Posse building, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo. Groups needing volunteer security services, notify by mail one month prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hon-do Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Gary 258-0059, Georgia 937-0564.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info:

378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Needle Crafters Club: Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2-4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:00 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cattle Baron Sudderth, 338-2541.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sacramento Mountain Village: Senior service & activity group, open to 55 years and older; meets 4th Sat. of month, 9:30 a.m., Cree Meadows CC. 258-2120 or sacmtnvillage.org

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church. Info: email whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, SE corner Spring St. & Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Info: 973-1719.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at Evening Lions Hut at 106 Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's) at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information call: 575-808-1227.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at 1200 Sudderth (across the street from In-Ka-Hoots) at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters, and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information, please call: 575-258-1345.

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8K0305 2008 HYUNDAI TIBURON LEATHER, SPOILER, MOONROOF, ALLOYS, SE PKG., LOW MILES! WAS \$19,995 NOW \$16,995
7K0921 2007 TOYOTA PRIUS HYBRID 1 OWNER, ALLOYS, BACKUP CAMERA, 48 MPG! WAS \$16,975 NOW \$13,995
5691 2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA 6LS PKG., AUTO, FULL POWER, SAFETY CANOPY CD, SATELLITE \$189/MO
5688 2010 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 S PKG., STABILITY CONTROL, SELECT SHIFT AUTO, FULL POWER \$219/MO
5689 2011 TOYOTA CAMRY LE PKG., SELECT SHIFT AUTO, STABILITY CONTROL, SAFETY CURTAIN \$239/MO
5690 2011 HYUNDAI SONATA SELECT SHIFT AUTO, STABILITY CONTROL, FULL POWER \$249/MO
5686 2010 NISSAN ROGUE AWD S PKG., STABILITY CONTROL, TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR, RUN TO DRIVE! \$259/MO
5664 HYUNDAI SANTA FE AWD SELECT SHIFT AUTO, ABS, SAFETY CANOPY, FULL POWER! WAS \$23,899 NOW \$21,545
5673 2010 NISSAN MURANO AWD S PKG., ALLOYS, TRACTION CONTROL, SPOILER, CD! WAS \$29,475 NOW \$27,737
5692 2009 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4X4 SE, MOONROOF, 3RD ROW SEAT, DUAL AC, FULL POWER, LOW MILES! \$245/MO

TRUCKS

8K0731 2010 CHEVROLET EXT. CAB 4X4 LT PKG., TOW PKG., RUNNING BOARDS, LOADED! WAS \$29,990 NOW \$25,990
5676 2010 DODGE RAM CREW CAB 4X4 SLT, ALLOYS, 6 AIRBAGS, SELECT SHIFT AUTO, FULL POWER \$309/MO
8K0661 2007 FORD F-250 CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4 100000 MILES, FM OFFROAD, GRILL GUARD, HEATED LEATHER, CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$31,250 NOW \$29,747
8K0711 2008 FORD F-350 CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4 KING RANCH, MOONROOF, NAVIGATION, GRILL GUARD, TON COMMAND \$469/MO
5682 2008 FORD RANGER XL PKG., BELT LATCH, ABS, AC TOW PKG. \$169/MO
7K0931 2009 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB 4X4 TILT, CRUISE, TOW PKG., TIRE PRESSURE MONITOR, AC WAS \$23,970 NOW \$19,550

SUVS

5662 2010 FORD EXPLORER 4X4 EDGE SEAT, 100000 MILES, DUAL AC, HEATED LEATHER, LOADED, CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$30,990 NOW \$27,995
5672 2008 LINCOLN MKX AWD HEATED LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, VISTA ROOF, MUCH MORE! CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$32,990 NOW \$29,737
8K0691 2009 FORD EDGE AWD LIMITED PKG., MOONROOF, 100000 MILES, POWER UPSTEER, MUCH MORE! CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$31,990 NOW \$29,737
5683 2010 FORD ESCAPE 4X4 XLT, ALLOYS, FULL POWER, GREAT ECONOMY! \$259/MO
8K0261 2011 MERCURY MARINER 4X4 SYNC, ALLOYS, FULL POWER, ADVANCETRAC \$239/MO
5659 2010 FORD EDGE AWD SEL PKG., ADVANCETRAC, SAFETY CANOPY, AIRSUSPENSION, CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$29,545 NOW \$25,990
5685 2010 FORD EDGE AWD LIMITED, SYNC, LEATHER, LOADED! \$249/MO

2010 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4

LIMITED PKG., HEATED LEATHER, TWENTY SOUND, STABILITY CONTROL WAS \$25,425 NOW \$22,995

2009 JEEP WRANGLER 4X4

X PKG., SOUND BAR, AUTO, ALLOYS, TILT, CRUISE, AC WAS \$24,720 NOW \$21,995

CARS

2011 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS

LS, LEATHER, TRACTION CONTROL, LOADED! WAS \$22,955 NOW \$20,995

2011 FORD MUSTANG

LEATHER, ALLOYS, CUSTOM EXHAUST, COLD INTAKE, LOADED! CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$27,725 NOW \$24,725

2011 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE

LEATHER, SPOILER, SHAKER 500W SOUND, NICE! WAS \$23,920 NOW \$23,707

2010 FORD MUSTANG

GT, ADVANCETRAC, SPOILER, LEATHER, SHAKER 500W SOUND WAS \$28,163 NOW \$17,749

2010 FORD FUSION

SE PKG., SYNC, TRACTION GREAT ECONOMY! CERTIFIED 1.9% WAS \$21,620 NOW \$19,995

2010 FORD FOCUS

SE PKG., ALLOYS, SPOILER, SAFETY CANOPY, ECONOMY! \$199/MO

2010 FORD FOCUS

SEL PKG., MOONROOF, LEATHER, LOADED! CERTIFIED 1.9% \$229/MO

2010 FORD FOCUS

SEL PKG., LEATHER, MOONROOF, SYNC, SAFETY CANOPY, MORE! \$289/MO

2007 LINCOLN MKZ AWD

HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF, LOADED, NICE CAR! WAS \$23,993 NOW \$20,995

2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA

LS, TRACTION CONTROL, ABS, FULL POWER! WAS \$14,275 NOW \$13,995

2006 PONTIAC VIBE AWD

MOONROOF, FULL POWER, LOW MILES, ECONOMY 4X4! WAS \$15,995 NOW \$14,975

2004 LINCOLN TOWN CAR

ULTIMATE, HEATED LEATHER, LOADED, LINCOLN LINCOLN! WAS \$14,995 NOW \$12,749

2010 CHRYSLER 300

TOURING PKG., LEATHER, ALLOYS, LOADED! WAS \$22,995 NOW \$20,975

2010 CHEVROLET IMPALA

LTX, MOONROOF, ONSTAR, HEATED LEATHER, LIKE NEW! WAS \$24,293 NOW \$21,975

2004 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE

LEATHER, TRACTION CONTROL, LOW MILES, 1 OWNER, ACTON ANVISED! \$149/MO

2006 CHRYSLER CROSSFIRE CONVERTIBLE

LIMITED, HEATED LEATHER, NAVIGATION, LOADED, ONLY 25K MILES! WAS \$23,990 NOW \$17,995

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