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Supreme Court passes on 'descansos'

Highway memorials abound in Lincoln County

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Shortly after former Mescalero Apache Tribal President Sara Misquez died on U.S. Highway 70 in January 2008, traveling east out of Tularosa toward the reservation, a white cross with flowers showed up to mark the place of the accident.

Depending on who is interpreting the long-held practice, the

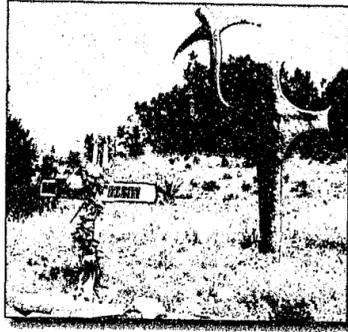
cross is a religious symbol that marks the spot where the soul left the body, or it is simply a secular memorial out of respect for someone who died as a result of a traffic accident and/or it is a reminder to drive safely to those who see it.

But a decision on Oct. 31, by the U.S. Supreme Court not to hear an appeal of a lower court ruling that 12-foot high crosses along Utah's highways in honor

of dead state troopers violated the U.S. Constitution resulted in a lost chance to clear up confusion about memorials.

In New Mexico, crosses or other memorials, called descansos, the Spanish word for resting places, can be seen along most highways. As far as New Mexico District 2 Traffic Engineer Bob Kurtz recalls, the tradition has

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An abstract cross and dove marks the spot of a fatal traffic accident also memorialized by a small white cross on U.S. 380 west of Carrizozo.

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Planners look at subdivision regs

Lot-splitting 'abuse' raises concerns

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An initial review of Lincoln County's subdivision ordinance, with a focus on exemptions allowed through state law, may look for ways to squeeze the claims of exemption. The county's planning commission last week began discussions.

The New Mexico Subdivision Act provides for a number of ways to claim an exemption.

The commission was told exemptions have been troublesome when it comes to selling or donating property to an immediate family member and splitting off a parcel from a previously approved subdivision.

"It's recognized that people really ought to be able to parcel out their land and give it to their kids at least once, right? That pretty common in Pennsylvania where it's a culture among the Amish," Commissioner Paul van Gulick said. "Every child will end up with a piece of land. It's not that different here I think. It's also a similar culture here to leave properties for the family. So we end up with these bazaar little parcels that get skinnier and skinnier."

There also is the one-time lot split exemption.

"There's a number of these exceptions that just recognize that there are reasons, legitimate reasons, why one ought to be able to subdivide land," van Gulick said. "You do have certain rights and you can make money off of land. Where it's held tribally, it



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Paul van Gulick
Lincoln County Planning
commissioner

leads to no economic opportunities for the individuals. Is it good or bad? I mean it's hard to say. Tribal lands don't end up being over-developed either."

Abuse

But van Gulick said exemptions are constantly misused.

"The whole purpose is subverted as often as possible. I know Curt (Temple, Lincoln County's planning director) has mention more than once about that subdivision up on Alpine Village Road where there was this larger subdivision and that got turned down for good reasons, and now it became a subdivision through the use of exemptions.

"So I think they need to be looked at with that kind of balance. There needs to be some way where people can legitimately do that, but on the other hand, even with the so-called one-time subdivision there's a five-

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AT THE CIRCUS



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Gabriel Urban, center, left, and Jensen Thetford stood stock still Monday night as Mario and Luigi of the American Crown Circus out of Las Vegas, Nev., juggled across the ring, just shy of the two boys. Look for more "Faces and Places," including photos from the Joy for Kids Toy Run, the Altrusa Vino Bingo night, and the Evening Lions Gun and Collectible Show, on pages 6-7B.

Stream monitoring continues on Rio Ruidoso

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Although they were ready to approve an extension for testing the waters of the Rio Ruidoso, members of the board that governs the new regional wastewater treatment plant delayed action last week on the advice of an attorney.

Cleatus Richards, public works director for the city of Ruidoso Downs, recommended the Joint Use Board approve an \$110,322 extension of the testing by Parametrix. Richards is one of two representatives on the board from Ruidoso Downs.

The village of Ruidoso, which operates the plant,

also has two members.

A fifth member from the county of Lincoln was not appointed last year when the two towns could not agree on any of the nominees from the county, which has no financial stake in the \$36 million plant.

The village is responsible for 85 percent of the cost of its operation and the city for 15 percent, based on the percentage of sewage received from each.

Richards said Dr. H. David Stensil, a consultant on the court-mandated cleanup of the Rio Ruidoso, e-mailed Plant Manager Bobby Snowden about the extension.

"He said we missed

some of the important months for testing and we should proceed (with an extension) because it is our best chance for him to build the best case for us on trying to reduce our nitrate (removal) requirements under the (plant's operating) permit.

"The plant was supposed to come online in December to January time frame and we missed that by several months, so we don't have late winter/early spring testing. I think Dr. Stensil feels we definitely do need those."

The state Environment Department and federal Environmental Protection Agency imposed the strictest requirements in the nation for removal of

phosphorous and nitrogen on the wastewater treatment plant as a condition for a permit to continue to discharge effluent into the Rio Ruidoso.

The two towns were sued by an environmental group and some residents regarding the water quality in the river and now must spend nearly \$1 million on projects that will improve that quality. Complaints centered on huge algae growth that robbed aquatic life of oxygen and clogged irrigation pipes.

The application for a new operating permit must be submitted in March, Richards said.

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EAS test today

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission are preparing for the first nationwide test of the emergency alert system at noon Mountain Standard time today.

While the familiar alert often is tested at local levels, it has never been tested across the entire nation at once.

Similar to local emergency alert system tests, during the nationwide test Nov. 9, an audio message will interrupt television and radio programming indicating with "This is a test."

The nationwide test will last about 30 seconds instead of two to three minutes, as originally announced.

The duration was changed to reduce the disruption to the American public, while still maintaining the ability to test the system's nationwide capabilities.

The test will send a 30-second signal on all broadcast radio and television stations, cable television systems, satellite radio and television systems, and wireline video service systems.

Officials with the FCC want to spread the word about the nationwide test to ensure that people know what to expect when the test occurs, and no one is caught off guard.

BLM fees waived

Officials with the Bureau of Land Management will waive recreation-related fees for visitors to the National System of Public Lands for Veterans Day holiday weekend, Nov. 11-13, including one recreation site in Lincoln County.

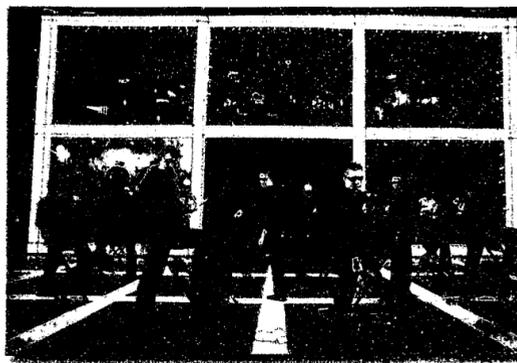
A spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service said that agency also will waive fees for veterans at Three Rivers Campground in the Lincoln National Forest between Carrizozo and Tularosa. All other campgrounds in the Smokey Bear Ranger District are closed for the winter.

The fee-free days include areas managed within the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System. The fee-free requirement only applies to standard amenity fees such as individual day-use fees. Other charges, such as those for group day use, overnight camping, and cabin rentals, will remain in effect.

"While the American public has entrusted us with the management of their public lands, we can't do it alone," said BLM Director Bob Abbey.

New Mexico fee sites include Valley of Fires Recreation Area in Lincoln County and Three Rivers Petroglyph Site in neighboring Otero County, Aguirre Spring

HAVE A 'BLAST'



"Blast!" (\$79 and \$76), winner of the 2001 Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event and the 2001 Emmy Award for Best Choreography, will take the stage at the Spencer Theater at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. The performance is a virtual explosion of music, dance and theater using drum and bugle corps the way "Riverdance" uses Irish step dancers. It's a blend of Broadway, big band and marching music with choreographed motion, swirling color flags and twirling rifles. Featuring 35, this exuberant production bridges classical, blues, jazz, rock n' roll and techno-pop music. It's like the U.S. Marine Corps Marching Band meets "Stomp" with Harry James, "Tap Dogs" and "West Side Story" in the mix. For tickets or information call (575) 336-4800 or toll free at 888.818.7872.

Recreation Site and Dripping Springs Natural Area in Doña Ana County, as well as Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument and Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River which includes Wild Rivers and Orilla Verde, Santa Cruz Lake.

Tree permits

Here's a sign that Christmas is approaching. Christmas tree permits will soon be available from the Lincoln National Forest.

The \$5 permit allows a person to cut one tree from

the selected ranger district on the federal forest.

Each household is limited to one tree not exceeding 10 feet in height. Permits, which will go on sale beginning Nov. 1, can be obtained from forest service offices in Alamogordo, Carlsbad, Cloudcroft and Ruidoso. The Smokey Bear Ranger District office is located at 901 Mechem Drive in Ruidoso. The permits will be available through Dec. 24. Permits can also be acquired through the mail. Application forms are available on the Lincoln National Forest website.

Trees can be cut from Nov. 1 through Dec. 24.

Open forum

Roger Cole's open forum on topics facing the world today has been extended at ENMU-Ruidoso through the end of the month.

The discussions take place on Mondays from 10 a.m. until noon in Room 105 of the college. Topics range from the role of technology to the definition of consciousness, but are not confined to any one subject. Participants are encouraged to share their life experiences and ideas in a welcoming environment. The forum is free and open to all.

American Legion

American Legion Post 79, Ruidoso, is raising funds through its annual Rifle Raffle and membership drive. This year there are two possibilities: A Weatherby 30.06 Vanguard package and a 42-inch HD TV. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Post 79 will participate in the Military 365 "R&R" block party on Saturday, Nov. 12, in front of Dream Catchers. For tickets or information, call Post Adjutant Vic Currier, (575) 802-5293.

Mission raffle

A Mescalero Bull Elk Management Hunt will be raffled to benefit the St. Joseph Apache Mission

Restoration Project.

Two tickets sell for \$5. The drawing is set for Dec. 4, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The hunt values at \$3,000, will be conducted Jan. 7-11, 2012. A required guide will be provided. The winner must pay the \$15 habitat fee, provide vehicle fuel and a tip for the guide. Tickets are available by calling Mary Serna at 575-464-4539, or at Fire Power in Ruidoso, at The Archery Hut in Las Cruces and at Cortez Gas in Alamogordo. The project mailing address is P.O. Box 187 Mescalero, NM 88340.

Free movie

This month's free New Mexico movie at ENMU-Ruidoso will be 1947's "Sea of Grass" starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn.

Partially filmed around Magdalena, it is the story of a strong-minded woman who travels to New Mexico to be with her husband. Little does she know that he has a reputation as a tyrant who uses force to keep homesteaders off the government-owned land he uses for grazing his cattle.

The movie will be shown on at 7 p.m. today in Room 111 of the college.

Food donations

Those wishing to donate to the Food 4 Kids Backpack program featured in the

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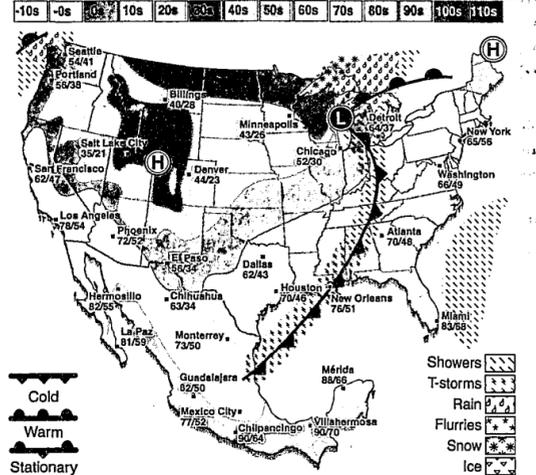
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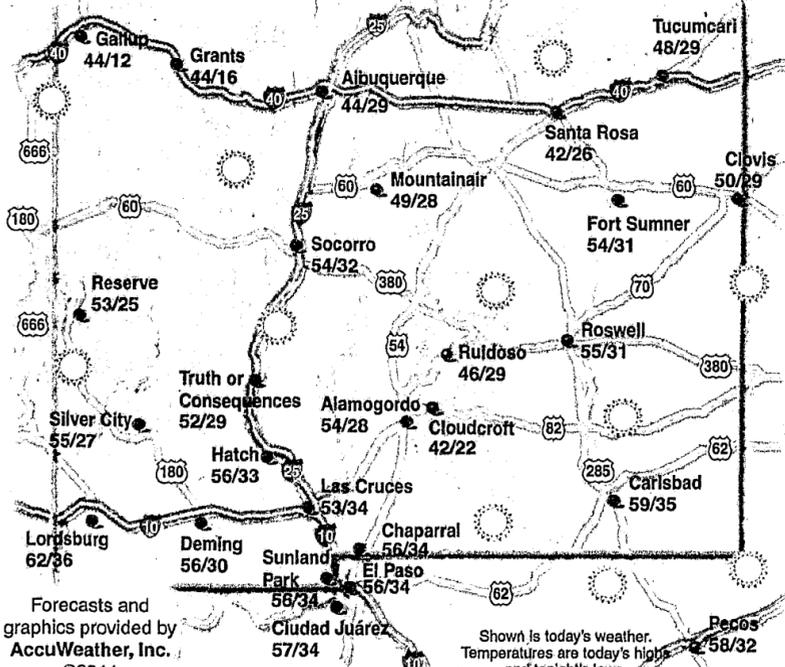
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National Forecast for Nov. 9, 2011



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

Regional Cities



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Almanac

Ruidoso
 Statistics through Monday
 Temperature:
 High/low 50°/32°
 Normal high 59°
 Normal low 29°
 Record high 73° (2009)
 Record low 6° (1951)
 Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.01"
 Normal month to date 0.17"
 Year to date 8.38"
 Normal year to date 19.75"

Alamogordo

Statistics through Monday
 Temperature:
 High/low 65°/34°
 Normal high 70°
 Normal low 32°
 Record high 82° (1973)
 Record low 20° (1959)
 Precipitation:
 Monday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.39"
 Normal month to date 0.15"
 Year to date 4.13"
 Normal year to date 9.51"

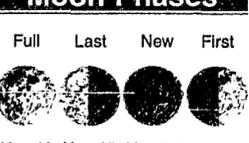
Weather Trivia™:

Q: How many individual snowflakes will one gallon of water produce?

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:28 a.m./5:06 p.m. Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 4:19 p.m./5:26 a.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states) High: 90° in McAllen, TX Low: -2° in Butte, MT
 Monday's World High/Low: High: 106° in Jervois, Australia Low: -55° in Summit Station, Greenland

National Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu. H/L
Abilene	60/35/s	61/38/s
Anchorage	21/18/sf	30/19/pc
Atlanta	70/48/pc	58/36/pc
Austin	66/42/pc	65/31/s
Baltimore	64/49/s	61/40/sh
Boston	66/51/s	62/48/r
Chicago	52/30/sh	41/27/pc
Dallas	62/43/s	65/40/s
Denver	44/23/c	59/30/s
Des Moines	44/26/c	43/28/pc
Detroit	64/37/sh	47/31/c
El Paso	56/34/s	58/40/s
Las Vegas	66/48/s	68/50/s
Los Angeles	78/54/s	80/57/pc
Minneapolis	43/28/c	39/26/pc
New Orleans	76/51/t	65/44/pc
New York City	65/55/s	65/47/sh
Philadelphia	65/52/s	63/40/sh
Phoenix	72/52/s	77/56/s
Reno	50/27/s	54/29/pc
San Francisco	62/47/s	65/51/pc
San Diego	74/53/s	74/55/pc
Seattle	54/41/c	52/37/pc
Tucson	70/46/s	74/50/s
Tulsa, OK	57/35/s	58/37/s
Wash., DC	66/49/s	59/38/sh
Wichita	52/29/s	55/33/s
Yuma	74/50/s	76/52/s

Regional Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu. H/L
Albuquerque	44/29/s	50/33/s
Artesia	59/35/s	63/41/s
Chama	42/16/s	48/12/s
Clayton	46/26/s	58/31/s
Cloudcroft	42/22/s	49/10/s
Farmington	44/19/s	49/24/s
Hobbs	58/32/s	60/30/s
Los Alamos	43/21/s	49/19/s
Portales	54/28/s	59/30/s
Raton	42/17/s	56/20/s
Red River	36/12/s	43/10/s
Ruidoso	46/29/s	51/35/s
Santa Fe	44/22/s	50/25/s
Silver City	55/27/s	54/34/s
Taos	43/10/s	48/14/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu. H/L
Acapulco	91/75/pc	90/75/pc
Cancun	86/64/pc	84/66/pc
Chihuahua	63/34/s	59/39/s
Ciudad Juárez	57/34/s	59/39/s
León	81/52/pc	75/45/pc
México, DF	77/52/t	68/45/c
Monterrey	73/50/c	66/46/pc
Morelia	81/53/t	76/50/pc
Oaxaca	86/55/t	72/50/c
Pto. Penasco	77/54/s	77/55/s
Tijuana	75/50/s	77/52/pc

EVENTS

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Nov. 4 Ruidoso News can mail or drop off donations at the Angus Church of the Nazarene, HC71 Box 1162, Capitan, NM, 88316. Donors can also call Frank Potter at 575-937-3879, Elizabeth Potter at 575-937-4732, or Carol Magill at 575-257-3495.

Ruidoso Rotary

The Rotary Club of Ruidoso presents its sixth annual holiday canned food drive for Lincoln County Food Bank on Saturday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Sierra Cinema. All three theaters will show current features, except for 3-D features, for a charge of one food item per child and two food items per adults. For more information, call Georgia Underwood, 575-937-0664.

Story times

Wednesday preschool story times at the Ruidoso Public Library during November will be as follows:

Today: Stories about scarecrows; craft: Make a scarecrow.

Nov. 16: Stories about Thanksgiving; craft: Make a paper bag turkey.

Nov. 23: Movie, "Nanny McPhee Returns."

Nov. 30: Stories about Christmas; craft: Make Christmas ornaments.

Preschool story time begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Department of the library. The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road in Ruidoso.

Republican Women

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meets the fourth Monday at 11:30 a.m. at Cree Meadows. For information, 430-7258 and www.frw.rplcnm.org.

Women's group

Women Helping Women is a support group for domestic violence victims and survivors. The group meets every Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Sweet Charity, 26156 U.S. Highway 70.

The group offers support, resource referral and information about children's issues and problems.

There is no cost and bilingual services are available.

Business this Week

New Midtown business offers 'bling' on a budget

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For those who don't live life by the half-measure, Cattilac Style is a boutique that has the right fit, and "the best bling in the West."

Specializing in boutique clothing, jewelry and shoes, the recently opened store in Midtown comes with its own unique story, and owner, Cindy Hendley.

"She (Hendley) literally opened overnight," said April Ostler, an employee at the boutique. "She came to Ruidoso for the weekend to see some friends, saw the place, called a realtor and loaded up a trailer to open for business the next day."

Hendley said she saw a business opportunity in Ruidoso, and followed up on it. And with another store, as well as a screen-printing and embroidery business in Abilene, Texas, and a wholesale market in Denver, Hendley has known her business for 26 years.

With "an affordable accessory line," Hendley said she believes that it's important to have a range of products and prices in this economy, so any guests who shop her stores can



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From left, Heather Kiesewetter and Emily Kirby show off some Cattilac style, along with owner Cindy Hendley.

find something special.

Cattilac Styles also can be seen at Western trade shows across the states, with its next stop at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev., Hendley said.

And in addition to more bling than you can wear in a lifetime, the store also offers a variety of seasonal and year-round clothing, from jeans to jackets, as well as boots for any occasion.

And to top it off, the business offers custom screen-printing and embroidery through artists on staff, which range from fun designs for visitors to take home memories to FFA jack-

ets, Hendley said.

For more information on Cattilac Styles boutique, visit their website at www.cattilac.com. For screen-printing information, visit www.cattilacstyles.com.

Ruidoso Library

At the Village of Ruidoso Public Library, the following programs, classes, closures & holidays are scheduled:

Let's Get Technical, at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; learn the library's online self service, learn how to access your library account online, reserve or renew a book,

check your fines, and update your address; in the library conference room.

The library will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day; the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12.

The library will be closed Friday, Nov. 18, and

Saturday, Nov. 19, to replace the carpet. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Let's Go to the Galapagos, at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17; large format movie, 40 minutes; in the downstairs classroom; note, this is a date and time change because of the carpet replacement.

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OUR OPINION

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor government regulations

Volunteers braved hypothermic weather conditions Saturday to collect electronics for recycling, filling four 30-cubic-yard containers with electronic waste that will not end up in the land fill, forest or streams. Eco Servants, ENMU-Ruidoso students and staff, councilors from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, Keep Beautiful Committee members from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs and community volunteers risked pneumonia in the driving, freezing rain to unload the equipment from cars and trucks. Bless them for their dedication.

The weights for the collection are not in, but Jim Miller, who dedicates a lot of time and energy to recycling, said on Tuesday that there is

no doubt this year's collection put the total collected over the half-million pound mark.

That is a lot of plastic, glass, wire and chemically treated material that will be recycled or disposed of safely.

Miller said there were a lot of people contributing to this effort. Schools, including Mescalero Apache Schools, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, businesses and individuals all worked around old electronics gathering dust in the corner waiting for this once-a-year chance to throw away the broken or outdated equipment the proper way.

Because of changes in federal regulations it is more difficult to properly dispose of this material, but these dedicated people find a way.

Good for us.

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OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

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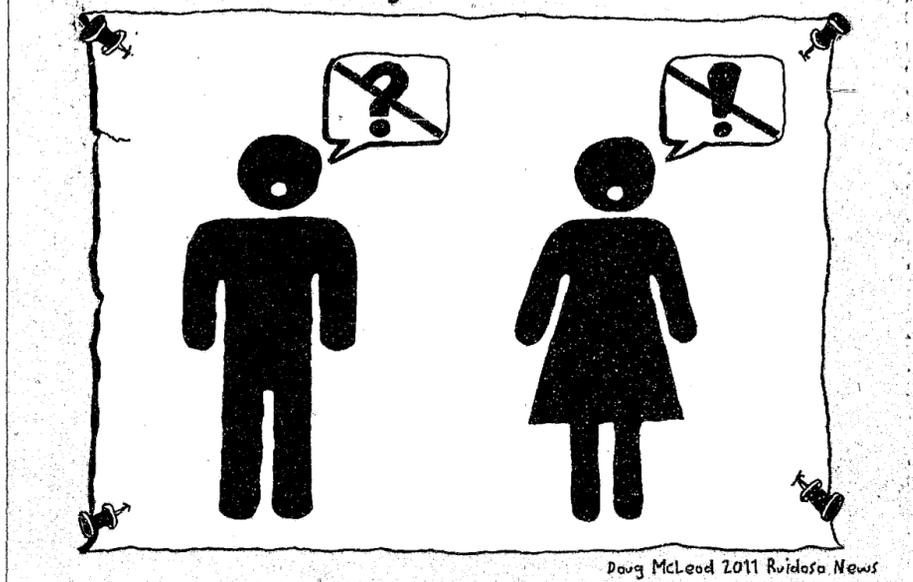
Open Meetings

In recognition of the fact that a representative government is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be public policy of this state that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them. The formation of public policy or the conduct of business by vote shall not be conducted in closed meetings.

All meetings of any public body except the legislature and the courts shall be public meetings, and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings ...

NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1

A Public Reminder: Village Council & School Board Meetings



Doug McLeod 2011 Ruidoso News

YOUR OPINION

Star or navel gazing?

To the editor:

I just read the piece on Otero Mesa by East Coast elitist, Ben Friedman, spokesman for the Wilderness Society, and I am astounded by his brazen, self-serving air-headedness and his Eastern, liberal, save-the-planet cluelessness. Who does this twit think he is, Val Kilmer? This unfortunately-not-endangered Eastern turkey freely admits he possesses the finances to fly away from his privileged existence inside the grimy beltway to commune blissfully with nature in our beautiful state where he has the nerve to tell us, the citizens of New Mexico how to manage our lands. His insinuation that we are environmental Neanderthals to consider allowing any mineral development in this vast desert area is an arrogant slap in the collective face of those who care about bringing New Mexico out of the cellar of American economic development.

I have driven across Otero Mesa on multiple occasions and while a lover of the desert and wilderness, I also know that mineral extraction under the stringent, watchdog, state and federal guidelines that now govern all such activities can make them minimally invasive and environmentally unobtrusive. I also know such resource development would mean jobs and economic growth in a region where both are historically limited. Friedman throws out the ridiculous figure of 414 million visitors to BLM lands. Yeah? In a country of 300 million people, most of whom have never been to New Mexico, much less Otero Mesa? I'll bet Friedman that one week of mining production from Otero Mesa would produce more economic benefit to this state than all the visitors there since the con-

quistadors. C'mon, dude...

Of course those jobs and our economic well-being are of no concern to Eastern environmental dilettantes who deign to direct the flyover peasants from their comfy, coastal enclaves. Friedman's paycheck isn't affected by limiting economic growth in the area where he likes to gaze at the universe and wonder at the inconsequence of his own existence. Hey, Ben, I'll join you and help you wonder at the inconsequence of your existence, especially your inconsequence here in New Mexico. Might be fun to lay out there in the nighttime solitude and gaze at the stars with one of these little rich New York kids who went to camp in the Adirondacks every summer. Bet he knows all the constellations. Ben, can you find the Irish constellation, O'Ryan?

When you're writing for a New Mexico newspaper about the state's economy and environment, Ben, establishing relative area comparisons by referencing city blocks in Manhattan and quoting the New York Times really doesn't support your argument outside the liberal salons of Santa Faux. But then your op-ed piece pretty much establishes that you're one of that bunch. Hate to tell you bubba, but the rest of us don't really care much about the whimperings and simperings of you and all those other effete coastal émigrés residing seasonally in our La-la land capital.

Catch ya on the mesa, dude,
Russ Vaughn
Ruidoso

Public comment

To the editor:
Just to clarify (an article in the Nov. 4 edition on public com-

ments at Ruidoso Village Council meetings):

It's true that public bodies are not required to allow public comment at their meetings. But it's also irrelevant.

The village of Ruidoso could certainly shut down public comment at all future meetings, without violating the Open Meetings Act or the First Amendment. I suspect they don't do that because the citizens would be quite angry. Citizens might consider serving in elected office a "privilege," rather than considering their ability to petition their government for a redress of grievances a "privilege."

As our memo and decades of United States Supreme Court case law makes clear, once the government HAS opened a limited or designated public forum, the First Amendment does indeed restrict the government's ability to discriminate against speakers on the basis of their viewpoint or the content of their speech. Once the forum has been provided, citizens absolutely have a First Amendment right to speak their minds.

This is not hypothetical — the examples at the top of page 7 of the memo show that courts in New Jersey and California struck down policies exactly like the one the village is apparently relying on. If Mr. (Dan) Bryant disagrees that the policy is unconstitutional, he is disagreeing with those federal court judges, not with (Foundation for Open Government's) "opinion" of the matter.

Sarah Welsh
Executive Director
New Mexico Foundation for
Open Government

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think about the Midtown block party to honor veterans?



Charli Sosa
Ruidoso

"I'm looking forward to it, I'll be working and looking forward to all the people."



Brendan Dawes
Dallas, Texas

"Our band will be playing at WPS all weekend, I'll be waiting to play for a crowd."



Eric Woods
Ruidoso

"It's good, hopefully it'll bring some people downtown and do something special for veterans."



Herb Coley
New Braunfels, Texas

"That sounds great, I wish we could be in town to enjoy all the festivities going on."



Jennifer Coffin
El Paso, Texas

"I think it'll be good for Ruidoso, it'll give visitors a taste of the food and music of the town."

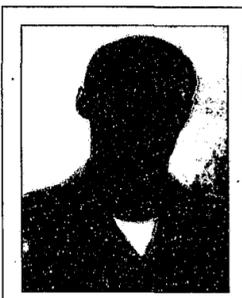
The healing power of the land

While I only moved to New Mexico in 2004, my love affair with the Southwest began many years ago.

In 1970 I volunteered for the Army and was assigned to Biggs Field outside Fort Bliss for a year of Vietnamese language training. For nearly a year, before leaving for Vietnam, some buddies and I spent most of our weekends exploring the extraordinary desert, grasslands and mountains that spread east and north of the base. The pristine beauty of the amazing west Texas and southern New Mexico landscape stayed with me through the ensuing decades and after retirement led me back to the Southwest.

The heart of that extraordinary landscape is Otero Mesa, a nearly untouched expanse of grasslands bounded on the east by the majestic Guadalupe Mountains and on the north by the magnificent Lincoln National Forest.

Known to many as the Serengeti of the Southwest,



EDMUND MCWILLIAMS
VIETNAM VETERAN

Otero Mesa is home to large herds of pronghorn, mule deer and rare bird species. A century ago it was the domain of the Mescalero who trekked across it from their encampments in the Sacramento Mountains. They and their predecessors from centuries before left a stunning record of their lives in rock art that embellishes Alamo and Wind mountains at the southern edge of Otero Mesa. Since returning to New Mexico I have worked with the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance in its effort to preserve this

unique land against development that continues to threaten the area.

Those who have encountered the raw beauty of Otero Mesa, experienced the massive monsoon thunder storms that sweep across it in summer or marveled at the unmatched beauty of the wildflowers that color the whole mesa in spring are determined to protect this land against oil and gas development and the emerging threat of open pit rare earth mining that continues to menace this precious place. In an all-too-rare alliance, hunters, ranchers, and people who simply love nature and the history of this special place, have come together to defend Otero Mesa.

Also since coming to New Mexico I have worked with other veterans in the area on a personal basis. Many of the veterans I have met with have shared their experiences, especially in service. Vietnam and Korea were for many hellish places with memories of combat and suffering that continue

to be open wounds that limit their careers and work, their family life and of course their health.

Sadly, the current generation of veterans now returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are even more heavily burdened, after multiple extended tours, having endured the same hellish conditions of war Vietnam or Korea era veterans faced for only one or at most two tours of duty.

Many of these veterans have told me that they have been able to find in the Southwest, and particularly in New Mexico, the kind of inner peace and solace they could not find elsewhere in America. They have found in the incredible vistas of New Mexico's mountain-framed horizons and the silence of its deserts, grasslands and forests a kind of harmony and order that has given them the time and space to rebuild their lives.

This is the very specialness about New Mexico that left so strong an impression on me four decades ago. Too often when we con-

sider New Mexico's natural resources, our minds turn to the physical exploitation of that wealth. We value the land for that which lies beneath it, the oil, the gas the minerals. Or for some, it is the grassland itself whose value lies in the potential for cattle grazing or for hunting the pronghorn and mule deer herds. Even those of us fighting to preserve Otero Mesa have tended to think in such terms, arguing as we do that Otero Mesa must be preserved so as to protect the vast water aquifer that lies below it, or to attract tourist dollars to the state.

We tend to overlook the more intrinsic value of Otero Mesa and other places of wonder that comprise our state. There is real value too in the simple, pristine beauty of this land, unadorned by oil rigs, open pit mining operations, or for that matter, tourist-oriented billboards. People in need of and in search for harmony in lives fractured by war, or personal tragedy, and even those for whom the pace of

life at times gets to be overwhelming, understand this intrinsic value better than most. The veterans, the physically and mentally wounded or those simply seeking to re-order their lives, have a deeper insight regarding the value of this land. Their insight and understanding is along the lines of that offered by Henry D. Thoreau over 170 years ago. In his essay "Walking," he wrote: "The West of which I speak is but another name for the wild; and what I have been preparing to say is, that in wildness is the preservation of the world."

As a veteran and newly minted New Mexican, whose love for New Mexico was inspired by Otero Mesa and who drew on memories of it for solace and strength during a tour in Vietnam and through ensuing decades, I am determined that this priceless treasure be preserved for future generations.

— This column was provided by New Mexico Wilderness Alliance.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 4A

Protest movements

To the editor:
(Re. Ms. T. Macken — Protest Movements)
Ms. Macken didn't mention me by name but I recognized some of the phrases I used in a recent letter. Thus I feel obliged to respond.

Firstly, an apology to Ms. Macken: When I talked about business in the first paragraph of my letter it should have read "small business." There is a chasm of difference between small business and large corporations. But it is small business that provides the vast majority of jobs in the U.S. And, having owned and run a small manufacturing company for 27 years, rest assured, I know of which I speak. And I even agree that bonuses to officers of large corporations — mostly financial concerns — are often largely undeserved. No argument here if this is the only reason for the nationwide demonstrations — which, apparently, it isn't.

The politics of banks and other financial institutions are murky at best. Money knows no allegiance and is apolitical. Witness the everlasting largesse shown by big business including banks when it comes to campaign finance contributions to both parties. President Obama received millions from the top-tier Wall Street firm of Goldman-Sachs. (Could that be the reason why G.S. got bailed out?) I am not sure how much they contributed to members of the losing side of the '08 elections but I'm sure they did. Yet the private

sector is not alone in its sleaze/greed when it comes to inappropriate self-serving dealings. Fanny Mae and Freddy Mac, government sponsored lenders, paid their top officers tens of millions in bonuses for manufactured earnings backed by fraudulent book keeping.

That was several years ago but things haven't changed. While both entities are now bankrupt, those at the top, again found that large bonuses to "reward" them were in order. Re: "Occupy Wall Street" — it is clear that the protest against Wall-Street fat cats and Wall-Street corruption is only part of what is behind the movement. Not only do the protesters rile against anything they conceive as "establishment," they do so in a manner of destructive rioting, trashing stores and public property. And they fight with police causing untold mayhem and injury on both sides. Contrast this with the orderly, albeit passionate Tea Party demonstrations, which only demand an end to government

waste, unfettered government growth and government corruption.

This, I might add, is the real reason why we have high unemployment after three years of the Obama Administration. Bailouts of companies and stimulus money have not done anything to alleviate high joblessness. Yet they have debased the currency, a natural consequence of printing money.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the right of the people to peaceably assemble. Unfortunately the rioting of the "Occupiers" has been anything but peaceful. (Police have had to arrest about 5,000 so far nationwide).

Nor does the behavior of rape, nudity and public sex have anything to do with protest against Wall Street corruption.

And the display of signs with slogans like "Communism Now," shouts of "Down with Capitalism" and waving of red flags will do nothing to promote the legitimacy of the movement. And what has destruction of public and private property, the

high cost of thousands of law enforcement personal and treatment of injuries have to do with the purported aims of the protesters? Shutting down the Port of Oakland caused critical interruption of U.S. commerce in a time of huge economical problems. It was not my intention to make fun of the "occupiers," Ms. Macken. Nor do I lack a sense of humor. But the excesses of those nationwide demonstrations deserve criticism, and I can find little humor

in them. But it was very important to me that I show the contrast between the orderly Tea Party movement and the unruly protesters.

Ironically, it was the Tea Party rallies that prompted the main stream media to use the epithet "Angry Mobs" to describe them. The Tea Party is demonstrating peacefully and responsibly against an unresponsive government that spends and spends and wants to spend some more in the face of a

frightening national debt and that effectively condones the Wall Street excesses by bailing out banks and big business to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars of taxpayers' money. But far from pointing a finger at the real culprit, the "Occupiers" assault Wall Street, while the White House, glad to be able to deflect their anger, expresses sympathy for their "plight."

E. D. Ehrlich
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Honor roll students at Sierra Blanca Christian Academy are announced. In the back row, from left: David Marshall, Jason Christian, Adrian Flores, Sarah Cordova, Joseph Salcido, Claudia Mladek, Slade Harvey, Caleb McNamara, Asher Rafkin, Myriam Mills; front row, from left: Joshua Christian, Jennah Salcido, Christina Vargas, Marina Flores, Derick Huynh, Aidan Gomez.

Capitan schools present awards

Mrs. Hall:
 Character Counts: Fairness – Luke Griego and Aiden Smith.
 Character Counts: Caring – Leonardo Guereca and Annika Beyer.
 Perfect Attendance – Israel Silva, Annika Beyer, Evelyn Daugherty, Aiden Smith, Aubree Lindsay, Leonardo Guereca, Kristina Burdine.

Mrs. Adcock:
 Character Counts: Fairness – Madisyn LaCrosse, Lana Antone.
 Character Counts: Caring – Allie Ordorica, Devany Cerenil.
 Perfect Attendance – Cole Wilson, Edward Garcia, Elizabeth Saline.

Mrs. Jones
 Character Counts: Fairness – Caitlin Byrd, Kaitlyn Closson, Thunder Vigil.
 Character Counts: Caring – Rylie Cox, Jacob Flack, Austin Haake.
 Perfect Attendance – Kaitlyn Closson, Sierra Collier, Jacob Flack, Jaycie Hillstead, Xavier Licon.

Mrs. Adams
 Character Counts: Fairness – Jimmy Chavez, Riata Juarez, Brody Scruggs.
 Character Counts: Caring – Mason Brown, Phillip Garcia, Desarae Magnone.
 Perfect Attendance – Richard Beyer, Phillip Garcia, Riata Juarez, Desarae Magnone, Trinity Stephens, Ella Ward.

Mrs. Shanks
 Character Counts: Fairness – Mery Lucero, Charles Looney.
 Character Counts: Caring – Catherine Sabo, Athena Saline.
 Perfect Attendance – Uriah Kraft, Caleb Means, Shelby Morris, Bryce Nowell, Catherine Sabo, Noah Williams, Kaylee Joiner.

Mrs. Weems
 Character Counts: Fairness – Daniella Lopez, Ethan Wooddall.
 Character Counts: Caring – Ethan Fort, Saddi Hilburn, Emma Traylor.
 Perfect Attendance – James Bowers, Ethan Fort, N'Dria Jones, Daniella Lopez, Ethan Wooddell, Bailey Wrye.

Mrs. Owings
 Honor Roll – Elizabeth Collier, Estrella Sedillo, Jaden Wooddell.
 Character Counts: Fairness – Lane Mains.
 Character Counts: Caring – Chase Burkes.
 Perfect Attendance – Sierra Anderson, Andrea Chavez, Elizabeth Collier, Pamela Orellana.

Mrs. Peralta
 Character Counts: Fairness – Michael Pinal, Skyler Jobe, Destiny Garrett.
 Character Counts: Caring – Mercedes Hazen, Colin Bymoen, Devin Stevenson.
 Perfect Attendance – Caitlin Daughtery Steven, Guereca, Jordan Luna, Jayden Mendibles, Dustin (Jr.) Reel, Joey Shouse Chris Weinstein.

Mr. Menix
 Honor Roll – Michelle Hull, Andre's McWilliams, Triston Roling, Isreal Salcido.
 Character Counts: Fairness – Andre's McWilliams, Savannah Trapp.
 Character Counts: Caring – Hayden Cox, Gabrielle Chester.
 Perfect Attendance – Hayden Cox, Santiago Culin, Duncan Daugherty, Brittanaya Dickinson, Shelby Herron, Marin Najar, Casey Jo Serna.

Mrs. Wenner
 A Honor Roll – Brinna Leach.
 AB Honor Roll – Rilee Corbell, Emilee Lindsay, Annalyn Skeen, Garrison Weems.
 Character Counts – Rilee Corbell, Faith Gutierrez, Johnathan Cook, Emilee Lindsay, Covey Patterson.
 Perfect Attendance – Brinna Leach, Emilee Lindsay, Annalyn Skeen, Garrison Weems, Bowen Perry, Mykaela Harvey, Faith Gutierrez, Alisha Garcia, Rider Dowdell, Rilee Corbell, Daniel Daughterty, Jaylene Pelkey.

Mrs. Lindsay
 Honor Roll – Shane Barnwell, Payton Hall, Jenna Herbert, Chaeli Hoehn, Katlynn McSwane, McKenzie Nunez, Sarah Olmstead, Kinsey Weatherford.
 100 % of AR Goal – Shane Barnwell, Sarah Olmstead, Adam Dunn, McKenzie Nunez, Kinsey Weatherford.
 Character Counts: Fairness – Shane Barnwell, Sarah Olmstead.
 Character Counts: Caring – Dustyn Carpenter, Adam Dunn, Jenna Herbert.
 Perfect Attendance – Shane Barnwell, Jenna Dement, Payton hall, Destanie Magnone, Katlynn McSwane, Selina Montoya, McKenzie Nunez, Sarah Olmstead, Haley Pino.

Mrs. Menix
 Honor Roll – Shyanne Payton, Meghan Traylor, Avonlea Ward.
 100 % of AR Goal – Shyanne Payton, Meghan Traylor.
 Character Counts: Fairness – Meghan Traylor, Julian Buechter.
 Character Counts: Caring – Avonlea Ward, Paul Payan.
 Perfect Attendance – Aaron Fish, Brentlee Grant, Kavika Hall, Dezara Lopez, Paul Payan, Shyanne Payton, Avonlea Ward, Kodie White.

– From reports

RMS sees new assistant principal

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Working as the new assistant principal at Ruidoso Middle School, Rob Ford called the two-year-old campus "awesome." Ford comes to Ruidoso from the Bloomfield School District in northwestern New Mexico.

"I was kind of a late starter," Ford said Monday. "I did all kind of things before I decided to become an educator. I've been everything from a truck driver to a banker."

It was substitute teaching that Ford said made him realize he wanted to be in education.

Ford graduated from Fort Lewis College in Colorado with a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1995. His first teaching assignment was in Dove Creek, Colo. Then he was a middle school history teacher for seven years in the Farmington School District. From there he

received a Master of Arts in educational administration from New Mexico State University and became an assistant principal at Bloomfield High School. In 2007, he was tapped to be the principal at Mesa Alta Junior High School in Bloomfield. Last week, Ford began his role as the assistant principal at Ruidoso Middle School.

"I love this age group," he said of the middle school students. "When I went into education, I wanted to be a middle school teacher. This is the age group I'm happiest with. The students at this age are still excited about learning but they're also maturing a little bit so that you can reason with them regarding behavior, goal setting, things like that."

Ford called it "the best of both worlds."

Married to Rhonda for 27 years, Ford has two grown up children, Jessica and Eric.

"I have a 26-year-old



New RMS Assistant Principal Rob Ford talks with Special Education Instructional Aide Kristy Yaksich about a student.

daughter that's been out of the Army for a year. She did two tours of duty in Iraq. And I have a 24-year-old son with Downs syndrome. Right now my daughter's attending college in Farmington and my son is working. They both are staying with my wife up in Aztec currently. My wife's the whole reason I'm here. She supported me emotionally and financially through all of my school-

ing." Eventually his wife will join him in Ruidoso.

Ford said he is happy and appreciative of the opportunity to be in the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

"I recognize the trust that any community puts in its educators because they're dealing with their children.

"And I take that responsibility very seriously."

Teen Spotlight on Amanda Bryant

Teen Spotlight features area teens who have made a difference in their community. Amanda Bryant is the next teen in the Spotlight.

Amanda is the daughter of Matt and Kristi Bryant and is currently in her sophomore year at Ruidoso High School. Bryant is involved in a variety of activities at her school and in her community.

At Ruidoso High School, Bryant is a dedicated student who has been named to the High Honor Roll. Bryant is on the varsity softball and volleyball teams and a member of the local FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Chapter.

She also has been awarded All-District Academic softball and volleyball honors.

Bryant has been recognized as a student leader as a member of RHS Student Council, a graduate of Leadership Lincoln, and an attendee of the Junior

National Youth Leadership Conference.

She also is a member of the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group at RHS.

Bryant believes in giving back to the community. She is a member of her church youth group.

This past summer, she helped with the Summer Backpack Program, which distributes food to children.

Bryant also attends the Light the Fire Youth Leadership Summits and has helped with their projects such as the Maze of Life for eighth graders.

One of the LTF leaders said, "Amanda always has a smile for everyone and is ready to help with anything when asked to volunteer. Her peers look to her as a steady, positive influence."

When asked about positive influences in her life, Bryant lists God, her family and friends, and her teachers and coaches.



Amanda Bryant is the teen in the Spotlight.

She already is planning her future after high school saying that she would like to attend college and pursue a degree in sports med-

icine. It is evident Amanda is a Ruidoso youth with a brilliant future ahead of her.

– From reports

Report: Airport activity took off in first part of October

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If percentage gains are any indication, village employees were hustling the first half of October at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport, but action slipped in the last half.

In Village Manager Debi Lee's late October activity summary to Ruidoso, village councilors, Airport Manager Sean Parker reported 574 landings and takes offs occurred in the first 15 days of that month for a daily average of 33.76 operations, an increase of 28.05 percent over last year.

But in Lee's report to be pre-

sented to councilors at their Tuesday meeting, Parker wrote that the last half of the month saw a 7.4 percent decline from the corresponding time last year with 138 operations.

The airport sold 6,057 gallons of Jet A fuel during the first half of October, a gain of 21.3 percent compared to the same days last year, but experienced a 17.82 percent drop in the last half of the month, selling 2,297 gallons.

The sale of 100LL fuel, the most commonly used aviation "low lead" fuel, declined 18.4 percent in the first 15 days of the month and was off 22 percent for the last 16 days.

Lee wrote that staff met with the airport's fuel contractor, AV Fuel. AV is an acronym for aviation fuel, distinguished from mogas, which is motor gasoline or regular vehicle fuel.

"Discussions covered price concerns local tenants and visitors voice to us when utilizing our airport," she wrote. "And that we want to compete better with Eastern New Mexico and West Texas airport fuel prices."

"AV Fuel also was reminded that this is their last year of the four-year contract with our airport. I addressed my disappointment with their customer service thus

far. There was no ability for them to negotiate a better fuel price, so it was agreed that we would further pursue getting a contract fuel agreement with them and enter into the AV Fuel Point Reward Program. Both are good programs giving pilots and aircraft owners incentives to buy larger quantities of fuel when they are at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport."

Parker also talked to Jim Miller Ph.D., former president of the Ruidoso campus of Eastern New Mexico University and now with Placer Mountain Services as a renewable energy consultant.

"We discussed options for the

airport to have a solar panel farm that could generate enough power for the airport and give energy credits back to Otero County Electric Cooperative and/or PNM (Public Service Company of New Mexico) toward village of Ruidoso departments, such as the wastewater treatment plant."

The initial discussion gave a general idea of how the airport could lease land to a solar energy company, which would sell the generated power at a very low cost back to the airport. The remaining energy created would be sold as credits toward the village, the report stated.

COURT

FROM PAGE 1A

never been challenged in court.

"We don't have a permitting process per se," he said of the memorials. "If someone calls, we ask that they put it as far off the road as possible along the fence line for safety so it is not a hazard, and not at a major intersection," he said. "Often, they don't bother to call."

In fact, the New Mexico state Legislature in 2007, passed two identical laws aimed at protecting the memorials, said Tracey Kimball with the Legislative Council Service. "In New Mexico, it is a tradition that the highway department tries not to disturb them unless they are obstructing a roadway," she said.

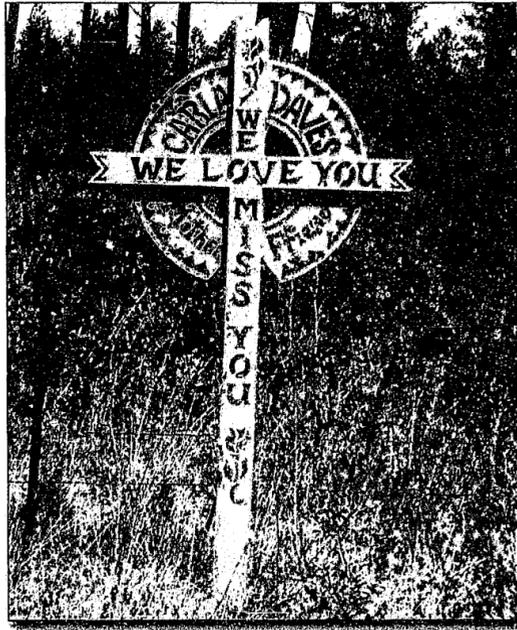
The law was enacted by two identical bills: House Bill 333 sponsored by state Rep. Miguel Garcia

(D-Albuquerque) and Senate Bill 478, sponsored by state Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe).

The state law under Chapter 30-15-7, entitled Desecration of roadside memorials; penalty, dictates that, "A person shall not knowingly or willfully deface or destroy, in whole or in part, a descanso, also known as a memorial, placed alongside a public road right of way to memorialize the death of one or more persons."

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public road in this state or to an owner of private property upon which a descanso is located."

The law became effective,

June 15, 2007.

The memorials can consist of a simple white cross, a heart of white rocks etched into a hill-

side, or be as elaborate as a copper abstract cross or a heralding angel such as the memorial with individual crosses for five people killed in a 1997 crash on Interstate 25, the youngest just three years old.

Highway memorials are common in Latin American countries. "Traditionally, Descansos were memorials erected at the places where the funeral procession paused to rest on the journey between the church and the cemetery."

"The association thus created between the road, the interrupted journey, and death as a destination, eventually found expression in the practice of similarly marking the location of fatal accidents on the highway," according to a website devoted to photographs of descansos.

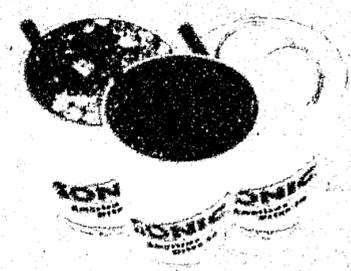
But in 2010, a federal appeals court in Denver ruled that the crosses on the Utah highway were an unconstitutional endorsement of Christianity by the

state government, and ordered them removed from public land. Since 1998, a private Utah organization has paid for and installed 14 memorial crosses designed to honor state troopers who died in the line of duty.

When the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in a dissenting 19-page opinion that the case offered an opportunity to clear up confusion associated with previous high court cases that made it difficult to interpret what to do, rendering "the constitutionality of displays of religious imagery on government property anyone's guess."

He cited several examples of conflicting rulings.

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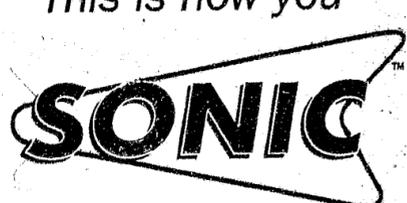
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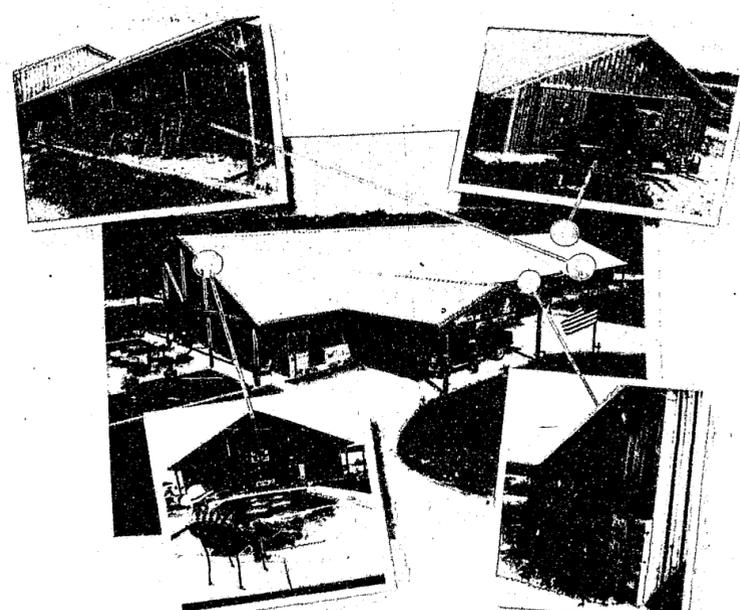
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STREAM Regulatory agency tightening vehicle policy

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"But I think that process will be a fairly extended conversation with the Environmental Protection Agency on getting our new permit and the permit (discharge) limits," he said.

"I strongly recommend the board allow the amendment to the contract and for the attorneys to draw it up for signatures."

Attorney H. John Underwood, who represents the city of Ruidoso Downs, said some discussion was needed in closed session because it involved the settlement of the two towns with the New Mexico Environment Department.

"Bottom line, I don't disagree with Cleatus' position, but I recommend it be brought back at the November regular JUB meeting so that the attorneys are able to negotiate some terms with Parametrix," Underwood said.

Ruidoso Village Councilor and JUB member Angel Shaw offered a motion to that effect, which passed unanimously.

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SANTA FE — Fresh from a scandal that ended the career of an elected commissioner, New Mexico's regulatory agency is tightening its policies on the use of state vehicles.

A centralized motor pool is being created to manage the Public Regulation Commission's fleet of 80 vehicles. Previously, eight different divisions in the PRC had authority to dispense vehicles to agency employees.

Another change will restrict employees, except for the five commissioners, from taking state vehicles where it makes sense for a rank-and-file worker to keep a vehicle overnight, written approval must be obtained from the PRC chief of staff, Johnny Montoya.

Computerized record-keeping safeguards also have been added. They trigger emails to Montoya if an employee uses a state charge card to make multiple gasoline fill-ups in a 24-

hour span or buys an unauthorized product.

Patrick Lyons, chairman of the Public Regulation Commission, said he began pressing for reforms in vehicle use soon after taking office in January.

"People were taking them home too much," said Lyons, R-Quetta.

He said Tuesday he still believed the PRC had too large a fleet and that it should be reduced.

When he was state land commissioner, Lyons said, he had an office of 155 employees and 33 state vehicles.

The Public Regulation Commission is larger with 260 employees. But only 120 of them have authorization to drive the 80 vehicles the agency maintains.

Ten of the vehicles were provided by the federal government because of the agency's responsibilities for interstate pipeline safety and inspections.

The PRC spends about \$100,000 a year of taxpayers' money for gasoline and fleet maintenance.

But that figure is deceptive because it includes 35 vehicles maintained by the state fire marshal, whose office is part of the regulatory agency. The fire marshal's fleet accounts for about two-thirds of the PRC's gasoline expenses.

Getting a handle on all the cars and trucks in the regulatory agency's control is a small headache compared to the abuses by one of the PRC's former leaders, Jerome D. Block Jr.

Block, a Democrat, pleaded guilty to this fall to credit card fraud and identity theft related to gasoline purchases on his state charge card. He resigned from office last month as part of his plea bargain with state Attorney General Gary King.

Lyons and Montoya personally carried evidence of Block's wrongdoing to King's staff. It included records showing that Block had claimed as many as five fill-ups for his state vehicle in a single day.

Most of the purchases were in Block's hometown of Espanola, leading to suspicion that he was selling

or bartering gasoline charged to his state card.

Other records show that Block at various times checked out 18 different state vehicles.

As an elected commissioner, Block used his power to gain access to the vehicles, Montoya said.

Montoya said he has had no such problems with the other four commissioners, but he will not attempt to regulate their use of state vehicles.

Each commissioner, in addition to a \$90,000 annual salary, also has use of a state vehicle.

Lyons says he drives from agency headquarters in Santa Fe to his home in the Clovis area almost every night.

State legislators considered it cost-effective to allocate vehicles to regulatory commissioners, Lyons said. This was a cheaper alternative than creating commission offices in the five PRC districts across the state, said Lyons, a former state senator.

Montoya said he is ready to implement all the changes on use of vehicles.

The commissioners should vote next week on putting the policy in place, he said.

Montoya on Tuesday also disclosed that the PRC discovered \$155 in questionable gasoline purchases by Block early last summer.

As a commissioner, Block was allowed to repay the state for those charges.

Any other employee of the regulatory commission would have been fired under the same circumstances, Montoya said. But nobody on staff had the power to oust Block, who was an elected official.

Soon after that episode, the PRC's accounting staff flagged another \$8,000 in suspicious gasoline purchases by Block.

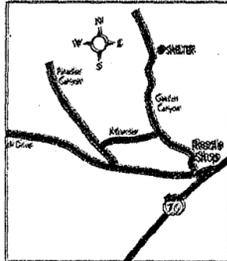
Lyons and Montoya then took the evidence of Block's wrongdoing to the attorney general.

Montoya said Block's crimes and misconduct had had one positive effect: They made every other employee aware that vehicle use was being monitored and malfeasance would bring severe punishment.

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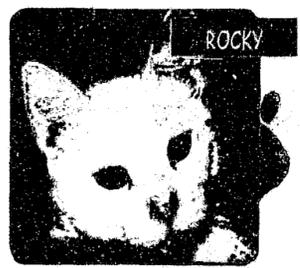
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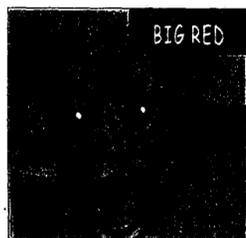
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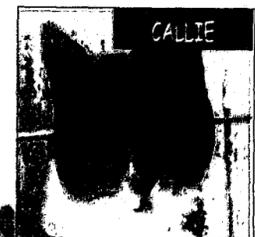
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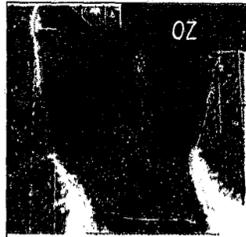
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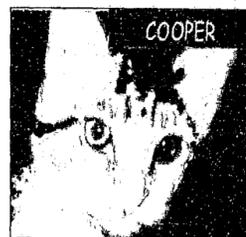
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year limit on that. Even that one can almost be misused. Given all the exemptions that there are, you can cycle through them and be continuously subdividing."

Van Gulik recommended that when proposed adjustments to the subdivision ordinance are considered, the planners need to think of ways to get around the changes.

"As a county we do have the ability to enforce more stringent regulations and not less than what the state has."

Van Gulick said he has not seen any willingness by the state to revisit its subdivision statute.

"I think there was enough human cry about it to pretty well scotch that. But it's not to say that we can't. You know, water and resources and overdevelopment, just the congestion of these little postage stamp lots is, well Hondo is probably the best example of that kind of thing because you don't find it so much too many other places in the county."

The divided

An exception that allows splitting off a minimum of five acres every five years was questioned by Planning Commissioner Jennie Dorgan.

"So I have 10 acres. I have the right to keep five acres and parcel off the other five once in five years. Then what happens after that? I mean, you can't make a parcel less

than five acres?"

Temple said a lot can be made as small as you desire.

"We have no minimum lot size in the county," Temple told Dorgan.

Having grown up in an agricultural area of northern New Mexico, planner Nora Midkiff said some dividing of property resulted in small strips of land.

"There are some strips of land that are too small for a tractor to drive down. There's water issues. There's fencing issues. The people that own it can't sell it. There comes a point where even though you're giving your kids land, you're not giving them anything."

Planning Commissioner Caroline McCoy said the same issue happened when she lived in the east.

"When I was on the planning commission there suddenly that area got popular," McCoy said. "The developers came in and they started bacon-stripping the land. We just got in there and changed the regulations so that was not permitted. It had to have 'X' number of front edge feet."

Commissioner Tom Mann said minimum lot sizes or minimum dimensions are not a bad concept.

"It takes a certain amount of land to get in a house, a well, a septic tank and a leach field," Mann said of locations without community water or sewers. "I've seen in the El Paso area and the Albuquerque area where people insist on running garden hoses or whatever and all doing the septic tanks and that's where you start getting blue babies

and illness because you're drinking your sewage. So you need to start with a lot size where you can sustain what you put on it."

Dorgan said minimum lot sizes when splitting properties under an exception would be good.

In response, Temple said when someone approaches him to create a small lot he asks what is the plan for the small parcel.

"I tell them, look, you're not going to be able to get a septic permit and a well permit if you keep it too small."

The state has minimum separation requirements between a well and a septic system.

Family exemption

"I have two deals pending right now where they're in previously approved subdivisions and they're trying to come in and split lots with family exemptions," Temple told the planning commission. He said the cases could end up before the New Mexico Supreme Court.

"So how can we fix that?" asked Commissioner Dennis Dunnum.

"I don't know that we can," replied Temple.

"It doesn't make sense," Dorgan said. "You can't split in a subdivision."

Temple said the state's family exemption does not exclude lots in approved subdivisions.

"I mean, what would Alto do if someone said, 'Hey, I want to split my lot in two? They'd have a kintion but I don't know if they could fight it. This could be huge."

Temple said the high

court has pretty much sided with the land owners.

Commissioner van Gulick said the potentials underscored the need for the county to review its subdivision ordinance.

But Dorgan said if the courts side with property owners, there is little sense in enacting tougher subdivision regulations.

Temple said having land use policies, which are not subdivision regulations, could address the issue.

"So they come in here and do a one-in-five-year (property split) and make it into a half-acre lot, then we say, 'Now you need to step over to our land use office and we're not approving it over here.' Even though the planning department has to approve it, that doesn't mean the land use does."

Solutions

Temple said it would mean having separate rules not under the subdivision ordinance.

"It would make common sense," Midkiff said. "I'm looking for a way to put common sense into like the family exemption issue. Is there a way we could use site development?"

Temple said that would be separate land use regulations.

"Anything that's in the subdivision regulations, there are exemptions to it. So we could put everything in. Three-acre minimums, five acres, you have to have water at the site, you have to have a driveway, you have to have roads paved to it. If it's in the subdivision ordinance, you could be exempt from it."

Land use regulations were seen by

Commissioner Midkiff as a way to protect the county from the subdividing abuses that have occurred.

"We have a certain number of solutions that we need to look at," Midkiff said. "And we need to look at the up and down side on each one of those."

Commissioner Tom Mann said he knew of a case where a 35-acre property ended up split without going through the subdivision process.

"They got seven partners to buy 35 acres," Mann said. "And each one of them kept trading quit claim deeds until each partner had five acres. And they did not have to follow the subdivision act."

Caution

But Temple cautioned about going too far.

"You need to make sure that the county commission wants to," he told Midkiff. "We could draft all kinds of

stuff but they can do what they want."

Dorgan agreed, adding that the blessing of the county board would be needed before pressing ahead.

"If we put together just something, a short presentation, and took it to the (county) commission and said, 'This is what we see as being the problem. What's your thinking? Do you see this as a problem too and do you want us to move forward with it?'"

Questioned if site development regulations might be construed as zoning, Temple said no.

"I mean you're having to meet certain standards, but we're not saying they can put in a commercial building or a residential or an apartment. There's no zoning telling what your use is or what you can use the property for. We wouldn't be controlling the density."

Temple said some New Mexico counties have land use regulations.

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Child's murder leads to high-stakes legal battle over claims of mental illness

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SANTA FE — A mother charged with suffocating her toddler, then burying him in the sand of a playground, has pleaded not guilty to murder by reason of insanity.

But prosecutors on Wednesday will try to persuade the New Mexico Supreme Court that a more controversial verdict should also be available to the jury — “guilty but mentally ill.”

The defendant, Tiffany Toribio, is charged with murdering her 3-year-old son, Tyrus, about May 12, 2009. Police in Albuquerque arrested her on May 20, one

day after the state Legislature repealed laws enabling allowing juries to find defendants guilty but mentally ill.

Members of the district attorney's staff in Bernalillo County argue that District Judge Stan Whitaker was wrong to permit an insanity defense without the other option of “guilty but mentally ill.”

In their brief to the Supreme Court, prosecutors say the state Constitution bans the Legislature from changing rules and procedures in any pending case. They want the court to overturn Whitaker's ruling.

Toribio's lawyers say

prosecutors are wrong on every point.

They say the Legislature made no attempt to intervene in this particular case. Rather, it focused on whether “guilty but mentally ill” laws were fundamentally unfair.

More important, Toribio, 25, could receive a sentence of life in prison if a jury rejects her insanity defense and convicts her of first-degree murder, the defense says.

Toribio pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity this year, seven months after the laws allowing “guilty but mentally ill” verdicts were stricken from the books.

“The relevant date is not the date of the offense, but the date the court will instruct the jury,” attorneys from the state public defender department stated in their brief to the Supreme Court.

New Mexico laws allowing juries to find defendants guilty but mentally ill were enacted in 1982 and repealed in 2010.

Legislators, led by Sen. Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe, decided these laws confused juries.

Toribio's lawyers quoted the late state Supreme Court Justice Seth Montgomery, who said “guilty but mentally ill” laws made trials unfair.

“It misleads the jurors by encouraging them to think that there is some significant difference between a straight ‘guilty’ verdict and a verdict of ‘guilty but mentally ill,’ when there is no such difference,” Montgomery wrote in one opinion. “... The defendant found guilty but mentally ill receives no greater entitlement to psychiatric evaluation and treatment than is already made available to any other inmate.”

Even so, Montgomery said, some jurors inevitably believe a verdict of guilty but mentally ill will result in the defendant receiving either leniency or treat-

ment.

A psychiatrist hired by the defense diagnosed Toribio with a severe depressive disorder at the time she killed her son. Prosecutors plan to hire their own expert, a forensic psychologist, to evaluate Toribio.

Her trial, originally scheduled to start last month, was postponed after prosecutors challenged Whitaker's ruling against a possible verdict of guilty but mentally ill.

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Committee votes to oppose lizard listing

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SANTA FE — The region's most controversial reptile lost a vote Monday at Capitol, but the decision by New Mexico legislators may not carry any weight.

Ten members of the natural resources committee voted to publicly oppose listing the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species.

They will send a letter expressing their sentiment to Daniel Ashe, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Four Democrats on the committee dissented. They included two from southern New Mexico, Rep. Joseph Cervantes of Las Cruces and Sen. Mary Jane Garcia of Dona Ana. Their objection will be added to the end of the letter.

Ashe is to decide by Dec. 14 whether the dunes sagebrush lizard should be designated as an endangered species.

State Rep. Paul Bandy, R-Aztec, led the opposition to federal protection for the reptile.

He said such a move could hurt businesses, especially ranchers and oil and gas producers.

“Typical sky is falling, scared of science, non-sensical position.”

Brian Egolf
State representative, D-Santa Fe

The dunes sagebrush lizard is found in a total of eight counties in the oil-producing Permian Basin. Four are in southeastern New Mexico and the others are in West Texas.

Bandy's letter, endorsed by a mix of Republicans, Democrats and an independent, asks that the decision on the lizard be delayed for a year.

Citing no sources or scientific data, Bandy wrote that listing the lizard as endangered would “delay or even curtail livestock grazing and oil and gas development in southeastern New Mexico...”

State Rep. Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe, left the meeting before the vote, but he criticized Bandy's letter on his way out the door.

“Typical sky is falling, scared of science, nonsensical position,” Egolf said.

Conservationists say that the dunes sagebrush lizard occupies about 1 percent of the Permian Basin, and list-

ing it would have minimal or no effect on the economy. But the oil and gas industry has closed ranks and is unanimous in opposing federal protection for the reptile.

Rep. Andy Nunez, an independent from

Hatch, voted against protection for the lizard. One reason was his distrust for a particular conservation group, the Center for Biological Diversity.

“Whatever they say, I don't believe,” Nunez said.

Two Democrats, Sen. George Munoz of Gallup and Rep. Thomas Garcia of Ocate, stood with Republicans and Nunez in opposing the reptile.

The dunes sagebrush lizard is about the size of a human hand. It can live only in dunes with the shrub shinny oak.

Bandy in a September special session sponsored a memorial calling for a delay in listing the lizard. Democrats killed that proposal in another committee, but he rebounded for a smaller win Monday.

How much weight Bandy's letter will carry is anybody's guess.

The federal government's deadline for public comments on the lizard expired in May.

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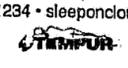
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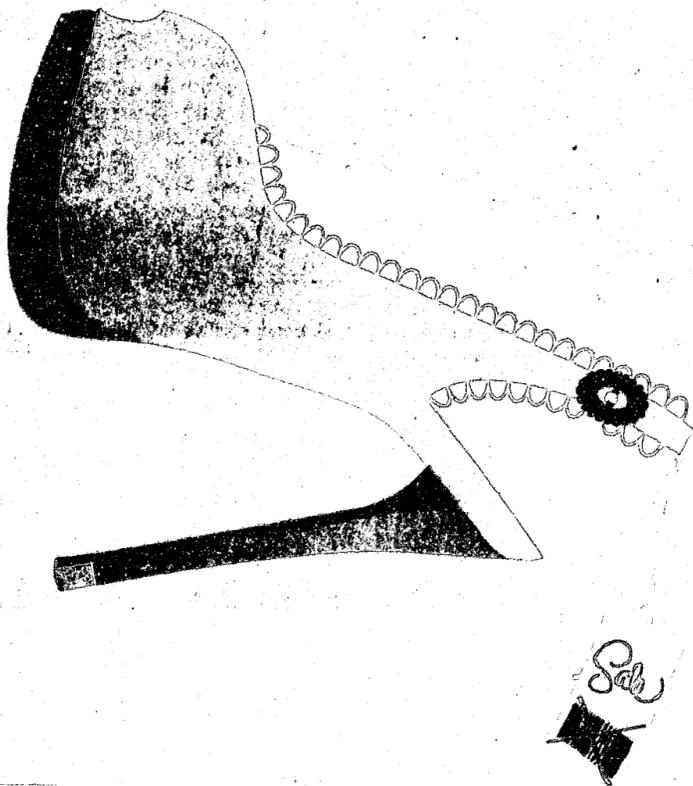


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Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — Agent Orange was an overlooked but potentially lethal threat to soldiers and civilians in Vietnam.

The lesson from that painful chapter in military history could lead to better medical treatment for a new generation of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

New Mexico's U.S. senators are among those sponsoring a bill to create a national registry of veterans who were exposed to open-air burn pits used to dispose of waste. The measure was introduced last week.

It would be modeled after the Agent Orange Registry, which tracked servicemen from the 1960s who were in Asian forests or farmlands sprayed with the herbicide.

The new registry would help the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determine if pollution from burn pits has caused health problems in soldiers who have come home from Iraq and Afghanistan, said Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M.

"With this registry, we can ensure that those who have been exposed to toxic chemicals and fumes while serving overseas are better

informed about the effects so that they can be properly treated," he said.

Udall said the U.S. military often used burn pits at bases in Iraq and Afghanistan, starting in 2002.

Drew Dix, a New Mexico resident who received the Medal of Honor for extraordinary bravery in Vietnam, said he liked the idea of collecting the data to help identify and treat soldiers.

He said he did not believe this effort should extend to compensation for those who served in war zones. But, Dix said, tracking those who served and providing medical care for the ones who are sick is an appropriate goal for Congress.

"We're going to find out that the cost of going to war is a lot greater than bullets and bombs," Dix said in an interview.

In his days as staff sergeant in Vietnam, Dix said, few paid attention to Agent Orange or similar toxins.

"Lots of us, especially the career ones, didn't think there was much to it. In Vietnam, as in any war, you were exposed to a lot of things."

But Dix, of Mimbres in Grant County, said he began

The Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011 would:

Establish and maintain an open-burn pit registry for those who may have been exposed during military service.

Include information that the secretary of veterans affairs determines applicable to possible health effects of this exposure.

Develop a public information campaign to inform veterans about the registry.

Require an assessment and report to Congress by an independent scientific organization.

U.S. senators sponsoring the bill

Tom Udall and Jeff Bingaman, both Democrats from New Mexico.

Mark Udall, D-Colo.

Bob Corker and Lamar Alexander, both Republicans from Tennessee.

Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

Claire McCaskill, D-Mo.

A companion bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Todd Akin, R-Mo.

to wonder and worry about the defoliant's effects when he saw casualties mount after the war ended.

He monitored America's small pool of Medal of Honor recipients, and found that men from his era were dying long before older servicemen from World War II.

Dix said he wondered if Agent Orange had something to do with the brain tumors, strokes and other diseases that killed these younger veterans. His anecdotal study of fellow Medal of Honor recipients never gained any momentum with those in powerful positions.

Not until 1991, 16 years after the war in Vietnam ended, did Congress approve the Agent Orange Act. It allowed certain veterans to receive treatment and compensation because of exposure to the defoliant.

Dix said he still does not know for certain if he was exposed to Agent Orange. But, he said, he saw the

power of the herbicide when he moved through wooded areas of Vietnam where every leaf had disappeared from the trees.

Other parts of war in Vietnam were analogous to what today's soldiers encountered with burn pits.

Dix said human waste was burned in drums with diesel fuel. Servicemen hated the fumes and the wretched assignment, but in that era nobody considered that breathing the fumes could have long-term health consequences.

At 66, Dix said his own health is good. He is one of America's most famous soldiers, having rescued 14 civilians from the city of Chau Phu while it was under siege by Viet Cong attackers for two days in 1968. President Lyndon Johnson, in one of his last acts, awarded Dix the Medal of Honor, America's highest decoration for valor in combat.

The perspective of Dix and other older veterans may help New Mexico's senators advance the burn-pit registry act, which has bipartisan support.

Along with Udall, the other primary sponsor is Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn. Tennessee's other senator,

Republican Lamar Alexander, also is on board.

"We all know that the men and women of our armed services risk their very lives to protect us, but what some might not realize is that many are also exposed to toxins and hazardous materials that could affect their lifelong health," Alexander said.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said in a statement that her staff was working with a veteran in St. Louis who is suffering from the effects of open-pit burning. She did not identify him or specify his health problem.

"Just because an illness is new or complex does not mean we can let those veterans who are suffering, very likely because of their burn-pit exposure, slip through the cracks," McCaskill said.

The senators pushing for the Open Burn Pit Registry Act have the support of a number of veterans' groups, including Burn Pits 360, Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS.

Dix said the senators should expand the registry to include civilians who worked in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"They were there too. We need to look at the whole society," he said.

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Veterans Day closures

Local Government

Ruidoso offices will be closed for Veterans Day. For assistance, please contact the Ruidoso Police Department at (575) 258-7365.

Carrizozo and Capitan offices will both be closed, with Capitan closing on Thursday as well. For assistance, contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department at (575) 648-2341.

Schools

Ruidoso schools will open as usual, with parent/teacher conferences held Thursday and Friday for kindergarten through eighth grades.

Carrizozo's school offices will be closed, but Capitan's will remain open until 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

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Wells Fargo Financial Analyst: "Gold bubble burst eminent."

By Ryan Walker
Roadshow Staff Writer

The remarkably strong performance that gold has delivered during the past 10-plus years is set to suddenly reverse course, a prominent financial services firm noted in a report.

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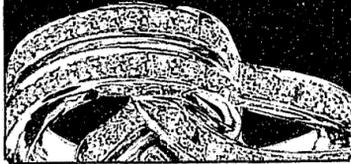
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"Meet the people"

Shrimpy's Shrimp and Wing Shack

October 5, 2011 marked the beginning of Shrimpy's Shrimp and Wing Shack's fourth year. Janice & Rick Wood came to Ruidoso five years ago from Cripple Creek Colorado where they owned and operated the "Last Dollar Inn" a traditional style Bed & Breakfast for 13 years. Prior to that Janice was a CNA, and Rick was the Production Manager at "Western Horseman Magazine" in Colorado Springs. When they sold their B&B they decided it was time to do something a little different, and Rick was tired of cooking breakfast everyday, so Shrimpy's was born. Janice and Rick sometimes like to call Shrimpy's their little tropical island in the desert southwest.

Rick says the past year has brought on many changes to Shrimpy's menu, with several additions allowing them to offer even more variety than before. Shrimpy's now has a "Chicken Finger Basket" and a "Kids Finger and Frys" for the smaller appetites. For those walking the streets shopping, try the "Chicken Nuggets and Fried Dill Pickles on a Stick". As the weather cools Shrimpy's has the soup pots heated up with a delicious variety of homemade soups such as "Clam Chowder", "Asparagus Shrimp" or Captain Rick's World Renowned "Shrimp Bisque". All the soups are accompanied by homemade bread or muffins. Shrimpy's has also added a fantastic "Cajun Rice" and "Fried Dill Pickles" to the menu plus

they brought back their fresh made to order "Side Salads". Most exciting is that Shrimpy's recently began serving the all new Thursday "Low Country Boil". This is a delightful combination of Shrimp, Clams, Smoked Sausage, New Potatoes, and Corn on the Cob, all boiled and steamed in a seasoned water, then served with homemade cornmeal muffins.

Janice says Shrimpy's will be offering the "Low Country Boil" on Thursdays only for now, but, may expand to other days later. After many requests and a few demands, Shrimpy's is now bottling their unique "Tartar Sauces" for those who want to take a little taste of Shrimpy's home.

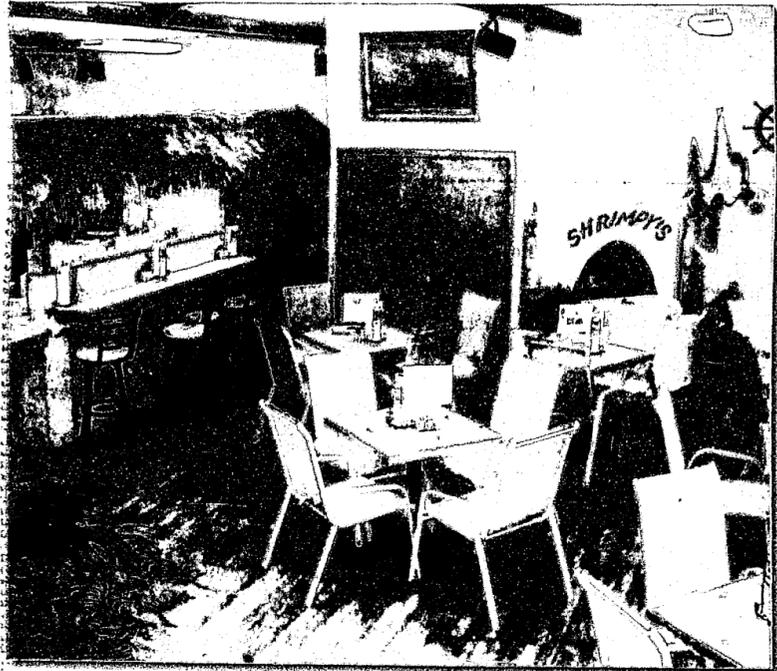
Fear not, with all the changes Shrimpy's has made they never forget what won them the honor of being voted 2nd best Seafood in Lincoln County. You can still find the delicious "Hot Boiled and Steamed Shrimp", "Fried Shrimp",



come on in to say hello and enjoy a hot cup of Coffee, a Smoothie, a Soda or one of their Flavored Hot Chocolates, perhaps with a fresh homemade cookie.

Shrimpy's has been closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the past, but now Janice and Rick are offering their little tropical island to clubs, groups or associations on those days. If you have a bridge group or a social group or perhaps a garden society, and you need a place to meet and enjoy a nice lunch, then Shrimpy's is the place for you. If you need to have an off site business meeting then give Shrimpy's a call. Reservations will be required and space is limited so call or stop by and Janice or Rick will explain the details, then set up a schedule for your group of 10 or more.

Remember there is plenty of parking just across the street and you can eat in or take out any of Shrimpy's menu items. Perhaps you are on your way home from work, wondering what's for dinner. Then call ahead to Shrimpy's and they will have your order ready to go when you arrive. Next time you have a dinner party or are getting together to watch the big game on television, a bowl of delicious "Hot Steamed Shrimp" or a stack of "Hot Wings" could be the hit of the party. Call Shrimpy's and they will do the cooking for you.



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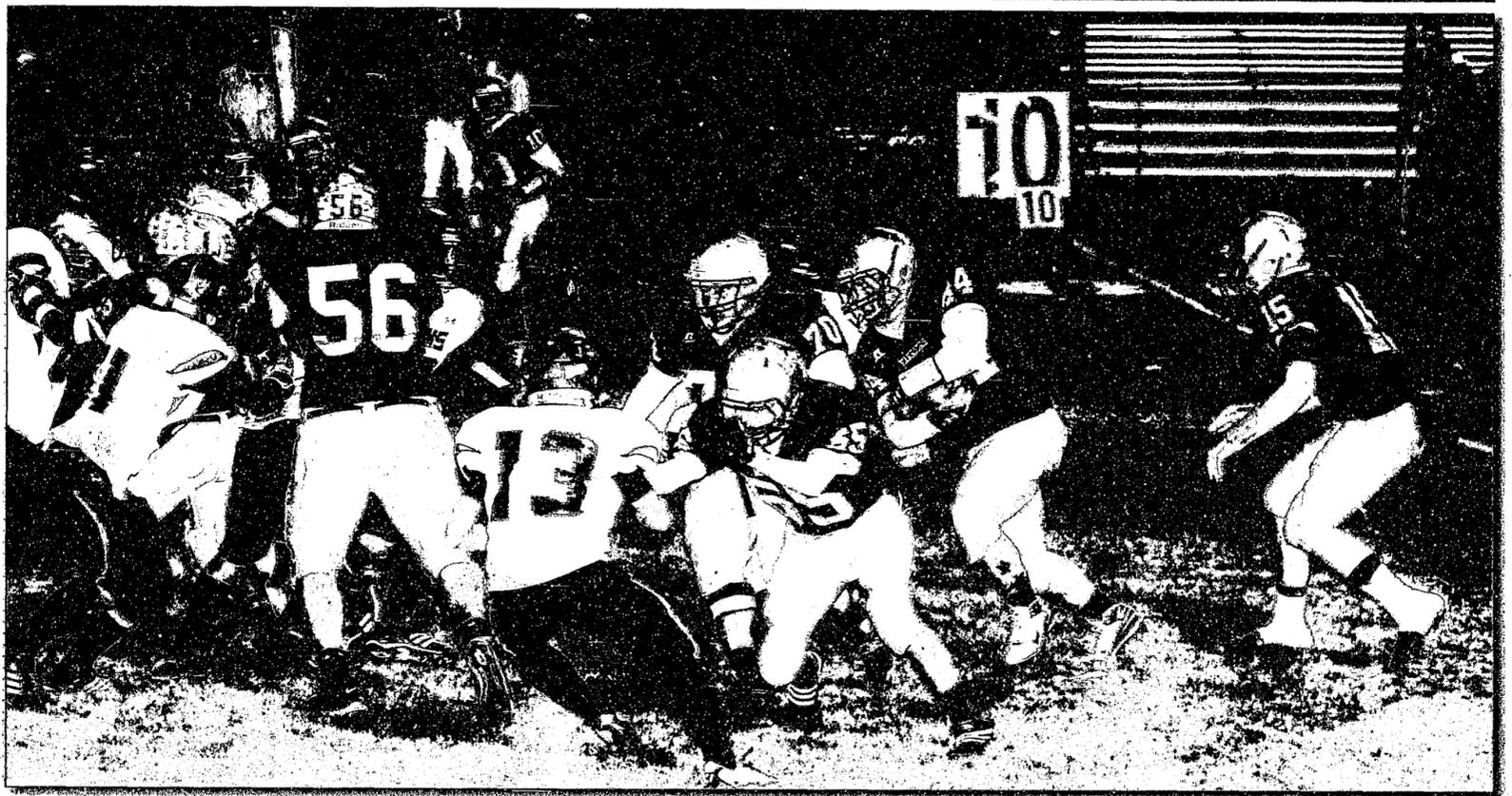
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Ruidoso quarterback Sam Williams, right, hands off to Tanner Chavez, No. 44, who hits the line as the offensive line blocks in Friday's 33-19 win over Portales at Horton Stadium.

And then there was one

Warriors win, head to state playoffs; Tigers, Eagles fall

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The Ruidoso Warriors led all four quarters in Friday's game at Horton Stadium against district-rival Portales to take a decisive 33-19 win, thereby gaining them momentum for the upcoming state playoffs.

Capitan traveled to Jal for the opening round of playoffs, giving a good account of themselves but injuries thwarted their efforts and the tenacious

Tigers lost to the Panthers, 27-21, in a valiant Saturday overtime effort.

Hondo's season of 6-man football is over after their 71-18 defeat at Clovis Christian Friday.

Ruidoso

The Warriors broke out on top in the first period of play to take a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, maintained their lead through the next 36 minutes, and never looked back.

Freshman Parker John-

son scored both TDs in the first 12 minutes of action with two receptions — one of which was a 79-yard aerial bomb from quarterback Sam Williams and another pass play from Williams — to put the hometown boys up by 14 points.

In the second quarter, Johnson scored again on another pass reception and Kalama Davis hit paydirt on a Williams pass. Both conversions failed.

By halftime the Warriors led, 26-6.

"I told my players at the half 'Portales won't give up, keep going,'" head coach Kief Johnson said. "I also asked them to 'play like it's a 0-0 game, play as hard as

you have been in the first 24 minutes."

While the visiting Rams put up two scores in the second half, Ruidoso's Tanner Chavez punched in for a 6-point score on a 4-yard plunge in the third period of play. The PAT was good and eventually gave the Warriors a well-earned 14-point win margin.

Williams was 11 of 19 in the passing department for 254 yards. He threw for four TDs and had 14 rushes for 14 yards.

Johnson had six catches for 167 yards, Davis had two receptions for 32 yards and rushed 10 times for 52 yards. Chavez rushed 10

times for 48 yards.

The Warriors total rushing effort put up 151 yards, giving the Warriors 355 total offensive yards.

"On the offensive line, Warren McCracken had a stellar night," Johnson said. "He recorded five great 'pancakes' (where the defensive man is driven back and onto his back).

"Offensively, George Morgan, Kaylen Chavez, Robert Frizzell and Sergio Nava gave up no sacks.

"Mathew Carr lit defenders up with monster blocks, opening holes for Davis to run through."

Defensively, as a whole, the team had a couple of fourth down stops on the

visitors. Denver Coronado, Devon Carr and Dylan Demarest each had one pass deflection, while Johnson had two. Demarest had one caused fumble, which Mathew Carr recovered. Bruce Klinekole had a big game on defense with five solo tackles and six assists. He also had three punts, averaging 38 yards.

Beto Fernandez was three for three in PATs and had four kickoffs including one for a touchback.

"We had a drive late in the last quarter but didn't score," Johnson said. "We were disappointed to come

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Carrizozo volleyball heads to state playoffs

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Despite Saturday's district conference loss the Lady grizzlies are seeded No.1 in B-class and begin state battle Thursday

Saturday's 2 p.m. tilt at home against 1A Animas ended with a tough 3-2 loss but the Lady Grizzlies are undaunted.

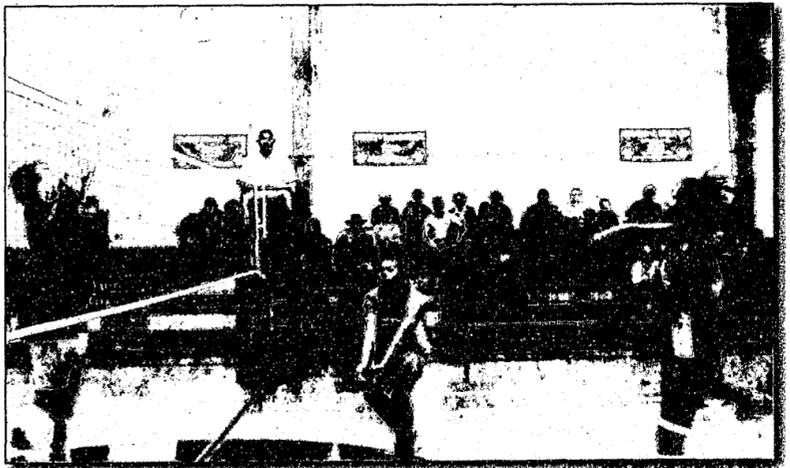
"Animas is a good ball team," Carrizozo head volleyball coach Pam Allen said. "They have a lot of tradition. But my girls played them in that first set as well as any team I

have coached. We won, 27-25, but as the day unfolded, I think we lost some aggressiveness as time went on. Still, at the end of the match, two trophies were handed out — Carrizozo won the B-class district prize and Animas won for 1A."

Two years ago, when B-class was established, there were no B teams within reach for Animas to play. To make everything work, the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) put them in the D4-B competitions even though they remain 1A. To many, it can be a confusing state of

affairs. Animas will now head off to 1A state play, while the No. 1-seeded Lady Grizzlies will compete in the B team state playoffs.

Pool-play action will commence Thursday at Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho at 2 p.m. and is divided into two bracket groups. The first such group will consist of Carrizozo (19-4), Clovis Christian (16-6), Victory Christian (15-3) and Quemado (9-11). The second will be comprised of Elida (17-4, and last year's



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up empty, but at least it ate the clock up.

"Friday's game was a great way to finish off the regular season district play. It was our last guaranteed home game.

"After coming off a big game at Lovington, the boys continued their offensive efforts here against Portales. Those two achievements could give us momentum into the playoffs (state)."

No. 9 seeded, 6-4 Ruidoso will battle at the No. 8 seed, 6-3 Albuquerque Academy, Saturday, at 12:30 p.m. Ruidoso's opponent was last year's runners-up to state champion, Lovington. Many of the players from last year's Academy team graduated.

"The Albuquerque Academy team is tall, fast and disciplined," Johnson said. "They run a single wing offense and are primarily a running team. Defensively, we might stack the middle and play man coverage on the outside. We will have to stay low and play a good, sound gap control defense."

Capitan

Yes, the Tigers lost to Jal in the first round of state playoffs Saturday, 27-

21, but they did it with style under first-year head coach Collin Justiss. Often plagued with injuries, the team fought through adversities and closed out the regular season with two consecutive wins over Mescalero and Magdalena. They scored two 50-point mercy rule victories in their 10-game season — a 62-12 win over Cloudcroft on Sept. 2 and a 56-6 victory over Mescalero on Oct. 21.

And they suffered some tough losses, too. The Jal game is a case in point.

In the second half of that contest, the Tigers lost Ruben Mendoza and Thomas Fields to injuries.

"It made a huge difference, especially on defense," Justiss said. "When someone on your starting team goes down, it forces you to juggle players in and out at positions other than what they're used to. Many teams go through that, it's part of football."

Still in all, Justiss was not totally disappointed in their loss.

"The kids played their tails off, even when we lost Mendoza and Fields," Justiss proudly said. "They didn't lay down and played some great defense."

Capitan started out on top, 7-0, but trailed at the half, 14-7.

At halftime, Justiss told his boys, "Don't let up. We have to be a four-quarter

team. Keep it going."

With the score knotted 21-21 in the last quarter, the Tigers tried a go-ahead field goal but missed. With 1:10 left on the clock, Jal got the ball back but the Tigers held.

In the first period of overtime, Jal scored a TD from the automatically placed, OT 10-yard line but missed the extra-point. When Capitan got their chance from the 10-yard line they ran a fullback ahead play and scored — only to have it called back on a holding call. Finally, on a fourth-and-15, Capitan fumbled the ball over to Jal to end the contest.

"We had one wild year," Justiss said. "We had to battle the season with one injury after another but the boys kept fighting and never quit. To say I'm proud of them would be an understatement: We're disappointed we can't play another game but the Tigers gave it their all. But if you can't stay healthy, your chances are limited. You can't ask players to suddenly play positions they're not familiar with."

Justiss sees benefits in his first year at Capitan.

"They learned about me and I got to know them," he said. "I believe in them and feel if they work hard in the weight room in the off-season they could have a legitimate chance in the state

playoffs next year. I think we're headed in the right direction."

And Justiss knows his responsibilities, too.

"A coach once told me, 'You can't ask high school kids to give you everything they have on a Friday night if the head coach doesn't give everything he's got day in and day out.' I did what I could."

The Tigers will lose three seniors to graduation — Tyler Neill, Garrett Schultz and Steven Zamora — but Justiss likes their chances next year.

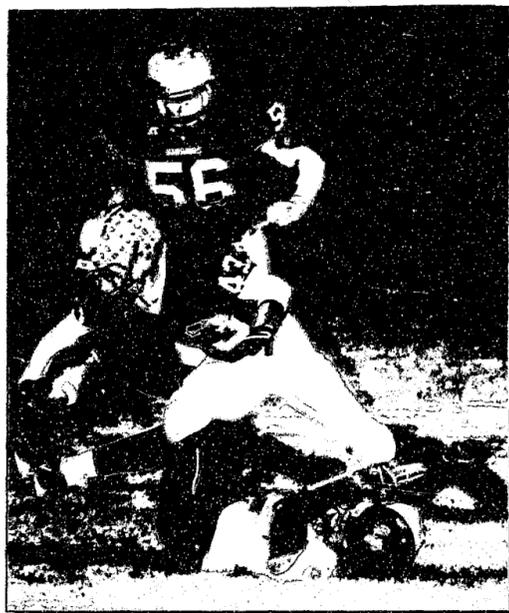
"We will greatly miss these three seniors," he said. "But I believe the Tigers will have a heck of a team coming back."

Hondo

The Eagles drew a tough assignment, Friday, travel to the 8-0 (at the time), 4-0, Clovis Christian Eagles and walk away with a win. They didn't, losing, 71-18, in the second round of state play.

By halftime the writing was on the wall with Clovis in front, 58-18.

"In the second half, we were banged up and were missing three players that were important to the team," head coach Brandon Devine said. "But still, I feel the boys played a good game. They didn't play conservatively, especially on defense. We had to roll the dice, defensively. If Clovis



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Parker Johnson tries to maintain balance while Warren McCracken stands by to assist.

got through our 'containment' ploy, there could be a few TDs scored on us — and there were."

Hondo suited up 13 players for the game, including five eighth-graders. They had three seniors still in the battle.

"We didn't have enough roosters in that fight," Hondo assistant coach Isaac Polaco said.

Devine agreed. "Junior Irving Gomez played a great game," he said. "I was extremely proud of all my boys this year. They're a great, dedi-

cated, valiant bunch of guys. Hondo has been in the state 6-man semi-finals the last four years and I consider that gratifying."

It's been a good run and Devine plans to be back at the helm for the Eagles next year.

Hondo will loose three, big seniors — Christian Guillen, Jesus Martinez and Walter Medina — to graduation. But Devine does not see it as a rebuilding year.

"We choose to refer to next season as a 'reload' year," Devine concluded.

'ZOZO

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state champions), Corona (with a stellar 16-1, 9-0 record), New Mexico School for the Deaf (17-7) and

Hondo (6-11).

Overall, Carrizozo is ranked No. 1, Elida, No. 2, Corona, No. 3, Clovis, No. 4, Victory Christian, No. 5, NM School for the Deaf, No. 6, Hondo, No. 7 and Quemado, No. 8.

In Thursday's pool play,

Corona will face off against the NM School for the Deaf at 2 p.m. and the Lady Grizzlies will battle Quemado around 2:45 p.m.

In B-class pool play, will play two games to 21 and both will be tallied at the end of the day to determine

who plays who in the quarter-finals, Friday morning. With four teams left, those winners will play one another Friday evening.

Two teams will be left standing and they will face one another in the state title game, 1 p.m.,

Saturday, at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

In the meantime, Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo will adjust their play accordingly.

"Up until we play Thursday, we will tweak things and make correc-

tions on things we saw in last Saturday's game against Animas," Allen said.

"Our team knows this is huge. Many of them made the trip last year, know the pressure and know what's at stake."

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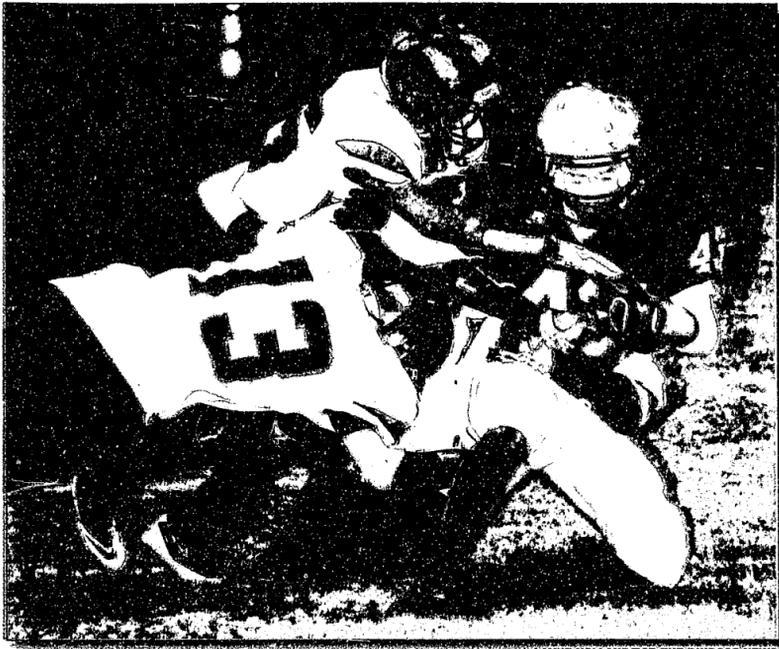
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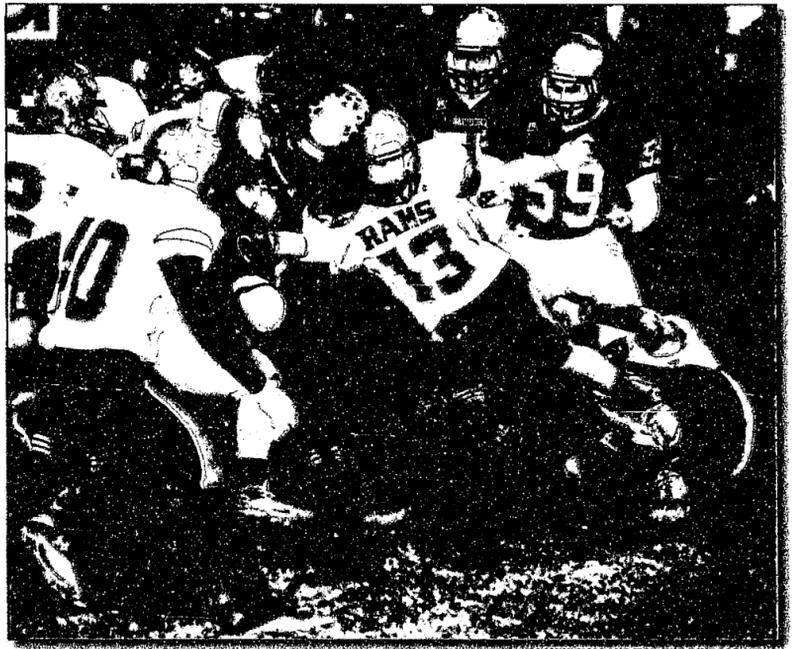
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Parker Johnson hauled in three TD passes Friday in Ruidoso's 33-19 win over Portales.



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Devon Carr hurdles a few Portales defenders and contributes to his team's win.



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Five Ruidoso defenders swarm to a Portales ball carrier.



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Offensive lineman Warren McCracken looks for a Portales defender to take out.



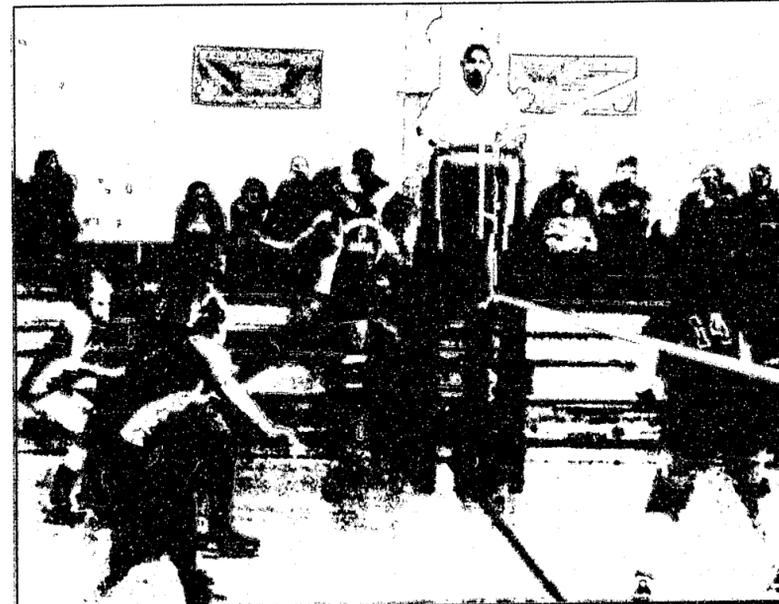
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Kalama Davis busts through for yardage and tries to maintain his balance in Friday's home game.



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Ruidoso quarterback Sam Williams skirts the sideline looking for room.



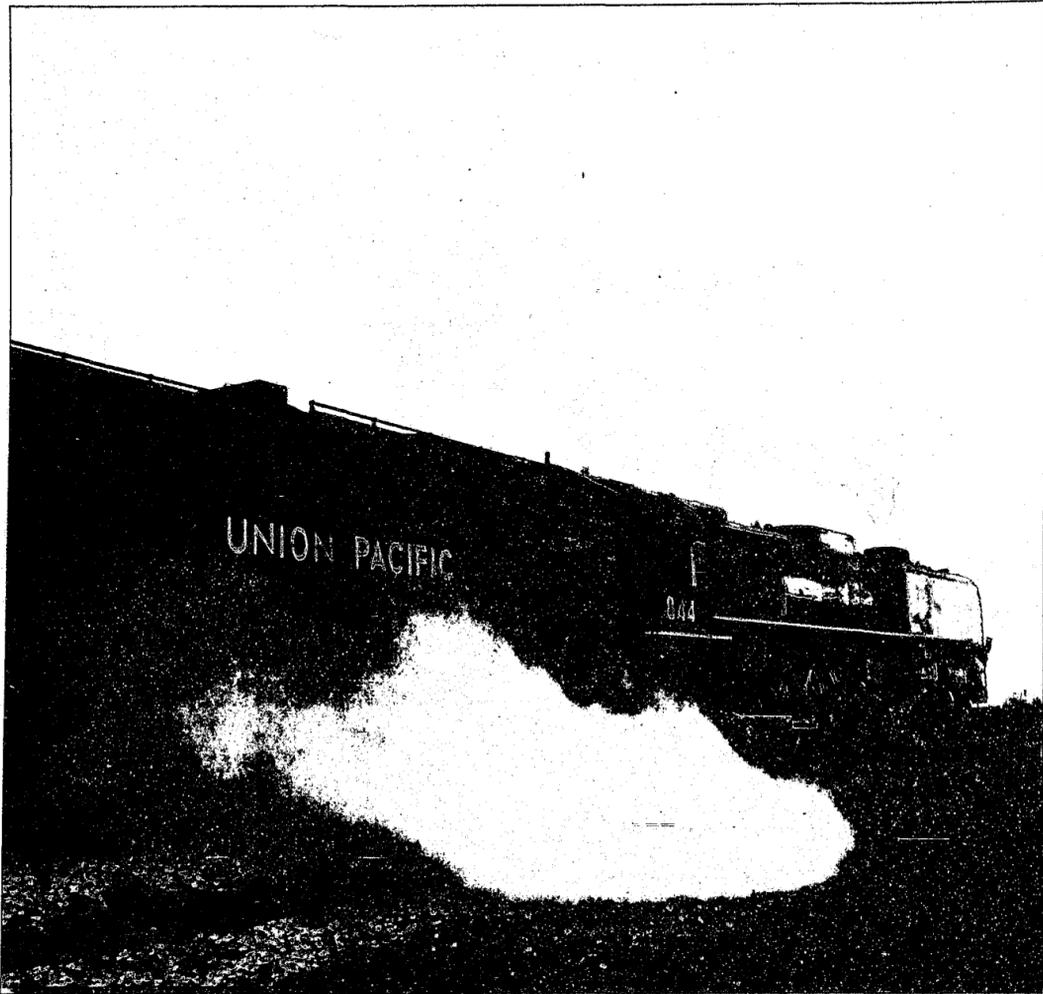
ERIK BEARER/RUIDOSO NEWS

'Zozo's Andrea Vigil tips one in Saturday's district championship match against Animas.



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Fantasia Dennis serves against Animas as Carrizozo lost 3-2. The Lady Grizzlies are seeded No. 1 in B-class and will play Quemado Thursday afternoon at Cleveland High School in Rio Rancho for the beginning of the state playoffs.



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Left, Union Pacific No. 844 steams to a stop at Carrizozo's train depot on a cold Saturday. Above, from left, Kelsie Guevara, Theresa Vega, and Kaitlin Guevara were out on Saturday to get a glimpse of one of the last steam trains.

The last steam train: A Centennial special

Union Pacific No. 844 steams through Carrizozo, bound for Alamogordo

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On a cold, rainy Saturday in Carrizozo, wind-chapped faces could be seen, poking out from around the cover of trees or cars to look for the anticipated arrival of Union Pacific's No. 844, the last of the steam trains, passing through to celebrate New Mexico's Centennial.

"We're so happy to be part of New Mexico's Centennial Celebration," said Zoe Richmond, director of public affairs for Union Pacific. "Here's to another 100 years."

Set to arrive at 12:45 p.m., the train would stop

in Carrizozo long enough to board invited passengers bound for Alamogordo or beyond before steaming off down the tracks.

And while the wind arrived in ever-stronger gusts, Carrizozo residents and visitors from across the state sat, watching empty tracks, as they waited for the train's arrival.

Richmond said the train was delayed for an hour and a half to make room for regularly scheduled U.P. traffic on the single-rail line, but there still was a large crowd waiting to greet the historic train as it steamed into the station, deafening the crowd with its horn as it rolled to a

stop. "I never thought it would be so loud," said Carrizozo Fire Chief Walter Hill, who came out along with his children and LeeRoy Zamora Sr. to watch the historic event.

And before the wheels, standing taller than a man, had even stopped turning, people were swarming out of their cars to circle the train, still puffing clouds of steam, as it began boarding.

Richmond said about 60 passengers, all invited guests of Union Pacific,

boarded the train at the Carrizozo stop, as conductors waved them aboard and shook the hands of departing guests.

And while there were many inquiries about ticket prices, Richmond said there were none sold for the event.

After the train's crew finished working the colossal wheels with a grease gun, the horn blew once more as the train rolled on to Alamogordo.

History

Completed in 1944, the

train was the last steam engine built for Union Pacific Railroad, and was to be retired along with other steamers until U.P. commissioned it in 1960 for special service.

And after an extensive overhaul and refurbishing, lasting from 2000 to 2005, the train was put back into service.

The train undergoes maintenance every year, Richmond said, adding that Centennial logos and the New Mexico flag were attached to the train for its journey.

The train, known as Union Pacific's "Living Legend," has served as its ambassador of goodwill for numerous events throughout America, such as the 1984 World Fair in New Orleans and the 2007 Oklahoma Centennial.

For more information on Union Pacific No. 844, and other U.P. steam trains, please visit www.upsteam.com.

Also available on the site is a GPS tracker, updated every five minutes with the current location of the train.



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From left, Margaret Brabson, John Gardner, and Evelyn Cook of Alamogordo take shelter from the wind as they await the train's arrival.



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LeeRoy Zamora Sr., left, and Walter Hill, volunteer and chief of Carrizozo's fire department, were out to see Union Pacific's steam train with Hill's children, despite the cold and rainy conditions.

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Changing owners as the decades passed, the Corona Trading Co. store still stands as a functional piece of Lincoln County history with its distinctive red brick exterior.

Corona history and more

It was at our first computer class that I met June Tyree of Corona, so many years ago.

Mr. Bob (Eddie Bob) Hemphill was our teacher at a class taught at Carrizozo's Manire Building.

I purchased June's first history book, "Tales from Corona and More" during this time.

Since then, she produced a second one, Volume II.

In the second book, Jeannene Fuller Gibbs wrote in the preface: "In 1993, June Tyree began collecting and recording the memories and stories of people of the Corona area. She thought at the time that people might be reluctant to share their recollections."

Stories of early settlers of Corona and area are included in these spiral-bound books, along with copies of photos, maps, legal document, county and state history.

The newspaper clippings include one of my columns, "By the Way." This was from Lincoln County News back in the days when I first began dabbling in history.

June compiled the second book with leftover material, and additional stories were submitted, "... and more pictures were dug out of old albums and shoe boxes."

Volume I and II of June's books are available for checking out at Corona Public Library, Gibbs said, who has roots in Corona

and is a volunteer at the library.

I found the following information in June's business history of Corona:

"In 1902 the Corona Mercantile, owned by Charles Ilfeld Co. of Las Vegas, was established. Its first building was located on the property where the present Village Hall stands.

"In March, 1914, the name was changed to Corona Trading Co., after moving to its present location during the winter of 1906.

"The Corona Trading Co. was a general mercantile store carrying a complete stock of ranch supplies, groceries, clothes, dry goods, furniture, house wares, gasoline, and even coffins.

"The list of Charles Ilfeld Co. managers in Corona included Thomas

M. Dubois, Rodney Schoonmaker, Philip Holzman, E. L. Moulton, A. W. Varney, Roy Brown, B. E. Penix and John C. Lenhart.

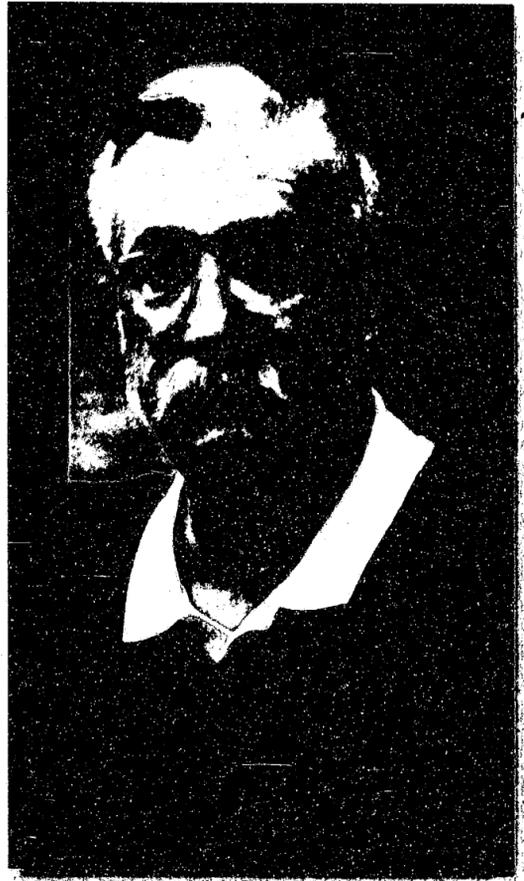
"In 1960 the company was sold to Kimbell Products of Ft. Worth, TX. Sometime later it was owned by other individuals, including John Lenhar, A.C. Thomson, Roy Cason, Tim Cancilla, and is presently owned by Ernest and Lucy Lueras and their children, Danny Lueras and Bessie Lueras Gage." Gibbs ends her preface for June with,

"You have mastered the monumental task of putting all our bits and pieces together to form an informative and entertaining whole. You have our gratitude, our admiration, and lots and lots of applause." (June Mogford passed away in 2010.)



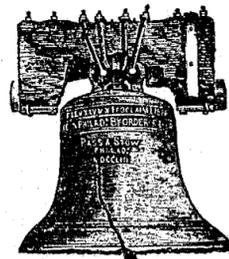
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*Historical
Potpourri*

VETERANS OF THE LIBRARY



COURTESY

The evening of Nov. 4 found a group of folks gathered at Capitan Public Library to honor our veterans. The event was presided over by J. D. Roehrig, pictured above. Linda Lauckhardt, First Friday coordinator, contacted a number of retired veterans and organized a group of four speakers; Tom Trost, Army; George Tippin, Coast Guard; Gary Cozzens, Marines; and Tom Mann, Army Engineer. These retired veterans spoke of their experiences and gave some history of their branches of the service. A number of retired military were in the audience. The library extends special thanks to John Wilson, who helped organize the event.



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**Shirley
Halladay
Holt**
1942 - 2011

Shirley Halladay Holt 69 of Ruidoso quietly passed away in her home on Nov. 5, 2011 after a brief battle with throat cancer.

Shirley was born on August 3, 1942 to Alice J. Halladay who survives her in Roswell, NM; Rendell L. Halladay of Ruidoso, NM who along with her brother "Bud Halladay" preceded her in death. She was the cherished mother of three daughters, Tammy East of Roswell, NM; Sharon Martinez and her husband Paul of Roswell, NM; and Karen Wiley and her husband Mark of Henderson, Nevada. Shirley was blessed with 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren who survive her along with Ruth Massey Kopp her aunt of Roswell.

She will be best remembered for her ready smile and quick wit, along with her love for all animals great and small. Shirley was blessed with a generous & kind spirit and loved the outdoors.

A memorial in her honor will be held at Cedar Creek Picnic Grounds on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 at 1 pm.

Her family would like to express a special thank you to Mickie Reynolds and her staff of the Home Health Unlimited for their compassion and caring.



**Susan
Pawlowski**
1921-2011

Susan Pawlowski was born in Splawy, Poland on May 5, 1921 and was called to God on November 3, 2011 in Ruidoso, NM. She is preceded in death by her husband, Zygmunt and is survived by her children Teresa Henriques and husband Robert, of Kona, HI, Irene Pawlowski of Ruidoso, NM, Rick Pawlowski partner Michael Steele of Las Vegas, NV, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandsons and two step-great-granddaughters.

Raised on a farm in Poland, Susan was captured and imprisoned in a Nazi labor camp in 1942. It was there that she met her future husband, Zygmunt, who, serving in the Polish military, was a Nazi POW. Both surviving the ordeal of WWII, they married after the American Army liberated them from the prison camp. They were fortunate to be sponsored to become refugees and set sail for the USA with their daughter Teresa. Wishing to live the American Dream, Susan opened a tavern in the south side of Chicago and successfully fended off the 'mob' which gave Susan her no nonsense reputation and a source to be reckoned with.

Services were held at LaGrone Chapel on Tuesday, November 8, at 2:00 P.M. and mass intentions for her will be held in the future at St. Eleanor Roman Catholic Church.

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



**August
Milton
Jackson**
1940-2011

Ruidoso, New Mexico resident of 40 years, August Milton Jackson passed away on November 5, 2011 at the age of 71. He was born May 14, 1940 to August and Elizabeth Jackson in La Luz, New Mexico. He married Pamela Denise Jolly-Jackson on May 29, 1981.

In 1959, Milton worked at the White Sands Missile Range and helped with the construction of the "Little Joe 2" Mercury Space Capsule. He served with the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. He had an associated degree from New Mexico State University. He helped in development of the Sierra Blanca Ski Area and the golf course at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. In 2006 retired from Ruidoso Municipal School District. He was a member of the First Christian Church. A favorite hobby from childhood on was riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle with friends and his long time friend John Brown.

He was preceded in death by his father, August, mother, Elizabeth, brothers, Bernard, Floyd and William. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Pamela Jackson, a sister Jaunice Rardin of Alamogordo, a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Connie Jackson of Cold Spring, Texas and fifteen nieces and nephews and many friends.

Service will be at The First Christian Church on Friday, November 11, 2011 at 10:00 am located at 1211 Hull Rd.

Memorials maybe made to the First Christian Church in memory of August Milton Jackson. A reception will follow after the services.

Condolences to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

Joy for Kids Toy Run



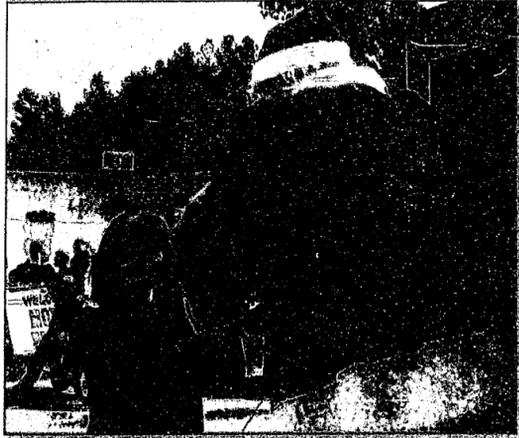
Members of the Huns Motorcycle Club pass toys from their trailer to the Joy for Kids Toy Run trailer at The Quarters Sunday, Nov. 6. The toys donated and money raised will benefit Santa's Helpers, a group of volunteers that provide Christmas presents, food and clothing for needy local families.



Olivia McCoy, 7, shows off the Dalmatian hat her dad bought her at Walgreens just before the Toy Run.



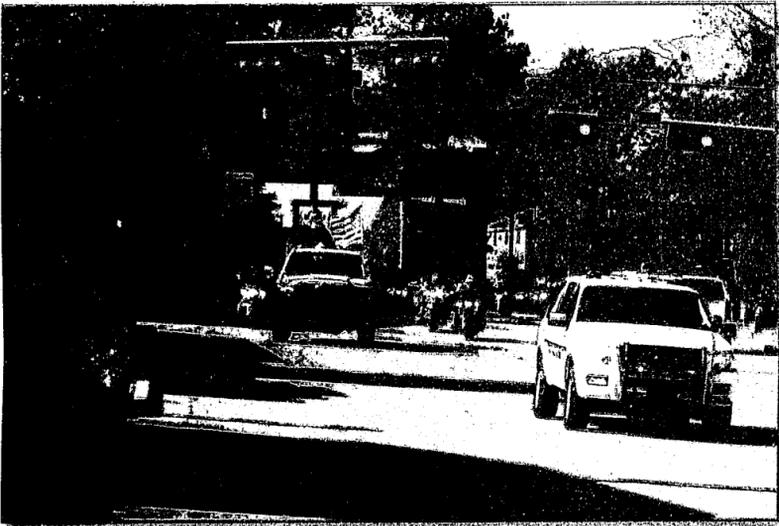
Antonio Sainz, 2, hands his donated toy to Santa at The Quarters.



Judy Tally hands Santa her present to be added to the trailer to be added to the toys donated to Santa's Helpers.



Nico Gonzales, 10, polishes the chrome tailpipes of his dad's Harley as he waits for the Joy for Kids Toy Run.



Ruidoso Police lead the way to The Quarters for the Joy for Kids Toy Run



Santa gives a wave as he waits for the motorcycles to arrive for the Joy for Kids Toy Run at O'Reilly Auto Parts.

photos by Harold Oakes

Altrusa Vino Bingo



Radio personality and Bingo Master Perry Champion at Vino Bingo night, a benefit for Altrusa Club of Ruidoso's 2012 Annual Low-Cost Mammogram Program at Sanctuary on the River.



Paula Tipton, left, and Helen Woodfin prepare food for Vino Bingo night.



Mary Kay Surret, longtime Altrusa member, at Vino Bingo night



Castell Martell wins a door prize at Vino Bingo.

photos courtesy
Jan
Butchofsky

American Crown Circus



Kristina McClure and her daughter, Kylan, enjoyed some bench space in the Ruidoso Convention Center.



Isa Belle shows off her new butterfly wand to Ilyah Egans, left, during the circus on Monday



From left, Frank, Francis, and little Leilah Schrebe of Ruidoso enjoyed the show put on by the American Crown Circus of Las Vegas, Nev.



Amber and Roy Rost took in the sights of the circus, along with their daughters Lorelei, left, and Juliet.

photos by Erik Bearer

Gun & Collectibles Show



Ruidoso Evening Lions Club member Mike Zaragoza gets ready to serve a cup of coffee during the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club Gun and Collectible Show at the Convention Center Saturday, Nov. 5. The show raises money for local Lions Club projects and expenses.

photos by Harold Oakes

Amber, 7, and Anthony Trout, 10, order food



VFW Post 12071 members Jack Stevens, left, and Tom Moore man the booth selling hats.



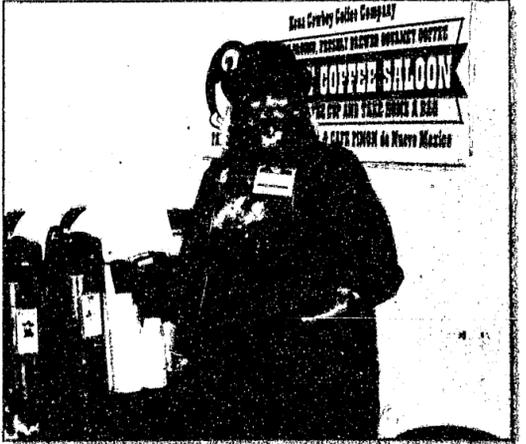
American Legion Post 79 Commander Robert Lazco, left, and past Commander Gene Kurtz show off the rifle that is going to the winner of the annual American Legion raffle



Alma Zaragoza works on a belt made of pull tabs knitted together at her booth.



Ruidoso Noon Lion Club member Curt Dimberg sells bolo ties.



Kona Coffee owner Jack Shuster offers his American grown coffee products.

DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Aaron Armendarez, 21, appeared Sept. 16 for imposition of sentence, having pleaded no contest to criminal sexual penetration of a child (13-16) on July 22.

Armendarez had a prior conviction for two counts of criminal sexual penetration in the fourth degree with a child (13-16) in Eddy County in 2008.

Parsons sentenced Armendarez to two and a half years in prison and 10 years of registration as a sex offender upon his release.

A grand jury indicted Armendarez for having sex with a 15-year old girl in July 2010.

Jeanna Madrid, 39, appeared Sept. 16 for imposition of sentence, having pleaded no contest to three counts of forgery July 22.

Parsons sentenced Madrid to five years probation and ordered her to not frequent Walmart, Walgreens, Allsup's, El Paraiso Restaurant or Carnicerio Meat Market.

Monica Martinez, 35, of Alamogordo, pleaded no contest to possession of a controlled substance, Sept. 23.

In an agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Assistant District Attorney James Cowan, the state dismissed charges of harboring a felon and failure to maintain traffic lane. Judge Karen Parsons deferred sentence and placed Martinez on 18 months supervised probation.

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Christopher Rupp arrested Martinez Aug. 12,

2010, for harboring Patricio Almager, possession of methamphetamines and failure to maintain her lane.

Parsons sentenced Martinez Oct. 14 to two years, six months of probation on another case in which Martinez pleaded no contest to charges of non-residential burglary and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Martin Valenzuela charged Martinez with possession, delivery or manufacture of drug paraphernalia, violation of conditions of release and burglary for taking two DVDs and a PS3 game from Walmart.

Valerie Rue, 37, appeared Oct. 14 for a change of plea and sentencing.

Rue pleaded no contest to attempt to possess methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Parsons sentenced Rue to two years, less two days, probation.

Ruidoso Police Sgt. Mike Weaver arrested Rue July 10 at Grindstone Lake at 3:34 a.m. Rue had three pipes and two jewelry bags of crystal methamphetamines in her purse.

Joanna Zimmerman notified the court Oct. 14, that the state was dismissing charges of aggravated battery with great bodily harm and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery with great bodily harm against **Seth Scott**, 30.

Zimmerman said these charges are being dismissed in accordance with a plea and disposition

agreement reached in another case.

In that case, Scott pleaded no contest to attempted burglary, receiving stolen property (more than \$2,500), possession of a deadly weapon or explosive by a prisoner and possession of marijuana.

The plea agreement calls for Scott to serve consecutive sentences with habitual time for a total of 17 years and to serve no less than 10 years in prison followed by five years probation.

District Judge Jerry Ritter sentenced Scott.

Fredrico Soto, 20, appeared for sentencing Oct. 14, having pleaded no contest Sept. 16 to charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, unlawful carrying of a handgun by person under age 19, and shoplifting.

Per a plea agreement reached by Todd Holmes and Joanna Zimmerman, the state dismissed charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor (felony) conspiracy to commit contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and shoplifting.

Parsons deferred sentence for three years and placed Soto on probation for three years, less one day. Parsons also ordered Soto to have no contact with the minor or with Walmart.

Ruidoso Downs Police Officer Darrell Chavez charged Soto Jan. 2, 2011, after responding to Walmart that Soto and at least two teen aged girls were shoplifting merchandise from the store.

Officer Christopher Rupp stopped Soto's vehicle and Chavez and Rupp obtained a search warrant for the car and Soto's home on Reservoir Drive. They recovered items stolen from Walmart and Burke's Outlet, where Soto worked. The officers also discovered drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

A grand jury indicted Soto in April 2011 and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Friday Bodine, 38, appeared Oct. 14 for a change of plea and pleaded no contest to two counts of conspiracy to commit residential burglary. The state dismissed a charge of conspiracy to commit a crime.

Parsons ruled that although Bodine had prior felony convictions for possession of methamphetamines, justice would not be served by imposing a mandatory sentence of imprisonment.

Parsons sentenced Bodine to five years of probation.

A grand jury indicted Bodine in September 2010, for a conspiracy to commit residential burglary on Dec. 1, 2007.

Rachel Ferguson, 23, appeared Oct. 21 for a change of plea and pleaded no contest to attempt to receive stolen property (more than \$500) and attempt to receive stolen property, a misdemeanor.

The state dismissed charges of receiving stolen property (more than \$2,500) and conspiracy to commit receiving stolen property (more than \$2,000). Parsons sentenced

Lovitt arraigned

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Attorney Todd Holmes waived the preliminary hearing Nov. 4 and Judge Martha Proctor ordered Randy Lovitt to stand trial in District Court on charges of battery on a peace officer.

Lovitt also pleaded no contest to two charges of criminal damage to property, and one count each of bringing contraband into Lincoln County Detention Center and attempted battery on a peace officer.

Holmes and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson made a plea and disposition agreement. In return for the no contest pleas, the state amended a charge of battery on a peace officer to two years, less two days, probation and ordered her to pay \$2,000 in restitution.

Ruidoso Police Sgt. Ray Merritt, Jr., filed the charges against Ferguson for an Oct. 14, 2010, incident in which someone entered a Resort Drive home through the doggy door and stole two flat screen televisions, two rifles, a shotgun, a BB pistol, checks, a check book and a pillow case. They also broke the doggy door.

Ferguson told officers she was unaware of what Bill Smith and Seth Scott were putting in the trunk of her car.

Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman notified the court Oct. 24

on a peace officer. Proctor sentenced Lovitt to two years and three months in prison on consecutive sentences. With credit for time served, Lovitt will serve about 16 months of the sentence.

Proctor also ordered Lovitt to serve time for \$292 in court costs and \$300 in bench warrant fees.

Ruidoso Police detectives Wade Proctor and Lawrence Chavez arrested Lovitt, 32, on the warrants after spotting him walking on Sudderth Drive Oct. 17.

The arrest of Lovitt led to the arrest of Ross, Monika and Robert Sanders, the recovery of thousands of dollars in stolen goods and confiscation of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia and alleged drug money.

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Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman notified the court Oct. 24

that the state was dismissing charges against **Johnny Salas**, 28.

Salas had been charged with robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery from an Aug. 8, 2010, incident in which he allegedly took \$675 from a woman he met in a Ruidoso nightclub.

The woman allegedly offered Salas \$20 for gas for taking her home and Salas said it wasn't enough and grabbed the \$675 cash.

Zimmerman said the charges were being dismissed because the state could not locate the victim or witnesses.

The victim reportedly resides on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

- Compiled from court records.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

Lincoln County

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.

Carrizo 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 29ers 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 L.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/Spanish GED: Classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education English as a Second Language. Mon. & Wed. 3:30pm-5:00pm or Mon. - Wed. 6pm-8pm Spanish GED. Tues. - Thurs. 10:00am-1:00pm and Tues. - Wed. 4:00pm-8:00pm Sign up at the White Mountain Annex Building (203 White Mountain Drive) or call 258-1730

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

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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 (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 Tues.-day, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizo. 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.

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 Tues.-days, 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 instructors; 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.

Women Helping Women is a support group for domestic violence victims and survivors. The group meets every Wednesday from 2-3 PM at Sweet Charity 26156 US Highway 70. There is no cost and bilingual services are available.

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 Thurs.-day of each month at K-Bobs. Info: Dick Mastin 336-2170.

Democratic Women 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.

B.P.O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

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: Raylene, 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; Rutalee, 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.lckennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Metho-dist 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, Carrizo. 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-Hondo 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 Zaragoza, 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. 336-2541.

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; meals 4th Sat. of month, 9:30 a.m., Cree Meadows CC. 258-2120 or sacmtvillage.org

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the Am-erican Revolution: Third Thurs.-day 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 Team is open for membership to volunteers interested in various disciplines. We meet at 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull, Ruidoso. Info: email@whitemountain-sar.org, Tony Davis, 575-336-4501 or visit www.wmsarc.org for NM search and rescue activities.

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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Hi Terrance,

Thank you for being so generous with your time and putting this together for us (Dianne Stallings' four-part series on domestic violence that ran in September). The Ruidoso News has been so wonderfully supportive of the Nest, we would most definitely be lost without you.

I sincerely appreciate your help.
Regards,

Lesley Kring
Media Liaison

The Nest Shelter & Administration Offices

Lucina,

I want to tell you that I think you are doing a beautiful job with the Vamonos. I really look forward to Fridays!

Carolyn Dittmer
Alamogordo, NM

Dear Dianne,

Thank you so much for your wonderful and empowering series of domestic violence stories.

We appreciate you!

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Julie,

Thanks so much for taking me down memory lane! It was a fantastic place to visit and I hadn't really recalled my tomboy youth days in a while!

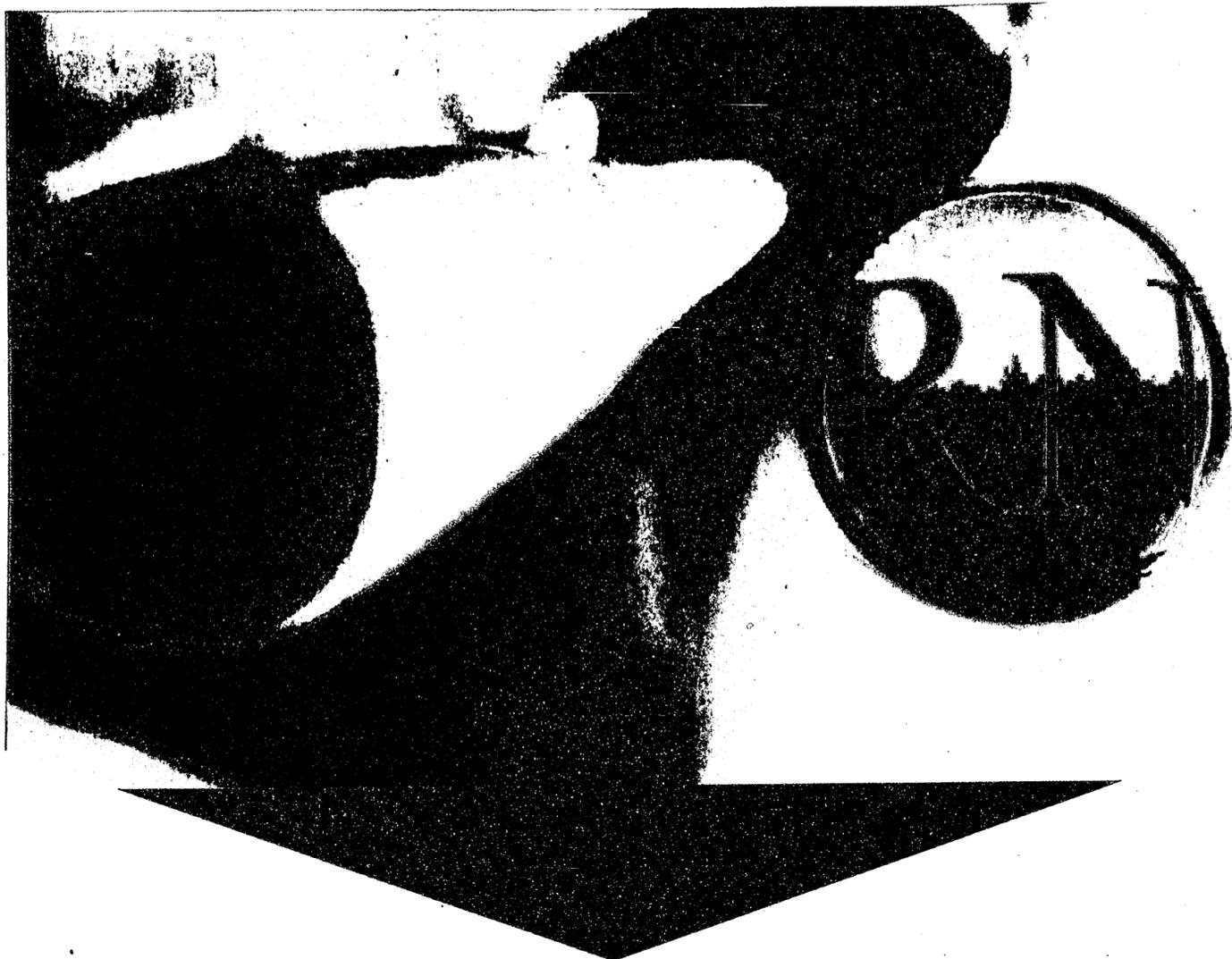
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October 14, 2011

Ms Trina Thomas

Advertising and New Media Specialist

Ruidoso News

Ruidoso, NM 88345

Re: Advertising results

Trina,

Our law firm is new to marketing and advertising. Truthfully, we never thought we would do any. But a recent New Mexico Supreme Court decision increasing the insurance coverage for many New Mexico drivers who had already settled their accident claims made me want to advertise as insurance companies are NOT telling their customers they are entitled to additional money. I wanted to reach as many drivers entitled to more money as I could.

Our initial results with you were nothing short of spectacular. We have been able to help many drivers. We continue to receive a high volume of calls from our ads.

Our recent attempt to reach and help women who have had bad experience with Trans Vaginal Mesh was even more successful. Mesh manufacturers are not notifying former patients of the very serious complications of their product, or that a recent FDA warning effectively prevents further use of mesh products. Your advertising program has allowed us to reach many women who would otherwise not even know that the device they had implanted was defective. You have helped us to start to change many badly injured women's lives for the better.

We are very pleased with your advertising program and are thrilled with the number of people we have been able to help. We have every intention of continuing to use you and your papers to notify New Mexicans of rights and claims they may have.

Sincerely,

John Howard, Esq.



Paul W. Grace, Esq. and Linda G. Hemphill, Esq.

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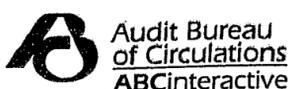
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-439

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, aka Conduent Home Loans Servicing LP,

Plaintiff,

vs.

REFUGIO E. DIAZ JR., JANE DOE DIAZ, true name unknown),

Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on November 16, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned 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 defendant and to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 106 Doc Holiday, Alto, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 22, of RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown in Plat No. 1981 in Column D, Slide No. 99 to 103, both inclusive, and all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2006 Solstice, VIN EH100KE798FB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the Court in the above entitled case on September 8, 2010, being an order of foreclosure on a mortgage on the above described property, which includes interest and costs, in the amount of \$122,809.77 and the same bears interest at 6.75% per annum from September 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$10,038.00. Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid on the sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of the amount to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale is postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the purchaser of 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 Carrizozo, NM 88301 (505) 248-9725

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DN HOSPITALITY, INC., New Mexico Corporation, d/b/a EXECUTIVE INN & SUITES,

Petitioner,

vs.

NO. CV-2011-326 DIV. III

GROUP ONE: DOREN BANEAGAS; PATRICIA BROWN; YVONNE DANSON; DANNY DURAN; BARBARA FIERRO; CAROLYN GOOD; GOTTSCHALL; RUDY S. HANFIELD and DONALD J. HERRERA; NORBERTO HERRERA; MAXINE O. FARRAR; R. MI-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on November 16, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., the undersigned 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 defendant and to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 106 Doc Holiday, Alto, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 22, of RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown in Plat No. 1981 in Column D, Slide No. 99 to 103, both inclusive, and all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2006 Solstice, VIN EH100KE798FB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the Court in the above entitled case on September 8, 2010, being an order of foreclosure on a mortgage on the above described property, which includes interest and costs, in the amount of \$122,809.77 and the same bears interest at 6.75% per annum from September 1, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$10,038.00. Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid on the sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of the amount to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale is postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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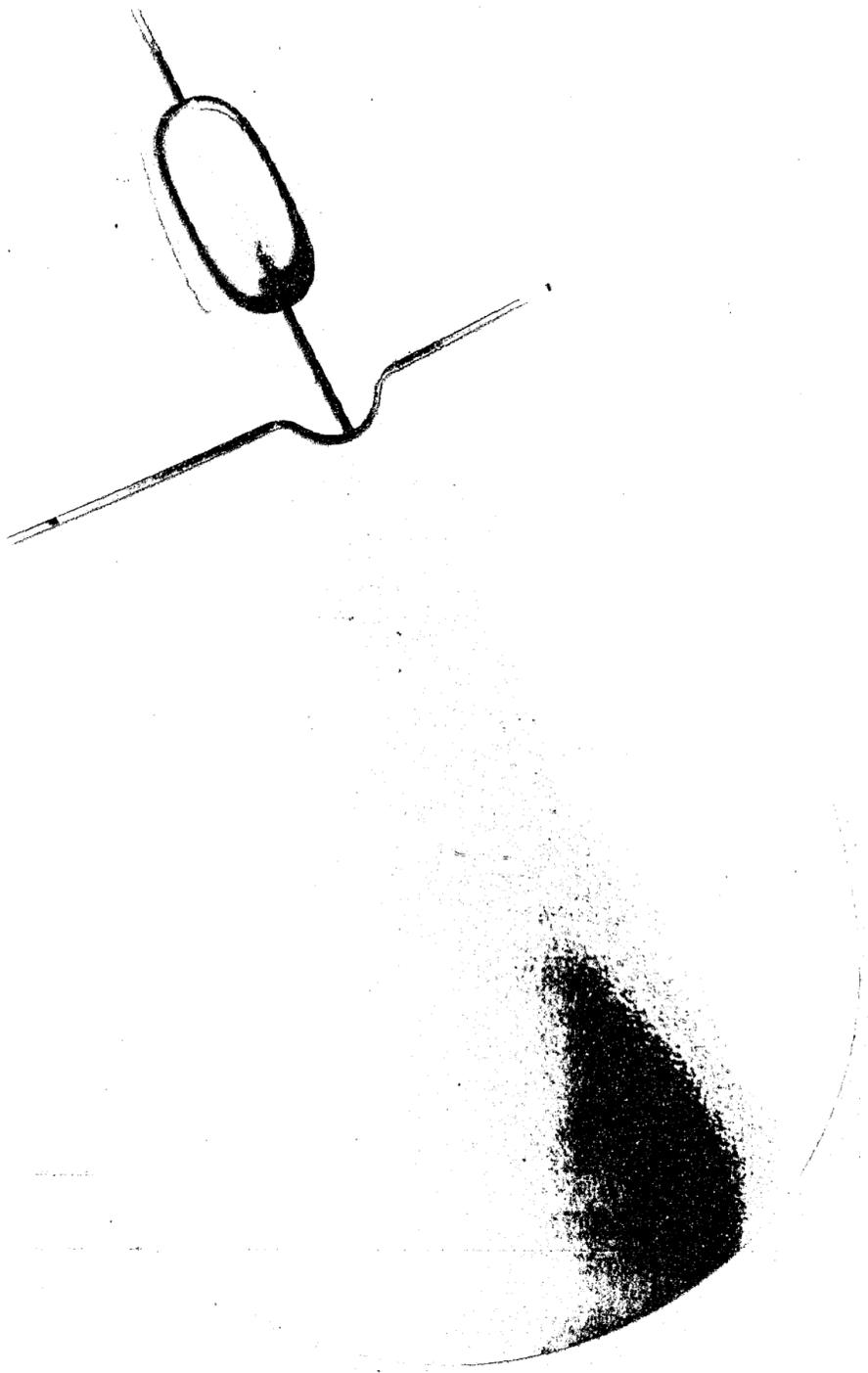
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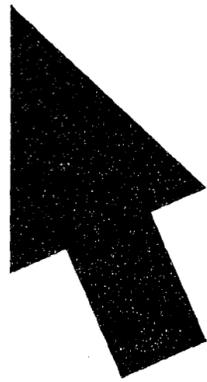
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