

# RUIDOSO NEWS

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## Breeder accused of animal abuse

*Business owner denies mistreating 44 dogs, horse*

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Capitan police seized 44 dogs and a horse from a Lincoln County dog breeder Nov. 18.

"Last week the Capitan Police Department received information that a local kennel was not feeding nor providing medical care to

a large number of dogs," Capitan Police Chief Randy Spear said Wednesday. "We were able to confirm that report through interview and a search warrant executed on (Nov. 18)."

Officers seized 44 Belgian Malinois dogs and a horse from Ruidoso Malinois on Dean Road. "Not only does it appear these

dogs were left by the kennel owner without proper food, as well as other neglect, it has been confirmed that all the dogs are infected with Giardia and Coccidiosis," Spear said. "While I am not a veterinarian, it is my understanding from speaking with two veterinarians that Giardia particularly is contagious to not only dogs but can be

transferred to humans." Both diseases can be transmitted to humans, according to a veterinarian with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, and symptoms include diarrhea, stomach cramps, and in rare cases, death, according to the Las Cruces Sun-News. "Giardia and Coccidia are

common in the environment and occur in both household pets and kennels nationwide," Ruidoso Malinois owner Irene Howcroft said in a prepared statement to the Ruidoso News. "When infected with Giardia and Coccidia, it is common for dogs to lose weight.

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### DADDY DEERSTAND



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Michael Roberts hoisted Ethan Wilson, 3, on to his shoulders to see a deer in the empty lot at Sudderth and Country Club Drives Tuesday. They were on their way to the Village Buttery for lunch. They are visiting Ruidoso for the holidays from Dallas.

## Rain in forecast today

*Ski Apache could see more snow*

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Black Friday shoppers will deal with rain today. But the start of the ski season was expected to get some help. Snow was forecast for Black Friday at the highest elevations of the Sacramento Mountains.

"It does look like this storm will bring precipitation generally to the southern half of New Mexico," said Todd Shoemake, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service office that provides forecasts for the northern three-quarters of the state. "This is a pretty warm looking weather system so I think the snow levels are going to be pretty high, probably accumulations generally favor elevations around 9,000 to 10,000 feet. We are looking at some wetting precipitation, the best chances we've seen in quite some time."

The rain at Ruidoso's mountain level was expected to start overnight Thursday into Friday, with maybe some snow mixed in this morning. The all-snow locations could gather four to six inches above 9,000, with as much as seven inches around Sierra Blanca peak.

"This is again a pretty warm system and given that it is so warm, the snow to water ratios are going to

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## Forest official: White Fire investigation continues

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His agency should be the first to know, but Smokey Bear District Ranger Dave Warnack says he still has no answer on the cause of the White Fire that destroyed five houses and burned more than 10,000 acres of the Lincoln National Forest from

Ruidoso east along U.S. 70 last April.

"Last month, there was a question from the (Lincoln County) Commission about the status (of the investigation)," Warnack told county commissioners. "I once again contacted the U.S. Attorney's Office to find out what I could. All I received was a statement from U.S.

Attorney that also was published by the Ruidoso News back in August and that's where it's still at.

"I know (interest in the cause) is not going to die and still is fresh in everybody's mind, because we see the burn scar as we drive down U.S. 70. I hope we have some closure on that before next fire season."

Commissioner Jackie Powell said she would like to see the newspaper revisit the letter and information sent by the U.S. Attorney.

"There's some important information that may help to quiet some questions that continue to pop up over the investigation," she said.

Commission Chairman

Eileen Sedillo agreed, saying, "It's good information to make people realize they're still working on it."

In his statement, U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales wrote that an investigation of the cause was launched on April 4 by the U.S. Forest Service and it was determined that the

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**Workforce closure**

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' unemployment insurance call center will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, Nov. 24, through Sunday Nov. 27. The department is urging claimants to plan accordingly.

The unemployment claims system website, www.dws.state.nm.us, will be available from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and the unemployment insurance toll-free automated phone option, 1-877-664-6984, will be available 24 hours a day for normal self-service functions.

The department is reminding eligible unemployment insurance claimants that Thanksgiving Day is a federal holiday. Banking institutions and the U.S. Postal Service will be closed to observe the holiday. This will result in accounts being funded when financial institutions reopen on Friday and will affect unemployment insurance debit card holders and direct deposit participants. It will also result in a delay of mail delivery for unemployment insurance recipients who receive checks.

Thursday and Friday are also state holidays, and all Department of Workforce Solutions offices will be closed.

**Republican Women**

The Federal Republic

Women of Lincoln County will host New Mexico Rep. Nora Espinoza at their November luncheon. Espinoza will speak on education in the state.

The meeting will take place Monday, Nov. 28, at the Cree Meadows Country Club clubhouse beginning at 11:30 a.m.

For luncheon reservation call 430-7258.

The FRWLC meets the fourth Monday of each month at the country club. For further information online, go to www.frw.rplcnm.org.

**Tree lighting at IMG**

The holiday season will begin at the Inn of the Mountain Gods during the resort and casino's annual tree lighting ceremony. The festivities will kick off at 4 p.m. Sunday in the seasonally decorated hotel lobby. Holiday music will be provided by local school choirs and there will be a chance for children to have their picture taken with Santa Claus.

The highlight of the event will be a blessing prayer before the illumination of a 25-foot tree that is decorated with more than 9,000 lights. It took more than a week to string the lights and decorate the tree in preparation for the Nov. 27 event. Also on display will be a 15-foot by 15-foot gingerbread village created by the resort's culinary team. It was made from gingerbread and candies.

The free event will offer pictures with Santa Claus from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. One picture seating per family is allowed. At 4:45 p.m. a blessing prayer will be done by Pastor Bob Schut of the Mescalero Reformed Church. From 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. choirs from Ruidoso Middle and Ruidoso High schools will perform Christmas carols.

The tree lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m.

**Scout rally**

The Sierra Blanca District of the Boy Scouts of America will conduct a Ruidoso Recruiting Rally at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 29, in the multi-purpose room at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road in Ruidoso.

Leaders from all the Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops in Ruidoso will be on hand to talk about the scouting programs and to highlight what happens in each pack and troop. Activities will include campfire songs, games and plenty of refreshments. Parents and their sons also will have the opportunity to sign up in a pack or troop at the Rally. For more information, call Jack Shuster at 257-0871.

**Flu clinic**

The New Mexico Department of Health's Lincoln County Public

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**AMBER ANT**



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

**Poor, poor ant.** In about a 150 million years, it may become amber. The tiny creature was unlucky to step onto a drop of fresh pitch, seen as fine strands between its leg and the droplet. It's stuck forever. Photographer David Tremblay used a 100 MM Macro lens, which allowed a good close up, but he said the trade off was a tiny depth of field within which to work. Amber is fossilized tree resin, not sap, that was appreciated for its color and natural beauty since Neolithic times. It is used as an ingredient in perfumes, as a healing agent in folk medicine, and as jewelry. Amber originates as a soft, sticky tree resin and sometimes contains animal and plant material. Please notice the textured surface of the drop, this is formed by the stretching of the droplet. High daytime temperatures and wind greatly influence the shape.



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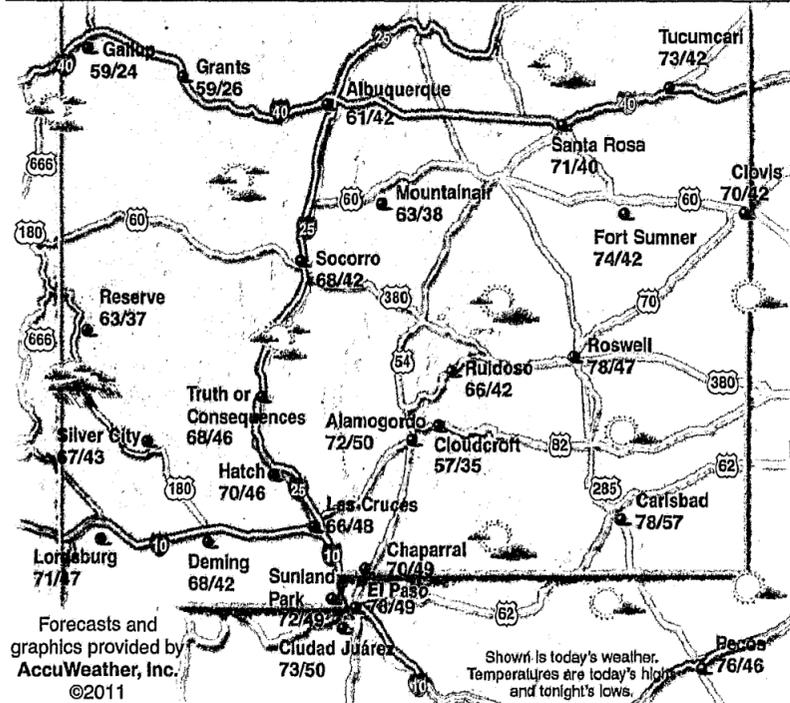
**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso**

**AccuWeather.com**

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>RealFeel</b> 66°	<b>RealFeel</b> 50°	<b>RealFeel</b> 38°	<b>RealFeel</b> 56°	<b>RealFeel</b> 62°	<b>RealFeel</b> 52°	<b>RealFeel</b> 55°
<b>Humidity</b> 28%	<b>Humidity</b> 42%	<b>Humidity</b> 44%	<b>Humidity</b> 36%	<b>Humidity</b> 24%	<b>Humidity</b> 32%	<b>Humidity</b> 34%
66° 42° Partial sunshine Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	55° 33° Cooler; a couple of morning showers Wind: W 15-25 mph	44° 31° Sunny, breezy and cooler Wind: ENE 10-20 mph	57° 44° Milder with bright sunshine Wind: WSW 7-14 mph	62° 38° Mostly sunny Wind: W 8-16 mph	49° 34° Cooler with brilliant sunshine Wind: ESE 6-12 mph	53° 35° A full day of sunshine Wind: WNW 6-12 mph

**RealFeel Temperature** is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highs for the day.

**Regional Cities**



**Almanac**

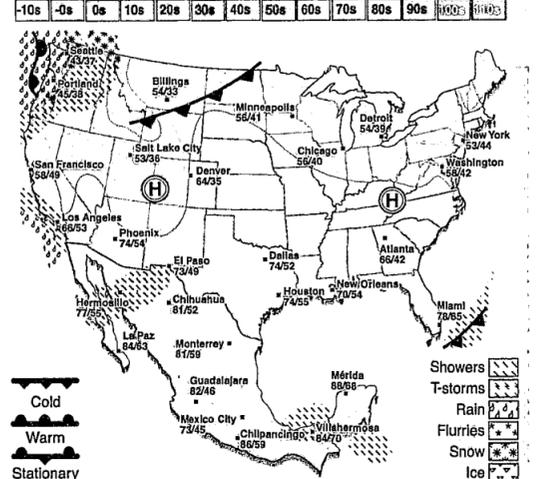
**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Tuesday  
**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 54°/36°  
Normal high ..... 54°  
Normal low ..... 25°  
Record high ..... 69° (1970)  
Record low ..... 2° (1975)  
**Precipitation:**  
Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.06"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.48"  
Year to date ..... 8.43"  
Normal year to date ..... 20.06"

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

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Tuesday  
**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 63°/33°  
Normal high ..... 63°  
Normal low ..... 26°  
Record high ..... 78° (1996)  
Record low ..... 11° (1958)  
**Precipitation:**  
Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.53"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.38"  
Year to date ..... 9.74"

**Weather Trivia:**  
Q: What can be said about the speed of weather systems as winter nears?  
A: They move faster in the Northern Hemisphere.

**National Forecast for Nov. 24, 2011**



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

**National Cities**

City	Today	Fri.
Abilene	72/53/s	62/45/f
Anchorage	17/9/c	19/7/pc
Atlanta	66/42/s	66/47/s
Austin	72/51/s	76/58/f
Baltimore	58/34/s	60/38/s
Boston	44/38/s	56/44/s
Chicago	56/40/s	59/44/pc
Dallas	74/52/s	75/57/f
Denver	64/35/pc	64/25/c
Des Moines	60/43/s	56/43/pc
Detroit	54/39/s	58/43/pc
El Paso	73/49/pc	66/44/sh
Las Vegas	64/47/pc	63/48/s
Los Angeles	66/53/c	68/52/s
Minneapolis	56/41/s	50/37/pc
New Orleans	70/54/s	75/61/s
New York City	53/44/s	59/49/s
Philadelphia	54/40/s	60/42/s
Phoenix	74/54/pc	71/50/s
Reno	52/31/c	52/28/pc
San Francisco	58/49/c	60/45/pc
San Diego	62/52/c	63/52/s
Seattle	43/37/r	42/35/sh
Tucson	74/51/sh	67/42/s
Tulsa, OK	68/48/s	65/46/sh
Wash., DC	58/42/s	64/43/s
Wichita	68/45/s	59/40/sh
Yuma	72/55/pc	74/55/s

**Regional Cities**

City	Today	Fri.
Albuquerque	61/42/pc	57/33/sh
Artesia	78/55/s	72/43/sh
Chama	54/27/pc	47/15/sn
Clayton	70/42/s	57/27/c
Cloudcroft	57/35/pc	48/12/sh
Farmington	57/29/pc	55/25/sh
Hobbs	77/46/s	70/32/sh
Los Alamos	56/33/pc	49/20/sh
Portales	72/42/s	63/32/sh
Raton	70/32/s	60/23/sh
Red River	51/26/pc	45/12/sn
Ruidoso	66/42/pc	55/33/sh
Sania Fe	58/33/pc	53/27/sh
Silver City	67/43/sh	59/38/sh
Taos	55/24/pc	53/16/sn

**Mexican Cities**

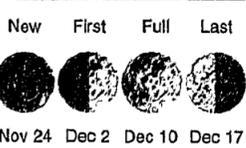
City	Today	Fri.
Acapulco	90/72/pc	90/73/s
Cancun	84/68/pc	82/70/r
Chihuahua	81/52/pc	72/41/s
Ciudad Juárez	73/50/pc	66/45/s
León	82/46/s	82/46/s
México, DF	73/45/s	75/50/s
Monterrey	81/58/s	82/64/s
Morelia	81/50/s	76/50/sh
Oaxaca	79/50/s	86/50/s
Pto. Penasco	73/55/pc	73/55/s
Tijuana	64/48/sh	64/50/s

**Sun and Moon**

Thursday: Sunrise/Sunset  
6:41 a.m./4:58 p.m.

Thursday: Moonrise/Moonset  
6:01 a.m./4:32 p.m.

**Moon Phases**



**Extremes**

Tuesday's National High/Low:  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 91° in Edinburg, TX  
Low: 2° in Westby, MT

Tuesday's World High/Low:  
High: 103° in Wyndham, Australia  
Low: -49° in Summit Station, Greenland

# EVENTS

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Health Office will hold a flu vaccination clinic at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth Drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. While everyone should get a flu vaccine each flu season, it's especially important that people in the following groups get vaccinated, either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

- Pregnant women
- Children younger than five, but especially children younger than two years old
- People age 65 and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, and lung or heart disease
- People who live in nursing homes or other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including health care workers and caregivers for babies younger than 6 months
- American Indians and Alaskan Natives, who last flu season seemed to be at higher risk of flu complications

People can find out more on the Department of Health's website at <http://www.nmhealth.org>.

## Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m. Dec. 5 in the District's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

The meeting will cover

regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system. The agenda may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the District are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

## Christmas hoedown

Members of the Carrizozo Woman's Club will be hosting their 22nd Annual Christmas Holiday Hoedown Dec. 3, at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue in Carrizozo.

The Hoedown will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with 24 crafters selling everything from handmade jewelry to books and artwork.

Something new this year will be a booth selling special children's clothing from Osh-Kosh. Verla Caster will be selling her hand-painted china ware and there will be a selection of homemade baked goods from local bakers including Fran Mack and Carrie Scott.

Betty Matinez from Jemez will offer antique glassware and collectibles. Many items for sale will come from the Carrizozo Museum, including books about the Southwest and Lincoln County in particular.

From noon until 1:30 p.m., the women of the club will be serving a full-course enchilada dinner, including a beverage and dessert, for \$7.50. Door prizes will be awarded every half hour. No admission fee is charged and there is plenty of free park-

ing. Club members said the event is the perfect opportunity to do Christmas shopping from a selection of local handicrafts that will make unique and special gifts for everyone on your Christmas list.

The annual event also is a chance to see the interior of the clubhouse, an adobe building constructed in 1929, which was painstakingly restored by the members of the club. It appears on both the New Mexico and the United States Registers of Historic Buildings. The interior ceilings feature huge pine vigas and restored wood floors.

The "Round Room" has the only wagon wheel viga ceiling in New Mexico.

## Medical meeting

Jennifer Stewart, licensed practical nurse and area manager of Encompass Home Health, will speak about medical services in the home during the Dec. 6 meeting of Huff n Puff, a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease support group serving the counties of Lincoln and Otero.

The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alamogordo Senior Center.

A pulmonary therapist from Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center will be there, as will local home care representatives.

Family, care givers and guests are welcome. For more information on meetings and schedules, call the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Department

at 575-443-2746.

## Coats for Kids

The Ruidoso Optimist Club annual Warm Coats for Kids program is underway, collecting coats to be given to children.

The collection boxes for good, used or new coats are located at most local banks and local businesses, including Evergreen Cleaners. Evergreen Cleaners cleans these coats, at no cost, before they are distributed to the children.

The coats are distributed through Christian Services at Gateway Church, the Lincoln County Food Bank, Mescalero Apache Schools and through First Baptist Church in Capitan.

The Ruidoso Optimist Club supports youth projects in the community. During the Christmas Jubilee the Club raised \$1,000 for the Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca selling their H.O.G. Salsa.

H.O.G. Salsa sales also support the Backpack Program that provides food for needy children for the weekends.

For information on the Ruidoso Optimist Club, the Warm Coats for Kids Program or H.O.G. Salsa call Optimist Club Zone 9 Lt. Governor Harold Oakes at 575-937-4013.

## Forest workshop

Staff of the Lincoln National Forest are presenting Collaborative

Forest Restoration Program workshops during the month of December, including one in Ruidoso Dec. 12.

In Fiscal Year 2012, the United States Department of Agriculture officials expect to distribute about \$3 million through cost share grants to implement forest restoration projects on public lands in New Mexico.

Projects must be designed through a collaborative process that includes affected communities and stakeholders.

The workshop will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Smokey Bear District Fire Operations Building on Cedar Creek Drive in Ruidoso. The other two sessions are on Dec. 13 in Carlsbad and on Dec. 15, at the Sacramento Ranger District Office in Cloudcroft.

Each meeting will break for lunch around noon.

Participants will learn

about the CFRP, review the 2012 application, network with potential collaborators, and receive answers to their questions.

Applications should reflect local and traditional knowledge in developing creative ways to reduce the number and density of small diameter trees on public lands.

To reserve a spot or for additional information on the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program, contact Peg Crim at 575-434-7200 or e-mail [prim@fs.fed.us](mailto:prim@fs.fed.us), or for more information on the CFRP visit the website at [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r3/cfrp).

Proponents are encouraged to submit proposals for projects that facilitate landscape scale, multi-jurisdictional efforts such as National Environmental Policy Act planning, landscape assessments, or Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

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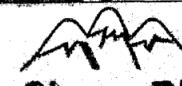
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### OUR OPINION

## Education funding formula deserves a closer look

**J**ose Z. Garza, New Mexico state secretary for higher education, said last week, "For the first time in New Mexico history, the older generation is better educated than the younger ones."

That should bother a lot of people, from students to education institutions to the business world.

It's certainly bothering Garza, because he has offered a plan under which colleges and universities in the Land of Enchantment could reap significant financial rewards for graduating students into the fields of science, mathematics, health care and engineering.

Further, Garza's plan also would reward schools that showed gains in graduating students from any discipline, not just the ones previously listed, and for students qualifying for Pell grants.

Why concentrate on disciplines such as math, science and engineering?

Because the world is becoming more high-tech all the time and people, countries and economies that don't recognize that are liable to be left behind.

And it's an article of faith that the United States is behind other countries when it comes student test scores in various important areas.

The test of any education system is the success of the students it graduates. Thus, it behooves the education system, be it primary, secondary or higher education, to educate students effectively and with the knowledge that's needed to make them successes.

So it would seem that Garza's incentive formula could accomplish something positive.

But that plan is not without its detractors.

State Sen. Phil Griego, D-San Jose, worries that schools

such as technical schools and schools that grant two-year degrees might come out on the losing end of this formula.

It's a legitimate concern. Schools that train blue-collar workers and confer two-year degrees shouldn't be short-changed.

Garza said that wouldn't happen, that such schools would be considered as one category under the proposed funding formula.

Another group would include four-year schools including Western New Mexico and Highlands, and yet another would comprise research institutions New Mexico State, University of New Mexico and New Mexico Tech.

Garza's proposal is well worth a closer look. But we agree with some lawmakers who want the governor and Garza to be open to "adjustments" that would help to ensure fairness.

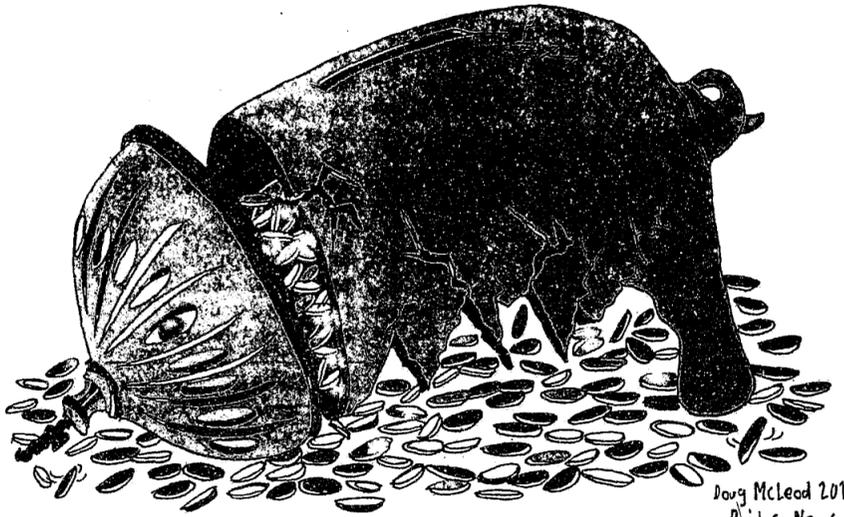
Fairness in the funding formula is paramount. No student should become a victim of an adverse formula that favors one group over another. There should be equitable access to the good education that all these schools should furnish.

But Garza's main point cannot and should not be ignored.

He used research from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development showing that a higher percentage of 45-65-year-old New Mexicans have an associate's degree or higher compared to those in the 25-44 age group.

That's bad economic and social news for both the graduating students and for the businesses and economies that need to replace retiring workers with people of equal or greater skill.

Garza's plan deserves a close and serious look.



### YOUR OPINION

## Why not occupy the White House lawn?

To the editor:

Since "Occupy Wall Street" is trying to make a point about "jobs", maybe they could shine a small ray of cleansing light on a little known White House crony. Get this. A one employee corporation, with \$120,000 cash in the bank, applied for "stimulus help." It held a lonely, one man, gut wrenching board meeting and decided to "try" a brand new venture: the President's "green energy" business.

In an emergency action to "save the nation", a \$787 billion stimulus package was passed by the Democrat-controlled House and Senate as more than 65 percent of Americans screamed "no" (Source: Gallop and Rasmussen polls). One would hope the Occupy Wall Street targets, greedy Wall Street speculators and banks, had nothing to do with the Democrat-controlled vote. Still, many of us asked then and now, what was the rush?

With billions of stimulus money in hand, Obama launched the great American give away, handing out money to companies like Solyndra (\$500 million, before it soon went bankrupt). Then his unelected "czars" gave the nod to Leucadia Holdings' one-man company and gave it a little money, too. Well, it wasn't exactly a "little money." The amount to Leucadia was seven times larger than Solyndra, to be used for an alleged "carbon capture project in Louisiana" (\$260 million), "a coal gasification project" (\$1.6 billion), and "a synthetic gas project" in the

city of Chicago (\$1.6 billion).

Talk about "carbon footprints"; that's \$3.4 billion of our taxpayer dollars, paid to a company with one employee and no prior experience (Source: the new best seller "Throw Them All Out" by Peter Schweizer). Apparently, lack of experience was not a red flag for fellow Democrat Warren Buffet. He led stockholder speculation, buying large amounts of Leucadia stock. Two years later, if you don't count the one person who received the \$3.4 billion, Leucadia hired about 30 people; no doubt, a remarkable Democrat "jobs" program to some Occupy Wall Street protesters.

Worth noting is that, after Solyndra and Leucadia were paid, and after Operation Fast and Furious was launched as a public diversion, Obama's former White House chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, resigned and was promptly elected mayor of Chicago; the city about to benefit from half of the Leucadia "bail out" money. It all brings to mind a famous mafia movie quote: "Nothing personal. It's just business." Of course, it's early in the 2012 election cycle. Many say Solyndra, "Fast and Furious", and now Leucadia are just the tip of the iceberg. Yet, for all of us who enjoy a good "grass roots protest", maybe Occupy Wall Street should relocate their George Soros splinter groups for a grand finale. Why not Occupy the White House Lawn?

That's it. Pack my bags, Martha. I'm goin' to D.C.

Vic Currier  
 Ruidoso

## Dems redistrict unfair

To the editor:

I write today in response to a letter published recently claiming that the Democrat's redistricting maps "do things fairly." Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Democrat leadership rammed hyper-partisan bills through the New Mexico legislature and — in the face of bipartisan opposition — put their interests ahead of New Mexico voters. Speaker Lujan and Majority Leader Sanchez made no efforts to compromise or include accurate representation for New Mexicans in their partisan plans.

The Democrat's plan packed Republicans in the fast growing areas of the west side of Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties. District 27, held by Republican Rep. Larry Larranaga is over populated by 5 percent. In District 29, held by Republican Rep. Thomas Anderson, the Democrats packed the district again, overpopulating it by 5 percent. Another example of Democrats gerrymandering districts is the overpopulation of Rep. Stapleton's district by 5 percent. The Democrat leadership either knew she had political trouble coming or they simply wanted to pack her district as they are doing elsewhere.

When they pack a district, the Democrats effectively insure that it will represent only one point of view; while at the same time, the Democrats are actually protecting many other districts by maintaining their status quo.

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## THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: Do you have any plans for ski season?



**Austin Wolf**  
 Ruidoso

"I'll go where the snow is. Hopefully I can stay here and do a lot of snowboarding."



**Kire Swenor**  
 Ruidoso Downs

"I don't ski as much anymore, but you never know. I may head back up to Ski Apache."



**Ed Tomme**  
 Colorado Springs, Colo.

"I'll be skiing in Colorado, probably around Crestone or Breckenridge this year."



**Audra Roulet**  
 El Paso, Texas

"I might get a season pass and head up and try out Ski Apache on Thanksgiving."



**Cory Gasaway**  
 Austin, Texas

"We're going to come back in February to do some snowboarding on the mountain."



# BUSINESS

## Lighting up 'Small Business Saturday'

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Black Friday and Cyber Monday get a lot of attention this time of the year. But coming to life is Small Business Saturday, the day after Black Friday.

The thrust of Small Business Saturday is to encourage shoppers to support their hometown-owned retailers, said the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce backs the effort.

"We're going to have a great crowd in town," said Becky Brooks, the chamber's office manager. "We hope they're here to start some of their Christmas shopping. A lot of people did at the Christmas Jubilee."

The jubilee, conducted two weekends ago, attracted more people than it did last year. The three-day event featured the goods of 80 local merchants at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

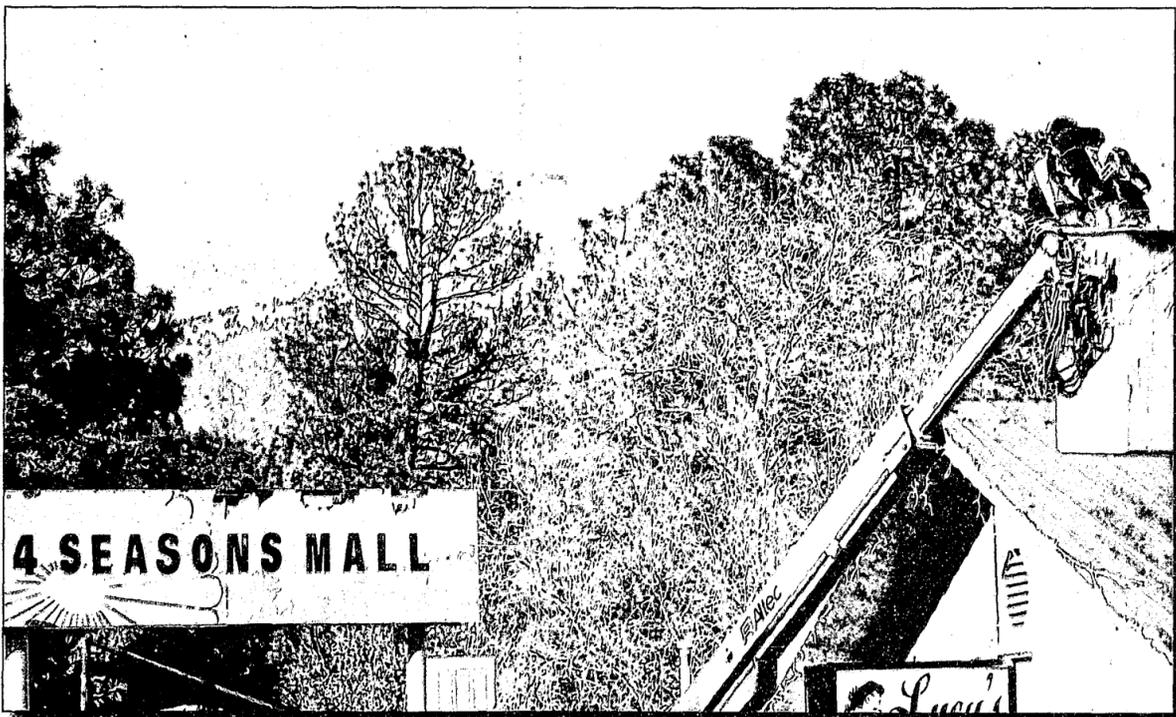
Brooks said it is important for the local merchants to get a piece of holiday gift-giving purchases.

"I think we really need to grasp onto it," Brooks said of Small Business Saturday. "We need to take advantage of our market. We have this wonderful weekend with snow on the mountain. The mountain looks awesome. There are going to be a lot of people in town, we know that because our phones have been ringing off the walls."

Brooks said even after 5 p.m., there have been shoppers carrying bags in Midtown.

"This is a good time to kick off the holiday season. Our lights are up in town."

The main thrust of Small Business Saturday is to see local residents supporting their smaller retailers.



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With a fresh coating of snow on Sierra Blanca as a background, Parks and Recreation Department employee Bill Stumpf hangs holiday ornaments on a street light pole near the intersection of Sudderth and Eagle Drives Tuesday.

"I think a lot of people shop locally," Brooks said. "I personally do. I don't have time to go out of town and I want to spend my money here. And if you think about this, it's something I think about, \$50 in gas to go to Albuquerque and back, I would rather stay at home and shop locally. And I know a lot of local people feel the very same about that."

The chamber has some 500 members,

most of them small businesses.

"Small businesses are the foundation of our economy," said Karen Mills, the administrator of the SBA. "Half of America's workers either own or work for a small business. Small Business Saturday is an opportunity to show our support for our friends and neighbors who throughout the year are growing our local economy, as well as supporting

many local initiatives and organizations."

Nov. 26 marks the second annual Small Business Saturday. The local shopping day was started to counter the super retailers' Black Friday.

Credit card firm American Express got involved in 2010 by providing a credit to their customers who shopped locally on Small Business Saturday.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Operation homefront

Bealls shoppers, including those buying at the Ruidoso store, helped raise money for U.S. military families this holiday. Bealls' parent company, Stage Stores, donated \$375,000 to Operation Homefront, a national organization that provides emergency financial assistance and other support services to the families of U.S. soldiers. The donations came from the sale of patriotic-themed, reusable shopping totes.

Founded in 2002, the San Antonio, Texas-based Operation Homefront has 24 chapters across the United States.

#### Spanish website

Mescalero's Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino, as well as Ski

Apache, have launched all new Spanish language web-sites.

The sites, which are part of an effort to draw a greater percentage of Mexican national and Hispanic American clientele, will contain the same information and will be updated regularly with the same information as the English sites.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe's hospitality operations launched the sites to cater to their guests who prefer to access information on the Internet in Spanish. The launch was timed to precede the winter skiing months when the resorts experience the most significant influx of Mexican tourists.

The web addresses are [www.innofthemountaingods.com/ES/](http://www.innofthemountaingods.com/ES/) and [www.skiapache.com/ES/](http://www.skiapache.com/ES/).

## PRC to review PNM payment closure

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PNM's announcement earlier this month that the electric utility's eight remaining payment centers, including a counter in Ruidoso, will be closed next month may face a challenge.

Utility division staff at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission has asked the commission to look at the planned shuttering of the payment centers. The requested investigation, "should address whether PNM's planned action will be consistent with the public interest, commission orders, rules and statutes," Nancy Burns, PRC staff counsel wrote. "The requested investigation also should address whether PNM will provide sufficient public access throughout the state to its customers to resolve and address customer service issues, if PNM is permitted to close its remaining walk-in payment centers. Additionally, the commission should issue a notice of inquiry on this matter and provide the public and all interested persons the opportunity to provide public comment."

The PRC issued an order Wednesday to conduct a public hearing to possibly delay the closures. The hearing will be held at the African-American Pavilion of Expo New Mexico (state fairgrounds) in Albuquerque at noon on Dec. 7. The address is 300 San Pedro NE. PNM was told to post the notice in its payment centers. The motion for the investigation said the review should be expedited because of PNM's planned closure date. Among the issues with the public's access to the utility are bill payments, disconnection and reconnection of services, billing disputes, payment

plan arrangements, medical and financial certifications to prevent termination of services to residences where seriously or chronically ill people live, winter shut-off protections, and eligibility for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, a federal program that pays some of heating bills for low income households.

The request noted that the commission routinely issues orders and approves stipulated agreements in PNM cases. Burns said the issue of maintaining local offices goes back to a case where, during a hearing, the utility witness testified that a local office is, "an office that is open to the public ... a place where customers can come and meet face-to-face."

In another case, PNM and Texas-New Mexico Power, which PNM purchased in 2005, both agreed to keep local offices. PNM said it would maintain local offices unless a commission variance was granted. The commission was asked to identify each PNM office in New Mexico where customers will be able to walk in and have service issues addressed after PNM's planned shut down of payment centers. A Dec. 2 deadline for public comment was recommended.

The end of the Mechem Drive payment center in Ruidoso would result in the dismissal of two employees. PNM's Valerie Smith said earlier this month that there were two main factors for the planned closings. She said in-person payments were about 10 times more costly than other payment methods. And the use of the payment centers has dwindled.

The utility said better than one-quarter of PNM customers have been paying their bills automatically through a monthly electronic bank draft. Payments also would be possible at Wells Fargo branch locations where a sealed envelope can be dropped off. Western Union locations, such as the Greyhound Bus Station in Ruidoso, will also accept payments for a \$1 fee. PNM.com/mybill provides free online payments using a checking or savings account.

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# Planners nix public hearings

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What is next for possible amendments to Lincoln County's 2007 Comprehensive Plan, recommended for little in the way of changes by the county's Planning Commission, was the planning group's final issue.

The planning panel spent almost two years reviewing the comprehensive plan, which lays out a vision for the future of Lincoln County. Earlier this month members pondered who should conduct a hearing to hear from the public.

"I don't feel that it's our place to be having a public hearing," said planning commission member Caroline McCoy. "It seems to me that what we have done is reviewed the comprehensive plan. We are now attaching a cover letter of our suggestions. We're asking the county commissioners if they would like to entertain those suggestions, incorporate them, etc. And it seems to me that it's the county commissioners, if they decide to use what we have put forth, it is their move to put out a public hearing because they are the ones who are going to be actually making a change to the comprehensive plan or not. We don't even know that at this point."

Planner Dennis Dunnum called McCoy's assessment "a good point" because the planning panel is not really recommending changes.

Planner Tom Mann said he concurred with McCoy.

"I think it is the county commission's place to have the public hearing, not us because we don't have any regulatory authority," Mann said. "If you want to know the truth, my gut reaction is they're going to take our letter and say thank you very much. And that's the last that will ever be heard of it. And so by us having a public hearing, we won't have accomplished anything."

The chair of the planning commission, Jennie Dorgan, said a public hearing would provide public disclosure and public input.

"I go back to the Montaraz Subdivision and the statement that it's never pertinent until it's in your face," Dorgan said. "We can have all these things about, 'OK, we're going to change this, we're going to change that.' They don't care until it's right there in their backyard."

Development of the high-end equestrian Montaraz Subdivision, above the community of Nogal, was discontinued in 2008, several years after the venture was approved.

Commissioner Nora Midkiff said she saw no "practical" reason for a public hearing.

"I think it's going to take four minutes or less. It's going to cover all of the issues that Jennie has brought up as far as public access and public disclosure and transparency. It's our job to meet those needs as best that we can. The best thing we can do is have the public hearing. There's not going to be anybody there. And we're going to say, 'Thank you. We're going to move on.' And we will have accomplished the transparency issue and it's not going to be that big of an intrusion for us."

Dorgan said the planning commissions have the right to hold a hearing.

"You say transparency," Mann said speaking to Dorgan. "I don't see where we've done anything other than to pass the advice along to the board of county commissioners."

But Dorgan responded that there have been changes recommended.

"Not really substantive," said Dunnum.

"That's not our decision whether it's substantive or not," Dorgan replied.

A motion for the planning commission to hold a public hearing failed on a three-three vote.

# Fort Stanton volunteer seeks homes for a dozen feral cats

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Homes for at least 12 feral, but adoptable cats that get along with humans, are needed on either a temporary or permanent basis as quickly as possible.

The cats that range from kittens to a 12-year-old are part of a colony at Fort Stanton State Monument being tended by Tonia Ashby.

"We don't want the public to get the misconception that we would force her to move out or would euthanize the cats," said Bennie Long with the Lincoln and Fort Stanton monuments. "But for anybody to have that many cats is not a healthy situation."

"We're not trying to bully her and we are not heartless. I even offered to help her try to find homes for them. I know she has been working with (veterinarian) Becky Washburn trying to get them neutered

and spayed."

Long said she told Ashby the current situation is unacceptable for state property, especially a monument visited frequently by tourists. "It's not clean and I asked her to get rid of them. I did not give her a deadline," Long said.

The state is not in the business of capturing or euthanizing feral animals, she said.

Ashby, who is recuperating from an operation and staying with her mother in Capitan temporarily, said she contacted Barbara Culler with Miracle Paws for Pets for help in finding placement as barn cats for the wilder members of the colony.

"My main concern was that I knew I wasn't able to handle this alone," Ashby said. "I've called some people and the community really is pulling together on this."

Born in El Paso, Ashby moved to Lincoln County in 2007 to help her parents, who first came to Corona 12

years ago. She stayed in the area after the death of her father. She worked at the fort in a rehabilitation program under the State Corrections Department until it shut down. She's a volunteer with the local fire department, the fort museum and the state monument, and she's a full-time student.

"I've never received complaints about the cats before," Ashby said. She's been working with Washburn to sterilize the cats and stop new births, but that's a tough job and her money is limited, she said. Washburn is trying to line up a grant to spay and neuter feral cats in the county, she said. The city of Ruidoso Downs and the Lincoln County Humane Society based in Ruidoso already have grants to try to control the feral cat populations in their areas.

To volunteer as a foster home or to adopt one of the feral cats, contact Ashby at 575-354-4607 or 973-3558.

# Black Friday

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# DOGS

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I want it known that the majority of my kennel was not underweight. The dogs were in treatment at the time of the seizure."

"They are very common diseases, particularly in this area," veterinarian Dr. Lane Dixon of the Franklin Veterinarian Clinic, said. "The parasites that cause them are found in the soil around here."

Dixon said the diseases are most common in small animals that are in high stress situations, like a kennel.

"They are very treatable with antibiotics," Dixon said of the ailments. "The best way to prevent them is to keep the animals area clean."

Dixon said even the cleanest kennels may have an outbreak of Giardia and Coccidiosis.

"I had been out of town on a seven-week contract and had left the kennel in the care of a full-time employee," Howcroft said. "This employee has a background as a veterinary technician and animal control officer for law enforcement and as specifically hired because of this background. I had every reason to believe she was capable of maintaining a clean, healthy and well-fed kennel. I was mistaken and as of Monday this person no longer works at the kennel."

The Belgian Malinois Howcroft breeds is popular among law enforcement K-9 units and the Doña Ana Sheriff's Department purchased a dog from Ruidoso Malinois last year, according to Doña Ana Sheriff's Department spokesperson Kelly Jameson.

Spear said that Ruidoso Malinois sold dogs all across the country through the website [www.ruidosomalinois.com](http://www.ruidosomalinois.com) and Spear said that he had talked to one customer outside the state that bought one of the infected dogs.

Other dogs were sold to law enforcement agencies that may not be aware their dogs are in danger. Those who have purchased a Belgian Malinois from Lincoln County are encouraged to have their dog seen by a veterinarian immediately, Jameson said.

"The dogs are being administered medication to clear up both illness, which is the normal medical procedure and what the kennel owner had been instructed to

do when the animals were first diagnosed in November," Spear said. "The public is not at any health risk and everyone handling the dogs is doing so in a safe manner."

Howcroft said she thought the situation was being handled at her kennel.

"When the infestation occurred I instructed this (former) employee to administer the prescribed medications, to rigorously clean and disinfect the kennel and to supplement feed with boiled ground beef," Howcroft said. "I was at the kennel one day a week and re-issued the instructions. I was shocked and distraught that in my absence this had spread in my kennel to the extent that it had, and, that the repercussions are so strong. Actions have been taken to resolve the situation."

Dona Ana County Sheriff's deputies who specialize in animal abuse cases assisted Spear with executing the search and seizure warrant issued by Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay.

"Those guys were a tremendous help," Spear said. "They really know their stuff."

"The case is being reviewed by Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman," Spear said. "Charges will be filed."

Spear said he and Zimmerman were discussing taking the case to a grand jury.

## Donations needed

In the meantime, Spear has 44 dogs to care for.

"We are keeping them on the same dog food to avoid further complications with their medical treatment," Spear said. "They are not being fed regular old dog food."

Spear said the dogs are being fed Exclusive Performance and the puppies are getting Exclusive Puppy food. Anyone wanting to help feed the dogs can purchase this brand at Lincoln County Mercantile in Capitan and Harvey's Feed and Supply in Ruidoso Downs said that store can order it.

Spear asked that anyone wishing to donate dog or puppy food should call the Capitan Police Department at 575-378-2153 first so an officer is there to receive the food.

"We don't want people just dropping it off outside where it can get rained on and ruined," Spear said,

Spear said the horse they seized at the kennel is being fed as part of its medical care, so horse feed is not needed.

# DOE-NATION



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Ruidoso BPO Does 152 member Benda Frost, left, and President Jean Proctor present Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca Director Tim Coughlin and board President Wade Proctor a check for \$1,000 at the Ruidoso School Horton Educational Complex Wednesday. The Does raised the money at their annual dinner and auction at the Elks Lodge. They also donated money to the Lincoln County Food Bank, Meals on Wheels and Santa's Helpers. "We have to thank all the merchants who helped us raise the money," Jean Proctor said. The Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca is, according to Coughlin, close to having enough money raised or pledged to apply for a charter. They plan to rent the Horton Education Complex for the Boys and Girls Club.

# FIRE

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fire originated on national forest land adjacent to the residence of Tom White on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso. The fire was so named because of the origination point, but White "is neither a subject nor a target of the federal investigation," Gonzales wrote. "The federal investigation has identified targets, and the investigation into those individuals continue. At this point, no decision has been made as to whether criminal charges will be filed ... and no decision will be made until the investigation is concluded."

He wrote that the lack of comment about the investigation should not be interpreted to mean the investigation has been abandoned: Due process and privacy rights of individuals his office is prohibited from discussing the specifics of any ongoing investigation, he wrote.

The widespread destruction of private and public property and the enormous financial costs associated with fighting wildfires, plus the emotional toll on those living in and around the scarred land prompted him to issue the statement in an effort, "to calm the widespread community speculation and unrest about the cause ... and to reassure the community that the investigation ... is moving forward."

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Bank provides Thanksgiving dinner for the Nest

For the past five years, Lisa McMinn of First Savings Bank has spearheaded a food drive for residents of the Nest.

Beginning in early November, McMinn posts donation jars and flyers around the bank to encourage bank customers to contribute to Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for the residents of the Nest.

On Tuesday, and to the delight of a nearly full house, McMinn delivered a hefty selection of Thanksgiving inspired groceries.

McMinn's decision to help the Nest came from a consensus of the bank employees.

"We thought collecting for the Nest would be the best dedication of our resources," said McMinn.

For those who would like to contribute to the Bank's continuing drive for the Nest's Christmas food drive, please drop off your donation at First Savings Bank at 2713 Sudderth Drive.

### Tour

The Nest recently conducted a tour of the domestic violence shelter for a large group of nursing professors and students from the University of Guanajuato in Celaya, Mexico.

Five nursing students and five psychology students as well as their instructors, traveled to Ruidoso in September to study humanism with Barbara Mader of the High Mesa Healing Center in Alto.

The tour was conducted by the some of the bilingual staff of the Nest Shelter Supervisor

Reyna Flores and Resident Advocates Miriam Moreno and Corina Montoya.

The afternoon was inspiring to the students, many of whom witness the after affects of domestic violence at their clinic.

"I was surprised to learn that domestic violence was a problem in the United States. I thought of it as being unique to Mexico," said psychology student Jose, who acknowledged that shelters "just don't exist in Mexico."

According to the touring students, domestic violence in Mexico is only addressed when a woman seeks emergency care for a significant injury.

Students spent time quizzing the Nest Staff on the kinds of resources they might connect their domestic violence victims with in Mexico.

"These dynamic young students are determined to make things happen for women in Mexico. Our shelter was especially attractive to them because it is run like a large family home, not an institution," Flores said.

The students left the Nest armed with a helping of outreach supplies, posters and anti-violence materials.

The Nest already serves as a model domestic violence facility for shelters across the United States.

Advocate Reyna Flores believes, "we have the potential to positively influence the evolution of domestic violence prevention and care in Mexico. We just ignited that flame with these Mexican advocates and they will carry



Reyna Flores, left, shelter supervisor at the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs, spoke to several nursing students from Mexico that visited the shelter.

that flame into their country."

### Business friends

When faulty construction led to water infiltration, and subsequently the growth of mold, in the administration offices at the Nest, Kathy Barnett rose the occasion to help.

HEAL Board Member Josie Powell contacted Kathy, owner of Barnett Carpets in Ruidoso, and she went to work on behalf of HEAL.

She was able to talk a tile manufacturer to donate new tile for the entire front office and send one of the company's best tile installers to lay the tile.

Barnett Carpets has long partnered with the Nest, hosting one of the first fundraisers to benefit the Nest Shelter. Thank you, Barnett Carpets, for all you do!

- From the Nest



Lisa McMinn of First Savings Bank proudly displays the future Thanksgiving dinner at the Nest.

## Growing risks for a growing population

Researchers, doctors confirm increased risk for strokes in Hispanic populations

Hispanics are particularly susceptible to stroke in the United States, and speech-language pathologists hoped to educate about stroke during the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's annual convention in San Diego last week.

Yet, according to ASHA member Lina Zeine and her co-presenter, Alatasi Clancy, their research also confirmed previous findings that Hispanics have poor awareness of stroke risk factors and warning signs.

"It is imperative that SLPs continue educational outreach on stroke literacy to help prevent

stroke and delays in medical treatment for this population," Zeine says. "Hispanics represent the largest and fastest growing minority population in the United States."

Zeine also explains that while stroke risk factors are the same for all populations, regardless of ethnicity, Hispanics have higher prevalence of hypertension, diabetes, alcohol use, and physical inactivity.

Additional barriers such as limited English proficiency, lower education level, lower socioeconomic status, lack of health insurance, lack of transportation, and limited access to health care

can lead to more strokes among the population.

The researchers discussed their findings at on Nov. 18, in Sails Pavilion at the San Diego Convention Center.

Their presentation is part of ASHA's Annual Convention, which began Nov. 17 at the San Diego Convention Center.

The Convention featured three days of workshops, paper sessions, poster presentations, and the Keynote Session offered by Jill Bolte Taylor, author of the best-selling book, "My Stroke of Insight."

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is the national

professional, scientific, and credentialing association, providing credentials for more than 145,000 audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists.

Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiologic treatment including hearing aids.

Speech-language pathologists identify, assess, and treat speech and language problems including swallowing disorders.

To find an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, visit [www.asha.org/findpro](http://www.asha.org/findpro).

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### Stroke information

The American Heart Association has identified several warning signs and risk factors for stroke.

#### Warning signs:

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body.
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding.
3. Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
5. Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

#### Risk factors:

1. Uncontrollable risk factors include age, gender, race/ethnic groups, family history, and prior stroke or heart attacks.
2. Stroke increases if a close family member, such as a parent or sibling, has had a stroke.
3. Prior stroke or heart attack increases the risk of having another.
4. Several risk factors that can be treated, modified, and controlled are high blood pressure, tobacco use, diabetes, heart disease, atrial fibrillation, transient ischemic attack, certain blood disorders, and high blood cholesterol.

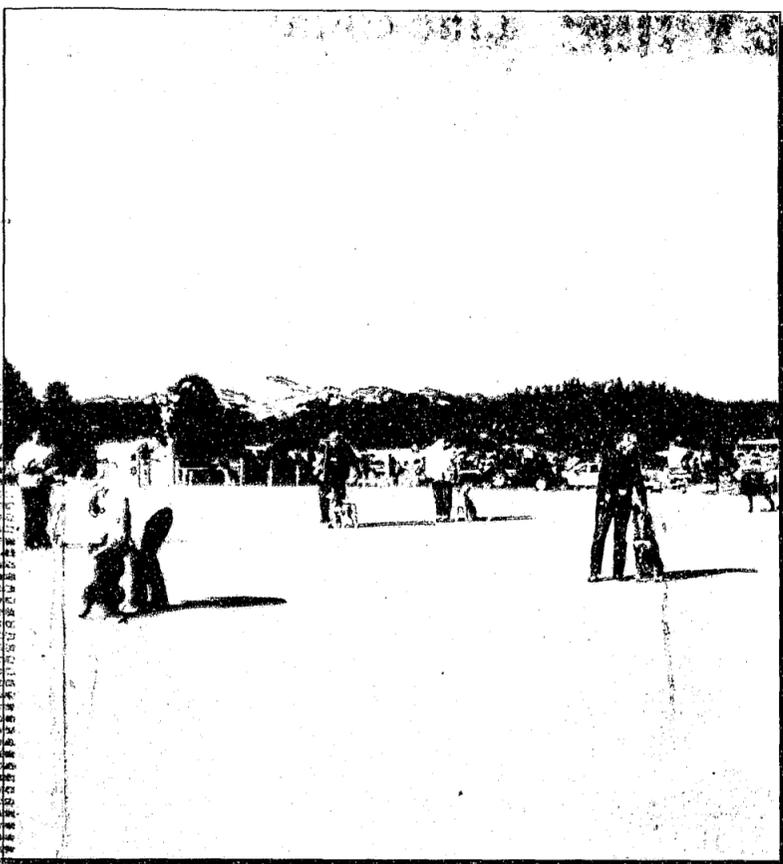
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Shelter dogs enjoy a day of training in the sun.

COURTESY

## Paws for 'Good Citizens'

As reported previously, the Humane Society of Lincoln County has been awarded a grant of \$127,000 to be used to spay and neuter feral cats.

The program will be administered by the Humane Society with the valuable support of local veterinarians.

All inquiries regarding this program should be directed to the Executive Director of the Humane Society, Margaret Lahey, who may be contacted by telephone at (575) 378-1039.

The Shelter requests that people interested in this program do not call veterinarians' offices, but instead direct all inquiries to Lahey.

The Resale Shop is in need of certain inventory items. There is strong demand for knick knacks and other gift items for

the holiday season.

The shop could also use more large items, such as appliances and furniture.

There is a box truck at the resale shot that will pick up any donations.

Call (575) 378-1040 to schedule a pick up of large items.

There is still a need for more volunteers in the Resale Shop, shelter, spay & neuter center and at off-site adoptions.

The inauguration of the Good Citizens' program was previously reported, which provides obedience training for shelter dogs.

The shelter is now in the third week of a six week course. Dogs who complete this training will receive the AKC's Good Citizens' certificate, indicating that they have learned to heel on a leash and obey basic commands such as sit, stay, lie down

and come.

The first graduating class will include the following dogs:

- Jackie
- Butler
- Chuy
- Jax
- Koda
- Mandy
- Monty
- Phoebe
- Rex

Brandi, who was adopted after her new owner followed her progress on the internet

These dogs are shown on adoptmpet.com.

If any of these dogs are adopted prior to graduating, they may stay in the program, assuming the new owner(s) participates in the program.

Questions about this program should be directed to Gail Hovius at (575) 808-0343.

- From the Humane Society of Lincoln County

## Theater ads target neighbors of previous performance-goers

### Spencer to expand its advertising to include Dallas, Fort Worth

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A different advertising approach for the Spencer Theater that would benefit Ruidoso is aimed at the neighbors of people who already have previously attended shows at the performing arts theater.

Representing the theater in a request for \$5,000 in lodgers tax money to expand a summer schedule brochure mailing, Brad Cooper told members of the village Lodgers Tax Committee last week that the approach amounts to fishing in a pond where he knows friendly fish already live.

"They call it psychographic," he said during a follow-up telephone interview Wednesday. "They are not necessarily people of same age, but they cluster around the same opinions and behavior and watch the same television shows."

The committee will recommend approval of granting the theater \$5,000 in lodgers tax money to the Village

**"They call it psychographic. They are not necessarily people of the same age, but they cluster around the same opinions and behavior and watch the same television shows."**

Brad Cooper  
Marketing director at the  
Spencer Theater

Council, which makes the final decision.

Normally, when auditing summer ticket sales for patron origin, Lincoln County accounts for about 26 percent followed by Roswell and then El Paso, Cooper said.

"But we saw starting about July 4 and beyond, that the number two buying market was Dallas-Fort Worth, and it shocked us," he said. "We were thinking we're going to take that ticket buying information and do a zip code audit to find exact zip code in Fort Worth with the idea that people

of like mind live next to each other. We're going to target the current buyers we have and buy their zip codes to expand the mailing list. The \$5,000 will be used to expand the printing run for that new market for the summer."

The theater did a similar mailing initiative in the Tucson, Ariz., area about four years ago, he said.

"We had some success, but they also flooded the box office with calls about where the heck is Ruidoso," Cooper said. "This time we'll do an ad for Ruidoso on the back with the summer activities so people will know the Spencer is there and we can draw from a very hot summer crowd."

Cooper told lodgers tax committee members that the advertising effort would target an economic class, "that ought to be here, but may not know about us."

Survey data also indicated that 20 percent of the theater patrons during the summer stayed at a hotel/motel and that 25 percent came to Ruidoso to attend a special event.

### TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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In accordance with the State of New Mexico Procurement Code, the Twelfth Judicial District Court (Lincoln and Otero Counties) is accepting proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to coordinate, supervise and to provide services for a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for FY2012. The annual contract amount will range from \$63K to \$70K. To receive a detailed copy of the proposal please contact Jan Perry, Court Executive Officer, at 575-434-7310, ext. 131. Proposals are due by noon (12:00 p.m.), Friday, December 9, 2011. All proposals shall be mailed to Jan Perry, Court Executive Officer, 12th Judicial District Court, 1000 New York Avenue, Room 209, Alamogordo, NM 88310.

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# Committee questions tax use

Walking path request draws questions from Lodgers Tax board

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Before deciding whether to spend \$50,000 of lodger's tax revenue for maintenance and repair of a public golf course walking path, Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee members want more information.

At a meeting last week, they asked that the mayor appoint a committee to better define authorized uses of lodgers tax "bucket" money and to suggest how safety issues can be handled on the walkway and at the municipal pool.

Lodgers Tax Committee Member Lynn Crawford made it official with a successful motion after Committee Chairman Cindi Clayton-Davis said she would like authorization before approving spending up to \$50,000 on walkway repairs.

Village Parks and Recreation Director Debbie Jo Almager presented several estimates for work on the three-mile path around The Links at Sierra Blanca Public Golf Course.

An asphalt overlay on the entire path would run about \$261,000, she said. Filling the cracks would push that figure up to \$300,000, but the surface should last 10 to 12 years, she said.

The village Street Department operates its own asphalt plant, but its

machines are too large and would require cutting down trees to work on the pathway, Almager told committee members.

The other two options were to spend about \$30,000 for a one-inch chip-seal surface on the path, but that would be rough and have a shorter life span, Almager said.

The third option, the one she advocated for action on that day, was to spend up to \$50,000 to repair and resurface six problems areas on the pathway, including a deep hole behind City Bank New Mexico.

"What is the plan for future maintenance?" Davis asked Almager. "I understand it is used by visitors and locals. Is it a Parks Department or a Street Department thing?"

Almager said the Parks and Recreation Department is financed through the village's General Fund and she submits a budget each year covering operation and maintenance. She also seeks grants and has come across some for walking trails.

"I just have to find the right agency to work with," she said.

Clayton-Davis asked if either department budgets money to accumulate for larger projects such as the path resurfacing. Almager said she can ask for the money, but it is up to the

**"Should we start getting out of debt?"**

Cindi Clayton-Davis  
Lodgers Tax Committee

Village Council to approve.

"We need at least 40-degree weather," to accomplish the repair, she said.

Judging the time it will take to secure council approval of using lodgers tax money, work probably would not begin until next spring, she said.

"Our only choice is bucket money, but I don't know (if a project like the pathway) was the original intent," Clayton-Davis said. Bucket money refers to dollars already committed to specific uses as they are collected annually, set aside and held in reserve. A portion of the lodgers tax bucket money pays the annual debt obligation to purchase Wingfield Special Events Park and to renovate the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"I love the Links path, but I hate to see the bucket money be nickled and dimed where there is a potential to do something spectacular," Clayton-Davis said. Crawford said he also like more information on the original intent of the set-aside money.

He noted that some bucket money is going

toward increased police presence at the motorcycle rallies and there has been discussion of needed repairs for the child's pool at the municipal swimming pool. The village was given a three-year extension on that requirement, and then another one-year, but at some point, state health officials will stop granting extensions, Almager said.

Clayton-Davis said she would like to know what people in the community want the money to be spent on, maintaining the town's infrastructure for tourists or developing something new. Maybe the bucket money should pay down the debt being carried in the annual lodgers tax budget, she said. About 20 percent of the budget is dedicated to the annual debt service for the park and the convention center.

"Should we start getting out of debt?" she asked. On the other hand, she attended the council meeting where complaints were aired about people tripping on the pathway and safety issues.

"If we build it, we have to maintain it," she said. "Do we consider that when doing projects?"

Crawford said several people approached him about tennis court repair. "Maybe we should put together an ad hoc committee to decide the intent," he said. "Then I would feel better knowing how to answer people."

Almager said the tennis courts were last resurfaced in 1995 and the expected life was seven years. "We're already double that," she said.

Clayton-Davis suggested that Almager compile a list of projects for which she may seek funding from lodgers tax, which generally is to be used to bring visitors into the village to stay overnight. That's why it is paid by owners of lodges, motels, hotels, cabins and recreational vehicle parks. The committee needs to "look at the whole picture," she said, new projects, safety issues, recreation repairs and paying off debt.

Almager said village councilors may already consider the pathway a safety issue, but the weather probably is too cold for repairs to begin before next spring.

# Line could transmit jobs to local economy

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A planned extra-high voltage transmission line system that could originate in northern Lincoln County would have some positive economic impacts in both Arizona and New Mexico, including Lincoln County.

An economic impact assessment of the SunZia Transmission Project concluded the construction of the two 500-kilovolt transmission lines and five electrical substations will create substantial job, salary and tax revenue benefits.

The study, done jointly by economists at the University of Arizona and New Mexico State University, analyzed two key areas of economic impact. One was the construction and operation of the lines and substations. The other looked into the construction and operation of renewable electric generation projects, such as wind and solar, that could develop as a result of SunZia.

The assessment looked at the 460 miles or more of transmission lines with three different scenarios involving the types and power capacities of lines. In south central New Mexico it also took into account different routes for the transmission corridor.

A so-called west route, going along the west side of the Rio Grande, would require just 15 miles of transmission line in Lincoln County. An east route, east of U.S. Highway 54, would need 63 miles of lines in Lincoln County. The difference in line construction employment and other labor effects would be 56 to 115 direct, indirect or induced local jobs created for the reduced amount of transmission lines in Lincoln County versus 272 to 546 jobs for the east route.

The construction of a substation near Corona would result in employment of 127 to 228, depending on whether the power capacity of the transmission lines was 1,500 megawatts, 3,000 MW or 4,500 MW.

Otero County would see as many as 811 jobs tied to building the transmission line if the east route was used. The west route would miss Otero County.

Between Arizona and New Mexico, the several hundred pages of analysis concluded that SunZia by itself would create an estimated 6,200-plus jobs during a four-year construction period and more than 120 permanent jobs during operation.

More significantly, the study said renewable energy projects to feed the system could create more than 36,000 jobs during construction and more than 480 permanent positions. They would include building solar photovoltaic, solar thermal, geothermal and wind generation facilities.

"Construction of the SunZia system alone generates considerable and quantifiable economic impacts," said the study's co-author, Anthony Popp of NMSU. "But what really propels the job and salary numbers are the wind and solar generation projects that SunZia enables."

With northern Lincoln County and much of neighboring Torrance County strong locations for the production wind power, SunZia believes wind farms will be built to connect to their transmission lines. If Lincoln County attracts the development of 500 MW of wind projects, the economic impact assessment stated there could be more than 1,675 construction jobs created in the county. Some 45 permanent positions could result from the wind projects.

"What we found most striking from the data we compiled was the positive economic effect SunZia would have on rural economies in Arizona and New Mexico, many of which are struggling with extremely high unemployment rates," said report co-author Alberta Charney of The University of Arizona.

The project also would mean revenues to local governments during construction. Lincoln County would be near the top of that list in New Mexico because of the Corona area substation. There also would be property taxes in future years.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the project is scheduled to be released by the Bureau of Land Management early next year.

On behalf of the Village of Ruidoso and the Military 365 committee, we would like to thank everyone that participated and sponsored our recent "R & R in Ruidoso" street party. The event was very successful, and fulfilled its mission of bringing our active and retired military personnel together with the people of Ruidoso for a day of music, food and fun.

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**DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS**

• Cody J. Landry, 22, appeared for imposition of sentence, having pleaded no contest Aug. 25 to non-residential burglary and criminal damage to property.

Judge Karen Parsons granted a conditional discharge and placed Landry on probation for three years.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Todd Holmes and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, the state dismissed charges of conspiracy to commit burglary, larceny of more than \$500.

Capitan Police Chief Randy Spear filed the criminal complaint against Landry Oct. 10, 2010, alleging that Landry and a Lincoln County business owner's daughter stole the cash drawer from the business on Sept. 14, 2010. The two were identified from a video surveillance tape.

• Seth Scott appeared Oct. 14 for a change of plea and sentencing on several cases. Scott pleaded no contest to charges of burglary, receiving stolen property, possession of a deadly weapon or explosive by a prisoner and possession of marijuana.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney S. Doug Jones and Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman, the state dismissed aggravated burglary, conspiracy to commit residential burglary, criminal damage to property of less than \$1,000, three charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, three charges of possession of marijuana, aggravated battery, conspiracy to commit aggravated battery and a charge of possession of contraband in a jail.

Scott was found to be a habitual offender with a prior conviction for conspiracy to commit automobile burglary in March 2009.

Judge Jerry Ritter sentenced Scott to 16 and a-half years in prison, suspended six and a-half years and ordered Scott to serve a mandatory two years on parole and five years of probation at the end of his prison term.

• Jesus Terrazas, 25, appeared Nov. 2 for a change of plea and pleaded no contest to receiving stolen property and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Zimmerman, the state dismissed charges of receiving stolen property (a firearm), contributing to the delinquency of a minor and negligent use of a deadly weapon.

Parsons placed Terrazas on two and one-half years supervised probation, ordered him to maintain a full-time job or full-time schooling.

Ruidoso Officer Tyrel Tyson filed the charges against Terrazas July 19, after responding to a report of shots fired in the Grindstone Lake area and meeting a pickup driving at a high rate of speed. The truck ran the stop sign at Resort Drive. Tyson found two juveniles and an open case of beer in the truck. Terrazas was in the back seat of the vehicle and authorized Tyson to search the vehicle for firearms. Tyson found an AR-15 rifle. Terrazas admitted firing a shot at Grindstone Lake. The weapon had been

reported stolen from a Ruidoso home.

• Thelma Castillo, 31, appeared Nov. 2 for a change of plea and sentencing. Castillo pleaded no contest to attempt to commit a felony, abandonment or abuse of a child and Driving while intoxicated

(DWI) (first offense) Parsons sentenced Castillo to twenty-one months in jail and \$300, suspended, probation for one year, eight months and fourteen days. Castillo was in jail from Nov. 8 through Nov. 23, 2010. New Mexico State Police

Officer Eric Marrujo arrested Castillo, of Midland, Texas, for DWI Nov. 8, 2010, on U.S. 70. Marrujo reported finding Castillo's two children, ages 18 months and three years in the car. Marrujo reported the children were dirty and their diapers were full and

hanging off them. Marrujo reported finding no food, bottles or sip cups in the vehicle for the children.

• Becky Smith, 44, appeared Nov. 16 for a petition for probation revocation.

Parsons revoked Smith's probation and ordered her

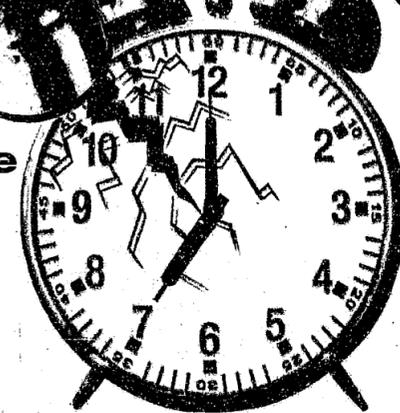
to serve the remainder of her sentence in the Department of Corrections.

Thompson filed the third petition for revocation on Sept. 23, stating that Smith tested positive for methamphetamine use Sept. 1 and admitted using methamphetamines.



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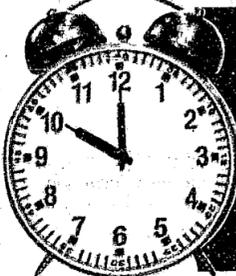
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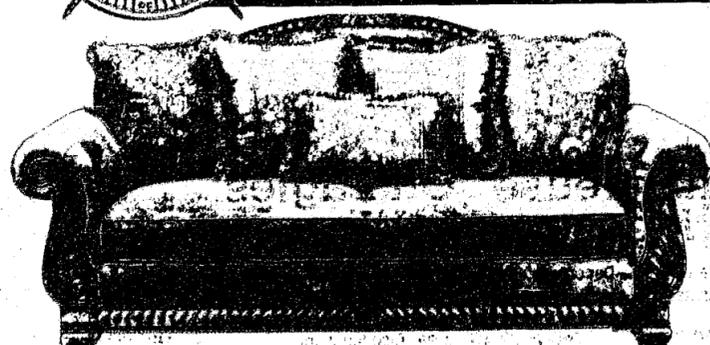
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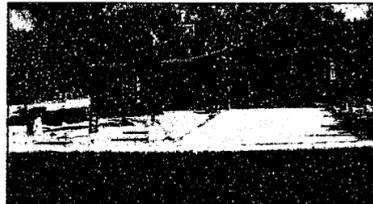
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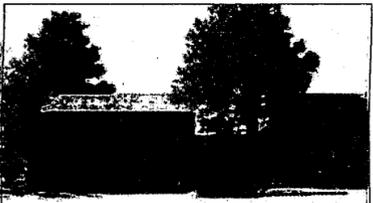
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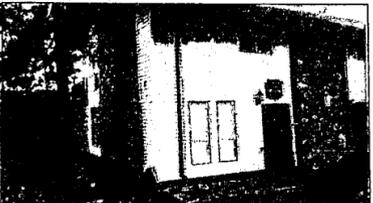
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## Results

**Boys Basketball**  
Tuesday, Nov. 22  
Ruidoso 66, Hatch 51

## On Deck

### 1st Annual Golf Open

Cree Meadows Country Club will hold the 1st Annual "Stuffed Like a Turkey" golf tournament at 10 a.m., Friday. It will be open to all four-person teams. The fees will be \$30 for guests and an \$8 entry fee plus cart. All players will play from the 150-yard marker and the normal tees on par 3's. One gross ball and one net ball will be counted from each hole. The handicap will be 50 percent of your normal handicap. Call the pro shop at 257-5815 for further info.

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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 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.

# Special Olympians strike gold

Ruidoso's own  
earn nine  
medals at Las  
Cruces event

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Nine Ruidoso athletes recently were awarded medals at the South Regional Bowling Tournament in Las Cruces Nov. 20, although the local contenders enjoyed their visit there, starting Nov. 18.

The state games were held at the Ten Pin Alley bowling lanes and all of the contenders were accompanied by their families, including siblings, coaches and well-wishers.

The Ruidoso team has participated in Special Olympics for 20 years, though not all of the current team has been involved for that time.

This year's Ruidoso contestants bowled from 9 a.m. until noon at the one-day Saturday event with afternoon sessions played out from 1 to 5 p.m.



All nine Special Olympics bowlers received medals at the Southern Regional state games in Las Cruces Nov. 20. Shown, front row, from left, Tasha Carpenter and Brandon Widener; middle row, Earnest Trujillo, Laura Voss and Isaiah Romero; back row, Simon Gomez, Keith Gomez, Tyler Shipp and Matthew Townsend.

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## Seeking Oscar Madison

"You ruined my wine."  
"Here's a dollar. Buy another three bottles."  
What does cheap wine, stained sweatshirts, used Volvos, fruit flies and an affinity for a hapless team, the New York Mets, have to do with each other? Please read on.

Nothing happens by accident. A few weeks ago my boyhood friend, Danny Anderson called me. We both retired together and he parlayed his police career, including his internal affairs experience, to Director of Internal Investigations of a Fortune 500 company.

After a few questions along the lines of what have you done lately, I responded.

"Well, I write a semi-regular, a weekly sports column."  
"I'll call you back in twenty minutes," Danny said. He called me back in exactly twenty minutes. He had read my last two articles online.

"What do you think, Danny?"  
"You're Oscar Madison."

My mind was reeling. My bubble had burst. As a kid I had always wanted to be Sean Connery's James Bond but I was strangely attracted to the T.V. show, "The Odd Couple," a show about two divorced men living together. Friends from childhood, Felix Unger, the neurotic, compulsive neat freak, always cleaning, moved in after his divorce with his childhood friend, Oscar Madison.

Madison, a sports writer, a sloppy unkempt middle-aged man who liked the N.Y. Mets, drank beer and cheap wine, ate hotdogs and played poker.

"Great article, but you are Oscar Madison. You have always been him with the stained sweatshirts, and hot dogs with mustard stains."

"C'mon Danny. Stop being so cruel."

"Okay, just to prove a point, I'll ask you a question that only Oscar Madison could answer."

"Go ahead."

"How many games did Tom Seaver win for the 1969 N.Y. Mets?"

"25-7" gushed out from my mouth like a baby in diapers having an accident.

"Billy, I got to go. The Donald is here."

I heard the click and started to stew.

I was thinking back to Danny's comment that I was always Oscar Madison. The revelation was completely new to me. It reminded me of the Jack Nicholson movie, "The Shining" when the butler told him he was always the caretaker of the Overlook Hotel and suddenly he realized he was a ghost.

I was thinking back to yesterday. I got a call from another friend that told me that my old partner in Internal Affairs, Sergeant Sam Adamsky had cancer.

Sam and I spent two years locked together in a small office. He was 6'1 and a buck forty dripping wet, and I was 200 lbs. I was bench pressing three hundred pounds and he was running five miles on the treadmill on our lunch hour. He did jumping jacks and he told me he steered clear of weights because he, "didn't want to bulk up."

During my second week in Internal Affairs, I had poured spent coffee down the office sink's drain. Minutes later, he was hovering over me with a sponge and Clorox.

"The coffee draws fruit flies. Please clean it up," Sam said.

It was the first real conversation we had. It got better in the months ahead.

"Bill, is this bacon grease on my report?"

"No, Sam. It's grease from my hamburger."

"I don't care where the grease came from, it had the Captain's signature and he is away on vacation."

"Give it to me and I'll sign it for you."

"Don't come near me."

Then there was a case we had of the first steroid firing in N.Y.P.D. history. We had grabbed a 6 foot 7, 300-lb body-builder cop for beating up his girlfriend and we were in the process of taking hair samples to test for steroids via a hair analysis. Unfortunately, the cop had shaved every bit of hair off his head and entire body, well, almost his entire body.

My Captain gave me a tweezers and scissors.

"Captain, I'm not sure I'm experienced enough to do this."

Sam has more experience with hair testing than I do."

Seeing Sam on his knees taking hair samples with a tweezer in one hand and a scissors in the other from a hulking, enraged figure is indelibly etched in my mind.

I remember a day when we got a call out to respond to a cop-involved shooting. I grabbed my suit out of the closet and I was shocked when the pants only went up to my lower thigh. I realized they were Sam's, who had at most-a twenty-nine inch waist.

I remember him buying a used Volvo for \$17,000. He spent months researching Consumer Reports for the safest vehicle for his young kids where I spent at most, one hour, buying a mini-van for my wife and young son.

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# A RUIDOSO RESIDENT'S SUMMER VACATION



Longtime Ruidoso resident Dallas Draper is shown on his first ocean fishing expedition in Mazatlan, Mexico, on June 20. He caught 15 Dorado (Mahi Mahi) of 15 to 30 pounds each.

## STATE

FROM PAGE 1B

It was estimated, 300 to 400 athletes took part in the games.

Head coach Sylvia Trujillo and assistant coach Paula Voss saw their charges surmount their adversities and realize individual accomplishment.

Trujillo has been the head coach for the past five years and was the assistant prior to that for 15 years. Voss has been involved with Special Olympics for 10 years.

"Most of the Ruidoso bowling group has been together for at least eight years," Voss said. "The families saved all year so we could attend the area games in Roswell and the state games in Las Cruces.

The community of Ruidoso has been supportive of our needs and we appreciate those efforts.

"Because of those efforts — from the families involved, as well as the community — our athletes got to appreciate the joys of playing the sport and socializing together. They played for the thrill of bowling and had a ball. All in the group love to swim, and in their non-bowling hours

they spent time in the motel pool playing volleyball."

Of the nine gold medal-winning athletes were Tasha Carpenter (age, 25), Brandon Widener (27), Isaiah Romero (19) and Simon Gomez (30). Awarded silver medals were Ernest Trujillo (27), Keith Gomez (17) and Tyler Shipp (22).

Earning bronze medals were Lura Voss (26) and

Matthew Townsend (29).

Most of the athletes attended RHS, with the exception of Keith Gomez who currently is a senior there and Brandon Widener, who graduated from the Alamogordo School for the Blind and Hearing Impaired.

Tentatively, the Ruidoso team will be together again next year and take part in the area games in Roswell and the South Regional

state games in Las Cruces. The latter event is always scheduled the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The Ruidoso Special Olympics team needs continuing support from the local community. Area businesses could aid this worthwhile effort by allowing the placement of collection jars in their establishments. It is a low-labor intensive method to help a great cause.

## FRIEND

FROM PAGE 1B

He was on the phone daily with his wife, and after having the car, which was several years older than my newer mini-van, he realized that all his tires were bald which cost him another thousand dollars.

It was gag after gag. He always took the bait. On one occasion I had a friend change my pension statement. I had left it on my desk and by the time I came to work, Sam was on

the phone with his wife Connie. There was a large calculator on the desk and a yellow writing pad. There were carefully written pencil marks denoting his Catholic school education, all perfectly lined up additions and subtractions.

"Connie, Bill's here. I got to go."

"How does your pension statement show \$42,000 more than mine? It doesn't make sense."

"I must have worked harder," I said trying to control the laughter.

He spent the morning and afternoon talking to

over twenty other Internal Affairs officers. He gave up and curled up into the fetal position at his desk later in the day when he realized that everyone, even the lowly detectives had more in their pension they he did. There were ten of us in the office as we watched him hyperventilating when we finally told him the truth. He finally responded:

"Okay guys. Good one. You got me."

A few minutes later, he was on the phone telling his wife not to worry. It was only a gag.

Sam used to do guided

meditations in the morning after eating his vitamins and granola cereal. He was the only cop I knew that got regular facials and manicures, well, who at least admitted it.

In the two years we worked together we realized that while we were different we had much in common. We were regulars at N.Y. Met's games in 1999 watching our team come in second with Mike Piazza behind the plate.

Sam was easy going and laughing, except when he sat in the seat where I inadvertently spilled mustard

from my dog or spilled a beer on his Nautica jacket. To be frank, it was embarrassing to see him at Shea with his white-hooded parka looking like Nanook of the North while everybody else just sat there wearing a hoody.

We worked the Millennium New Year's Eve going around New York City and raiding precincts to ensure they were not drinking. We sat in our office drinking the confiscated brew at 4 a.m. when we realized the world was not coming to an end.

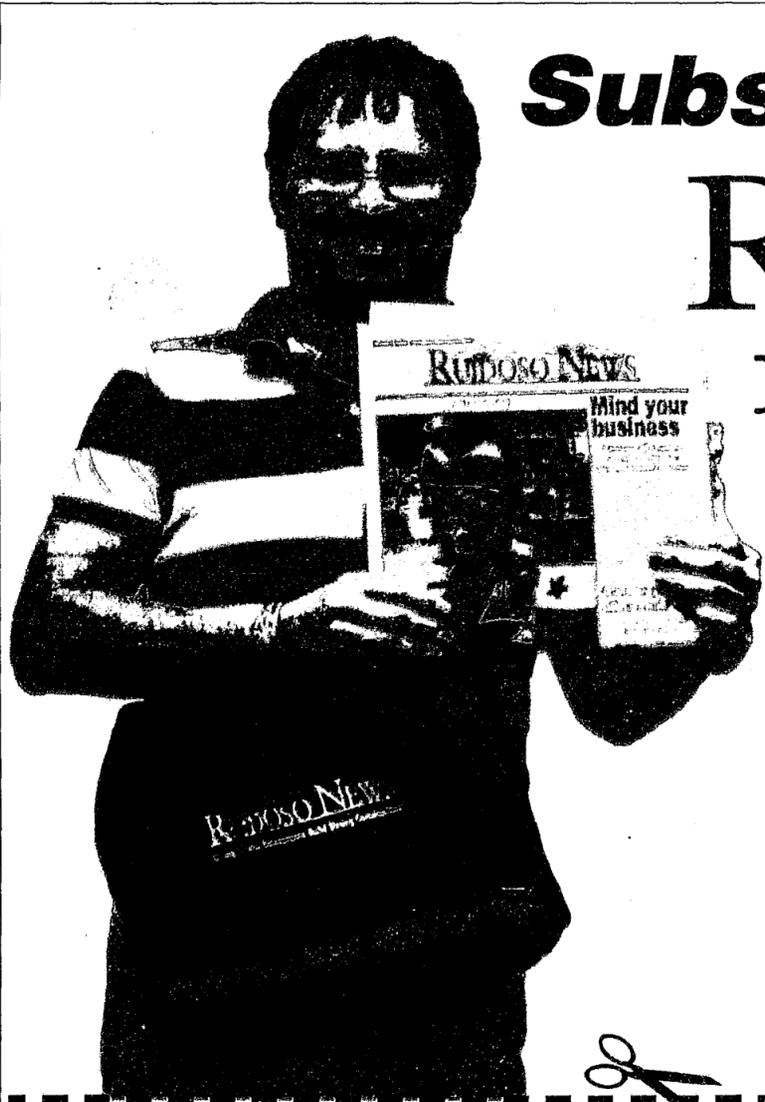
Art imitates life. I guess

at the middle-century mark I am Oscar Madison and Sam, my polar opposite, Felix Unger to my Oscar, call it yin to my yang, my neat fastidious, finicky, methodical, proper, regular, tidy, trim friend markedly contrasted to the disorder, messed up, train-wreck, slovenly unkempt person, who I truly am.

"You ruined my wine," Oscar Madison said.

"Here's a dollar. Buy another three bottles," Felix Unger said.

This is dedicated to Sam. I pray for your recovery, my old friend.



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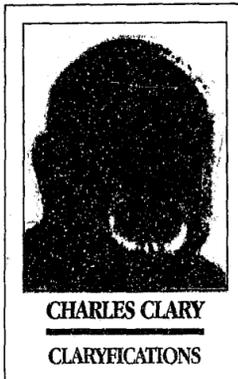
Three days ago I went to the Tarrant County Jail to visit a great grandson who made a very bad choice and now must take responsibility for it. At eighteen years of age, he decided, with some "not so wise" friends to pull off an armed robbery. He is the son of an adopted grand daughter of an adopted daughter. Born out of wedlock, he did not get the best start in life.

However, his nuclear family has made strides to get things going in the right direction. It appears that he will get to spend the next four years in prison. He is very repentant. I hope that it is because he realizes that he made a stupid mistake that will cost him time and a bad blemish on his reputation. By the way, jailhouse repen-

tance is not always real. I am not a lawyer, but a felony costs a person in many ways.

He could blame the situation on two buddies who were involved in the breaking of the law, but in reality, he made the choice to participate. As I visited him, I could tell that he was sorry. I really think he was sorry for what he had done, but sometimes, a person is sorry they were caught rather than being sorry for doing wrong.

I tried to help him understand that there are two kinds of learners of life's hard lessons...those who learn easy and those who learn hard. As a professional educator for twelve years and a pastor for



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forty-one, I have seen both kinds. Those who learn easy have a tendency to learn and forget. Those who learn hard, never forget the pain, loss, and lesson.

It is my prayer for him that this will be a learning experience that he will never forget. I will encourage him in making a change in the way he looks at his life and his decisions, I didn't and won't preach at him. But, I do want him to understand that this is not the end of the world for him.

He is entering a new phase in his life and he can make the best of it, or continue with a poor me attitude.

I'll be writing him and reminding him that only Jesus can give him help for today and hope for tomorrow.

## Thankful for Thanksgiving

**T**he secular holidays of America are a mixed bag for me. I like some of them. I dislike most of them. And I love one of them beyond words.

I like Veteran's Day because it reminds me of the noble sacrifice of Americans who have served and even died to make us free. Sadly, it's mostly celebrated as an occasion to buy washing machines on sale.

I like July 4th because the founding of America is for me an event in which secular history and the sacred cause of freedom came together to change the world. However, the holiday has become mostly an occasion to watch fireworks and eat hot dogs.

I like Halloween, because even though it is about witches and demons, it's good for kids to have at least one day each year when they can eat lots of candy without getting yelled at by parents who'd rather they eat celery.

Valentine's Day is nice, but choosing just one day to express your love and buy chocolate and flowers isn't enough for a hopeless romantic like me.

I like Christmas, but I admire it as a profound Christian holiday, not just a secular occasion whose main ritual is maxing out our credit cards.

Easter has also been stolen from Christians by secularists seeking to find not the risen Christ but some hidden candy eggs.

Above all, I love Thanksgiving. It's the perfect mix of the highest spiritual value,

which is gratitude, with the uniquely American secular joyousness of parades and family gathered around a feast, with the obligatory football game and falling asleep on the couch thrown in for good measure. Every year, my Thanksgiving column includes my own quirky list of insufficiently appreciated things for which I am deeply thankful.

Please write to me to add your items to my thankfulness list:

1. I'm thankful for baseball. Even though my teams (Mets and Brewers) and the team of my friends (Yankees) didn't make it to the World Series this year, we were all treated to an amazing climax to the baseball season. Game six was the greatest game I ever saw and it reminded me of why I love baseball.

Baseball is the game that's most like life because in baseball, as in life, mostly nothing happens. Then, suddenly, something happens and you have to be ready.

If you're not ready, you have to live with your failure, but you can always hope that later in the game you can make up for it. Like life, in baseball there's no clock. You know the game will eventually end, and you know your life will eventually end. You just don't know, and cannot know, precisely when the end will come.

I'm thankful that this year at least we saw the greatness of the game on full and breathtaking display.

2. I'm thankful for the Arab Spring. There's way too much suspicion and ill will directed against our Muslim brothers and sisters. I would beg everyone to remember that most Muslims are not terrorists. Muslims in America enjoy freedom and love our country.

They also want freedom for Muslim nations ruled for so long by ruthless dictators. I'm so very thankful that the Muslim uprising for freedom is now fully underway. Yes, it could all end in new theocratic dictatorships and I'm not naive about the presence of evil-doers masquerading as freedom fighters, but my prayers and hopes are with those seeking freedom.

My people were slaves in Egypt 3,200 years ago. May the Egyptian house of bondage be torn down once again, along with every house of bondage in every part of our broken world. The greatest thing for which we can and must be thankful remains freedom.

3. I'm thankful for the tree guys. After the hurricane and the October storm here in the Northeast, the tree guys were out there almost immediately with the electrical repairmen and the emergency rescue

folks and the firemen and policemen and utility workers. They risked life and limb to clear debris, restore power and save lives. For those of us who were home playing Scrabble by candlelight, their sacrifices were often overlooked as we grieved to our selfish, uninformed gripes that the electricity failed to come back on in time to watch the "Real Housewives of Whatever."

Our expectations bear little relationship to the complexities of our infrastructure. We think power is invulnerable to nature. We think our garbage magically disappears. We think our food grows in plastic trays. So this Thanksgiving, I'm thankful to the people who make our complicated, wasteful, power-greedy lives work so well most days that nature seldom has a chance to remind us we are only very small animals.

4. I'm thankful for all the volunteers serving in soup kitchens. A wonderful and largely unreported tradition has become part of many Thanksgiving rituals. Hundreds of families take time from stuffing themselves to help cook and serve a Thanksgiving meal to those in need.

Some of these families also volunteer on days other than Thanksgiving. It's nice to know that instinctive, unselfish kindness and compassion are part of our culture every bit as much as the selfishness and cruelty that get so much press. The best dish you can serve your family is a double helping of soup for a hungry family.

Happy Thanksgiving!



**MARC GELLMAN**  
THE GOD SQUAD

## Christ already gave you a ticket to Heaven

**Q**: All my life I've been told that if I just try hard enough then I'll make it to heaven. But how can I know if I've been good enough? I'm too old now to do much more. - Mrs. R.D.

**A**: I've never met anyone who was truly convinced they were good enough to go to heaven; even if they thought they'd been very good, the doubt still lingered that they might not have been good enough.

And they feel this way for a very good reason: None of us will ever be good enough to go to heaven on our own! You see, God's standard is nothing less than perfection - and none of us is perfect. God is absolutely pure and holy, and even one sin - just one - would be enough to banish you from His presence. The Bible says, "Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it" (James 2:10).

Does this mean no one can ever be saved and go to heaven? Absolutely not! God has provided another way for us to be forgiven and cleansed of our sins - and that way is Christ. He was perfect and without sin - but on the cross, all our sins were transferred to Him, and He took the judgment we deserve. And when we put our faith and trust in Him, God forgives us and gives us the gift of eternal life.

Don't depend on yourself any longer. Instead, turn to Jesus Christ and by a simple prayer of faith ask Him to come into your life and save you - and He will. Jesus' promise is for you: "Everyone who looks to the Son and

believes in him shall have eternal life" (John 6:40).

**Q**: I don't believe in talking with others about religion. They have their own beliefs, and anyway, my life is enough of a witness to my faith. I don't think we should intrude on other people's privacy by trying to convert them to our beliefs. - T.C.

**A**: Let me ask you a question: If you discovered a cure for cancer, would you keep quiet about it? Would you hope that by observing your life people would somehow conclude a cure for cancer existed? No, of course not. If you knew of a cure for cancer, you'd do all you could to tell others about it. To do anything less would be selfish and cruel.

The human race, however, has a disease far more serious than cancer. It's a spiritual disease called sin. We all have it, and it touches everything we do, keeping us from doing right and making us do wrong. It also cuts us off from God, both now and forever. Never underestimate the terrible effects of sin! The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

But the Bible tells us something that's even more important: God has provided a cure for sin - and that cure is Jesus Christ. He came into the world for one reason: To make it possible for us to be cleansed of our sins and have a new life by His Spirit. The Bible's words are true: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

I pray you'll discover this truth by turning to Christ and giving your life to Him. And when you do, you'll want to share Him with others - because the Gospel is the best

news anyone will ever hear.

**Q**: I fell several months ago and now am in a nursing home. I've always been healthy and never thought I'd end up like this. I try not to be angry at God, but sometimes I am. What advice would you give me? - F. McF.

**A**: Whoever first said it was right: Old age isn't for sissies. No matter who we are or how healthy we've been, if we live long enough the infirmities of old age will catch up with us.

That's why the best time to prepare for old age is before it arrives, not after it overwhelms us. And the best preparation isn't just saving enough money or having good medical insurance (helpful as these may be).

Instead, the most important thing we can do to prepare for our latter years is to build our lives right now on a solid spiritual foundation - a foundation that only comes from faith in God, and faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

If you have never put your life into His hands, I urge you to do so today. The Bible says, "Remember your Creator... before the days of trouble come" (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Instead of being angry at God, learn to thank Him that He still loves you, and He is with you every moment of the day. God's promise is for you: "Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you" (Isaiah 46:4).

In addition, ask God to show you ways to serve Him right where you are. Pray regularly for those around you, and encourage them both by your friendship and your words, as you point them to the hope we can have of heaven because of Jesus Christ.



**BILLY GRAHAM**  
MY ANSWER

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## Capitan Clinic offers new facilities, functions

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Following the opening ceremonies on Nov. 17, the Capitan Clinic has only recently opened its doors, with some of its newest services coming at no cost to Lincoln County residents.

Citing the need for updated, modern health-care in Capitan, local and county officials worked to create the \$950,000 facility, which was paid for by a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant and county funds, including funds from a mill levy and a portion of the rent for the Lincoln County Medical Center.

"Lincoln County Medical Center is extremely grateful to the county of Lincoln and Capitan for their shared vision of modernizing healthcare," said Brad Treptow, public relations manager for LCMC. "It's something that adds to the quality of life."

Treptow said that, in addition to modernizing the facility, it had expanded, expanding to three exam rooms instead of two and a treatment room with easy access for an ambulance.

"I think the community is growing, so they're build-

ing up the practice," said Suzanne Carden, a clinical nurse specialist at the clinic, adding that the clinic would serve as primary preventative care for Capitan, providing immunizations, wellness checks, and physicals to residents.

And for residents with ongoing health concerns, Carden said they would no longer have to drive to Ruidoso for lab services. Instead, the clinic will work with residents to have collections done in Capitan, and then delivered to Ruidoso.

Carden said that patients with more serious injuries or ailments, such as broken bones or heart problems, still would be sent to the LCMC.

### New program

The Lincoln County Community Assistance Program, which has just begun this month, also will come to the clinic, providing free behavioral health care to county residents.

LCMC Administrator Al Sontos proposed the program and has worked with similar initiatives designed to boost efficiency and morale.

"We may struggle with some anxiety or stress,

work can get pretty hard. If they're parents with kids in school, that can get really hard. Financial trouble or maybe the loss of a job or income, that can be really difficult," Treptow said. "And rather than mounting up over time and becoming an issue that ultimately requires somebody to come to an emergency room for an acute care episode, this service provides 24-hour care through a hotline."

Working as a complement to the currently existing Heritage Program, which provides behavioral care for adults 55 and older, the assistance program will provide preventative and short-term, solution-focused services to all Lincoln County residents, Treptow said.

And while the hotline will be available 24/7, the personal, one-on-one care will come from Misty McArthur, the primary caregiver for the program.

McArthur, who has more than 24 years of experience in healthcare, said that in addition to her training and experience as a behavioral healthcare and wellness therapist, she also has specialized training in community wellness,



Jessica Herbert, left, and Suzanne Carden will be some of the friendly faces providing Capitan with up-to-date medical care at the newly opened facility.

rural healthcare, and chronic stress prevention — all of which would aid her in helping area residents.

"This program is really about assisting individuals with obtaining and enhancing quality of life," McArthur said. "Many of the clients just need to know where the resources are, and there are a lot of them in Lincoln County."

McArthur also was recognized by the New Mexico Department of Health in

2006 for "outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of the people of Roswell."

But McArthur's role in the care is not a permanent one, she said. Patients making use of the program's resources will receive an assessment and intervention or short-term care.

A patient may schedule up to five free sessions with McArthur, before she gives them a referral to long-term therapy, if needed.

McArthur said the hotline was perhaps the greatest resource of the program, as it would be there when it was truly needed by residents.

McArthur will be in Capitan on Thursday, Carrizozo on Wednesday, and in Ruidoso on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

Residents in need of immediate care, or to schedule an appointment with McArthur, may contact the hotline at (800) 888-3689 at any time.

## Volunteers sew for sick children

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Lincoln County seamstresses gathered at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Friday, Nov. 18 to do their part in helping out some sick kids.

"I heard about this program online and decided it would be something good to do," Raquel Rivera-Bertrand said on Friday. "The program is called ConKerr Cancer and it involves making pillow cases for kids that are being treated for can-

cer."

Rivera-Bertrand said the pillow cases the ladies assembled Friday and in the next couple of monthly sessions would be taken to Corrales to be sent on to the ConKerr Cancer project.

Martha's Fabrics in Ruidoso donated 24-yards of material to the project and the Walmart Supercenter in Ruidoso Downs donated a \$100 gift card for the group to buy sewing materials for the project.

Rivera-Bertrand said that if any-

one wanted to donate material for the project, it needs to be 100-percent cotton fabric.

Rivera-Bertrand can be contacted via email at the4ranchchicks@yahoo.com.

"We are going to sew for this project for a couple of months and see what kind of interest we get," Rivera-Bertrand said. "Then I would like to see about us doing a sewing project for the kids at The Nest."

The Nest is the Lincoln County Domestic Violence shelter.



Janet Taylor sews a pillow case at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds on Nov. 18 for the ConKerr Cancer project.

## The West of my imagination

"Whatever it was Lucy longed for, whatever was whispered by the wind and written in the mystery of the waste of sage and stone, she wanted it to happen there at Bostil's Ford. The desert and her life seem as one, yet in what did they resemble each other — in what of this scene could she read the nature of her future."

This particular Zane Grey classic novel was a bestseller in 1917 and has been in demand ever since. The timeless story of Wildfire, a magnificent temperamental stallion with fierce speed, is a story set in a West that framed the imaginations of youth and adults alike.

Everyone wanted to claim this untamable horse and was willing to do the unthinkable to capture him. This gave the plot all the elements of evil, villains and heroes that made the story powerful, exciting and one of Grey's masterpieces.

As I raced through the mountain meadows of my childhood home aboard the "Wildfire" of my life, I could be Lucy in the middle of some imagined adventure. I could be lost in the mountains, surrounded by nature's splendor with only my horse for a hero.

These journeys into a world created by my mind were part reality, part day dreams. They were nurtured by the summers that seemed to go on forever, filled with hours upon hours of reading.

Books — that medium that took me away from the remoteness and isolation of my life as it budded into teen hood and sought answers to life beyond the present. And yet my preference in genre was that which fed into the life I already lived.

I spent every hour with Flicka through all three volumes of Mary O'Hara's books. It was me "in" the book every time I picked it up to devour more of the story.

Walter Farley's bestselling "Black Stallion" series

with the magnificent horse and his young owner, Alec Ramsay, ramped up my imagination and took me to places in the world I could only see through the words on the pages.



JULIE CARTER  
*Cougart Seas  
& Savvy*

And in reality, every horse I rode had the potential for that adoring, loyal relationship. When I read the words, I felt the emotions, heard the sounds, and recognized the smells of a sweating horse after a long run or felt the soft blow of his breath as he snorted a greeting.

I don't have any idea what it was like for a kid living in the suburbs of a city or a fourth-floor apartment to read the same books that I read. Perhaps his imagination allowed him the same escape to the West without living in it, but I know mine had a Technicolor that only reality could enhance. I lived where others read about.

Today, when I read those kinds of stories, they return me to those same settings where now my imagination meets memory.

The sun as it sets behind a red sandy bluff, the smell of a juniper wood campfire, the sounds of a gurgling stream, the rustle of leaves in a stand of Aspens — written in one world by the author, providing instant mental transportation for me back to my world.



There, I can still hear the sounds of my horse picking his way down a rocky trail, the sounds of iron shoes clacking against the stones and the creak of the leather in the saddle as it strains against the back muscles of the animal beneath it.

Zane, Walter and Mary and I have a whole lot more in common than I realized those many years ago, and it all began with the West of my imagination.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarternm@live.com.

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# Beyond Smart

**Enough with brains. It's time for a phone with brawn. Here's your guide to the best smartphones that pack ultra-quick processors, responsive memory and amazingly strong battery lives**

It used to be that a smartphone was just that - smart. When we weren't making or taking calls, we could check the score on a web browser or fire off a couple quick emails, maybe look up directions on a map. Then came apps. And games. And multitasking. And soon we were asking our phones to do a lot more for us than they were really equipped to do. Now that's all changed.

As high-speed 4G data networks have taken to the air, they've ushered in a new era of beefed-up, super-fast smartphones that are loaded with enough power and features to make the era of lamenting our phones a ghost of Christmas past.

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### Motorola Atrix

The Atrix (\$99) packs a Firefox browser with Adobe Flash support for a desktop-worthy browsing experience in a smartphone. It comes equipped with a dual-core 1 GHz processor and 1GB of RAM. Plug the Atrix into the Motorola LapDock (\$299, sold separately) to tap into a full Firefox 4.0 browser, keyboard and trackpad on an 11.6-inch screen, for true mobile multitasking. It can snap 5-MP stills and record 720p high-def video, and with AT&T's U-Verse, the Atrix can download live and on-demand TV over AT&T's 4G network right to its 4-inch, 540 x 960 qHD display. Running the Android 2.3 Gingerbread operating system, the Atrix is uber-customizable; home-screen widgets can be moved and resized to personalize the panels. The battery offers up to 540 minutes of talk time and can last on standby for up to 350 hours - not that they'd ever let it just sit there.

\$99 with two-year contract, AT&T

Motorola Atrix

### Motorola Droid Bionic

What's the point of recording high-def video if you're not going to watch it on an HDTV? That's something the Droid Bionic (\$299) doesn't need to worry about. It captures full 1080p HD video and displays it on an HDTV via HDMI Mirror mode. The Bionic packs a 1 GHz dual-core processor and a full 1GB of RAM, so apps launch quickly and multitask even quicker. With Verizon's 4G LTE, browsing and emailing are up to 10x faster than 3G networks. The Bionic, which runs Android 2.3 Gingerbread, features a 540 x 960 qHD picture on its mammoth 4.3-inch display and has 16GB of built-in memory. Like the Atrix, the Droid Bionic is compatible with Motorola's LapDock (\$299) for 4G power in laptop form.

Its bionic battery provides up to 650 minutes of talk time and can sit on standby for up to 200 hours.

\$299 with two-year contract, Verizon Wireless

### Samsung Galaxy S II Epic 4G Touch

A dual-core 1 GHz processor is what you'll find in most front-of-pack smartphones - tablets, too. But Samsung's new Galaxy S II Epic 4G Touch (\$199) is packing a 1.2 GHz dual-core, and with a full gig of RAM and an enormous 4.52-inch Super AMOLED display, there's both plenty of power and real estate to browse, game, video chat or stream movies on Sprint's 4G network. The Galaxy S Epic II runs Android 2.3 Gingerbread for access to all their favorite Google apps, and entertainment options abound with access to the Samsung Media Hub. The battery packs a talk time of more than 8 hours.

\$199 with two-year contract, Sprint



Samsung Galaxy S

### HTC Sensation 4G

Big, bold, fast - that's the HTC Sensation 4G (\$199). It has a 4.3-inch, 540 x 960 qHD display, records 1080p high-def video and blazes across T-Mobile's 4G network with a lightning-quick 1.2 GHz dual-core processor. It features 768MB of RAM and has an 8MB memory card included for storing HD videos or photos shot with the 8-MP camera. The phone runs on Android 2.3 Gingerbread and features the new HTC Sense 3.0 experience, which offers new features and enhancements, including a customizable lock screen. The Sensation 4G has up to 8 hours of talk time and can sit on standby for up to three weeks.

\$199 with two-year contract, T-Mobile

### Nexus S 4G from Google

Sure, Android phones abound these days, but the Nexus S 4G (\$99), Google's latest flagship phone, is the first to feature Google Wallet. As the name implies, it turns your phone into a virtual wallet: After a credit card is synced up to the phone, all shoppers need to do is launch the app, tap the near-field communications sensor (such as PayPass), the money is sent - no swiping, no cash. But the Nexus S does more than just aim to make wallets obsolete. It features a 4-inch, 480 x 800 Super AMOLED display at 226ppi for ultra-crisp images up to 1.5 times higher than traditional LCD screens, and it snaps 5-MP photos. Inside, it has a 1 GHz processor and 512MB of RAM. It runs Android 2.3 Gingerbread and has up to 6 hours of talk time.

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# Ready To Go *Home*?

By Lindsey Romain  
CTW Features

Retro style is in, and kids can't get enough of it, from cutting-edge clothing and accessories that recall the classics to thrift-shop home goods straight from grandma's attic.

A quest for individuality in a homogenized world is behind the vintage juggernaut, say trend watchers. So is a treacherous economy.

"I think the resurgence started with kids rummaging through thrift stores," says Bonnie VanKeersblick of Blue Flower Vintage, an online shop run through Etsy that specializes in vintage items. "Old movies help fuel the trend, and then the economic downturn and people wanting to be green justified it."

Stephanie Press, who runs the online store Hold Vintage, says the same.

"I believe there is a desire to escape from mass manufacturing to things that are unique," she says. "The fashion industry has caught on to this and are making efforts to include vintage in their styling and editorials."

Whether you're shopping for a curious teen or a nostalgic grown-up, having an eye for the old this season will come in handy. Retro-themed products make for great gifts and fun shopping.

**For Him**

Thank Don Draper from AMC's popular series "Mad Men" for the resurgence in dapper formal wear for men. Draper's crisp suits and affinity for good whiskey ignited craving for both. Men looking for fashion inspiration will enjoy "Icons of Men's Style" by Josh Sims (Laurence King Publishers, 2011), a guide to iconic menswear. The British fashion writer chronicles prominent garments of the past and the men who made them notable, including stars like Gregory Peck and classic characters like James Bond.

Another way to bring a retro edge to men's formalwear is with pocket squares.

"[Pocket squares] are understated but stylish and not too far out of a guy's comfort zone," says Press. "You can go utilitarian with cotton or bold and bright in silk." Club Room, a Macy's clothing brand, sells pocket squares in everything from paisley to polka dot, and in colors like red, blue and black (\$15, Macy's).

No man who carries a smart phone needs a watch — but many of them want one anyway. The Timex Digital watch (\$40, department and specialty stores), boasts an INDIGLO night-light feature and digital number display, but a shiny stainless steel expansion band and water-resistance gives it contemporary utility.

**For Her**

Classic style for women is about finding the perfect statement piece. Think bold jewelry or anything with an Art Deco edge.

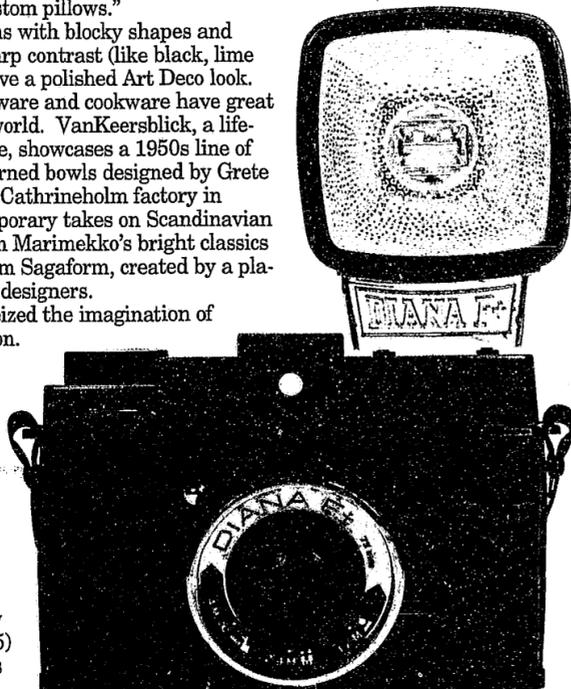
"I love the idea of a great retro-print scarf," says Press. "Not only can you wear it in a myriad of ways, but they are being used in interior design as framed art or for custom pillows."

Look for scarf designs with blocky shapes and heavy colors with a sharp contrast (like black, lime green and red) to achieve a polished Art Deco look.

Vintage glass, tableware and cookware have great legs in the gift-giving world. VanKeersblick, a life-long fan of vintage style, showcases a 1950s line of striped and lotus-patterned bowls designed by Grete Prytz Kittelsen for the Cathrineholm factory in Norway. Fresh contemporary takes on Scandinavian tableware abound, from Marimekko's bright classics to the retro retakes from Sagaform, created by a platoon of young Swedish designers.

Typewriters have seized the imagination of the Facebook generation.

Search local antique stores and thrift shops for antique brands and restored classics. Women with a penchant for the sound of keystroke may enjoy a 1950s Royal portable typewriter in bright pink (\$595, mytypewriter.com) or typewriter-inspired jewelry like a key bracelet (\$85) or custom key earrings (\$58).



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**For Teens**

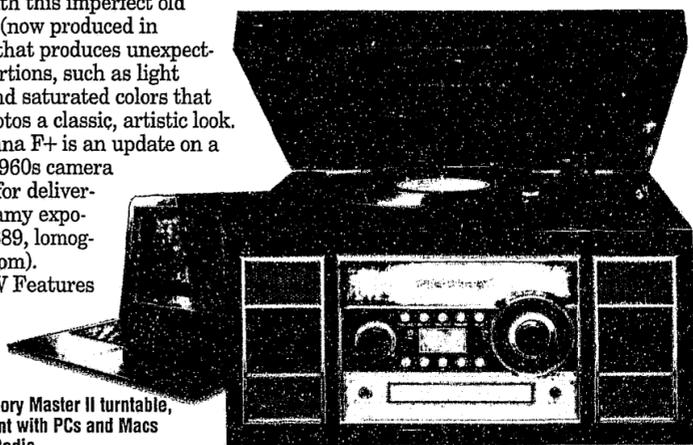
Young people questing for fresh, individual style have led the way in refining the vintage aesthetic. To please a 20-something, though, a vintage gift must possess retro flair along with techno geewhizery.

Old-fashioned vinyl records are on a tear. A turntable would be a great gift for a young music fan fascinated by the crackling sounds of a spinning record. Crosley Radio, a classic brand dating to the earliest days of radio, offers a variety of models, including the Memory Master II (\$400, department and specialty stores). This turntable, in black or paprika, plays vinyl, CDs and cassettes, has an AM/FM radio and a USB feature compatible with PCs and Macs for ripping and editing audio content.

Retro-style headphones also appeal to young music fans who appreciate both 1970s design and contemporary high fidelity. Eskuché's Control, an on-ear style headphone, comes in basic black, shrimp, salmon and gold (\$60, specialty stores).

Teens also may enjoy capturing the moment on old-fashioned film with a Lomo LC-A, a cheap camera first designed in the Soviet era. Lomography U.S.A. rocketed to

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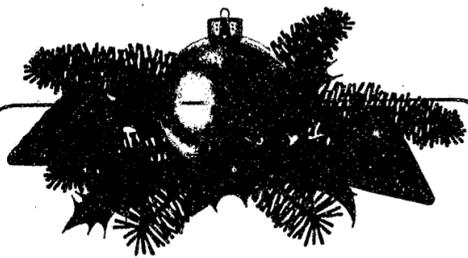
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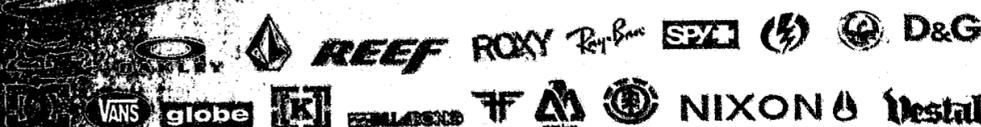
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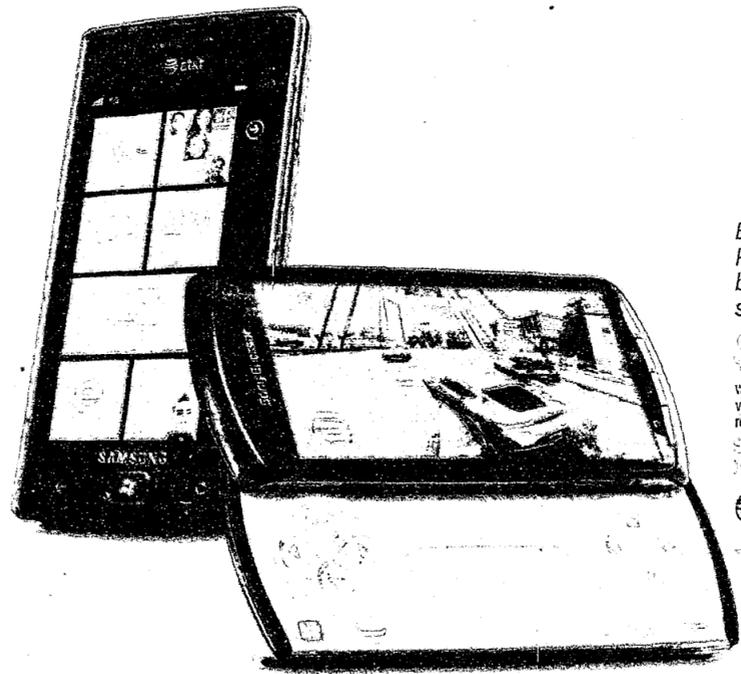
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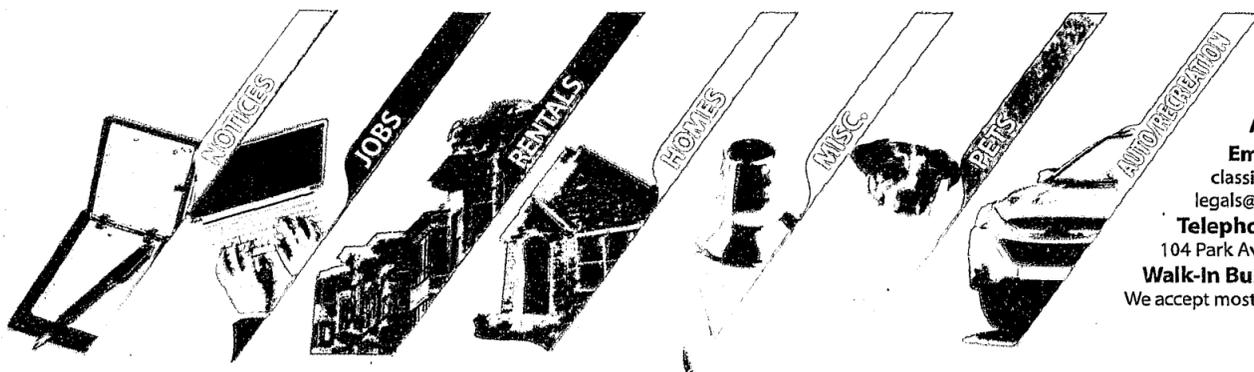
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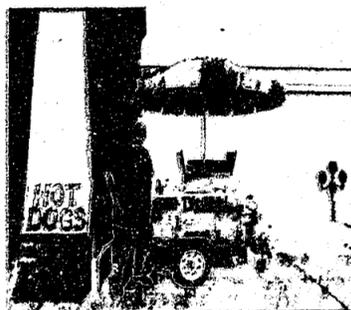


**PTK Silent Auction**  
Members of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa are holding a silent auction to benefit the chapter in the lobby of the main campus. Among the items being offered are gift certificates for local restaurants, a two night stay at the Bottle House Cabins, dance lessons, hair styling, clothing, a Pampered Chef cooking dish and a Tempur-Pedic Tempur-Cloud pillow. A season's pass for Ski Apache, goggles, several gift sets and jewelry are also being auctioned off. The last day to bid is December 9. Many of these items would make great holiday presents. Anyone may bid on any of the items and winners will be contacted by phone. For more information on PTK or the silent auction, please contact Dinah Hamilton at 257-2120.

### Business Partner Spotlight

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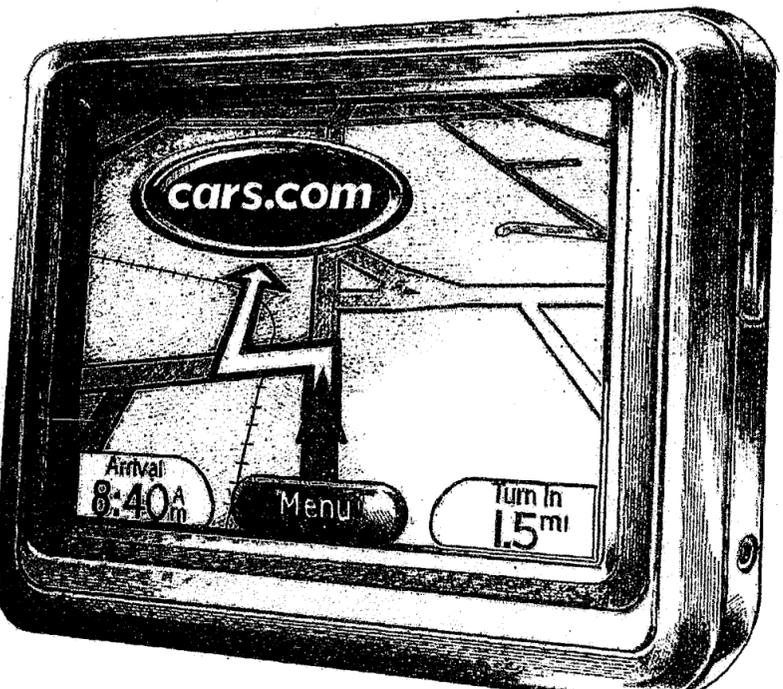
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