

# RUIDOSO NEWS

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## Village on the watch for water leaks

*Residents help sought as a million gallons lost due to freeze*

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The water level in Ruidoso village storage tanks dropped by about one million gallons overnight, Deputy Village Manager Sean Parker said Thursday. Crews were dispatched

throughout the village to find undetected leaks.

In a scenario reminiscent of the deep freeze in February when hundreds of leaks occurred in lines mostly in unoccupied seasonal homes, village officials are asking for help from residents.

They issued a request that all

residents check their lines for leaks and report them immediately to the water department, and that the residents assist the village in reporting any water leaks that they may come across while out on the streets

"It was a sudden drop over night," Parker said. "We've lost one

million gallons in the last 24 hours. (Capital Projects Director Justin King) is briefing our directors and supervisors right now. We have five teams breaking up to look in Upper Canyon and (other possible locations). They will be checking homes where nobody has been for awhile. They are checking the

meters to ensure they are not flowing too fast and they are doing visual inspections.

"We've already found a couple of leaks. If someone suspects that water is flowing from a house, they should call in right away and give

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## SNOW FUN IN THE SHADOW OF SIERRA BLANCA



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**White Mountain Elementary School** fourth-grade students, from left, Jessey Redin, Anslee Romans and Mia Teague play in the snow on the school playground during a break from class Thursday afternoon.

## Officials discuss ongoing airport fixes

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The overall goal for Ruidoso officials working on the rehabilitation of Sierra Blanca Regional Airport focuses on bringing infrastructure at the municipal airport back up to standard, Deputy Village Manager Sean Parker said Monday.

"Once that's fixed, we're sure it is sturdy and powerful, then we will

look at things to add. We'll look at bringing businesses in and possibly commercial flights. That's hard until the other things are in place," the former village airport manager said.

"The airport has been there since 1987 and it's time to make it look pretty again and for it to be viable for the economic growth of the community."

Village Manager Debi Lee,

speaking with Parker and new Airport Manager Dave Pearce from her office Monday, said when she arrived in 2009, the assessment of operations at the airport by Capital Projects Manager Justin King and Utilities Director Randall Camp was completed. The results were presented in closed session to the village council, because much of it

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## Sign language

*Group reviews village's rules for signs, flags, banners*

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Sitting in the audience as planning officials reviewed proposed changes to Ruidoso's sign ordinance, two village councilors warned Tuesday that they might encounter significant resistance on a few items.

Banners and flags tend to be touchy subjects, they said. Commission Chairman Larry Wimbrow invited input from the councilors as a way of avoiding any omissions or additions that the council would reject outright in making the final decision.

"I think this needs to be redone, but I don't think what I'm seeing here I can support," Councilor Ron Hardeman told commissioners at the beginning of the session on changes in a rough draft from the commission meeting last month. "This needs to be reorganized and some public input, more than we're seeing here, before it comes to the council."

"That's a given," Wimbrow replied. "We're putting in what we think and then there will be a public hearing."

Hardeman said although the current ordinance is far from perfect, changes can carry a lot of unintended consequences. "It's an emotional issue when people start to see changes," he said. An effort to bring nonconforming signs into compliance in Albuquerque is costing hundreds of

**"There's almost a shooting war over signs in Truth or Consequences, and we're not seeing that problem here."**



Ron Hardeman  
Village of Ruidoso  
councilor

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## Preliminary report sheds little light on plane crash

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What caused the crash of a single-engine plane that had been en route to Ruidoso late last month remains uncertain.

A Federal Aviation Administration investigator said the Cessna 182 Skylane, with a pilot and passenger aboard, crashed under unknown circum-

stances. Both people on the plane, pilot Jerry Don Green of Harmleigh, Texas, and Tracy Martinez of San Angelo, Texas, were killed. Searchers found the destroyed Cessna on Nov. 30 near the northeast corner of the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

The airplane had left Winston Field in Synder,

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**Dems holiday party**

Instead of its regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday, the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will join with the Democratic Women of the Sacramento Mountain area for a holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 15. The party will take place at Hotel Ruidoso, 110 Chase St. in Ruidoso.

The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. and go until about 8:30 p.m.

There will be no business, just a potluck party. Bring finger food and the beverage of your choice.

There will be a money tree for donations to two charities; the Lincoln County Food Bank and COPE, the Center of Protective Environment. Checks can be made out to either charity. Non-perishable food also can be brought for the food bank.

For more information, call Dick Mastin, the chair of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County, at 336-2170.

**Library Authorfest**

Authors abound in Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Now there is a chance to meet some of the local authors at the first Ruidoso Public Library Authorfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the library. The authors will be selling and signing their books just in time for Christmas gift giving.

The 10 authors will discuss their books and auto-

graph their works. After the purchases, a Friend of the Library volunteer will wrap the books to make the literary presents gift-giving ready. A small portion of the proceeds from the book sales will be given to the Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization that supports projects at the Ruidoso Public Library.

The local authors and their books at the event will be: Mike Cory, "Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Whiteout Blues;" Gary Cozzens, "The Nogal Mesa — A History of Kivas and Ranches in Lincoln County;" Kenneth Cramer, "My Hero Didn't Wear a Cape;" Rick Geary, "A Treasure of Victorian Murder" series and "A Treasury of 20th Century Murder" and many more graphic novels; Bob J. Johnson, "The Wind Passes;" Lyn Kidder and Herb Brunell, "Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs (Images of America);" Luddy Leong, "Perceptions;" Don Maynard, "You Can't Catch Sunshine;" Shaughn Marlowe, "Under the Lion's Paw;" and Charles and Diane de Leon Stallings, "Death in a Red Desert."

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road in Ruidoso.

**Common Ground**

Common Ground will try to raise \$4,000 through its closing sale from 10 a.m.

**ROCKING OUT**



Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department employees Bill Stumpf, David "T-Bone" Tetrault, Rodney Griego, Jeremy Nocella and Jesus Gandarilla recently set large rocks at the Ruidoso Public Library garden. The rocks came from the Eagle Bridge area of the Rio Ruidoso. The Lincoln County Garden Club strives to maintain the water-wise demonstration garden at the library.

through 7 p.m. Dec. 16 through 20.

Items on sale will include furniture, electronics, instruments, clothing, gaming tables, collectibles, and much more. Stop by Common Ground in the Sierra Mall or call (575) 937-2725 for more information.

**Postal recycling**

The Ruidoso Post Offices — Main and Hollywood Station — have joined post offices in Capitan, Alto and Ruidoso Downs in providing recycling containers in lobby areas for use by local postal patrons in the U.S. Post

Office "read, respond, and recycle" program. The main Ruidoso Post Office, the largest of 14 current post offices in Lincoln County, is expected to see the largest volume participation the region of discarded junk mail, magazines, mail order catalogs, newspapers, and miscellaneous paper.

**Photo contest**

Ruidoso, a longtime vacation destination, has unveiled the Love Ruidoso Photo Contest, which is open to anyone who has captured memories of fun times in the mountain village.

The contest, which runs sponsored by the Ruidoso Tourism Department and is designed to capture the enduring beauty of Ruidoso and its surrounding areas.

Winning photos will be selected by a panel of judges, and the winners will receive \$100 for each photo that is selected.

These photos will also be used in upcoming ad campaigns as well as on the new Ruidoso Tourism website, DiscoverRuidoso.com, which is currently in development.

The Tourism Department is looking for

"lifestyle photos" that depict Ruidoso in all of its seasons, and anyone can submit up to six photos total into the following categories: outdoor recreation, dining/shopping, historical imagery, events, family fun, and relaxation. A total of 50 photos will be selected and awarded the \$100 prize. For a complete list of contest rules and details and to download entry forms, please visit RuidosoAttractions.com/photcontest.html.

The deadline for submitting entries is Dec. 31.

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*Let us do the cooking Christmas Day • December 25th*

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**AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso**

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
47° Humidity 70%	52° Humidity 62%	45° Humidity 50%	51° Humidity 39%	47° Humidity 39%	47° Humidity 42%	50° Humidity 41%
Partly sunny Wind: NE 3-6 mph	Mostly sunny Wind: ESE 3-6 mph	Brilliant sunshine Wind: SSW 7-14 mph	Partly sunny Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	Rain and drizzle possible Wind: S 10-20 mph	Sunny Wind: NW 7-14 mph	Bright sunshine Wind: WSW 4-8 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.

**National Forecast for Dec. 9, 2011**

Legend: Cold (blue), Warm (red), Stationary (black), Showers (cloud with rain), T-storms (cloud with lightning), Rain (cloud with rain), Flurries (cloud with snow), Snow (cloud with snowflake), Ice (cloud with ice).

**Regional Cities**

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**Almanac**

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Wednesday

**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 45°/19°  
Normal high ..... 50°  
Normal low ..... 22°  
Record high ..... 69° (1970)  
Record low ..... 1° (1976)

**Precipitation:**  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.64"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.32"  
Year to date ..... 9.14"  
Normal year to date ..... 20.60"

**Pollen:**  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... Low  
Weeds ..... Absent  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Ascospores

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Wednesday

**Temperature:**  
High/low ..... 38°/13°  
Normal high ..... 57°  
Normal low ..... 22°  
Record high ..... 73° (1958)  
Record low ..... 10° (1953)

**Precipitation:**  
Wednesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.00"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.19"  
Year to date ..... 4.81"  
Normal year to date ..... 10.08"

**Weather Trivia:**  
Q: What is the most treacherous form of winter precipitation?  
A: Freezing rain on a bare surface.

**Sun and Moon**

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:54 a.m./4:56 p.m.  
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 4:23 p.m./6:03 a.m.

**Moon Phases**

Full Last New First

Dec 10 Dec 17 Dec 24 Dec 31

**Extremes**

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 85° in Inverness, FL  
Low: -23° in Eagle Nest, NM

Wednesday's World High/Low:  
High: 102° in Wyndham, Australia  
Low: -76° in Summit Station, Greenland

# EVENTS

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## Plant meeting

A meeting to review with the public the reasons for construction of the new \$36 million Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and the resulting benefits is set for 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 14 at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Sierra Blanca Drive.

Members of the Joint Use Board that governs the plant and who represent the city of Ruidoso Down and the village of Ruidoso, urge residents to attend to hear about the results and about the challenges of meeting the strict limits assigned to future discharges into the Rio Ruidoso.

Dr. David Stensel, a professional environmental engineer from the University of Washington and Jim Good from Parametrix, an environmental consulting firm, will give presentations. Stensel will focus on recent relevant research on biological nutrient removal, as it would apply to the new plant and to the Environmental Protection Agency's current operational permit.

Good will speak about his ongoing data collection on the Rio Ruidoso, both upstream and downstream of the new plant. In addition, an opportunity will be offered to tour the new plant and the sampling points along the Rio Ruidoso beginning at 1 p.m.

The research and collection of data were performed in order to comply with Ruidoso's Settlement Agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department dealing with the quality of water in the

river, and to gather enough information for Ruidoso to file a petition with the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to amend future discharge limits. The petition will rely on data collected from the Rio Ruidoso to show that greatly reduced discharges of nitrogen from the new Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant are low enough to protect river water quality.

## Search and Rescue

The White Mountain Search and Rescue team will hold its Annual Recognition Event and Party at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at the Innsbrook Club House, 103 Innsbrook Drive, in Ruidoso. This will be a potluck party, main dish and some beverages provided — bring a dish to pass and BYOB.

For details or more information, contact Tony Davis, (575) 336-4501, or Mark Younger, (575) 808-2982.

## Women's group

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

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

## Library programs

December in the Children's Library at the Ruidoso Public Library:

Preschool story time Wednesdays at 10:30 -

Dec. 7, Christmas stories. Craft: Button ornament

Dec. 14, Mountain Country Christmas Brunch. Horse and carriage rides



COURTESY

Ruidoso Optimist Club President Vickie Caudill presents Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca Director Tim Coughlin a check for \$1,000 and Coughlin presents Caudill a certificate of appreciation at the club meeting at Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub Wednesday. The Optimist Club raised the donation selling H.O.G. Salsa and gift bags at the Ruidoso Valley Greeters' Christmas Jubilee. The Optimist Club also raised almost \$150 in donations during the show.

after brunch. Reservations are required by Dec. 8.

Dec. 21, Christmas Movie: Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer (popcorn and juice box served).

Dec. 28, Movie: Frosty the Snowman (popcorn and juice box served).

Families are invited to make mountain country themed Christmas wreaths. Wreaths will be displayed in the library and everyone wins a prize for participating. Bring in wreaths by Dec. 13, for the library's open house on Dec. 14.

## Weekends at fort

The Fort Stanton Museum will be open on weekends through March 2012.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

There is no fee to visit the museum but donations are appreciated. The museum will not be open on Christmas Day.

Since the museum opened in April 2010, more

than 20,000 people have visited the Fort Stanton State Monument.

The museum features a display about the history of the fort from its creation in 1855 as a military fortification to the present day.

## 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.

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

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**OUR OPINION**

**A gift of warmth for you and a child**

The Ruidoso Optimist Club Warm Coats for Kids program has been such a success, thanks to the generosity of the community, that there is now an abundance of coats that need kids.

The coats were gathered and cleaned to keep kids warm, not to be stored in the back room at the Ruidoso News, so if you know of children that need coats go to Christian Services at Gateway Christian Church, the Lincoln County Food Bank at Ruidoso Downs Baptist Church, the Capitan Food Bank at Trinity Baptist Church, the Capitan Public Library or Mescalero

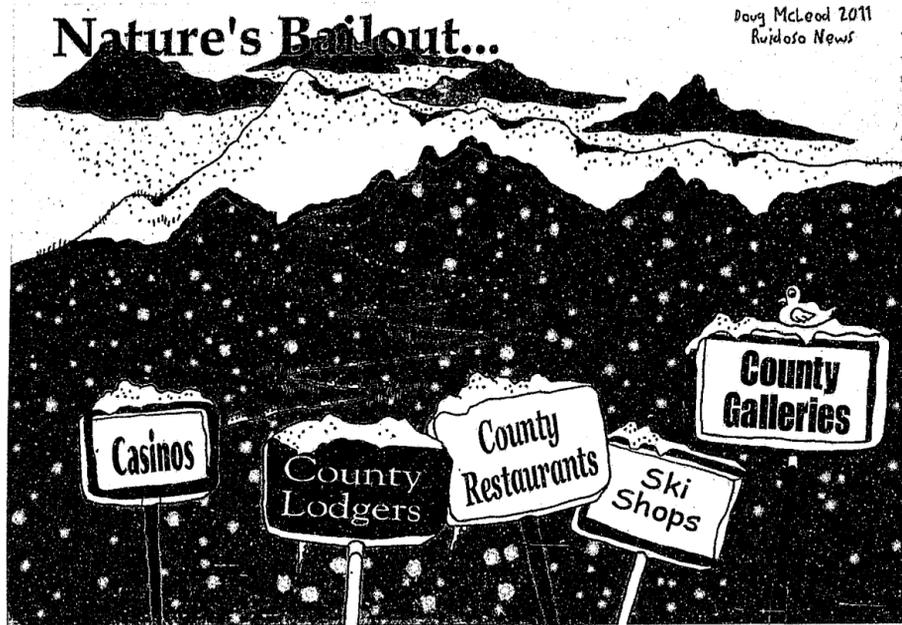
Schools. There are coats in all of these locations and if they don't have the right sized coat, someone there knows how to get in touch with the Optimist Club to get the coat the child needs.

We are not telling you to stop giving coats to the Warm Coats for Kids program or the KOAT's for Kids program.

Don't let a perfectly good coat hang in the closet when it can be keeping a child warm on these cold days.

Go ahead and drop them in one of the many collection boxes around town.

You'll get a nice warm feeling and so will a child.



Doug McLeod 2011  
 Ruidoso News

**YOUR OPINION**

**On losing Common Ground**

To the editor:  
 "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." — Harriet Tubman.

I'm sad that Common Ground will be closing its doors. I first met Andrea Fernandez Reed several years ago at a meeting I had organized. I could feel her pain that day. Since that time I've come to know her and perhaps the Beatles, a group that was before her time personifies her. "What would you think if I sang out of tune, would you stand up and walk out on me?" from the Beatles

"With a Little Help From My Friends." I watched her singing out of tune, being berated for voicing her opinions, and she kept coming back.

"Imagine all the people living life in peace ... You may say I'm a dreamer but I'm not the only one." — John Lennon's "Imagine"

Andrea's Common Ground seemed to bridge the suffocating, polarizing dichotomy we are experiencing in society, politics, and in our own families. Eclectic groups came together and actually laughed and had fun. We shared pot luck dinners and it was a treat to see a man in his sixties teaching my two kids how to play the drums. There were ping-pong

matches, poetry readings, music from the Ellison family and others, weekly dances and even belly dancing. I met a diverse group of people that I would not have met in my tight concentric social networks. My wife and I will be giving Andrea our first Christmas gift — as gratitude for what she accomplished.

While I realize that we have our differences, Andrea and I found some Common Ground. The troglodyte left his club in his cave.

"For well you know that it's a fool who plays it cool by making his world a little colder," — Beatles "Hey Jude"

Bill Dement  
 Alto

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**THEIR OPINION**

**Methinks thou protesteth chicken too much**

The precise moment of realization my life had faded to total insignificance is as vivid as a New Mexico sunset. But certainly not as appealing. It was the recent morning I awakened and reviewed the day's agenda. It included writing a huffy protest letter.

Nothing new there. Writing huffy prose has been a way of life. The label "curmudgeon" fits. I wear it with some pride. The disturbing "aha moment" in this case was the realization I was going to wax indignantly about a ... chicken thigh.

More later on what got me to this sorry point. For now, I ponder probable causes that might well have better occupied my attention. Such concerns litter the New Mexico and national landscape.



**NED CANTWELL**

LOOKING ASKANCE

I might have ruminated on the inconsistency of Occupy Wall Street protestors camped out to draw attention, with some justification, to the excesses of corporate America and the filthy rich. It is worth parenthetically noting that, until police eviction, they were hunkered down at Zuccotti Park which was provided to New York by, ummm ... a corporation.

Or, I might have noted, right here in my own town spirited citizens gather on occasion to bemoan, with some justification, the excesses of Big Government. It is worth parenthetically noting the Tea Party gathers here, as I suspect they do in towns across New Mexico, in a park provided by ummm ... the government.

Across this wonderful land well-meaning, concerned citizens are protesting.

Albuquerque residents who likely spend a lot of their paychecks at Walmart to stretch their dollars are protesting Walmart's plan to build in their neighborhood.

Citizens who would benefit from nuclear energy

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**THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER**

Q: What do you think of the mismanagement at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport?



**Raeanna Griffis**  
 Ruidoso

"It sounds pretty irresponsible. The airport definitely could be a boost to the economy, if managed right."



**Frank Potter**  
 Ruidoso

"The article had the combined debt service listed in the loss, but it's a fixed cost. I'm not sure about the situation yet."



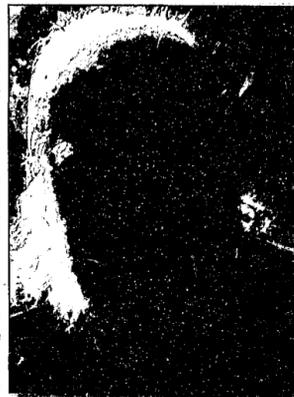
**Judith Palmer**  
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"It's pretty typical of any government operation. It's unfortunate, but I don't feel that privatization works any better."



**Phil Didaolo**  
 Ruidoso

"Sounds like more typical bureaucratic B.S. The people responsible should be held accountable."



**Robert Huntington**  
 Ruidoso

"This falls on the shoulders of the village council and (Mayor Ray) Alborn, who failed to keep his word about resigning."

## SIGNS

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thousands of dollars, he said, adding that "There's almost a shooting war over signs in Truth or Consequences, and we're not seeing that problem here."

Since code enforcement officials brought the sign issue to the commission's attention, Hardeman said he would like to see numbers from those officials to illustrate the size and origin of the problem and the problem areas.

Wimbrow said the code enforcement crew wanted a few things changed, but much of the effort was to eliminate redundancy.

### Banners, a big issue

Hardeman said he heard that banners, especially new types popping up around town, were to be allowed and he was alarmed.

"What works in Midtown (the historic tourist shopping core of the village) and what works in the rest of the village are two different things," he said. "Midtown is where we'll have the most pushback. I guarantee it."

Councilor Gloria Sayers agreed with Hardeman, the timing wasn't right to tackle the ordinance, but Wimbrow asked the councilors not to rush to a conclusion, and to listen to the proposed

changes. Banners are a problem and need to be controlled, he said.

Commissioner Chris Row said code enforcement wants to ensure the ordinance is easy to understand and clear on rules to give them a better footing when they have to tell someone to take a sign down.

Hardeman noted that the commission was recommending changing from a 30-day permit for a banner that can be renewed four times a year to a permit for one year. Hardeman said he feared banners would become more prevalent and that enforcement, which already was tough, would become more difficult.

As revised, the proposed rules would allow banners with permits for 30-days each, four times a year or annually restricted to a maximum of 120 days during the year. New wording would allow businesses to use a banner or streamer in addition to permanent and temporary signage. The banner fee for one year would be \$100 and the maximum size would be 32 square feet.

"I don't like it," Hardeman said, adding that the village manager was not aware of the commission's focus. "How is code enforcement going to be able to keep up if (business owners) can get permits for one year?"

"That's their job," Wimbrow replied. "They said it makes it simpler for them to enforce. That's why they brought it to us."

Village Building Official

Shawn Fort asked the councilors what could be changed to secure their support to move the revamping forward. "The commission has invested a lot of time going through this," he told them.

"Not everything we discussed made it into the draft," Wimbrow said. "We didn't think it was worth going through a public hearing just trying to clean up language, but when code enforcement asked for help, we thought it was a good time. It all has to go to a public hearing (before a final recommendation is forwarded to the council). We're going through getting rid of multiple entries so it is readable without having to go back and cross reference."

### 'Angry calls at night'

Significant changes proposed include that definitions be removed from other places in the ordinance to one location, and a definition would be added for blades. A blade means a sign similar to a flag, but being of an irregular elongated shape, made of flexible material mounted on a pole or post that is inserted in a pre-positioned holder for display. Flags and blades would not be allowed in the Midtown Commercial 3 Zone.

"Is that a problem for you?" Wimbrow asked Hardeman. The councilor said he agreed with that provision, but he questioned whether enforcement could be effective on a prohibition against

displaying A-frame signs outside of businesses after hours. Hardeman said if an officer removed such a sign left up in violation, "That's when (councilors) start getting angry calls at night."

Wimbrow said his response to such a call would be, "You left it out after closing and that's a violation. Have a good day."

Fort agreed with Hardeman and said, "For the sake of moving forward," he would work on a wording change. Commissioner Fred Cowan said leaving such signs outside at night amounts to a safety issue.

"I don't know what the answer is," Hardeman said. "I just fear driving down Sudderth and all I will see (will be banners, sidewalk signs and other displays) and it will look like a carnival."

"There's nothing to prevent that now," Wimbrow said. "A lot of places in Midtown put flags up to draw attention."

"When this was rewritten before, it was because of an overabundance of temporary signs and banners and that's how we got the (allowed community banner display at) the tennis courts (at Sudderth Drive and Paradise Canyon)."

Hardeman said he would like to see blades and flags prohibited in Midtown, Sudderth and Mechem. "I think it would be wise to restrict them before everybody invests in them," he said.

"We'll leave the prohibition in the C3 Midtown zone for now and

we can hear from the public on that," Wimbrow said.

### Restaurant signs

Changing wording on a sign would not require a new permit under the proposed revision in recognition of restaurants that advertise specials on different days of the week. But if a sign is moved, a new permit would be needed. The limitations on how far a sign can project from a building were detailed in the proposed changes. Left in place was a requirement to remove a sign within 30 days after a business has closed.

Also discussed were off-premise signs, which councilors and commissioners agreed should only be directional in nature. Disagreeing on when and where streamers could be used, they decided to prohibit all streamers, "and see what happens when we go to public hearing," Wimbrow said. Streamers were moved under the section for prohibited signs, which also covers some electronic signs that could be distracting to drivers. Signs on vehicles would be allowed as long as they are not temporary in nature, which would eliminate banners and large wooden advertisement-types.

Fort said he would take the changes discussed and come back for another round at the regular January meeting before setting a date for a public hearing.

## FIXES

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was personnel related, "and we had to be sensitive to our employees."

At that point, bank statements had not been reconciled for 26 months. The village paid extra for an expanded audit because of fraud, waste and abuse concerns at the airport. In line with a recommendation from the auditors, a new full-time airport manager was sought and Parker was hired in August.

"He immediately met with (Finance Director Nancy Klingman) and me about the audit findings (that numbered more than 200). Within one and a half to two months, he reported to the newly formed village internal audit-finance committee on his progress."

Because the airport and village hall used different financial programs, oversight was lacking on internal controls, fuel sales and inventory, Lee said.

"We're purchasing inventory and cashier modules and already have the financial module," to bring the airport on-line

with the rest of the village and give the village Finance Department oversight, Lee said.

"Our priorities for the airport have been to correct the deficiencies and to expand the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting, which supports the 139 certification. We think we have made a lot of progress." That certification qualifies the airport for commercial traffic.

Pearce said his number one goal is bringing the financial system into synchronization with the village administration. He's already moving toward the expansion of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting at the airport with the aim of 100 percent of employees being certified in 139 operations.

"As a backup, I'm asking Sean to attend the training," Pearce said. "So the deputy city manager also could step in."

Before Parker was elevated to deputy manager, Lee said village officials checked with Pearce, who was number two on the list of finalists for the airport manager's job, to be sure he still was interested. "We wanted someone to come in and continue the progress," she said. Pearce was hired in

**"This is a beautiful facility. We believe we've turned the corner, are financial stable and have put the right things in motion to overcome (prior audit findings)."**

Debi Lee  
Ruidoso village manager

November.

"Now we have two men with extensive airport operational experience and you will see in the last audit (for Fiscal Year 2010-2011), which was turned in on time by Dec. 1, that the findings will be reduced to just a few."

Lee also emphasized that while the expanded audit found a tremendous lack of internal control, auditors, "never found any evidence anyone stole anything."

Parker attributed the appearance of possible fraud to the method of fuel sales used and the lack of proper tracking. "For the most part, the gallons in and out were all there," he said.

One of the qualities that both men possess and impressed the evaluation committee was they offered ideas about the

economic opportunities that could occur at the airport, Lee said. In checking their backgrounds, committee members also were swayed by the amount of money they brought into other airports while working there.

"Most airports don't have the opportunity we do," Lee said. "This is a beautiful facility.

We believe we've turned the corner, are financial stable and have put the right things in motion to overcome (prior audit findings)."

Pearce said he's targeting grant opportunities for the airport such as updating markings and rejuvenating ramps. Federal Aviation Administration grants bring in 95 percent federal dollars with a 2.5 percent match from the state and from the village. Lee noted that the gross receipts tax generated by the construction should cover the local match, "So there is really no local match."

Pearce also is eyeing expansion of T-hangars, because of the waiting list of potential customers, and of possibly enclosing shade hangars into full-blown small hangars.

## CRASH

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Texas, sometime around 9 a.m. CST on Nov. 26, though an exact time was unknown because a flight plan was not filed.

A preliminary report from a National Transportation Safety Board investigator states retrieved radar data indicated the aircraft made a left turn and then a right turn and finally a series of right 360-degree turns just before radar contact was lost at 9:13 a.m. on Nov. 26. The radar contact ended when the plane was at an altitude of 7,400 feet above sea level. A nearby landing strip on a ranch has an estimated elevation of 5,056 feet.

The accident location had a 1,000-foot long debris path on the downward slope of a hill, the preliminary NTSB report states. The wings, the fuselage and the tail section were extensively broken along the debris path. Both blades of the propeller were recovered. The engine was found at the end of the debris path.

The manager of the airport at Synder had said Green was in contact with Sierra Blanca Regional Airport before the crash to

report he had encountered some bad weather and was going to turn around. The NTSB report said conditions at Sierra Blanca Regional at 9:35 a.m. indicated some clouds at 1,000 feet above ground level with a broken ceiling at 2,300 feet above ground level. Visibility was seven miles. Winds at the airport were about 12 miles per hour to the southeast.

A safety data sheet from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's said the Skylane has an excellent safety record.

The majority (80 percent) of Cessna 182 accidents were not caused by aircraft problems but rather pilot error, the association information states.

Mechanical or maintenance problems caused only 10 percent of Skylane accidents.

The remaining 10 percent were attributed to other causes and unknown factors. Weather resulted in the highest number of pilot-related serious accidents. About 20 percent of Cessna 182 serious accidents were due to poor judgment regarding the weather. The data used to assess accident statistics were from 1983 to 1999.

A final NTSB report on the accident will be released at a later date.

## CHICKEN

FROM PAGE 4A

and who are grateful for the military protection of nuclear arms stand side by side with signs horrifying the possibility of the government placing nuclear waste anywhere near their zip code.

Certainly there is no shortage of opportunities to take umbrage.

Why didn't I consider a letter to the New Mexico Legislature that might have

said something like this? Dear Bozos. You asked for votes to go to Santa Fe to take care of New Mexico business. But could you put aside your differences long enough to redistrict the state? No, instead you turn it over to the courts, saddling the taxpayer with millions of dollars in legal costs. Thanks for nothing.

You effectively have asked the courts to do what is fair, thereby admitting you are incapable of doing what is fair.

Local lawmakers simply follow the pattern of their federal colleagues. Dear Congress:

Your inability to put together a budget plan is stalling the country and stalemating the economy. We will not forget it when next your name appears on the ballot.

So many causes, so little time. And here sit I, totally preoccupied by a chicken thigh. Let me tell you how this happened.

The dinner delivered by Paul, the drive-through attendant at Kentucky Fried Chicken, was supposed to include a grilled drumstick and a thigh. Three miles and fifteen minutes later I opened the box to find two

scrawny drumsticks, no thigh. Fine. Hey, I am not the only person in the country to go to bed hungry that night.

Next week's visit, same dinner order. I relate to Paul last week's shortage and ask he throw an extra thigh into the box to make things right. Paul is an efficient and pleasant young man. He explained KFC policy. Had I called last week they would have reserved a thigh for my next visit.

He must have been taken aback when I leaned into the drive through speaker and said, "Paul, that is a failed policy." I could not believe I said

that. Failed policy. When people talk like that they are normally referring to things like the Affordable Care Act, or the student loan program. Maybe agricultural subsidies. I was talking about a chicken thigh.

To my everlasting credit, I never wrote that letter. I am a bigger person than that. And a busier one. Just yesterday I drove off from McDonald's with a McMuffin missing its egg and I. Am. Furious. Where's the keyboard?

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# BUSINESS

## PNM keeps payment center, for now

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Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs PNM customers who pay their monthly electric bills at PNM's payment center on Mechem Drive will be able to continue the personal contact through at least March 31, 2012.

A month ago the utility had said it would close its eight remaining payment centers, including counters in Ruidoso and Alamogordo, just before Christmas. But during a public hearing Wednesday before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, the company said it would hold off on ending the walk-in service.

PNM spokesperson Frederick Bermudez, who was at the hearing, said the decision would provide the PRC with time to gather adequate information.

A handful of people spoke out against the closures, including the mayor of Lordsburg. Mayor Frank Rodriguez said about 80 percent of PNM customers in his city use the

Lordsburg payment center. PNM last month said statewide only 10 percent of electric bills are paid at the walk-in centers. The utility serves 500,000 customers in New Mexico.

"It varies," Bermudez said of the use of the eight locations around the state. "But on average it's 10 percent of the customer base. There are some areas of the state where it's a little more."

Commissioner Ben Hall of Ruidoso, who was one of three elected PRC members at the hearing, said he would like to see the payment offices remain open.

"I believe the customers of PNM deserve to have what they always had, which is an in-person payment center," Hall told the Silver City Sun-News. "I've received calls from people who don't know where to go or where to pay their bill because they are so used to doing it in person."

The Ruidoso News made attempts to reach Hall that were unsuccessful.

Bermudez said the same matter was discussed almost a year ago with the

PRC and customers.

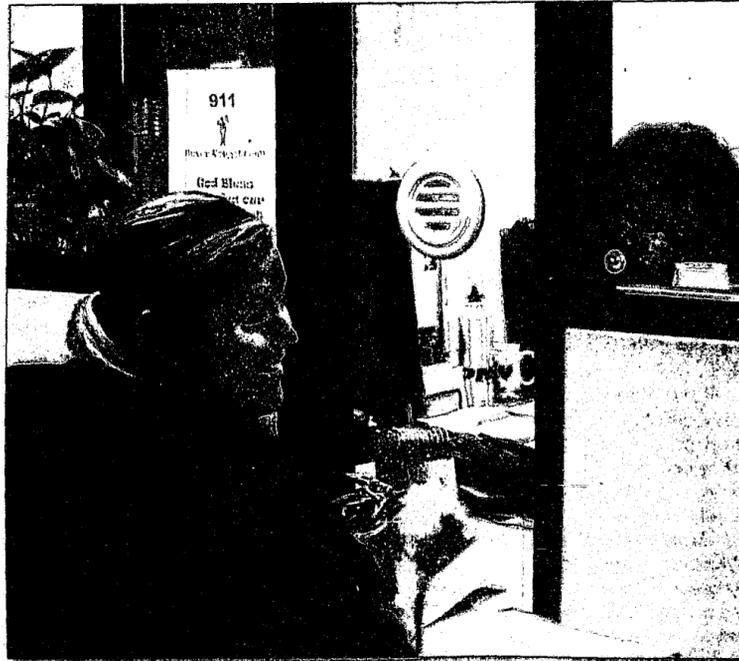
"Their message was, PNM, you need to operate more efficiently. You need to cut costs wherever possible," Bermudez said. "So we're a little confused on why we're being questioned on this move when you look at the number of customers that make walk-in payments."

He said the centers represent the most costly payment process for PNM.

"So anytime you ask a utility like PNM to cut costs, certainly looking at a very costly process is one of first things that we look at to try to trim."

PNM said the closures, and elimination of 15 jobs, would save more than \$500,000, annually. Two employees staff the payment center in Ruidoso.

The power company said after the closures in person payments could be made at 49 Wells Fargo banks and 56 Western Union locations in the state. PNM also offers online bill payments and other options. The power company's Valerie Smith said there is always the long standing method



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Eva Mendoza, left, of Ruidoso, will be able to make her electric bill payments in person to PNM customer service representative Angie Gomez for several more months. PNM will hold off closing its eight remaining payment centers, including this one in Ruidoso, until March 31.

of mailing the payment in.

Commissioner Jason Marks said he hoped to resolve the issue by the middle of January. He sug-

gested PNM think about maintaining the centers on fewer days.

After closing some walk-in centers in 2009, PNM

was left with locations in Ruidoso, Alamogordo, Bayard, Deming, Las Vegas, Lordsburg, Silver City, and Albuquerque.

## Presbyterian rate to increase Jan. 1

• Increase half what company wanted.

### FROM REPORTS

Those insured through Presbyterian Healthcare will see a rate increase at the first of the year. But the increase will be about half of what the health care provider sought.

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's Division of Insurance recently denied a 9.7 percent insurance rate increase proposed by Presbyterian Healthcare. As a result the company modified its request to 4.7 percent, in step with the annual infla-

tion cost of medical care in New Mexico.

Superintendent of Insurance John Franchini said this week that the 4.7 percent increase was justified, adding it was "fair to both Presbyterian and its customers since it restricts the rate increase solely to the state's overall rate of inflation in medical costs."

Franchini said the rate increase was the lowest in five years.

The Division of Insurance also rejected a 9.9 percent rate increase requested by Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico for some of its policies. That case still is being hammered out.

## One protest not enough

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A northern New Mexico electric co-op is at odds with an upcoming rate increase planned by the power producer that serves electric cooperatives in New Mexico and four other states. But the outrage probably will not help ratepayers at power co-ops around the state.

Tri-State Generation and Transmission announced in September that it would raise its wholesale rates on Jan. 1, 2012, by an average of 4.8 percent.

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, with a main office in Taos, has asked the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission to review the rate hike as "It affects all rural New Mexico cooperative ratepayers."

Tri-State also serves Otero County Electric Cooperative.

Kit Carson's CEO Luis A. Reyes said his board of trustees authorized him to file a formal protest over the 4.8 percent increase.

"The cooperative is once again opposed to any rate increase in 2012 until any increase is justified as being reasonable and lawful," Reyes wrote to James Brack, the utilities bureau chief at the PRC. "Tri-State does not need a rate increase at this time since Tri-State currently has sufficient cash. We feel there is no need for a rate increase at this time since Tri-State is meeting both external and internal financial goals."

Kit Carson also listed several technical reasons for rejecting the increase. The letter claimed that Tri-State has failed to undertake aggressive cost-cutting measures in the same fashion that distribution cooperatives have done to lessen their expenses to

members. Reyes said Tri-State should develop a cost-savings plan.

"We feel because of the hard times our communities are faced with, the rates should not be implemented to satisfy Wall Street bankers and rating agencies during these tough economic times," Reyes wrote. "We feel Tri-State should not increase rates on the backs of ranchers, farmers, small businesses and the low income members of the cooperatives who are currently struggling to pay their bills."

The Kit Carson Electric Cooperative pointed to a state statute allowing a protest.

But in a Sept. 30 Ruidoso News report, Carroll Waggoner, the general manager of Otero County Electric Co-op, said the PRC has no rate regulation over Tri-State because the generation and

transmission company operates in interstate commerce instead of intrastate commerce.

There is, however, the potential for PRC involvement. PRC Utility Division Director Roy Stevenson said state statute provides that if at least three of the state's 12 electric cooperatives served by Tri-State protested, the case would go to regulators.

"It's a self-governing thing," Stevenson said. "And most of the New Mexico cooperatives who have spoken out on occasion have said, 'Well, we understand we could protest to Tri-State, but we go to their board and we believe that they're being honest and these are legitimate costs, so we're not going to protest. That is what has happened in the past.'"

Stevenson said only one co-op, Kit Carson, has protested.

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We would like to thank all of you individually but the list would be long.

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# Common Ground to close its doors

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Common Ground, a non-profit community center, will close its doors at the end of December, just short of seeing its two-year anniversary.

And to balance the books, the organization is planning a community garage sale at the center, located inside Sierra Mall, aiming to raise \$4,000.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 16 through Dec. 20, featuring a variety of items, such as furniture, dishes, musical instruments, costumes, televisions and electronics, gaming tables, a snowboard, and many other items.

"Hopefully everybody, regardless of their budget, can come and find a gift for somebody," said Phillip Collins, a volunteer at the center.

Common Ground is additionally seeking volun-

teers to help staff the sale, donate items, or contribute financially to help the center's closing.

Opened by local entrepreneur Andrea Reed, the building originally served as space for dance classes, which Reed will continue teaching through the month while seeking a new location.

## Closing

"The volunteers couldn't do enough," Collins said. "It was too much work for too many people."

Reed seconded the sentiment, saying she would take the opportunity to take what she learned from the experience and step back before trying to create another community center.

"It was a great and fun activity, but it needs more buy-in," Reed said, planning on assembling a board of directors and more support for any future organization. "A lot of people did

not walk in the doors. There was a lot of verbal support, but the participation was not there."

Reed and Collins frequently volunteer with other community initiatives, including Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso, where Reed attends classes.

Additionally, Reed, through Common Ground, organized several community events, such as Earth Day, hoping to build awareness and a 'green' mentality.

"It was great, and each year improved, so I would like to continue," Reed said.

Reed said that she would have to take a long look at funding and organization before tackling the events again.

For dance classes or private lessons, Andrea Reed may be reached at (575) 937-2725.

Phillip Collins, owner of Elevation Cinema, may be contacted at collinsphillip@yahoo.com.

Collins has recently completed work on a video for the Lincoln and Otero counties Health Initiative.

For more information on this program, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deNwKH-jiBw>.



Prescribed burns are used to eliminate slash piles and reduce the danger of destructive wildfire.

# Forest Service plans prescribed burns

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Burns designed to eliminate slash piles accumulated from previous wildfire fuels reduction projects by two federal agencies are planned during December.

Smokey Bear Ranger District fire officials hope to take advantage of cooler and wetter weather to burn slash piles created from past fuels reduction projects in the Lincoln National Forest east of Ruidoso Downs.

The Donaldson piles located off U.S. 70 on Forest Road 443 in the Hale Lake area, and the PG piles located behind the Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso are the targeted project areas.

Completion of the prescribed burns will not only reduce fuels, but also will promote overall forest health. The prescribed burns will be ignited based on weather conditions that promote fuel consumption and smoke dispersal.

Ignition of the piles will produce smoke, which will be visible throughout the Ruidoso area for several days during and after ignition operations.

Smoke, may be present along roads and neighborhoods in the evening and early morning as cold air tends to push smoke down drainages. Both smoke and fire activity will be monitored by fire officials. As always, firefighter and public safety are the top priority.

Anyone with health issues that will be affected by

smoke in the proposed burn areas, contact Nate Cordova at 575-937-4865. For more information about the prescribed burns or the Lincoln National Forest, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 575-257-4095, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Larry Ashley, assistant fire management officer with the Bureau of Land Management, said that agency also will begin burns this week in the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area. The burning is expected to take place as weather conditions permit.

The operations will consist of burning slash piles that were created from earlier thinning projects in the NCA. The purpose of these projects is to increase the health of the native woodlands and decrease the fire hazard potential, he said.

The prescribed fire requirements include having the appropriate weather conditions and required personnel and equipment on hand. Measures will be taken to reduce the amount of smoke created by the prescribed fire, and operations will be suspended early enough in the day to allow smoke to dissipate before nightfall.

BLM officials encourage public land users to continue to be careful with fire. To report a wildfire on public land, call the Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch at 877-695-1663.



Charlie Chavez, kneeling, and Gabe Duarte from Ruidoso's Solid Waste Department took to the road Thursday to help track down water line leaks from the freeze. They worked with employees from the Water and Sewer Department, as well as other divisions to slow the loss to the village stored supply. Chavez marked meters with orange tape that were checked and appears not to show any leak.

# County property taxes due soon

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Don't forget to get property tax payments in the mail pronto.

The Lincoln County Treasurer's office said Wednesday that the first half of the 2011 property tax bill will be past due after Dec. 10. Payments made through the mail must be postmarked no later than Saturday, Dec. 10, to avoid a penalty and interest.

"The potential penalty is 1 percent of the first half amount for interest," said Glenna Robbins, Lincoln County's treasurer. "And a minimum of \$5, or another 1 percent, for interest."

The combined 2 percent penalty and interest charges accrues each month until paid.

Robbins said those who mail their payments on Saturday need to absolutely make sure the envelope is postmarked Dec. 10.

"Request the postmaster

stamp the date in your presence to ensure the postmark is that date. Don't just put them in the box outside. That doesn't necessary mean the post office will stamp it that date. We can't guarantee that. Once we get it, all we have to go on is that postmark date."

Because Dec. 10 is a Saturday, and the Lincoln County Treasurer's Office in Carrizozo is closed, payments will be accepted on Monday, Dec. 12, as having been received on the 10th. The office is open until 5 p.m.

And there is one more option.

"We do have a lot of people that call in and want to pay with a credit card. And we can do that."

Credit or debit card payments can be made online through Lincoln County's website. A convenience fee of 2.95 percent of the amount charged, or a minimum of \$2, will be assessed by the online payment service, Point and Pay.

# WATER

FROM PAGE 1A

the address either to the fire department, police or the water shop."

The recent low temperatures caused water lines to freeze. When the temperatures warm up. Some lines may burst, according to a news release sent to local media. In February after 40 hours of below-zero temperatures and 90 hours of below-freezing conditions, water service had to be shut off to blocks of second homes where meters indicated leaks or water was spotting running out doors

or foundations.

To try to ease the process for future freezes, village officials began cracking down on a requirement that all homes have shut-off valves on the private side of meters to encourage absent home owners to cut off water when they leave without having to bear the expense of shutting off service and then asking for it to be restored when they return in the summer.

Friends or neighbors also can check private shut-off valves easily.

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# Licenses for illegals on County legislative list

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Lincoln County commissioners want to pass a separate resolution in support of the effort of New Mexico's governor to abolish a 2003 law that allows driver's licenses to be issued to undocumented aliens.

The subject came up during their meeting last month while discussing a resolution supporting the legislative priorities of New Mexico Association of Counties

New Mexico is one of three states that allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. In September, state lawmakers were scheduled to take up the issue in a special session, but redistricting ate up their time.

Martinez has stated that, "We cannot wait until we're the last state in the country to allow people from throughout the world to travel to or be trafficked to our state to obtain a New Mexico driver's license and leave."

Commissioner Mark Doth said he has nothing against any of the NMAC resolutions, "But I think most of them I've heard of already and they fall in step with the governor's wishes. Unfortunately, several have languished for a couple of years in the legislature and nothing has been done with them. The only thing I've seen missing is driver's licenses for illegals. I think this has been a big problem and continues to be a problem. The governor asked for it to be addressed and it continues to be ignored. I think this also should be included on NMAC's list and I'd like to add that."

Commissioner Tom Battin agreed with Doth, but said, "I think that it would be most effective if we approve the NMAC list and then entertained a separate resolution in support of the governor's recommendation as pertains to driver's licenses. I think it would receive more attention than in a fruit basket of resolutions. Let's see what her exact recommendation is and if we want to endorse or expand on that."

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo directed County Manager Nita Taylor to come up with resolution of support for not issuing drivers licenses to undocumented aliens. Commissioners approved the resolution backing six issues proposed by the NMAC. Taylor explained that the focus is on changing state statutes in the next legislative session in January.

The resolution will be sent to legislators. "I think they are excellent priorities," Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said. The six priorities listed in the NMAC resolution are:

- Support a mechanism to correct property tax

inequities and resolve the current constitutionality problem.

- Allow the Public Employees Retirement Act retirees to serve as poll workers without risking loss of retirement benefits.

- Decriminalize minor traffic violations in the state to relieve county jail populations.

- Increase the portion of the state Liquor Excise Tax allocated to the Local Government DWI (driving while intoxicated) Fund and dedicate a portion of that increase to the Administrative Office of the Courts for state drug courts.

- Create a system to ensure that local option gross receipts taxes are remitted directly to the state with the proper location code to ensure payment of revenues to local government.

- Permit county commissions to ban fireworks during extreme drought.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked if the ban applied just to use or also covered sales. "The problem last July was that we couldn't ban the sale, only the use," she said.

County Attorney Alan Morel said the current law doesn't allow counties to ban all types of fireworks. "This law would allow a ban on every type of fireworks, both the sale and use," he said.

"I'm all for that during high fire danger," Minter said.

# Gov. to try again to stop issuing licenses to illegals

MILAN SIMONICH  
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — New Mexico attracts con artists from all over the world because it issues driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, Gov. Susana Martinez said Wednesday.

Martinez, a Republican about to finish her first year in office, has twice failed in her attempts to repeal the licensing law.

She said she will try again in the legislative session that starts next month. Martinez said the public expects her to stick with the issue.

"Seventy-five percent of the state's residents want this law repealed," Martinez said, referring to an Albuquerque Journal poll from last year. The number in that survey actually was a bit lower, 72 percent.

Martinez also said ethnic minorities overwhelming oppose the state granting driver's licenses to those in the country illegally.

"This is not an immigration issue. This is a public safety issue," she said.

Only three states — New Mexico, Utah and Washington — issue driver's licenses regardless of an applicant's immigration status.

New Mexico requires in-person interviews at the Motor Vehicle Division, multiple identifying documents and proof that the applicant lives in the state.

Even so, Martinez said, illegal immigrants with no ties to New Mexico travel to the state in hopes of obtaining a driver's license with fraudulent documents claiming they live in the state.

Sen. John Arthur Smith of Deming has been the only Democrat in the state

Senate to consistently side with Martinez on the licensing issue. But even he is unenthusiastic about her pushing it again.

Smith said in an interview that he was worried about the licensing debate draining the time and energy of lawmakers when they begin their 30-day session in January.

"I'd hate for it to dominate. I personally think we have more pressing problems," he said.

Relatively few undocumented immigrants hold state driver's licenses, according to motor vehicle records.

Of the state's 1.6 million licensed drivers, about 92,000 are listed as foreign nationals.

But not all of those people are in the country illegally. Some are students, soldiers or workers with visas.

State government has not broken down how many without immigration documents were licensed.

Martinez may be especially interested in pushing the licensing issue because 2012 is an election year for all 112 state legislators. She wants them on record in votes about whether the law should be repealed.

That may not happen. Democrats dominate the Senate, 27-14 with one seat open. Their leaders may bottle up any repeal bill in a committee.

Even if the license bill gets to the Senate floor, it would face almost impossible odds.

In the House of Representatives, the dynamic is different. Forty-two of 70 House members voted to repeal the licensing bill last winter. Their bill died in the Senate.

Martinez's attempts to push the licensing repeal during an autumn special session went nowhere. Democrats closed ranks and did not give the bill a hearing.

Another showdown on the licensing issue in January, Smith said, could turn the Legislature into a fractious bunch that gets little accomplished.

He said his district, among the most conservative of those held by a Democrat, would not forgive him if he opposed Martinez on the licensing issue.

"I've stood with her in the past on this, and I will again," Smith said.

But he is not happy about the prospect of long debates over driver's licenses.

State Rep. Eliseo Alcon, D-Milan, said the existing law is humane and sensible.

Bus service is scarce in much of New Mexico. Without a car and a driver's license, people cannot get to their jobs, Alcon said.

He also says undocumented immigrants with driver's licenses do dirty work — picking crops and cleaning motel rooms — that Americans will not touch.

Alcon says the law is sensible, giving the underdog a shot at the American dream.

Rep. Andy Nunez, an independent from Hatch, plans to again sponsor a bill to repeal the licensing law.

Many who cross into New Mexico illegally have bad intentions, Nunez said.

"They come here to get a license to legitimize themselves. Then they can go anywhere in the country," Nunez said.

## Local War Hero To be Honored



William (Bill) Bridges

William (Bill) Bridges, head of security at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack is well known by racing fans, has been chosen to be honored December 10th at Mountain Annie's by Lincoln County Sheriffs Posse. This is his story:

I earned a scholarship to play football at Texas Tech. My sophomore year, 1951, I was drafted into the army. I received my basic training at Ft. Ord, in Monterey, CA. Upon completion, I was deployed to Korea. It so happened that there was one seat left on a troop airplane full of Navy and Air Force officers. I was the only enlisted man. We were on a 4 engine plane and we had to make a stop in Honolulu when one engine went out. The officers invited me to join them on a 6 hour tour of Honolulu. In the spring of 1952, we flew into Tokyo Airfield. From there I was on a bus to Camp Drake and then to Yokohama. We sailed from there to Incheon on a troop ship. From there I was deployed to the front lines in the SE part of North Korea to a town in Kumwa Valley. After months of heavy fighting from hill to hill we were assigned on Oct 14th of 1952 to capture Jane Russell Hill. There were two companies of approximately 140 men. After a fire fight of 4 to 6 hours going up the side of that hill, there were only 17 men left standing. I was one of the lucky one's, I was only wounded! I was shot in my left thigh by a Chinese soldier from about 15 feet away. The wound was caused by a "burp gun". When the shell left the barrel of the gun, the bullet "flipped flopped" and opened a hole the size of a golf ball in my leg and left a hole the size of a soft ball. Something told me to place my belt around my leg to stop the bleeding. The next thing I knew I was laying on the tarmac in Tokyo and the Red Cross people brought us sandwiches and the first fresh milk I had had in months. I spent 5 months in Tokyo Army Hospital recuperating from the wounds. I returned to the US in March of 1953 when I saw my 3 month old son for the first time! I received the bronze star for throwing hand grenades into bunkers. In all, I received 8 medals from the Korean war, including the purple heart.

William L (Bill) Bridge  
336-8051

# Legislators want to target metal thieves with licensing

MILAN SIMONICH  
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — New Mexico's most aggressive and desperate thieves often do not bother with banks or jewels.

Their targets are brass, bronze, copper, steel, metal beer kegs, catalytic converters from automobiles and even manhole covers lifted from streets.

By estimate of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, criminals who steal metals are costing New Mexico businesses \$1.5 million every month.

So great is the problem that various legislators want to require second-hand metal dealers to be licensed by the state. Their theory is that tighter regulation of businesses may discourage thieves from stealing metals in the first place.

Even Republican Gov. Susana Martinez, who generally balks at additional regulations because she says the state needs to be more business-friendly, has directed her licensing department to investigate ways to curtail metal thieves.

"She hopes it can be solved in a bipartisan manner in the Legislature, and in a way that best gets at reducing this sort of theft," said her press secretary, Scott Darnell.

Thieves who regularly swiped copper cable from CenturyLink business sites in New Mexico will cost the telecommunications company about \$1 million this year, said Leo Baca, a lobbyist for CenturyLink. Each copper heist cost the company about \$7,000, he said.

Baca, in testimony last week before the Legislature's science and technology committee, said no sector is immune from these criminals.

The oil and gas industry, large property owners such as Walmart and even the Albuquerque Public Schools have been victimized by thieves who will take any metal they get their hands on, he said.

Detective Mike Sindelar of the San Juan County Sheriff's Office said his most famous case involved a rural robber who stole \$250,000 in oil-field equipment. The thief, Justin Easley, then resold the stolen goods for about \$2,000, Sindelar said.

Most criminals who steal metals are trying to feed drug habits, Sindelar said. They care not about a big payday, only a fast fix. Nonetheless, they cause enormous losses and disruptions for businesses and perhaps their customers, Sindelar said.

He said he favored licensing secondhand metal

dealers to better track them and their business deals. In unincorporated parts of his county, he said, metal buyers can operate without scrutiny because they do not even need a business license.

State Sen. Steve Neville, R-Aztec, last winter introduced a bill to license secondhand metal dealers. It cleared the Senate on a 33-4 vote, but died in the House of Representatives.

Neville's measure called for misdemeanor criminal penalties against businesses that did not obtain licenses. Opponents of his bill questioned whether rural businesses in a vast state should be subjected to that sort of regulation and punishment.

Now large recycling companies, law officers and legislators are working on a revised bill. It would eliminate criminal penalties but leave business subject to hefty civil fines.

They call it "a work in progress" and say it could change or fade away. But in its current form, the proposal would prohibit secondhand dealers from even purchasing certain metals.

With no final draft to consider, the science and technology committee did not endorse licensing for metal dealers. Proponents say they hope to gain support from small businesses first.

# Weekend attack kills three Fort Bliss soldiers

• Deadliest attack on Fort Bliss troops in four years.

AARON BRACAMONTES  
*El Paso Times*

Three Fort Bliss soldiers were killed last weekend in Afghanistan in one of the deadliest attacks on Fort Bliss soldiers in the past four years.

Officials did not provide details of the attack and only said the soldiers died when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device.

"The 1st Armored Division and Team Bliss lost three outstanding soldiers," Maj. Gen. Dana J.H. Pittard, commanding general, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss, said in a press release.

The three soldiers killed were Sgt. First Class Clark A. Corley Jr., Spc. Ryan M. Lumley, and Spc. Thomas J. Mayberry. All of them died on Saturday in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, officials said.

"We are keeping their wives, children, families and friends in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time," Pittard said. "Our three soldiers gave the last full measure of devotion for what they believed in and fought for every single one of us. Freedom is definitely not free."

The last time several Fort Bliss soldiers were killed in a single attack was in 2007 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The deadliest attack occurred in 2008, when nine members of Fort Bliss' 507th Maintenance Company were killed in Nasariyah, Iraq, after they made a wrong turn and were ambushed. Seven members of the company were taken prisoners by the Iraqis.

The soldiers killed this weekend were infantry assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division.

Corley, 35, was from

**"The 1st Armored Division and Team Bliss lost three outstanding soldiers."**

Maj. Gen. Dana Pittard  
Fort Bliss Commander

Oxnard, Calif., and was a 16-year veteran of the Army. He was the most decorated of the three soldiers.

His family could not be reached for comment. Corley had a wife and a son, Fort Bliss officials said.

He was certified for hazardous material and sling load inspection, as well as an expert in radiological safety.

Corley was previously stationed in Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Irwin, Calif., Fort Lee, Va., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Camp Hovey, Korea and Fort Hood, Texas.

He had been awarded the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal-Fourth Award, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with a Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Lumley, 21, was from Lakeland, Fla., and joined the Army in 2009.

His wife, Kimber Leigh Lumley, said through her mother that she did not wish to comment at this time because the family is still making funeral arrangements. She added that the family has had a hard time dealing with his death.

In November, Lumley's mother encouraged him while in Afghanistan on his Facebook wall.

"Just think of all you

will want to do next year," said Jodi Barry, who is listed as his mother on Facebook. "There are a few big holidays coming so get yourself ready. It is not going to be easy and my heart goes out to you."

"Just know we are all thinking of you every day and love and miss you and are marking our calendars off one day at a time till your return. You can do this and we are all here for you even if it is eight hours behind. I love you very much and am so very proud of you and what you are doing."

Lumley graduated from Cedar Key High School in 2008, according to The Ledger, the local newspaper in Lakeland. He was involved in school clubs and athletics, where he still holds the school record in the shot put.

Lumley had been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Mayberry, 21, was from Springville, Calif., and joined the Army in 2009.

The family of Mayberry could not be reached for comment, but Bliss officials said he was married.

On Facebook, Rickey Mayberry's wall said Thomas Mayberry was his brother and that services would be Monday in La Grande, Ore.

In a post on his wall on Sunday, Rickey Mayberry said he was notified about his brothers death around 1:45 a.m.

Thomas Mayberry had been stationed in Camp Casey, Korea, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with a Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Fort Bliss officials said there will be a memorial for the soldiers later. No date was given.

# Zia Gas to purchase Wagon Mound system

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Zia Natural Gas Company, which earlier this year purchased some existing natural gas distribution territory in the Las Cruces region, will acquire the gas system in the northern New Mexico community of Wagon Mound.

The gas utility, which is headquartered in Ruidoso Downs, this week filed an application with state regulators to buy the system from the village of Wagon Mound for \$100,000. Currently the village in Mora County serves 53 homes and 12 small commercial customers.

In September, the village council in Wagon Mound requested bids for the purchase of its municipal natural gas distribution system. Zia responded with an offer it had previously made in 2009. The village accepted Zia's offer and approved the sale on Nov.

21. A purchase and sale agreement, signed by Wagon Mound Mayor Arturo Arguello on Nov. 22, is contingent on there not being a successful petition protesting the sale and approval by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Zia provides natural gas service to several communities neighboring Colfax County to the north and supplies gas to the city of Las Vegas to the south for the city's system. The northern New Mexico operations are known as the gas utility's Maxwell System.

Zia's division manager, Leslie Graham, said there would be a benefit to the public in Wagon Mound because the system would be operated by qualified system operators and be in compliance with Pipeline Safety Bureau regulations. Currently Wagon Mound does not have a qualified gas system operator and is in violation of pipeline safe-

ty rules, the utility's filing stated. The village also sought to sell its gas system to cut operational costs.

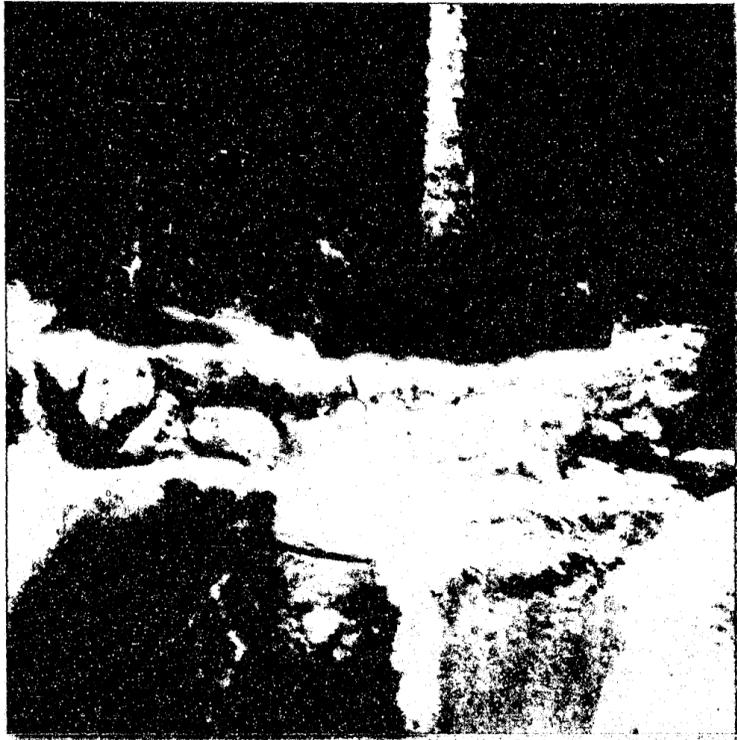
Graham also said Wagon Mound customers would see a decrease in their cost of gas if the transaction is approved.

"The purchase and operation of the village's natural gas distribution system is a natural and logical extension of Zia's Maxwell System operations," wrote Mercedes Fernandez-Wells, Zia's manager of regulator affairs.

If the sale is allowed, closing would happen in around January 7, 2012.

In early 2011, Zia acquired the municipal gas system in Hatch, and the Doña Ana System adjacent to Las Cruces, adding about 10,000 new customers. The gas utility, owned by Natural Gas Processing Company of Wyoming, also has other service areas in Lea and Lincoln counties.

## AWAKE A LITTLE LATE



COURTESY ALEX GUERRERO

Three black bears stand atop the wall behind Cattle Baron Restaurant and watch the customers in the parking lot watching them Dec. 1. Sightings of bears this late in the year is unusual in the Ruidoso area.

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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Charity tree at the theater

*Spencer Theater hosts Nest's tree of wishes*

## Reminders of loss on holidays

LYN SCHULER  
*Special to the Ruidoso News*

Bereavement. That word means the same as grief, but somehow, it sounds a bit softer, not quite as prickly. However, whether we call it "bereavement" or "grief," it is often tough to handle. It is especially hard to handle during the holidays.

If you've lost someone important to you in the last year or two, you may have some difficulty over the next few weeks. Traditions previously taken for granted may fly in your face like a flock of angry birds, because that someone is not here to share it with you.

So how are you going to handle this? If you're like most of us, you have no idea.

Here are some things to consider as we approach the holidays:

### Set Limits for Yourself

Look to simplify rather than overwhelm yourself. Do only as much as you can manage emotionally and physically.

### Express Your Feelings

Sharing the vulnerabilities of your emotions with others who are grieving your loss, brings strength to all.

### Ask for What You Need

Unless you tell them, other people cannot know what you need or are feeling. Ask for help with shopping, entertaining, cooking and cleaning.

### Resist Isolation

The love and the enjoyment of being with those who love you can nourish and aid you in healing.

### Avoid the Holiday?

Choosing not to celebrate is an option. However, you may find it feels better to at least acknowledge your loss and your loved one in some special and meaningful way. Ruidoso Hospice Foundation has some very nice Memorial Ornaments available, as seen in their ad.

### Break from Traditions?

Traditions which emphasize the absence of your loved one may not be appropriate this year. If you do keep with certain traditions allow for minor changes, such as where you spend the holiday or with whom.

### New Traditions

Creating new rituals may be more healing for you and the rest of the family than rekindling past activities. Involving friends and family may help heal their grief as well.

I'm all for creating new traditions. A couple years after my husband died, I let go of some old family traditions, established during the 30+ years of our marriage because they didn't fit and were, frankly, downright painful.

I started some new ones, including decorating the tree completely to my taste as a single woman. Now my tree is a reflection of my own creativity and individuality. The older ornaments were offered to our children, in case they wanted to continue the family traditions.

Similarly, after a divorce from my children's father more than 40 years ago, the children and I began some new traditions around how we celebrated Christmas, and while we didn't let go of all the things related to their father, we had new ones that symbolized who we were as a new family.

Sometimes we simply need some support to get through these times. If you do, don't be afraid to ask. There are bereavement support groups offered by the Ruidoso Hospice Foundation which are available without charge for any resident of Lincoln County.

They are open for attendance on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and on Friday from Noon to 1:00 PM. If you need directions or want more information, call Lyn Schuler at 258-0028.

Lyn Schuler is a Bereavement Coordinator for Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice.



COURTESY

Since 2008, Spencer Theater has invited non-profit organizations to display charity Christmas trees in their halls. The beautiful trees are complete with ornaments designed to inspire giving. This year, the children of the Nest handcrafted many of the shiny ornaments that hang on HEAL's tree.

The back of each ornament contains an item that the shelter needs. The items range from construction paper to an area rug. According to Carrie Calkins, Shelter Manager, "We've experienced so many cuts to our funding this year that seemingly nominal donations can mean the difference in our ability to continue some of our dedicated programs, such as the Children's Program."

The Christmas trees are part of the holiday decorations at the Spencer Theater through January. When we have our shows, you will see the crowds gathered around the trees. "The trees definitely generate giving," says Kathleen McDonald of the Spencer Theater.

This is the fourth year The Nest has participated in Spencer Theater's Angel Tree program. The Nest's tree is located upstairs, outside of the entrance to the balcony.

### Business recognition

This week the Nest would like to recognize Southwest Greens' owners, Kirk Taylor and Scott Forester, as well as Jim Secor of Ziascapes.

Nest Advocate Miriam Moreno decorates the HEAL tree with ornaments made by the children at the shelter.

Southwest Greens donated an Envy Lawn artificial turf for the play yard at the Nest and Ziascapes donated the landscape design

and installation of bushes and shrubbery for the family courtyard.

Thanks to these two giving businesses, the children

and families at the shelter have a comforting and fun place to play outside all year long.

- From the Nest

## Wanted: Several good homes

*Shelter seeks homes for second litter of puppies*



BILL HARALSON FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Mother Bonnie and Dad Rex stayed with their five pups when their owners abandoned them at just a few days old. "Dogs are not like wolves, where the pups are raised by both parents, so it is surprising that Rex stayed with Bonnie and the puppies, said Bill Haralson with the Humane Society of Lincoln County. Bonnie was adopted by her foster mom, Josephine Strain of Alto, a volunteer at the Society's resale shop. Rex is in the shelter and enrolled in the new obedience classes that aims to ensure the adoptable dogs are even more appealing. He will graduate in about three weeks. Fostered for five weeks, the pups now are weaned and should be ready for adoption in two or three weeks. Shelter obedience class is conducted at 10 a.m., each Thursday, in the Dog Park parking lot, weather permitting. In the case of rain or snow, the class is moved indoors at the Middle School gymnasium on Warrior Drive.

Good news and bad news from the Humane Society of Lincoln County!

The good news is that sales at our Resale Shop continue to be brisk.

The bad news is that our inventory of goods is extremely low.

We need everything from knickknacks to furniture and appliances to keep the store stocked through the holiday gift season.

Anyone who has an item that they no longer need or use should call the Resale Shop at (575) 378-1040.

If you have a large item, such as furniture or appliances, you can request a pick up, and we will schedule a trip to your house or place of business to remove the large items.

### Puppies

All of the Soccer Ball Puppies that were fostered by one of our volunteers have been adopted.

Now we are about ready to find homes for our Chihuahua puppies.

Their foster mother, Josephine Strain has

adopted the mother, Bonnie and one of the puppies.

There are still four puppies that will be put up for adoption.

At the latest count, we have had three people sign up on our waiting list.

### Ferals

We are in the early stages of our spay and neuter program for feral cats.

At present, we are just getting organized and have purchased about 35 traps.

Anyone wishing to know more about our program or wanting to volunteer to assist us in this endeavor should call Margaret Layey at (575) 378-1040.

We continue to need volunteers for dog walking, in our spay and neuter center, in our Resale Shop and during off-site adoptions.

We are also planning on building a cadre of volunteers to assist with our foster program.

- From the Humane Society of Lincoln County

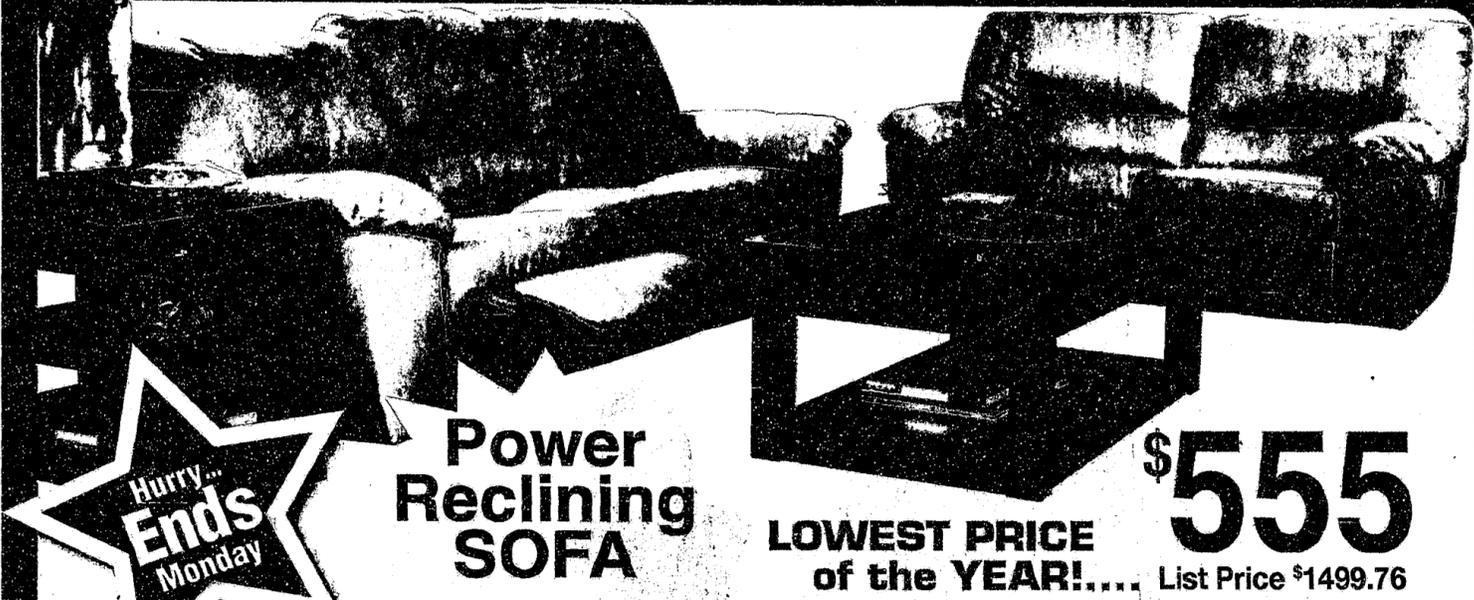


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Meet Dutchess. She is about 5 years old and weighs 58 pounds. She gets along well with other dogs and still has a lot of playful energy. Dutchess is also house trained. Due to her age, Dutchess qualifies for our senior animal discount of \$20.00.



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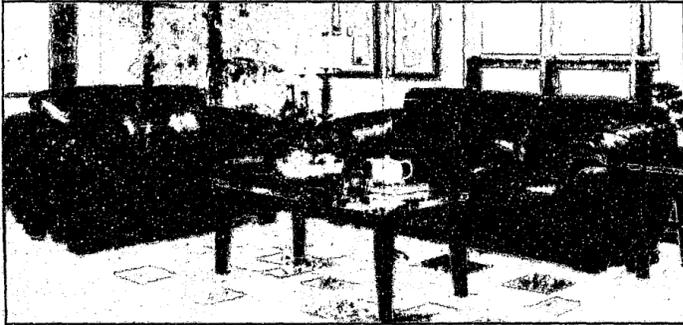
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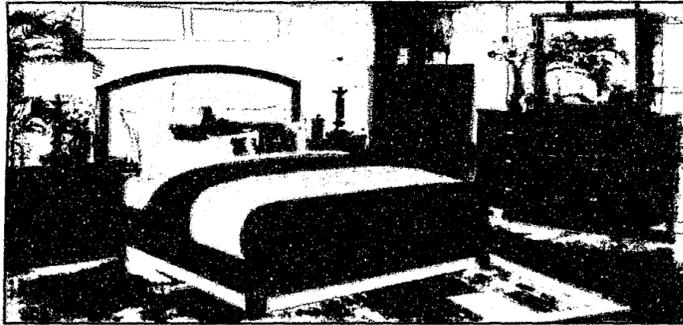
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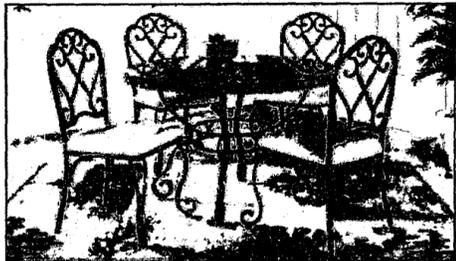
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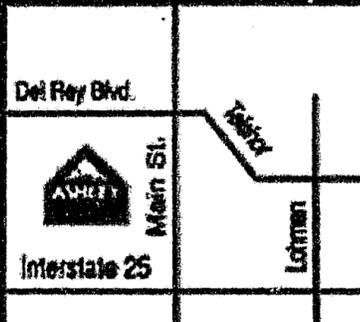
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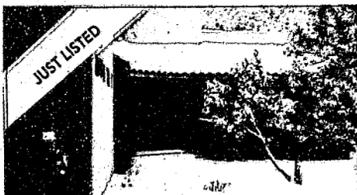
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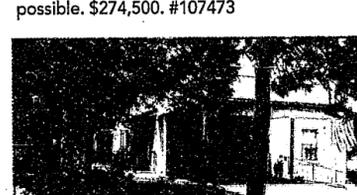
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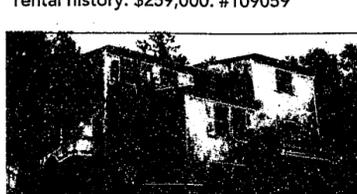
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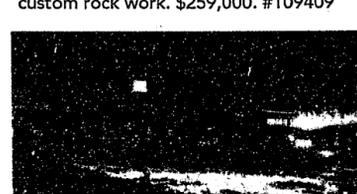
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## Ruidoso resident wins Ironman

### Local athlete Sarah Crewe captures prestigious triathlon race in Cozumel, Mexico

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An Ironman Triathlon is one of the most grueling, long-distance races to be run anywhere in the world. It consists of a 2.4-mile swim, which starts at 7 a.m. and must be completed in two hours and 20 minutes; a 112-mile bike ride, which has to be covered by 5:30 p.m. and a marathon 26.219-mile road run, which must be concluded by midnight.

The arduous length and harsh race conditions challenge the best athletes — both men and women — from around the world and only the most fit need apply.

Five-year Ruidoso resident Sarah Crewe was one such talented amateur athlete that heard a calling. On Nov. 27, she won the distinguished Ironman Triathlon (for 50 and older women) in Cozumel, Mexico, which is a qualifier leading up to the daddy of all Ironman races — the Ironman World Championship held annually in Hawaii since 1978 (Ironman Hawaii).

Currently, there are 26 Ironman events throughout the world that enable qualification for the championship race in Hawaii.

Crewe competed in her first Ironman in Kona, Hawaii, in 1993.

"I was unprepared and had an awful race," Crewe said. "My father was there (he and mom traveled to all my big races) and when I crossed that finish line I saw he was so exhausted from waiting for me, that it was he who needed the IV — not me. I vowed to go faster the next time. Unfortunately 'next time' never came for him, so I promised myself I'd try again and do a better job."

Since the 1993 Kona event,

Crewe has also competed in Ironman races in Lanzarote (Canary Islands, Spain and by far the hardest, according to Crewe), Roth (Germany), Canada Esprit and Ironman Lake Placid (New York). Prior to her participation at Cozumel, her last effort in the Ironman was in 2000 at the Ironman Florida race.

"Starting in 2003, when the kids were born, racing took a back seat to raising kids, working, and moving," Crewe explained. "We moved to Ruidoso after Christmas in 2006. In 2007 my father's Parkinson's got worse and I was focusing most of my energies on his care. I flew nearly monthly by the end of those two years to Chicago to help with his care.

While he was dying (he passed on in November, 2009) we talked, and we talked about the future for me and the kids and my mom. He mentioned how he loved watching me race, and it was then that I decided to get into race shape again one day and do the Hawaii Ironman."

#### Ironman preparation

"I gave myself a couple of years to get into racing shape because I am a bit older (currently 50), and did not want to get injured," Crewe continued. "It takes time to get in shape for this kind of race. You can qualify for Hawaii (Kona), which is called getting a 'slot', in my age group by winning a qualifying Ironman race, or by winning Lubbock, which is a half Ironman.

"I think there are two other halves you can do to qualify as well, but they are far from here and out of the question for me. Everyone who participates in



COURTESY

See RACE, page 2B Ruidoso resident Sarah Crewe, shown here in a Galveston race, won the distinguished Cozumel Ironman on Nov. 27.

## 'On the Road'

In early November I watched news of the New York City Marathon and memories flooded in. I had spent my police career watching Greta Waitz, a Norwegian, the humble woman who went on to win the race nine times and broke the world record three years in a row. The realization of the late Fred Lebow, and championed by Waitz, who sadly also succumbed to cancer, left an indelible mark on me of the triumph of the human spirit.

Approaching the middle-century mark, I look back and regret that I never ran it. I had always come up lame as I prepared for the race.

I looked in the mirror and I wondered why my belly was so inflated. It reminded me of the women that came forward last week, their tushes and jaws bulging out. They had been given injections of Fix-A-Flat by a fake doctor when they sought silicone body sculpting. Then I heard on the news that Chaz Bono has been called a misogynist. It was time to run. I had heard and seen enough.

It is excitement and living on the edge that made us alive. I was twenty and imbibed more than my portion of tequila on Mexico's Isla Mujeres when I dove off the dock into a tank of sharks. I closed my eyes and nothing. All my limbs were still attached. I lifted up a six-foot sand shark for pictures before seven other idiots jumped in to impress their girlfriends.

It was in smoke-filled bars that my cop buddies made spontaneous decisions. At 3 a.m., my friend Mark came in with what he called "Mad Money." Several hours later, we were in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on the beach. Our Sergeants had to cover for us, not just with no excusals at Christmas, but with Chris's wife who found out where we were and followed us down to our beach-front villa.

It was Mark again that led us to Munich during the

Octoberfest. He asked Russ to borrow his deodorant. Mark thought it smelt funny. I told him the tooth paste wasn't much better.

Mark returned with his German-American dictionary and he informed us Russ was using feminine hygiene spray and I was brushing my teeth with some German equivalent of Poly-Grip denture cream.

I broached the subject of walking, not running, across the country to celebrate my birthday next March. My wife politely told me that I was not Forrest Gump. She told me I would likely get stranded somewhere and she didn't want to have to come and get me.

I wanted desperately to connect, to find Americana, beneath the sterilized, plastic, calcified soul, and find something enduring, something worth saving.

It would be by car, city to city. Why not stop first in Los Angeles' Laurel Canyon? It was home of Jim Morrison who was inspired by the beat crowd of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsburg, and Neal Cassady.

Just like Hemingway's Lost Generation, the Beat Generation was shocked with the dehumanizing consumerism that permeated America following W.W.II, suburbia, Stepford wives, stifling norms and the stink of materialism.

Ken Kesey thought he was the link between beatniks and hippies. Working in a V.A. hospital's psychiatric ward he came to believe that many patients were not crazy. They were simply marginalized by the bizarre norms of society. In 1962, his book, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" echoed his sentiment.

Fast forward fifty years and we see beaten down people, zombies holding on to the last remnants of a dream that increasingly doesn't make sense anymore when you filter out the rhetoric.

Belfield, North Dakota and its black gold will be next.

In the heart of Bakken, fast food employees make \$15 an hour and strippers three grand a night. I'll keep my clothes on thank you, but I'll see if Burger King is hiring.

Driving east, I'd ask the African-American man warming his hands by the fire barrel to show me what a union card looked like and ask to see what's left of Motor City. I might ask him as I view his Desert Storm camo jacket if he knew what war we were now in. I would take in the Motown Museum and Skid Row before walking around the original Ford plant, then flash my Scott Walker shirt and take off.

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# RACE

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these races, for the most part, is vying for one of these coveted slots — so the competition is fierce.”

In younger age groups in which there are more participants, there may be two, or even four qualifying slots per age group. But because there are usually 60 or fewer entries in Crewe's age group, one must win the age group to get a slot.

Crewe knew going into the race she had to race well and fast to get a slot to Hawaii.

“Ironman is really a competition with yourself,” Crewe said. “It is so mental. You have to face so many demons throughout the day. Remember you are racing for nine to 17 hours, and during that time anything can happen and you have to deal with it. You could get a flat, you could run out of nutrition, you could drop your nutrition or something serious could happen with your bike, you could crash, you could get your goggles knocked off in the swim, you could have stomach problems, diarrhea — you name it and it can happen. It is how you deal with these issues that makes or breaks you.”

Crewe believes once you have done the training, 90 percent of the race itself is mental.

“At any point in the race you may see a competitor in your age group that you want to beat,” she said. “Will you change your race

strategy to keep up with them? Will you race their race? That's another game. How long can you redline or do you want to do that to catch them? How will it affect your race? All this stuff goes through your mind.

“It is as mentally exhausting as it is physically exhausting to race an Ironman and you must prepare yourself for both the mental and physical aspects of the race.”

## Cozumel Ironman

“Before the race, and while training, I try to eat a balanced diet and lots of protein,” Crewe said. “I eat and drink protein after each workout. And during each workout I practice with various types of nutrition.”

“The first six Ironmans I did I got sick — violently ill. And even though I had prepared physically, I never prepared nutritionally.”

“I used to eat and not take enough electrolytes and in Kona I developed hyponatremia (abnormally low sodium ions in the blood), which is not good.

“In an Ironman, as in any endurance event, nutrition is key.

“I have discovered by trial and error that I cannot digest food while I race. Some people can and good for them, but I get sick. So I figured out that I need to take all my calories in a liquid form, which is what I do.

“I ingest about 1,500 calories (carbs) on the bike, after a big breakfast

before the swim and more liquid calories right before the swim, and then on the run I also ingest about 200 calories an hour to keep me going. The bottom line is, I ‘drink’ my calories during the race.

“When we were on the dock, five minutes before the gun went off for the start of the race, there were 2,400 of us getting ready to jump down 15 feet into the ocean to start the Ironman — en masse,” Crewe explained.

“At that moment I was standing next to Peter, a man I met — 40 years old — who has incurable brain cancer. He was doing this Ironman as one of the last things he does before he dies — a man for whom I have a profound admiration.”

After Crewe finished the swim she next completed the bike ride before starting the last leg of the Ironman.

“The last 10K of the run was a struggle,” Crewe said. “I hadn't seen my family all day and I was hurting. The pain in my quads felt like someone was stabbing them with each step — it hurt that bad.

“At times I looked down to see if blood was oozing out of my quads. I honestly felt that they had to be bleeding as they were hurting that much.

“I dug deep and thought mostly about my dad, and how much I love him and how proud he would be of me for going fast this time. I thought about all that — and more — and finishing,

so that I could see my family again.

“I had no idea where I was in the race because it was dark and rainy and we ran three loops of 8.7 miles and I couldn't use my glasses because they were so dirty from the rain.

“I dug down deep and crossed the finish line with nothing left in the tank.”

Crewe was whisked away by two strong men as soon as she crossed the finish line. After resting and drinking Ramen noodles (another nice touch by the race directors) and a massage, she walked out into her husband's arms. “You Won!” he cried.

“What?” Crewe replied. “I couldn't believe it.”

Crewe finished the Ironman in 11 hours and two minutes to place first in her age category and earn a slot to the Hawaii Ironman.

“Ironman racing, triathlon racing, now, for me, is more about the people I meet and the things I learn about myself and others than just pure racing for time or a win. I learn something new at each and every race. I learn something new with each training session.

“I share what I learn with others, and build upon that knowledge to become a better coach, a better teacher and a better mom.

“Triathlon is my venue, my arena of expression and discovery, where with each challenge and each success and failure, I get a little bit wiser and bit



Sarah Crewe stands in silhouette on the podium in Cozumel, Mexico, and receives a first place Ironman finish in her age group.

more patient. Will Crewe compete in another Ironman? “Of course I'll do it again,” the Ruidoso resident said. “I'm doing Hawaii in October of next year and I am doing Ironman Arizona six weeks later. “I must be out of my mind!”

# ROAD

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Next I'd be off to Cleveland. I have never been there. As a kid in the 70s, I ate potato chip sandwiches as I watched the rain delay on T.V. The pathetic, N.Y. Yankees were playing the hapless Indians. I have a friend that lives there. Kate and her husband were so happy to buy a cheap

house there that the Erie mist, the acid rain that keeps Sherwood Williams in business painting houses, where muggers realize you are so cash strapped they make appointments to meet you another day, does not phase them-now that's community.

I understand the whole family moved in with them, a couple of brothers, a sister. Every time I call Kate she can't pick up the phone because the collection agency is after the sis

for the delinquent student loan.

Jack Kerouac's “On The Road” was an epic adventure that defined a generation. The narrator, Sal Paradise and his friend Dean Moriarty, a care-free, adventurous, free-spirited maverick, eager to explore anything and everything.

Kerouac later said his story and mis-adventures was about two Catholic schooled boys looking to find God.

Marathoners run. They say that endorphins kick in with long runs. I only found pain at 16 miles. We are all running for some reason.

“I like too many things and get all confused and hung-up running from one falling star to another till I drop. This is the night, what it does to you. I had nothing to offer anybody except my own confusion.”

Jack Kerouac, On the Road, Part 2, Ch. 4: This is for all those that

are “on the road.” All spiritual people seeking nirvana, whether pounding the pavement through a 26 mile odyssey, or feeling landmines explode under the feet as they follow their muse.

Pity the poor conventional person that lives the humdrum life. All the seekers shall find but it will be through adventure straddled with both pain and ecstasy.

“The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones

who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes ‘Awwww!’

What did they call such young people in Goethe's Germany?” — Jack Kerouac, On The Road.

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# RELIGION

## For those who went ahead

Last Sunday, the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso paid honor and respect to Ralph McElroy, their Minister of Senior Adults.

Ralph had served the church and its senior adults for about ten years. And he has served in a worthy and selfless manner for the good of the church and the kingdom of God. You might wonder why I would write in my column about Ralph.

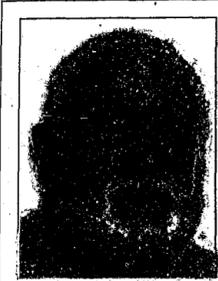
About thirty-five years ago, I was pastor of the Tate Springs Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas. And our Minister of Music and Education had moved to serve in another church. We needed a Music Minister. And Ralph was the one that God sent to us. Ralph was the executive vice president of a major bank in the city. But, Ralph had been a lay minister of music of churches in California and in Texas. At the time, he was leading the singing at the Woods Chapel Baptist Church there in Arlington. Ralph was brought to our attention by our pianist, and God worked out everything for Ralph to be our Minister of Music. He served for about four years, and when he retired from banking, we needed a business adminis-

trator for Tate Springs church. With his experience in banking and his commitment to the Lord and his church, he was a natural for the position. He served for about ten years in that position and then began to serve as our Minister of Senior Adults. When in 1999, Ralph and Eva moved to Ruidoso, Alice and I had

planned to retire to Ruidoso as well. And so our friendship continued as we moved here in 2001. Through the years we owned a cabin together on Lake Granbury, vacationed together,

and developed a respect and relationship that lasts today. God is good to give us friends who are closer that family. The banquet that was scheduled for last Sunday evening has been rescheduled for Sunday evening, December 18th. God willing, Alice and I will be there to celebrate years of friendship and service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ralph and Eva, Alice and I have retired several times in our lives.

All I can say is this....Ralph, you beat me to it this time. We extend our love and blessings to you in this special time. May God give you help for today and hope for tomorrow.



CHARLES CLARY  
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## The message of Soy lent Green

Q: "Soylent Green" is one of my favorite movies. It reunites two of America's great actors, Charlton Heston and Edward G. Robinson, bringing both full circle from their iconic roles in "The Ten Commandments" to a bleak portrayal of a dystopian future where corpses are converted into crackers. (Even a dumb-guy like me knows people-crackers are probably not kosher!) However, I just read that a crematorium in England plans to sell electricity derived from the burning of dead people. While I'm fully in favor of recycling and reducing our carbon footprint on God's green earth, converting corpses into kilowatts seems pretty disrespectful, even though it's probably an efficient and economical method for all of us to light up our Christmas and Chanukah displays. Any thoughts? - FLOUNDER,

A: Thanks for a question I've NEVER been asked before, and will almost certainly never be asked again! As you know from reading my column regularly, I'm a staunch defender of in ground burial.

Opposition to cremation is widespread among world religions, with the notable exception of Hinduism. Cremation is reluctantly allowed by the Catholic Church, but in ground burial is still "earnestly recommended." Protestant tradition is more accepting of cremation, but it remains a minority option among Protestant denominations. The fundamental Christian theological reason, which is shared by traditional Jews, for opposition to cremation is the belief in the eventual resurrection of the body by the Messiah at the end of time. Burial preserves the integrity of the body for that eschatological hope.

Personally, I also favor in ground burial because I believe in the value of graves. A grave focuses our grief and our memories, as well as providing a visible and touchable history of our families that is useful in teaching our children about all the people who were responsible for the color of their eyes and the content of their characters. I realize that the use of cremation has increased over the past half century, rising from about 5 percent to 20 percent. I understand some of the factors motivating people to consider cremation. In a transient world, with many families spread out all over the country, and even the world, fewer and fewer people ever visit the graves of their ancestors. I know that the high cost of some funerals has driven families to cremation as a cost-effective choice. Most poignantly, I recently spoke to a grieving widower, who said of his wife, "I can't throw dirt on

her!" Pain often resists the truth. The truth is that when we bury someone, we're placing earth on the casket, not dirt, and the spirit of the person we loved is now in heaven. It's only the house of the spirit that we lay in the bosom of the earth. Your question adds another entry on my list of spiritual reasons to oppose cremation. The argument that in ground burial is ecologically unsound because it uses valuable land for cemeteries is obviously invalid (although the 98 percent cremation rate in Japan is, indeed, due to this fact). When you compare the massive waste of natural gas and the carbon emissions produced by running crematoria to the ecologically modest act of burying a wooden casket in the good earth, it's clear that burial is kinder to the earth than cremation. However, the question of whether we should at least offset some of the wasteful energy use of crematoria, which are running anyway, by cogenerating electricity, is more complicated and spiritually subtle. My view on this is that we



MARC GELLMAN  
THE GOD SQUAD

must move beyond the creepy factor to the more fundamental issue of using the dead as a resource rather than remnants of holy beings made in the image of God. To me, using people, living or

dead, for commercial use is a violation of respect and sanctity. Organ and cadaver donations to medical schools are meant to heal, directly or indirectly, living human beings. Using the deceased to power our toasters or computers crosses the line into the trivial and spiritually degrading use of the dead. We can find many green energy sources that don't involve cremation. Respect for the living or the dead human body is the reason we rightly prohibit selling organs or cloning people for organ farms. Vegetarians pose a strong spiritual argument that even animal life should not be farmed just to provide us with protein that we could collect in more life-enhancing ways that honor God's creations.

That's the warning of "Soylent Green," in which dead people are turned into crackers (People-itoes?). People are either meat or mensches. I pick mensch (the Yiddish word for a good and holy person). People should not be used for food or fuel.

In the end, I can't improve on the outrage of one creeped-out reader of the article you mention, who commented: "I don't want to hear voices coming through my light bulbs!"

Here's the link to the story: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45526347/ns/technology\\_and\\_science-science/t/burning-deceased-humans-will-produce-electricity/#.TVOeUJiEz9h](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45526347/ns/technology_and_science-science/t/burning-deceased-humans-will-produce-electricity/#.TVOeUJiEz9h)

## Choosing the one you can trust

Q: Usually I'm fairly even-tempered, but sometimes I get upset and before I know it I've let my anger get the best of me.

Afterward, I get very upset at myself, but by then it's too late. How can I get this under control? - L.N.

A: You've already taken the first step by realizing that your outbursts of anger are wrong and do great harm, and that you need to do something about them.

The Bible's judgment is true: "An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins" (Proverbs 29:22).

What can you do? First, admit that you can't conquer this problem on your own. You need God's help - and He is willing to give it to you. If you've never done so, turn to Him and admit you need Him, and then ask Jesus Christ to come into your life to forgive you and change you.

God wants to help us - but He won't if we think we can shut Him out of our lives. Open your heart and life to Christ today. Then ask Him to help deal with your anger in practical ways: "Do certain situations make you angry?"

If so, learn to avoid them - and when you can't, commit them in advance to God and seek His help.

And when you feel anger welling up within you, turn instantly to God and ask for His peace. Most of all, ask God to transform you from within, making you more and more like Jesus Christ every day.

Make His Word, the Bible, your daily companion, and let its truth reshape your life. The Bible says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since... you were called to peace" (Colossians 3:15).

Q: A friend of mine lost her husband to cancer about two years ago. They were a devout couple and she has no doubt that he's in heaven now. But she prays to him every day, asking him to be with her and watch over her, and things like that. Should she be doing this? - Mrs. M.B.

A: No doubt she feels the loss of her husband very much, and I suspect she's still grieving over his death.

Although her hope is misplaced, this may be the only way she thinks she can keep his memory alive. If her husband somehow could return and spend even just one minute with her, I have no doubt that he would urge her to put her faith and hope in Christ alone. Her husband

is now safely in heaven, and some day they will be together again. But in the meantime, only Christ can save us, and He alone is the one to whom we should look for the help we need. The Bible says, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Don't let anyone take Christ's rightful place in your life! Pray for your friend, and urge her to turn to Jesus Christ for the peace and comfort she seeks. Few things in life are harder to bear

than the death of a loved one - but God knows what we're going through and can comfort our hearts by His Spirit. Jesus' promise is for her, and for all who are hurting: "Peace I

leave with you; my peace I give you.... Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27).

Q: What was the forbidden fruit that Adam and Eve were told not to eat? Was it an apple, like I've heard people say? I like apples, but does this mean I ought to avoid them? - J.G.

A: No, it doesn't. We don't know what the forbidden fruit was, and nowhere does the Bible say it was an apple.

Even if it had been, that wouldn't be a reason to avoid apples today. The writer of the Song of Solomon compared the joy of married love to "an apple tree.... sweet to my taste" (Song of Solomon 2:3).

The important thing isn't what kind of fruit it was, but why Adam and Eve were told to avoid it. The reason was because it gave them a choice - either to love God and obey Him, or to reject Him and disobey Him.

If they hadn't had a choice, they would have been like puppets, and their love for God wouldn't have been genuine. But they did have a choice - and at first they loved God and walked with Him every day.

Then Satan tempted them in the strongest possible way, telling them that God had been lying to them, and if they ate the forbidden fruit they would become like God.

They fell for his lie - with catastrophic results. Today Satan also tries to get us to believe a lie - the lie that God hates us, and that there can be no forgiveness or salvation.

But there can be - God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to save us by His death and resurrection. The Bible says, "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). Is your faith and hope in Him?



BILLY GRAHAM  
MY ANSWER



## Rayner R. Chavez

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Memorial service for Rayner R. Chavez, 69, of Ruidoso will be Saturday, December 10, at 11:00 AM in the Gateway Church of Christ in Ruidoso.

Mr. Chavez passed away Monday, December 5, 2011, in Ruidoso. He was born December 17, 1941 at San Patricio to Christina and Asteo Chavez who precede him in death. He had lived in Lincoln County all of his life. He had served in the Army and was owner/operator of Paloma Blanca Excavating. He married Bonnie Zamora on December 27, 1972 at Las Vegas, Nevada.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; two sons, Abel Chavez and Adam Chavez; a daughter, Andrea Chavez; 5 brothers, Israel Chavez, Felix Chavez, Arturo Chavez, Monroy Chavez, and Rueben Chavez; 6 sisters, Lydia Rue, Maria Salas, Theresa Chavez, Dolores Carrillo, Lillian Lopez and Adelina Payne; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters, Benjamin Chavez, Modesto Chavez, Elena Klein, Charlie Chavez and Esperanza Chavez.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

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## Youth groups enjoy tubing, community

*Area churches gather at Ruidoso Winter Park for a snow day*

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It was an afternoon of faith, fun and community for Lincoln County teens visiting the Ruidoso Winter Park Wednesday afternoon.

"Sometimes teenagers see churches in a negative light, but we're really growing," said Chris Weaver, youth pastor for the J Bar J Country Church, who, along with fellow youth pastors, invited any and all junior high and high school students to the event.

Seven churches were there, Weaver said, adding that there may have been more that did not sign up.

J Bar J Country Church, Angus Church of the Nazarene, First Baptist Church of Ruidoso, Gateway Church of Christ, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Community United Methodist Church and Capitan Church of Christ attended the event, along with others, Weaver said.

The event was made possible through the generosity of Tom Dorgan, owner of the snow park, who allowed youth groups and parishioners from across the county to use the park, free of charge, Weaver said.

"It's safe to say that well over 200 people were there," Weaver said.

Weaver said that there were 187 waivers signed to allow teens to enjoy tubing down the hills.

This brought Dorgan's generous donation to \$3,179 in waived admission fees for the evening.

"We can't say enough for the sponsorship of Tom (Dorgan) at the winter park," said Phil Jones, youth pastor at Angus Church of the Nazarene. "It was incredible that he

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Youth pastor  
Angus Church of the Nazarene

would do something like that."

Weaver said the churches contributed food for the event, providing teens and their families with fresh, made-on-the-spot pizza, along with drinks, and s'mores and marshmallows to toast by the fire.

"I thought it was a great time and good event for the teenagers of Lincoln County to come out and have some fun," said Darin Michalk, youth pastor for Gateway Church of Christ. "It's good to know that multiple churches and organizations are out there, supporting these kids."

This event, along with another gathering tentatively planned for January, is part of the youth groups' efforts to expand through the Students Making A Stand for Him organization, Weaver said, adding that different churches offer to host the events.

"A lot of times churches don't work together very

well, so to have an event with a lot of churches over is an awesome thing," said Brandon Phillips, youth pastor for First Baptist Church. "Sometimes adults are so set in their ways, but students just want to see their friends."

Phillips added that the youth pastors from area churches had been regularly talking, trying to build momentum for SMASH to help support area teens in their faith, and to get more involved.

Jones said that the event was a blessing for the teens, giving many an opportunity to meet other teens and enjoy the winter park for the first time.

Each of the churches' youth groups met on Wednesday evenings, Phillips said, which made it easier for the groups to hold monthly community events.

"At the end we got them (teenagers) all together and Darin Michalk gave a talk on why we get together and do this together," Weaver said. "Our hope is that we can encourage growth and participation in our youth groups."

Michalk said the event was intended to, "break down walls," between the different youth groups, and give them a greater sense of community spirit, letting them know they were not alone in their faith.



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Above, Khrystine Eckerd and Vane Elred watch their steps as they get in line to take another ride down the slopes of the Ruidoso Winter Park on Wednesday evening.

Left, area teens get ready for another run down the slopes.



## Christmas shopping for a cowboy

It's that time of year when the cowboys are hanging out at the feed store shopping for their favorite cowgirl among the many choices offered.

As is for most things, gift shopping at the ranch is a pretty laid back procedure.

I'm not saying a lot of thought is not put into choosing the perfect gift, but "perfect" is subject to interpretation and you can almost always factor in functional and fundamental.

The gift that wins the tally of given most often from him to her is an axe. I know that will shock many of you that don't live down dirt roads, but an axe is essential to the time of year the gift is given—Christmas and the middle of winter.

The axes have come single bit, double bit and often tied with a red bow the size of a pickup truck in an attempt to make it festively palatable.

Some have come with a flashlight as an extra gift so wood or ice could be chopped in the dark. Often a note is attached saying, "I promise to keep this sharp for you."

Another common feature for the ranch "him to her" gifts is the "who really wants or needs this?" Gloves that are too big for her and fit him perfectly are regular offerings under the Christmas tree as are new saddles although she rarely rides, horses she never will ride, and that absolutely stunning truck tool box that unfortunately won't fit her SUV. A complete assortment of hand and powers tools also fit into this category.

Never to say the gifts aren't truly appreciated one

wife I know got a new cattle guard. It was to be placed where she had to open and close a gate 15 times a day coming and going. She would not have been happier if she had gotten big blue diamonds.

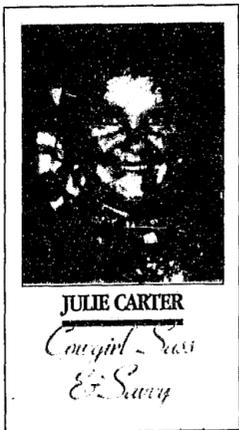
And for the little lady that is shopping for her cowboy — here is an abbreviated list of suggestions of what and what not to buy.

### This year's do not buy:

1. Anything made of polyester.
2. Designer socks or silk jockey shorts.
3. Tofu anything and white wine.
4. A sweater vest
5. A salad spinner
6. A George Foreman get all the fat off the meat grill
7. Complete set of Danielle Steele romance novels
8. Driving gloves
9. Self-help books on how to get in touch with your feminine side.
10. Speedos
11. Beano—he won't use it.
12. A manicure set with anything smaller than #9 wire pliers and a hoof rasp.
13. Line dance lessons
14. A gourmet cookbook

15. A set of instructions for anything Sure-fire pleasers under the Christmas tree for the cowboy are:

1. Anything from the feed store.
2. Anything from the hardware store.
3. Make that vest a leather, canvas duck or nylon down-filled one.



4. Anything labeled Wrangler, Levi, Stetson, Tony Lama, Justin, or Carhart.
  5. Cast iron --especially if it's a skillet complete with the promise of a years supply of fried steak, potatoes, okra, bacon, eggs, and even refried beans.
  6. Tools that say "life time warranty, guaranteed forever"
  7. A good pocket knife, made in the USA and a new whetstone
  8. Lots of cammo and ammo
  9. Pinto beans by the gunny sack full.
  10. Cookbook called 101 ways to cook venison.
  11. A book called "Teach your woman to run a trap line"
  12. Heavy duty one-gazillion candle power spotlight for calving season
  13. A gift basket full of beanie weenies, spam, Vienna sausages, beef jerky and huntin' license good for anywhere to shoot anything.
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# Handheld Hubbub



The Vita, PlayStation's next-generation portable gaming device, took the top Hardware honors from the gaming press at E3 2011, but unfortunately, it won't be available in North America till 2012.

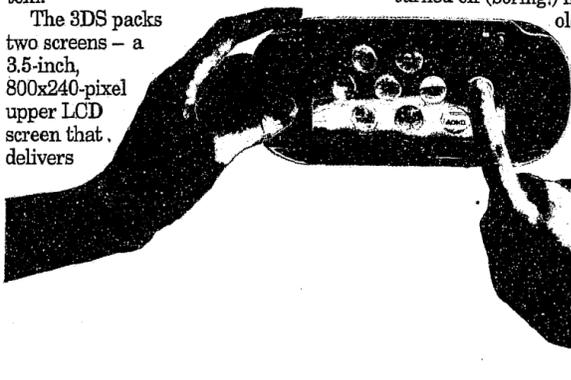
However, on-the-go gamers need fear not. There's the Nintendo 3DS (\$249.99), the world's first portable 3D gaming system.

The 3DS packs two screens – a 3.5-inch, 800x240-pixel upper LCD screen that delivers

3D picture without the need for glasses, and 3-inch, 320x240-pixel lower LCD touch screen that can be used to control gameplay, in addition to the D-pad and an analog "slide pad" that allows 360-degree motion. A 3D Depth Slider adjusts just how three-dimensional objects appear and can even be completely turned off (boring!) if need be. Like it's

older brother, the Wii, the 3DS has Netflix-streaming capabilities too, via a downloadable app from the Nintendo eShop.

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Twenty years ago, my brothers and I received the best Christmas present ever – the Super Nintendo Entertainment System. Twenty years later, I still have it (thankfully, none of my bros object to the usurpation), and I've even purchased new S-video cables to help it behave in the best way possible with my HDIV.

Now, while I still possess all my favorite old games, there remain a few SNES titles – specifically, the SNES classics "Final Fantasy III" and "Chrono

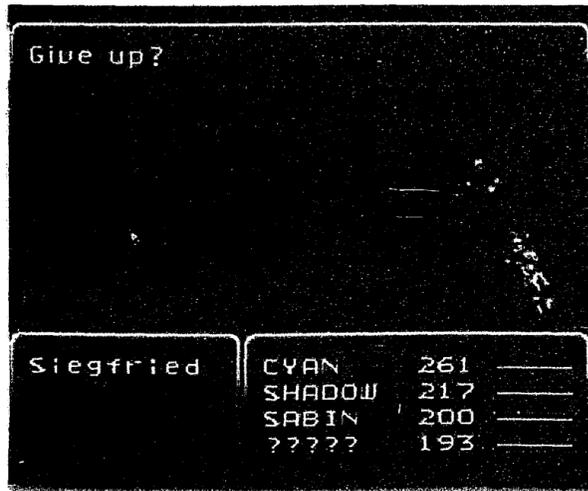
Trigger" – that I never played in my youth and, as I've grown older, I really wish I could play. The problem is the aftermarket (read: eBay) cost on some of these much-sought-after titles is, roughly, \$100 or so each.

The good news? Both were released on Nintendo's Virtual Console in 2011, meaning I can download them straight to my Wii and play them with classic SNES controls via the Wii Classic Controller or new Classic Controller Plus (\$19.99).

So, what's on my Christmas list? Some Nintendo Points gift cards (\$10 to \$30). With a few clicks of a Wiimote, I'll be enjoying some I Love the '90s gaming – all without having to outbid anyone.

–Timothy R. Schulte

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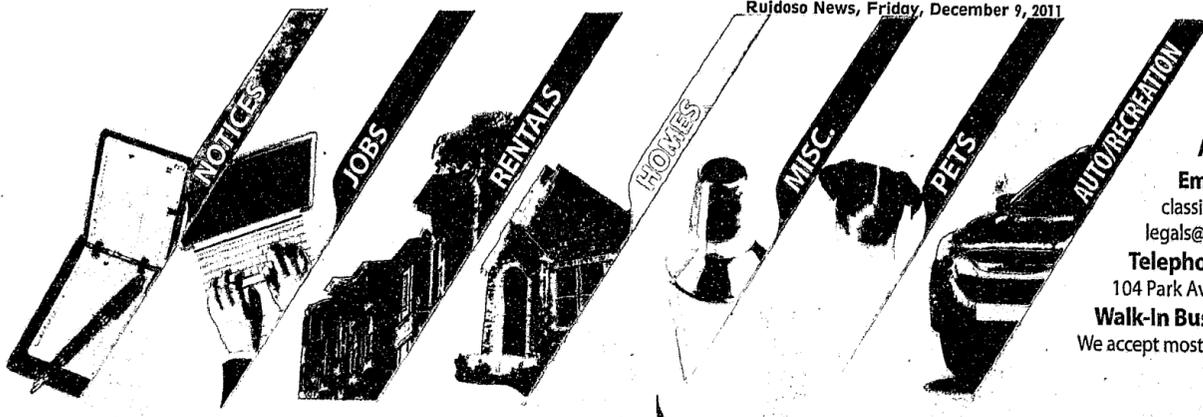


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*Critical thinking is vital to meet the demands of emerging technological careers and crucial for an informed citizenry. At ENMU-Ruidoso, English instructor Holly Braden works hard to develop skills beyond grammar and punctuation in her students, challenging them to analyze and synthesize positions of leading academics concerning issues facing us all. The following essay is an example of the work being done in the classrooms at the college here in Ruidoso.*

### Simplicity

by Caleb Saunders

Some people cannot see the large picture largely. Either they see it only partially, or they fail to see it all together. Jacob B. Hornberger wrote an essay, *Keep The Borders Open*, in which he takes a very simplistic angle on immigration. Hornberger throws up six straw men, false premises that is, which he, not surprisingly, quickly proceeds to tear down. Not only do his starting premises lack validity, they don't even touch upon the real issues of this on going debate. I'll quickly look at the "objections" dealt with by Hornberger, and show just one area that Hornberger never even addressed—which hurts Americans. The area of how our hospitals are affected by illegal immigration.

For the first objection, Hornberger claims that his culture has more to fear from those who come from "the north," than he does from illegal immigrants. Firstly,

I've not heard this argument ever submitted as a serious reason for closing the borders to illegal immigrants (usually the first thing I hear is that it should be stopped because it is illegal, what a novel thought.). I enjoy dancing. Whenever a person learns a style of dance, Cha Cha for example, they bring a certain interpretation to it. If a person changes Cha Cha too much, anyone who knows it knows it's not Cha Cha but a new dance altogether. Hornberger mentions many different sub-cultures found within our American culture—but they are all part of American culture, just different interpretations of it.

The second objection deals with an American problem, which pins the blame on illegal immigration. Therefore, this objection has nothing to do with illegal immigration. Why do Americans hire illegal immigrants? It's because they often work for less, work hard, and work well. Why don't American citizens work this way? The first reason is economical, which goes back to the idea of a social contract. This scenario being played out daily is a mark against us as Americans. For the social contract is being broken on every level; those who are doing the work break it by not working hard and doing good work, and those who pay the workers are breaking it by not affirming good work by paying well. This issue deals with Americans breaking trust with other Americans.

Illegal immigration is merely a scapegoat for our own failures.

The issue of welfare is an in-house debate. We Americans haven't even agreed on how this should look for citizens, let alone illegal immigrants. Illegal immigration is simply a flea on the back of a larger problem.

Addressing the issue of drugs Hornberger asks, "Is there any better example of an immoral, failed, and destructive government program than the war on drugs?" (558). Is it moral to let our kids take meth and do nothing? If not for the purpose of protecting its citizens against all enemies foreign and domestic, what is the role of government? Our government should prosecute everyone who brings in drugs without discrimination. Hornberger does not argue for better governing policies, but for anarchy.

The objection that immigration will bring in too many people has many valid points that Hornberger summarily ignored. If America did not operate on a sense of moral right and wrong, there would hardly be any issue here. As it is though, hospitals are required to take care of patients needs whether they can pay for that care or not. Hospitals, mainly those in border states, are taking a major financial-beating due, in large part, to illegal immigration (for information on this one just has to Google "hospitals and

illegal immigration"). You have masses of people who need care, but have neither the means to pay nor insurance to cover those bills, which means the hospitals, and by extension, citizens pay out of pocket.

Hornberger's last rebuttal is simply a plea on emotions. By evoking the image of another Berlin Wall he attaches negative stigma to the subject without ever providing evidence to support his position. Hornberger states that the reason for groups wanting to kill Americans is our foreign policy. If we look farther back into the history of America, we'll see that those that we pushed out had no foreign policy against us, but we wanted their land (I'm not making any moral judgment here, just stating facts). Even if we abolished our "interventionist foreign policy" (558), who's to say that another people won't want to kill us simply for our land?

In conclusion, Hornberger sees the world very simply. The issue of immigration is far more complex than one would ever gather by reading Hornberger's essay. Illegal immigration has far reaching implications that we Americans must deal with in all their complexity.

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RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

Nov. 24

8:31 a.m. - Officer Ryan Frost responded to an alarm in the 100 block of South Central.

Frost reported finding the door ajar but no one in the area.

Frost reported nothing was apparently missing from the building.

Nov. 26

9:53 a.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela stopped a car for speeding on U.S. 70 and arrested the driver for warrants

Valenzuela reported the car was traveling at 57 miles an hour and Bridget Chavarria, 30, of Ruidoso

Downs, had outstanding warrants from Chaves County.

Valenzuela arrested Chavarria.

Nov. 27

9:50 a.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to the 26000 block of U.S. 70 for a report of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.

The victim reported a white bread truck used by Church Out of Church to distribute free food had been taken from the back of the building.

The victim said the truck was last possibly seen on Friday evening.

The truck contained all the equipment for feeding

the needy.

11:10 a.m. - Officer April Payan responded to the 100 block of La Canada for a report of breaking and entering.

The victim reported finding the garage door on the West side of the building open and a black lighter inside the building. Nothing appeared to be missing.

Nov. 28

1:40 p.m. - Officer April Payan took a report of a stolen bicycle.

The victim reported his son's Mongoose bicycle had been stolen from the 300 block of Reservoir Drive.

Nov. 29

2:59 p.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to Walmart for a report of a male drinking alcoholic beverage complaint.

Frost reported an employee directed him to a stall in the men's bathroom where Kevin Walsh, reported as homeless, was drinking beer.

Frost reports he instructed Walsh to come out of the stall, Walsh put down the last beer from a six pack and exited the stall with his pants around his ankles.

Frost told Walsh to pull his pants up and searched Walsh, reportedly finding a brass knuckle blade combo in Walsh's front pocket.

Frost arrested Walsh on a charge of possession of a deadly weapon and a violation of dispensing location restriction.

Judge Harrold Mansell set Walsh's bond at \$150 and Walsh spent the night in the Ruidoso Downs Police Department holding cell.

On Dec. 5 Ruidoso Police Officer Lance Ledford responded to Lawrence Brother's IGA for a report of shoplifting and encountered Walsh.

Ledford reports Walsh was eating soup in the deli and told him he could not afford the soup and beer, so he took the beer in the bathroom and drank it.

Ledford found an empty 20 ounce beer can in the bathroom.

Ledford cited Walsh for shoplifting and gave him a criminal trespass notice.

Dec. 1

9:20 p.m. - Officer Ryan Frost responded to Friedenbloom Drive for a report of a stolen bicycle.

The red, 27-inch mountain bike was reportedly locked and outside the victim's front door at 7 a.m. It was gone when he returned that evening.

- Police briefs are compiled from police officer incident reports.

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Lee Walstad pleaded contest to possession of more than one ounce of marijuana, first offense. Judge Lorena LaMay sentenced Walstad to 15 days in jail, time served, \$198 in fines and fees. LaMay also found that Walstad violated his probation and continued his probation through July 5, 2011.

Gabriel Begay pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge LaMay sentenced Begay to 30 days in jail, time served, \$324 of unsupervised probation and \$198 in fines and fees.

Josephine Williams

pleaded no conduct to disorderly conduct.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Public Defender Mandy Denson and Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson, the state dismissed battery on a household member.

LaMay sentenced Williams to one day in jail, time served, 181 days supervised probation and \$473 in fines and fees.

• Phillip Chee pleaded no contest to attempt to issue a worthless check.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Thompson, the state amended the charge from felony issuing a worthless check.

LaMay sentenced Chee

to 24 days in jail, time served, 340 days of supervised probation and \$273 in fines and fees.

Chee also pleaded no contest to drinking in public.

LaMay sentenced him to jail time and probation concurrent with the above sentence and \$273 in fines and fees.

• Ashley Chavez pleaded no contest to resisting, evading or obstructing an officer and concealing identity.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by Denson and Thompson, the state dismissed a charge of resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

LaMay sentenced

Chavez to 30 days in jail, time served, 546 days supervised probation and \$526 in fines and fees.

LaMay also found that Chavez violated her probation and credited her with 63 days time served at Lincoln County Detention Center and found her probation had expired.

• Yon Rue pleaded no contest to unlawful killing of deer and unlawful possession of a doe deer.

LaMay sentenced Rue to 364 days unsupervised probation and \$573 in fines and fees.

• Benito Villarreal pleaded no contest to battery.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached

by Denson and Thompson, the state dismissed charges of aggravated assault and another case, which does not show in the on-line court records.

LaMay sentenced Villarreal to 182 days unsupervised probation and \$373 in fines and fees.

**Dec 1**

• Nathaniel Tejada pleaded no contest to assault against a household member.

LaMay sentenced Tejada to 182 days supervised probation and \$273 in fines and fees.

• Jimmy Baca pleaded no contest to possession of drug paraphernalia.

Under a plea and disposition agreement reached by defense attorney Duncan Bradley and Thompson, the state dismissed charges of possession of less than one ounce of marijuana and possession of a firearm by a felon.

LaMay sentenced Baca to one day in jail, time served, 363 days unsupervised probation and \$248 in fines and fees.

• Alvaraz Hermendillo pleaded no contest to battery.

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**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bona fide filing, a pay off, a reinstatement, or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of the sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned and the mortgagee giving this notice shall be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
 No. D-1211-136  
**GARY GARRETT, Plaintiff**  
 vs.  
**Gloria LaMay Clerk/deputy**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
 To: Gary Garrett  
 Notice is hereby given that there is now pending against you, the Twelfth Judicial District Court, a case the subject of which is divorce, property and division of community property, spousal support. If you do not file an entry of appearance, motion, or other responsive pleading with the Court within the twentieth day after the date of this notice, the Plaintiff may be awarded by default judgment. The attorney for Plaintiff is Patricia S. Ortiz, 2701 E. Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345. The address is PO Box 495, Carrizozo, NM 88301.  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
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 Disposal of Surplus Property

Sealed BIDS for the disposal of surplus property will be received by the Greentree Solid Waste Authority, All bids are to be submitted to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. 2550 US Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on December 19, 2011. Bid Opening will be 10:00 a.m. on December 20, 2011.

Bid Forms and a list of vehicles and equipment may be obtained from the Greentree Solid Waste Authority's Office, 2650 US Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346. If you may call 575-257-4697. Mailed or Delivered bids should be addressed to the Greentree Solid Waste Authority, 2650 US Hwy 70, P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346 in envelopes marked: Disposal of Surplus Property Bid Date 12/19/11 on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that their bid is delivered to the Authority's office by 12/19/11 at 2:00pm. If mailed or delivery of said bid is delayed beyond the closing date and time, bid thus delayed will not be considered. Call Debra Ingle, GSWA Operations Supervisor, 575-378-4697 to make arrangements to view the items.

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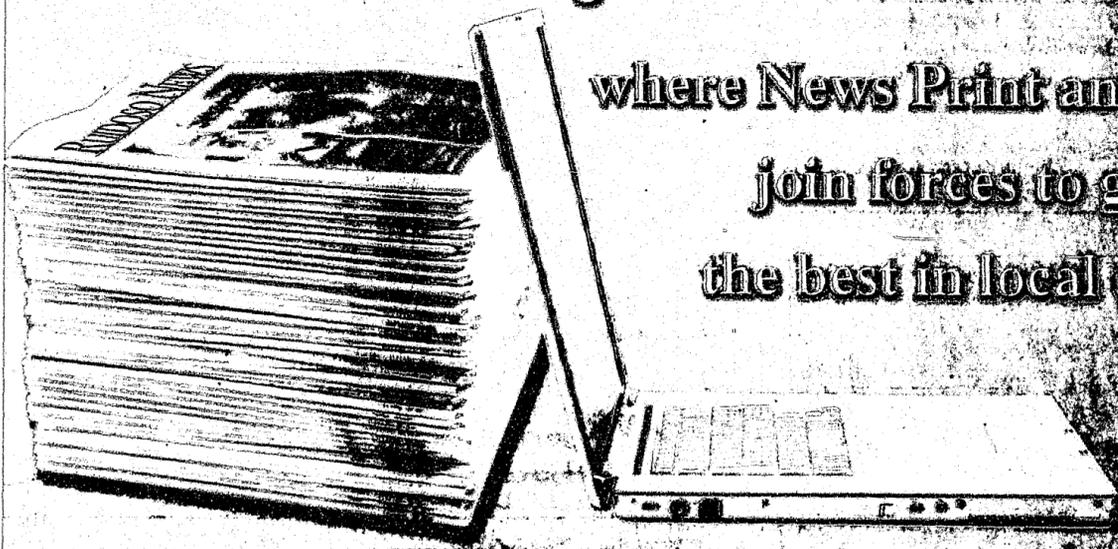
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SEL, LEATHER, MOONROOF, ALLOYS, FULL POWER

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XLT, TRACTION CONTROL, AUTO, A/C, LOADED!
- 5700 **2010 FORD ESCAPE 4X4** ✓ **CERTIFIED 1.9%** ..... WAS \$26,440 NOW \$23,463  
XLT, MOONROOF, LEATHER, SYNC, SAFETY CANOPY
- 5K4471 **2011 FORD MUSTANG** ✓ **CERTIFIED 1.9%** ..... WAS \$26,795 NOW \$24,333  
LEATHER, COLD INTAKE, CUSTOM EXHAUST, SHAKER 500W SOUND
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SEL, TRACTION CONTROL, SYNC, SHIFTER PADDLES, FULL POWER
- 5659 **2010 FORD EDGE AWD** ✓ **CERTIFIED 1.9%** ..... WAS \$28,745 NOW \$25,989  
SEL, REVERSE SENSING, SAFETY CANOPY, 6CD, LOADED!
- 5662 **2010 FORD EXPLORER 4X4** ✓ **CERTIFIED 1.9%** ..... WAS \$30,520 NOW \$27,737  
EDDIE BAUER, 7 PASS., DUAL A/C, HEATED LEATHER, MOONROOF
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LE PKG., SELECT SHIFT AUTO, SAFETY CURTAIN, LOADED!
- 5690 **2011 HYUNDAI SONATA** ..... WAS \$22,375 NOW \$20,747  
SELECT SHIFT AUTO, STABILITY CONTROL, 6 AIRBAGS, FULL POWER!
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- 7K0921 **2007 TOYOTA PRIUS HYBRID** ..... WAS \$15,975 NOW \$12,755  
ALLOYS, AUTO, BACKUP CAMERA, CD, A/C, 1 OWNER
- 5691 **2010 HYUNDAI ELANTRA** ..... WAS \$17,755 NOW \$14,747  
GLS PKG., SAFETY CANOPY, POWER WINDOWS, LOCKS, TILT, CRUISE, A/C, CD
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