

RUIDOSO NEWS

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'NUTCRACKER' AT THE SPENCER



At top, a contingent of soldiers dancing in "The Nutcracker" ham it up backstage before their rehearsal curtain call. Pictured here, ready for battle, are: Regan Forster, Alicia Stewart, August Forster, Sarah Cordova, Marley Roser, Briza Reyes and Angel Sanchez. At left, Ava Roberts, Salem Ewing and Dylann Blount practice their mouse personas backstage at the Spencer this week. Some 75 dancers will appear in the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble production at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets (\$28) are available at the Box Office. Call the Spencer Box Office at 336.4800 for tickets.

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SPENCER THEATER

Village approves drought measures

Projects focus on water supply, storage

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"These are existing wells, so the protesters can put down their pens."

Jim Stoddard
Village of Ruidoso councilor

Three projects aimed at improving Ruidoso's water supply and storage capacity in anticipation of future droughts were approved Tuesday by the Village Council.

The first dealt with rehabilitation and reconnection of three unused and clogged wells. Two focused on improvements and repair to the village's Alto Dam, reservoir and treatment plant.

Councilors approved in a 5-1 vote to award to Hydrogeologic Services Inc. of Albuquerque a project to clean and bring back online three wells for \$241,401.68. Councilor Gloria Sayers voted against the motion.

She and Councilor Denise Dean were concerned with wording about deepening the wells, but Utilities Director Randall Camp said that reference only noted the possibility of having to bring out rock that's collected on the bot-

tom and caused the well to lose capacity.

Pumping tests will be performed on Apple Orchard Well, Alto 3 Well and Plant 2 Well, which have not been used for years, but are part of an effort to develop a more reliable and drought-resistant water supply.

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Officials: New treatment plant clearing chemicals

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The new regional wastewater treatment plant that serves Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs is doing its job. Both phosphorus and nitrogen, two chemicals that were under federal and state orders to be slashed from the plant's discharge to the Rio Ruidoso, have been dramatically reduced.

"Here's where we were about five years ago," said David Stensel, a professor of environmental engineer who helped with the design and implementation of the new treatment facility. Pointing first to a photo of a

jar of somewhat murky water, Stensel next highlighted a jar containing crystal-clear water.

"And here's where we are now. Look at that water. See the beautiful effluent it's putting out from the plant. Basically that's reclaimed water. That water can be used for irrigation."

The wastewater treatment plant's discharge permit was viewed by Stensel as, "one of the most challenging" in the country.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Mexico Environment Department pressed for

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Volunteer finds family history in coincidences

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Life delivers some interesting coincidences.

For Phil and Linda Schreiber, the coincidence was moving across the country only to find they landed at a point in history where Phil's uncle, Commodore Harry Asher Badt was a key player in rescuing the German crew of the S.S. Columbus, which was interned at Fort Stanton in Lincoln County leading into and during World War II.

Born in Washington D.C., Schreiber said his father died when he was very young and his grandfather stepped in to help

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CHRISTINE STEELE/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Fort Stanton volunteer and Ruidoso resident Phil Schreiber discusses how his uncle, Commodore Harry Asher Badt, played a key role in rescuing a German crew from the S.S. Columbus who were later interned at Fort Stanton before the breakout of World War II.

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American Legion

Ruidoso Post 79 meets on the third Saturday of the month. The next meeting is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Legion Hall at the corner of U.S. Highway 70-East and Spring Road, in Ruidoso Downs.

The Fall "Rifle Raffle" continues. The organization is giving away a 42-inch Visio high-definition flat screen TV or a Weatherby 30.06 "Vanguard Package" on the drawing date, Dec. 23. You do not need to be present to win. First draw gets choice of items; second draw gets the remainder.

Ticket purchasers must be at least 18-years of age and/or eligible to own a firearm.

Tickets are \$10 each, or three for \$25. For information, please call the Post Adjutant Vic Currier, (575) 802-5293.

Common Ground

Common Ground will try to raise \$4,000 through its closing sale from 10 a.m. through 7 p.m. Dec. 16 through Dec. 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

AMERICAN LEGION THANKS



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American Legion Post 79 Commander Robert Laczko, right, and Adjutant Vic Currier presented Dreamcatcher owner Lynn Crawford a certificate of appreciation for the role Crawford played in the Ruidoso Military 365 committee and in developing the Military R&R Street Party. Crawford was one of the first Ruidoso business owners to develop a relationship with Fort Bliss troops and used those connections to guide the Military 365 committee's efforts to recognize the military, veterans and their families.

more information.

VPW meeting

LCpl. Steven M. Chavez Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12071 will have its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 19, at Cree Meadows Golf and Country Club. This is a new location for the meeting.

The meeting, which is open to all members of the VFW, will begin at 7 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, there will be a social hour with \$1 hot dogs and a cash bar. This part of the gathering is open to the public.

Those who are interested in

joining the VFW, call Post 12071 Commander Jerry Grace at 575 914 8024.

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 partic-

ipation 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 through Dec. 31, is being 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.

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

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'WINTER SHORTS'



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Lincoln County Community Theater actors, from left, Lynn Kidder, Lori Lamphere, Lea Keylon and Mike Keylon present one of the "Winter Shorts" plays Saturday at Scared Grounds Coffee. The theatre group will present the plays again Friday and Saturday night.



CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIALS

Start off with a Rudolph Nose Cocktail

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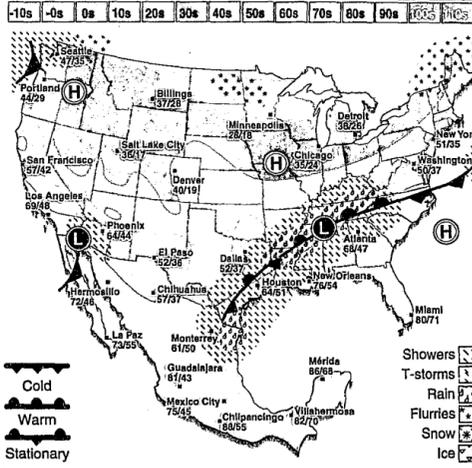
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 47° Humidity 61%	RealFeel 57° Humidity 58%	RealFeel 49° Humidity 61%	RealFeel 41° Humidity 63%	RealFeel 41° Humidity 51%	RealFeel 41° Humidity 48%	RealFeel 39° Humidity 51%
43° 29° Partly sunny Wind: SE 4-8 mph	49° 35° Partly sunny Wind: SE 3-6 mph	51° 33° Mostly cloudy, a shower possible Wind: S 7-14 mph	45° 25° Cloudy, snow or flurries possible Wind: NNE 7-14 mph	42° 35° Periods of clouds and sunshine Wind: WSW 6-12 mph	49° 32° Partly sunny Wind: SW 12-25 mph	45° 26° Partly sunny Wind: W 8-16 mph

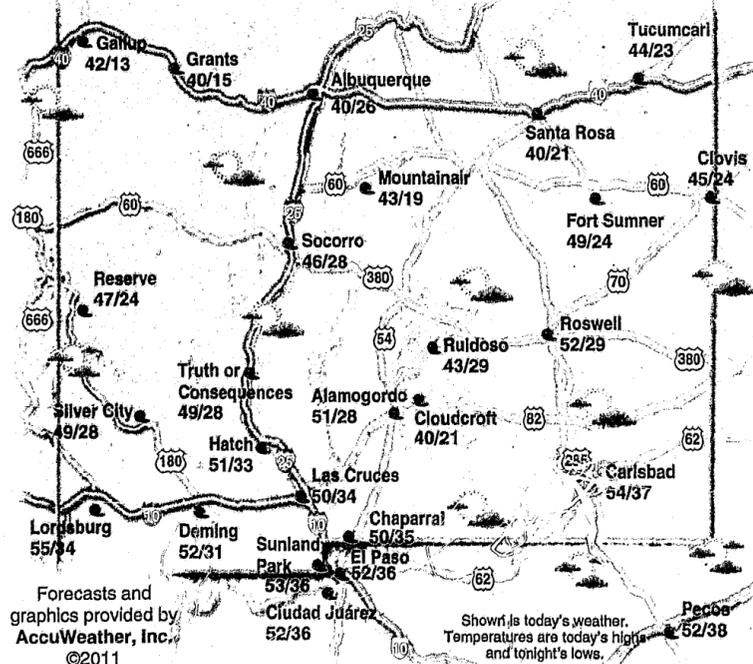
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National Forecast for Dec. 16, 2011



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

Regional Cities



City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	40/26	47/31
Santa Rosa	40/21	47/31
Ruidoso	43/29	47/31
Las Cruces	50/34	52/36
Chaparral	50/35	52/36
El Paso	52/36	52/36
Carlsbad	54/37	52/38
Pecos	52/38	52/38

Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 39°/28°
Normal high 49°
Normal low 22°
Record high 63° (1969)
Record low -1° (1955)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.01"
Month to date 0.91"
Normal month to date 0.71"
Year to date 9.41"
Normal year to date 20.99"

Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 52°/34°
Normal high 56°
Normal low 21°
Record high 75° (1950)
Record low 9° (1964)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.02"
Month to date 0.52"
Normal month to date 0.40"
Year to date 4.98"
Normal year to date 10.29"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: Are raindrops pear-shaped?

National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Abilene	45/33	51/37
Anchorage	30/23	30/25
Arlington	68/47	58/38
Austin	54/44	53/41
Baltimore	53/32	44/26
Boston	51/29	38/28
Chicago	35/24	37/26
Dallas	52/37	56/38
Denver	40/19	51/27
Des Moines	37/23	40/26
Detroit	38/26	38/28
El Paso	52/36	55/39
Las Vegas	58/40	58/39
Los Angeles	69/48	75/49
Minneapolis	28/18	32/20
New Orleans	76/54	63/45
New York City	51/35	42/30
Philadelphia	52/36	46/32
Phoenix	64/44	64/42
Reno	44/22	46/20
San Francisco	57/42	59/41
San Diego	64/48	66/48
Seattle	47/35	46/38
Tucson	60/42	60/40
Tulsa, OK	48/27	54/31
Wash., DC	50/37	46/33
Wichita	44/24	51/27
Yuma	64/44	64/44

Regional Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Albuquerque	40/26	47/31
Artesia	55/35	54/40
Chama	41/14	45/41
Clayton	44/24	55/31
Cloudcroft	40/21	43/30
Farmington	40/17	47/22
Hobbs	50/29	54/37
Los Alamos	41/22	43/18
Portales	48/24	50/27
Raton	42/11	56/19
Red River	36/9	41/9
Ruidoso	43/29	49/35
Santa Fe	40/19	45/26
Silver City	49/28	51/35
Taos	37/3	46/12

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Acapulco	88/72	90/73
Cancun	81/66	82/66
Chihuahua	57/37	57/39
Ciudad Juárez	52/36	55/39
León	81/45	77/45
México, DF	75/45	70/45
Monterrey	81/50	59/50
Morelia	81/46	75/48
Oaxaca	84/50	77/50
Pto. Penasco	61/43	63/45
Tijuana	66/45	66/43

Sun and Moon
Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:59 a.m./4:58 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 11:15 p.m./11:02 a.m.

Moon Phases
Last New First Full
Dec 17 Dec 24 Dec 31 Jan 9

Extremes
Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 86° in Hartlingen, TX
Low: -4° in Bodie State Park, CA
Wednesday's World High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 110° in Teller, Australia
Low: -56° in Verkhoyansk, Russia

EVENTS

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entry forms, please visit RuidosoAttractions.com/photocontest.html. The deadline is Dec. 31.

Library programs

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

Preschool story time Wednesdays at 10:30 —
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).

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.

At the Spencer

Spencer Theater presents favorite holiday fare with productions of "The Nutcracker" (\$28) starring the Ruidoso Dance Ensemble on at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 and The Flying J Wranglers "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Christmas Special (\$30) at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

This year's "The Nutcracker" features the jaw-dropping talents of student dancers Simon Pawlak as the Cavalier and Christy Huey as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Also wowing crowds is the dancing flare of Nicholas Mesa as the Nutcracker, Sabina Judah as Clara, Aidan Haney as the Dew Drop Fairy and Tony Reyes as Uncle Drosselmeyer.

This original adaptation of Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic showcases gorgeous

OPTIMIST AWARD



COURTESY PHOTO

Ruidoso Optimist Club President Vicky Caudill presents member Max Davis the Robin Jones Memorial Volunteer of the Year award at the Optimist Club Christmas party at K-Bob's Restaurant Wednesday. Davis overhauled the Optimist Club grill and towed it to events in Lincoln, High Rolls and Ruidoso Downs. A longtime chuckwagon cook, Davis also served as the head chef for the Optimist Club at these events. The award is named for the late local businessman Robin Jones, who continued to help others in the community after having a leg amputated. The Volunteer of the Year award is given in recognition of that "never-give-up" spirit.

drops, sets and costumes and outstanding talents of all ages.

Additionally, a few new set pieces have been created by the Spencer's Technical Director Bob Phaup with painting by Capitan artist Judy Pekelsma.

New for The Flying J Wranglers this Christmas season is a brand new holiday CD packed with traditional favorites, original and classic western/cowboy Christmas songs and spiri-

tual ballads.

Entitled "Go Tell It On The Mountain," the intricate harmonies on the holiday compilation harold the true meaning of the season in tunes like "Beautiful City," "Mary Did You Know," "Angels Among Us," "Noel," "Children Go Where I tell Thee," "Riding To Ruidoso" and the CD's title song, "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

The group features tenor James Hobbs on

rhythm guitar; vocalist Cindy Hobbs, the national champion yodeler and entertainer; Randy Jones, a multi-instrumentalist on guitar, mandolin, banjo, dobro and vocals; Roy Black on bass guitar and vocals, and Corinna Ripple on fiddle and vocals.

Tickets are available to every show.

Call the Spencer Box Office at 575.336.4800 or go to www.spencertheater.com.

A LIGHT ON LUMINARIAS



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OUR OPINION

Cell phones and driving don't mix

The National Transportation Safety Board recommended that all states ban the use by drivers of all cell phones and hand-held electronic devices except in emergencies this week.

And, statistically speaking, it seems to make a lot of common sense.

Texting while driving is just one component of the dangerous phenomenon known as distracted driving, which includes anything that could distract the driver from his or her primary responsibility — driving.

Cell phone use while driving is gaining more and more attention, not unusual since more and more people are getting electronic devices on which they can talk or text.

The statistics are alarming. A survey of more than 6,000 drivers by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that about two out of 10 drivers

have texted or emailed while driving. Even more incredible, half of U.S. drivers between 21 and 24 years of age say they've sent messages while driving.

And, according to an Associated Press story, "At any given moment last year on America's streets and highways, nearly one in every 100 car drivers was texting, emailing, surfing the Web or otherwise using a hand-held electronic device."

Cities like Las Cruces and Albuquerque already have prohibited the use of hand-held cell phones. And while some might argue that Ruidoso isn't big enough to warrant such actions, there are times when traffic in Wicketown is so congested that the slightest lapse in attention could result in at least a fender bender or, at the worst, a dead pedestrian.

Regardless of the law, it's common sense that using electronic devices and driving don't mix.

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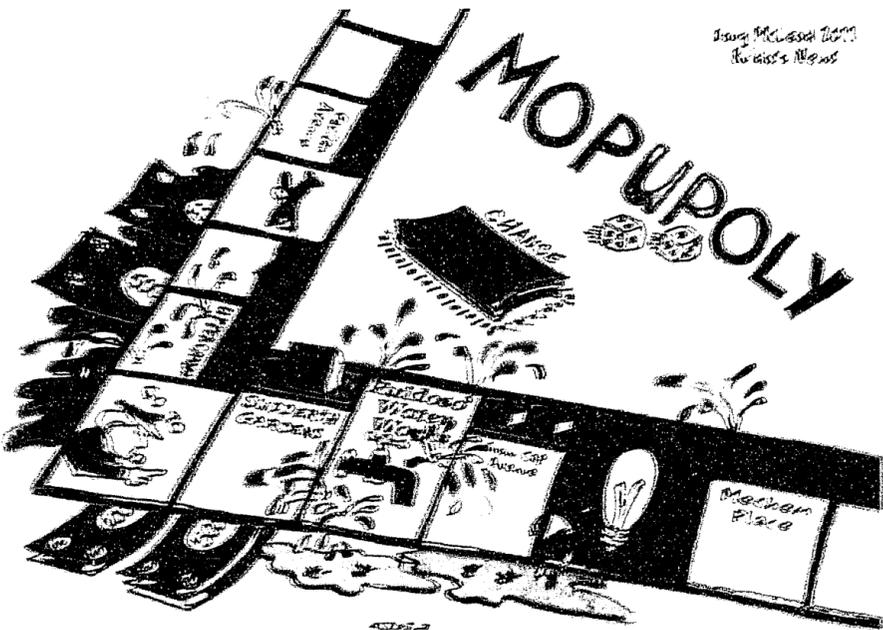


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BEER FROM

Campaigning in — district what?

Just a year ago New Mexico and other Americans were scrambling over mid-term elections, wondering how a Republican group calling itself the Tea Party would use its power as the new majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Today campaigning is already underway for next year's elections, which promise to be equally unorthodox.

The uncertainty is palpable in New Mexico where Democratic and Republicans hopefuls are jousting for seats in Congress and the state Legislature from districts, the shapes of which are unknown.

It wouldn't be otherwise after Gov. Susana Martinez and the Legislature failed to agree on how to remap the state's sundry political districts or a special redistricting session this summer.

It's another unwanted mess in which we've allowed ourselves to be ensnared. Campaigns are organized programs that find candidates building prospective voters for their support in advance of elections.

The hitch this year is that hundreds of would-be candidates for 42 seats in the state Senate and 70 seats in the House haven't a clue whether those voters they are courting will actually end up living in the districts they plan to run in next year.

How can they know what to hustle for support needed to get elected? Candidates can waste bundles of time and money second guessing that one.

For the dozen or so men and women who are known or believed to have their eyes on one of the state's three U.S. House seats, the guessing will end within a week or so when state District Judge James Hall renders his decisions in the congressional redistricting trial over which he is presiding in Santa Fe.

Testimony has now concluded in that trial where three redistricting schemes, involving population shifts ranging from 25,000 to 150,000, were in play.

Judge Hall is under no obligation to accept any of those proposals and could conceivably

come up with yet another alternative.

But whatever the courts decide, a sizeable number of New Mexico voters who currently live in any one of the current districts will likely find themselves in another come the 2012 general election.



JAMES HALL

DISTRICT JUDGE

Undated by the looming changes in their political home bases, two incumbent congressmen, District 2 Republican Steve Pearce and District 3 Democrat Ben Ray Lujan, are seeking reelection.

The sprawling northern District 2 has traditionally been safely Republican, although in 2008 Democrat Ernie Hefner was elected to a term in Congress before Pearce returned from a failed Senate bid to reclaim his old seat in 2010.

Whether the next iteration of District 2 remains comfortably Republican depends on the outcome of the redistricting case in Judge Hall's court.

Nonetheless, at least four Democrats, including former state Rep. Jeff Steinborn, are reportedly weighing a run against Pearce.

In the heavily Democratic northern 3rd District, there are also rumblings at the grassroots as politicians and voters await Hall's decision. By some accounts, Lujan could face a challenger in the June Democratic primary.

What's more, at least three Republicans, including a Tea Party stalwart, are reported to be considering a general election run against the incumbent Democrat.

Perhaps the tightest scramble for political advantage in a district yet to be configured is in Mason Albuquerque's District 1, where Democratic Congressman Martin Heinrich is running for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by longtime Democrat Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

It's an open seat and a gaggle of top name Republican and Democratic politicians are pressing the flesh and courting the voters with dreams of a berth under the Capital Dome.

Time and political ambition, it seems, wait for no one, not even a judge's rulings establishing legally sanctioned U.S. House districts in the state of New Mexico.

THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: With Christmas around the corner, how is your shopping going?



Brandia Grant
Ruidoso

"My shopping's doing great. I'm just happy to be able to celebrate Christmas in Ruidoso."



Gilberto Muzin
El Paso, Texas

"It's going really well. We don't have a very big family, so I've got something for everybody."



Gabriel Trojillo
Ruidoso

"I'm doing really good. A lot of local shops have a lot of things, so it's been easy."



Linda Thompson
Houston, Texas

"We just started, so we're doing OK. We're spending the day browsing and looking here, there's so much going on around."



Connie Hall
Ruidoso

"I'm quite thrilled. It seems the economy is turning around. I'm spending the day browsing and looking here, there's so much going on around."

Village of Ruidoso municipal elections set for March

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Three Ruidoso village council seats will be up for election March 6.

The four-year term of Councilor Angel Shaw expires in 2012, and voters also will have a chance to name who they want to serve in two other positions filled by appointments

after the death of the late Don Williams and the resignation of Michele Rebstock. Gloria Sayers, who showed well in the March 2010 election, was appointed in July 2010, to finish Rebstock's term when the former councilor moved to California. Former councilor Ron Hardeman stepped back to the council in July 2011, to

complete Williams' term.

Councilors Jim Stoddard, Rafael "Rifle" Salas and Denise Dean took office in March 2010, and have two years left in their terms.

The municipal judge also is up for election. Beverly Rankin was appointed after the death of Mike Line in May 2010.

Declarations of Candidacy must be filed between

8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Jan. 10, at the office of Village Clerk Irma Devine in village hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive. Bring a declaration of candidacy, available from the clerk, and a certified copy of a current affidavit of voter registration on file with the Lincoln County Clerk dated after the adoption of the election resolution.

To vote in the March

election, a resident must register with the County Clerk in Carrizozo by 5 p.m., Feb. 7.

Absentee voting will begin Jan. 31, and end at 5 p.m. March 2. Early voting will begin Feb. 15 and run to 5 p.m. March 2. Both occur in the village clerk's office. An absentee ballot also may be delivered by mail, by the voter, by a

caregiver or by a member of the voter's immediate family.

Councilors Tuesday adopted a resolution establishing the polling places for the election in the Ruidoso Convention Center and setting up all of the pertinent dates. The polling places will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WATER

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"They've become clogged over time," Camp said. "They are low producers, about 80 gallons to 100 gallons a minute, but they're useful as a backup. If we can get several online, that's part of our drought contingency." He said he hopes to have them functioning by late spring or early summer.

"These are existing wells, so the protesters can put down their pens," Councilor Jim Stoddard said.

Sayers noted that only one of the five references for the company had been checked and she expressed concern about future unanticipated costs.

Dean said she was "conflicted" without a "true description" of the work. The wording in the memorandum states "deepening" of the wells, but she voted for the motion to proceed.

Alto Dam options

Councilors voted unanimously to approve the award of a project to evaluate Alto Dam using a \$224,000 Water Trust grant. Three companies previously made presentations and the top firm selected for contract negotiations was URS

of Colorado.

The firm will evaluate several alternatives, such as armoring the existing dam, building a series of smaller dams or building one larger dam, Camp said.

Stoddard interrupted, insisting, "It is not a dam. It's more of a holding tank."

Camp agreed Alto Reservoir is off-channel storage but that it still falls under the oversight of the state Dam Safety Bureau.

Although the dam has withstood many floods without damage, new standards are being applied amounting to surviving "precipitation of Biblical proportions," he said. In the 2008 flood, "The water was higher outside the dam, but we're dealing with a regulatory world."

"I can see the value of this work if it expands our water storage," Stoddard said, waiting to be convinced. "I can support that. Otherwise, I cannot."

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said to look on the project as one of accounting. As it stands, the village is unable to capture and hold the legitimate surface water rights that it has owned since 1984, he said. "It's not only the Dam Safety Bureau rules, but how best to increase our capacity," he said.

All of the projects are mixed into the same pie and every piece is critical, Bryant said.

But Sayers said the bureau has complained before and she asked what kind of punishment the village might face if it didn't move forward on the project.

Camp said a breach order probably would be issued and the village would lose the ability to use the reservoir as a storage tank. The state would require the dam to be breached.

"Why haven't they done that?" Sayers pressed again.

The village has been showing a good faith effort to rectify problems, he said. The bureau also is aware that the village needs to increase its water storage capacity.

"Our rainfall is high intensity, but of short duration," he said. "We want to show the bureau we have come up with something usable to increase storage if they find the money."

Plant upgrades

Councilors also approved a sibling project for the reservoir with an award to HDR Engineering Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the design of modifications and upgrades to the Alto Water Treatment Plant and the Alto Lake Pump Station for a fee of \$465,585.

"The contact is for the preliminary design of an upgrade to (the treatment plant) and includes a

pilot test of a type of membrane that is designed to treat high turbidly water of the type found in the lower levels of Alto Reservoir," Camp said.

"The project also includes design of modifications to the pump station at the reservoir that feeds the treatment plant. The existing plant is old and in need of upgrades to meet current treatment standards."

Under current operation, the plant only can process about half the volume that it was designed to treat under the previous less restrictive standards, he said. "This limits the village's ability to treat and supply water to the majority of village resident. With the likelihood of recurring extended drought and an increasing population, it is vital that we complete this design" to move forward with constructing the updates.

He referred to the plant as now being one of the weakest links in the village's supply system.

HDR representative Chris Rodriguez told councilors the deskwork on the project would start with the approval, but much of the actual test work must wait



Randall Camp

until March through July to evaluate flow and collect other data. "We are required to evaluate multiple technologies," he said.

"Is that as good as we can do (on timing)?" Stoddard asked.

"It requires capturing the spring runoff and the monsoon rains," Camp said.

Rodriguez said the field tests would be looked on favorable to support the desk calculations.

"This is not the actual upgrade to the plant, this is just the first step," Camp emphasized.

"It's a conceptual design to get funding," Rodriguez clarified. Bryant said a renovated plant probably wouldn't come online until May to July of 2013.

"Is it possible with this upgrade and better treatment of water that comes out of Alto storage, we'd be able to use more reservoir water and less well water," Sayers said.

"Exactly," Camp assured her. "Half the water is untreatable with the old technology and changes in permits standards."

"You understand that we need a good strong Ford, not a luxury Cadillac to do the job?" she told Rodriguez.

The previous project centered on storage and this one on treatment, Camp said. "I wish we had done this two years ago, but at last we getting there."

PLANT

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tough reductions in phosphorus and nitrogen. And two Lincoln County residents along with the environmental group Wild-Earth Guardians sued Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs over pollution in the Rio Ruidoso. A settlement of the suit required construction of the plant that cost \$36 million. Monitoring of the river also was required.

Stensel said not all nitrogen is the same and not all phosphorus is the same. Research on the two elements that are fertilizers showed they can be easily captured or, on the contrary, not very separable and removable.

"And one of our PhD students coined the term 'coconuts and bananas,'" Stensel said. "And she said the stuff that's really available, phosphorus that's reactive, that's like bananas. It's easy to eat.

But non-reactive phosphorus, it's like coconuts. You can't get right at it. You have to break it, do something extra to get at it."

Being fertilizers, phosphorus and nitrogen can cause algae to grow. That had been a long running complaint by landowners along the Rio Ruidoso, which prompted the EPA to get involved more than a decade ago.

The new plant uses a filtration process called membrane separation. To further reduce pollution going into the Rio Ruidoso, the chemical alum is used. Methanol is added to serve as food for bacteria that breaks down the liquid waste. And ultraviolet disinfection is a final pollution reducer.

Stensel, who praised plant director Bobby Snowden, said the new facility was "doing very good."

That was confirmed by Jim Good, with Parametrix, an environmental sciences firm that is sampling the quality of

water in the Rio Ruidoso.

"The project purpose was really to answer two basic questions," Good said. "One of them was how are the effluent nutrients changing? And how do we compare the river, upstream and downstream from where the effluent discharges? And secondly, how is the ecological health changing in the Rio Ruidoso?"

River monitoring

Monitoring of the river began in May 2009, well before the new facility went into operation, with samples collected above the plant's discharge point near the U.S. Highway 70 bridge over the Rio Ruidoso.

Two other monitoring stations are located immediately downstream of the plant and at a point farther

downriver in Glencoe. The monitoring includes sample collections, lab analysis, and other water data.

There also is continuous hourly monitoring at certain periods of the year. Additional testing looks for algae formation and the viability of aquatic insects.

"There are some things that very definitely stand out," Good said. "The total phosphorus concentrations, both in the effluent and downriver, really did drop dramatically starting in about April of this year."

The new treatment plant began to go online about that time.

"There was a little bit of a spike in September down at the Tully (monitoring station in Glencoe) site and I think that's the effect of the runoff from the wildfire. But otherwise, the loading for phosphorus has been very, very low since

April." Good said nitrate concentrations also have dropped.

Algae was described as "a mixed bag" by Good. While noting there has been a reduction, flood events were pointed to as possibly scrubbing the river bottom and sending algae downriver.

"You can see that there is some heavy algae growth even upstream of where the effluent comes in. There's not a whole lot of difference upstream and downstream that is really

consistent. Sometimes we saw the highest biomass was actually above the wastewater treatment plant."

And aquatic insects showed little variation above or below the plant's discharge.

Noting the upgraded plant has been in operation for a short time, Good said the preliminary conclusions from the data indicate nutrient concentrations in the river are "clearly much lower with the new plant."

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BUSINESS

Downs engineer changes hats

Paul van Gulick to head Ute Water Project

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A longtime Ruidoso Downs surveyor and engineer will shift gears. Paul van Gulick was tapped this week to be the project manager for the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System.

Van Gulick will replace Scott Verhines, who was named by Gov. Susana Martinez to be New Mexico's State Engineer on Nov. 3.

"He accepted that position, so what that meant is some of the projects that he was working on, I'll step in to do that." Van Gulick said he had worked with Verhines about 10 years ago. "I'm not going anywhere, but I won't be doing the kind of day-to-day surveying and some of the structural engineering that I have been doing."

Surveying work is being referred to Ruidoso surveyor Eric Collins of DT Collins and Associates. Structural engineer Jim Burkhardt will take up that arena.

Van Gulick said he is looking forward to his new role with the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System.

"As the State Engineer, he really can't have an interest in the private sector," van Gulick said of Verhines and his Occam Consulting Engineers firm, based in Albuquerque. "That essentially means he needed someone to take over as the project manager and I had worked with him for about three years from about '98 to 2001 on that project."

"So it looks like I'll be getting back into that."

Verhines said he had asked van Gulick last month if he would be interested in stepping into the role.

"Paul got very excited about the possibility of getting back engaged with

this project and working with all of you," Verhines told the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority. "I think he has the right combination of background in the project. When we did all the conceptual design, Paul did all the work."

While van Gulick said there will be plenty of travel, he plans to remain based in Ruidoso Downs.

He added he wants to keep a presence in the area with a huge Ruidoso infrastructure project coming up.

"Ruidoso is gearing up to begin reconstruction of the sewer line, about 12 miles from the Upper Canyon down to the wastewater treatment plant," van Gulick said. "Eric Collins and I are some local guys teaming up with Occam Engineering and ultimately CH2M Hill, a much larger company with resources to do a project just like this."

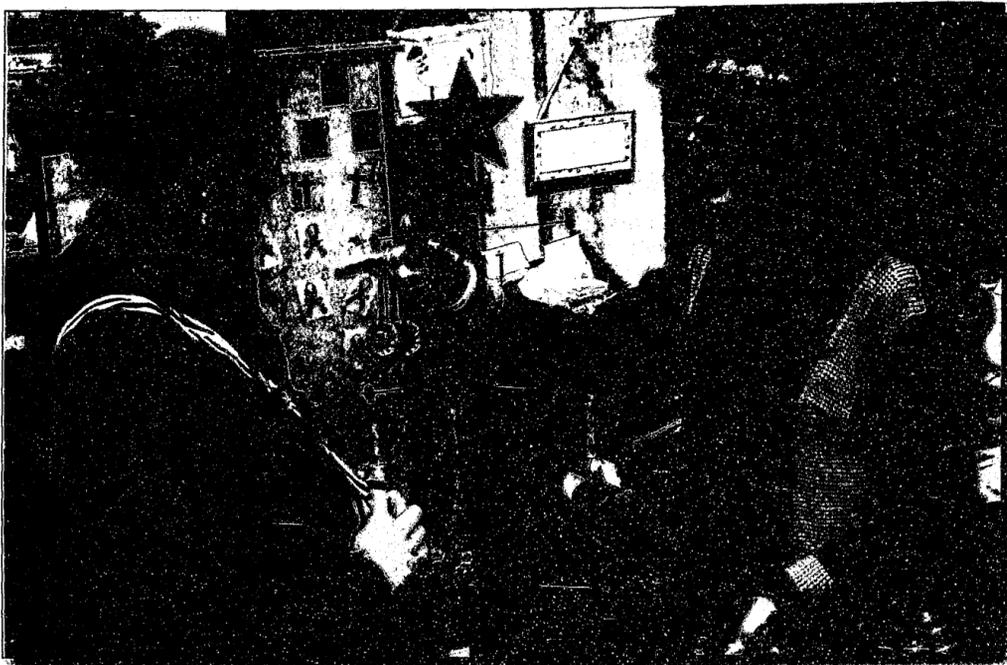
But van Gulick said he believed a strong local presence is needed with such a large job.

The Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, sometimes called the Ute Water Project, would provide potable water to eight city and county member agencies in east central New Mexico.

The project will replace current groundwater supplies from the Ogallala formation of the High Plains Aquifer with surface water from Ute Reservoir, an impound on the Canadian River near Logan.

A main transmission pipeline nearly 100 miles in length would supply water to communities in Curry, Quay and Roosevelt counties.

Members of the water authority include Clovis, Elida, Grady, Melrose, Portales and Texico, as well as Curry and Roosevelt counties.



Stephanie Cutrell, left, of Denver gets assistance from Tonya Huber, the owner of the new Coyote Howling gift shop in Midtown Ruidoso's Time Square.

Coyote Howling: Shop for a cause

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A new Ruidoso gift shop not only sells handcrafted and seasonal collectibles, indigenous crafts and art, and Cookie Lee jewelry, the operators give back a percentage of their profits for social justice causes. Among the causes are for people living in extreme poverty and disaster relief efforts.

Coyote Howling Gift Shop owner Tonya Huber said the store, in Time Square at Sudderth and Eagle drives, is a different kind of shop.

"Ten to 100 percent of what we sell goes into supporting programs for social justice," Huber said.

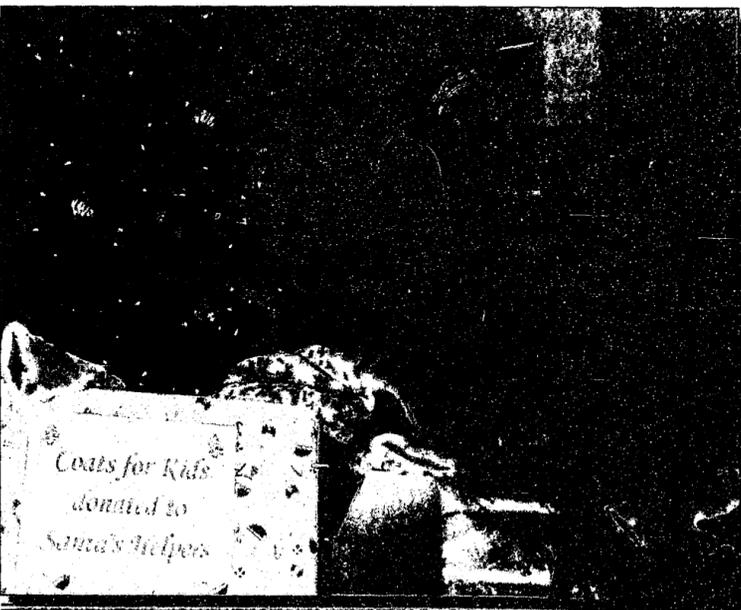
One project Huber and the shop's cofounder Amy Harris support is NM Oath (Organized Against

Trafficking Humans). They will be involved in the Valentine's Day Blue Heart Beat in opposition to human trafficking.

"We are committed to actively supporting Feed My Starving Children, World Vision - 30-Hour Famine, ORPHANetwork (Managua, Nicaragua), NM-OATH, Project 7, and Samaritan's Purse," Huber said.

In addition to offering Cookie Lee jewelry, Coyote Howling features items such as: scroll-sawn ornaments, made from hardwoods, clock and photo deco, and wood-sawn baskets by Jeannie and Don Parscal of Eldorado, Kan.; Gallery Charm and Memory Wire bracelets and necklaces by Susan Askevold of the Twin Cities; coconut and wood jewelry handcrafted by the women of Verbo Church in Nicaragua; and horseshoe art by Bobba Long of Ruidoso.

COATS FOR KIDS



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS: About 18 coats to keep kids warm this winter are heading to Santa's Helpers. Sierra Blanca Motors was a drop-off location for the coats, with the dealership purchasing a coat for every new one donated. Pictured, from left, are Sierra Blanca Motors owner Ted Durham, Tammy Mattingly with Santa's Helpers, and Sierra Blanca Motors employee Angel Gonzales, who also helps at Santa's Helpers.

Ruidoso printers to move to Hondo

It was exactly 10 years ago Print Right Now, owned by Laura Reynolds and her Realtor husband, John, became the first all-digital printing company in the Ruidoso area. Located at 2957 Sudderth Drive, the company will now take to the cloud.

"It's time to turn a new leaf and become part of the changes in the industry that first produced the Bible on the Gutenberg press and now in Kindle and iPad," said Laura Reynolds. "A lot has changed with technology. More will continue to improve and enrich our lives."

The company, which opened their shop in January 2002, has handled short-run color printing on the fly to book

printing on demand and other products in between. Going to the cloud will mean closing Print Right Now's 7,000 square-foot location.

"Moving the business to Hondo will change our environmental footprint," Reynolds said.

The new shop hours will be 24/7 through an online website for web-to-print orders.

"By moving the business back to Hondo and converting to an on-line print ordering system for much of the print manufacturing, we can focus on the front-end solutions for graphics, variable data print production, presentations, book designs and electronic publishing."

Hondo's altitude and climate are expected to be less

extreme on digital printing equipment.

"Additionally, we will be reviewing our clients' past printing order history," Reynolds said. "It is often possible that reorders with us, especially after this change, will be money saving via our new .us website."

The company's new web address, www.gonegreen-printing.us, should be available by Jan. 1.

It will feature an easy-to-use directory of options and instant price quotes for all printing services formerly offered at the Ruidoso location.

Available products include color printing, wide-format indoor and outdoor banners, car magnets, decals, and more.

There also is an online

business card creation tool.

To further provide "green" services, the site will feature a go green recycled paper option at no additional paper upgrade cost.

"The recycled paper option is just one of the many new advantages customers will have when ordering, especially those who want to go green with us and our certified green printing partner," Reynolds said.

Although the retail location in Ruidoso will close, the graphic design team will be available by appointment through a phone call or email.

Same-day or next-day services will be available for short-run color printing from the Hondo studio.

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Downs grant prospects described as 'good'

Economic Development District coordinator optimistic about funding for city projects

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Ruidoso Downs could obtain funding through two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs at the same time. And the odds of being funded through a CDBG Colonias program was described as good by Dora Batista, the program coordinator with the Southeast New Mexico Economic Development District.

"There is a new Colonias Trust Board that has been developed and they're going to have just as much money in CDBGs and they don't have quite the restrictions that the (regular)

CDBG does," Batista told city officials Monday. "Ruidoso Downs is a designated colonias so that would put you in a good position because there's not a \$500,000 cap on that money. And you're only competing with colonias in the southern part of the state."

The maximum award with the traditional CDBG program is \$500,000.

Monday's public hearing was to look at infrastructure projects that could be funded through the grant program. This year's CDBG project was closed out this week, opening the door for another grant request for 2012.

While Ruidoso Downs staff has called for a new CDBG to complete street and drainage projects on River Lane and Nevada Lane, a couple of other infrastructure needs were voiced during the public hearing.

"I've been kicking this around for five or six years and I'm not getting nowhere," resident Jim Burrow said of Colorado Lane, the street he lives on. "I get it thrown back in my face every time I say something. I keep asking and keep asking."

Burrow again asked if drainage work can be considered for Colorado Lane in an upcoming CDBG

round.

Another infrastructure need was voiced by resident Pam Williams.

"Ruidoso Downs, we took on Agua Fria, and we promised sewers to that area," Williams said. "If that could be included in a CDBG."

The city annexed the Agua Fria Subdivision in 2004.

Batista said that could be a grant request.

"I think, Pam, you bring up a point, and I'm going to go back to what Dora mentioned earlier," responded City Clerk Carol Virden. "There is a new Colonias trust board created by the governor and they'll be

receiving \$13 million for the southern part of the state of New Mexico, which would allow Ruidoso Downs to apply for some of those monies. This would be different from the regular Community Development Block grants"

Williams said taking care of Agua Fria is important.

The approach of both a traditional CDBG and the new Colonias route was possible, Batista said. She noted the city of Lake Arthur did a sewer expansion using a couple of traditional CDBGs and a Colonias, phased over time.

Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus

Richards said sewer extensions into Agua Fria would probably be phased because of an estimated \$8 million cost.

While Richards is pushing the completion of River Lane and Nevada Lane work, a special city council meeting, on Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m., is expected to determine what project Ruidoso Downs will seek funding for during the 2012 CDBG process.

Ruidoso Downs automatically qualifies for the CDBG program because more than 51 percent of residents are considered low- or moderate-income.

Kelley's contract renewed

Vote not unanimous for keeping tourism director

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A motion to approve a one-year first renewal of the agreement with Ruidoso's tourism director Gina Kelley prompted a split vote Tuesday from village councilors.

Without explanation as to their reasons, Councilors Jim Stoddard and Rafael Salas voted against the motion to approve the renewal offered by Councilor Angel Shaw. The motion passed 4-2.

Shaw, who serves as the council's liaison to the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, said she was involved in the evaluation, tracking results and accountability.

"I think it was very well and fairly done," she said.

The renewal is based on an annual salary of \$65,718.

The approval was recommended by the Lodgers Tax Committee, which conducted the evaluation Dec. 7.

Attempts to reach Stoddard for comment

Wednesday were unsuccessful, but Salas said, "My vote is what it is," without specific elaboration. "I would like the village council and members of the lodgers tax committee, who I appreciate and respect, to have a two-hour workshop and look at the whole lodgers tax program, state and village law, how it is derived, intended to be used and expended."

In other action, councilors:

- approved a Lodgers Tax Committee recommendation for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Special Event funding of \$4,000 for the Billy the Kid Chute Out Bull Riding.
- approved \$5,000 in lodgers tax special event funding for the Spencer Theater's Summer Texas Marketing Initiative.
- approved a \$3,015 grant agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation, Programs Division, Traffic Safety Division, for Operation Buckle Down for occupant protection enforcement overtime and training.
- approved a \$4,940

grant agreement with the same DOT agency Traffic Safety Division for Driving While Impaired sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols aimed at reducing alcohol-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

- approved a \$8,652 six-month professional services agreement with Postal Pros for automated statement processing for the utility billing department.
- approved an emergency management performance grant application to request funding assistance from the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for a part-time emergency management assistant coordinator. The agency will cover 50 percent of the total cost of the contract or up to \$7,838.93 at \$14.74 per hour for 19 hours a week.
- rejected all three bids for a well replacement project because one bidder was unresponsive and two exceeded the engineer's estimate by more than 10 percent.

State taxes go electronic

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State officials no longer automatically will mail personal income tax packages to individual taxpayers.

The move is expected to result in a savings in excess of \$70,000.

More than one million personal income tax returns are filed in New Mexico each year and about 82 percent of them are filed electronically, according to the Department of Taxation and Revenue officials. Paper filings on average experience a 28 percent error rate, because of illegible information that results in human errors.

Paper filings also take longer to process and to return refunds, officials said.

In making the announcement Monday, state Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla said the department also switched to digital processing of personal checks that will save an additional \$18,000 and enable faster deposits of money into state

accounts for investments and accruing interests.

"We're urging taxpayers to file their income tax returns online so we can process their refunds much faster with fewer errors," Padilla said. "E-filing is the most efficient and easiest method of filing tax returns."

Last year, the department mailed tax packages to 88,000 individuals at a total cost of \$140,000. The tax packages contain the forms, schedules and instructions for filing a state income tax return. This year, the department will send those same taxpayers a postcard urging them to file electronically. Tax packages will be mailed only if requested.

"We really don't know how many of those taxpayers used the packages mailed to them or just tossed them in a bin," Padilla said. "We will only mail tax packages if requested by taxpayers. This is a commonsense approach that will save us money in these tough economic times."

The mailer sent to the taxpayers provides infor-

mation on other options to receive their New Mexico income tax forms and instructions:

- Taxpayers can file electronically at www.tax.newmexico.gov
- Taxpayers can get the necessary forms and instructions online at www.tax.newmexico.gov
- Taxpayers can visit one of the local tax offices located in New Mexico or a local library
- Taxpayers can mail in the postcard to request forms by mail.

"We have also switched to digital processing of all personal checks that will enable us to deposit the money into state accounts for investments and accruing interests by at least one to two days faster," Padilla said. "Since the checks clear immediately, we will spend less time processing bounced checks and dealing with collection services. This will improve our operational efficiencies."

The department collects more than \$530 million each year in personal checks from taxpayers for personal income and motor vehicle taxes.

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A mule deer buck seemingly defies gravity as he is caught in midair leaping over a fence in the Rancho Ruidoso area Monday.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION



HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department employee Ellen "Buzz" Bizzell is congratulated by former Parks and Recreation Department director and current Village Councilor Rafael "Rifle" Salas for receiving her 25-year certificate Thursday during the annual Village of Ruidoso Employee Appreciation Extravaganza. Bizzell has worked for the Village for a total of 35 years, including part-time work when she was a teenager.

Boys and Girls Club to use part of Horton Complex

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The newly formed Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca will have a home. A lease agreement, providing part of the Ruidoso Municipal School District's Horton Complex to the club, was approved Tuesday by the district's education board.

The club would use nearly 26,000 square feet of space at Horton Complex, which had been the district's middle school until a new school opened in August 2008. Included in the lease would be the gymnasium, stage and storage areas, an old wrestling room, a couple of classrooms, offices, kitchen and cafeteria.

The school district would waive any rent for the first year in lieu of the club providing any repairs or upgrades needed for the club's operations. The renewable lease would run from March 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Club officials would have access to the premises during January and February of next year to prepare the facilities.

"I think it's something that's needed," school board president Devin Marshall said Tuesday of the Boys and Girls Club. "And I'm hoping the best for them."

"Considering we started at the end of August, beginning of September, I'll tell you this has not been a roller coaster but a speedway. The community support, the support from the administration, the staff, has been fantastic."

Tim Coughlin
Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca

Tim Coughlin, the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca, said they want to open the doors on March 1.

"Over the next two months, we'll be working on securing the final part of the funding that we need," Coughlin said. "We are, I believe, about \$25,000 short of our goal. As you know, part of the requirements for a Boys and Girls Club, to get your charter, you must have your first year's operating expenses in the bank or pledged before you apply for that charter. Considering we started at the end of August, beginning of September, I'll tell you this has not been a roller coaster but a speedway. The community support, the support from the administration, the staff, has been fantastic."

Coughlin said he sees "a

great relationship" with all.

"It's what we can do to help with the kids of the community, with the school, and just everybody is coming out of the woodwork and wants to be a part of this," Coughlin said. He added that Pizza Hut has offered to supply pizzas for the grand opening party.

Associate Superintendent Patty White said the lease was based on a rental agreement with the Region IX Education Cooperative, which also uses part of the Horton Complex.

Membership in the Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca would initially be available to youth from ages six to 16. Organizer Wade Proctor said along the way that would be expanded to ages five to 18. The program would afford a "plethora" of opportunities for kids, Proctor had said in September.

Coughlin had estimated \$60,000 to \$70,000 was needed to make the club a reality. Once that is in place, grants and fundraisers would keep things going.

The facility would initially be open after school during the week, but extended hours would also be pursued.

Vendor wants to bid for Ruidoso school district business

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A Ruidoso business owner would like a chance at some of the Ruidoso Municipal School District's clothing business. Tom Dorgan, who in January purchased the Noisy Water Artwear, Silk Screening and Embroidery wholesale company, took his desire directly to the school board on Tuesday.

"I would like the opportunity to bid on any of that type of work," Dorgan said of T-shirts, sweatshirts and related items.

Last month it was revealed a coach in the school district would be allowed to bid on providing T-shirts to the schools. The board, on a three-to-two vote, waived the section of the New Mexico procurement code that forbids an employee or a member of the employee's immediate family from participating in a business deal with their state or local government employer.

"Unless you get a competitive bid you don't know if you're getting the best price on your goods," Dorgan told the board. "Of course, best price doesn't always mean the lowest price. You have to take into consideration the quality of the goods that you're purchasing versus the other bidding proposal. You also might want to consider the fact that at Noisy Water I employ four people. That means revenues staying in town. Gross receipts stay in town. And that's a benefit to the community and it should be reflected in the pricing."

Dorgan said he did an online review of the company given the OK last month to bid.

"The individual's company that was providing you with shirts was Design-A-Tee," Dorgan said. "There is no company registered in New Mexico as Design-A-Tee. There is an online wholesaling company where anyone in here could purchase from them and be a jobber, so to speak, for that

company. I offer that same opportunity but I've never had the opportunity to offer them to this individual that you've utilized before."

Ruidoso School Board President Devin Marshall said Superintendent Bea Etta Harris would let Dorgan know how to be part of the bid process.

Dorgan said he would contact Harris to set an appointment.

The coach, whose wife is a district employee, received more than \$13,000 for orders in October.

Board member Curt Temple had raised a concern last month when the waiver request was before the education board. He said the waiver amounted to "bending the rule."

Temple, along with board member Cecil Davis opposed the waiver. Marshall, along with Kerry Gladden and Rhonda Vincent voted to grant it. The measure stated that there would be no bias or favoritism in the bid process.

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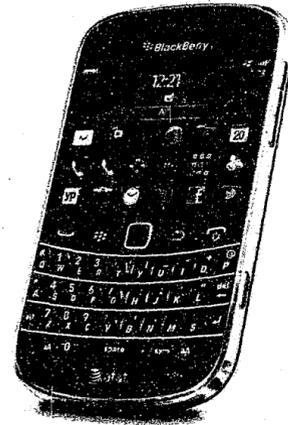
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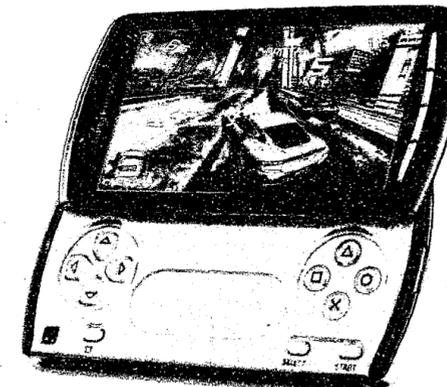
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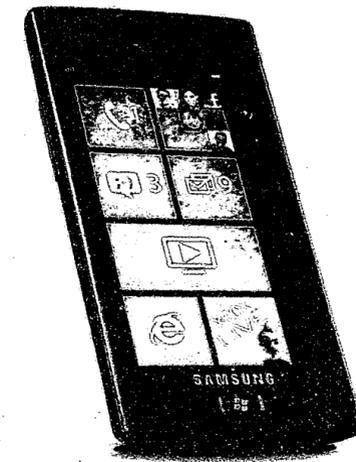


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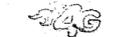
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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE



COURTESY

Raul Luevano survived through a childhood filled with violence, due to the care and love of his mother.

Through the eyes of a child

For over eight years, Raul Luevano's mother lived with regular physical and mental abuse.

"As the oldest child, I would gather my sister and brother and take them into my bedroom and do my best to keep them quiet, but at the same time, I always had an ear out for my mom in case she needed help."

Tears fill his eyes as Luevano recounts his childhood with the abuser in the house. His father berated the children about anything and everything. "I loved tomatoes as a kid and he ridiculed me for it. Of the three children, I was the one who took the majority of his abuse. My sister was his little princess, which meant anytime she cried or was upset, he blamed me and punished me accordingly. My father blamed other people for everything."

"He blamed my mother for the abuse and making him the way he was. Yet every time he saw her, he would be sure to remind her that she was 'nothing, worthless and would never find anyone,'" says Raul. "One time he hit me so hard, the band on his watch broke. Seeing the broken band, he hit me again and again-blaming me for the broken

watch band."

When Luevano was seven years old, his mother decided to go out with some girlfriends one evening. That was when the abuse culminated in a horrifyingly violent incident. His father went ballistic. Using a razor blade, he carved a V into her face. After seeking emergency medical treatment at the hospital, she never returned home to her husband. She filed for divorce, but that didn't mean the nightmare was over.

"My mother was Superwoman. She got two jobs to support us. She was always working but still living in the shadow of his control. Her life was work and children," says Luevano, now 34. His father was ordered to pay \$300 per month in child support, but never did. Often, there was no food in the house.

"I was fifteen and it had been seven years since their divorce. My father came in the house and started screaming at my mother. He called her a 'whore' and a 'slut' and told her she was not allowed to have friends. That time, I did it. I stepped in the middle of them and told him, 'Get the hell out of this house,'" Luevano said. Incredulously, his father

stopped yelling and left the house.

"I've known my whole life I don't want to be anything like him, but it's still my biggest fear," says Luevano. "I don't have a relationship with my father and I don't want one."

Luevano has chosen to go public with his story, in hopes of saving another child, another mother.

HEAL and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs offer free and confidential services for victims of domestic violence. Call toll-free (866) 378-6378 for further information. Professional counselors and advocates are available 24/7 at the Nest and on the hotline.

Business friend

The Nest is fortunate to have generous friend in the business community. When our hot water heater went out of commission with a shelter full of women and children, it was important to get a new one installed. Board Member Mike Myers located a new water heater and Carl Parsons from Parsons plumbing and Heating installed our new hot water heater free of charge. Thank you, Carl!

- From the Nest

Generosity to the shelter

Our sincere gratitude goes out to Merriam Smith for her generous donation to the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

Smith currently resides at the Mescalero Care Center and is a former resident of Ruidoso.

Also, Denny's restaurant in Ruidoso Downs is hosting yet another promotion to benefit the Humane Society. The promotion will run tonight, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Denny's will donate ten percent of their sales during that time to benefit the Humane Society.

We hope you will choose to dine at Denny's during this promotion.

Ferals

The spay and neuter program for feral cats is underway, and moving along.

The program was sponsored by PetSmart, which donated \$127,600 to the Humane Society to help trap, spay and neuter feral cats.

To date, approximately two dozen cats have been treated and released. Needless to say, we still have a long way to go.

Volunteers

Our plea for more volunteers is being

answered.

Wanda Seitz, our Resale Shop manager has three new volunteers with whom she is quite happy.

However, we could still use the services of more dog walkers and cat cuddlers.

Training

Yesterday was the last

day of class for our dogs participating in the Good Citizens program.

Next Thursday they will take their test, and if they pass it they will be certified.

We will have a photographer covering this August event.

- From the Humane Society of Lincoln County



COURTESY

Above, Meet Chuy. Chuy is a handsome black lab mix, about 3 years old. He is solid black and weighs about 50 pounds. Chuy seems like he will be a very loyal dog and is desperate to find a permanent home. He has been at our shelter since Sept. 6, which is a long time for a dog to be penned up. Due to his long stay at the shelter, his adoption fee will be waived.

Below, Merriam Smith, center, hands a check to Bill Haralson, a local volunteer with the Humane Society. Ann McConaghy, left, is the daughter of Merriam Smith and a member of the staff of the Mescalero Care Center, where Merriam Smith resides.



A caroling revelation

Every year at this time, I pull out my favorite Christmas CDs and stack them by the CD player. They're like old friends that I only get to visit with once a year.

I listen to Handel's Messiah and Charlie Brown's Christmas and the Boston Pops Christmas with renewed joy. But I'm listening a little closer this year because of a recent eye-opening encounter with some of my old favorites.

I have the honor of playing handbells in the Bell Smiths Handbell Choir for the First Baptist Church, and twice a year we give a concert at the Mescalero Care Center.

This year, our precious hard-working director, Lisa Williams, asked that each ringer give a short presentation about the origin of one of the Christmas songs we were playing.

"I thought, 'No big deal. I'll just Google my assigned song, tell who wrote it, when and why, make some clever quip about the thing and be done.'" I hardly expected to find out something amazing about "Joy to the World."

You know, we sing these songs over and over from childhood, we memorize the tunes and words, and we rarely stop to think about what we're singing. If you stop and think about the words of "Joy to the World," you'll quickly realize that it doesn't directly refer to the birth of Jesus. And that's because it wasn't written as a Christmas song at all. It wasn't written to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but rather it was written to

celebrate his return at the end of the world.

The songwriter gives his vision of the end times and the triumphant return of the King. "He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love." The song tells not about a baby being born who will save the world, but a fully realized reigning king, returned to earth to finish what was started thousands of years ago. Joy to the world, the Lord is come.



ANNE TWITE

"Angels We Have Heard on High" is actually based on a French carol known as "Angels in Our Countryside." You know the one I'm talking about, right? Glo-o-o-o-o-O-o-o-o-o-O-o-o-o-o-O-ria in egg shells his day-o.

"I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas day, on Christmas day. I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day in the morning." In the original version of this traditional English folk song, the Three Ships were carrying the skulls of the wise men to the Cologne Cathedral in Germany. Hmm. I'll never hear that song quite the same way again.

Good King Wenceslas? Yes, he was a good king (Duke of Bohemia, 907-935 AD), but the story that the carol tells is largely fictitious. His father died when Wenceslas was 12, and his mother was murdered when he was 18. He ruled happily for four years until a jealous brother had him assassinated. "Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen, when the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even:

brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel, when a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel." Does the song reveal Clues? The fuel-gatherer, with a yule log, in the deep snow.

I don't know about you, but when I hear "The 12 Days of Christmas," I'm looking for the door. That was, until I learned that each of the gifts is symbolic of something else. Good thing, too; I can't imagine any true love giving to me 364 assorted fowl, lords a-leaping, maids a-milking, and various other rabble.

In ancient times a partridge was often used as a mythological symbol of a divine king. So, the partridge in the pear tree is Jesus who died on the cross. The two turtle doves symbolize peace. The three French hens are faith, hope, and love. The four calling birds are the four Gospels of the New Testament. The five golden rings are the first five books of the Bible, also called the Pentateuch. The six geese a-laying are the six days of creation. The seven swans a-swimming are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12:8-11). The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes (see Mathew 5:3-10). The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:22). The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments. The eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus. The twelve drummers drumming, the twelve point of the Apostles' Creed. Very cool. But I'm probably still heading for the door.

I wish you a merry Christmas, filled with heralding angels, jingling bells, and sleigh bells ring tingling too. In the cacophony of Christmas sounds and songs, I hope you'll hear something new when wild and sweet the words repeat, of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

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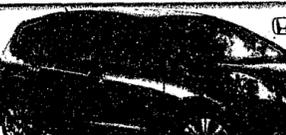


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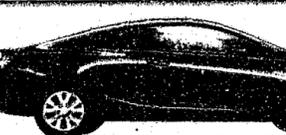


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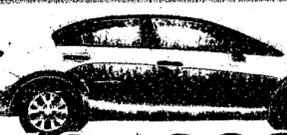
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FAMILY

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raise him.

His family came from Culpeper, Va., and had ties back to the Revolutionary War and a commission from Thomas Jefferson. Schreiber grew up collecting artifacts and knowing all of the great battles.

One of the most colorful members of the family was Schreiber's "Uncle Batty," born in Tyler, Texas, in 1884, a graduate of Annapolis in 1908, on convoy duty during World War I, commanding officer of the Nokomis from 1928-1930, an instructor at Annapolis, a graduate of the Naval War College in 1938, and commanding officer of the Tuscaloosa from 1939 to 1940.

"He wasn't a big man in terms of physical stature, but he always had presence," Schreiber said. "He passed in 1967." Family stories abounded about Badt's adventures mapping the Aleutian Islands and other exotic pursuits, and of his sense of fairness and honor.

Schreiber recalled one story when Badt encountered a young sailor out on the deck, who was shivering.

He asked if the young man had on his long johns, but was told the quartermaster had not issued him any. Badt reportedly ordered the quartermaster to stand the young sailor's watch.

"We heard rumors of the Germans and the Columbus growing up," Schreiber said, but his uncle was a fairly secretive man, careful not to divulge anything sensitive about his Naval assignments.

Moving west

"I was getting ready to retire as science high school teacher and we were already thinking ahead," Schreiber said. "We looked in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. We had certain criteria. I could have moved to the Shenandoah Valley, but my wife was not enthused.

"Teaching geology, I kept seeing Ruidoso on maps and it looked kind of neat with the Apache. There was something about elevation and southern latitude. My sister lives in Carlsbad and told us if we sold our house, we could live with her family for a year."

She didn't mention the accommodation was an efficiency garage, he said.

"In April 2005, we flew out to El Paso, went to Carlsbad and then skiing in Ruidoso. We said this is it," Schreiber said.

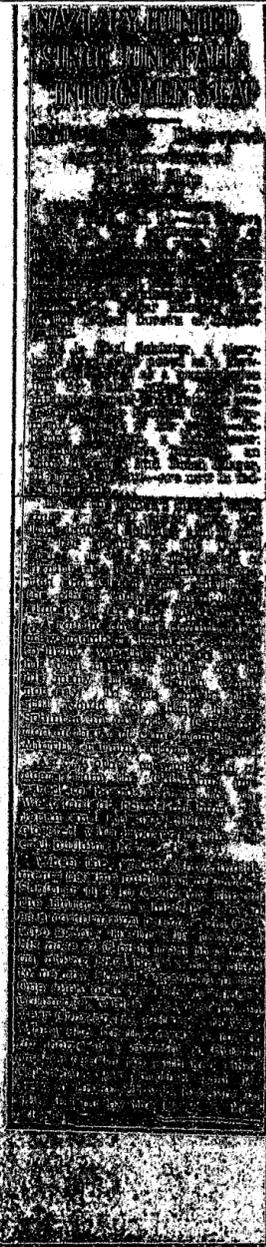


Captain Harry Asher Badt circa 1939
Born September 22, 1884 Tyler, Texas
Died September 7, 1967 and buried in Arlington Cemetery

Photograph courtesy of Esther Badt Balsamo

Captain Harry Asher Badt commanded the heavy cruiser Tuscaloosa from 1938 to 1940, became the Director of Special Projects and rose to the rank of Commodore by the end of WWII.

Badt was the nephew, Phillip, of a volunteer and supporter.



CHRISTINE STEELE/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

A display at Fort Stanton tells the story behind the S.S. Columbus and the internment of the German crew at the post throughout World War II.

When they returned to Maryland, a young nautical engineer contacted them about buying their home in a marina, which had provided a convenient launching point for adventures such as a sailing trip to Bermuda.

He didn't flinch at the asking price and by the fall, they were settling into Carlsbad, where they stayed for one year and then moved full time to Ruidoso, buying in the Rancho Ruidoso area.

While looking for that perfect spot, they visited Ruidoso frequently and on one trip stopped at the historic settlement of Lincoln as Schreiber's interest shifted from the East to the Western expansion.

While walking through the former Lincoln County seat, he spotted a marker with the name of the S.S. Columbus, a German ship scuttled by its captain, whose crew and passengers were rescued by his Uncle Badt.

"I said, 'I know this story.' I started babbling the story and one volunteer just stood there listening to me," he said.

"So the whole time we've been here it's almost like we've been directed to be here, I sense my purpose is that the people here never knew the beginning of the story and my family never knew how it really ended."

Phil Schreiber
Fort Stanton volunteer

Then in the spring of 2006, he stopped at Fort Stanton, where the German crew of the Columbus ended up being interned until the end of World War II. During their stay, the Germans constructed a community center, housing and a pool.

He walked into old museum at the fort northeast of Ruidoso and looked around, began talking to the docents, "and blew them away because I knew the story.

"They were enthralled and I was happy to find a home and something to do."

Since then he's served on the Fort Stanton Inc.

board and still goes to the fort two or three times a week to talk to visitors.

His wife, a therapeutic masseuse, also connected quickly.

She knocked on the door of Barbara Mader's High Mesa Health Center, introduced herself and immediately was welcomed into the fold. Mader assured her they were just talking about adding a therapeutic masseuse.

"So the whole time we've been here it's almost like we've been directed to be here," Schreiber said. "I sense my purpose is that the people here never knew the beginning of the story and my family never knew how it really ended.

"I was able in my way to make the connections for Jim McBride, who wrote two books about the internment, and my family. He went back East a couple of times to visit with Esther (Badt's daughter) and wrote an additional chapter about the American captain in the book."

More story

The story isn't just that Commodore Badt rescued the German crew and passengers from the Columbus after its captain scuttled the ship, he said.

"Even more fascinating is that the event was taking place (at the same time of) the German invasion of Poland, with Dachau and Buchenwald (concentration camps) and the repression of the Jews, gypsies and political prisoners," Schreiber said. "When I explain the story to people that the big headline of the day back in Washington, D.C., was 'Jewish Naval Captain Rescues Nazi Crew,' that's how I put the story into a world timeline.

"It was such a big event because we were not at war yet and we were trying to get the seamen back to Germany and England kept saying no, you're not going to send them back to become future (soldiers)."

Most likely, the German captain was a member of the Nazi Party, but he was apologetic to Badt about what was going on in Germany.

"He could have stayed in Mexico where he went to a neutral port (and ride out the war)," Schreiber said. "He got word from Hitler to take the ship back to Germany. Either he was being a good loyal nationalistic German, he was going back to join his family and to do his part, whatever that may have been."

After the crew was rescued, it was another year to 14 months before the United States entered the war.

The captains

According to an account written by Esther Badt, the commodore's daughter, on Dec. 19, 1939, Badt was on neutrality patrol off the coast of the United States when he was ordered to intercede.

"A British destroyer, Hyperion, was following the German luxury liner Columbus. The British destroyer told the Columbus to stop," Esther wrote.

A later report in the Times-Picayune, in 1940, indicated one of the crewmembers on the Columbus was an elusive Nazi spy named Karl Schluter and a routine check of the crew roster brought his identity to light. He was promptly interrogated by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Esther wrote that the Hyperion and the Tuscaloosa exchanged calls and Badt said the British captain asked if the Tuscaloosa would take the German captain and his immediate crew because the British ship was much smaller.

"My father fired back, 'Take all or none.' They took none and Daddy rescued 575 survivors of the scuttled ship," she wrote.

Esther wrote that she had an article from the New York Journal dated Jan. 13, 1940, about a story told by her father's friend about the German captain having dinner in her father's stateroom shipboard.

"According to naval custom, the German, Capt. Wilhelm Daehne, came to pay respects to

Captain Badt," Esther wrote. "Daddy invited him to dine with him, The German officer, who knew that Daddy was a Jew, seemed embarrassed. 'Captain,' he said. 'I am grateful on behalf of my crew and myself and I want you to know that I will understand in case you would refer I should not sit at your table.' Captain Badt replied calmly, 'Captain Daehne, I would like you to understand if it will save you embarrassment that you are not my guest, but the guest of the United States government.'"

Daehne held out his hand apologetically to Badt and for the remainder of the trip back into port nothing more was said of the "delicate subject," Esther wrote.

The next morning heavy fog slowed down the Tuscaloosa as a storm moved up the coast, but Badt delivered the survivors to Ellis Island, a destination ordered by the Navy and the Department of Immigration.

"Daddy did a radio broadcast over NBC from Ellis Island," Esther wrote. He was bombarded with letters about the incident, including one from the Hamburg-American Line expressing thanks for saving the captain.

More connections

One more coincidence was waiting for Schreiber when he attended one of his first functions at the fort.

He was casually introduced as the nephew of Captain Badt and a woman came up to him on the porch to confirm his connection. She introduced herself as Barbara Heiser and asked if he was related to Esther Badt.

"It turns out they went to preschool together when Barb's father was a junior officer under my uncle when he was commander on the Great Lakes at the Naval Training Center," Schreiber said. "Through Barbara, I met Lynda Sanchez, who became an advocate of introducing the American captain aspect into the story. At first people were hesitant to talk about the Jewish angle, but it makes the whole story."

With both husband and wife pleased with their new home, Schreiber said, he's never been more content.

"This is like Maryland when I was a kid, rolling hills to Chesapeake Bay and mountains to ski. I lived on the bay south of Annapolis and when I left, it was bumper to bumper traffic and politics. Maryland is 47th to 48th in terms of (lack of) freedom to live. It has heavy restrictions and that's one reason I came West.

"Now I just enjoy watching the sun go down with a glass of wine," he said, adding that he's traveled and stopped at many noteworthy places in his life. "Southern New Mexico is like a 50-year time warp."

More information on Badt and the ensuing German internment at Fort Stanton can be found in McBride's "Interned: Internment of the SS Columbus Crew at Fort Stanton, New Mexico 1941-1945," and "Fort Stanton, An Illustrated History" by Sanchez, photography by David L. Tremblay.

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State representatives apologizes for 'hurtful' comments

MILAN SIMONICH
Texas-New Mexico Newspapers

SANTA FE — State Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton today publicly apologized to Gov. Susana Martinez for making "hurtful" comments.

But Stapleton denied that she had actually referred to the governor in her remarks. Even so, Stapleton apologized specifically to Martinez and later to a legislative committee whose members witnessed her outburst.

"I lost it ladies and gentleman," Stapleton said during an afternoon news conference. "... I'm sorry for the hurtful words that were said."

A Democrat from Albuquerque, Stapleton said she herself has been on the receiving end of mean words. She said she should have known better than use them herself.

She said she and Martinez are "both women of color," so it was especially wrong to say something that could be seen as derogatory to a Latina.

Stapleton referred to the governor as "the Mexican," and said

another legislator was "carrying the Mexican's water" in an attempt to smear Stapleton's reputation.

Minutes after Stapleton made her comments in front of two reporters and at least four other legislators, she gave an interview to Texas-New Mexico Newspapers. Stapleton at that point said Martinez and her chief of staff, Keith Gardner, had orchestrated criticism of her that was carried out by Republican legislators.

But at her news conference, Stapleton said she had not been referring to Martinez at all.

"I wasn't even thinking about a person," Stapleton said.

Martinez said later that she was pleased Stapleton apologized because the people of New Mexico deserved that much.

"I believe Representative Stapleton's words were sad and disappointing," Martinez said. "In New Mexico, we pride ourselves on our diversity, and on our ability to be proud of our unique heritage, while remaining united as New Mexicans."

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"... We must never allow ourselves to become divided and that's why I welcome the opportunity to meet with her, as I have in the past and will continue to in the future."



Susana Martinez
New Mexico governor

selves to become divided and that's why I welcome the opportunity to meet with her, as I have in the past and will continue to in the future."

At first, Stapleton said, she thought nothing of using the word "Mexican," for Martinez's ancestors were from Mexico.

But on reflection, Stapleton said, she regretted how she chose her words.

Of her public tirade, Stapleton said was under pressure and she did the wrong thing in a moment of weakness.

"This is not of my character. I have been under a lot of stress," Stapleton said.

She also said Republicans had "baited" her into the controversial remarks.

Stapleton said all was well Wednesday when she arrived at the Capitol for a hearing of an education committee. But, she said, Sen. Vernon Asbill, R-Carlsbad, antagonized her by asking why she wasn't at her job as an administrator for the Albuquerque Public Schools, earning her salary.

Stapleton said she became angry, and later approached Republican Rep. Nora Espinoza. Stapleton loudly said Espinoza had accused her of corruption in a television interview because she was "carrying the Mexican's water on the fourth floor."

"I wasn't even thinking about a person," Stapleton said during her news conference. Stapleton also said that other Mexicans besides Martinez work on the

fourth floor of the Capitol.

This differed from her earlier statement that the governor and her chief of staff were behind Espinoza's criticisms.

After Stapleton shouted at Espinoza, Asbill soon approached Stapleton.

He said he and Stapleton had always been friends and he was only kidding about her missing work at the school district.

"I really feel I was being baited," Stapleton said at her news conference.

But, she said, she had accepted Asbill's apology.

Stapleton said she had written the governor a letter and asked for a personal meeting so she could tell Martinez in person that she was sorry.

State Republican Party executives called on Stapleton to resign from her leadership position as majority whip in the House of Representatives. Stapleton said she would not.

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State Supreme Court rules governor's tax increase veto was illegal

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SANTA FE — The state Supreme Court dealt Gov. Susana Martinez another defeat Wednesday, ruling that she illegally vetoed part of a bill to stop a tax increase.

Six Democrats in the Legislature sued the Republican governor over the veto. They said Martinez abused her power and actually endangered businesses by trying to strike down part of the bill.

Martinez vetoed a \$128 million increase in business taxes while allowing cuts in unemployment benefits to stand in the same bill.

The Democrats, who paid for the lawsuit out of their own pockets, argued that Martinez could not veto part of a bill that did not involve an appropriation of state money.

State Rep. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque, was one of those who sued the governor. She said Martinez acted irresponsibly by vetoing the business tax to shore up the state's unemployment insurance fund.

Stewart said the court's 5-0 ruling against Martinez would put the original bill into law, and that the tax increase on businesses would begin Jan. 1.

Stewart and many business owners feared that the fund would go insolvent without an increase.

"If we have to borrow money from the federal government to cover unemployment claims, the cost to businesses will be even greater. It's dishonest to say that the governor is trying to hold down taxes on businesses with this veto," Stewart said.

Scott Darnell, the governor's press secretary, said Martinez considered the court's decision inconsistent and incorrect.

"Governor Martinez used her line-item authority in the same way Governor Richardson did in 2010 and disagrees with the court's decision."

Unfortunately, Democrats will get their wish to raise taxes on small businesses to fund unemployment benefits, even though the unemployment rate in New Mexico has fallen from 8.7 percent in January to 6.6 percent today," Darnell said.

Martinez during a special legislative session in September opposed a compromise bill that would have held the business tax rate steady in 2012 but increased it the following year.

Darnell suggested that further talks with legislators were possible when the next session starts in January.

"The governor remains committed to working across party lines to reform the unemployment insurance system in a way that puts more New Mexicans back to work and keeps unemployment rates fair and stable for New Mexico small businesses by removing politics and basing rates on sound actuarial data."

Stewart, however, said those very mechanisms already are part of the system. Democrats, she said, acted in a way to help businesses anticipate their costs and keep the fund solvent so expenses do not balloon.

Other legislators have challenged Martinez for comparing what she did with Richardson's veto of a provision to reinstate a tax on food while signing other increases in the same bill.

Sen. Cisco McSorley, D-Albuquerque, said his party was angry when fellow Democrat Richardson exercised his veto power in that case.

But what Richardson did was legal, McSorley said. Martinez, by contrast, tried to assert herself as the decision-maker of both the executive and legislative branches, all at once, he said.

Second ruling

This was the second time this year that the Supreme Court ruled that Martinez had illegally vetoed a bill.

The justices last spring ruled 5-0 that Martinez overstepped her authority in changing legislative funding for a housing bill from \$150,000 to \$50,000.

Four different Democrats in the Legislature sued Martinez in that case.

As for her veto of the business tax, the justices said: "Because the effect of the partial veto was to exempt most employers from making what otherwise would be mandatory

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Scott Darnell
Gov. Martinez' press secretary

contributions to the unemployment compensation fund for calendar year 2012, we hold that the par-

tial veto was invalid."

Justice Edward L. Chavez wrote the decision. Concurring were Justices Patricio Serna, Petra Maes and Richard Bosson. They were joined in the decision by Judge Rod Kennedy of the state Court of Appeals.

Chief Justice Charles Daniels of the Supreme Court recused himself from this case because he often lobbies

Martinez and legislators on funding for state courts.

In addition to Stewart and McSorley, the lawmakers who sued Martinez were House Speaker Ben Lujan of Santa Fe, and Reps. Antonio Lujan of Las Cruces, and Eleanor Chavez and Miguel Garcia, both of Albuquerque.

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Homebuilders Association Party



Josie Powell, from left, Marty Martel, John Cornelious, Shirley Schenk and Tom Schenk interrupt their visiting to pose for a picture during the New Mexico Homebuilders Association annual meeting and Christmas Party at Billy the Kid Restaurant at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Dec. 10.



Dale and Angela Moebus, owners of Moebus Construction and Pinnacle Real Estate, are all smiles.

photos by Dina Garner/Ruidoso News



Jacoby Graham, 6, took the stage with the family Graham Brothers Band and, of course, stole the show.



Mike Buchter, outgoing NMHBA president, swears in 2012 officers, from left, John Benavidez, Linda Carlson, Tony Shehey and Juan Olvera. Shehey also was named Builder of the Year by the NMHBA.



Gregg and Lavonne Griffin, owners of White Mountain Glass enjoy the evening at Billy the Kid Restaurant with friends, business associates and family.



Lori and David Griffin, of Rocky Mountain Drafting and Rocky Mountain Construction, also spent the evening with friends, business associates and family. David and Gregg Griffin are brothers.



Sharon Lowery and Jeff Schilling, of A&E Electric, are all smiles on the dance floor at Billy's Restaurant.



John Benavidez, of Canyon Echo Construction, and Ruelynn Maxwell, of Fox Creek Furniture, enjoyed the festive evening.



Josie Powell and Mike Buchter have too much fun dancing to the Graham Brothers Band.

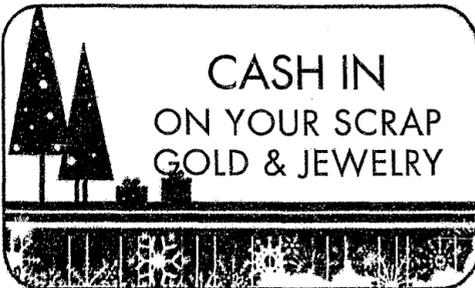
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By Ken McIntosh
STAFF WRITER

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If you are like a lot of people, you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full of them lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the American Coin Buyers Guild, also known as ACBG. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. According to Mark Cooper, coin collector and ACBG specialist, if they are rare enough, one coin could be worth over \$100,000. One ultra rare coin, an 1894 S Barber dime, sold for a record \$1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ACBG has organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold. Cooper explains that, "even Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes are worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on even common coins made of silver. All half dollars, quarters and dimes made before 1965 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a seller's market."



The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2.5 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums, according to the ACBG. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the American Coin Buyers Guild will be purchasing during this event include U.S. paper currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, etc. Even foreign coins are collectible and will be purchased.

Also at this event, anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Gold is currently trading at near record highs and can bring in a good amount of money. Bring anything you think might be gold and the ACBG specialists will examine, test and price it for free: If you decide to sell, you will be paid on the spot—it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

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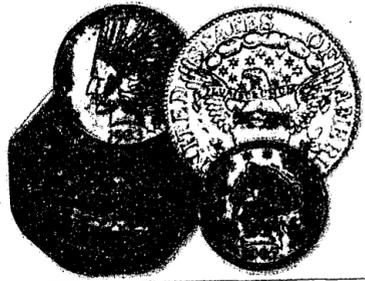
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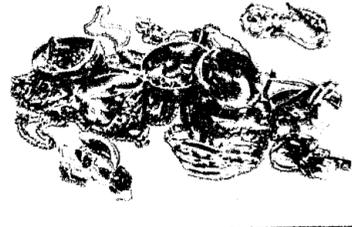


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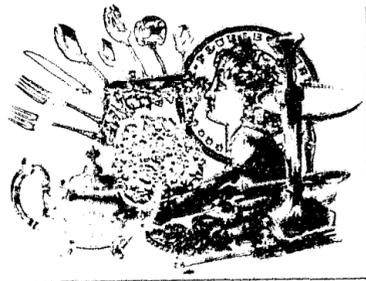
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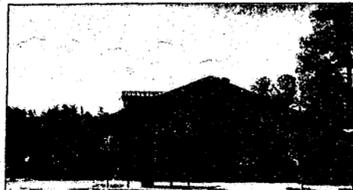
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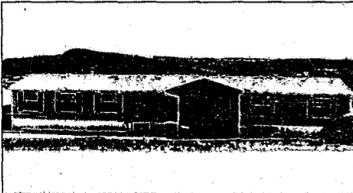
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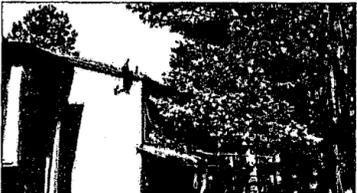
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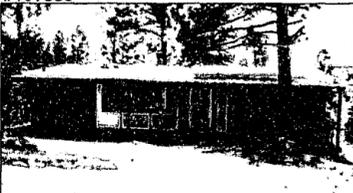
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RHS hoops teams 3-2

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Girls Basketball
Thursday, Dec. 8
Carlsbad 71, RHS 47
Cloudfcroft 62, Mescalero 56
Clovis 28, Hondo 25
Corona 55, Lake Arthur 10
Friday, Dec. 9
RHS 68, Deming 58
Cliff 48, Mescalero 45
Hondo 69, Jesus Chapel 15
Grady 60, Corona 49
Saturday, Dec. 10
RHS 53, Chaparral 36

Boys Basketball
Thursday, Dec. 8
Atrisco Academy 70, Ruidoso 36
Capitan 59, Arimas 35
Hondo 66, Jesus Chapel 33
Lake Arthur 43, Corona 37
Friday, Dec. 9
Rio Rancho 78, Ruidoso 54
Cliff 58, Capitan 35
Hondo 65, Clovis 45
Magdalena 57, Carrizozo 17
Saturday, Dec. 10
Ruidoso 79, Navajo Prep 55
Capitan 56, Mescalero 47
Hondo 25, Grady 22

Sports On Tap

Girls Basketball
Friday, Dec. 16
Elida at Corona, 4 p.m.
Grady at Carrizozo, 4:40 p.m.
Mescalero tournament continues
Friday and Saturday
Saturday, Dec. 17
RHS at Chaparral, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Tularosa at Mescalero, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball
Friday, Dec. 16
Mescalero tournament continues
Friday and Saturday
Artesia at RHS, 7 p.m.
Elida at Corona, 4 p.m.
Carrizozo at Grady, 3:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19
Dora at Capitan, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Tularosa at RHS, 5:30 p.m.

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Going into their Friday basketball games, both the girls and boys squads are on the winning side, sporting 3-2 records.

The Lady Warriors are on a two-game win streak after beating Deming, 68-58, Dec. 9, and Chaparral, Saturday, 53-36, at a tournament in Artesia. Friday, the girls begin a two-game road trip at Goddard at 7 p.m.

The boys team is coming off of a 79-55 dusting of Navajo Prep Saturday at the Sandia tournament. Friday the Warriors will entertain 4A Artesia at 7 p.m.

Boys

The Warriors opened up with a loss at last week's Sandia tournament, Dec. 8, 70-36, in a face-off with 4A Atrisco Heritage Academy, and lost again Dec. 9 against the 5A Rio Rancho JV, 78-54, before roaring back with a big win the next day over Navajo Prep.

Before the Sandia tournament, the Warriors opened the season with two wins over Hatch Valley (66-51) and Cobre (69-45). In between last week's tournament and the Cobre game, three games were cancelled — Tularosa, Artesia and Hot Springs — due to snow. The Tularosa game has been rescheduled here on Dec. 20. The Wildcats are a top-rated 2A squad.

"I felt we were competi-

tive in the two games we lost," RHS head coach Dennis Davis said. "At least in the first halves. Against the Rio Rancho JV, we led at the end of the first quarter, 15-14, and were up by a couple of points at the half. Up to that point I thought we played reasonably well.

"In the third quarter, we began making too many mistakes. Turnovers were killing us and we didn't do well defensively. We would throw a bad pass and Rio Rancho would get it and score. And the more baskets they made, the more their confidence grew."

Against Atrisco Heritage, which will be 5A next year, it was much the same story. At the end of the first quarter the Warriors were only down two. At the end of the first half they were down by nine.

"We played terribly in the second half of that game," Davis said. "Turnovers hurt us in that game, too.

"Our biggest fault this year is we compound our mistakes. In those two games we fell down on defense and lost intensity. Quite frankly, I don't think we've played a full game up to our potential this season.

"My expectations are that the boys make the open shot, have patience and work hard on defense. "They're confident some of the time but have a tendency to let down when adversity hits them. That is something we will try hard to fix."



Brittanie Vega goes for two against Carlsbad Dec. 8.

BRIENNE GREEN/ARTESIA NEWS

Davis feels the Warriors will have to cut down on the turnovers if they expect to be competitive against Artesia Friday.

"We need to play our

style of basketball. Artesia likes to play a fast-paced game. They like to press and run.

"Depending on the opponent, we can press and run,

but we need to be patient, slow it down once in a while and wait for good opportunities."

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Don't Cry for Pujols

I've been mulling it over for a few days. It was the C-word that lingered on my lips — corporations. It was synonymous with Castor Oil, the same rancid taste.

Devoid of humanity, it was a business decision.

Thirty-one, obese, slowing down, and nagging injuries taking their toll.

Where was the humanity? Albert Pujols had played his entire 11-year career with the St. Louis Cardinals.



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Lifetime .328 average, 445 homers, 3-time MVP, 10 years over 100 RBIs in a season, and 10 years hitting over .300 for the season.

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He was a hometown hero having grown up in Kansas City and Missouri.

His wife, Dierdre Pujols, had made a convincing case on a radio show that they never wanted to leave St. Louis.

They had established a foundation in St. Louis, a restaurant, a Downs Syndrome Center, their home was there as were their family. She said there was not one reason to leave.

It was about respect. I'm back to those rotten corporations.

Pujols' wife said the key moment came when the Cards initial offer was for 5 years and only \$130 million.

We've all been insulted, hurt with innocuous barbs hurled with the best intentions. We're all sensitive at times.

St. Louis' last offer was 10

years and \$210 million but \$30 million was deferred. The Los Angeles Angels signed him for 10 years and \$254 million with no deferred money.

The insult was too much for Pujols, after all he had given to the city.

I then started to look at it from the Cardinals point of view. Adoring Card's fans flooded the stadium wearing the Cardinal shirt with No. 5.

Fans supported his foundation, and ate at his restaurant. There was a waiting list for his annual golf tournament. St. Louis even erected a statue of him in Westport. Fans were

very sympathetic and did not overly ride him when he had his occasional slump. Can Alex Rodriguez, the highest paid in history at \$275 million for 10 years with the Yankees say the same?

Let's call it even. Pujols was a wonderful Cardinal star. He did everything great for 11 years. The corporation, in this case, the St. Louis Cardinals organization treated Pujols very well. The City treated him as royalty.

Let's be truthful. Leading up to the Card's final offer, Pujols

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Young NMSU players utilize playing time

JASON GROVES
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — Daniel Mullings started his first career game and Remi Barry made his college debut in a 92-65 New Mexico State victory over Western New Mexico on Wednesday.

The Aggies snapped a three-game losing streak to move to 6-4 on the season.

It was good just to get a win because we had a couple losses straight, Mullings said. It was good to get back on the winning

side.

While young players saw extended playing time against an overmatched Division II team, senior point guard Hernst Laroche, senior forward Wendell McKines and senior center Hamidu Rahman led the way.

Laroche and McKines each had 18 points for the Aggies and Rahman finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Laroche was 6-for-9 from the field and had four rebounds, three assists and five steals.

After Western scored

the first five points, NMSU man handled an undersized and overmatched WNMU club for the rest of the night. The Aggies out rebounded Western 46-27 with 17 offensive rebounds, 32 points in the paint and 21 second-chance points.

Mullings said he found out he was in the starting lineup prior to tip off. He finished with nine points, two assists and two rebounds on 3-of-8 shooting in a season-high 27 minutes of action.

It just meant that I had to be ready faster and be

ready to bring my defensive presence and that's about it, Mullings said. It's definitely a different attitude because you have to bring energy at the tip of the game instead of a couple minutes in.

Barry hit four free throws in the first half and finished with seven points on 1-for-3 shooting with four rebounds and was 4-for-4 from the foul line as the Aggies were 31-for-43 (72.1 percent) from the charity stripe.

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HOOPS

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The Warriors have a good scheduling mix on hand this season — some are tough opponents, some are a toss-up competitively and there are some the Warriors are expected to win.

It takes all three of those ingredients to get a team ready for district play.

Girls

After taking down Deming, 68-58, Friday, and Chaparral Saturday, 53-36, at the Artesia tourna-

ment, the Lady Warriors are on a two-game win streak. Now, they prepare to go on a two-game road trip as they take on Goddard tonight and Chaparral again Saturday. Both games are scheduled for a 7 p.m. start.

The Ruidoso girls lost the first contest at Artesia to Carlsbad Dec. 8, 71-47, but there were a few bright spots in that game.

Brittanie Vega led the scoring for RHS against Carlsbad with 22 points and repeated that achievement two days later against Chaparral with 23.

Madigan Gonzales collected 17 against Chap-

arral. In Dec. 9's Deming contest, the RHS girls were steadfast throughout the battle — except for the third quarter.

"We played a horrendous third period," RHS head coach Dean Hood said. "The third quarter has been our nemesis much of this year."

"The girls recovered nicely in the fourth quarter of that game and played solidly to the end."

"In the Carlsbad loss, our opponents beat us badly in the third quarter after we were up at the end of the first half by two."

"Carlsbad has a wing

guard who has already signed with Washington State University and she took command of the third quarter. Again though, the Lady Warriors were reliable in the fourth period of that contest."

"In the Deming win we were up by double digits at the half, had a not-so-good third quarter, before finishing strongly in the last period."

In the Chaparral victory the Lady Warriors were determined to change their game plan.

"In that game we decided not to have a bad third quarter — and we didn't," Hood said. "We were up by

10 at the half and played four solid quarters of basketball, but our third period was our best one. All-in-all, I was very pleased with last week's efforts."

Hood is pleased with his player's 3-2 record so far and thinks better things could come.

Claudia Morales rejoined the roster for the Carlsbad contest and he likes the efforts of some sophomores and freshmen who have stepped up and given the team some dependable minutes of play.

In the meantime, he has brought up three freshmen to bolster the ranks of the

JV team.

As for Friday's 7 p.m. game at 4A Goddard, Hood knows some corrections will have to be made.

"Goddard is playing good basketball, lately," he said. "To compete with them we will have to make some defensive adjustments and play with good, sound fundamentals — like reducing our turnovers."

"Saturday we travel to Chaparral to take them on again at 7 p.m."

The girls know Chaparral is a scrappy team and they will want to win this one on their home turf. And, we have to play them again later this season."

PUJOLS

FROM PAGE 1B

remained non-committal.

When asked about his plans he told reporters to

see his agent.

In the grand scheme of things what is \$44 million when you are offered \$210 million?

Stan "the Man" Musial played his entire career in St. Louis and his highest

salary was \$100,000. It's all relative. Let's face it. The Angels don't care what happens to him in ten years.

They just want to win the pennant and be competitive for the next five years. He will probably be a

Designated Hitter rather than a first baseman.

It has been estimated that Pujols is worth an average of \$33.7 million per season. Even if his production dips the Angels are saving \$25 million over five

years.

Albert Pujols gave back to the St. Louis fans. The St. Louis organization and the city treated him exceedingly well.

It is simply time to move on. Pujols left for \$44 mil-

lion. Don't let him tell you he was slighted.

Moreover, the Angels made a good deal and it will be the deal of the century if they win a pennant or two or perhaps a World Series.

NMSU

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Former Oñate High standout Terrel de Rouen played a career-high 21 minutes and finished with six points, four rebounds and two assists.

They (Barry and de Rouen) have been looking forward to getting more minutes and they knew coming in they would get a lot of minutes in this game, Mullings said. I thought

they were ready.

After starting the same five players throughout the first nine games, the Aggie coaching staff put Bandja Sy and Mullings in the starting lineup on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the school announced that sophomore guard Christian Kabongo was suspended from the team indefinitely, although he was on the bench during the game in street clothes.

Tyrone Watson came off the bench and didn't attempt a shot in 15 min-

utes and Tshildzi Nephawe finished with 12 points on 8-of-10 from the foul line.

When asked how many games Kabongo, the team's second-leading scorer, could miss, NMSU head coach Marvin Menzies said, "As soon as I know, you will know."

The Aggies led 53-32 at halftime and led by as many as 31 with 8:05 to play.

Western scored the first five points of the game. NMSU took the lead for

good at 9-7 with 16:42 left in the first half. NMSU pushed the lead to 41-20 with 7:36 left in the first half with a 29-5 flurry that included a 10-0 run.

After losing three straight, the Aggies were looking for a win regardless of the opponent.

"It was good to get back on track," Menzies said.

"I was happy to get all of the guys in the game and play some guys who haven't had a chance to play yet like Remi and get Terrel some quality minutes.



NMSU's Renaldo Dixon goes to the basket Wednesday.

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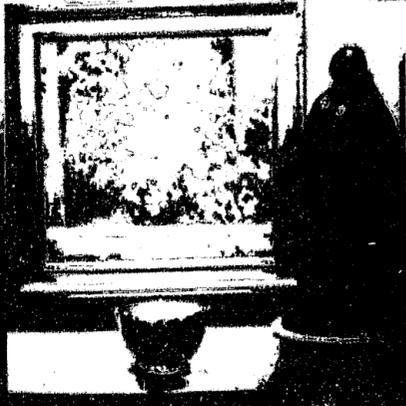
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JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Above, John Gabaldon, left, and Dennis Linnenkamp set up chairs that just arrived for the new St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Ruidoso. Six-hundred chairs arrived Monday. Plans are to celebrate the first Mass in the new church on Christmas Eve if a certificate of occupancy is granted by inspectors.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Dennis Linnenkamp and John Obermiller look at the alignment of chairs going into the new St. Eleanor Catholic Church in Ruidoso. A dedication Mass, celebrated by Las Cruces Diocese Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, is scheduled for noon on Jan. 21.

Carol Jean
Hammer Antoine
1936 - 2011



Memorial service for Carol Jean Hammer Antoine, 75, of Nogal will be Thursday, December 22, at 2:00 PM in the Ruidoso Bowling Center.

Ms. Hammer passed away Monday, December 12, 2011 in Roswell. She was born October 20, 1936 at Galveston, Texas. She was a life long resident of Lincoln County.

She is survived by her four children, Raynel Maguire, Jim McElhaney, Tawna Anthony and William Antoine; 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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

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Our loving father and grandfather, Bradley Edward Bennett, went home on November 21, 2011 with your loving hands at his side.

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

We, God & you know who you are.

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Laurie & Gary Garland & Ian Hewitt.

The answers to mysteries

Q: After we die and our spirits go to heaven, do we find out the answers to all of life's great mysteries?

For example, will we know who really killed JFK? Which came first, the chicken or the egg? What really happened to the dinosaurs? - B., via godsquadquestion@aol.com

A: I always take my spiritual guidance about the great mysteries of life from

Deuteronomy 29:29: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." (KJV)

We will know when we know. If there's nothing after death and the atheists are right, the nothingness after death will teach us.

If we're reincarnated into new living beings (animal or human) based on our record of kindness in this life, then the Hindus are right and our next life as a bug will teach us.

If there is a heaven, but it's only open to those who've accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then the evangelical Christians are right, and my life in hell with a bunch of accountants and lawyers will teach us.

If the righteous of all nations have a share in the World to Come, then Judaism is right and I will be very, very pleased.

I'm prepared to wait prayerfully and patiently and compassionately until that day. What intrigues me is that all your questions are about historical facts (plus the chicken-and-egg question, which is too rich in spiritual cholesterol for me to answer).

Why do you care about history so much? My personal hope is that I can find the answers to, well, personal questions. My first post-death question would be, "Was I a good person?"

My second question would be, "Did I teach my children and grandchildren well enough how to be mentches (good people)?"

And my third question would definitely be, "Where is my friend Tommy?"

I'll leave the questions about the dinosaurs and JFK to you. May you learn the answers when you are 120 years old.

Q: I live in a gated community where neighbors of from many faiths and ethnic backgrounds.

Each year at the holiday season, our clubhouse is lit with only white lights and a wreath.

However, inside the guard house, we display two menorahs and one Christmas tree. A menorah is also displayed in the clubhouse window.

Are we offending our Jewish residents, one of whom strongly "suggests" that we erect a 4-foot menorah outside the clubhouse? If we did this, our Christian residents would be sure "suggest" a 4-foot-high Nativity scene.

We feel the white

lights are indicative of a holiday season and not "Christmas," and the menorah and decorated tree seem acceptable symbols for all of our residents.



MARC GELLMAN
THE GOD SQUAD

The Jewish resident I mentioned suggests nothing be done next year, so as not to "offend" anyone, but this is a small voice in a large community. Any advice? - Anonymous

A: I'm a big fan of real holidays with real symbols.

Christians and Jews at this season do not celebrate "White Lights." We celebrate Christmas and Hanukah, and I remain utterly bewildered that people could be offended by the display of creche and a menorah on private property. These are real symbols of real holidays. I think they'd be lovely together. I'm also in favor of such displays on public property, although this issue is more complex.

My advice: Save some money and ditch the generic white lights.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!

NOTE FROM MG: Recently, I asked readers to send me signs from God they had received. Here's a good one:

"Over this past summer, as I was putting my 9-year-old daughter to bed, she said she needed a motto or positive affirmation for herself, and could I ask God to send her one?"

I told her I'd work on this, and that she should, too. Then we said good-night. In the wee hours of the morning, she came to my bedside and told me God had sent her a motto, and that it was: glim.

"At the breakfast table that morning, she asked if she could Google Image the word "glim." The very first image that popped up was a picture of a lion, and the letters in all caps: GLIM. Underneath the letters, it said, "God Lives In Me."

"Needless to say, I still get chills and tears in my eyes each time I tell this story. I just wanted to share it with you - and yes, my daughter proudly uses GLIM as her motto." - D., Raleigh, Amen, GLIM...Amen!

LINCOLN COUNTY

Carrizozo's zoning woes, past and present

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Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series on zoning issues in Carrizozo.

Zoning concerns in Carrizozo are causing headaches on both sides of the planning and zoning board, leaving many residents unsatisfied with the treatment they have received.

Complicating the issue are many undocumented variances issued to residents after the zoning ordinance was first implemented in 1974.

Judy Fitz, zoning administrator, has said that the undocumented variances were part of "handshake deals" that made offering fair treatment to all residents much more difficult.

Part of the board's work on condensing and simplifying the ordinance would involve speaking to many of the residents in violation of zoning ordinances, often involving livestock, Fitz said.

"The board will be very proactive in sending out letters," Fitz has said, adding that while the

board was not planning on forcing the removal of many of the animals, it was the board's duty to ensure that no more came in.

Fitz said that the board was about two years into and halfway through the project, which was taking longer due to frequent turnover in board members that would volunteer personal time to work on the ordinances.

Fresh start

But Tim Thompson, a former trustee and member of the board, said that would not be enough. Citing an amendment to the zoning ordinance passed on June 13 which he said was "full of holes," and numerous alterations to the ordinance, Thompson advocated contracting a legal firm to completely re-do the ordinance.

A \$50,000 planning Community Development Block Grant is available to municipalities each year through the state Legislature, which may be used to help update the ordinance, said Hubert Quintana, former executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development

District.

Quintana said the grant could pay for the ordinance to be re-written, "if it was part of a comprehensive plan."

Dora Batista, program coordinator for SNMEDD, said that the state suggests that a municipality update its comprehensive plan at least every five years.

"If it's over five years old, you could only apply for (CDBG) funds to update the comprehensive plan," Batista said, adding that Carrizozo qualified for the CDBG planning grant, and had recently submitted a request for a grant to make a 40-year water plan.

Carrizozo's comprehensive plan was last updated in August of 2008, said Town Clerk Leann Weibrecht.

According to June 13 council minutes, a motion was made by Trustee Dusty Voss to adopt the zoning amendment, "and that any other changes needing to be made can be done at a later date."

Enforcement and penalties also were increased in the June 13 amendment, including fines of up to \$500 or 90 days in jail.

Additionally, the ordi-

nance states that violators may be prosecuted in, "any court of competent jurisdiction in Lincoln County," allowing state and county police to perform arrests on Carrizozo's violators, taking the matter out of local courts.

This change came at a time when Carrizozo's police force was in dire straights, with no officers on staff and several declined offers from potential police chief candidates.

Final say

Fitz also pointed out another issue with the zoning, in which Carrizozo's public schools are in an R-1 zone, which does not include schools in the standard permissible uses.

"That's not acceptable for a school district — that's another zone," Fitz said. "So one of the things we also want to do is take a look at the properties and the land that they own, and try to see if they can be fit in."

However, the ordinance's standard permissible uses previously have been altered to accommodate the interests of the town.

On Jan. 25, 2000, a

change to the zoning ordinance was passed by former Mayor Manuel Hernandez and the board of trustees, allowing detention facilities to be built in the M-1 zones, intended for light manufacturing and industrial.

This followed after an amendment handed control over zoning from the board to the town council. According to the amendment passed on Aug. 10, 1999, "the Town Council shall serve as the board of adjustment."

This amendment also altered the official duties of the Planning and Zoning board, changing it from a regulating commission to an advisory committee, reporting to the town council.

According to the original ordinance, the board was initially established as a commission with the power to deny or approve applications.

And while recommendations were still submitted to the town council, their ruling could be overturned by an appeal to the board of adjustment, comprised of members of the commis-

To overturn the board of

adjustments, a vote of four out of five council members was necessary, according to the original ordinance.

"The board of adjustment is actually the town council, so we go straight to them," Fitz said.

"(Carrizozo resident) Barbara Culler did raise an interesting piece of information — why not have a board of adjustment of people who are not (involved) to take a look at the issues."

Culler questioned the arrangement during a Nov. 14 town council meeting, petitioning on behalf of resident Cherie Cloutd, who was facing the possibility of having to remove her miniature horses. Culler said that there were not many options for residents seeking a variance, as all roads lead back to the approval or denial of the town council.

Fitz said that while part of consolidating and simplifying the town's numerous amendments included increasing the enforcement abilities of the board, such as the inclusion of fines and possible jail time, all actions would still depend on the town council's approval.

Memories of Christmas past

The photos are stacked neatly in a pile and tucked into one end of a faded old shoe box. They curl in the way that old photos do when they aren't fastened down on the pages of an album.

A date is stamped in the white margin of each one, denoting a decade of time when full color living was captured in black and white memories. A treasure of days long gone by and a collection of living held now only in my mind.

In a snapshot, in shades of black and gray, stands a 9-foot Christmas tree — a fresh-cut Blue Spruce that filled the house with an aroma signatory with the holiday. Glass beads draped in perfect symmetry and lights strategically located for an even glow.

The ornaments are hung on the branches in careful order of size, tiny at the top to the big globes on the bottom. Tinsel is painstakingly hung one strand at time, one never touching another.

When I look at the photo, instead of the actual monochromatic visual, I see the colors of the decorations and the bright red, blue, green and orange lights from old bulbs that burned hot and bright.

The bottom branches are supported and pushed upward by piles of brightly wrapped packages offering some denial to the financial reality of those times.

The excitement for Christmas generated by four kids kept the air electric for weeks and my mother worn to a frazzle. But her love of Christmas was contagious as she filled the house with the holiday smells of baking cookies, breads and simmering pots of homemade candies.

There was a growing wave of magic that began right after Thanksgiving with the letters to Santa. This was followed by a shopping trip to town (only one), hiding gifts and keeping secrets, trying to spot those pesky spying North Pole elves and finally, the cutting and decorating of the tree.

A week before Christmas on my Dad's birthday, a collection of family — immediate and extended — would

make the short trek from our house at the ranch to the snowy slopes fronting the Colorado mountain range to find the perfect Christmas tree.

Loud laughter echoed through snow-laden stands of trees as children tossed snowballs, slid down embankments, and played games among the evergreens. Moms pointed, assessed and nodded as the men wielded their axes to fell the selected evergreens destined for adornment. The photos with their glossy finish depict a storybook visual of piles of snow with only the tops of fence posts showing and drifts that tell of winter winds that crafted new shapes to the landscape.

Pulling the chosen trees through the snow to the waiting vehicles, the men would load them up, and tie them down. Gathering up any stray kids that might have missed their ride back to the house, the caravan worked its way back to a continuing celebration that would almost rival the one to come on Christmas Day.

Lifelong traditions were fostered in those simple times. Family rituals that are today as much part of the holidays as the red and green of season. The sights, sounds and hues of Christmas captured on colorless Kodak paper. However, the memories are as full of color and life as the moment they happened.

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Holiday Lighting Illuminated

Professional holiday decorators give their tips on how to make the season bright, indoors and out

by Serena Dai
CTW Features

Every year, holiday lighting manufacturers introduce more varieties of bulbs, strands, colors and accessories. Luckily for the seasonal lighting industry (and those who love cruising the neighborhood, looking at lit-up houses), nobody seems to be willing to forego Christmas lights altogether, no matter their financial woes.

Professional decorators say that there's a trend towards nostalgic, natural-looking decorations rather than the energy-guzzling displays of the past. That means that LEDs are getting more popular and the Las Vegas marquee-style house is going extinct. The variety of products available leaves people at a loss when choosing the right lights for the job, so a few lighting professionals have given their tips on lighting each area of the house.

Front Yard Trees

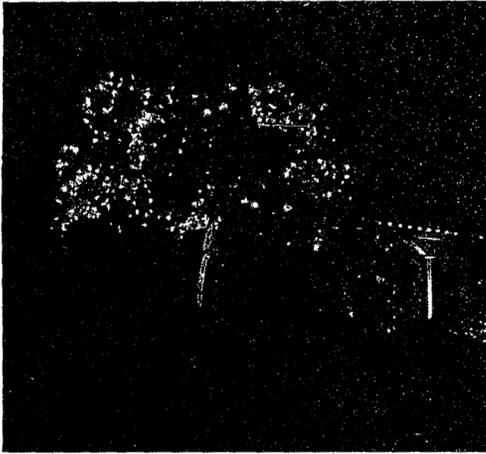
Lit trees in a front yard draw the most attention to a house, says Brandon Stephens, vice president of marketing at Christmas Décor in Lubbock, Texas.

Lights on a door or across the roof lining act as a backdrop. If you light a tree, that's the thing that stops traffic, Stephens says. Using a lot of lights sets a property apart. Since a large tree requires plenty of light, use mini-LED strands. LED lights save energy and thus electricity costs, so they work well for massive outdoor undertakings.

To make the tree look full, string the lights through the branches rather than around the outside, says Ric Robertson at lighting service Holiday Lighting Guy in Beverly Hills, Calif. "We don't want to have to go around the tree and tangle it and make it look like the tree is choked," he says.

Divide the tree into sections and then work from the top to the bottom, Robertson says. "That'll create a nice, full tree," he says.

For a different look, Stephens recommends wrapping mini-LED lights up the trunk and then using larger C9 or C7 bulbs in the canopy.



Outdoor Shrubbery

The key to making lit shrubbery look nice is making it seem organic, Robertson says. He advises against using light nets, which tend to look too perfect. "As far as bushes go, we lay lights in by hand," he says. Use mini-LED lights rather than larger bulbs to make shrubbery look full.

Clear lights remain the most popular choice in outdoor holiday decorating for roof and window lines, but shrubbery is the place to use color, Stephens says. Setting up a pattern of clear and colored lights works well, with every few sections changing to green or red. "It's a popular place for people to work color back into their display," he says.

Indoor Spaces

Take a look at where the electrical outlets are, says Bob Pranga, owner of holiday design company Dr. Christmas in Los Angeles. Wandering cords will diminish the look and present a potential hazard. Then determine the focal point of the room, he says. Any lighting should complement it.

For example, a foyer with a fantastic chandelier should keep the chandelier as the focus, Pranga says. Lighting should be set up symmetrically around it. "Do something even and outline the existing architecture," he says. "That makes it feel warm."



Indoor lighting acts more as an accessory to other holiday decorations than as the primary attraction, Pranga says. He suggests combining some sort of greenery with the lights, such as garlands or wreaths, to hide the cords. "Just stringing up lights in your house, unless you really want that frat house look, doesn't give it much charm," he says. "You end up scotch taping them to the walls."

While LED lights save power for complex outdoor displays, they tend to look too harsh for indoors, Pranga says. "They make your room look like a black light palace." Use incandescent lights instead for a warm and cozy ambiance.

Christmas Tree

Similar to decorating an outdoor tree, wrap lights through branches rather than around the Christmas tree to add a nice depth, says Carolyn Horten, owner of design group Christmas Holiday Specialists in southern California.

Use the same tactic of dividing the tree into three triangle sections and working from the top down. The method not only makes the tree look full, it helps with damage control, she says. "It's really easy to control blow-outs that way," Horten says. To prevent fuse blow-outs all together, don't use more than three or four strands, and run an extension cord along the trunk, she says. Use a remote-powered or step-on-step-off power strip at the bottom to simplify turning the tree lights on and off.

Horten recommends using strands with 100 lights per foot. "It just adds a really nice ambiance," she says. But don't be afraid to accent the tree with a unique light size or color, using mini-lights further into the tree.

Traditional trees with lots of sentimental ornaments that range in color will pop with a mix of clear and colored lights. "You can definitely mix up the lights," Horten says. "It sounds weird. But it looks nice."

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Screen Test

by Daniela Garcia
CTW Features

Zombies and mad men and superheroes, oh my! No, it's not the nightmare before Christmas. The characters and creatures that star in the year's most popular TV shows and movies have inspired T-shirts, toys and all sorts of gifts sure to delight the pop culture aficionado.

There's great presents out there for everyone influenced by either the small screen or the silver screen.

Mad about 'Mad Men'

The award-winning series about the lives of Don Draper and company, set in the New York advertising world in the 1960s, has managed to generate a cult following in a handful of seasons.

Give the Maddict in your life any of the first three seasons of the hit series (\$39.99 DVD/49.99 Blu-ray). Collectors will be charmed with season one packaged in a limited edition case in the shape of a classic Zippo lighter (\$59.98, DVD).

For the adman, or adwoman, in your life, "Sterling's Gold: Wit and Wisdom of an Ad Man" (Grove Press 2010), is filled with witty one-liners from Roger Sterling, the pithy founding partner of the fictional agency. A sample: "Being with a client is like being in a marriage. Sometimes you get into it for the wrong reasons and eventually they hit you in the face."

Red for the holidays

The undead just won't die. In fact, their grip on fans may be getting stronger. In its fourth season, "True Blood," the TV drama about humans and vampires in the heart of Louisiana, is still going strong. Catch up on the latest action and romance with "True Blood: The Complete Third Season" (\$59.99 DVD/\$79.99 Blu ray).

For those that wish they could be patrons of Eric Northman's dark vampire club, Fangtasia, a souvenir T-shirt of sorts ought to satisfy (\$24.99).

Eric's stylish, no-nonsense, right-hand woman Pam has shown countless times that even the undead can always look good. Delight a fan who'd love to replicate her look with the True Blood Collectors Palette by Tarte (\$52). The kit also includes instructions from the show's lead make-up artist, Brigitte Ellis.

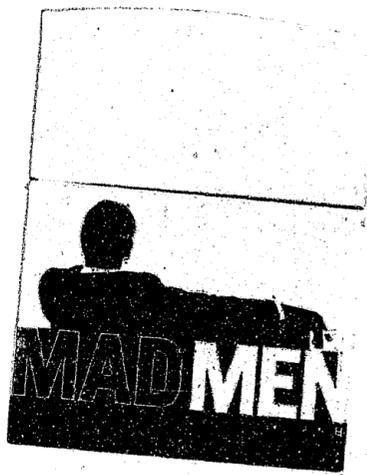
"The Walking Dead," a gripping TV drama about a group of survivors in the wake of a zombie apocalypse, is based on a graphic novel series. Gift individual print issues (Image Comics, \$14.99) or a collection of eight (\$59.99).

To satisfy a would-be zombie hunter, grab a Walking Dead shooting target poster (\$40). They'll be ready to take on the undead in no time.

For the kids

Superhero blockbuster movies "Captain America" and "Thor" both bowed at No. 1 at the box office this past summer, with "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" also at the top of the pack with a worldwide gross of over \$1 billion.

Whether kids want to embrace their inner first avenger (Captain America) or their inner mighty avenger (Thor) they'll have their weapon of choice to battle the bad guys: Captain America's Disc Launching Shield (ages 5 and up, \$19.99) and Thor's Lightning Hammer (ages 5 and up, \$19.99).



Transformers are evil-fighting robots disguised as everyday machines, like trucks and cars. Their transformations look complicated on-screen but the Transformers Rescue Bots from Playskool (ages 3 and up, \$11.99) help little kids make the magic in one big, easy step.

Tidings of comfort, and Glee

In "Glee," the Fox TV hit, a group of high school misfits find common ground (and their voices) by joining the McKinley High School glee club. The show that's punctuated with spontaneous musical performances has gained a loyal fan following.

Share Christmas classics as sung by the Glee cast with "Glee: The Music, The Christmas Album" CD from Columbia Records (\$10.98).

Hardcore Gleeeks who know practically every song sung on the show will love strutting their stuff with "Karaoke Revolution Glee: Volume 2" from Koname (\$39.99 for Wii).

The Glee-tastic Microphone (\$17.99) is the perfect toy for younger fans who enjoy singing their hearts out.

The board game contingent can get in on the act with Cranium: Glee Edition (\$34) and Yahtzee: Glee Collector's Edition (\$19.95), both from USAopoly. The Scene It? Glee! DVD game from Screenlife (\$29.99) brings the McKinley High high jinks live to a living room near you.

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Ruidoso blotter

Nov. 21

4:57 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 400 block of First Street for a broken window report.

Freeman reported there was a hole in window and a rock on the couch. The victim reported nothing was missing and no one appeared to have entered the home.

Nov. 22

2:33 p.m. - Officer Lance Ledford responded to the 100 block of Hart for a burglary report.

The victim said someone had entered his pickup and

took tools from behind the seat. The truck was locked, but the sliding window does not lock and the victim said that is how they probably got in.

There were other tools in the rear compartment that were not taken.

Nov. 25

8:20 a.m. - Officer Jon Lund responded to Diamond Shamrock on Suddearth Drive for a report of a larceny.

The clerk reported someone had broken into the propane storage unit and stolen three tanks of propane, valued at \$150.

Dec. 5

3:52 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 100 block of Edinburgh Place for a report of a burglary.

The victim reported someone had removed a window screen and entered the house. Several items were taken from the house and items were stolen from the Jeep Wrangler in the garage.

Dec. 6

11:40 p.m. - Officer Matt Christian responded to Grindstone and Ginger for a report of a crash.

Christian reported he and Cpl. Larry Smith found

the vehicle and two juveniles. The vehicle was listed as having been stolen and the two juveniles, 15 and 16 years old, were listed as run aways from Alamogordo.

The vehicle was towed and Detective Art Nelson released the juveniles to their parents.

Dec. 7

9:36 p.m. Officer Tyrel Tyson responded to Allsups on Mechem Drive for a report of a gas theft.

Tyson reported a man pumped \$61.69 in gasoline into a Chevrolet crew-cab pickup and left without paying.

2:40 p.m. - Officer

James Urban responded to the 400 block of Carters Lane for a report of a stolen trailer.

The victim reported the utility trailer had been stolen between Nov. 29 and Dec. 7 from the bottom of his driveway.

Dec. 10

3:12 p.m. - Officer James Urban responded to the 600 block of Del Norte Drive for a report of a burglary.

The victim reported someone came in through the back bedroom window, which they broke, and stole several household appliances, including a vacuum,

a skillet, a griddle, a coffee maker and bedding.

6:50 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman took a report of a lost or stolen purse.

The victim reportedly left the purse on a bench in the Four Seasons Mall in Midtown Ruidoso and it was gone when she returned.

Dec. 11

1:54 a.m. - Cpl. Larry Smith responded to the 100 block of Clover Drive for a report of a domestic dispute in progress.

The woman reportedly told Smith her ex-husband

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arrived home intoxicated and they began arguing the argument he held the mattress while she was sitting on the bed, pushing her to fall off the bed and cut the back of her leg on the ground heater. He also reported trying to pull her from the bed and when she hit punched him to get him to stop, he allegedly grabbed a pistol out of the car, put it to his head and threatened to kill himself. Smith arrested Roman Chavez, 27, of San Patri for battery against a

household member and negligent use of a deadly weapon. Chavez's father posted his \$2,500 bond and Chavez was released.

Dec. 12
2:45 a.m. - Officer Matt Christian responded to Allsups at 2820 Sudderth Drive for a report of a larceny.

The clerk reported several Hispanic males came into the store and bought food then left and got into a Ford F-150 pickup truck. A short time later the clerk noticed three empty Christmas tree buckets on the east side of the store. He said the suspects must have put the trees in the truck.

11:26 a.m. - Cpl. Steve Corbin responded to the 1000 block of Mechem Drive for a report of a bur-

glary. The victim reported someone had broken into the maintenance building and stolen several tools.

Dec. 12
12:17 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the 100 block of Apache Hills Drive for a report of a stolen license plate.

The victim reported the plate had been stolen from the vehicle in the past few days. According to Snodgrass's report, the license expired in 2010.

Ruidoso Downs blotter

Dec. 2

9:32 a.m. - Officer

Joseph Bailey responded to the 300 block of Sierra Lane for a report of a burglary and battery.

The victim reported someone had broken in to the apartment, battered his wife and stole his marijuana.

The victim presented Bailey a New Mexico Department of Health Medical Marijuana Certificate.

Bailey had the wife transported to Lincoln County Medical Center for treatment. He reported she had no memory of being beaten.

Bailey reported there was no sign of forced entry, the neighbors did not hear anything and the wallet the victim said was stolen during the robbery was found

in his wife's purse. Everything seemed to be in order in the apartment except a dresser that had been moved. The victim said he moved it thinking his marijuana had fallen behind it.

Bailey reported the victim said he suffers from short-term memory loss and does not remember most of what happened the previous night.

Dec. 5

11:26 a.m. - Officer April Payan and Crime Scene Investigator Bill Dunlap responded to the Hubbard Museum of the American West for a report of suspicious subjects.

An employee at the museum reported two males and a female walked in

without paying and went to an antique gun exhibit downstairs where they took pictures. They then left the museum.

Dec. 8

2:45 p.m. - Bailey responded to the 100 block of La Canada for a report of a burglary.

An employee reported the front door was open when she arrived and there were muddy footprints inside the building. The cash box was open, but it only contained about four quarters. Nothing else appeared to be missing.

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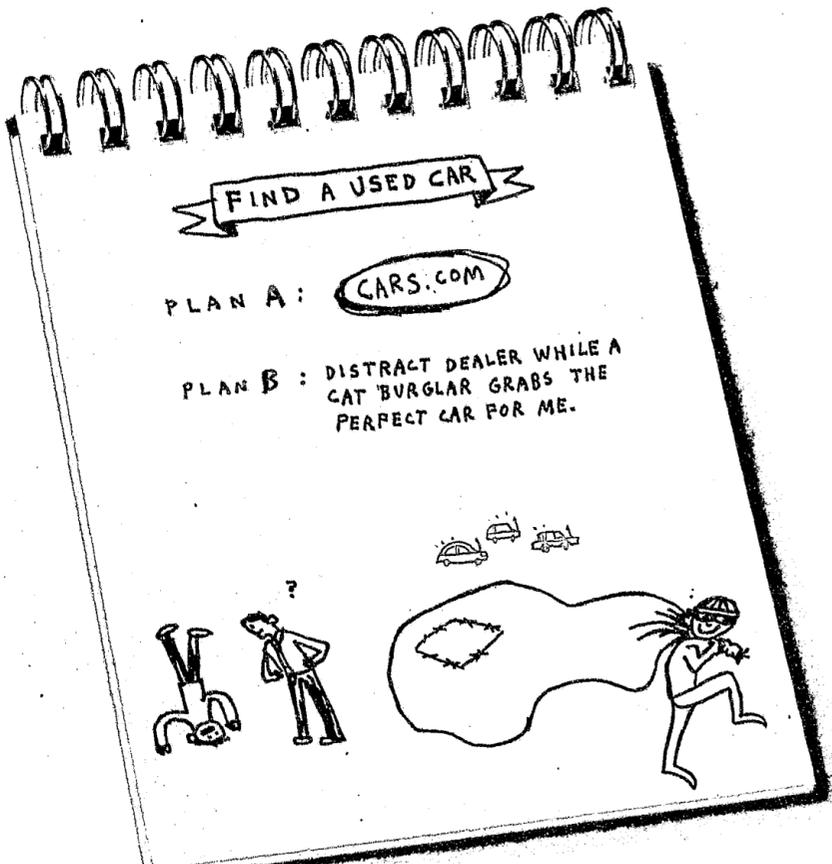
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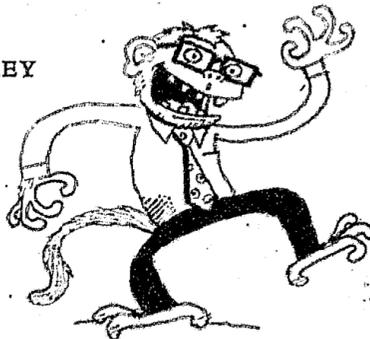
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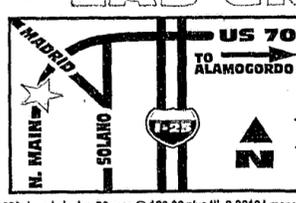
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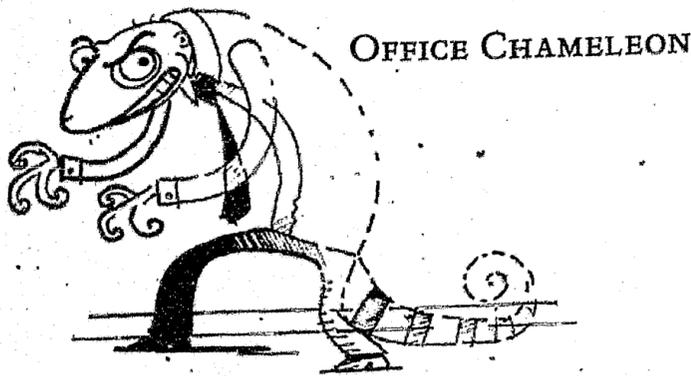
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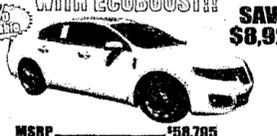
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- 5688 **2010 NISSAN ALTIMA** WAS \$19,995 NOW \$16,555
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