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Gasoline prices at four-week low

■ But we're still paying more at the pump than one year ago.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

While gas prices hover at \$1.82 to \$1.94 locally, they fluctuate from \$1.78 to \$2.80 in other parts of the Southwest as the 4th of July holiday weekend approaches.

Despite that gulp at the pump, gas

prices moved lower for the fourth straight week, according to the AAA New Mexico's Weekend Gas Watch.

The statewide average for regular unleaded was \$1.885 last Friday, which was 3.7 cents lower than the previous week and 39.3 cents higher than last year's average. The national average sits at \$1.924, a drop of 3.2 cents from the previous week and 43.4 cents higher than last year.

Thirteen states registered gas prices

on average more than \$2 per gallon compared to 18 on June 17.

The average in Albuquerque Friday hit \$1.82, down 5 cents from last week. Santa Fe came in at \$1.92, Las Cruces at \$1.79 and El Paso, Texas, at \$1.79.

Officials with AAA New Mexico estimate that 39.4 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home for the holiday, up 3.4 percent from last year. About 34.4 million or 87 percent expect to go by motor vehicle, a 3 percent

increase.

Another 4.6 million, 12 percent, plan to travel by airplane, up 4.5 percent from last July 4th, traditionally the heaviest travel period during the summer. The remaining 400,000 will go by train, bus or other modes of transportation.

The top destinations listed in a AAA New Mexico survey include Disneyland resorts in Anaheim, Calif., Yellowstone

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Mountain of Blues: Village, promoter happy with new site

■ Some neighbors did complain about noise.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A few neighbors might not agree, but the debut of the new Ruidoso Events Plaza scored a big success Saturday as about 2,000 people flocked to the Mountain of Blues Fest.

Promoter Dean Fowler said he was ecstatic with the turnout and the new location at the corner of Wingfield Street and Grindstone

Canyon Road, just a block from mid-town.

"We allowed people to leave and come back and they packed mid-town," he said Tuesday. "I checked the hotels and shops. We brought a lot of people into town and we didn't have any trouble at all.

"We had a few complaints, but you need a couple of events to understand the logistics."

Ruidoso Mayor Leon Eggleston said when he returned to his home about

8:30 p.m., Saturday, he found three calls on his answering service. Two complained but didn't leave their names and the third said he just didn't like the choice of music.

Other than those calls, Eggleston said he's hearing positive comments. The mayor was eager to stage the first event on the 9 acres that cost the village \$800,000 to purchase in December for a total of \$1.3 million to cover improvements and financing expenses.

"I thought it was fantastic," he said Monday. "I did a lot of walking around and everyone was thrilled with the location. I didn't hear any complaints about parking.

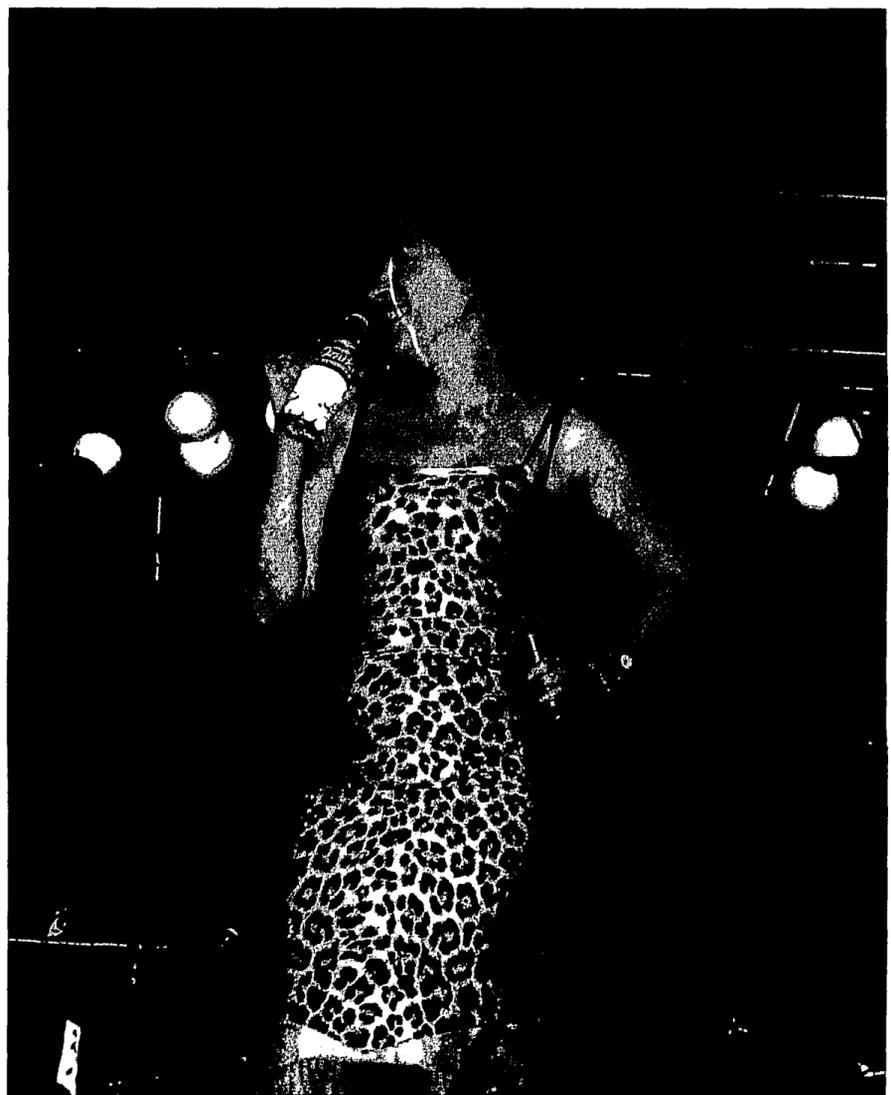
"All in all, I felt good about the turnout. This event was very well done. I think Dean did a good job fencing off the area. I saw no disturbances and I think it was a great place for it."

Capt. Wolf Born of the village police department said he

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Leon Eggleston
 Ruidoso Mayor

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SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Mountain of Blues Festival headliner Janiva Magness belted out the blues and got the crowd moving Saturday at the new Events Plaza on Wingfield Street

SACRED RITES

Mescalero celebrate puberty ceremony

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
 RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Visitors can glimpse moments of one of the most traditional and sacred ceremonies practiced by the Mescalero Apache beginning Thursday and running through the Fourth of July weekend.

Four tribal maidens will celebrate their rites of passage with family-prepared feasts, dancing, blessings and with rituals established hundreds of years ago by their ancestors.

The puberty ceremonies are part of a colorful holiday weekend on the reservation on U.S. 70 between Alamogordo and Ruidoso that includes a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday and a rodeo.

The traditional puberty rite is a celebration of the uniqueness of the Apache people. It notes her upbringing that includes learning her tribal language and instilling from infancy a sense of discipline and good manners.

At dawn Thursday, the four-day rite of passage will begin for the maidens, moving them into womanhood under the gaze of friends, family and guests. The ceremony is part of the heritage that binds the Mescalero as a people,



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Mescalero maidens celebrating their puberty rites on the reservation starting Thursday and through the July 4th weekend are from left, Kelly King-Morgan, Cherissa Lynn Mangas, Tia Torivio and Chisalyn Prins.

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Legislators rally around SB camp

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
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Three members of New Mexico's legislative delegation are urging Gov. Bill Richardson to reconsider a decision to close Camp Sierra Blanca, a rehabilitation center for male juvenile offenders in Lincoln County.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and U.S. Reps. Steve Pearce and Heather Wilson, former director of the state Children, Youth and Families Department, contended in their letter dated June 25, they are hearing from "many sources" that current CYFD director Mary-Dale Bolson's reasons for the closing "do not withstand scrutiny and are not supported by fact."

They also are worried that in many parts of the state, the type of community-based services her department now prefers are "just not available."

"The amount of money saved by closing Sierra Blanca

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Announcements

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County: 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower; 258-4185.

BSA Cub Pack 95: Meetings monthly, time and place TBA; 378-5623.

Ruidoso Care Center Family Council Sessions: Meetings as needed. Contact RCC at 257-9071 for information.

Lincoln County Chess Club: Looking for members to begin meeting again. New players and all levels welcome; 354-8036.

Celebrate Capitan: Thursday through Sunday. Parade, rodeos, dances, barbecues, fireworks, museums, trade fair and shops. The Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo begins at 7 p.m. each day and concludes with fireworks. Nightly dances with Shawn Allen begin at 9 o'clock. 24th annual 10K and 2-mile Fun Run begins at 7 a.m. (registration 6:45 a.m.) Saturday near the Train Depot. Capitan Public Library Bake, Hot Dog & Book Sale is from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 49th annual Smokey Bear Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. Smokey Bear Fair is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 354-2273 (Chamber of Commerce), 354-2748 (Smokey Bear Historical Park), 354-2247 (Village Hall), 354-2202 (Lincoln County Fairgrounds).

354-2567 (Smokey Bear Fair), 505-808-1213 (vendor information), 354-5022 or 505-8 49-1418 (rodeo information).

Wednesday, June 30

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

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

Thursday, July 1

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; 257-2607.

Lincoln County Adult

Singles Group: Meets every Thursday at various locations. For further information, please contact Sharon (585-8535) or Doris (258-3799) or e-mail us. The Lincoln County Adult Singles Group welcomes all adult singles.

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 7:15 p.m. Saturday in Room 146 (by the gym) at First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. Call Dawn at 937-0844, Dean at 937-5546, or Josie at 378-5621. Or, write to HCR 46, Box 447, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346.

Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808.

Friday, July 2

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

Senior Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center at School House Park; 378-4659.

Saturday, July 3

Al-Anon: Meets every Saturday, 10:30 a.m., at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth, Ruidoso; 257-7124.

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Ruidoso Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday, plus a 299ers game

1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club: 9 a.m. every Saturday. Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

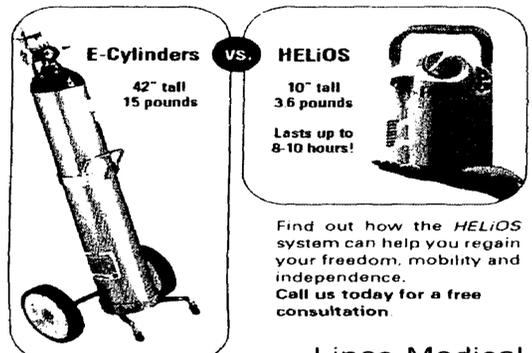
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Fort development group prepares for renovations

BY KEITH GREEN
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Members of the Fort Stanton Development Commission will have access to upwards of \$900,000 as of Thursday to begin renovation of the historic Lincoln County facility northeast of Ruidoso, but are still concerned about long-range prospects for funding. The first Legislature-provided money for the project will be available on July 1, the start of a new fiscal year.

Fort Stanton, built in the 1850s to protect settlers from marauding Apaches and used almost continuously for 149 years for everything from military base to tuberculosis hospital to detention camp for German nationals, will need millions of dollars just to preserve its dozens of historic buildings. The fort is considered to be the best preserved of all historic forts in the Southwest, but deteriorated rapidly during the last decade, after Gov. Gary Johnson closed it as a state hospital for the developmentally disabled.

Commission members began probing the long-term financial status in a meeting last Saturday at Ruidoso's village hall, and concluded that one way to keep state money coming in future years is to demonstrate support for the fort at the local level. Commissioner Lynda Sanchez, of Lincoln, said

it had been suggested that a property tax levy, with a five-year cap, might be possible.

The commission asked member Maury St. John, also a Lincoln County commissioner, to determine whether a 1-mill levy question might be put on the November general election ballot — essentially, "for preservation and rehabilitation of the Fort Stanton Historic District, and to provide for public accessibility."

A mill, under present property valuation, would provide about \$500,000 annually, St. John said. Commissioner Leon Eggleston, Ruidoso's mayor, said such support by county residents would go a long way toward demonstrating to the Legislature that continued state funding was appropriate.

St. John said Tuesday that discussion of a ballot question might be on the agenda at the next County Commission meeting on July 20, and that public support would be helpful. There is a September ballot-preparation deadline.

Also of concern by the commission is the recently announced plan to turn over the Hubbard Museum of the American West, and related facilities in Lincoln, to the state Cultural Affairs Department. The commission now is attached administratively to Cultural Affairs.

The development commission will meet next at 9 a.m. July 17 in the maintenance office at the fort. It will be the new commission's first annual meeting, and new officers will be elected. Eggleston now is board chairman and Sanchez, vice chairman. Other members are St. John, Chay Rennick and Keith Green, all of Ruidoso, and Katharine Slick, state historic preservation officer, and Dave Simon, state parks director, both of Santa Fe.

In other business, the commission Saturday approved bylaws for its own operation. The fourth Saturday of each month is the regular meeting date, but the July 17 date was set to

jump-start a plan for presentation to state departments whose help will be sought for a unified development effort — including Tourism, Veterans Affairs and Economic Development, along with Cultural Affairs and Parks (part of the Energy and Minerals Department).

BIA-sponsored "Boots & Saddles" project involving seven historic forts, including Fort Stanton, was the subject of a meeting on June 3 at the fort, attended by 32 people. It was the first such meeting at Fort Stanton, and those attending were impressed by the surroundings, she said.

She also said \$10,400 in County Historical Society, for grants had been obtained, primarily through the Lincoln fort.

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CALENDAR

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

Republican Party of Lincoln County: 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month; 937-1280.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. the first Monday of every month at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Tuesday, July 6

Altrusa Club: 7 p.m., first Tuesday of every month, for program; Noon, third Tuesday of every month for lunch, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Beth, 258-4244.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs; Rutalee Waters, 257-2626.

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OUR OPINION

The state's CYF brass needs a reminder

Closing Camp Sierra Blanca doesn't add up

From where we sit, the brass running the state's Children, Youth and Families Department have forgotten about the department's role in life — to help children and youth, who are at the heart of families.

Evidence: The department's decision to eliminate its acknowledged crown jewel of success, Camp Sierra Blanca.

No other unit, in CYF or Corrections, can point to a success rate which stacks up to the fact that just one in 10 former clients gets in trouble upon being released after a few months at the camp near historic Fort Stanton.

Many of them earn high school diplomas while there.

One in 10 sure beats the sometimes-termed "training

school for the State Pen" at Springer. It's historically been a warehouse for bad apples.

Yes, those Sierra Blanca kids are the least troubled teenagers, but that's the idea: Straighten them out before they get "troubled," from a bad home environment or whatever.

Maybe every new state department head in a new administration wants to make a mark. Maybe CYF's boss is just carrying out the governor's orders. That's not clear from the mealy mouthed excuses about "getting them back in their own communities" we've heard to date. That, often as not, is where the trouble started.

Somebody needs to remind CYF why that department was created in the first place.

Nine acres of noisy blues

It's unlikely that Grandma would be blasting B.B. King or Hound Dog Taylor CDs from her balcony at an assisted-care center.



ON SECOND THOUGHT
 MARTY RACINE

An assisted-care center is what residents adjacent to the new Events Plaza might have had, had they not protested against such a proposed project several years ago.

Because of a neighborhood outcry, the developers pulled out.

So on Saturday the 'hood got the Mountain of Blues Festival. It was the first event held at the 9.2-acre, \$1-million-plus site on Wingfield that the village foresees as a Midtown communal destination.

Following the festival, some area residents sang the blues, protesting what they considered a noise blitz upon their neighborhood. I can sympathize. One definition of noise is any undesired sound, and I don't like those jets from Holloman screaming across my neighborhood skies. And that's nearly every day, it seems.

The Mountain of Blues Festival is held one day out of 365. The music itself spans one-third of that day. After last year's installment on a baked-asphalt tarmac at the Convention Center, the festival was seeking a new home. Parking lots are not the most charming of settings for live music.

The timing suited the village just fine. Mayor Leon Eggleston and various councilors have made clear their intention of getting the plaza, which the village purchased this year with the help of a state loan, into gear. Any legitimate event would have qualified.

Mountain of Blues producer Dean Fowler, owner of The Quarters bar and restaurant, would not have been approved for the site — the Grindstone area was his second choice — had he

not been insured through his business and experienced in festival logistics. He needed to convince the village of his qualifications and did so in a pitch to council several months ago.

By all accounts, the festival went smoothly. Police reported no serious incidents. Traffic and parking presented few problems.

Admittedly, blues music is loud and raucous. It is boisterous and bawdy. It may well be that Saturday's decibels will be the highest of any event to be held in the plaza. Other potential uses include a farmer's market, company functions, weddings, plays, *quinceañeras*, cookoffs and music festivals offering a range of styles from bluegrass to classical.

More than anything, the plaza needs to be there for the citizens. No municipality can survive without a heartbeat, and the heart of Ruidoso pumps from Midtown. The Events Plaza is vital to the comprehensive master plan envisioning a more pedestrian-friendly community.

This will not be a plaza on the scale or scope of those historic districts in Santa Fe or Taos. It will not resemble the courthouse squares of West Texas.

This plaza will be greener, more refreshing. Ideally it will serve as a magnet for visitors and residents alike, beckoning them to congregate in the shade of a hot summer's day or in the breezes of an endless evening.

Perhaps next year, should Mountain of Blues return to the scene of the rhyme, it can be tweaked to reduce its impact on the neighborhood. Perhaps the stage can be repositioned. In the meantime you might check out that B.B. King catalog.

OUR RIGHT TO KNOW

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YOUR OPINION

Peppin Fire scene wasn't 'too rough' to fight

To the editor:

According to media reports, the recent Peppin fire in the Lincoln National Forest near Capitan was started by lightning and discovered on May 15. By May 18, it was being monitored at 12 acres in a mop-up stage. Due to rough country, it was considered unsafe to put people on it.

I was raised near Capitan and my father was a forest ranger there. At that time, the area had rock slides and dense timber on steep slopes, but it was not unsafe to suppress a small fire.

This Peppin fire should have been put out with Forest Service ground force firefighters in those first few days. With normal May weather — dry and windy — it grew to a major, costly blaze.

Gov. Bill Richardson said if the Bush administration had not grounded unsafe retardant planes, the fire could have been stopped at one acre. The FAA grounded the planes, and it is a federal agency functioning with leadership not connected to any particular administration.

As a wildland firefighter for 40 years, I have seen very beneficial use of retardant and also much costly, waste-

ful use. The retardant, as the name indicates, only retards fire spread and must always be followed up with firefighters on the ground.

Firefighter safety has always been extremely important; however, in recent years many small fires escaped control due to slow initial attack and the excuse that country is "too rough." These areas were not previously considered too rough or unsafe as long as aggressive fire fighting was combined with common-sense safety.

Mick Guck
 Mimbres

Outrageous festival

To the editor:

My husband and I are totally outraged at the permission given to the "Blues Festival" to wreak havoc on our otherwise quiet residential neighborhood this past Saturday! Anyone with a grain of common sense would know better than to authorize such a group to blast the residents of our area with such noise for hours and hours on end! It is inexcusable and must be stopped before another attack on our people is sched-

uled! A prompt apology from the non-thinking people at City Hall should be immediately forthcoming!

H.G. and J.A. Kittrell
 Ruidoso

A contract is a contract

To the editor:

In response to the letter by Mr. (Al) Junge, I would like to respectfully disagree with much of what he said.

A legally binding contract is defined as, "Contracts are promises that the law will enforce. The law provides remedies if a promise is breached or recognizes the performance of a promise as a duty. Contracts arise when a duty does or may come into existence, because of a promise made by one of the parties. To be legally binding as a contract, a promise must be exchanged for adequate consideration. Adequate consideration is a benefit or detriment which a party receives which reasonably and fairly induces them to make the promise/contract."

I have seen the original contract

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So does the Zia symbol really represent New Mexico?

Here's what we need to do. Can the Zia Sun Symbol. Give it a special corner at the state museum to represent what New Mexico once stood for. Relegate it to remember-when status.

Look, it's only a matter of time before the ACLU gets wind of the Zia, anyway. The symbol, which originated with the Indians of Zia Pueblo in ancient times, represents the "Giver of all good gifts." We all know that to be God, so it will just drive the ACLUers crazy.

The main reason the symbol needs to go, however, is this: It no longer embodies the spirit of New Mexico. Replace it with a picture of a slot machine. Now, that would well represent the state's new personality.

New Mexico is becoming a gambling mecca, new casinos and racetracks having redefined the meaning of "economic development." If you can't attract industry that produces an end product benefiting society and pays people a decent wage, no problem: just carve a dirt track into the desert and throw up some teller windows.

Tucumcari is the latest New Mexico outpost hot to get in on the action. Located on I-40 about 170 miles east of Albuquerque and about 9,000 miles from anything that resembles a promising future, the Quay County sleeper wants — guess what? — a racetrack.

Can you blame her? Once hosting a railroad terminal and serving as a welcome home to those plodding west on Route 66, Tucumcari took a big hit when Interstate 40 opened in 1976 and people began whizzing by at 70 mph, saying, "what was that place we just passed?"

Still, if you are not checking someone in or serving him a hamburger, you are probably jobless in Tucumcari. You can see what a boon a racetrack would be there. And you understand why town leaders perked up when Gov. Bill Richardson suggested their city could be a prime location for a horse track and casino.

The governor's observation boxed him somewhat into a corner, but not to worry. The guy is world class when it comes to wriggling out of tight spots. This one is occasioned by the fact that his pronouncement in Tucumcari flies in the face of his hand-picked racing commission's announcement of a moratorium on any new tracks. Whoops.

The New Mexico Coalition Against Gambling, made note of "moratorium" and said the word "doesn't have a lot of ambiguity to it."

We'll see. Meanwhile, the fellow responsible for bringing jobs to Tucumcari is Ben Kendrick. His is a challenge just a tad more difficult than running a snow cone franchise in Anchorage. Ben finds himself stuck in a mood located midway between gleeful and ecstatic. He's talking about beginning construction within two years, and says he is talking with some big-money boys who can make it happen.

So there you have it. The governor says it can happen, his state board says it

should not happen, Tucumcari wants it to happen, and the Indian gaming industry says if it happens it will be a breach of their compacts with the state.

And the Zia Sun Symbol represents basic harmony of all things in the universe. Except, maybe, in New Mexico.

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BLUES: Site needs permanent power source

FROM PAGE 1A

stopped by for a first-hand look and found the event to be family oriented.

"People brought chairs and listened to the music or danced," he said. "We didn't have traffic problems and I found a parking spot right away. They also had shuttle buses working."

"I think the venue was excellent."

Rafael Salas
Parks and Recreation

Rafael "Rifle" Salas, who heads the village parks and recreation department and is responsible for the new plaza, said he was impressed the fest went so smoothly. As for pointing up areas that need to be covered for the next event, he said,

"We've talked about permanent power. All the electricity for this was supplied by the promoter by generators. I think the venue was excellent."

"The parking overwhelmed the city parking lot, but I live in the area and I went through the neighborhood and didn't see any effect."

He's still surveying the area to assess any impacts, Salas said. One of the first necessities is to build permanent restrooms, he said.

"Portable are OK for the day, but we need permanent restrooms," Salas said. "We also need to look at a site for the stage."



Couples dance at last Saturday's Mountain of Blues Festival at the new Ruidoso Events Plaza.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Camp: Support

FROM PAGE 1A

will not extend those services to our rural towns," the three Republicans wrote the Democratic governor.

"We hope you will re-examine the justifications made by CYFD for closing CSB and reconsider the decision to close it," they wrote.

Specifically, the three congressional officers noted that Bolton announced the closure in 30 days on June 16, and cited as her reasons, under-enrollment, the expense to repair the facility next to historic Fort Stanton, and a focus on community-based programs as opposed to juvenile detention centers.

They pointed out that Bolton stated the State Legislative Finance Committee expressed the opinion it would be fiscally irresponsible to continue with such low enrollment.

"However, Secretary Bolton does not disclose the fact that the number of empty beds at the facility is a result of CYFD's own directive two months earlier," the three wrote. On April 17, Bruce Langston, CYFD's deputy director of facilities, ordered juvenile probation officers to no longer place juveniles at CSB, they contended. Without that directive, 20 children possibly could be sent to CSB immediately, they wrote.

"Other CYFD officials have also suggested there are 30 children in other state facilities that would be more appropriately served at CSB," they

wrote.

They also disputed the estimated \$5.2 million cost of meeting fire and safety standards, noting a January 2004 fire inspection of the camp by the State Fire Marshal indicating it complied with all recommendations and no reinspection would be needed for one year.

The \$5.2 million would cover the replacement of all buildings at the camp, many of which are not necessary to the "safe and effective operation of the camp," they wrote.

They pointed out that the state Legislature approved \$1.2 million for renovations and that should be adequate to upgrade the camp.

While they support looking for better juvenile rehabilitation options, "Camp Sierra Blanca has continually proven to be an incomparable option for enhancing juvenile delinquents' chances for success," they wrote. "Eliminating such a successful facility defies any attempt to improve upon New Mexico's juvenile rehabilitation program."

The camp opened about seven years ago when Wilson headed CYFD.

Operated by Associated Marine Institutes based in Florida, the camp claims a 10 percent recidivism rate, a GED (high school diploma equivalency) graduation rate of 83 percent and a high percentage of "students" continuing their education in college or trade schools.

Letters: Is a contract a contract, or not?

FROM PAGE 4A

regarding the Links Golf Course and the Village of Ruidoso, and it appears that the contract meets all the requirements of a legally binding contract. The contract provides the terms of the agreement, the term of the agreement, and the consideration to be paid. Even if no consideration was paid during the term of the contract, there was a reasonable expectation that some benefit would accrue the Village of Ruidoso.

The fact that Mr. Junge does not agree with the terms of the contract does not change the facts or make it fraud. To accuse the village council and mayor of being a party to fraud is inexcusable. The contract provides that Colbert (and later assigned to a Hubbard entity) has the sole option to renew the contract for a 15-year term. The consideration would be 10 percent on golf receipts and 6 percent on pro shop receipts and food and beverage sales.

In my experiences, I have

never seen a municipal golf course that makes money and was not a constant source of controversy. The Village of Ruidoso does not need to be in the business of running a golf course.

Even if the city received nothing for the golf course lease, it still receives the sales (gross receipts) tax on all proceeds and the community receives the benefits of the visitors and locals who play there.

I bought a house here three years ago partially because I enjoy playing the Links. I would not live here if playing golf at a great course was not an option, and I believe that there are many people like myself.

I do not know Mr. (R.D.) Hubbard, but I hope he maintains the lease on the Links. He has maintained the course, made improvements, and made it a source of pride for the community.

I hope the Village of Ruidoso does everything possible to provide the residents the type of golf course that we

have had the last 15 years.

Larry Butts
Ruidoso, and Spearman,
Texas

Who's really in charge?

To the editor:

Those of us old enough to remember know a few facts about Ruidoso's history that were swept under the rug, so to speak, in hopes they would never again surface.

It was in the early '80s, that the Village of Ruidoso gave 160 acres of prime land to Colbert Golf, the contractor for Hubbard and his partner.

There were those of us who believed the future of this old airport should be up to the vote of the people, instead of being left to the discretion of the Village Council. So a petition was circulated and we were elated when the decisive signatures were collected.

Now the people would have the say rather than the mayor at that time, Lloyd Davis, and his council, we thought.

As you can probably verify in

the archives of the local newspaper, every banking institution in Ruidoso, at that time, put their names on a full-page advertisement to the people, advising them to withdraw their names from the petition. This ad implied that all banking customers in Ruidoso would feel the weight of banking disapproval if they did not comply. The people panicked, in my opinion, and withdrew enough names to make the petition invalid.

Interestingly, one of the first things the successor to Lloyd Davis, Mayor Victor Alonso, did when he was sworn into office, was to introduce legislation in the state outlawing the withdrawal of names from a petition.

In any event, you should know that the bankers and Village Hall, rather than the people of Ruidoso, were responsible for the Links Golf Course.

It makes me wonder. Are the developers and their financial wizards still running our town?

John C. Schuller
Ruidoso

GAS: Thrifty tips

FROM PAGE 1A

National Park, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, New York and Washington D.C.

The West, including New Mexico, is expected to produce the largest number of air travelers. Oceans and beaches top the list of preferred destinations. Thirty-five percent say they will bunk in with friends.

The average American family should budget about \$77 for gasoline, say AAA New Mexico officials.

With summer monsoons underway, they also offered some advice for traveling in rainy weather. It includes:

- Slow down. Hitting several inches of water at high speeds can cause a driver to lose control of a car. Avoid roads where arroyos could fill up quickly and

be alert for stalled cars.

- Keep your distance. A car needs two to three times more stopping distance on wet pavement. Know your braking system and which methods to use for anti-lock, manual and hydraulic-power systems.

- Use the center lanes to avoid outside lanes where water collects at curbs.

- Use headlights and turn on the windshield defroster to keep inside windows free of moisture.

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EDUCATION

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Arrowsmith honored

Mandy Arrowsmith of Lincoln was named to the president's list for the spring semester of 2004 at West Texas A&M University, Canyon. She maintained a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. In addition, she was inducted into the Alpha Chi and Mortar Board honor societies and elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Arrowsmith is a senior at WTAMU and is completing her internship with the Randall County Sheriff's Department. She is planning a career with the U.S. Marshals or the FBI.

ACU Students honored

The following students were named to the dean's honor roll at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, for the spring 2004 semester:

- Emily Hobbs of Alto, who is working toward a bachelor of science degree in education/early childhood to fourth Grade; and

- Stephanie Kelsey of Capitan, who is working toward a bachelor of science degree in sociology.

To make the dean's honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Texas Tech honors

The following Ruidoso area students qualified for the president's list at Texas Tech University, having made 4.0 GPAs for at least 12 hours during the semester:

- Mary Leanne Gibson, sophomore in communication studies; and Rachel Beth Warren, senior in multi-disciplinary studies.

The following students from Ruidoso were named to the dean's list, having made 3.5-3.9 GPA on at least 12 hours during the semester:

- Sumer Nicole Baugh, a junior in human development and family studies; Mindy Sue Brunell, a junior in human development and family studies; and Linda Maria Celusniak, a sophomore in human development and family studies.

Also named to the dean's list were Alena Grey Borowski of Lincoln, a freshman in food technology; Aaron Richmond Schmidt of Alto, a senior in accounting; and Tyler Brandon Sisneros of Hondo, a sophomore in history.

Ensor a leader

Kristi Ensor of Ruidoso was selected as an "energy group" leader for Harding University's 2004 Student Impact, an orientation program designed to help freshmen and new students make the transition to college life. Ensor is a senior majoring in psychology at the Searcy, Ark., university. More than 1,000 students from all over the United States and abroad will participate in the program Aug. 19-23.

New CHE staff

New Mexico Commission on High Education Executive Director Letita Chambers has announced four new staff appointments:

- Kathy Cantrell, former budget director for Albuquerque Public Schools, as deputy director for finance and administration;

- Carlos Fierro, after serving as senior counsel with the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, as deputy director

for educational programs;

- Maria Martinez, previously director of the state's Motor Vehicle Division, as director of financial aid and special projects; and

- Janet Wise, formerly assistant vice president for marketing and public relations at the College of Santa Fe, as director of public affairs.

Aviation unit lauded

The Aviation Maintenance Technology Department at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell recently received the Certificate of Excellence "Diamond Award" from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration. The award was presented for 100 percent participation in the FAA Aviation Technician Training Program and for the university's commitment to increasing aviation safety.

"Participation in this highly effective training program places the faculty ... in a very elite group of aviation maintenance technician schools," said J.D. Huss, safety program manager, Flight Stands District Office in Albuquerque, in a letter to DeLosh, senior instructor. "The Federal Aviation Administration appreciates ENMU-Roswell for making individual time and training available to faculty members ... to participate in the Aviation Maintenance Technician Awards Program."

Controversial book

A controversial book written by Donald R. Burluson, Ph.D., Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell developmental studies lab instructor and veteran UFO researcher and investigator, was translated into Portuguese earlier this year for an edition to be published in Brazil in July.

The book, *UFOs and the Murder of Marilyn Monroe*, will be published by Editora MW and marketed in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro first, then the rest of the country.

"Public interest in UFOs is very high in Brazil, largely because there have been some very significant UFO events in that area," Burluson said. "Interest in Marilyn is high everywhere, of course, so there's a good chance the book will do well there."

The book defends the hypothesis that Monroe was murdered by government officials who were afraid she was going to "spill the beans" about classified information she received from President John F. Kennedy concerning the UFO cover-up. The book, in English, is available from Black Mesa Press, P.O. Box 583, Roswell, NM 88202-0583.

Host families sought

SHARE! is looking for host families for international exchange students for the coming school year. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. Host families provide a bed, meals, friendship and understanding.

Boys and girls, 15-18 years old, from around the world will be arriving in August to attend local high schools for one or two semesters.

Anyone interested in hosting or obtaining more information can call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Office at (800) 941-ERDT (ext. 3738) or through www.sharesouthwest.org.



Church camp at the First Baptist Church on Country Club Drive gathered 232 children the week of June 12-18.

More than 200 youngsters participate in the First Baptist Church's

BIBLE CAMP



The 4- to 5-year-olds met in the parking lot for their Bible lesson one day.



A waterslide was set up on the slope between the front and lower parking lots. Here some of the little ones dry off afterward.

PHOTOS BY SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

"They were there because they were really interested..."

Art workshops in Lincoln mark sixth year

BY SANDY SUGGITT
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

The sixth year of Fine Arts in Historic Lincoln workshops for children has been rated a success, with 5 to 15 students attending the 12 classes in June.

The workshops ended June 24 with a 6 p.m. reception to display the best work of the three weeks of art classes.

"This year nobody did all of the workshops," said Coda Omness, education coordinator for the Hubbard Museum of the American West, which sponsors the program. "They were very selective. That meant they were there because they were really interested."

New classes this year included leathercraft, taught by Carrizozo saddle-maker Harlen Webb, and poetry and collage, taught by Sara Brown, a Capitan teacher. Also new this year was a class in folk dancing and arts taught by Kathy Herrera, who works with the Hondo Fiesta Dancers. The students put on a performance for parents when they came to pick them up June 16. Students started off the series of classes with one in theater taught by Rick Martinez, a recent graduate of Highlands University. In this workshop, students wrote skits, made masks and gave a performance.

Patsy Blasdel returned to lead a class in tempera painting, and Cloudcroft rock sculptor Chuck Walker taught students to chisel and inscribe rocks. Leland DeFord taught an introductory photography class, and Ol' George Tippin taught gourd and yucca painting.

Virginia Jones, who teaches art at the Hondo schools, took students on a nature walk to collect sticks, pine cones, rocks and other items to use in making animal pins.

Toni Stubbs was back again teaching watercolor, origami and paper crafts — and they made watercolor-painted paper boxes for M&Ms and paper frogs and tulips.

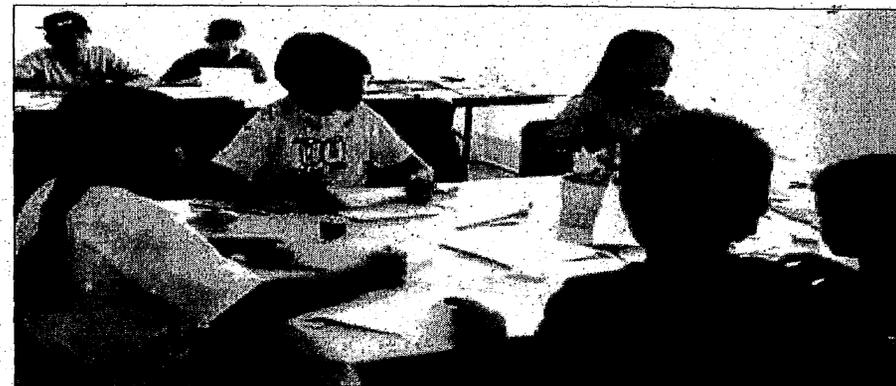
"The goal was to expose the students to different arts not available in the classroom," Omness said.

"Next year I'd like to expand the program to two classes a day," she said. "Last year, we took the program on the road to Carrizozo and Capitan, to make it easier for students."



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Origami instructor Toni Stubbs demonstrates paper folding for one of the art projects.



SANDY SUGGITT/STAFF

Children attending the origami and paper crafts workshop taught by Toni Stubbs folded and cut papers.

RITE: Maiden ceremony begins Thursday in Mescalero

FROM PAGE 1A

although they come from three major groups, the Mescalero, the Lipan and Chiricahua Apache.

Deciding to debut a daughter through a ceremony is a major commitment for a family. Preparation often begins as much as a year in advance with the gathering of sacred items such as roasted mesal heart and pollen from water plants.

Dancers must be arranged and a medicine man or medicine woman must participate. Finding a ceremonial dress, either from a relative who previously went through the ceremony, or made for the occasion, is important, as it is symbolic part of the rite.

A significant portion of the family's obligation is to prepare a feast for each day of the ceremony and to share that bounty with all who attend. Gifts also are given. Meals usually are served about noon and at 6 p.m.

Marking their entrance into womanhood this year are Kelly King-Morgan, Cherissa Lynn "Resa" Mangas, Tia Torivio and Chrisalyn Prins.

Kelly King-Morgan, the first maiden to be presented to the public for the July Puberty Rites, is the daughter of Joseph and Shellie Morgan. Her grandparents include Evelyn Martine

Gaines, Claudine Saenz, Judy Prins, Arlen Morgan, Ringlin Martine and Ellis and Nina Tortilla.

Her sponsors are Arden Comanche Sr. and Fleda Padilla. The Abraham Chee Dance Group will dance in her honor.

Kelly is descended from Native American royalty, which includes Victoria, Mangus, Lozen and Old Man Fatty. Her great grandmother Evelyn Gaines, former Chiricahua prisoner of war and one of the oldest living Apache on the Mescalero Reservation, is considered an icon and matriarch of her people.

During this year's ceremonial, Kelly will be joined by two other maidens, who are her cousins.

Kelly's first day will be dedicated to the Medicine people, the crown dance groups, the little children who are the tribe's future, and the many people who have helped to bring the feasts together every year, including the tribal council.

The second day will be dedicated to the teachers of the schools attended by Mescalero children, who help raise the children and secure their future with an education.

The third day is dedicated to emergency service personnel, doctors, nurses, emer-

gency medical technicians and paramedics, fire fighters, wildland fire fighters, police, law enforcement personnel and volunteers.

The fourth day is dedicated to all the armed forces and to current and future veterans.

The run on the fifth morning is dedicated to Evelyn Martine Gaines, Joseph Morgan, the Hotshot Crew, and the elderly of the tribe.

Tia Torivio, the daughter of Lenore Bigrope and Jarvis Torivio, has two sisters, Dellis, 20 and Sienna, 17, and one step-brother, Barry, 20. Her father is Jicarilla Apache and her mother is Mescalero.

She lives with her family in Phoenix, Ariz., and previously attended Osborn Middle School.

After graduating from high school, she hopes to earn a sports scholarship to attend college and study medicine.

Her grandparents are Leroy and Darlene Bigrope. Her great-grandparents are Lawrence and Marie Bigrope.

Cherissa Lynn "Resa" Mangas, 14, will be a freshman at Ruidoso High School this fall. She is sponsored by her mother, Veralyn Platta, and Greg Mendez. On the paternal side, she is co-sponsored by her father, Collier Mangas. The dance group representing her is Leon Botella.

Her brothers are Jaron

Mangas, Thomas Mendez, and Terrance Mendez. Her sisters are Arianna Mangas and Pamela Mendez. Her grandparents are Fawn Via and Albert Platta Sr. Her paternal grandparents are Claudina Saenz and the late John Duane Prins.

Her godfather is Paul Ortega and godmother is Mary Blaylock.

Cherissa is a direct descendant of four great Apache chiefs - Gordo, Mangas Coloradas, Victorio and Geronimo.

Cherissa enjoys playing basketball, using the computer and spending time with family and friends.

Chrisalyn Prins is a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe. She will be in eighth grade in the fall.

Her ceremonial is sponsored by her aunt, Dannaelyn Blake, and her grandmother, Loretta Shanta.

Chrisalyn was raised by

her deceased great grandparents, Martha C. Shanta and Dale Prins. Her biological parents are Edna R. Shanta and Christopher Prins.

Her maternal grandparents are Norena Shanta and Derrick Smith. Her paternal grandparents are Floyd Prins and the late Mary Carol Treas-Prins.

Chrisalyn, whose birthday

was June 22, has three brothers and one sister.

She is the great granddaughter of Asa Daklugie and Shanta Boy, and the great, great, great granddaughter of Chief Juh and Ishken from Mexico.

Chrisalyn's family will honor her in memory of her great grandparents, Martha C. Shanta and Dale Prins.

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New state laws take will effect Thursday

Some of the new laws scheduled to take effect July 1:

- HB187: Transfers administration of the Telecommunications Access Act from the General Services Department to the Commission for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Persons.
- HB231: Allows for regional transit district gross receipts taxes if approved by voters.
- HB239: Exempts works of art for museums or for public

display, contracts for hospital operation or maintenance, media advertising and purchases intended for resale by the Tourism Department from the state Procurement Code.

• HB277: Corrects a drafting error in an anti-discrimination bill passed last year prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

• HB451: Changes the salary brackets and state con-

tribution percentages toward group insurance for state executive, legislative and judicial departments.

• HB522: Requires students in grades eight through 11 to prepare next-step plans that set forth the coursework needed for progressing toward high school graduation.

• SB40: Requires applicants for a hazardous material driver's license to submit to a federal background check.

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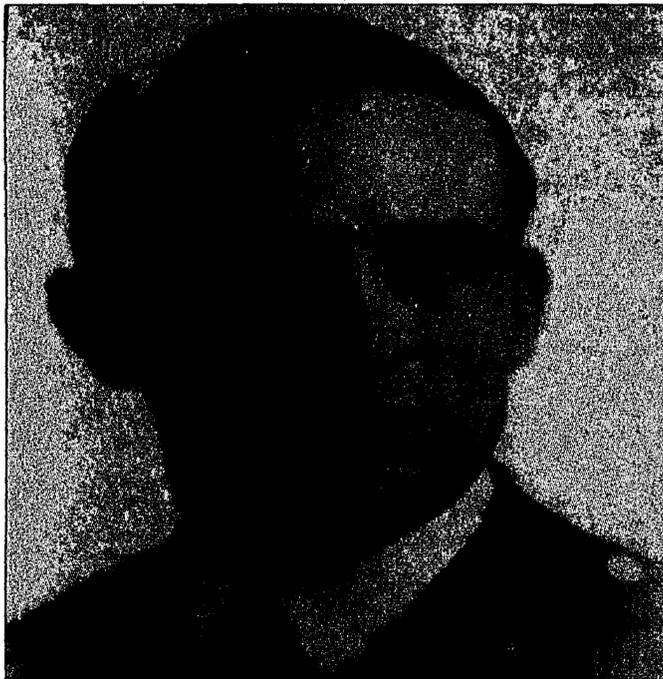
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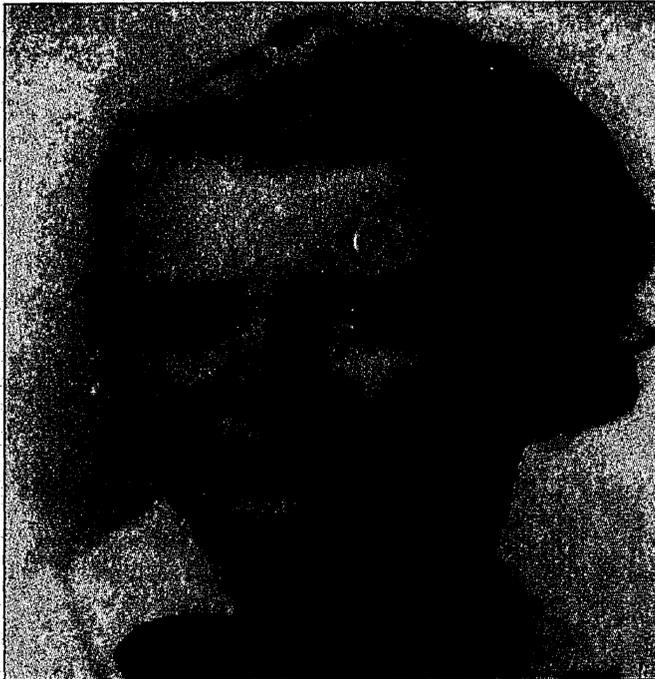
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HOME & FAMILY

It was 22 months before Marion was to see Spence. During that time, he was reported missing in action in the South Pacific.



Lt. Col. Truman A. Spencer Jr. during World War II.



Marion Spencer, a young mother in the 1940s.

The Bar W Ranch's Marion Spencer remembers...

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Spencer family of Carrizozo carries in its bloodline a long history of leadership, patriotism and love of country.

Marion Spencer's home on the Bar W Ranch, just north of Carrizozo, is a museum of military, family and New Mexico history; all tied together with the McDonald and Spencer names.

New Mexico's first elected governor was W.C. McDonald. He was voted into office just after statehood in 1912 and was one of Carrizozo's most illustrious citizens. He served as governor until 1917 when ill health led him to resign.

Governor McDonald had a grandson, Truman A. Spencer Jr., often called "Cowboy" — or as Marion, his wife, referred to him — "Spence."

Truman Jr. was born July 14, 1917, on the Bar W Ranch, the son of Truman A. Spencer Sr. and Frances McDonald Spencer, daughter of Governor McDonald.

Marion Spencer was born in 1919 at Ft. Brownsville, Texas, the Army's last cavalry base. Her life was one of military uniforms, since her father, Lt. Col. John E. Selby, was a career cavalry officer.

Spencer and Marion Selby met when she was a teen-ager. Her father was an officer at the New Mexico Military Institute. In 1937 Truman Spencer Jr. returned to NMMI as the tactical officer disciplinarian. Spencer had graduated in 1933 from NMMI after two years of college. Marion was a student at the Colorado College for Women in Denver.

The young couple married on June 14, 1939. After a couple of short stints of working for his father at the Bar W Ranch in between military pursuits, he in late 1940 went back into the service and to Hamilton Field, Calif., where he'd done previous duty as well as cadet training at the Randolph Field Flying School.

Dec. 7, 1941, found Spencer in ferry service, moving B-26 bombers from the Martin aircraft plant to service bases. His 10 years of military training was something the United States was looking for; in February of 1943 Spencer went overseas as commander of the 75th Bomb Squadron.

When Spence flew off to fight the war, he and Marion and first-born child Susan had been living in Portland, Ore. Marion knew it would a long time before he came home, so she and the baby moved back "home" to Roswell's Army Air Base. There she waited, with only occasional messages from Spence sent through the War Department.

It was 22 months before she was to see Spence

again. During that time, Spence was reported missing in action in the South Pacific, from Oct. 5 to 14, 1944.

Those days were hair-raising, beginning when Lt. Col. Spencer had to ditch his plane for lack of fuel. Spencer had a crew of seven men, two of whom died, one in the ditching of the plane and one later in the jungle. Those days spent surviving after landing on a beach, lack of medical attention and food, and fighting and hiding from Japanese patrols make a tale worthy of Hollywood's notice.

After rescue and some recovery time, Spence was sent stateside and was there when the war ended. He left the service at Orlando, Fla., as a lieutenant colonel, decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with six clusters, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Asian-Pacific Theatre and the American Theatre ribbons.

In the years following the war, Truman and Marion first went to work on the Block Ranch north of Capitan, then part of his father's land holdings. In 1949 they moved to Carrizozo to take over the Bar W Ranch.

Spencer built the home in which Marion still lives. The 3,500 square-foot home, built around a courtyard and swimming pool, was home to their three children. Joining baby Susan in 1945 was Stephen, and in 1948, Stirling. Susan graduated from Texas Western at El Paso, Stephen from the University of New Mexico and Stirling from New Mexico State University.

As a young girl, Marion was an active equestrian. "It wasn't my first love," she said, "but I did it for my father. He loved it. I competed at horse shows everywhere he would take me, including the Denver Stock Show."

When she and Spence moved to the Bar W, he asked her what it was that she would miss most out in the country and she said, "the water." So he built her a swimming pool, using water from Carrizo Spring to fill it. The same spring drew early settlers to the area and essentially fathered the Fairview Ranch, later to become the Bar W.

Marion spent many years teaching the youth of area how to swim. Carrizozo and Corona children came to learn, year after year. Marion was Red Cross-certified and taught the kids by the book. Today Marion will tell you what good memories those days are to her. "I really miss the kids," she said.

During the '50s Marion started and led a large group of Girl Scouts. She was an early member of the Carrizozo Woman's Club, Canyon CowBelles and the Daughters of the American Revolution. "I've given all

those up now," she says. Marion was injured in a fall a few years ago and is unable to drive or spend much time in any one position. She suffers from a neck injury that is exacerbated by severe arthritis.

Today, a widow at 85, she remains a member of the St. Mathias Episcopal Church and spends her days reading and gardening. She loves her flowers and yard and finds a quiet peace in the time spent there. The walls of her home are lined with photos and clippings of the days of Governor McDonald, the military history in her family and the Spencer clan, including what she calls the "NMMI room."

Marion and other Spencer family members will be honored on July 24 at the Governor McDonald Old Settler's Day Reunion in Carrizozo. Marion will be the grand marshal of the parade. The Carrizozo Heritage Museum will feature Governor and Mrs. McDonald's inaugural attire.

Marion still swims in her pool daily for her therapy. Little did Spence know 50-some-odd years ago that the pool he built would still be the center of her summer days.



PHOTOS COURTESY MARION SPENCER
Marion was a competitive rider in her younger days.

looking back

LINCOLN COUNTY SCRAPBOOK

JULY 2, 1954

Theater ramps improved

Paving was under way this week on the driveway into the Mt. Vue Sho-Dyn Drive-In Theatre, and on several levels of ramps, to provide hard-surface parking for approximately 250 cars, owners C. A. and Bill Eiland said. The popular theater, located on Mechem Drive, will have its improvements completed likely by July 4, the owners were hoping.

JULY 3, 1964

Marshal resigns post

Marshal T. J. Sanders, who has served as head of the police department for the village of Ruidoso since late in 1963, resigned in a letter to Mayor G. H. (Shorty) Stoneman early Friday morning last week.

Sanders had been the subject of a discussion in the village council meeting the night before, when complaints had been reviewed.

O. S. Montes, a member of the village police force for several years, was named acting marshal, it was announced following disclosure of Sanders' resignation.

JULY 5, 1974

Local theater in works

"Hi-Ho-Petticoats," a wild and wacky western musical, written and directed by Toney and Barbara Raven of Ruidoso, opened a four-day run at 7 p.m. July 4 at the Chaparral convention center in Ruidoso Downs.

The production, a "musical spoof of every cowboy and cowgirl," Mrs. Raven said, features a cast of 25. (It is being produced to raise funds for the development of a Ruidoso Little Theatre, with the first production this fall to be "The Music Man.")

JULY 5, 1984

Chamber dues increased

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board of directors will meet Tuesday to approve an across-the-board \$40 membership dues increase... According to chamber president James Paxton, the increase is needed to offset the higher cost of running the chamber.

JULY 2, 1954

Rural center opens

Lincoln County's newest facility, the Glencoe Rural Events Center, is now open to the public.

Just 13 miles east of Ruidoso, the center boasts of a spacious exhibit area with 16,800 square feet and 10,800 square feet of canopied area.

Restored Lincoln building damaged by two-inch rain



LINCOLN TRAILS
ROSALJE DUNLAP

Lincoln town was a busy place last Wednesday. Workers were very busy getting the construction areas presentable for the open house that evening.

Tourists and local people all were enjoying seeing what the restoration project has accomplished in some of the community's old buildings.

We visited with various state officials during the open house, but missed the R.D. Hubbards, who now own the buildings.

But the big news is the downpour we had on Saturday night. It was esti-

mated we had two inches or more of rain and hail in 40 minutes.

There were several leaks in buildings, but the biggest damage was at Dr. Wood's Annex, which had just opened last week after restoration. There was just too much water for the culverts and other waterways to handle.

The basement had eight inches of standing water. There was a lot of erosion. Workers were busy moving mud and debris, and filling in holes.

The State Highway Department crew was out Monday morning clearing off the mud and debris on the highway.

The State Monument's new project

also began Monday morning. The new roof on the Tunstall Store began, with all the State Monuments buildings to be replaced. A roofing company from Santa Fe is doing the work.

So be careful when you walk around the construction area. Watch for shingles, nails and other building debris.

This coming weekend is the Fourth of July (Sunday). The Smokey Bear Parade in Capitan will be Saturday, July 3, this year. There are a lot of activities scheduled in Lincoln County.

Everyone needs to remember the restrictions on smoking, outdoor cook-

ing and camping, and to be careful with fireworks where allowed. All of us must be vigilant so there will not be any devastating forest fires.

Although there has been rain the last few days the fire danger is still very high.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kuns, Scottsdale, Ariz., Dick's daughter Kay and her friends and Dick's sister, were visitors in Lincoln over the weekend.

Has anyone heard anymore on the Boys Ranch to be at Tinnie??

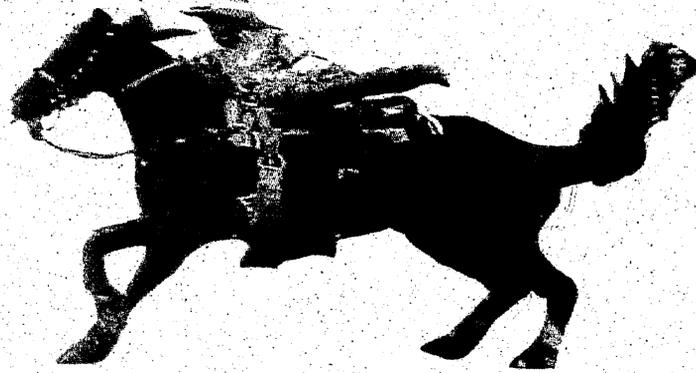
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STAMPEDE!



Smokey Bear, Mescalero Rodeos crowd July 4 calendar

■ Casper Baca takes the challenge of stocking two separate rodeos in stride.

BY TODD FUQUA
RUIDOSO NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Anyone who thinks they have a tough job should take a quick look at what Casper Baca does for a living.

As the proprietor of the Casper Baca Rodeo Company in Grants, Baca supplies stock for rodeos throughout the Southwest, and will have his hands full this weekend, when he'll be bringing stock in for both the Smokey Bear Stampede in Capitan, and the Mescalero Apache Rodeo in Mescalero.

Baca will be responsible for

50 head of horses, 60 head of bulls, 90 head of roping cattle and 80 teams of roping steers for a grand total of about 300 head total between the two rodeos. He has two crews — one for each rodeo — but he'll be making the trips between the two during the July 4 weekend to supervise everything.

He'll start his days in Mescalero at about 5 a.m. to get things kicked off, then will head to Capitan and stay there until about 1 a.m. the next morning. The next day, the whole schedule starts all over again.

Mescalero Apache Ceremonial and Rodeo

July 1-4 — Ceremonial Indian dances at ceremonial grounds
July 1-4, 1:30 p.m. — Rodeo, Casper Baca Rodeo Company: Team roping, barrel racing, bull riding, bareback riding, calf roping.
July 3, 7 a.m. — Mescalero Wellness Challenge Run. Registration at 6 a.m.
July 3, 10 a.m. — 25th annual Mescalero Celebration Parade.
All events are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under.

"It tends to work my butt off," Baca said. "It's worth it, though. Both rodeo committees are happy with the way we do it."

The committees aren't the only ones happy with Baca's work. There are several cowboys who will also be making the rounds between the two locales — Mescalero in the morning and Capitan at night.

The reason? All the money that could be won. Each day's competition counts as a separate rodeo, each with its own set of monetary awards.

"Those that want to make money doing this can come here and go to eight different rodeos in eight days," Baca said. "Usually, you only get one ride, total. Here, these guys

ride and rope up to eight times. It's very cost effective."

Baca has supplied stock for these two rodeos for the past 10 years, said the real challenge is in stocking each rodeo with enough head to keep the cowboys pleased.

He said he could cut costs and re-use stock each day, but that means cowboys would be getting tired stock, and their performances would suffer as a result.

"The cowboys want fresh stock each day, and that makes for a more entertaining rodeo," Baca said. "That's why these rodeos keep growing in popularity and size."

"It's just rewarding to know that when it's all over, our hard work was appreciated."

Ranch rodeo marks 12 years in Capitan

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The sport of rodeo was born in the heyday of the American cowboy in the middle 1800s. Making a competition out of what they did for work, the early exhibitions or contests of cowboy skills had very different events than what we see in present-day rodeos.

The first ones often had a lineup of events that included things like bronco busting, steer and/or buffalo roping, sharpshooting, and horse races. A little later they would also frequently have trick riding, an event often reserved just for the ladies.

By the mid-1920s, events that had been known as "cowboy tournaments" and "cowboy contests" were starting to be called rodeos. Championship events at Boston Garden and New York City's Madison Square Garden were attracting nationwide attention. In 1936

a group of rodeo cowboys walked out of a rodeo when the event's promoter refused to add the contestants' entry fees to the rodeo's total purse, and shortly thereafter the Cowboy's Turtle Association, the first organized body of American rodeo, was formed.

Today's ranch rodeos have brought back some of those original intentions of the competition among working cowboys. Ranch cowboys compete on teams in events that simulate work done at the ranch.

The first ranch rodeo as part of the Smokey Bear Stampede was organized by Waddy and

Karen Hobbs in 1993. The first Old West Ranch Rodeo hosted 12 teams and paid \$1,250 to the winning ranch.

The Turkey Track Ranch team won the champi-



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Brothers Keith and J.R. Shafer competed in last year's Youth Timed Event. Here they are helping each other in the Ribbon Roping

onship the first year and claimed many of the titles in the following years. Turkey Track has become a ranch rodeo icon in New Mexico. It is the only ranch rodeo team in the state to be sponsored by Wrangler.

Hobbs said the Old West Ranch Rodeo became very popular because it had simple rules and a good payback. It was and is open to cowboys everywhere and brought in ranch entries from New Mexico as well as surrounding states.

In 2000 the fair association took over the reins of the event. It continues to bring in 15-20 ranch team entries that pay a \$500 entry fee to compete in five events. Ranch rodeo events are wild cow milking, team branding, team tying, team penning and horse catching.

The ranch rodeo this year will be judged by veteran

ranch rodeo judges and competitors Bob Carter, Billy Bird and Waddy Hobbs. The ranch rodeo secretary is Ginger Shafer. The fair association sends a huge thank you to C Bar F Ranch, which provides the stock, the judges and to the timers who show up voluntarily every year to help, Lee and Donna Crandall.

The Lincoln County Fair Association expresses its thanks to Roswell Livestock Auction, Hi-Pro Feeds, Alderman-Cave and the nine fair board members who volunteer hundreds of hours each year to make the county events a success. All profits from the Smokey Bear Stampede events go toward the FFA and 4-H kids and their county fair. This year's Ranch Rodeo will be held on July 3 and 4 at 1 p.m. Admission is \$6 or a \$10 day pass for all events.

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Sports on Tap

Thursday, July 1
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Friday, July 2
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 3
Horse Racing
Highesterjet Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Sunday, July 4
Horse Racing
Fern Sawyer Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Monday, July 5
Horse Racing
Master Salls Haridicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Baseball
Ruidoso vs. Artesia in Minor League District 2 tournament at Roswell, 7:30 p.m.

On Deck

RHS volleyball camp
The Ruidoso High School volleyball team will host a summer camp July 6-9 at the RHS gym. Each day will be split into two sessions, with 5th-6th grades running from 9-11:30 a.m., and 7th-12th grades running from 1-3:30 p.m.
Cost is \$40 to pre-register or \$45 at the door. For more information, contact RHS coach Bridgid Herrera at 258-4910 or 336-7433.

Golf academy at the Links
A golf academy for players of all ages and levels will be held July 5-21 at the Links at Sierra Blanca golf course. The academy will be split up into three different 3-day sessions, July 5-7, July 12-14 and July 19-21. Each session starts with an 8 a.m. registration on the first day, and classes include concentration on the short game and power swing and feature computer-assisted training.
The academy, supervised by PGA life member Al Forrester and LPGA club professional Betty Jean Dobbins, is limited to 12 students per session. Cost for the three-day school is \$795. To sign up, contact the Links at Sierra Blanca at 258-5330.

Wilderness camp
Wilderness camp for children ages 7-12 has begun. Activities include fishing, canoeing, hiking, sports and fun field trips from now until Aug. 6. For more information, contact the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department at 257-5030.

Adult/Youth bowling
Ruidoso Bowling Center is offering a "generation gap" adult/youth league for the summer. The teams will consist of two adults and two young people (8 to 17 years old), ending Thursday, Aug. 26. The cost is \$10 per bowler each week. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the league. For more information call Ruidoso Bowling Center at 258-3557.

NMSU volleyball camp
The New Mexico State volleyball program will be offering a series of camps this summer to males and females ages 11 and up. The setter's camp will run July 24-25, with the cost set at \$100. The All skill camp will be July 26-29 and costs \$175 for commuters, \$300 for overnight campers. There will also be a team camp July 30-Aug. 1. All campers will be grouped by level of athleticism, experience and age into elite, intermediate or beginner levels.
For more information, call Ashley Hardee at (505) 646-2368, or visit the New Mexico State volleyball web site for printable brochures. Visit nmstatesports.collegesports.com, and click on the Aggie Sports, women's volleyball link.

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A Ruidoso Lady Warrior puts some wood on the ball during the first of the girls' two play-off championship games against the U-14 Alamo Tire Hot Shots in the Stealth Classic softball tournament Sunday, June 27, at the Hooser Sports Complex. At left, Ruidoso Lady Warrior Asher Shaw leaps and snags a toss to third base during the same game. The Lady Warriors battled back in the loser's bracket to compete for the title. They took the first must-win game, 13-12, but lost the following championship game, also by a score of 13-12.

Lincoln County 4-H rodeo hands bring home points from Portales

BY JULIE CARTER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan cowboy Trevor Sanders has continued to stay fine tuned in the roping events at the 4-H rodeos. For the second consecutive rodeo, Sanders was second in the calf roping and won the team roping in the senior division.



Sanders

Rodeoing 4-H'ers were in Portales June 19-20 and picked up some points in many events. Sanders is currently sitting sixth in the senior all around standings. Another Capitan roper, Ronnie Eldridge, won a ninth in the ribbon roping while Sanders picked up points for fourth place in the event. Eldridge also won a sixth in the break-

away roping.

In the junior division events, Capitan's Seth Hall is tied for second in the all around standings. Hall placed first in the breakaway roping and ribbon roping, second in the calf touching, and third in the steer stopping.

Josh Siggins, Ruidoso, picked up a fourth in the breakaway, a third in calf touching and second in ribbon roping. Jordan Muncy won a third in the breakaway and a first in the goat tying.

Novice division all around standings finds Lane Siggins in fourth place. The younger Siggins brother was eighth in the barrel race and second in the breakaway and goat tying.

June 26-27 the young hands were in Artesia to finish up the June rodeos. The 4-H rodeo season will pick back up on July 16-17 in Roswell.

Youth timed events prove popular

BY JULIE CARTER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

It began as an idea of Lincoln County Fair Board member at the time, Shorty Sanders. A roping competition for the teens and several events to find an all around roping champion.

Thus began, five years ago, the Youth Timed Event Roping at that. Smokey Bear Stampede. Thomas and Rene Montes picked up the idea and put together what today is

lucrative contest for youth, both boys and girls, ages 13-17.

The first year the champions won hats and buckles. Last year for the first time trophy saddles were donated by The Title Company, Four Seasons Nursery and Total Escrow, all of Ruidoso, and Ruidoso Downs Racing.

This year's timed event winners in both divisions will win trophy saddles donated by City Bank of Ruidoso and Otero County Electric. Runners up

will receive trophy buckles donated by Thomas and Rene Montes.

Other donors for the event are Paul's Vet and Roswell Livestock.

The event will be at 1 p.m. on July 1-2 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan. The winners of each day will rope for the saddles and the title during the night rodeo on Friday. Admission is \$6.

Fun Run open to serious, recreational runners

The Smokey Bear 10K and 2-miler takes place this weekend in Capitan.

BY JULIE CARTER FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Distance runners and those who just want to jog along for fun can enter the 24th annual Smokey Bear 10K and 2-mile Fun Run in Capitan July 3.

In conjunction with all the other Fourth of July events happening in Capitan, registration for the run will be up

until 6:45 a.m. on the north side of the intersection of highways 380 and 246 next to the train depot building.

There is a \$15 entry fee, including t-shirt. The run will start at 7 a.m. and Smokey Bear will give the awards immediately following the race at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top three overall finishers, male and female.

In addition, the top three finishers in each of division and age group will receive

awards. Race divisions are male and female for the 10k and the 2-mile fun run.

Age groups include: 10 and under, 11-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-plus.

Entry forms are available at the Capitan Village Hall, the Capitan Public Library, Farmers Country Market or from www.zianet.com/village.

For more information, contact George Tippin at 354-7021.

RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Thursday, June 24
First - 300 yards. Fashion N Flashin 22.20 7.00 3.00, Lil Bit Mezal 2.90 2.40, Seems So Easy 2.60. Exacta - 117.40, Quinella - 25.60, Trifecta - 85.90
Second - 5 furlongs. Strawberry Pet 5.20 3.40 3.40, A Bet of Honey 9.00 5.00, Passionate Kiss 7.00. Exacta - 68.00, Quinella - 55.40, Trifecta 139.60, Daily Double - 49.00. Scratched - Aggie Socks.
Third - 5 furlongs. Retsina K 6.00 2.80 2.40, Deville 3.00 2.40, Quinspectors Wealth 3.20. Exacta - 12.40, Quinella - 8.40, Trifecta - 30.30
Fourth - 350 yards. Uno Menudo 2.60 2.40 2.20, Gray S. Parkling Chick 9.00 5.40, Runaway Banker 7.60. Exacta - 33.00, Quinella 33.20, First Half Tri-Super 39.90
Fifth - 4 furlongs. Twilight's Angie 4.20 2.60 2.20, Desert House 6.20 4.00.

Jingle Jangle Jingle 3.40. Exacta - 24.40, Quinella - 19.60, Trifecta 37.70.
Sixth - 350 yards. Gabbey Holland 10.00 4.20 4.00, Don't touch the throttle 4.80 4.40, Sippin Corona 6.60. Exacta - 59.90, Quinella 22.80, Trifecta 140.50.
Scratched - Mr. Leon, Tee.
Seventh - 350 yards. A Regal Choice 4.40 3.40 2.40, Prankster CF 8.20 3.20, Snow Me 2.40. Exacta - 34.20, Quinella - 13.60, Trifecta - 32.90.
Eighth - 550 yards. Mister Ryon 44.00 10.20 9.00, The Meter Reader 3.80 2.80, Heza Streak 276 3.80. Exacta - 446.60, Quinella - 88.20, Trifecta - 649.10.
Scratched - Mean Billie Jean.
Ninth - 6 furlongs. Really No Saint 7.40 5.40 3.40, Spider Dash 5.80 3.60, Nino Dorado 4.80. Exacta - 52.80, Quinella 24.80, Trifecta - 138.70, P/3 101.20.

4.60, Sal's Saloon 5.60. Exacta - 63.20, Quinella - 23.60, Trifecta - 316.80, Daily Double - 116.80.
Third - 7 furlongs. Top Man 4.80 4.40 3.00, El Grande Elopier 25.60 5.80, Indians Melody 3.20. Exacta - 103.60, Quinella - 74.40, Trifecta - 308.20.
Scratched - Chili Dan.
Fourth - 350 yards. Mr Runaway Shaker 8.40 4.80 4.40, Less Time Than Rime 4.60 5.00, Cranky Gal 5.20. Exacta - 41.20, Quinella - 17.20, First Half Tri Super - 44.70.
Fifth - 7 furlongs. Stone Canyon 5.20 3.40 2.80, Latelite Trick 6.00 3.80, Caliban 3.40. Exacta - 23.40, Quinella - 14.00, Trifecta - 25.90.
Sixth - 350 yards. Artesias 2002 43.80 11.00 5.20, Have a Coronary 3.20 2.60, MM Nickers 123 4.20. Exacta - 221.00, Quinella - 58.40, Trifecta - 825.30.
Seventh - 5 furlongs. Express 14.60 8.20 3.80, Deans Honor Roll 7.40 4.60, Fakes Cash 2.80. Exacta - 257.00, Quinella - 73.20, Trifecta - 198.80.
Eighth - 350 yards. Silvery Chick 21.60 9.00 4.80, Love it or Leave It 10.20 3.20, Leavin is Easy 2.60. Exacta - 91.60,

Quinella - 33.60, Trifecta - 177.80
Ninth - 5 furlongs. Jenna's Promise 6.80, 3.80, 3.20, Bull Pen 7.70 6.80, Slew in the Face 4.20. Exacta - 44.20, Quinella - 21.80, Trifecta - 44.20, P/3 - 538.00.
Scratched - He's a Bandit.

9.80, Trifecta - 15.60
Sixth - 400 yards. Dyna Mo Rime 28.20 12.00 6.00, Chirmomo 12.80 7.00, Jeanie On Call 3.40. Exacta - 284.00, Quinella - 202.60, Trifecta - 411.30. Scratched - A Special Call.
Seventh - 5 1/2 furlongs. O Mark 3.60 3.40 2.40, Fast Dan 6.00 2.40, Lads Sweet Run 2.60. Exacta - 48.80, Quinella - 30.40, Trifecta - 37.30
Eighth - 6 furlongs. Classic Ryder 10.40 4.40 3.60, Viento 7.40 4.60, Silver Influence 4.00. Exacta - 87.20, Quinella - 47.00, Trifecta 147.50. Scratched - Jack in a Jug.
Ninth - Aspen Cup Handicap Fillies - 6 furlongs. Miss Noteworthy 3.40 2.40 2.20, Cuiper Moon 2.40 2.20, Rama Lassie 2.20. Exacta - 7.60, Quinella - 4.80, Trifecta - 11.20. Scratched - Thanks for Smokin, Draw Your Guns.
Tenth - 7 1/2 furlongs. Lit De Danseur 16.60 7.80 4.00, Cornicopia 6.80 3.40, Coloreado 3.00. Exacta - 273.00, Quinella

Sunday, June 27
First - 350 yards. ZZ Special 17.62 8.20, Mr Real Mix 1.90, Takes My Heart 3.00. Quinella - 23.40, ESX - 67.00, Trifecta - 86.70.
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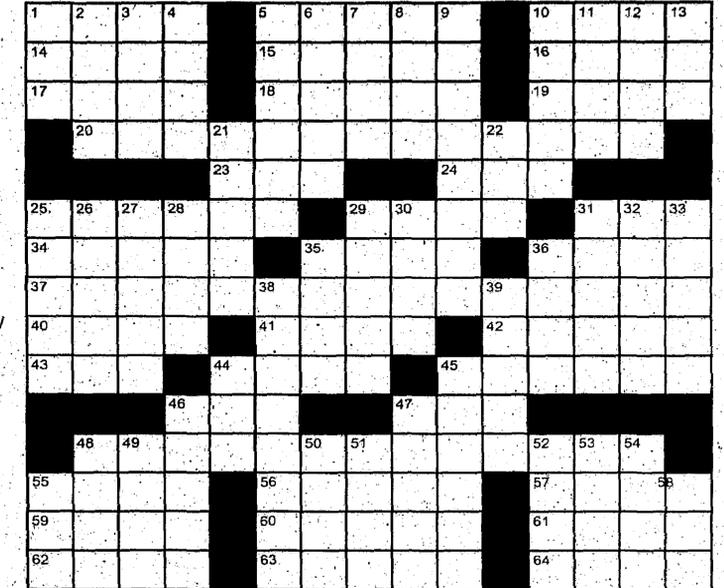
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14. Muddy up
15. Israel's Sharon
16. Sign gas
17. Pine board feature
18. Kidney-related
19. Give a hoot
20. DeLange/Hudson/Mill kudos?
23. Industrious insect
24. Fix, as a fight
25. Dojo discipline
29. Wise old head
31. Pro- (some) tournaments
34. Still breathing
35. Supermarket section
36. Fit of pique
37. Henry Mancini's trip up the Mississippi?
40. Deck quartet
41. Andes capital
42. Underdog's win
43. Bottom line
44. Small and weak
45. Villainous looks
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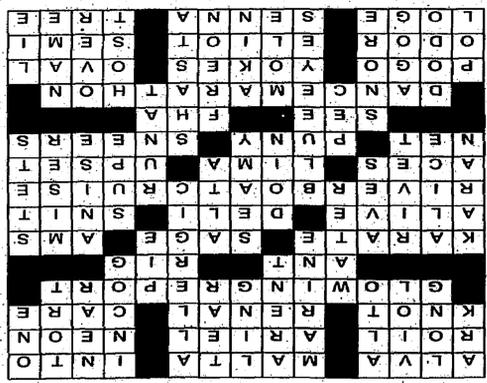
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10. Disguised, informally
11. Within earshot
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27. Rosie's fastener
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35. Bump off
36. Movie extra, for short
38. Sinatra feature
39. Charge toward
44. Chest muscle, in gym lingo
45. Cascades peak
46. Dorm annoyance
47. Refrigerant gas
48. Extinct bird
49. Bug-eyed
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New owners chase rainbow to Carrizozo

■ Rainbow Inn's new management comes from outside Los Angeles, Calif.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The "For Sale" sign has been part of the landscape at Carrizozo's Rainbow Inn for a while, but when buyers Danny and Charlene Batastini made an offer, it was a quick turnover.

Former owner Janet Lynn turned over the Rainbow Inn keys to the Batastinis early last week. The couple has spent 2 1/2 years traveling the western states looking for the small business they wanted to own in a place they wanted to live. The motel business and Carrizozo fit the bill.

The former Apple Valley, Calif., couple wanted a business that they could run together in a small town. Danny's long commute to Los Angeles for work was becoming a burden and the population explosion in Apple Valley (to the tune of 1,500 new people a month)

was stealing its small town feel. Charlene's grandmother ran motels for 30 years in the Cape Cod, Mass., area, so the motel business was not foreign to her. "I just know if she could know I was doing this now she would be smiling," said Charlene.

"We are struck by the beauty here. And we are very anxious to become an integral part of Carrizozo and its success."

Charlene Batastini
Rainbow Inn

Carrizozo satisfied one other criterion for the Batastinis. Danny is a renowned predator caller, and the proximity of game-rich areas was a huge drawing card. He is currently serving on the Predator Callers Hall of Fame committee to select inductees for the 2005 Predator Callers and Hound Dog Men Expo to be held in Silver City.

The Rainbow currently has 14 rooms and three cabins and employees four people. The Batastinis will do some renovating in the months to come and have some ideas for expansion.

"We are struck by the beauty here," said Charlene. "And we are very anxious to become an integral part of Carrizozo and its success."

Special meetings for council, P&Z

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Carrizozo town council has set a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. today (Wednesday). The meeting has been called in response to three items in need of immediate attention.

First on the agenda is discussion and approval of the planning and zoning recommendation for the billboard to be placed on Four Winds Restaurant property. The council will also discuss completing the new city hall plans within the allowed budget. The last

agenda item is discussion and approval to hire a new utility/MVD clerk, filling the vacancy left by Rosemary Gallegos.

At press time, a special meeting of Carrizozo Planning and Zoning was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The posted agenda listed discussion and approval for the size of the bill board on Four Winds property.

A second P&Z agenda item was for conditional use and variance for Richard Vega on a manufactured home on Aspen Street.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Carrizozo barbecue and fireworks

Advance tickets are on sale at a discounted price for the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce Barbecue and fireworks (to be held from 5 to 8 p.m. July 4), but will be available only through July 3. Advance tickets are \$5. Admission will be \$6 at the gate. Tickets for children 10 and under will be \$3.

Poster correction

The Senior and Super Senior Tiedown Steer Roping will be held on July 2 and 3 at 8 a.m. The stamped poster mistakenly has it listed for July 3 and 4. The event is in conjunction with the 49th annual Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo. Arena

admission is \$6 per person and day passes for all events, except the dance, can be purchased for \$10.

McDonald Day Old Settler's Reunion

Vendors or entertainers interested in participating in the McDonald Day Old Settler's Reunion parade and events on July 24 should contact Van Shamblin at 648-4565 or Korene Walker at 648-3007. The day will begin with a pancake breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Zia Senior Center; the parade starts at 10 a.m. Festivities in McDonald Park will begin at 11 a.m. and will include a western band, and a chaquetaqua performance of Sheriff Pat Garrett by Ron Grimes.

BRAGGING AG'ERS



PHOTO BY JULIE CARTER

Corriente CowBelle Scholarship and book award winners, from left: Ashley Martin, C.W. Gomez, Chance Huddleston; Cheyenne Goodloe Evaris, Codi Montes and Corriente Cowbelle, Velma Ward. Not pictured: Casey Sisk, Dal Frost, Lucera Montes, Falon Sparks, Bo Sparks, and Shannon Dictson.

Top ag students honored

■ Corriente CowBelles hand out scholarships for hard working ranch and farm students.

BY JULIE CARTER
FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Annually Corriente CowBelles award scholarships to deserving Lincoln County students who are graduating seniors, college students or graduate students studying agriculture or a related field.

The 2004 awards were presented Saturday, prior to the Corriente Team Roping, which is held each year as a fundraiser for the scholarships.

Seven \$250 scholarships were handed out, as well as four \$50 book scholarships.

Three scholarships were given in honor of deceased Corriente members Ruth Davis Shannon and Judy Arrowsmith.

The Ruth Davis Shannon Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Codi Montes. Montes, daughter of Thomas and Renee Montes, is a senior at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales majoring in agricultural education. She has been very active in FFA at both the high school and

collegiate level, serving as the New Mexico state FFA president in 2001-2002. Montes plans to earn both master's and doctorate degrees and teach agricultural education.

The Judy Arrowsmith Memorial Scholarships were given to Casey Sisk and Cheyenne Goodloe Evans.

Sisk, a recent home school graduate, lives on a ranch near Corona with his younger brother and sister and parents John and Beth Sisk. He plans to attend Fort Scott, Kan., Community College in the fall and later transfer to West Texas A&M at Canyon or Texas State University in Stephenville, Texas. Always active in ranch life and rodeoing, Sisk raises his bucking bulls out of the famous Bodacious bucking bull. He loves rodeo and hopes to continue at the college and professional level.

Evans, the daughter of Walt and Sherry Evans, is also a home school graduate and is presently pursuing distance learning through Patrick Henry College of Percellville, Va. She was raised on a ranch and plans to become an asset to agriculture with a degree in journalism.

The remaining Corriente \$250 scholarships went to Chance Huddleston, Dal

Frost, Ashley Martin and Lucera Montes.

Huddleston is the son of Hugh Bob and Sherry Huddleston. He just graduated from Capitan and is enrolled at New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, where he will seek an agricultural engineering degree.

Frost, son of Duane and Shelly Frost of Corona, is a junior at NMSU majoring in agriculture business with a minor in ag communications.

Martin, who received her scholarship in the morning Saturday, was married that same day to Justin Lamb, ag instructor at Artesia High School. Martin graduated from ENMU-Portales with an ag education degree and will start graduate studies in education at NMSU this fall.

Lucera Montes is the daughter of Ralph and Lindy Montes and a Capitan High school graduate. She attended Clovis Community College last year and is enrolled at ENMU-Portales for the fall semester.

She is pursuing a degree in ag education.

Four \$50 book certificates were given to scholarship applicants Falon Sparks, Bo Sparks, Shannon Dictson and C.W. Gomez.

Toss a sensational summer salad

Eating a colorful, nutrient-packed salad is a perfect way to serve up a plateful of healthy foods. Our choice of salad dressing, however, can make or break the taste and the nutrition of the salad.

Top a salad with a tasteless dressing and your salad goes to waste on the plate. Drench salads with a high-calorie dressing and they go to WAIST on YOU!

To kick up the taste and keep down the calories, here are some suggestions and a recipe for successfully combining salad ingredients, including greens, and oil and vinegar vinaigrette type dressings.

1. Dry Greens thoroughly; dressings slide off damp salad greens and collect at the bottom of the salad bowl. You'll get more flavors with less dressing

throughout your salad if salad greens are washed and thoroughly dried.

2. Use flavorful oils: vinaigrette-type salad dressings provide a wonderful opportunity to include olive oil in your meals.

Olive oil is frequently recommended for its heart-healthy properties. Olive oil retains a satisfactory quality for about six months on the shelf if you keep it well sealed and in a dark cool place. You can keep it about a year in the refrigerator.

3. Avoid adding more salad dressing than you need: a fourth cup of vinaigrette should be enough to dress 2 quarts (8 cups) of loosely packed salad, an amount suggested for four servings. That means each serving of salad greens should have about one tablespoon of dressing on it.

4. Experiment with vine-

gare: a classic French vinaigrette is typically three to four parts oil (usually olive oil) and one part acid (red wine vinegar). Seasonings include salt, pepper, and often Dijon mustard and/or garlic. You may be able to use less oil and more acid ingredient if you use one of the following in your dressing: rice vinegar, raspberry, blueberry or other fruit vinegar; lemon, lime, or orange juice. Start experimenting by beginning with two parts oil to one part vinegar or citrus juice.

5. Thoroughly mix oil and vinegar: for a smoother flavor, thoroughly mix the oil and vinegar. Wisk the vinegar with the salt, pepper and any mustard, garlic or other seasonings. Then add the oil in a slow stream, whisking constantly, until the dressing is translucent.

Citrus Tossed Salad

Because orange juice concentrate replaces part of the oil

included in vinaigrette, these vinaigrettes have only 2g of fat and 34 calories per tablespoon.

6 cups torn mixed salad greens

3 oranges or 2 grapefruit, peeled, sectioned, and seeded

1 1/2 cups peeled jicama cut into thin strips

1 medium red onion, sliced and separated into rings

1/3 cup Citrus Vinaigrette

In a large salad bowl combine torn mixed greens, orange or grapefruit sections, jicama, and onion rings. Drizzle with the vinaigrette; toss. Makes 6 side-dish salads.

Citrus Vinaigrette: To make 1/3 cup: In a screw-top jar combine 1 tablespoon frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed; 1 tablespoon vinegar; 1 tablespoon olive oil; 1 tablespoon water; and dash of pepper. Shake well to mix. Cover and chill for up to one week. Before using let stand at room temperature about 15 minutes, then shake well.



Heart for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER

Glencoe center renters ask for extension

■ SBS Wood Shavings' owners say they need a longer, more stable arrangement to attract partnerships.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Entrepreneur Sherry Barrow, founder of SBS Wood Shavings, wants a longer lease of the county-owned Glencoe Rural Events Center and asked the Lincoln County Commission to consider some other changes.

"I want to formally thank you for the foresight of allowing us to be in the Glencoe facility," she told commissioners at their regular meeting earlier this month. "It was an interesting time that was crucial for all of us in the region to kind of bring the will together to try to find solutions to some problems we were having."

After leasing the center, she and husband Glen Barrow took about nine months to buy and assemble machinery from across the country to process small diameter wood being cut to reduce the danger of wild fire

and turn it into a usable product - animal bedding. Another five months was used to test markets. They also were selected to develop a pilot bio-mass project to produce power from the byproduct.

But Barrow said to invest more money in the center and attract long-term partnerships, she needs a longer guarantee that she will be able to use the building on U.S. 70 east of Ruidoso Downs.

Commissioners directed county attorney Alan Morel to explore what can be done now and in the future toward that goal. The steps could include asking the state Department of Finance and Administration to approve a 10-year lease, once market value is established. For now, Barrow is asking for a five-year lease at \$5,000 a year, a drop of \$1,000 a year to avoid a trigger figure for state approval. "At SBS, we're interested in

the wholeness of the land, to look at the land for all of its values, its resources, its wildlife, the things that can be done there to benefit all of us," Barrow said.

"We've been ardently striving to find some solutions in new and emerging markets for material being removed from public and private lands."

Benefits to the county includes using the material cut from the fuel reduction projects, creating jobs, bringing new technology to the area that has allow removal of material from terrain never before possible, a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from burning and multiplied economic benefits from purchases of goods and services by the plant.

"When we started, there were a lot of (slash and wood) piles lying around," Barrow said. "Some land managers told us they had 10 years of piles and would never have a chance to burn all of it because of the serious drought."

"We find that when we take

the 5 inch and larger wood out of those piles, they burn a lot faster. For every ton of shavings, we're saving 3,600 pounds of carbon dioxide from going into the air, and that benefits air quality."

They still support prescribed burns in some ecosystems, she said.

By removing the wood and heating it, insect life is destroyed, preventing future generations of destructive bark beetles and other varieties, she said. Since the 1980s, 80 percent of the timber mills in the nation have shut down, Barrow said. The negative impact in the West was devastating, she said.

She's been able to navigate the rules and regulation of public land management, Barrow said. "We've been able to connect the dots and be successful at a level that not many folks nationally have been able to do."

Part of that success is tied to the "Lincoln Circle," a group of cooperative and collaborative entities that increase the turnover of each dollar from a

"We cannot build a business plan on a shorter term."

Sherry Barrow
SBS Wood Shavings

multiplier of three to a multiplier of seven, she contended. The company clearing the site benefits, the trucking companies hauling the timber and then the finished product earn money, the plant pays employees and the retailers sells the goods, she said.

"We identify the kind of feed store that wants to represent us," Barrow said. "We want the mom and pop operation, people who know the names of their customers. We've built a kind of group of ambassadors who tell our story - how we mitigate catastrophic wild fires."

The Health Forest Act, pushed by the Bush Administration, now allows

stewardship contracts for land management of up to 10 years, she said.

"That gives us the authority to do long term contracts," she said. "We can not build a business plan on a shorter term. We can really start to cook now. The stewardship contracts were absolutely essential for that."

Recently, they have worked to develop juniper and piñon products, as well as pine, and are test marketing now before investing more money, Barrow said.

She also asked commissioners to consider allowing her to use some of the wood brought to the plant to build cabins for her workers. Morel said the county could allow a sublease for that use. Barrow said possibly a model could sit at the front of the property, creating another business of using restoration wood as a building product.

SBS's current lease expires in October 2005, which should allow time to explore the issues, Morel said. A lease-purchase is not permitted with county land, he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Roper fund opened

A fund for Kim and Sam Roper, who lost their home in a fire Saturday, was set up at the Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.

Just last month, Kim was named employee of the year in the Lincoln County Road Department for playing an essential role as the right hand of road boss Albert Hernandez.

County manager Tom Stewart said a fire about 7 p.m. destroyed Roper's mobile home.

Contributions to help the couple get back on their feet can be sent to the bank at 401 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301, payable to The Wells Fargo Kim and Sam Roper Fire Fund.

Fun Run Saturday

Stretch those leg muscles and pack some water before breaking away from the crowd at the 10K/2 Mile Fun Run set

for 7 a.m., July 3, in Capitan.

Registration for the annual event sponsored by the village of Capitan and the Smokey Bear Historical Park, is set for 6 a.m. to 6:45 a.m. The fee is \$15.

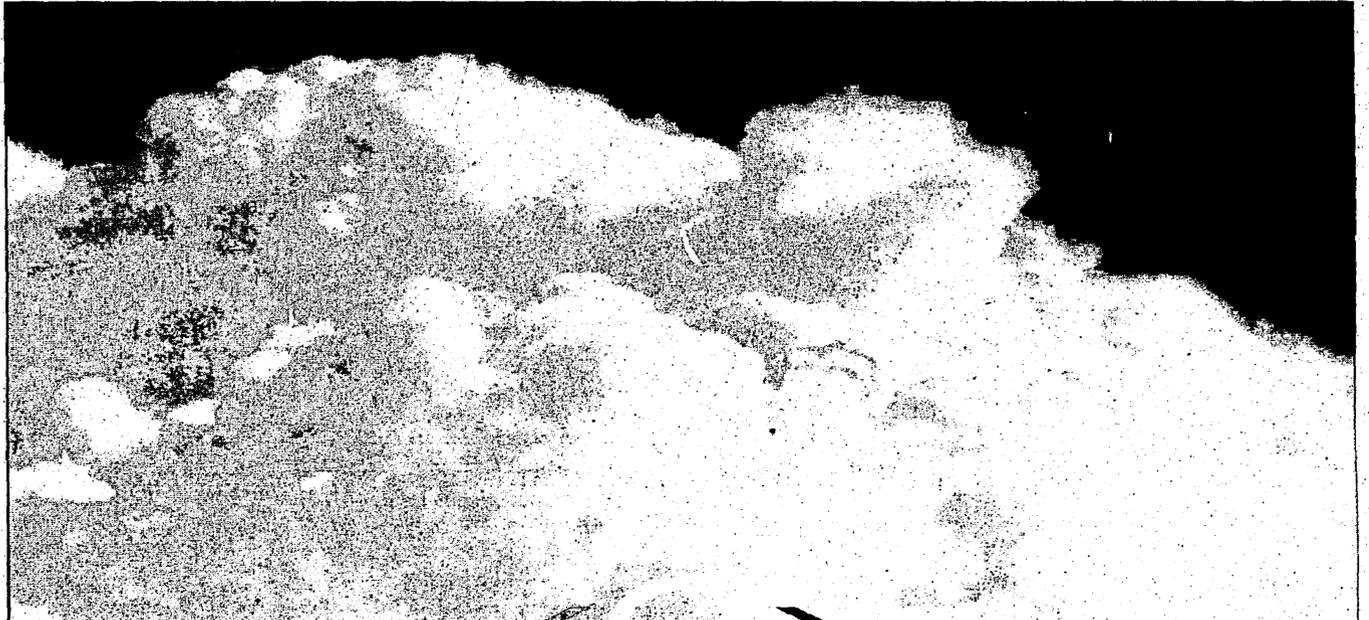
Participants will receive a T-shirt. Awards will go to divisional winners and plaques to overall first through third place winners.

Competition will be in classifications of men and women and seven age groups.

The race starts at the intersection of State Road 246 and U.S. 380.

Smokey Bear will be there to cheer on runners and walkers, and will stay to ride in the annual parade. Farmers Market is donating water, apples and oranges. Brewer Oil is donating soft drinks.

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Official: Tanker ruling hasn't dampened attack

■ Conservation districts meeting in Ruidoso hear from Undersecretary Rey.

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

With a reconfigured fleet of aircraft, the government can react better and faster than a year ago in initial strikes on forest fires, a federal official said Monday.

Mark Rey, U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, gave that assessment during his presentation at the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts summer meeting in Ruidoso.

The fleet "exceeds the performance capacity (that existed) at the same time last year," and has been especially successful in initial attacks against wild fires in New Mexico and Arizona, he said.

Rey was commenting on the aftermath of an order issued Oct. 10 by the Federal Aviation Administration, and the subsequent grounding of 33 air tankers used by the U.S. Forest Service, because of safety concerns after a series of crashes.

Since then, the agency has contracted with replacement aircraft, which may be used differently than the previous fleet depending on exactly what is needed, he said. The agency can take advantage of the strengths of the individual types of aircraft, with helicopter better for close range attacks and single engine air tankers faster for traveling longer distances, Rey said.

"This is a different set of assets, but they are at least or more effective, if deployed properly," he said.

Officials also are looking at the larger grounded air tankers



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Mark Rey, U.S. Department of Agriculture Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, spoke Monday to the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts summer meeting in Ruidoso.

to determine if any of the craft can be returned to the fleet, he said.

Rey offered some moments of humor during the session, saying that "sub cabinet" life expectancy is notoriously short and that he has come to realize he "is solely responsible for everything that ever has gone wrong, is currently wrong or will go wrong in the future."

The fleet "exceeds the performance capacity (that existed) at the same time last year."

Mark Rey
Department of Agriculture

He proudly pointed to the "record-setting commitment" laid out in the 2002 Farm Bill for Congress to work on lands conservation. He outlined \$1.575 billion of programs aimed at wetland preservation, wildlife habitat conservation, forest and range land protection and grassland protection created from that initial piece of legislation.

Consecutive seasons of catastrophic wild fires also prompted President George W. Bush's Healthy Forest Initiative and the Healthy Forest Restoration

Act in August 2002, carrying administrative changes to accelerate work on the nation's forests, to identify priority lands for treatment and calling on Congress to provide money for that work.

One result has been to encourage courts to look at the broader effect on critical habitat from increasing the risk of fire by not treating the land compared to reducing trees on a short-term basis, Rey said.

The issue has succeeded because Bush has a direct and continuing interest in these issues, including eradication of invasive species of plants such as salt cedar, which depress riparian areas and soak up water, Rey said.

Of direct economic benefit, 103 stewardship contracts were authorized for terms of up to 10 years that will encourage development of markets and creation of new jobs to handle small diameter trees removed in landscape-scale projects on scattered small tracts, Rey said.

Also being developed are biomass utilization projects. Grants for those systems are scheduled to be announced in about two weeks, he said.

Suzanne Harrison of Houston, and Tressa Muntz of Washington; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Clodette Maner.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's School in Odessa or Home Hospice of Odessa.

Kelly Conser

No services are planned at this time for Kelly Conser, 38, of Las Cruces.

Mrs. Conser died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, in Ruidoso.

She was born Aug. 31, 1965, in Lomita, Calif.

She was a glass blower at the Behr Barn in Ruidoso.

She married Edison Conser in 1980 at Madill, Okla.

Survivors include her husband, Edison, of Las Cruces; a son, Chad Conser, of Laramie, Wyo.; daughters Teelah Conser and Chanel Conser, both of Las Cruces; adoptive children Joey Vela, Heather Montoya and James Montoya, all of Las Cruces; grandchildren Lilli Vela, Edison Conser and Ariana Conser; her mother, Linda Smith, of Orville, Calif.; and her father, Tom Smith, of Florida; and many loving friends.

Arrangements are with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257-7303.

Fort Stanton, and had lived in Lincoln County most of his life.

He was married to his wife, Ann, for 54 years, and was devoted to his family of two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Radie Lou Prichard

Services for Radie Lou Baker Prichard, 71, were Monday in Odessa, Texas.

Mrs. Prichard died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Hospice House in Odessa.

She was born June 18, 1933, in Wink, Texas, to Clodie John Baker and Bess Wilson Gorman.

She married Jack C. Prichard on April 6, 1951, in Denver City, Texas.

In her early years she was active in the Catholic diocese, Odessa Art Association, New Mexico Art, and supported the Native American reservations of New Mexico.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Jack C. Prichard, of Alto; sons Ronald C. Prichard and his wife, Reba, Paul G. Prichard and his wife, Rachel, all of Odessa, and Stephen C. Prichard and his wife, Natalia, of Houston, Texas; a daughter, Radean Prichard Dobscha, and her husband, Richard, of Orangeburg, S.C.; sisters Virginia Brock of Brownfield, Texas, Barri Roberts of Albuquerque,

POLICE BRIEFS

Disorderly conduct

Ruidoso police arrested Thomas Garcia, 48, of Mescalero, charging him with disorderly conduct on June 26 and 27. Officers were dispatched on both days to K-Bobs about a drunk and "unwanted" subject, and found and arrested him a distance away.

Littering arrest

Police arrested George W. Equils, 49, of Alto, on June 27, charging him with disorderly conduct and littering. Officers had been patrolling Grindstone Lake and saw several vehicles illegally parked on the boat ramp area. They located all the drivers but Equils and paged him over the public address system several times, with no response. While issuing a parking citation, the officers noticed him asleep in the front seat of his vehicle. They "beat on the window several times before he awoke," the report states, and then an officer saw him throw a half pint of 10-High alcohol out the window and onto the ground. He was arrested and his vehicle towed away.

Disturbance

Police arrested Lilly Hunter,

48, of Albuquerque, on June 23 at McDonald's, 144 Sudderth Drive, charging her with trespassing and disorderly conduct. Officers had been dispatched about a female causing a disturbance and "chasing an employee in the building out into the parking lot," the report states. Hunter was in violation of a prior criminal trespass notice.

Stolen vehicle

On Monday, Tularosa police arrested Debbie J. Guilez, 34, of Tularosa, on a June 25 warrant out of Ruidoso for unlawful taking of a 1999 Oldsmobile Intrigue. Guilez called 911 in Tularosa to report drug activity at a location there, and Tularosa police found her with the stolen vehicle, and impounded it.

Shoplifting

A cashier of Family Dollar, 134 Sudderth Drive, suffered "a little bit of pain" about 2:30 p.m. June 24 after an unknown shoplifter forced herself past the cashier and pushed her out of the way so she could leave the store. The manager told police that she retrieved the stolen items and just wanted the culprit banned from the

property, but didn't know her name. The cashier, who refused medical treatment, had been attempting to lock the door to prevent the shoplifter from leaving.

Window shot

A resident in the 500 block of White Mountain Meadow Drive reported that a 2-foot by 2-foot picture-frame glass window valued at \$500 had been shot by a BB gun between May 30 and June 23.

Cell phone stolen

Someone stole a cell phone valued at \$150 from a possibly unlocked vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Hull Road between 9 and 11 a.m. June 24. No signs of forced entry were visible, the report states.

Cheetos stolen

A resident in the 100 block of Bonneville Drive reported that a black, 1-foot by 3-foot four-wheeler bag valued at \$50, was taken from the rear of the vehicle, which was parked behind the residence. The bag contained two red rain ponchos and a bag of Cheetos that the owner considered of no value.

Hwy. 70 collision kills Hondo man

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

A Hondo resident died in a head-on collision on U.S. 70 Thursday.

More details were released this week about the fatal accident. When first reported, New Mexico State Police officials would not release the name of Billy Banghart, because his

family had not been located to notify of his death.

Officer Cory Crayton outlined the events in his report, saying that Banghart, 26, was eastbound on the highway at 6:37 p.m. Witnesses told the officer that Banghart was weaving in and out of traffic, passing other vehicles at a high rate of speed. As he attempted

one more pass between Fox Cave and Glencoe, his 1976 Chevrolet Nova crashed head-on with a tractor-trailer rig driven by Jimmy Moore, 60, of Clovis.

Seat belts were in use and no alcohol was involved, pending further investigation, Clayton wrote. Banghart was pronounced dead at the scene.

POOP SCOOP

BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Even in the cool pines of Ruidoso, promoted in every advertisement about the village, summer temperatures can climb on sunny days.

Pets left in cars can die within minutes, even with windows cracked and water available.

Rebecca Simmons with the Humane Society of the United States wrote about a litter of kittens, whose frantic movements were noticed by a manager of the society's animal services consultation program. She was walking through a parking lot in upstate New York and saw the kittens trapped within a parked car on a hot, humid summer afternoon.

They were literally throwing themselves against the car doors trying to get out, she wrote.

The humane worker immediately contacted mall security to page the owner, but before the owner

arrived, she convinced the guard to force open the locks on the vehicle. The kittens were panting with open mouths and were desperately trying to escape the vehicle, she said.

"Their bodies were very limp, and they were gasping for air when we got them out," she said.

The kittens were lucky and survived. Many other animals do not.

Simmons wrote on the HSUS Web site that common sense tells most people not to leave their pets inside a vehicle on a summer day. But many people don't realize how quickly and high the temperature can skyrocket after just a few minutes, she wrote.

"Parking in the shade or leaving windows cracked does little to alleviate the pressure cooker," she wrote.

Windows collect light and trap heat inside the

vehicle. She gave an example of an 85 degree day outside that could translate to 102 degrees inside a car with windows cracked within 10 minutes, and up to 130 degrees in 30 minutes.

"At 110 degrees, pets are in danger of heat stroke," she wrote.

In direct sunlight, inside vehicle temperatures can rise more than 30 degrees per minute and quickly become lethal, she wrote.

Dogs are more susceptible to heat because their bodies are designed to conserve it. Their sweat glands, located on their noses and the pads of their feet, aren't enough to cool them on hot days, she wrote.

The best answer is to leave your furry friend home until cool weather returns.

Traveling with a pet on summer vacation can pose special challenges. More next week.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Elizabeth Kurtz

No services are planned at this time for Elizabeth "Betty" Kurtz, 79, of Ruidoso who died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Mescalero.

She was born Dec. 12, 1924, at Cement, Okla.

She was a member of the Ruidoso Women's Club, Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary and the Golden Age Club. She was a retired clinic supervisor with radiology.

She moved to Ruidoso June 1, 1989, from El Paso, and was a member of the First Christian Church.

She married Jacob "Wes" Kurtz on June 12, 1970, in Arlington, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Wes, of Ruidoso; sons James Cagle and his wife, Darlene, of Arlington, and Stephen Cagle and his wife, Lujan, of Euless, Texas; stepchildren Russell Kurtz of Weldon, Calif., Ruth Rhoades of Salinas, Calif., and Anne Kurtz-Schoeffler of Carefree, Ariz.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso, 257-7303.

William Merrell

Services for William Merrell, 76, of Capitan, were Sunday.

Mr. Merrell died Friday, June 25, 2004, at his home.

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QUESTION: Do you think it is healthy for a husband and wife to work together, and to be in each other's company 24 hours a day?

DR. DOBSON: That sometimes works out fine. It depends on the couple. I can tell you, however, what is typical. According to behavioral researchers, the healthiest marriages and those with the highest sexual voltage are those that "breathe." These relationships move from a time of closeness and tenderness to a more distant posture, and then come together for another reunion as the cycle concludes.

This is why it's not always advantageous for a husband and wife to work together or to concentrate exclusively on each other in the absence of friends and colleagues outside the family. There is something about the diversity of interests and activities by each partner that keeps a couple from consuming each other and burning out



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the relationship in the short run.

Marriage is, after all, a marathon and not a sprint. Husbands and wives need to maintain a regenerating system that will keep love alive for a lifetime. Cultivating a healthy interest in many things is one big step in that direction.

QUESTION: You often describe marriages where the wife's emotional needs go unmet because the husband is a "workaholic." That description is scary to me because I can see my own marriage in what you said. I'm a student who has to work full time just to make ends meet, and I rarely see my family. We have a baby and a toddler, and my wife is pretty unhappy with me. What can I do?

DR. DOBSON: Your self-discipline is admirable and I hope you reach your goals. A word of caution is in order, however. No amount of success is worth the loss of your family. You and your wife are in a high-risk category for marital problems. The bonding that should occur in the first decade requires time together — time that can't be given if it is absorbed elsewhere. My advice is to hold on to your dreams, but take a little longer to fulfill them. Success will wait but a happy family will not.

QUESTION: What do you say to the woman who tolerates infidelity in her husband because she has no financial resources?

DR. DOBSON: I have no simple answers for her. Life can place us between rocks and hard places where problems seem almost unsolvable! Such is the plight of mothers raising children with little or no financial help from their ex-husbands. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, this is the primary source of poverty in America today. Almost half of all people living below the poverty line are divorced women with children. The same survey revealed that half of the divorced mothers do not receive the court-ordered amount of child support from the ex-husbands.

I'm pleased that the federal government is taking steps, at last, to deal with "deadbeat dads." It's about time! In a society that is regulated to death with laws and ordinances for virtually every human activity, it has taken us intolerably long to deal with parents who won't care for their kids. For now, impoverished moms are faced with extremely difficult questions when spousal infidelity is disclosed.

QUESTION: My husband and I are divorced, so I have to handle all the discipline of the children

myself. How does this change the recommendations you've made about discipline in the home?

DR. DOBSON: Not at all. The principles of good discipline remain the same, regardless of the family setting. The procedures do become somewhat harder for one parent to implement since they have no one to support them when the children become testy. Single mothers and fathers have to play both roles, which is not easily done. Nevertheless, children do not make allowances for difficult circumstances. Parents must earn their respect or they will not receive it.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the chairman of the board for Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. All rights reserved. International copyright secured.

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God created free will in humans

Q: I don't believe in the Christian God, and the reason is because I don't think God is perfect. If He were perfect, He wouldn't have made Adam and Eve so they could sin, would He? But He made them so they could sin, so He must not be perfect. - C.T.

A: Although you may sincerely believe what you've written, I hope you won't be close-minded about it or refuse to reexamine it. After all, if God isn't perfect (as you contend), that means He can make mistakes — and therefore it means He can't be trusted.

But the Bible is clear: God is perfect, and therefore we can

trust Him — even for our eternal salvation. The Bible says, "As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless" (Psalm 18:30). Not only is God perfect in all He does, He also is perfect in all He is.



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Take, for example, the case you cite of Adam and Eve. Why did God make them so they could sin and do wrong?

The reason is because He didn't want them to be puppets or robots. He made them with a free will — for only then could they freely love Him. Yes, it was a risk on God's part — but if He hadn't taken it, Adam and Eve (and you and I) would be robots, not

humans. I can't help but wonder, however, if your real problem is something deeper. Down inside, are you refusing to believe in God out of pride, or perhaps because you want to run your own life?

Whatever the reason, I pray you won't let anything keep you from Christ. God loves you, and the greatest privilege you will ever have is the privilege of knowing Him. Open your heart and mind to Christ today.

(Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, P.O. Box 1270, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.)
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The F-word's origins date to the 1800s

There you go, Mr. Cheney, using the F-word. Of course, you are not the only one... politicians, athletes, entertainers, and just common folks seem to think that the F-word and its derivatives are a part of normal conversation and communication. I can't seem to figure out where the F-word really fits in to decent human speech. But, we have it. Teenagers think that the F-word is a connecting or descriptive word like "duh" or "ya know." Adults use it as a put down.

I remember when we were children, my brother and I would come home from school and the first thing we had to do was homework. I did mine on the top

of mother's sewing machine. My brother did his on an end table by the sofa. Sooner or later on the pleated shade of the lamp on the end table, my mother found the penciled F-word my brother had scrawled there. He really did not know what it meant. He was only six years old.

I think a lot of folks, today, do not know what it means. The F-word is really an acronym for the phrase "for unlawful carnal knowledge." It was written into the log of sailing ships in the 1800s when sailors were arrested or caught, thrown in jail or the brig for frequenting whorehouses and prostitutes. Then the



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RUIDOSO PASTOR

acronym became a word and a part of the English language. But it wasn't in the dictionary when I was a kid. I know. I looked for it. But the F-word is in the dictionary now. Webster's new Collegiate says it is derived from some Scandinavian word. Well, I suppose everyone has his own idea of its origin.

My grandmother said that using cuss words was a sign of limited vocabulary. I don't know about that either. But, like so many beautiful things that God has given us, we humans take what enables a husband and wife to become one, share their lives, and bring children into the world and turn the slang for it into something ugly and deprecating. Boy, do we need help for today and hope for tomorrow.

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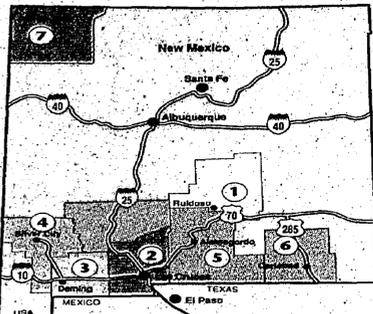
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FOR LEASE: 2Br/1Ba \$700/month 2Br/2Ba \$700/month Both on Wingfield Street one block from Midtown. Immaculate! Call 257-0655 or 937-3413

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CONDOS FOR RENT

TOTALLY FURNISHED 3Bd/1.75Ba, 2 living areas at Pepper Tree Place Condo. \$1500/month; July & August. \$500/deposit. No pets, non-smoking. Call Linda @ 257-5900, 258-1499, or 937-0468.

HOUSES FOR RENT

CLEAN UNFURNISHED 2Bd/1Ba, no pets, \$700 per month, plus deposit, all bills paid. Close to town. Call 937-3166

EASY COMMUTE to Tularosa. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath; Handicap Access; View, large secluded property, no pets, non-smoking, \$850/month, \$850/deposit. 585-3420

FULLY FURNISHED, Cute 3Bd/1Ba, walk to the river. Weekly or Nightly Rentals. \$500/week. Call Brooks Mountain Resort Services @ 257-0075

INCREDIBLE VIEWS!!! 3Bd/2Bath, all appliances, modular on 1 acre, Available June 15, \$750 plus utilities; 1st, last, deposit. Donna @ Casas de Ruidoso- 257-7577.

LARGE TRADITIONAL New Mexico territorial; skirting, White Mountain. Spacious airy rooms, 3 master bedrooms, fireplace, patio, privacy garage w/storage, \$2500/month, 258-5730

LEASE/OPTION RANCH House for lease 4Bd/3.5Bath, 4 stall barn all located on approximately 10 acres; Ranches of Sonterra with INCREDIBLE views of Sierra Blanca. \$2,600/month. Call Tracey 937-3915, 336-2725, or 257-0753.

LOMA GRANDE AREA 4Bd/2Bath, fireplace, W/D, \$850/month, first, security deposit. Horse pasture available, 354-7049.

SMALL 1BDRM/1BATH Duplex, Unfurnished, by Links Walking Course; Available June 15; \$435 plus gas/electric; 1st, last deposit; Call Donna @ Casas de Ruidoso- 257-7577

SPACIOUS 4BD/2Ba. 2,100 sq. ft., formal dining, bonus room, mucho closets. Double fenced yard, Redwood deck, 103 West Signal Hill Dr. \$850/month. 661-823-8083. Available July 1st.

VACATION RENTAL Available July 1st. Very nice 3Bd/2Ba, huge deck, nice mountain views, totally furnished. By Day, Week-Month. Call for super reasonable rates! 505-3540377

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1BD/1BA EFFICIENCY type, fully furnished at Canyon Creek Lodge. \$700/month, \$300/Deposit. 257-9059

2BD/1BA DUPLEX, unfurnished; W/D, Links Golf Course. First, Last, plus Deposit with lease, \$555/month, water paid. 354-4906

2BD/1BA FULLY FURNISHED, indoor pool & spa at Pine Cliff Village. \$400/Deposit. 257-9059

2BD/1BA FURNISHED, includes/ linens, and dishes. Water, trash, telephone, cable, heated indoor pool, spa, on site laundry. \$750/month. 378-4427 ext.1902

2BD/1BATH. All bills paid. 258-2212

APARTMENTS FOR RENT. 1 Bedroom all bills paid. One at \$525.00, One at \$395. Call 257-8444.

Efficiency Apartment for Lease Apartments include living area, separate sleeping area, kitchenette and 1/2 baths. \$450/mo. + utilities. Call 937-0050 or 257-1313, ask for Sara.

PINES INN on The River Motel & Apts. We have weekly & monthly rates. (505)257-4334, (505)937-5056. Short or long term lease. All bills paid, except phone, furnished or unfurnished.

RUIDOSO AFFORDABLE RENTALS Now leasing all rental types efficiencys 1Bd, 2Bd, all bills paid, cable, phone included. Starting \$450/month. Call 505-257-7958, 505-937-2198

MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

TWO 2BD/1BA, 1 mile East of Ruidoso Downs. \$400 & \$475 a month. 378-4402

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MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

14X80 MOBILE Home, Capitán area, 3Bd/2Bath, unfurnished, nice yard, no pets. \$450 per month+ \$300 Security deposit. Call Gary @ Pine Mountain Realty 257-4700.

3Bd/2Ba, & 2Br/2Ba, \$470/\$425. Water, garbage, sewage, furnished. Nice; River frontage, Willow Mobile Park, NORTH SIDE of RIVER, 200 Frieden Bloom 378-7099, 1-915-526-8326

3BD/2BA, REMODELED for rent. Available July 1st, very clean, nice area good access, \$600/month+ utilities. Call M-F, 8-5pm. 937-2869

CAPTAN- 102 S. Bonito. Cute, small 2Bd/1Ba, WD, Heat pump/AC, full covered porch and carport. 257-5381

RECENTLY REMODELED, 2Bdrm/1Bath mobile home. 435.5th Street in Capitán, \$100/deposit, \$450/per month. No pets, non-smoking. Call 354-2018

CABINS FOR RENT

1BD/1BA CABIN, water paid. Available July 1st, \$350/month. 257-7667 or 354-9006

2BD/1BA - Small Cabin in Upper Canyon. Furnished or Unfurnished, \$625 /month, plus utilities, \$200/deposit. No pets. Call 915-633-9730

PRIVATE LOG cabin in Upper Canyon, 2Bd/1Ba starting at \$65.00/night. A-Ready Services, 258-4574.

58 ACRE lot in Alto, golf membership, views! \$55,000. 322 El Camino, Gadsden Realty, Owner/Broker 336-4176

LEVEL BEAUTIFULLY treed social lot in Alto Village with utilities, \$18,000. 258-3197, (After 6:00PM).

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LOTS FOR SALE

LIQUIDATION SALE on Builders lots, 10 view lots in Ruidoso and Alto Area. Call 378-4800.

WONDERFUL LOT in Alto area with 360 degree views. This lot is a heavily forested 5-acre lot and has recently had a new 30 gallon per minute well drilled on it! House plans available. Asking \$85,500. Call 336-4781 for more information.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

CLOSE TO River, Nice sunny lot, over 1/2 acre commercial, residential or business property. All utilities, private road. \$65,000. 378-4823.

MECHEM, PAST Farley's. Large cleared lot for ground lease. Build to suit tenant. Call 325-949-5747, Agent protected.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY RENT

122 VISION Dr. Brand new 1Bd/1Ba House w/3,000sq.ft. Commercial lot. Owner/Agent. Call S. Roser @ 257-9057

EXCELLENT LOCATION.

Retail or Office. First month FREE! 1,680 or 4,775 sq.ft. Betty Beachon Realtor, Owner. 505-400-0182

EXCELLENT RETAIL location- 2546 Sudderth, 4,000sq.ft. Commercial or 2,000 Commercial + 2,000 apartment. Call 257-2037 or 808-0886.

FOR RENT: Office/Gallery.. Excellent location.. 714 Mechem.. Share building with Split Ends Salon. \$800-Month. Phone 772-299-6808 or 505-491-8176

FOUR SEASONS Mall under new management, Spaces for rent. Call Donna at 257-7705

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HELP WANTED

ALTO LAKES Golf & Country Club is accepting applications for kitchen help, line cooks, & dishwashers...

BLOCKBUSTER IS now accepting applications for Part-time employment. We will be looking for employees to promote to management in the next few weeks...

CASHIERS & STOCKERS NEEDED, \$7.00-\$8.00 an hour. Call Teresa at TR's Market for interview appointment...

CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITY for Part-time Executive Secretary 2-3 days a week, including Saturday/Sunday Phone Duty with busy Real Estate/Law Firm in Ruidoso...

COOK AND Kitchen Help Needed for new restaurant in Capitan. Call 937-3325

DATA CHEK, LLC Now Hiring - Summer Work For Students! Immediate need for Telephone collectors! Medical, delinquencies, and NSF collections...

DOUBLETREE GLASS & Windows in Alto is accepting applications for a Delivery Driver/Production Worker. This is a full time, hourly paid position...

EXPERIENCED WAITRESS with server's license needed for Bonita's Cafe. Full-time/part-time, must have transportation and be dependable...

FRONT DESK Clerks; all shifts. Maintenance handyman. Apply in person at Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem.

Home health aide or Certified Nurses Assistant needed. Part time, must have phone and reliable transportation, and be able to pass a criminal background check.

GRAPHIC ARTIST - full time needed a.s.a.p. for busy digital print shop. Experience with Fiery and high-end copy machines a plus...

GREAT WALL of China needs bus person, wait staff, host, & part-time dishwasher. Please apply in person.

HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED. Please apply at Swiss Chalet, 1451 Mechem.

LANDSCAPERS & Landscape Laborers. Steady work creating high quality landscapes. Call Zia-scapes @ 258-1000.

NOW HIRING Cooks & Dishwashers Paid Vacation Start \$8.50+ Lincoln County Grill 2717 Sudderth

LIVE-IN FOR Elderly person in Hondo. References must be provided. Good pay & days off. 808-0150 or 653-4085, leave message.

LIVE-IN HELPER for elderly woman. Free room and board + Call 648-2019 or 388-7609 Cell.

NOW HIRING Cooks. Pay based on experience. Drugfree work environment. Apply in person at Casa de Suenos, 202 Mechem. 257-0196

HELP WANTED

LOG CABIN RESTAURANT Now hiring Part-Time Cook. Must Be Experienced. Apply in person @ 1074 Mechem Dr.

MEDICAL PRACTICE currently seeking a part time experienced medical receptionist, must be flexible. Please submit resume to Alamo Orthopedics Sports Medicine, 1401 Tenth St. Suite 2, Alamogordo, NM 88301.

MVD CLERK- Part-Time Applications accepted until 4:00pm Thursday, July 8, 2004. Applications at the Village of Capitan, 114 Lincoln Ave Capitan, New Mexico 88316 or Phone 505-354-2247 or Fax 505-354-2713. "Drug free work place" EOE

NOW HIRING Housekeepers at Crown Point Condominiums. Apply in person at 220 Crown Dr.

NOW HIRING Maintenance Employee at Crown Point Condominiums. Apply in person at 220 Crown Dr.

NOW HIRING Part-time housekeepers. Experience preferred. Apply at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 West Hwy 70.

HELP WANTED

Now Hiring Waitresses/ Servers. Apply in person. El Camino Nuevo. No phone calls please.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSISTANT Salary \$8.70 hourly. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345 Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343, Fax 258-5848 www.voruidoso.com "Drugfree Workplace" EEOE

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER & ACTIVITY BUS DRIVER POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2004-2005 School year. Great hours; perfect for retirees or stay-at-home Moms. Starting \$10.00/hr. Flexible hours for training. Training starts June 7th. Good primary or secondary job. Call 378-5410. Please leave message.

HELP WANTED

HEAD START TEACHER ASSISTANT - Region IX Education Cooperative. (Lincoln County Head Start) is seeking highly qualified individuals committed to early childhood programs for a position at the Carrizozo site.

Minimum qualifications: 1. CDA certification in Early Childhood Education or an Associate Degree in related field desired 2. Successful experience working with preschool age children 3. Strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills 4. Demonstrates dependability, cooperation, loyalty and responsible behavior and attitudes 5. Must demonstrate strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills 6. Computer skills including word processing, spreadsheet development, database, and on-line communication preferred.

Only fully qualified individuals need inquire. Application deadline is July 12, 2004 @ 4:00pm. For complete job description and application call (Teresa Barnett or Fred Romero) 257-2368. REC IX is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, marital status or handicap/disability in employment practices or the provision of services.

HELP WANTED

SCHOOL BASED Health Clinic Office Assistant- Region IX Education Cooperative. Active is seeking a highly qualified individual to provide services to member districts.

Minimum qualifications: 1. High school diploma or above from an accredited college or university 2. Two years successful work experience in processing Medicaid forms and/or office management responsibility 3. Demonstrates dependability, cooperation, loyalty and responsible behavior and attitudes 5. Must demonstrate strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills 6. Computer skills including word processing, spreadsheet development, database, and on-line communication preferred.

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HELP WANTED

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIST - Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking a highly qualified individual to provide services to member districts.

Minimum qualifications: 1. High school diploma or above from an accredited college or university 2. Expertise and working knowledge of design, programming, and maintenance of computer hardware/software 3. Documentation of five years of successful experience in the computer field 4. Demonstrated dependability, cooperation, loyalty and responsible behavior and attitudes 5. Demonstrated strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills 6. A willingness to travel daily to the REC IX member districts in the personal vehicle of the employee

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HELP WANTED

PROFESSIONAL SALES People wanted to work for one of the fastest growing dealerships chain in New Mexico. Apply at Western Motors, 378-8406.

RECEPTIONIST- CLIENT contact. Data Entry person. Chance to learn computer graphics. Must have good people & telephone skills. EOE 378-8083

RUIDOSO READY LABOR Daily Work / Daily Pay Construction, framers, general labor, food service, housekeepers, clerical clerk. All Skill Levels! Apply Today! 257-7876 449 Sudderth Drive in Gateway Center

WEEKEND SECURITY Looking for mature, friendly, and assertive adult. To work security on local golf course and grounds. Call Innsbrook Village Country Club, 258-3589.

FACT In 1828 First major gold discovery in western U.S. made in Ortiz Mountains south of Santa Fe.

HELP WANTED

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WATER/WASTEWATER COLLECTION DIRECTOR Entry level salary \$1661.00 Bi-weekly + Depending on Education and Experience. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until position is filled. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax 258-5848. or www.voruidoso.com "Drugfree Workplace" EEOE

AUTOS FOR SALE

Lincoln Autos advertisement featuring various models like Ford RANGER, Ford F150, Ford EXPEDITION, Ford F150 XLT SUPERCREW, Ford F250 CREWCAB 4X4, Lincoln LS, Lincoln Towncar, and Lincoln Navigator. Includes prices and features.

BORMAN HONDA advertisement featuring '04 HONDA CIVIC LX, '04 HONDA ACCORD LX, and '04 HONDA ODYSSEY EX. Includes prices and features.

BORMAN MAZDA advertisement featuring '04 MAZDA B-2300 pickup, '04 MAZDA MPV LX, '04 MAZDA 6-S, and '04 MAZDA RX-8. Includes prices and features.

BORMAN HYUNDAI AUTOPLEX advertisement featuring '04 HYUNDAI ELANTRA, '04 HYUNDAI SONATA, '04 HYUNDAI TIBURON, and '04 HYUNDAI SANTA FE. Includes prices and features.

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Redwood Decks - Remodeling
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273 PERSONALS

ANTON ALLOUETTE... I don't see you because of the enemy. Hide and seek, Count. 0873. Aliaustofre; find me. I love you baby.

SINGLE, ATTRACTIVE GWM seeks other Single attractive GWM between the ages of 18 & 35. Who are looking for friendship/dating/possible/long-term relationship in the Ruidoso area. Must love to smile, laugh, and have fun. If interested please send a picture and a brief description about yourself to: Blind Box D, PO Box 128, Ruidoso NM, 88355.

FACT In 1942-1945 Secret atomic laboratories established in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

501 SERVICES

273 PERSONALS

SWF LOOKING for SWM between the ages of 21 & 27 years old who are seeking friendship, fun, & dating in the Ruidoso area. If interested please send picture and description of self to: Blind Box E, PO Box 128, Ruidoso NM, 88355.

274 LOST & FOUND GOLD CHAIN Key ring with a horse shoe on the end, with 5 or 6 keys on it. REWARD! Call 257-4748.

290 PETS

AKC REGISTERED Miniature Dachshund, Female, \$400. Prefer home with no other pets. 257-5600

AKC TINY Yorkshire Terriers. Excellent blood line. First shots & wormed. Male-\$700, Female-\$1,200. Call 806-592-3364

FOR SALE- Three AKC Black miniature Schnauzers with shots. Ready last week in July to make a deposit call 258-4928.

295 LIVESTOCK Two horses, one quarter horse and one paint for sale. Call 378-8406

304 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Only \$50,000 and you can be the owner of a 22 year established mechanic business. Good Accounts! Fully equipped to start now! Owner wants to retire. Call 257-6918 daytime or 257-4798 evenings.

501 SERVICES

304 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

SMALL BUSINESS for Sale in Ruidoso. Ready for Summer Visitors. Will show anytime. Call 505-257-7186.

VERY NICE Upscale Gift Shop in Midtown. \$67,000-Cash. No Real Estate. Please reply to Box-2132, Ruidoso NM 88355.

300 MISCELLANEOUS

ALL TOOLS Triller, 3 cable rigs, signs, selling info, business name, & more. For. Router Router Business. \$950. 808-1246

ANTIQUE ASHLEY Wood Stove, kitchen cabinet, kitchen, bathroom sinks, toilet, bathtub wood and aluminum doors. Good for rentals. 257-9557

CEDAR POSTS, wire mesh, steel post, fire chains, 1 SackCrate, 6ft. step ladder, 8ft step ladder, 12ft ladder. Call 336-2220.

OUTDOOR PATIO Propane heater, New \$399. Sell \$150. New maple day bed w/plush twin mattress makes into king; with bolsters, covers. Paid \$800. Sell \$300. Rustic furniture, 3 night stands \$50/each, TV stand, \$75. Corner TV stand, \$75. 1-505-682-5003.

REESE 20K 5th wheel hitch, \$350. Chrome grill guard for F250/F350 \$250, aluminum 5th wheel tail gate, \$175. 505-258-5804.

Rustic Southwest furniture. Call: 336-4444

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501 SERVICES

402 APPLIANCES

KENMOORE WASHER for sale, \$150. Call 378-6267

413 FURNITURE

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452 YARD & GARAGE SALES

A HUGE sale of antiques and collectibles Friday and Saturday 8, 4, 1010 Hull Road, look for our big red and white sign. Life-long Collectors are parting with their treasures! Lots of dishes, (Occupied Japan, depression glass, etc) teapots, pottery, Cast iron, cookie jars, salt and pepper shakers, old bottles, records, wicker chairs, -- much, much more. Don't miss this one!

GARAGE SALE! Saturday, July 3 from 8-12 at Wells Fargo Bank. All proceeds go to the Jenny Ames Memorial Scholarship fund for RHS students.

HUGE GARAGE Sale- Dishes-Desert Rose, milk glass, tools, guitar, misc. Thursday & Friday; 7:00am-6:00pm. 112 N-gal Place.

501 SERVICES

452 YARD & GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE- Something For Everyone! Friday & Saturday, 8:00-7 129 Davis Dr.

SATURDAY ONLY- 7:00am-7 Appliances, furniture, misc. Mile Marker 265.5 Ruidoso Downs. Across from Lotz of Stuff. Look for signs.

501 SERVICES

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MOTEL - 31 units, nice owner's living quarters with fireplace, attractive Western-style architecture, room furnishings created by renowned Hondo and Alamogordo woodworker Doug McIntyre, extra land for expansion. Profitable business in beautiful mountain resort area. For Sale by Owner, (520) 439-4201.

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Green Acres Yard & Tree Services. Landscape maintenance, Pine needle removal, Brush thinning. We Show up, A job well done! Call Tim for more info. 257-7945 or e-mail: bondurant@zianet.com

HOME & Deck repairs, also painting, power washing, sealing. References available. Call 258-3703

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501 SERVICES

Patricia S. Ortiz Attorney 1204 Mechem #11 White Mountain Plaza Bankruptcy Criminal Law DWI General Civil Litigation 505-258-9046 If in jail, call collect

SPANISH THE EASY CLASSES!

4:30-6:00PM. Mondays. Cost depends on number of students. Call 257-0306, leave a message & I'll call you back. Sandy Suggitt Vamonos!

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686 LEGAL NOTICES

#6195 1T (6)30 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the Lincoln County Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, as revised by the Department of Finance and Administration.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed Budget may be obtained from the County Manager's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 505/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

/s/Martha Guevara Assistant County Manager

#6193 1T (6)30 LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Apply for 49 USC Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act Funds (Specialized Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled).

Be it known that the Village of Ruidoso 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso New Mexico 88345 intends to apply for financial assistance under 49 USC Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (Specialized Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled). If awarded, this grant will allow the purchase of a 15 passenger bus with a wheelchair lift which will in turn allow the operation of transportation services to the elderly 55+ and adults who are disabled so that they may live independently and not have to enter a long term care facility.

Federal law and State administrative procedures require that all other transportation providers serving in the area be given a fair and timely opportunity to provide comments and participate to the maximum extent feasible in the planning and provision of the proposed transportation service.

Comments on the proposed service will be received until July 15, 2004 and should be directed in writing to Sandee K. Jourdan, Village of Ruidoso, 501 Sudderth Drive Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (505) 257-4565. You have the right to request a public hearing on our proposal and may do so by sending a written request to Village of Ruidoso, Attention: Sandee K. Jourdan, 501 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 prior to the end of the comment period cited above.

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#6171 4T (6)16,23,30(7)7 LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. CV-03-12

MOREQUITY, INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiff,

v. CARLOS R. PRECIADO and PENNY PRECIADO, husband and wife; THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, NEW MEXICO; LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, True Names Unknown, Tenants, Occupiers or Possessors,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

To the Above-Named Defendants and All Others Interested:

Notice is hereby given that the Special Master, Mary Robertson will, on the 14th day of July, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the front steps of the Village of Ruidoso City Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Ruidoso, NM 88345, sell and convey all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 14 of Fort Stanton Ranchetts, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, June 4, 1968, in Tube No. 310 ("Property").

The Property is also known as L14 Fort Stanton Ranchetts, Capitan, NM 88316.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Partial Final Stipulated and Default Judgment and Decree for Foreclosure entered on June 7, 2004, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit for foreclosure of a Note and Mortgage held by the Plaintiff in this matter, wherein the Plaintiff was adjudged to have a judgment against Defendants Carlos R. Preciado and Penny Preciado, and a first, prior and paramount mortgage lien against the Property as follows: in the principal amount of (i) Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two and 88/100 Dollars (\$78,842.68), bearing interest thereon at the rate of Ten and 00/100 percent (10.00%) per annum from August 1, 2002, which interest shall accrue until the date of the Special Master's Sale; (ii) costs in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One and 78/100 Dollars (\$1,191.78); (iii) reasonable attorneys' fees in this matter in the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 19/100 Dollars (\$1,587.19); (iv) all costs of sale including a Special Master's fee of \$200.00, and costs of publication, and (v) any additional attorneys' fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale. The entire judgment amount, as described herein, is secured by the Plaintiff's Mortgage and constitutes a prior, paramount and superior lien against the Property. Other than information regarding the amount of the judgment, information regarding (i) any and all taxes and assessments due and owing on the Property, (ii) any and all reservations, restrictions and easements pertaining to the Property, and (iii) any and all other information sought pursuant to a due diligence search must be independently obtained by a potential purchaser, at that potential purchaser's sole cost and expense. The subject property will also be sold subject to: patent reservations, restrictions, easements of record, taxes and governmental assessments, any liens, encumbrances or interests not otherwise foreclosed upon herein, and the Defendants' one (1) month equity of redemption as provided by law. Plaintiff, Morequity, Inc., may bid all or part of its judgment against the property and is hereby authorized to make its bid by regular U.S. Mail, fax to the Special Master or by telephone call to the Special Master. Said sale will be made to the highest bidder for cash or decreed lien, and the time thereof may be postponed in the event the Special Master, in his judgment, deems advisable. Additional surplus money, if any, is to be distributed in accordance with a further Order of the Court in this matter. The redemption period is thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Submitted by:

Mary Robertson

Special Master

1096 Mechem Dr., Suite 302, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 258-4321

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#6192 1T (6)30 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for design professional services will be received by the Contracting Agency, Pineywoods Estates Water Association, Inc., for RFP No.2

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional engineering services for: water storage and distribution in Pineywoods Estates, Otero County, New Mexico.

Proposals will be received at PO Box 757, High Rolls, New Mexico 88325. Until Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained in person at the office of the Pineywoods Estates Water Association, Inc., at 221 Karr Canyon, High Rolls, New Mexico, or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Pineywoods Estates Water Association, Inc., at (505) 682-2462.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will not be held.

PURCHASING AGENT: Joe W. Chambers Date: June 24, 2004

#6194 1T (6)30 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The purpose of the public hearings is to consider the following proposed ordinances:

A. LINCOLN COUNTY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING REGULATION ORDINANCE

B. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A SYSTEM OF LOCAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO UTILITY SERVICE CONNECTIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed ordinances may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

/s/MARTHA GUEVARA ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

#6196 1T (6)30 LEGAL NOTICE

OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

NOTICE

According to Article IV, Section 3 of the By-Laws, the Board of Trustees of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. must appoint a committee on nominations not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting at which trustees are to be elected. The committee, made up of cooperative members from different sections of the project area shall post their nominations for trustee at least twenty (20) days before the meeting at which trustees are to be elected. Nominations may also be made by petition, by any fifteen (15) or more members who are residents of the district for which a nomination is made, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which trustees are to be elected. Such nominations will be posted with the nominations for trustee by the Committee. The Secretary of the Cooperative shall mail a statement with the names and addresses of candidates for each position at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting of tile members.

The following members have been appointed to serve as the committee on nominations: Don Ludwig Alto, Tim Ration- Alamogordo, Danny Montgomery-Piñon, Mary B. (Lae) Wilson-Cloudcroft, Robert Cave- Cloudcroft, James McDaniel- Capitan, Roy Broussard- Carrizozo, Scott Shafer- Carrizozo, Melissa A. Chavez- Mesquite, J.W. Cox- Mayhill

Incumbent Trustees whose terms expire in 2004 are: James R. Evrage- Southeast District, Ed Haseloff- Central District, Fred Hansen- Northeast District, Randy Rabon- Southwest District

The Committee on Nominations will meet on Wednesday, July 7, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. in the office of Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

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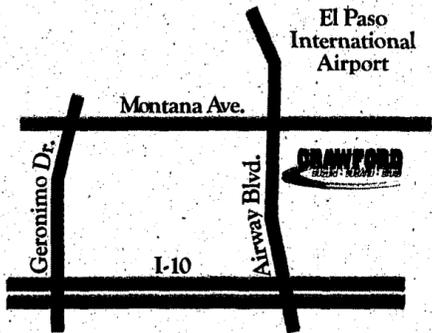
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