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Earl's odyssey

■ County commissioner rides nearly 10,000 miles through rain, snow, cold

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How does riding a motorcycle nearly 10,000 miles in 18 days through rain, snow and bone-chilling temperatures sound for a fun trip? The prospect might be daunting for a person in their 30s, but for Lincoln County Commissioner Earl Hobbs, the ride amounted to a personal challenge to touch the four corners of the lower 48 states in an endurance ride of a lifetime.

With his 64th birthday coming up in June, he figured it was now or possibly never.

The USA Four Corners Motorcycle Tour, an event of the Southern California Motorcycling Association, requires a cyclist to hit the four corners of the nation, mailing back in envelopes prepared by the association gasoline receipts and photographs as proof of the accomplishment.

"You're supposed to start at any of the four corners, your choice, but hit the other three within 21 days. I did the four corners part in 14 days, 6,785 miles, with one snow day," Hobbs said. But to reach the first corner from Alto in Lincoln County and complete the circuit took 18 days of riding for 9,888 miles.

"I'd say my time was a good time, but not spectacular," he said. "Some have done it in as little as 10 days."

His average hit 520.3 miles per day, but Hobbs often exceeded 600 miles with a high of 703 miles from Minnesota to Billings, Mont.

Hobbs picked Key West, Fla., as his first corner. The other three were Madawaska, Maine; Blaine, Wash.; and San Ysidro, Calif.

"I was number 15 who tried the trip this year," he said. "By the end of the year, there probably will be a couple of hundred. But it sort of sets you apart. It's a question of satisfying an inner need."

Some try it alone, others with a partner or group, he said. "I asked some other people if they wanted to go with me, but they were smarter than I am," Hobbs said.

Although his wife, June, didn't go with him on this trip she was very supportive, he said, and she rides with him on other journeys.

His grueling schedule didn't allow much time for sightseeing or making new friends, Hobbs said.

"I was mostly on the bike (a 1999 GL1500SE Honda Goldwing)," he said. "Or I was getting well acquainted with a lot of filling stations. You get awfully tired of motels. It's not a fun ride, but you learn a lot about your-

See **HOBBS**, page 10A

ETZ receives life support

County extends controversial ordinance

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The Extra-Territorial Zoning ordinance used up another of its nine lives Tuesday, as the Lincoln County Commission voted 3-2 to continue efforts to salvage the document that governs development in a one mile transition district around Ruidoso.

For 10 months, supporters of the zone held their collective breath each time the issue surfaced on a commission agenda. But since the board's initial announcement of its intention to unilaterally dissolve the zone, numerous reprieves were granted as different individuals and the ETZ Commission tackled a rewrite of offending sections.

This month, the ordinance seemed doomed as County Commissioner Earl Hobbs said he was ready to switch his vote, which would send the zone to oblivion. But in a last minute save, Commissioners Tom Battin and Maury St. John, who worked together with County Attorney Alan Morel as a task force on some suggestions for change, convinced Commissioner Eileen Lovelace to give ETZ advocates more time.

St. John, who at one time was ready to see it die, urged that the zone be preserved. Without it, the county will have no say in how the area develops, she said. The village still will govern a three mile district

See **ETZ**, page 7A

Gas prices drop

■ But Ruidoso is more expensive than neighbors

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While locals cheer a six cent drop in gas prices down to \$2.18 a gallon for regular unleaded at many Ruidoso stations, drivers in Alamogordo are celebrating with prices below \$2.

One station on 10th Avenue sold gas last week for \$1.89 per gallon and the clerk said the price was anticipated to continue to drop.

Friday, AAA New Mexico said drivers in every community in the state were paying less for their gas than the previous week.

Nationally, gas prices declined for the second consecutive week, according to the group's Weekend Gas Watch.

The state's average for self-serve, regular unleaded gas was \$2.21 per gallon, a 2.7-cent

reduction from the previous week and 31.3 cents higher than last year's average.

The national average was \$2.17, which is 3.3 cents less than last week and 22.5 cents higher than last year's average.

Supplies of crude oil and gasoline continue to increase. Oil prices dropped 15.2 percent since the record high on April 1. That compares to a 4.3 percent reduction in the national regular, unleaded average price at the pump since its record high on April 11.

The highest average was found in California at \$2.55 per gallon. Missouri was the lowest with an average of \$1.99.

On Friday, some regional average prices were:

- Albuquerque, \$2.16 per gallon
- Las Cruces, \$2.20 per gallon
- Santa Fe, \$2.21 per gallon
- El Paso, \$2.11 per gallon
- Denver, \$2.14 per gallon.

The sting: 18-year-old goes undercover for booze sales

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For the 18-year-old undercover volunteer, it's the excitement of playing the role of a juvenile trying to buy liquor that prompted her to participate in a second sting - this time in Ruidoso.

"My best friend wants to be a cop and she knows a lot of them," the girl said Friday before being wired with a tape recorder. "They asked me if I wanted to do it. I said, 'Cool.' She can't because she's only 17."

Her first masquerade occurred in Artesia and Carlsbad, where out of five businesses visited one sold her liquor.

In charge of videotaping the girl and running the audio equipment on the operation is Joe Brown, a volunteer with the New Mexico Mounted Patrol who's been involved for the past 10 years.

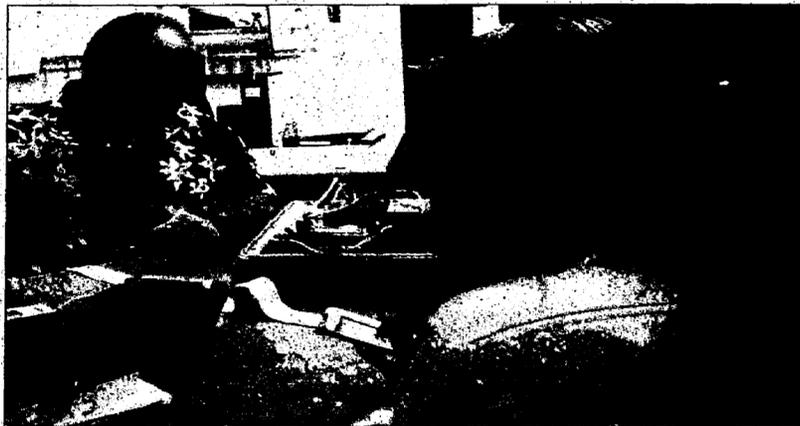
He met Agent Lou Mallion with the Special Investigations Division of the

Roswell office of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety when Mallion was teaching a training class for SIC. Brown gets high praise from his sting partner.

"He's better than me now and he doesn't get paid," Mallion said as he watched Brown test the equipment in a room at the Ruidoso Police Department complex reserved for the State Police. "He's worked with me all over the state."

"I was always interested in law enforcement since high school," Brown said.

The undercover operation aimed at ensuring those who are under the legal age of 21 don't have access to liquor through businesses dovetails locally with the Underage Drinking grant and program being implemented with the help of Lincoln County DWI Coordinator Jerry Shaw.



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Joe Brown with the New Mexico Mounted Patrol checks out audio recording equipment as an undercover and underage volunteer watches. They were preparing for a sting to detect illegal sale of liquor to minors in Ruidoso.

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Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Thursday, 7:15 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Best Western Ruidoso Inn, 97 Camelot Drive at Highway 70.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily 613 Sudderth, Suite H; 257-9397.

Wednesday, May 18

Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board: Meets at 8 a.m. at the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, 1 Country Club Drive, Alto.

American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79: 6 p.m., third Wednesday of the month, American Legion Building, U.S. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 336-7758.

Children's TeamKids Discipline Program: 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Drive. For children 4 years old to 6th grade; 257-2081, or on the Web at www.fbcruaidoso.com

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. the third Wednesday of every month at San Patricio Senior Citizens building; 505-653-4718.

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.

Village of Ruidoso: Hearing to adopt preliminary budget, 5 p.m. at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Thursday, May 19

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

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays, all at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257-6138.

Lincoln County Adult Singles: Meets every first and third Thursday at various locations. For further information, please contact Doris (258-3799), Darrell (354-2635) or Sharon (585-8535). The Lincoln County Adult Singles Group welcomes all adult singles. You can also go to our Web site http://www.highcountryeng.com/LCASG to learn more about our events.

Lincoln County Chess Club: 5 p.m. every Thursday at Arby's restaurant, 633 Sudderth Dr. All experience levels welcome. Bring your own equipment; Bob Moeller; 354-8036

Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

6:30-9 p.m. Thursday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West from 6:30-9 p.m. There are very few tickets left as seating is limited to 150 attendees and the cost is only \$30 per person.

The keynote speaker is New Mexico Tourism Cabinet Secretary Mike Carlson. There will be a silent auction with prizes and services available.

Thursday Bridge: 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyons interested in Girl Scouts may attend; 505-437-2921.

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, May 20

Governor's staff Gov. Richardson's staff will hold office hours in Capitol Friday from 9-10 a.m. in the meeting room at Village Hall, 114 Lincoln Dr.

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; 378-4659.

Weight Watchers: 9:30 a.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Monday at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd.; Marcia, 258-8879.

Saturday, May 21

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

Rotary Club: 10:30 a.m. every Saturday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; 378-4659.

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by BPOE #2086 2 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Friday at the Elks Lodge on Highway 70 West; Ruth Ann; 257-2607 or 257-6142.

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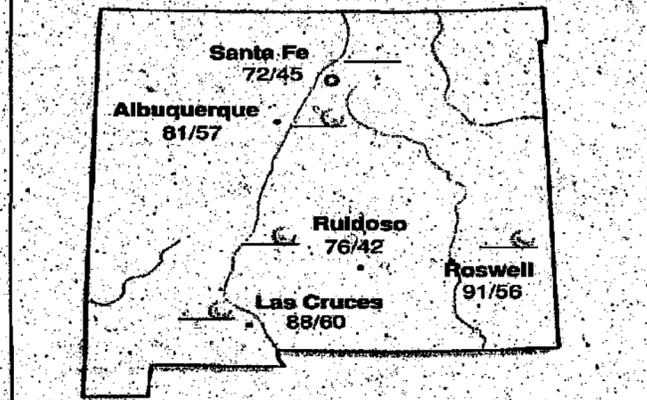
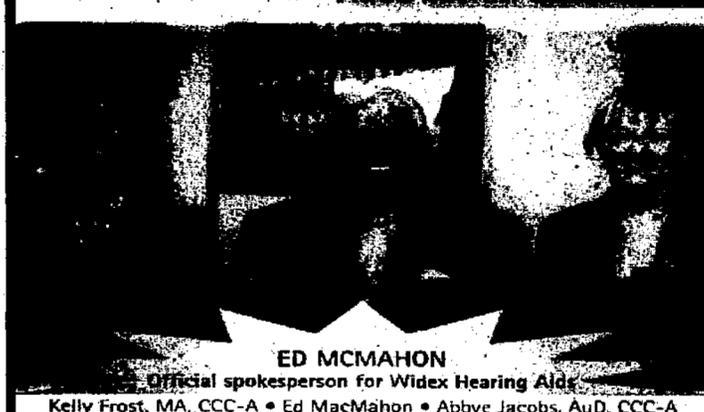


Table of National Cities with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. Lists cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco, Seattle, St. Louis, Washington, DC.

Table of Moon Phases showing First (May 16), Full (May 23), Last (May 30), and New (Jun 6).

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A Ruidoso moment...



Perhaps this is the type of rustic ambience people have in mind when they decry encroaching development on the Ruidoso of old. This historical photo is simply titled River View and comes in a folder labeled Midtown. If you have any knowledge of this scene, please contact Marty at the paper. As to Friday's photo of the Central Cafe, longtime resident Betty Day surmises it may be the same as what she knew in the late 1950s as the Star Cafe.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Poppy giveaways

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 57 Capitan will distribute poppies at business places in Capitan and neighboring towns Saturday in honor of all New Mexico veterans who shed their blood on foreign soil.

The poppy giveaway is a 65-year American Legion Auxiliary tradition to remind America that millions have sacrificed their lives and health to keep our nation strong and free. Toni Otero of Post 57 asks people to wear a poppy Saturday on Armed Forces Day to remember veterans.

Military memorabilia

The American Legion Post 79 Ruidoso is hosting a Hispanic, Native American and Black American Veterans display on Saturday. Memorabilia from the Civil War through the Iraq Conflict can be viewed from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the

Ruidoso Senior Center, 501 Sudderth. The public is invited, admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Summer reading

The New Mexico State Library Summer Reading Program 2005 announces its

sign-up, which in Ruidoso will be held from 10 a.m.-noon June 4 at the Ruidoso Public Library

Children's Department, 107 Kansas City Road. This year's theme is Talking Books.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, May 23

Alcoholics Anonymous women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth; 378-8391.

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

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m., second and fourth Monday of the month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; 378-4880.

game day: 11:45 a.m. Monday at the Ruidoso Woman's Clubhouse, 116 S. Evergreen, behind the Ruidoso Office Supply. Pot luck lunch followed by Bridge and other card games.

Trail Snails Hiking Club: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. May through November. Hike Lincoln County's scenic trails; 630-8614 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VFW Post 7072 and Auxiliary, Jerome Don Klein Post and its women's auxiliary: 6 p.m. in the winter and at 7 p.m. in the summer, the second Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, Hwy. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796.

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

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club; Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 378-4151.

Lions Club: Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; 257-2776.

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

Ruidoso Woman's Club

Tuesday, May 24

Al-Anon: Meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Gateway Center, 439 Sudderth; 257-7124.

Alto Women's Association: 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every month.

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The judge rules from on high regarding hotel

Midtown may get an unwanted addition

A judge based in Carrizozo, not the voters or the residents of Ruidoso, is helping to shape the future of Midtown.

District Court Judge Karen Parsons, on appeal by backers of a 55-room hotel at Chase and Wingfield, ruled against the village's denial of that project.

On four separate occasions the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission, which gets flak enough for being "pro-development," concluded that the hotel plans submitted by Jayshree represented a land-use scenario too intense for either zoning requirements or the neighborhood, itself.

On three occasions Village Council concurred. And in the process more than 260 people signed a petition opposing the hotel as submitted.

Parsons in her ruling said

the village's decision was based in part by "arbitrary and capricious" thinking. It didn't get by the book, she said, regarding such prerequisites as a traffic study.

OK, the village should have covered itself better, legally speaking. But municipal government, through the foresight of elected and appointed officials, should have some leeway to judge whether a proposal fulfills the spirit of its myriad regulations, based on its interpretation of ordinances and designations, and guided by common sentiment and neighborhood feedback.

Now it looks as if Midtown will get a hotel that was challenged at every level of the application process, one likely not as attractive or "Southwestern" as a La Quinta, which was first proposed. Too bad. The people lose.

You have the right to bear arms...and to eat enchiladas

Should have known better. My teenage grandson said I just had to rent "Napoleon Dynamite." I love Kyle and figure that sooner or later there has to be a movie we both like.

You would think that after "Anchorman," a real piece of doo-doo, the lesson would have been learned. It wasn't. I tried again, and "Napoleon" was only half-bad.

Kyle wasn't the only one that thought this movie about a weird kid in Idaho was a smashing success. Idaho loved it. Idaho loved it so much that the state legislature there formally praised the filmmakers.

I thought New Mexico was the only state whose lawmakers took off on frequent flights of fantasy. Not so. "Whereas," the Idaho proclamation declared, "Tater Tots figure prominently in this film, thus promoting Idaho's most famous export, and..." blah, blah, blah.

This column takes pride in keeping up with the more ludicrous aspects of the New Mexico State Legislature and thought it was on top of things. That's before I got the email from reader James Walterscheid who wondered why we missed the Right to Eat Enchiladas Act.

The what? And yet there it is, House Bill 553, introduced by Rep. Terry T. Marquardt, a Republican eye physician from Alamogordo.

Had it succeeded, this piece of legislation would have taken its place in New Mexico history right next to another great accomplishment, the legislative act that established the Official State Question, "red or green?"

Alas, it was not to be. Those of us who cherish our right to bear arms, our right to free speech, our right to the pursuit of happiness, will not have the comfort of knowing we have the right to eat enchiladas. Our headstrong legislature, so wrapped up as it was with trivial matters such as pre-



NED CARTWELL

K education, Medicaid spending and renewable energy could not find time to get to the only issue of importance, filling our bellies.

At its core, the Right to Eat Enchiladas Act would have made it illegal for you -and by "you," I mean "you, fatty" -to

go to Taco Bell, eat four tacos, three enchiladas and two burritos, then sue Taco Bell because you gained five pounds.

Here's what it says: "Purpose of Act: The purpose of the Right to Eat Enchiladas Act is to prevent frivolous lawsuits against manufacturers, packers, distributors, carriers, holders, sellers, marketers or advertisers of food that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements."

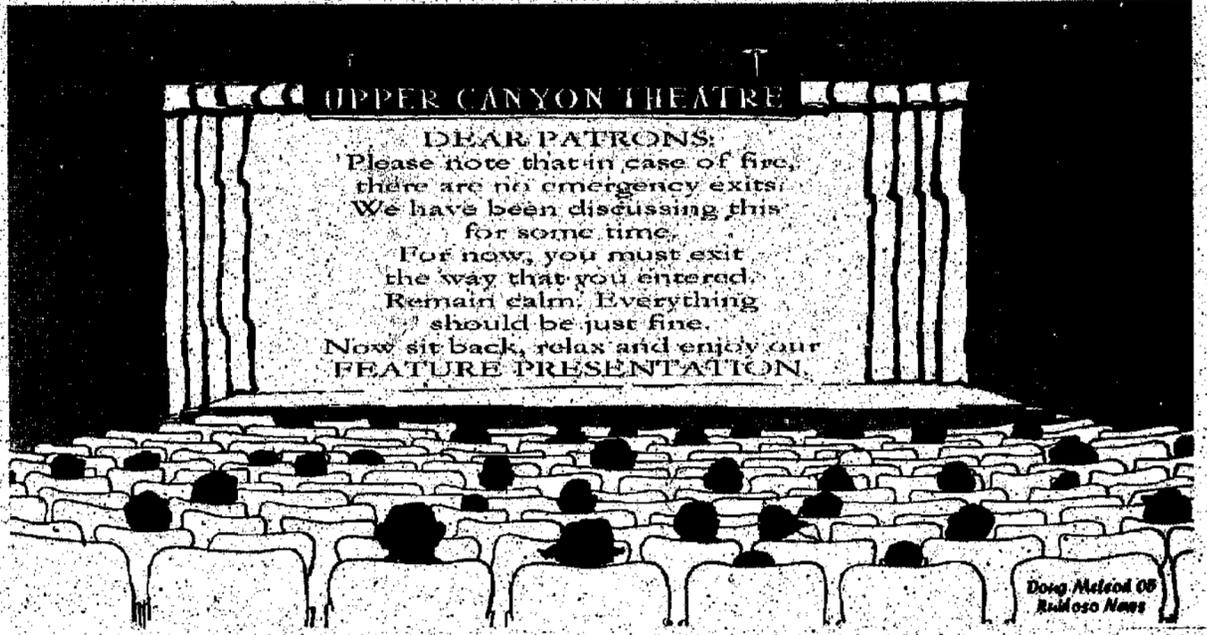
It would seem, then, the legislative title is a misnomer. It is not the Right to Eat Enchiladas Act. It is the Right To Eat Until We Can Do A Credible Imitation Of The Goodyear Blimp As Long As We Take Responsibility For Our Own Gluttony."

Rep. Marquardt is drop-dead-from-eating-too-many-chimichangas serious about his tort reform bill that the Public Affairs Committee sent to the legislative graveyard when its three Republicans were outvoted by its four Democrats.

He said he gave the bill its fanciful title to that noy columnists such as this would call him and give the issue more publicity. It worked. And he won't be giving up the fight for tort reform any day soon.

So like the cockfighting ban, which has been on the New Mexico legislative agenda so many years it seems even longer than the Michael Jackson trial, tort reform will be back. Stay tuned.

(Ned Cartwell -
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It's not the Sudderth he remembers

To the editor:

I'm appalled at the destruction taking place on Sudderth. It's a major crime. Whose pockets were lined for this abomination?

It's in the best interests of Ruidoso to wake up and take notice of the village as we have always known it.

My first memories, in 1941 as a small child, (was) the natural beauty of a most prized scenic destination. Our precious village is well on its way to becoming another Santa Fe thanks to current government.

Isn't it time for moratoriums on building? Look at all the vacant businesses that already exist. Check the number of homes for sale. Do we really need more subdivisions? Do we need added congestion on Sudderth?

What makes Ruidoso is the beautiful scenery, the forest, the trees, the wildlife, the deer, elk, bears. What would Ruidoso

be without them?

Do we really need to build (so) they will come? They are already coming. Stop destroying the very things that make Ruidoso what it is. Stop cutting down the hillsides, clearing for more unneeded development. It's time for Ruidosans to stop and think about the destruction they're doing.

(Developers) - go to Santa Fe or Taos, somewhere else, and leave Ruidoso alone.
Catharine Goldman
Ruidoso

No thank you

To the editor:

C'mon, Deb, spare us the colloquial homespun BS ("Thank You's 6-11-05). Next you will be telling us how much fun an IRS audit is.

Everyone who follows village government knows you are running for mayor.

Admit it, announce it, and get on with your campaign whatever that may be. Don't hide behind folksy down-home sayings.

Bob Sterchi
Ruidoso

Newfound respect

To the editor:

I was very much impressed at the Saturday performance of Grease put on by our local Ruidoso High School students. They were awesome.

I know how hard these students must have practiced, and it really showed. I have a newfound respect for all of them. What a great group of talented kids.

And, for those of you that didn't see it, you missed one heck of a performance.

Great job, students

Tressa Ramos
Ruidoso

GUEST

Podium etiquette: It's all about manners

RICK SIMPSON
Chairman, Lincoln County Commissioners

In this modern world we live in, it

seem that nothing is ever taken for granted. Everything must be spelled out down the smallest detail. Example: Last month I had cataract surgery on my left eye. Not a big deal anymore. But due to all the modern regulations they sent me a whole booklet telling everything that could possibly go wrong no matter how remote (a million to one) the chances might be.

After reading all of the material, it will make you wonder if it's worth taking all those chances. But the part that really got me to thinking and laughing was the pre-op instructions that came with it in case the first part didn't scare you off. It was a whole list of instructions including what you could and couldn't wear, what you could and couldn't eat, etc. But the number one item on the list said, "Take a bath either the morning of or the night before the surgery." I didn't know whether or not I should brush my teeth and wear clean underwear! If you need to be that specific, why leave anything out. I couldn't wait to get to the doctor's office the next day to ask if this had really been a problem. The nurse said, "You'd be surprised" and left it at that. I'd been taught as a young child the proper etiquette of how to go to the doctor's office. Bath, brush your teeth, and above all, wear clean underwear.

Lately, I've been a little taken aback over a small problem we've had with a person that didn't have the manners of upbringing to remove his hat at our County Commission meetings. These are just plain basic manners that were taught to me by my parents and other adults as I was growing up. I don't

remember when the first lessons started, but by the time I was in the first grade I knew to never interrupt an adult while they were talking, and to

take my hat off when I came into the house. I also learned to take my hat off when I was introduced to a lady. That just automatically went along with "Yes sir" and "No ma'am."

most ranch women also teach you to take your spurs off in the house so the kitchen chairs don't get scratched. After the first lesson, with the help of the broom, very few need to be reminded of this one. My wife and I have been married umpteen years but I still take my hat off when I ask her to dance. This list goes on and on, like opening the door for a lady, or getting up so a lady can sit down. Many things that were taught to me as a child. I just assumed were taught to everyone. Guess not.

Have you ever been at a high school ball game, where everyone stands for the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem? sure enough, almost every time there has to be one wannabe drugstore cowboy that doesn't have manners enough to remove his hat. I won't say what goes through my mind when I see this. I wouldn't want to be misperceived by some to be a threat of physical violence.

Some places in the world, it's considered a compliment to belch real loud after a meal so the host will know how much you enjoyed their cooking. That's not accepted as good manners here. Our Southwestern cuisine seems to produce vast quantities of gas, but it's considered bad manners if you don't control this malady while in public. Breast feeding of babies, nope, we'll sidestep that one. For those of you that chew tobacco or dip snuff it's still considered bad manners to spit tobacco juice on the

floor. I will say that modesty is a virtue. We could go on like this for hours, but let's don't. None of this has anything to do with state or federal laws. They are not county ordinances, just plain good manners.

What does this have to do with commissioner meetings? It's not complicated, just good manners. As a local government, we are required to abide by the Open Meetings Act. In section 10-15-1, Formation of Public Policy, paragraph two reads, in part, "...Unless a public body cannot reasonably do so, it must permit members of the public attending its meeting to record or videotape the proceedings. The Act does not require a public body to allow members of the public to speak at its meetings."

The latter part of paragraph six reads, "An open meeting is not necessarily an open forum and, so long as the Act is complied with, public bodies may limit or not allow public debate and may take steps necessary to maintain public order."

As the Lincoln County Commissioners, we have always allowed everyone to speak, even though we don't have to, and because of this, our meetings usually run hours longer than they need to. We do this out of courtesy and respect for our citizens. I don't think we're out of line to ask the same of them.

We welcome everyone to come participate and offer helpful input, as we strive to do the job we were elected to do. If you are a teenager going through puberty, or even an adult going through a second childhood, and you have an uncontrollable urge to rebel against anything you perceive as an authority figure, please leave the chip on your shoulder outside and we will attempt to conduct our meetings with the highest degree of dignity we can muster. Clean underwear is optional.

St. Joseph's Mission Historical designations should help church

Money, new interest follow moves recognizing cultural significance

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The massive stone St. Joseph's Apache Mission was included on three lists this year. Two recognize the church's historic significance and the third acknowledges that it is an endangered place.

For the past three years, supporters of the mission with its 50-foot high walls spent hours climbing scaffolds to repair the crumbling mortar between the huge stones quarried nearby. But the project requires a constant infusion of dollars as well as hours.

Mary Serna, restoration administrator, and Brother Peter A. Boegel, restoration director, said they hope the recent historical designations of the mission constructed over a 20 year period by Father Albert Braun and the labor of residents of Mescalero, will spark new interest in the project.

The mission along U.S. 70 on the Mescalero Apache Reservation that adjoins Ruidoso is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Cultural Properties. It also was selected for New Mexico's Most Endangered Places 2005 list.

Boegel emphasized that being added to the lists does not lessen control or interfere with ownership of the church, but opens up avenues to state and federal protection and could possible lead to eligibility for foundations grants, such as "Save America's Treasures."

Since 1998, advocates raised \$748,393 for the restoration project. Of that amount, 36 percent came from private foundations, Serna said. Another 51 percent was generated by individual donations and 13 percent came from fund-raising activities and earned interest.

This year's annual restoration raffle is set for Oct. 2. Last year, more than \$8,000 was raised and about a quarter of the participants also offered additional donations. This year's goal is \$10,000, Serna said.

Expenses to date hit \$657,676, with 75 percent going for labor and training expenses. A Stewardship Program of people who donate monthly has contributed \$29,800 since May 2003.

At the end of April, the balance in the restoration fund was \$126,818. Of that amount, \$32,208 is needed for roof work and \$31,000 for training, Serna said.

On April 25, the new clay roof tiles were delivered for two small roof sections on the east end of the church, she said. Preliminary preparation roof work was accomplished last fall, and she is waiting for Smith Roofing of Las Cruces to apply the new flashing, moisture barrier and stronger Ludowici clay roof tiles. The

estimated cost of the project is \$150,000 and is being tackled in phases, Serna said.

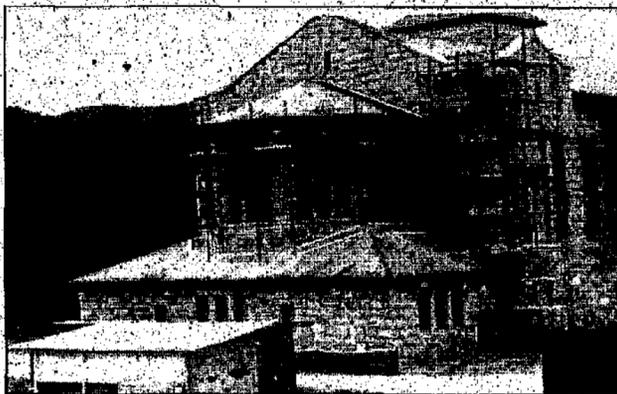
Dale Zinn, historic preservation architect of the project, described the roof work as a "critical preservation intervention to protect the structural integrity" of the roof and walls.

Boegel said the restoration project is successful because of the dedication of many people who want to see the landmark preserved for future generations.

Two of the more recent volunteers are Tom Briones and his fiancée Susan Biles, who plan to be married in the mission. Briones works as an electrical engineer in Houston, but after visiting the mission last summer, said he wanted to help. He drives 12 hours from Texas to Mescalero every month to spend a day "getting dirty and working hard," Boegel said.

"We now are gearing up for the summer season and have already selected our trainees," Serna said. "It is nice to see that there are young people who want to take a dirty, physically difficult job for the summer because of their appreciation for the importance of this church and the veterans' to their families and to their community."

Last fall, scaffolding was set up on the interior of the west wall and for the past six months a crew has been repointing the stonework and reinforcing roof beams.



Two sections of roof on the east end of the church await a crew from Las Cruces to install the new roofing material.

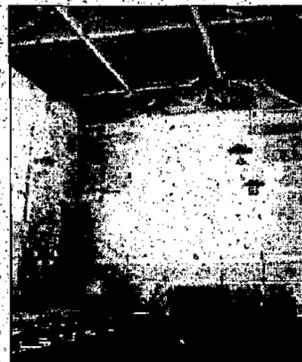
Many passageways for bats and cold air have been plugged up as stone walls are strengthened and with help from full-time employee Arylis Chee, Boegel said.

"We discovered some structural damage to the concrete arch above the large window in the west wall," he said. Zinn advised them to install steel reinforcement to the arch. CVE Machine & Welding in High Rolls fabricated the steel arch, which was painted to match the color of mortar.



Restoration crew members are, from left, Brother David Paz, Mary Serna, Tommy Spottedbird and Brother Peter Boegel, seen at the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance conference in Taos.

For more information or to donate time or money, call Serna at (505) 464-4539.



Approximately half of the interior west wall has been restored and strengthened, working from the top down.

Belt used in strangulation

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A young mother whose body was found in her Lookout Manor condominium May 8 apparently was strangled with a belt, according to a recording placed to a police emergency number.

A man who identified himself on a 911 call as the brother of 19-year-old Kristin L. Black's best friend, said his sister went inside the unit and discovered Black's body with a belt around the neck.

Black's husband, 22-year-old Ivan Villa of Ruidoso, is wanted for questioning in the death and in the kidnapping of Black's 16-month-old son, Justin Black, who was located Friday. The child, believed to have been taken to Mexico by Villa, his stepfather, was turned over by FBI authorities to the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families' Department of Protective Services, said Special

Agent in Charge Andean Stephens in Albuquerque.

Stephens credited the quick return of the young boy to the "diligent investigative efforts" of special agents assigned to the Roswell and Las Cruces resident agencies, as well as FBI field offices in El Paso, Houston, San Antonio and Chicago, and the FBI's Legal Attaché in Mexico City.

Black's car was recovered in Juárez three days after her death, which apparently occurred several hours after Black called 911 to help in a dispute with her husband over a lease and the return of her purse.

Stephens lauded the cooperation of Mexican law enforcement officials, the New Mexico State Police and the Ruidoso Police Department for Justin Black's return.

Anyone with information about Villa's location is asked to contact the Albuquerque FBI office at (505) 859-1300, a 24-hour number.

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Children in first- to fifth grades are invited to join fellow inventive types June 6-10 at White Mountain Intermediate from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. All activities are taught and supervised by certificated teachers.

Registration by May 31 is \$199; the rate is \$209 after May 31. This summer there is a special deal called Bring a Buddy. Friends or siblings who both sign up together can each save \$20.

Campers will have fun participating in hands-on activities all the while enhancing their understanding of science, math, history and the arts. The non-profit program is created by the National Inventors Hall of Fame and is celebrating its 15th year of providing enrichment programs for children.

Call Susie Morss at 354-0929 for more information on how to register or visit the Web site www.campinvention.org.

New money for dentistry programs

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Peter Domenici confirmed this week that the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges has received a federal grant to support additional education opportunities for students interested in post-secondary education in dentistry.

The \$248,000 in U.S. Department of Education funding was awarded through the Fund for the Improvement

of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

"I am hopeful this award will help spur the creation of dental programs in New Mexico's community colleges that can help alleviate the shortage of dentists in rural areas," Domenici said. "Students who choose to take this career path can do so at a greater number of locations and New Mexicans in rural areas will get the attention they need."

The New Mexico Interactive Distance Dental Education grant will be used to research and set up a program to teach dental hygiene at remote community colleges around the state. The goal of the program is to reduce the severe shortage of trained dental health professionals in rural areas while creating high paying jobs.

A pilot project between the University of New Mexico Dental Hygiene School and Eastern New Mexico University at Roswell will be started by January 2006 and other sites will follow, possibly at Las Cruces, Hobbs, Española, Las Vegas, Santa Fe, Gallup, Silver City and Clovis.

ENMU grads

A total of 26 students at Eastern New Mexico University - Ruidoso completed requirements for associate's degrees, four for bachelor's degrees, and two for master's degrees during the Spring 2005 semester. Commencement ceremonies for area students were held in Roswell on May 13 and in Portales on May 14.

With ENMU-Ruidoso recently made a branch campus, plans are well under way for the first locally-held graduation ceremony. Next year's ceremony will take place at the Spencer Theater, Sunday, May 14, 2006.

Dramatic take on history wins first at state contest

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On the first fielding of young historians in the National History Day Competition, Ruidoso Middle School is sending a first-place seventh-grader to the national finals in Washington, D.C., this summer. Thirteen-year-old Ellyn Koehler blew away the competition at the state level April 29 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

Koehler and several classmates from Alicia Annala's history classes earned their way to state competition after placing in a regional contest held at the Hubbard Museum of the American West April 12. Coda Omness, the museum's education curator, said she saw Koehler's presentation on the Pony Express and it was "quite impressive."

National History Day, this year funded in part by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, the New Mexico Humanities Council, Qwest, Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation and the Historical Society of New Mexico, is not just one day but a year-long education program dedicated to the teaching and learning of history in middle and high schools. It is sponsored nationally by the History Channel and offers students scholarships and prizes at the national level.

The program makes history come alive through educator professional development and interactive student learning. More than 350 students from across the state created papers, exhibits, dramatic performances and media projects. The first- and second-place winners will represent New Mexico at the national competition June 12.

Drama queen

A member of Waytha Wirth's drama class, Koehler jumped at the chance to write, direct and perform in her own one-woman show. Her interest in the Pony Express was sparked by the Hubbard Museum's collection of equine artifacts and her own love of horses.

As she started writing her script, based on extensive research in libraries and via the Internet, Koehler said the voice of an old woman emerged for her and she decided to portray the fictional grandmother of Pony Express founder William Russell.

"I thought the grandmother sounded like the best person because she would be proud of them (Pony Express founders) William Russell and William Gwinn and she would know a lot about it," Koehler said.

Koehler borrowed the perfect costume from her mother, Sherrie Koehler, who stages an annual Freedom Fair with her own social studies class at White Mountain Intermediate. She also made her own set, using garage door panels as flats for her character's cottage and building a fireplace with lumber and a little help from Dad and his power tools. Except for technical assistance (like using power tools), History Day contestants were not allowed to get help on their projects from parents or teachers.

"If they found out your parents did something for you, you



PAMELA CROMWELL/STAFF

Ellyn Koehler will represent New Mexico in her category at National History Day Competition finals in Washington, D.C., this summer.

were disqualified," Koehler said.

Koehler said she enjoyed the challenge of the whole project and had so much fun with it that it changed her opinion about history class.

"History was not always my favorite subject, but now I like it a whole lot more," she said. "Doing the projects was more fun than just taking notes, and it was like we were teaching the class with our projects."

The art of research

Every member of Annala's seventh- and eighth-grade classes did a History Day project, but only select projects went to regional competition, and of those only the top three in each category went to state. Students competed in the following categories: individual written papers, individual or group exhibits, individual or group documentaries using media, and individual or group skits.

Ten RMS students made it to the state competition: Jacob Rigby and Keith Yeager for individual documentaries; Christine Authement, Sarah Koehler, Courtney Kessler, Amber Gardner, Lawrence Schaffer and Kenna Prizzell for group exhibits; Brittany Porter and Stephen Chino for individual exhibits; Juliette Sicard for written paper; and Ellyn Koehler for individual skit. Koehler will represent New Mexico for her category at the national finals.

"This was a fantastic opportunity to teach all of my students how to do research and look at history from a different point of view," Annala said. "Students were not only required to research and present their topic, but they had to develop an annotated bibliography using the MLA format and write a process paper describing the ways they developed their project."

Following a presentation, judges interviewed the students about their research and presentation choices. Koehler said she conducted most of her

"I think the Pony Express motivated others to make other communication services and that's why we're so advanced today. We always want to make things faster."

Ellyn Koehler
Ruidoso seventh-grader

graph got started, but they just couldn't compete with the telegraph."

Dressed in their red flannel shirt and blue trousers, riders were originally heavily equipped with a rifle, a Colt revolver, sheath knife, a horn and a Bible in addition to the mochilla (mail bag), Koehler said. "But that was too heavy for the horses, so after a while they didn't give them all that stuff. Russell and Gwinn went into debt because of all the supplies they bought and because they paid the riders \$50 a day."

Another commonly held belief that Koehler discovered to be myth is that the Pony Express advertised for orphans to join the ranks and risk their lives on the dangerous Western trails.

"I originally had that advertisement in my play, but the judges at the Hubbard Museum told me that ad was a joke made up by Mark Twain, I think," Koehler said. "So I found the real ad and used that one in my skit at state."

The big league

Koehler plans to spruce up her set a little for the national competition. Her parents are driving the family to D.C. so they can haul the flats and props, which include a milk churn and a photo album Koehler made.

Koehler said the state competition was an easy win, with only one contender she thought might beat her. Annala said Koehler won "hands down" in Albuquerque.

"She did well because her presentation was really research-based and she incorporated all that research beautifully into her skit," Annala said. "The judges were really impressed."

Nationals will be a huge jump in the level of competition, where Koehler will face 49 opponents instead of just five.

"The stages keep getting bigger and bigger," Koehler said. "I started out in just a room at the Hubbard Museum, then a theater at state, and I don't know what it'll be like in Washington."

A contingency of up to 50 students from New Mexico will travel to D.C., but because the Koehlers are travelling separately in order to carry Ellyn's props and set, none of her travel expenses are covered by the state organization's group travel arrangements.

The Ruidoso School Board is chipping in for her registration, and the Hubbard Museum may be supporting some travel costs, but the Koehlers could use additional community support on their journey to Washington. Donations may be made through the Academic Boosters Club at Ruidoso Middle School, 257-7324.

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Teacher, Ruidoso Middle School

ETZ: Annexation remains on village radar

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created under state law for planning and platting (filing the layout of a lot, development or subdivision), but the county has no authority or involvement. The district encompasses the zone, which deals with land use issues.

"If you throw it out now, we will have lost all means of communication or ways to help people in the ETZ," she emphasized.

One of the suggestions from the task force that seemed to appeal to the commissioners and to Ruidoso Village Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars in the audience, would require that forms be devised spelling out requirements and containing check lists.

They would be handed out to applicants and would describe the exact requirements for any specific project, varying only in whether the request was for a variance, conditional use, building permit or zoning change.

"By having the precise requirements identified and printed on the forms, the administrative subjectivity should be eliminated from the process," the three task force members wrote in a memorandum to the commission.

Byars said she has long advocated such an approach, which would help people know from the outset what they have to do to be approved. Requirements couldn't be changed or added by staff, St. John noted.

Also on the memorandum list of suggestions, the task force proposed:

- Amending the ordinance to allow someone to appeal to the ETZ Commission, if at any time they believe they have been unfairly treated or aggrieved in some manner by a decision of the village planning administrator in relationship to an application. The ETZC decision could be appealed within 10 days to the ETZ Authority, the ultimate governing board composed of two county commissioners and one village councilor.

- "The addition of the right to appeal any administrative decisions at any point in the process will provide greater access to an applicant to his elected representatives," they wrote.

- That County Planner Curt Temple would attend all ETZ meetings to report to the commission, which would give commissioners a chance to deal with problems and issues early in the process.

- Amending the ordinance to allow applicants to use either state or village inspectors on a project.

Morel said he also needs to know which village ordinances are enforced in the three-mile planning and platting (recorded layout of development) district around the village.

"This information needs to be incorporated into the forms to be created so that the public will know which laws are applicable to them in both the ETZ and three mile planning and platting jurisdiction," Morel wrote.

Although Commission Chair Rick Simpson voted with Hobbs against continuing the zone and authorizing the task force to devote more time to the revamping of the zone rules while reporting back to the board monthly, he said the initial suggestions showed the first hope of success and valid movement forward.

Morel said the task force looked at other options, such as the county taking over administration of the zone or splitting responsibility with the village, but the first would be too expensive and the latter might be too complicated.

Battán said he supports the ETZ contingent on an ordinance being properly drafted and administered. He understands the frustration of people



Zack Cook, (front) Ruidoso Assistant Village Attorney, who advises the Extra-territorial Zoning Commission, and Junior Behringer, an outspoken ETZ opponent based on past encounters, sat next to each other Tuesday.

living in the zone not having direct control over the staff that handles the district. By being able to appeal to the ETZ, they will be heard by two elected county commissioners, he said.

Lovelace said Temple's telephone number at the county substation in Ruidoso should be listed on the forms to give residents of the zone a person to contract if they believe they were treated unfairly. He could become involved, she said.

"From what I hear, they are not real people-friendly and some feel like they are not being listened to," she said.

However, Don Gunn, recently appointed to the ETZC, said during the two meetings he has attended, the staff appeared to do a great deal of preparation and to try hard to work with applicants and to present their information in the best light.

Byars said she likes compromises and assured commissioners that the village council will continue to look at annexation of land around the municipality, which will give residents of the areas a voice in selecting commissioners from their districts, "so they won't feel disenfranchised."

But commissioners also heard from detractors of the zone.

Junior Behringer, a former village inspector who butted heads with department staff and the ETZC over a flea market on U.S. 70 that also allowed

vendors to stay in their recreational vehicles and vans overnight, read a scathing criticism of the administration. He said when he was an inspector, he "never dictated to people how to use their land."

He can drive down the street and see where the village broke its own codes when it suits the administration, "yet other applications are denied," he contended. He criticized a moratorium on multiple family construction in Camelot subdivision, saying the village had 30 years to prepare to supply infrastructure there.

Oscara resident Jerry Carroll said commissioners must watch that compromise doesn't become waffling. He contended the ETZC members refused to acknowledge the basic existence of the county's comprehensive land use plan, adopted by resolution. St. John disagreed and read from official ETZC minutes of April 14, that revisions would be accomplished "in accordance with recommendations contained in the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan."

Morel said village officials have not been involved with the task force to this point, although Planning Director Charles Rennick called to find out what was happening.

"They made the effort to call," Morel said, but until he received direction from the county commission, he didn't want to involve the village.

Hobbs said, "I think we're basically on a fool's mission." He questioned how the village could impose its rules for forest management and landscaping, when they are not part of the ETZ ordinance. Morel said that can be done, but he wasn't sure the village had followed the necessary procedures.

When Hobbs complained that under village rules, home owners must pass a competency test to act as contractor and to take out permits for repair, renovation or building of their own homes, Gunn said state law requires the same thing, even if the village wasn't involved.

Even with the decision now to continue the zone, commissioners could decide later to move ahead with a unilateral dissolution.

New map needed to identify ETZ

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Village staff was directed to prepare a map that will delineate the exact boundaries of the one-mile ETZ around Ruidoso. The council last week said the information would be useful for annexation as well as determining which addresses fall within the zone.

Councilor Don Williams relayed the information Monday to members of the ETZ Commission as they discussed the future of the transition zone.

If the Lincoln County Commission decides again at some point to dissolve the zone, residents there could petition under state law for a zone to be created and county officials could not refuse, he said. Knowing for sure who lives in the zone will help the county clerk determine if the required

percentage of eligible signatures are included on petitions, he explained.

Village Planning Director Charles Rennick said the only map now is a one-mile arch and is not precise.

"To map, we need to know which property owners fall in and out of that line," he said. It will be difficult, involve (global positioning) work and research at the county. It won't happen overnight, but the council expressed it as a priority.

Williams said Village Deputy Manager Cleatus Richards said he will need the information for annexation and it should be easy.

"Easy for him," Rennick clarified. "Because he'll turn it over to me."

The task should be finished some time in the summer, but one month may be too optimistic, he said.

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BY DIANNE STALLINGS
RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF WRITER

Continuing with what dog lovers in New Mexico can do to end the ugly and barbaric practice of dog fighting, officials with the U.S. Humane Society urge people to write the members of their congressional delegations to support a new bill.

"This bill, called the Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act, sponsored by Rep. Mark Green (R-WI), will increase the penalties for cock-fighting, dog fighting and hog-dog fights, where dogs are pitted against hogs in small, enclosed spaces, causing severe injuries and often death," according to the USHS Web site.

"A cruel bloodsport, animal fighting involves breeding, mistreating and pumping animals full of harmful drugs to increase their aggressiveness, then forcing them to keep fighting even after they've suffered terrible injuries."

Although dog fighting is illegal in all 50 states, it continues to thrive in many, including New Mexico, where it is considered felony animal abuse under state law.

This new bill would increase federal penalties to a felony also, making it worth the time of investigators and prosecutors to pursue cases.

Humane officials also suggested helping by:

- Urging at least five friends to contact their representatives about this bill. The fight can't be won unless a large, loud, majority urges legislators to do the right thing and help end this cruelty.

- Finding out more about these barbaric bloodsports by checking out the HSUS Web site to learn about the organization's "Animal Fighting - the Final Round" campaign.

It contains more information on animal fighting activities in the U.S., underground video, and previous efforts to help end this despicable practice.

"Last year, an identical bill was close to being passed but didn't get over the finish line," humane officials said. "The result? Another year went by with animal fighting going unchecked and gaining popular-

ity while helpless animals were killed for gambling and entertainment purposes.

"We can't let that happen again. We must stop animal fighting. You can make a difference - right now with swift action."

The Humane Society of the United States can be contacted at 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037, or by e-mailing humane@hhs.org, by calling 202-452-1100 or through the Web site at www.hhs.org.

Next week, I'll focus on our own Humane Society of Lincoln County animal shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road, the need for many more volunteers willing to do more than just walk dogs and play with kittens. The shelter needs people willing to get "down and dirty" to help. All of the many pet groomers in town could contribute by donating a few hours a month to spruce up the little guys and enhance their chances of adoption.

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Judge rules: Capitan Mayor denied authority to lock up gas company

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A May 12 hearing resulted in a temporary injunction against Capitan Mayor Steve Sederwall individually and in his capacity as mayor of Capitan. The preliminary injunction precludes Mayor Sederwall from taking any actions to the detriment of the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas company, discharging employees without authority, changing locks on the door and shutting the business down.

The injunction follows the temporary restraining order placed on Sederwall by order of District Court Judge Karen Parsons and filed for by the Town of Carrizozo and Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas.

The restraining order was granted on May 5 after Mayor Sederwall closed CCNG doors and sent the employees home in reaction to the CCNG \$5.04

increase in the billing rate without a vote of the CCNG joint use board.

Attorney of record for the Town of Carrizozo and CCNG in the matter, David Stevens, outlined his case by saying the actions of Mayor Sederwall were without authority and the continuance of that kind of action would cause CCNG to suffer irreparable financial damage.

First Amendment rights were discussed in regard to Sederwall's statements in the news. Carrizozo attorney Stevens pressed for the injunction to also preclude Sederwall from making statements to the press that would be detrimental to the company.

Judge Parsons stated that making those statements, while dangerous, were not slanderous. "I don't think I can prohibit him from saying that," she advised that the impact of the statements could be cause for a lawsuit.

During the evidence portion of the hearing, Judge Parsons advised counsel to stay with the issue at hand when evidence argued the viability of the company rather than Sederwall's authority to close the company.

When the judge asked Sederwall what authority he thought he had to shut down the company he replied, "I believe I had the same authority to do that as (Carrizozo) Mayor (Manny) Hernandez had to raise the rates."

Mayor Hernandez had stated the rates were returned to the "regular rate" they had been prior to the months of lowering the rates. When a rate schedule was produced by Capitan attorney Marc Prelo showing month-by-month rates prior to the decreases, there was no \$13.04 rate listed.

"The court at another hearing is going to be most interested in knowing whether or not there was an estab-

lished set rate at sometime previous to this that was \$13 and whatever cents," said Parsons. "I'm not sure it has any relevance to this action. As it stands now each side is telling me one thing or another. And if what is true is somewhere down the road in the back the rates were established at \$13.04 then they didn't raise the rates, they went back to the normal rates. But if there was no authority to keep at \$13, then they raised them without authority."

Judge Parsons cautioned Sederwall that he was bound by the terms of the Joint Powers Agreement to diligently bill and collect accounts for the services provided by the company. When the issue comes before the court on a final hearing, Parsons said she will

expect everyone involved not to do anything to damage the company.

"I find that Mr. Sederwall had absolutely no authority to do what he did," ruled Parsons. "I will add to the preliminary injunction the fact that neither Mayor Sederwall nor any other individual board member without board approval will go in and shut the doors of this business."

Two days after the hearing, Village of Capitan trustees voted in a resolution to dissolve the CCNG joint powers agreement with a May 31 deadline. No other action will be taken by the Village Capitan until that date.

The CCNG Joint Use board will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at the CCNG offices in Capitan.

Backforty Bunkhouse made Smokey Bear Days a success

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The Smokey Bear Days May 6-7 turned the Village of Capitan into a beehive of activity highlighted by the music drawn to the area by Joe Baker's Backforty Bunkhouse Productions. Baker also hosts a weekly radio show, "The Backforty Bunkhouse," on Ruidoso radio stations W105.1 and KNMB 96.7 FM.

Performers came to Capitan from as far away as Washington, D.C., Hollywood, Calif., Arizona, Arkansas, Texas, and Colorado as well as New Mexico.

Baker says that John Payne, president of the Tucson Cowboy Music Round Up and master of ceremonies on this year's day stage was his biggest asset because of Payne's knowledge of the performers, his experience and attention to detail. Baker and Payne

co-produce the Roundup held each November.

Capitan was the place to be and there were performers who sacrificed some accolade time to be here. Desperados' steel guitar player Jimmy Tomlinson from Hatch missed the ceremonies inducting him into the Western Music Hall of Fame in Fort Worth because he was playing in Capitan for the 2005 Smokey Bear Days.

Las Cruces' Ted Scanlon and the Desperados are the reigning Academy of Western Artists' Western Swing Group of the Year. Baker's good friend of many years, Johnny Gimble performed on Saturday night and has played on two of the Desperados' albums. Baker along with Scanlon was inducted into the Western Music Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas, in May 2004.

Baker would like to thank the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Forest Service and Smokey Bear Historical Park and all the fans of The Desperados and Johnny Gimble for their outstanding support for the performers that participated in the second annual Smokey Bear Days.

"This was an opportunity to bring Lincoln County in contact with some of the finest entertainers from the Academy of Western Artists and the Western Music Association to present their exposure to this area of New Mexico," said Baker. "The key to this exposure is to get the artists familiar with the public weeks before the event. Radio plays a big part in getting these performers noticed before they actually do their act before the public."

Promotions are a plus to both the county and the artists. Baker's goal is to educate organizations within Lincoln County to include the performers they wish to participate in their event in their initial advertising and promotions for their event.

"Lincoln County has some of the finest premier entertainers in the business today and they have a loyal following but the public needs to know where the performers are going to be at the onset of any event," Baker said. "Productions and promotions play a big part in the success of any venture."

Parting Ways

Capitan seeks dissolution of Joint Powers Agreement

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In a special meeting called for Saturday, May 14, the Capitan Village Council adopted a resolution outlining their reasons for seeking to terminate or rescind the Joint Powers Agreement between the Town of Carrizozo and Village of Capitan for the Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas Company.

The resolution was adopted by a 3-1 vote with George Tippin casting the only "nay."

The Village of Capitan Resolution 2005-18 "finds with regard to the continued operation of the CCNG association under the JPA agreement dated March 8, 1996, the stated purpose of the CCNG utility is to operate the municipal gas utility for the benefit of the citizens of each of the municipalities within the defined service area."

The resolution lists five reasons the Capitan board of trustees believe CCNG is not serving its stated purpose and is not benefiting the citizens of the Village of Capitan.

1. CCNG is currently charging its customers a rate of \$13.04 per mcf, which rate is approximately 60 percent higher than the rate charged by Zia Natural Gas, a regulated public utility providing natural gas service in Lincoln County, and, upon information and belief, the highest rate ever charged in the history of CCNG; and

2. CCNG's rates are not adjusted for atmospheric pressure. As a result, the Board of Trustees reasonably believes that the utility is making a profit on the wholesale cost of natural gas. Because regulated public utilities in New Mexico are not permitted to profit from the wholesale price of natural gas, CCNG should also be prohibited from making a profit on the wholesale cost of natural gas.

3. CCNG is bound by the terms of a 20-year gas transportation con-

tract with Zia Natural Gas which results in a surcharge for transportation and distribution of natural gas of approximately \$2.08 per mcf. The Board of Trustees finds that this Gas Transportation Contract is not to the benefit of the citizens of Capitan.

4. The Capitan Board of Trustees finds that CCNG lacks the size, ability or technical expertise to bid for wholesale natural gas purchases in the current deregulated market. As a result, CCNG has purchased wholesale natural gas at a significantly higher rate than that held by Zia Natural Gas, resulting in significantly higher rates to the citizens of the Village of Capitan.

5. CCNG is exceeding its express authority under the Joint Powers Agreement by serving beyond the service area set forth in Section 3-25-3 NMSA, 1978. As such, CCNG is operating illegally in serving customers who are more than five miles from the corporate limits of the respective municipalities. The Board of Trustees determines that the illegal provision of service is an unwarranted liability to the Village of Capitan, and is not in the best interests of the citizens of the Village of Capitan.

The resolution concludes by stating that unless an acceptable agreement for sale of the natural gas distribution system is reached by the CCNG Joint Use Board on or before May 31, 2005, the Village of Capitan elects to terminate or rescind the JPA.

In terminating, the village will take action and enter into agreements to provide for a partition of the undivided interests of CCNG and ensure an economical, reliable and uninterrupted supply of natural gas to the citizens of the Village of Capitan and to the extent possible, to all of the customers of CCNG.

At press time, Capitan attorney Marc Prelo was preparing to file the dissolution documents in district court.

AG DAY BBQ



JULIE CARTER/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Corriente CowBelles hosted their annual Ag Day last Friday. Ag day workers and CowBelles were served a barbeque sandwich lunch by Wynell Kenemore, seen here on the left with CowBelles Willie Hobbs and Pat Ward giving her a hand.

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Carrizozo residents remain leery of drug paraphernalia ordinance

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Adopting the state law governing possession of drug paraphernalia as a town ordinance continues to bring protest from a number of Carrizozo residents.

In a public hearing held prior to the Carrizozo board of trustees meeting on May 10, residents expressed concerns ranging from complaints of the broad wording used in the ordinance to possible abuse by local government that could use selective enforcement of the ordinance.

Carrizozo Mayor Manny Hernandez pointed out that the ordinance Carrizozo hopes to adopt is the already a state law. "Passing this ordinance is doing something about the drug problem that people are complaining about, saying we aren't doing enough. And when we do try to do something then we get kicked in the rear. That is the reason we are taking it from the

state point of view." "We are trying to move the department forward and be aggressive with the drug problem," said police Chief Mike Howard.

Another public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held prior to the June 14 regular town council meeting. Howard was instructed to do research case law and present results at that meeting.

In the public comment portion of the council meeting, Bohannon-Huston's senior vice president and managing principal, Rob Richardson provided the council with an update on the waste water treatment project.

Richardson advised the board they would be sending a letter to Lincoln County in reference to their participation in the facility from the detention center. The letter outlines an estimate for monthly cost for the center to be between \$2000-2500 per month.

Mayor Hernandez said he

thought that was little high and that it may be negotiable. Richardson said it was just a preliminary number for their budget process. "It is a lot of money, there is no doubt about it but they (Lincoln County Detention Center) are making a significant contribution to the system."

The April activity report from the Carrizozo Police Department showed 68 citations issued with 43 of those for speeding. Twelve warnings were issued and penalty assessments totaled \$3,766.

The case log numbered 17 with 15 closed, 2 pending and one arrest. Fifty-two dog and 11 cat licenses have been issued, 38 of which were issued at the recent Rabies Clinic. Six code enforcement notices were sent with one court summons issued.

The Carrizozo Animal Shelter had seven new animals in residence in April. Two were returned to owners, one adopted and four remain at the shel-

ter. With costs exceeding income for city dumping and trash control, the Carrizozo council discussed the current dumping fees and guidelines. The matter was tabled until the next regular meeting when town clerk Leann Weibrecht will present a new pricing schedule to be voted on.

In other action the council:

- Approved hiring of Annette Vega as Utility/MVD Clerk

- Set budget workshop for May 24 at 5:30 p.m.

- Approved P&Z recommendation for beauty salon for Jessica Roper at 315 Birch Street

- Approved P&Z recommendation for construction of beauty salon for Diane Chavez on corner lot of Eighth Street

- Tabled Street Fair special event permit and Wells Fargo retirement plan presentation.

The next regular Carrizozo town council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. June 14.



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Michelle Stearns, Cloverbud 4-H Leader, has a going and growing 4-H group of 29 youngsters. Pictured here are a portion of them that were present for their monthly meeting on Monday.

Cloverbud 4-H growing and going in Capitan

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Cloverbuds is an exploratory non-competitive program for beginning 4-Hers ages 5-8. In Capitan, the Cloverbud program has exploded from an average of five or six children to a phenomenal 29 members, under the tutelage of Cloverbud volunteer leader Michelle Stearns.

Stearns is a substitute teacher for grades K-5 and full-time volunteer at Capitan Elementary.

She is a Corriente CowBelle member as well as the Lincoln County Rodeo Club queen contest director. She and her husband Robert have two sons, Wade, 7, and Clay, 5.

Stearns enjoyed 4-H as a youth and is very enthusiastic about sharing that experience with the children of today. A 1991 graduate of Cibola High School in Albuquerque, Stearns was also an FFA member, state officer, and remains active in the state FFA organization as a life time member and frequent guest speaker at FFA events.

Prior to Stearns taking over the leadership of the C-Mountain 4-H Cloverbuds, Paula Rush was the leader while her daughter Emily was a member. Rush loved the energy and enthusiasm the children always had and liked how the Cloverbud program made for a smooth transition for the children going into regular nine-18-year-old 4-H.

Cloverbuds complete a workbook as part of the project. The lessons teach self improvement, commitment to a project, family, and responsibility

for your own project. The majority of the C-Mountain group will show goats, rabbits or chickens in this year's county fair in August.

C-Mountain 4-H and Cloverbuds meet once a month on the third Monday at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds. Velma Ward and Sharon Young are leaders of the 34 regular 4-Hers in the club. Cindy Fogelson assists the youth that show goats.

New Mexico 4-H began in 1912, becoming part of what has grown to be the largest youth organization in the world with over seven million members and 603,000 volunteer leaders. In New Mexico there are 76,000 4-H members with 11,000 volunteer leaders and more than 200 projects from which to choose.

To "learn by doing" is fundamental to any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H youth development program. Informal education provided by the 4-H program enhances the basic values provided by the home, school, community, and other youth-friendly environments.

Joining New Mexico 4-H is a phone call away. If you are between the ages of five and nineteen and live in one of New Mexico's 33 counties, 4-H has a club near you. Nine to nineteen-year-olds may participate in 4-H through community clubs, after-school programs, and classrooms.

4-H clubs in Lincoln County are offering children and teens something special. To find out more about 4-H opportunities contact the County Extension Office at 648-2311.

Capitan Public Library announces summer children programs

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Talking Books is the theme for the Capitan Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Library volunteers are saying "Come hear what the books are saying."

Each Thursday from June 2-July 28; 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon, children will be treated to storytelling and special events as well as projects, snacks and stories. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

On June 2, Roger the Storyteller will be sharing Indian legends, June 9 children can explore printing and rubber stamping, June 16 is make your own books day, June 23 is puzzle and puppet day and June 30 brings Tip Vanderwart and her multi-cultural tales.

July's calendar features Terri Hardeman teaching sign language on July 7. On July 14 Nisha Hoffman will tell petroglyph stories and children will make rock art. Terri the Gypsy Storyteller will be there on July 21 to teach mask making, and on July 28 is learning "storigami," a paper-folding activity.

In addition to the exciting weekly programs, children are encouraged to read books and earn prizes by completing a simple reading log and turning it in to the library. The first 30 children to bring in their reading logs will get book-bags handmade by library volunteers. Each time a reading log is returned, readers will earn another prize.

Come to the Capitan Library this summer and hear what the books are saying.

Susie Morss is the volunteer summer reading program coordinator. For more information call the library, 354-3035.

'MOZE' EXCELLENT



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Moze Sparks was chosen for the 2005 Excellence for Student Achievement Award by the Capitan Board of Education and Capitan Municipal Schools. Sparks has been a Capitan Schools employee for 10 years with the last eight of those as the elementary school secretary. Elementary principal Chuck Hargrave says Sparks is "Absolutely wonderful. She runs interference here in the office, is terrific with the community, works well with the parents, and is always available to all the teachers. Her knowledge of the history of the community and the school has been invaluable to me as a newcomer to the area."

Capitan appoints municipal judge

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The Village of Capitan trustees have voted to appoint a municipal judge to handle municipal matters until the next elections.

J.D. Roark has been appointed to position pending a public hearing on June 14

prior to the regular council meeting.

Capitan has been without a municipal judge since the death of Jack Johnson in the fall of 2004. Magistrate court was given jurisdiction over Capitan ordinances by a December 2004 resolution passed by the Capitan village council.

National Cattlemen's Foundation to give 2006 beef industry Scholarship

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The National Cattlemen's Foundation is offering 20 scholarships of \$1,500 each to outstanding students pursuing careers in the beef industry. Qualifying fields of study may include education, communications, production, research or any other area involved with the beef industry. The purpose of this program is to identify and encourage talented and thoughtful students who will emerge as industry leaders.

The first place winner will also receive airfare and lodging to attend the 2006 Annual Cattle Industry Convention and Trade Show in Denver, Colo., February 1-4, 2006.

Conditions of eligibility are:

- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or full-time undergraduate student enrolled at a two or four-year institution for the 2006-07 school year.

- Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to the beef industry through classes, internships or life

experiences. Previous scholarship winners are eligible to apply in subsequent years.

The application requires proof of enrollment as a full-time student, a one page letter indicating future career goals related to the beef industry, an essay of 750 words or less describing an issue confronting the beef industry and a possible solution, and two letters of reference from current or former instructors or industry professionals.

Applications must contain the Beef Industry Scholarship cover page downloaded from the scholarship section of the NCF Web site at www.nationalcattlemenfoundation.org/scholarship.aspx.

Application materials should be enclosed in a single envelope and submitted to: National Cattlemen's Foundation, 9110 East Nichols Ave. Ste. #300, Centennial, CO 80112. All entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30, 2005.

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HOBBS

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self and your ability as a biker. Mostly, it's a matter of obtaining a goal."

Although he seldom brought up the nature of his trip on his stops along the way, he met two men in Maine who were starting the Odyssey in the opposite direction.

Generally, the weather was bad. Hobbs said. "There was a lot of rain and it was really cold - in the 30s, along the East Coast."

When he rode through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to reach Fargo, S.D., "I was as cold as you can get and then I noticed the rain was freezing on my windshield. I feared the roads would start freezing over and then I would be in real trouble. Fortunately, it didn't and the weather cleared up in Minnesota."

His bike, which has all the extras, ran perfectly, Hobbs said.

"I've been riding since 1968," he said, since the day a friend offered to let him ride on a motorcycle. He was hooked. "I think conservatively, I have probably 450,000 to 500,000 miles," he said. "These are great motorcycles. I've had lots of other kinds, but that bike and cruise control made the trip possible for an old guy."

The commissioner said he's owned as many as four motorcycles at one time, rode a BMW from 1976 to a couple of years ago and now is on his third Goldwing.

Hobbs and his wife two years ago toured Nova Scotia and through Quebec, they've done the British Columbia and Alberta provinces of Canada, as well as Vancouver Island and the nation's capital of Washington D.C.

"I've been very fortunate," he said. "I've never had a serious accident - yet. You never know. You have to be very careful."

But worry shouldn't stop people from going for a goal, he said.

"I would encourage anyone who wants to do something to get out and do it because there comes a time when you can't."

Workshop slices Ruidoso's 2005-06 fiscal budget

■ Selection of water consultants still an issue

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About \$185,000 of Items added into Ruidoso's Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget at an April workshop were sliced out Monday.

They included three new positions in police, forestry and planning, three capital outlay purchases and reclassification of a systems coordinator in engineering.

Also put on hold were possible cost of living raises for all employees.

Village councilors promised once the current fiscal year is

closed out and all revenue balances are calculated, they may be able to add some items back into the final budget, starting with the cuts accomplished Monday.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight said finance ran the numbers and, "We put too much in" to leave enough to cover the state required 1/12th reserve of \$700,516.

"We have about \$516,000, so we're \$184,492 short," she said.

Councilor Deborah Marcum-Byars said by policy, the village also established a 1/12th reserve of its own. "So we're almost \$900,000 short," she said.

Councilor Michele Rebstock said the board needed to "tweak" the budget, but

Councilor Angel Shaw called it "a ribbon-cutting party."

Byars suggested off for one year a \$30,000 allocation for an affordable housing study instead of cutting a staff position. She pointed out that no grants would be available this year even if the study moved forward and that the village already is short-staffed with overworked employees.

Byars pointed out that Acting Police Chief Wolfgang Horn saved money in other categories to cover a new office position, but County Finance Director Elaine Beltran said that's not new revenue.

By discussion's end reluctant councilors agreed to approve the cuts as recommended by Beltran to meet state

reserve demands on the preliminary \$26.6 million budget.

The cuts were:

• A new police office supervisor, forestry supervisor and planning secretary

• A Fire vehicle, a vacuum and defibrillator at the village convention center and an executive scanner

• Reclassification of a system coordinator in engineering to a supervisor and technician.

Byars received clarification about the former use of bond proceeds from a supplemental gross receipt tax to pay for water consultants. She thought that tax was reserved for capital improvements for the water supply, she said.

McKnight said acquisition of water rights is considered a

capital asset and consultants fell within appropriate use, but at the council's direction in April all expenses except bonds payments were removed from the supplemental GRT fund.

In 2003-2004, the water enterprise fund paid for the consultants and water rights, but in 2004-2005, "we couldn't afford it out of the (enterprise) fund," and staff asked to be able to use the supplemental GRT bond proceeds, McKnight said.

Rebstock and Byars asked the record to reflect that they still do not feel comfortable with a board decision not to go out for requests for proposals to select water consultants. They now work through the village attorney's contract arrangement.

STING: Selling to minors is down

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Mallion said the number of people arrested for selling to a minor has dropped drastically over the years. New Mexico is the only state in the nation where serving a minor is a felony, he pointed out, adding, "It's a very serious thing."

"The first time I did (a sting) in Artesia, nine out of 13 sold," Mallion said.

Members of the local DWI Planning Council, which is pursuing parallel efforts against drunk driving and underage drinking, like stings to be publicized as a deterrent to future violations, he said. Shaw said the grant money will focus on reducing retail access. The goal is to monitor 90 percent of the local outlets twice a year and to conduct merchant education.

The "surveys" will span a three-year period, she said.

Although Mallion said he didn't plan to arrest anyone Friday because only three people were participating, a clerk

will know within moments of a purchase that he or she was caught on video and audio tape.

"We go in and identify ourselves and say, 'You just sold to a minor,'" Brown said. Normally, once they know they're caught, they don't argue.

With more budget and time, a sting could be larger and the girl would try to find someone in a parking lot who would buy for her, Mallion said. When more law enforcement agencies are involved, arrests are completed on the spot, he said.

"Sometimes people will do things on vacation they would never think of doing at home," he said. "We say they come on vacation and leave on probation."

The penalty for conviction for an underage person who attempts to buy liquor is up to a \$1,000 fine and 30 hours of community service. The seller faces a liquor charge and the store owner for a first offense may see liquor sales shut down.

"We go in and identify ourselves and say, 'You just sold to a minor.'"

Joe Brown
New Mexico Mounted Patrol

for one week, besides a fine.

"Losing a Saturday could add up to a hefty impact," Mallion said.

Routinely, various liquor outlets are tested, from hotels to mini marts and lounges. If no one sells, they're in and out in five minutes, he said.

"We follow her, in because her safety is the most important thing. And we can ensure that proper procedures are followed."

Mallion said sometimes a clerk will seize the girl's ID because she tries to buy liquor. "Some say they're going to call the cops. That's good because if they sell to a minor, they're the ones who are going to prison."

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No one stung Friday

Of 12 businesses visited Friday during an undercover operation to detect illegal sales of liquor to minors, no violations were uncovered.

The businesses in Alto, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs whose employees responded appropriately and refused to sell liquor after checking the undercover person's driver's license were Hawthorn Suites,

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Where the road ends and the High Country begins

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Lincoln County still has its own authentic mountain man whose way of life is the epitome of mountain lore.

Robert Runnels with his wife Sandra, is owner and operator of Bonita Stables as well as manager of Runnel Outfitters, a guide and outfitter business offering guided hunts for elk, mule deer, turkey, antelope, wild boar, bear, mountain lion and oryx. The high country experience also offers trout fishing in the mountain streams.

With more than 75 mountain trails leaving the Bonita Stables area, there are endless possibilities for high mountain adventure. Even the winter snows don't slow the horseback riding business. Surprisingly, people will come to ski a couple days then go for a horseback ride on the mountain.

"We like to refer to this place as 'where the road ends, the high country begins,'" said Runnels.

Access to the stables is a scenic drive up Bonita Canyon and only 17 miles from Ruidoso. There is no electricity or telephone service, not even the cell phones will work, so a visit to the stables is truly a step back in time.

During the summer months, the stables will have 30 head of horses available to rent. Experienced riders can take a map and head to the high country. Those that need help are sent with a wrangler. During the summer, in addition to Robert and Sandra, four or five teens will work as wranglers.

For over 100 years and four generations the Runnels family has carried on the tradition of the guide and outfitting business. Robert's grandfather worked for Southern Pacific Railroad and helped to build Bonita Lake. His father purchased a patented mining claim on Bonito Creek in the 1940s and his mother was the owner and proprietor of Bonita Lou's store, which is still open for business today.

Runnels raises and breaks all the horses used at the stables. He starts them as two- and three-year-olds but doesn't use them hard until they are four. Then the wranglers ride them a couple years to guarantee them gentle before they are turned over for stable use.

The other side of the business, guid-

ed bear and lion hunts, require hunting hounds and Runnels also raises and trains his own. "We aren't partial to any breed. If they are aggressive on a track and stubborn to stay there they are good for us. We breed stubborn into them, but sometimes that has us scratching our head when we are training them," laughs Runnels.

When he wants to play, Runnels loves to rope and is known as a pretty fair team roper. He doesn't travel too far from home to play. He started as a youngster, mostly ropes at the head end, and raised his son, Robbie, to be a heeler. "But as soon as he got good he decided he wanted to head steers and ride bulls. So that was the end of that."

Sandra is originally from Elkhart, Kansas, and has heard more than once "you aren't in Kansas anymore." Robert says for a girl from the flatlands she has become quite the hunter and is a better tracker than most men.

Hunters come to use Runnels Outfitters' service from all over the United States as well as a few foreign countries. Runnels believes they love the solitude and beauty of the country away from vehicles, cell phones and a busy life and enjoy that as much or more than the actual hunt.

Runnels attended Capitan Schools until he was a senior and then graduated from a Pagosa, Colo., high school. In 1969, he graduated from New Mexico State University with a Bachelors of Science in Range Management and a minor in Wildlife Management. After college he worked for the U.S. Forest service until he resigned in 1980.

Runnels said elk is the most popular hunt, while hunting bear is the most exciting, and mountain lions are the best trophy as well as the hardest to get.

With four generations of hunting stories to tell, Robert followed his mother's urging to write the stories down. He has self-published a book full of those stories called "Hunting Tales from the Mountains of New Mexico."

The book is like a sit-down visit with Runnels with page after page of conversational storytelling complete with photos to back up the claims. After 40 years of observing the lifestyle of the mountain lion, Runnels' detailed information about their habits and

their nature is enough to make the book worthwhile.

The stories are detailed with names of hunters, dogs, horses and location details of the hill, trail and mountain where the hunt took place. The visuals come easily with Runnels' storytelling skill as exemplified in the story about the hunt where a bear fell out of the tree and hit Sandra.

"The bear weighed right at 500 pounds and he hit the ground right next to Sandra. When the bear hit the ground one of his front legs flopped and hit Sandra across the arm. Thank goodness the bear didn't hit her solid or it would have killed her for sure. The bear and Sandra were both stunned for a few seconds. Then the bear got to his feet and was standing right over Sandra. He didn't have time to bite her because I shot him through the neck."

The story goes on to say Sandra's arm was obviously broken as it was hanging down at a right angle. Jack, the other hunter, and Robert rolled the bear out of the way and found a short tree limb to splint Sandra's arm. She still had to walk about half a mile down a steep mountain to get to the horses. When they finally got off the mountain and to the emergency room, they not only found the arm was broken in five places, but it was pretty hard convincing the nurse how it really happened.

"We love the outdoors, clean air and pretty country. I've lived a lot of other places and this is about as pretty as anywhere I've been," said Runnels. He and Sandra have a home in Capitan where they headquarter the business because of phone access. They can usually be found there only after dark.

Runnels Outfitters offers the "hunt of a lifetime." Robert's book is available for \$20 and can be bought by contacting him. If you have questions or need more information for either the stables or the hunting call the Capitan headquarters at 354-2778 and leave a message or visit their Web site at www.huntnewmexico.net.



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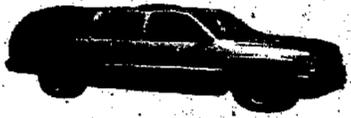
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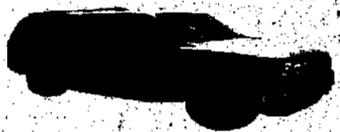
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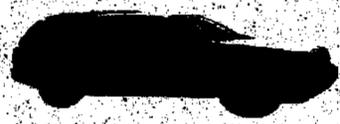
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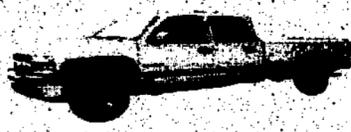
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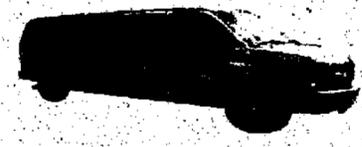
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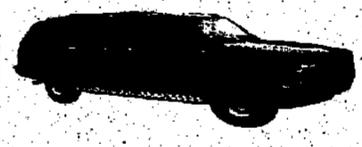
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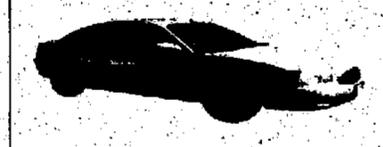
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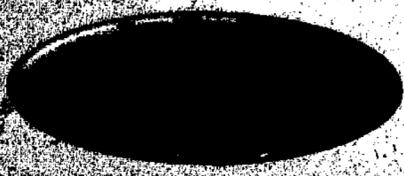
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A trio of firsts for Ruidoso at State

Coronado wins javelin, girls 4x400 and boys medley relays finish atop the heap

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ALBUQUERQUE — On the first day of the Class 3A State track meet at the University of New Mexico on Friday, it looked as though it would be a gorgeous weekend.

Rarely a cloud in the sky and no wind prevailed that first day, and it looked as though Ruidoso's Katie Coronado would finally be throwing a state record in the javelin in her senior year.

But when the sun rose on Saturday, so did the wind. As Coronado and her toughest competition — Bloomfield's Diedra Brown — took their first throws, they both faced a stiff cross wind which made the prospects of a state record slim.

The possibility that they might not even finish in the top three was evidenced when their first throws of the morning both sailed right, pushed by the wind out

of bounds for a scratch.

"After that first one went wide, I knew I had to learn to live with it," Coronado said.

She adjusted, as did Brown, and the two turned the event into a two-woman showdown. There were no state records, but Coronado came out on top with a throw of 127 feet, 4 inches, good enough for her second straight state championship.

After their first throws, Coronado and Brown figured out the wind and threw past 120 feet on their second throws — they were the only girls to do so on the day — and got into the finals.

But the finals turned out to be anti-climactic. Coronado's second throw in the prelims was her 127-4 shot, and every throw she had from then on was an attempt to get the state record.

"After I threw that second time, I thought I had it," Coronado said. "But I was still trying for that record."

Coronado's state qualifying mark was 144-9, eight feet better than the state record set by Kayla Brown of Bloomfield in 2003. Diedra Brown — Kayla's younger sister — had a top throw of 142 even coming in.

But the wind took its toll on the two throwers, and Katie had to settle for a state championship only — hum.

"You have good days and bad days, but I still got first," Coronado said.

Coronado wasn't the only Lady Warrior throwing Saturday morning. Sophomore Alexandria Ramirez was sitting in sixth place heading into the final throw of the final round, and hadn't thrown much further



Ruidoso's girls 4x400 team, from left, Haley Williams, Erika Olvera, Amber Gardner and Angela Gardner celebrate after winning the final Saturday during the Class 3A State meet in Albuquerque.

JEANETTE RODRIGUEZ/STAFF

than her qualifying mark of 108-3. Her final throw of 111-4 was a personal best and catapulted her to fourth place overall. Three more inches and she would have finished third just ahead of Lovington's Andrea Jarnagin.

Settle for second

Javelin wasn't the only event in which Coronado had success over the weekend, she just didn't have as much success in the discus. This was another event in which she was the defending state champion, and was again challenged by Brown.

But this was an event which Brown dominated, throwing 134-2 and besting Coronado by almost 20 feet. To be fair, Coronado was running in the 100-meter hurdles in between her throws, and had a nagging back problem, but still was able to muster a throw of 112-10 on the day.

Coronado was also the final leg of the 4x400 relay team in Friday's preliminaries, in a race which Ruidoso ran a 4:21.46 and just got beat by Socorro at the wire.

The time was still good enough to qualify for Saturday's final, and Ruidoso coach Ronny Maskew made some changes for that race, replacing Coronado with Angela

Gardner on the final run.

In the finals, the team of Gardner, twin sister Amber, Haley Williams and Nikki Moebus ran a 4:17.36, just under a second better than Robertson and good enough for a state championship.

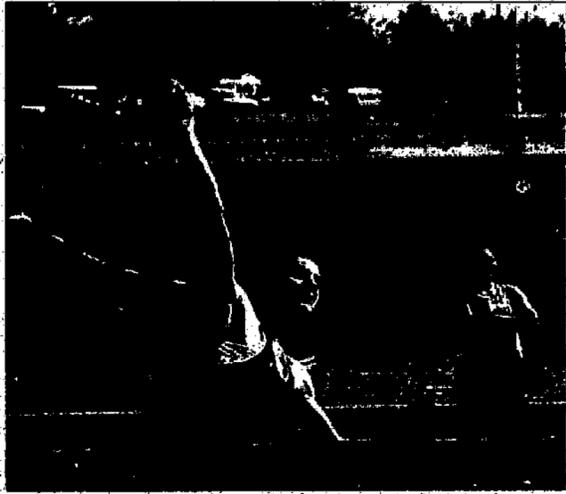
The fact that a team this young — Moebus is a freshman while the rest are in eighth grade — bodes well for the future of girls track at Ruidoso. Williams also finished fifth in the long jump with a top mark of 16-1/2 and was fifth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:03.16, while the Gardners both made the 300-meter hurdles final and finished second and third.

"All these girls work hard and make me proud," Maskew said. "The young girls and the upperclassmen are a lot alike."

The Gardner duo would have finished third and fourth in the 300 hurdles but for a spill by Andrea Jarnagin, who was leading until the next-to-last hurdle. What's more, Angela might have finished first ahead of St. Michael's Corey Butler but for a stutter-step on the last obstacle.

"I don't know what it was," Gardner

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso senior Katie Coronado, with Bloomfield's Diedra Brown watching, throws during the javelin competition at the Class 3A State meet Saturday in Albuquerque. Brown — and the wind — were tough competition, but Coronado prevailed to defend her state title in the event.

Ruidoso boys out-do themselves in finals

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ALBUQUERQUE — Everyone at this year's Class 3A State meet felt Lovington was the prohibitive favorite for a boys team title.

The Wildcats didn't disappoint, scoring 106 points to easily out-distance the competition, but the points were pretty even from second through seventh, and Ruidoso was right in the thick of things. "Nobody would have picked us to be in the top 10," said Ruidoso coach Ronny Maskew. "Everyone came through for us."

The Warriors scored 37 points overall and finished fifth. Two points more and they would have been fourth ahead of St. Michael's.

Ruidoso coach Ronny Maskew had commented his team could surprise some people at state with a few choice individual performances, and that prediction came true over the weekend.

Perhaps the best embodiment of that prediction was senior Eddie Gutierrez, who finished second in the 110-meter hurdles after being seeded 10th overall, and the medley relay team of Teddy Sowell, Dayne Hall, David Barnett and Fabian Olvera, which won the event with a time of 3:46.42, two seconds better than Robertson in the final.

In fact, all four boys relay teams finished in the points on Saturday. The 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams each finished sixth, while the 4x200 relay team was fourth overall.

Individually, Olvera added a second-place finish in the 3,200-meter run on Saturday, while Gutierrez was sixth in the pole vault. Sowell was third in the long jump and Barnett fourth in the triple jump.

Jared Bolden also took fourth in the discus with a top throw of 137 feet, 11 inches.

Gutierrez's path to glory began Friday morning with the pole vault, an event he had only taken up a year before. He wasn't able to better his seed height of 11-feet even, but that height was good enough to get him a point for sixth place.

His real challenge came in the 110 hurdle preliminaries. His

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Disappointing finish for Lady Warriors

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ALBUQUERQUE — What every member of the Ruidoso girls tennis team wanted at this year's Class 1A/3A state team tournament wanted just wasn't meant to be.

After a long a grueling quarterfinal match win over Robertson on Friday, the Lady Warriors met up with Sandia Prep in the semifinals. The winner of that one got to face Portales in the championship.

Ruidoso had been champing at the bit to face the Lady Rams after falling to their District 4-1A/3A rival in the state final two years before and falling to them in the semifinal last season.

But the Lady Warriors ran into a buzzsaw of a team in Sandia Prep, and lost all but one singles match to allow the Lady Sundevils a shot at the title.

It's not that Ruidoso went down without a fight. Three of the six matches went into three sets, with Jeanette Zagone falling to Mackenzie Yates only after winning the second set 7-6 on a 7-5 tiebreaker, and Kristin Bewley splitting sets with Lisa DeMar at No. 5 singles.

Beth Robinson was the only Lady Warrior to win her singles match on Saturday, a 6-2, 0-6, 6-1 victory over Mara Masciotra at No. 2.

By the time the final singles match had been played, Sandia



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Kristin Bewley eyes the ball before returning during her singles match at No. 5 against Robertson's Darlene Valdez Friday during quarterfinal action of the Class 1A/3A State Team tennis competition at Albuquerque.

Prep was already guaranteed to advance to the championship match — a match they won 6-4 over Portales — but there were still three doubles matches to be played.

At No. 1 doubles, Robinson and Katherine Dunstan paired to face Mariana Spilca and Mara Masciotra, and won at least a moral victory. Spilca — a senior who won her third straight singles title earlier in the week and will attend the University of Minnesota on a scholarship in the fall — brought with her the mystique

of an undefeated record at the state tennis tournament.

But Robinson and Dunstan paired to lead the Sandia Prep duo 6-3 in the first set before the Lady Sundevils bowed out, claiming a bum ankle on Masciotra. At No. 2 doubles, Christine Brown and Kristin Bewley won by default over Mackenzie Yates and Lisa DeMar.

Marathon matches

To even get to Saturday's

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On Deck

Soccer Fall Registration
Fall registration for next fall's Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will be held this week to better organize the upcoming season. There will be two registration dates, starting Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. A second date will be held Tuesday from 5:30-7 p.m. Registration fees are \$45 for one child and \$40 for each additional child. The fee includes a uniform and insurance. The league is open to all Lincoln County youth ages 4-11, and payment in full is required. For more information, call 257-5815 or 258-2819.

Senior Olympic events
The 2005 Lincoln County Senior Olympic state qualifying events are Friday, and a call for athletes 50 years and older to participate is out. A \$5 registration fee entitles individuals to participate in all events offered, and athletes must compete locally to be eligible for state and national Olympic games. State registration is \$38, and the deadline is May 25.

The New Mexico State games will be held Aug. 1-5 at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. For more information, contact Bart Young, Lincoln County coordinator, at 257-3193 or e-mail him at mbyoung@aznet.com.

May 21, Recreational events (frisbee, accuracy and distance, soccer kick accuracy and basketball free throw). Ruidoso High, 9 a.m. May 21, Track and Field (discus, javelin, softball distance throw, high jump, long jump, standing long jump, shot put, race walking and running). Ruidoso High, 10 a.m.

Colts 'n' Fillies
Cree Meadows Country Club will host a Colts and Fillies couples golf tournament May 21-22. Registration is \$240 per team, which will pay for two days of golf, dinner and dance. For more information and a registration form, call the Cree Meadows pro shop at 257-5815.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Tourney
Wednesday, May 25 will be the date for the ninth annual golf tournament to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County, sponsored by the Ruidoso Board of Realtors, the Ruidoso News and other corporate sponsors.

The tournament will once again be held at Cree Meadows, with golfers in teams of four, based on handicap, teeing off in a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$80 per player and includes green fee, cart, games and dinner following play. For more information or registration, call 257-4750.

Summer Bowling League
The Ruidoso Bowling Center will host a mixed summer league to begin May 24-25 and run for 14 weeks. There will be a one-time sanction fee, and bowling costs \$13 per night. For more information, call the bowling center at 258-3557.

Extrem Swim Team
Starting June 1 at 6 p.m. at the Mesalero Apache Community Pool, in association with the Las Cruces Swim Team and USA Swim, the Mesalero/Ruidoso Extrem Swim team will commence its inaugural summer season. Swim team practice and training will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mesalero Community Pool behind the Tribal Council offices. Anyone interested in joining can pre-register with Steve Munkall at 258-5867 or by e-mail at munkall@juno.com. Costs — which include a team swim suit, goggles and cap, are \$64 for USA swim and team registration, and the swim team monthly dues of \$35 or \$25 for a Mesalero Apache Tribe member.

Joiner's barn at Ruidoso Downs a true family success story

Editors note: This is the third in a series of stories highlighting trainers, jockeys horses and other personalities and goings-on at Ruidoso Downs as the track prepares for its 58th season of pari-mutual racing starting Memorial Day weekend.

TIM KEITHLEY
For the Ruidoso News

Barn 12A houses the horses to beat on the backside at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Even though this summer that barn will have different racing silks.

It's now home to the Mike Joiner family, who moved over to take popular trainer John Bassett's stalls when he decided to stay in-California to train this season.

Maybe every season's hottest trainer is supposed to keep tack in 12A, because like a song with a bullet moving up the record charts, the quarter horses Joiner trains keep win-

ning races and his stock continues to rise in the horse racing game.

"You're only as good as the last race you've won," Joiner said with Texas-style wisdom. "It's still hard to come up with the runners who can win these races, and you still have to get lucky."

Mike is first to share the credit for success with his family. His wife, Linda, is involved in every aspect of their operation. Mike and Linda's two sons, Cody and Justin, also break and train horses for their father. Justin's wife, Jesse, also helps with the books.

"Our business has tripled in size for the last five years that we've been racing here," Linda Joiner said. "We've worked hard to get there and have some very good friends and clients to work with us. Plus, Mike is just a good horse trainer."



COURTESY PHOTO

Quarter horse trainer Mike Joiner, far left, poses with wife Linda and son Justin outside of their barn at Ruidoso Downs. The Joiners have made winning a family business as of late, and hope to continue their winning ways when the racing season gets underway next Friday.

Raised on a ranch in Seymour, Texas, Mike starting riding and breaking horses when he was 11. He would come to the races at Ruidoso Downs with his grandfather, B.C. Lawrence, who trained quarter horses in the late 1960's. Joiner remembers many mornings galloping horses at Ruidoso Downs for Lawrence and other trainers when he was a teenager. His first job at Ruidoso Downs was with Leo Wood, current trainer Blane Wood's father, in 1976. That's when Mike and Blane first became friends.

"I consider Blane one of my closest friends, and here we are trying to beat each other out on the race track training

horses every day," Joiner said.

"If we don't win, then you can be sure we're pulling for Blane," Linda added. "We've been friends with that family for most of our lives and we think a lot of all of their family."

The Joiners have a full barn of 40 quarter horses. About half of them are scheduled to compete opening day, May 27, in the trials of the Ruidoso Futurity. Expectations are high for the barn following last season's second-place finish in the quarter horse training standings, along with a sweep of the major derby races for three year olds.

Joiner trained Jess Rapid to victory in the Ruidoso Derby,

and took Brimmerton to the winner's circle in the Rainbow and All American Derbies. Ongoing Ta Fame won the Zia Derby. He also had Jess Satin, who finished sixth in the All American Futurity for two year olds.

"We haven't changed the way we go about things," Joiner said. "We just had a real good season last year and that may put a little added pressure on us to perform this time around."

Joiner said he would rather not talk about any of his 2-year-olds before the trials, for fear of jinxing them in the starting gate. But when pressed, he pointed to ICU Shazoom, a filly that has

shown significant speed in morning workouts. She was purchased by Linda Joiner and Billy Smith of Albuquerque at the Heritage Place Horse Sale in Oklahoma City last fall.

Another horse showing promise for Joiner is Sixes Glass, a colt out of champion Stoli, purchased by owner Bobby Cox of Fort Worth, Texas at the All American Sale last fall for \$300,000. It was the second-highest amount paid for any of the quarter horses that went through the Ruidoso Downs sale.

"The colt is working real nicely and has outstanding pedigree," Joiner said. "We'll know a lot more about all these horses a week from Friday."

A PERFECT SCORE



TOOD FURQUA/STAFF

Kurtis Lee poses next to the 300 club sign featuring past 300 bowlers in league competition this season. Lee's name will soon be added, as he bowled his first perfect game in the Thursday Men's Adult League bow- offs this past week. Lee, 20, had bowled a pair of 297 games in the past, but this was the first time he'd finished off the game with 13 straight strikes. "I still got nervous this time and pulled it," Lee stated of his last roll. "But it went Brooklyn (hit the pocket between the 1 and 3 pin on the other side) and I got the strike."

CORRECTION

Friday's story on the Class 2A meet incorrectly stated the Capitan girls 4x200 relay finish. The Lady Tigers finished fifth with a time of 1:55.68.

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Record number qualifies for State games

Through the courtesy of the Links at Sierra Blanca, 18 men and women golfers ages 50 to 81 played 18 holes May 14, and all qualified for the New Mexico State Senior Games by placing first through third in their respective age divisions.

It was a record turnout for Lincoln County, exceeding the 16 to played last year at this time. The state tournament will be held at the Arroyo del Oso course in Albuquerque, with the men playing Aug. 4 and women on Aug. 5.

Among the lower scores were Jim and Sandy Gibson, who had scores of 78 each. Others included Bill Speegle at 79, Ron Aguayo (80), Joe Madrid (83), Mike Arrington (86), Art Martinez (86), Roger Holmes (89), Melissa Gebhart (90), Paul Woods (90), and Bennie Brazell (91).

Other golfers included Wyonia Haragan, Cindy Sanchez, Ron Streibicki, Garvin Van Waldron, Jackie Woods, Roy Yocham and Bart Young.

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RETAKE

Coming of age feast for Jessica Montoya

The four-day Mescalero Apache coming-of-age ceremony for 15-year-old Jessica Montoya is scheduled May 19-May 22 at Mud Summit in Mescalero.

The rite of passage is one of the most treasured traditions of the Apache and signifies a young girl's transition into womanhood. During this time, the girl is considered the embodiment of all good female traits and bestows blessings on visitors while her family serves a feast for those who join the celebration.

Jessica is the daughter of Clara Orosco and granddaughter of John and Bonnie Jane Hubbard and Ralph Orosco. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Eloise Wilson-Antonio, and considers Letitia Balderrama, Nina Tortilla and Regina Quanchello her maternal grandmothers. Willetto "Tony" Antonio is her maternal grandfather.



The public is invited to the coming-of-age feast for Jessica Montoya.

Her family also includes her brother Ryan, sister Kayla and brother-in-law Felix and their

daughter Asia, as well as many aunts and uncles. Sherman Blake will serve as

her medicine man and Karen Geronimo will be her medicine woman. The dance groups will be led by Eldon Enjady and Eustin Murphy. Bruce Klinekole is groundskeeper and Eloise Danten is head cook.

A freshman at Ruidoso High School, Jessica's favorite subjects include English, physical education and working with computers. She is active in acting and modeling, most recently appearing as an extra in the upcoming TBS miniseries "Into the West."

She also received honorable mention at the International Modeling Talent Association show in New York in 2003. Her hobbies are horseback riding, basketball, volleyball, swimming and hiking. Upon graduation, Jessica plans to attend the University of New Mexico, with an interest in sports medicine and paramedic training.

The public is invited to come to the feast ground at Mud Summit and help Jessica celebrate this landmark achievement in her life.



The family of Cynthia Nava celebrated her First Communion April 30.

Nava First Communion

The family of nine-year-old Cynthia Nava is pleased to announce that Cynthia made her First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 30, at St. Eleanor Catholic Church. Fr.

Alfred Galvan led the service. Cynthia is the daughter of Rosa and Carlos Nava of Ruidoso Downs. Her godparents are Lorena and Armando Sotelo of Dumas, Texas.

BIRTHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent births at Lincoln County Medical Center, May 1-15, 2005:

- May 1: a son, Michael Stewart Viesca, 6 lb, 4.5 oz, 20", to Jodi and Claudio Viesca Jr.
May 2: a son, Dylan Clay Pruett, 7 lb, 3.8 oz, 20 1/2", to Jessica Coloman and David Pruett
May 3: a daughter, Desarae Michelle Magnone, 8 lb, 4.8 oz, 20 1/4", to Michelle Magnone
May 8: a daughter, Bryana Monet Ward, 6 lb, 10.5 oz, 19", to Elyse and Timothy Ward
May 8: a daughter, Angiela Hope Trujillo, 5 lb, 2 oz, 19", to Candace Briggs
May 10: a son, X-zavier Ray Urban, 6 lb, 18 3/4", to Lisa Garcia and Daniel Urban
May 10: a daughter, Analise Marie Gorman, 6 lb, 14.4 oz, 19",

- to Barbara and James Gorman
May 11: a daughter, Nittilai Patel, 5 lb, 7.3 oz, 18 1/2", to Ragini and Vipal Patel
May 12: a daughter, Rylee Shayne Holder, 9 lb, 6.1 oz, 23", to Dana and Shane Holder
May 13: a son, Francis Charles Lester Jr., 7 lb, 12 oz, 19", to Jeanette Robinson and Francis Lester
May 13: a son, Edgar Moran, 7 lb, 6.7 oz, 21", to Claudia and Jose Moran
May 14: a son, Frank Shorty Trujillo, 6 lb, 12.6 oz, 20 1/4", to Elizabeth and Ferdinand Trujillo
May 15: a daughter, Emilie Rose Smith, 6 lb, 12.2 oz, 18", to Cheryl and Robert Smith
May 15: a son, Devon Eshaun Shanta, 7 lb, 15.7 oz, 21", to Carla Shanta

FUNERALS DEATHS

Clifton Robert Hicks

Graveside service for Clifton Robert "C.R." Hicks, 92, of Ruidoso were held Friday, May 13, with Rev. Jim Smith officiating. Hicks died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in Ruidoso.

He was born Nov. 28, 1912, at Louise, Texas. He moved to Jackson County, Texas, from Wharton County, Texas, in 1946 then moved to Ruidoso in 1989 from Edna, Texas. He had a great sense of humor and wit, loved to travel, and enjoyed deer hunting with his family and friends. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Baptist Church. He married Zella Mae Sherrill on Feb. 8, 1936, at El Campo, Texas.

Surviving family members include his wife, Zella Mae Hicks of Ruidoso; a son, Jerral Hicks of Las Cruces and a daughter, Carol Ann Dorsey of Edna, Texas; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Hicks, on March 20, 2005.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Frederick Albert Blodgett

Private services will be held for Frederick Albert Blodgett, 74, of Carrizozo who died Saturday, May 14, in Ruidoso.

He was born Feb. 13, 1931, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and moved to Lincoln County six years ago from Wyoming. He was a repairman at an automotive body shop.

Surviving family members include his sister, Barbara Rogstad, and brother, Ralph Blodgett.

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Raymond Cantwell

Memorial services for Raymond Cantwell, 66, of Ruidoso were held Monday,

May 16, in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. He died Tuesday, May 10, 2005, in Ruidoso.

Cantwell was born Dec. 28, 1938, in Williamson County, Texas. He moved to Lincoln County two years ago from Edinburg, Texas, and was a frequent visitor of the Alto Cafe and a member of the Episcopal Church. He married Loretta Bader in February of 1968 at Huntsville, Texas.

Surviving family members include his wife Loretta of Ruidoso; a son, Matthew Cantwell of Ruidoso; two daughters, Amy Cantwell of New York City and Shaun-Bonney of Henderson, Nev.; his mother, Annie Cantwell of Taylor, Texas; two grandchildren, C.J. and Ashton; two brothers, Jack Cantwell of Katy, Texas, and J.H. Cantwell of Gatesville, Texas; and a sister, Mary Linda Hayes of Taylor, Texas. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Hope Carlisle, and his father, Homer Cantwell.

The family has requested memorials to the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

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Lanie Oja Allison

Private services will be held for Lanie Oja Allison, 81, of Glencoe who died Sunday, May 15, at her home. She was born Nov. 6, 1923, in Estonia. She moved to Lincoln County in 1951 from Germany. She was a homemaker.

Surviving family members include a son, Pete Allison of Glencoe; a daughter, Marie Wheeler of Arvada, Colo.; granddaughter Dana Allison of Arvada, Colo.; two brothers and a sister. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Allison, and a son, Danny Allison.

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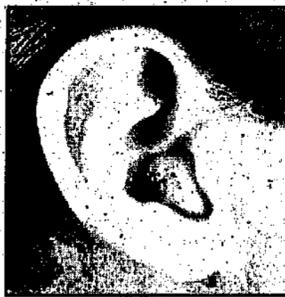
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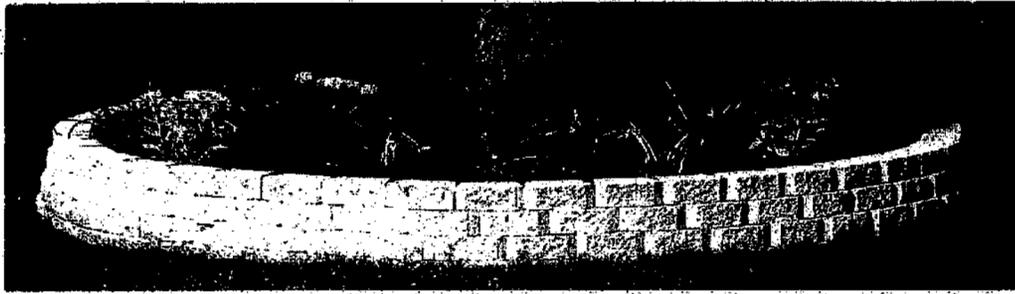
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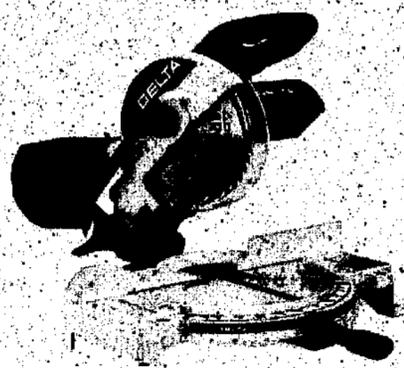
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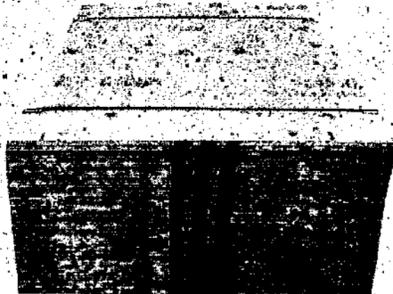
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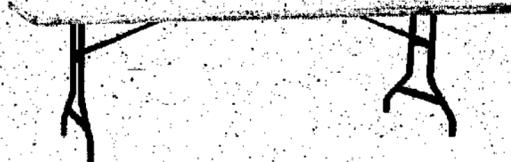


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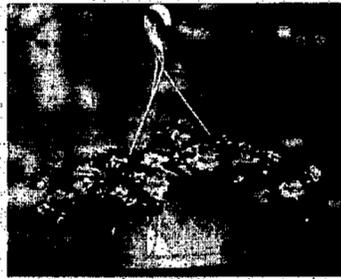
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its bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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COUNTY OF LINCOLN
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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
NO. 04-03-012

"Audit Services"

DUE: June 14, 2005, 2:00 p.m. Local Time

NOTICE is hereby given that competing sealed proposals will be received by the Lincoln County Auditor, Lincoln County, New Mexico, Office, P.O. Box 771 (300 Central Ave.) Carroll, NM 88301, until 2:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, June 14, 2005. Any proposals received after that date and time will be returned unopened.

RFP 04-05-012
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The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review and make their final determination during their regular commission meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2005.

Proposed requirements are contained in the Request for Proposal, which is available at the Lincoln County Auditor's Office, 2405, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346, by calling (505) 378-4697 or 505-648-2385, ext. 103.

All proposals must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the RFP number and due date.

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Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Central and Eastern, 421 Wingfield St. in Ruidoso, 505-257-2721 (mailing address: 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345).

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By the Order of the Governing Body

Fernin Herrera
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Region IX Education Cooperative, Lincoln County Head Start program seeking proposals for a commercial kitchen addition within the existing modular unit at the Capitan Head Start site, located at 555 Hwy 48, Capitan, NM

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: All sealed and complete proposals must be received at the REC office by Friday, June 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 6, 2005 at the Region IX office. For description or additional information ask for Fred Romero or Teresa Berthel at 505-257-2338, 1400 Suddeth, Ruidoso, NM 88345

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ANTHONY MICHAEL ARD
Cause No. CV-2005-128

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE PETITION

NOTICE is hereby given that Anthony Michael Ard filed a petition to change his name to Anthony Michael Ard Soudier with the District Court of Lincoln County.

A hearing on the Petition will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse on May 19, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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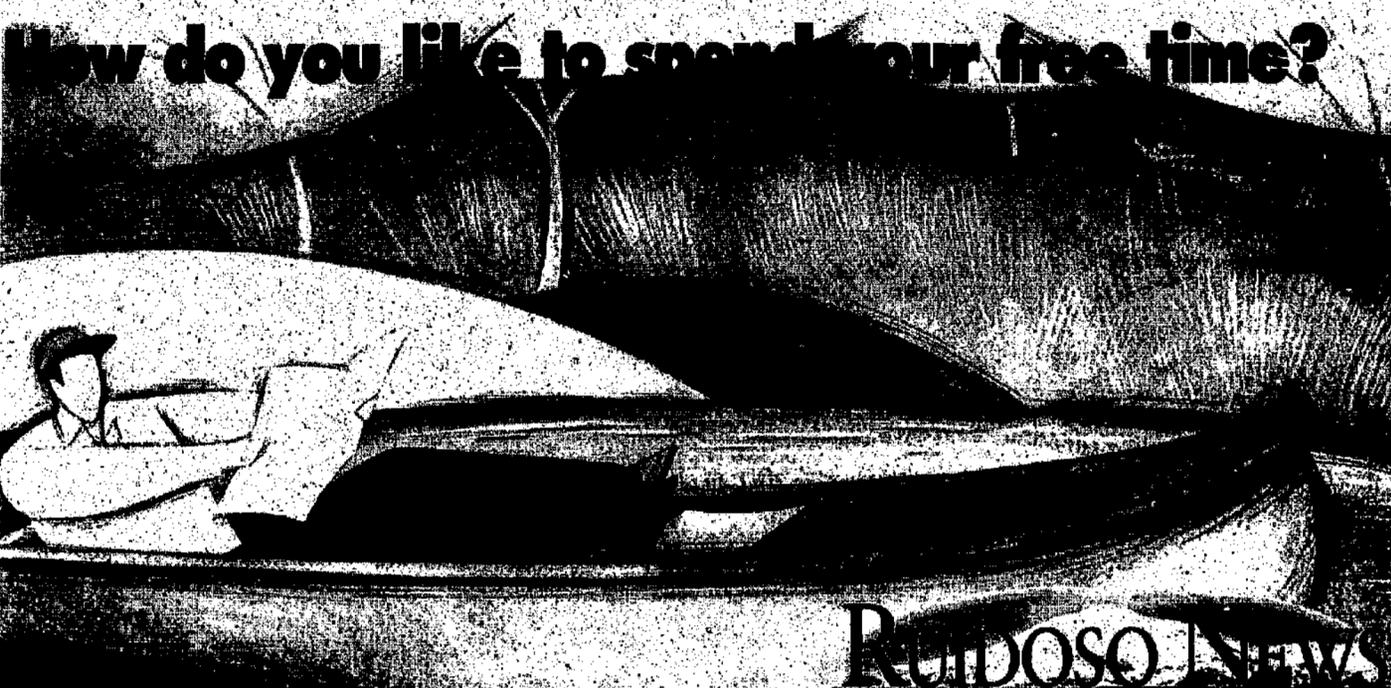
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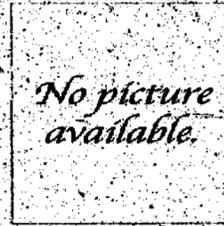
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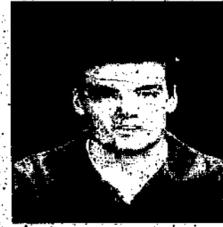
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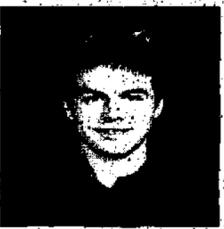
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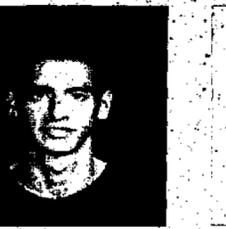
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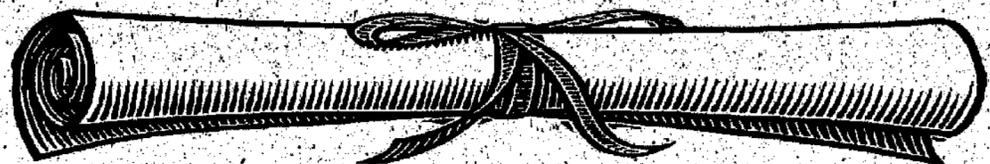
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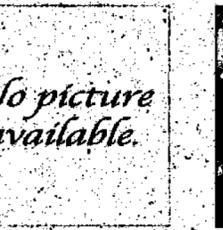
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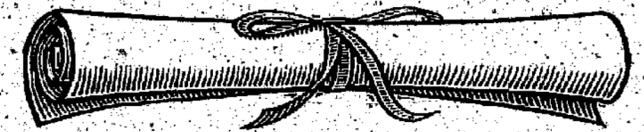
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Courtney Dawn Cummins
is the daughter of David & Deborah Cummins formerly of Capitan. She will be graduating from San Saba High School, San Saba, TX on May 27th, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. at the San Saba High School Rogan Field. Her 4 year accomplishments are: Drill Team - 4 years, 2004-2005 Miss Dillotte, Track - 4 years, 2005 Regional Qualifier - High Jump; Basketball - 2 years, Band - 3 years, Rotary Honor Student - 2 years, FCCLA - 1 year, and Spanish Club - 1 year. She will be attending Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX in the fall of 2005, majoring in Computer Information Systems with a minor in Nursing and Education. She hopes that all her former classmates at Capitan High School had a great senior year! She wishes everyone good luck in their future endeavors.
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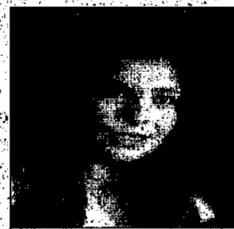
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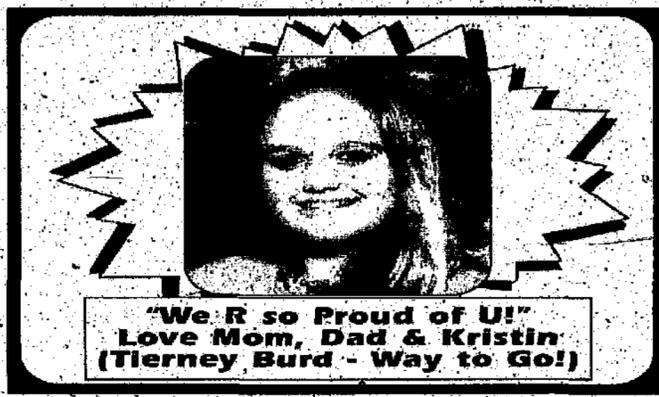
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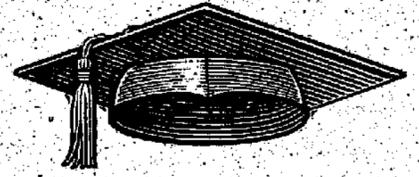
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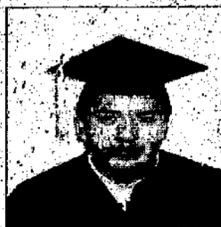
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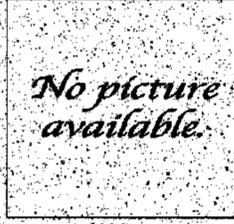
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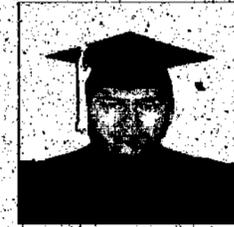
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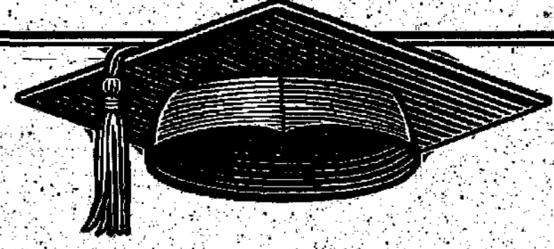
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