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#### HIGH NOTE



#### Chris Cagel's guitarist strikes a riff during Cagle's Friday performance at Inn of the Mountain Gods. Cagle was touring on his album, Anywhere Buf Here.

## Firefighting tanker lands in time for the season

However, funding for the single-engine air tanker, or SEAT plane, is still up in the air

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Another layer in the ammunition for fighting wildfires in Lincoln County flew into Sierra Blanca Regional Airport late last week.

A single engine air tanker, called a SEAT plane, owned by Aerotech arrived for its usual stay during the high fire-danger months. Funding for the airplane sometimes is borne by the state Forestry Division, but other entities such as the Village of Ruidoso, are asked to step in and supplement the contract when necessary.

SEAT is scheduled this week, according to County Manager Tom Stewart and Ruidoso Airport Manager Tom Wylam.

The aircraft, which can dump flame retardant or water, offers a quick response to wildfires while stationed at the municipal airport.

Commissioner Maury St. John said she recalls the county paying a portion for the last two years. Stewart told her during a commission meeting last week that the county paid the first year, but no money was budgeted last year.

If the commission approved a payment, he must have found out in time that it was not necessary and it was removed from the

budget. Stewart said.

"The state seems to believe they will be able to fund it," he told commissioners. However, if it is state-funded, the plane will be used as a regional asset. Although stationed at Sierra Blanca, it could be sent anywhere in the state in the event of an emergency, he said.

Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said that works both ways and airplanes stationed elsewhere in the state would fly here if a wildfire broke out.

In other items in the manager's report

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## State: 2 acres for county septics

**Health Department** official addresses subdivision proposals

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ecause of Lincoln County's fractured geology, shallow ground water and inappropriate soil conditions, a minimum of two acres should be required for each residential septic system in new subdivisions, a state Health Department official advises. 😘

During a review by the County Commission last week of proposed changes to the county's subdivision rules, Jack King, an environmental scientist in the Ruidoso office of New Mexico Environment Department, told commissioners, "Data we found from studies around the state show septic systems do have a tendency to pollute ground water, especially with the terrain and geology in Lincoln County."

Nearly the entire county is designated by the state ED as an "area of concern," he said. That determination is based on the fractured bedrock that underlies the county; shallow groundwater, which is considered anything less than 100 feet, around numerous creeks,

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### Convention center changes management

Falling revenues behind shake-up, revamping

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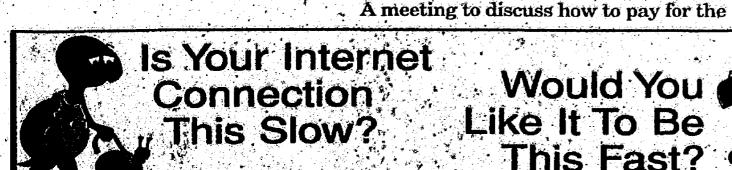
A change in management at the Ruidoso Convention Center has operators cautiously optimistic.

Last week Rachel Burres, director of sales and marketing at the Hawthorn Inn. and Suites, which oversees sales at the center, announced the departure of Charlene Jagoe as director of sales.

"Revenues have been down. so we are wanting to change that," Burrus told the Ruidoso News: "We're working hard to get more business booked for the convention center."

In October, village councilors mulled over a six percent drop in revenues generated by the Ruidoso Convention Center in the first quarter of fiscal year 2005-06. Convention center revenues collected for the quarter were \$30,502, or 16 percent less compared to the previous quarter. At that time village officials said they suspected that the opening of the

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#### Ongoing

Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth; Suite H. Ruidoso; 257-

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County: 1096 Mechem, Suite 201,

#### Lincoln Tower, 258-4185. Duplicate Bridge Club

I 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-

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous Meets 7:15 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday and 7 p.m. Thursday at the Best Western Ruldoso Inn. 97

Camelot Drive at Highway 70. The Party Bridge Group
1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-

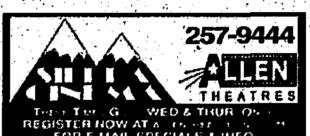
#### Stretch & Tone Class

For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

#### Wednesday, March 29

#### Children's TeamKids Discipleship

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



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Optimist Club (Friends of Youth)
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Ruldoso Downs City Council Regular meeting, 5:30 p.m. today in the Hubbard Room of City Hall, 122 Downs Dr.: 378-4422.

#### Thursday, March 30

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club Meets every Thursday at 5 P.M. at the Village Hall in Capitan. For infor-mation, please call Kitty or Bob. Callender at 258-1345.

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

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

#### Friday, March 31

Sponsored by BPOE #2086, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Elks Lodge on Highway 70 West; Ruth Ann, 257-2607 or 257-6142.

#### Senior Line Dancing

9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center: 378-

#### 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, April 1

### Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club

9 a.m. every Saturday, Usually meets at El Paraiso in Sierra Mall or check location on 146.920 MHz after 8 a.m.

#### Monday, April 3

#### Alcoholics Anonymous women's

Meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H; 378-8391.

#### Angus Wood Carvers

5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene o Church, Camp, Highway 48 and Highway 37, 336-9161.

#### Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary

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

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

### Tuesday, April 4

#### Alto Women's Association

11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting, first Tuesday of every

Altrusa Club 7 p.m., first Tuesday of every month, for program: Noon, third Tuesday of every month for lunch, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121

Mescalero Trail; Beth, 258-4244. Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs; Todd, 257-4033,

#### 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, Ruldoso-Hondo Valley Club

Arrive at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Cree Meadows Country Club, except on the first Tuesday of the month during the school year. Those meetings are at 11:45 a.m. at the Teepee Lounge at Ruldoso High School. Call 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.

#### Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club Meets 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club: 257-0363.

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#### CORRECTION

The COPE photo on the March 29 Community Page identified the subject as Perry Lawson. He is actually Dr. Steven Zimberoff, a domestic violence specialist with COPE.

#### Today's Weather **Local 3-Day Forecast** Thu 3/30

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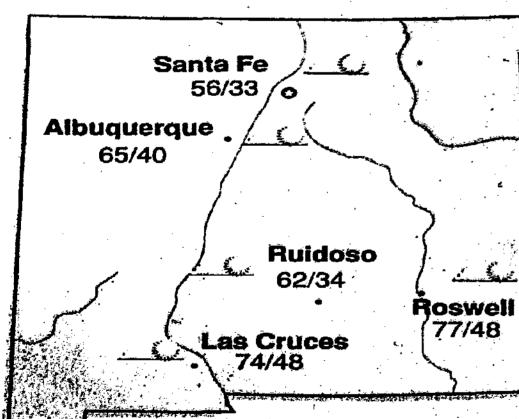
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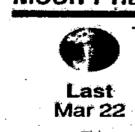
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El Paso, TX	78	52	pt sunny
Espanola	64	39	pt sunny
Farmington	55	31	rain

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### Forest Service: Managing checks and balances

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Managing 1.1 million acres of multiple use public land in the Lincoln National Forest occupies the workdays of 150 employees in three ranger dis-

They focus includes recreation, timber, wilderness, minerals, water, grazing, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.

U.S. Forest Service Public Information Officer Joe Garcia said management is composed of a system of checks and balances,

"The word 'managed' can be defined by the accomplishments of Lincoln National Forest personnel," he said. "The Region 3 Central Priority of ecological restoration of fire adapted ecosystems is one of the Lincoln National Forest emphases in maintaining a healthy forest.

"An unhealthy forest is the over-accumulation of vegetation, that can cause increased numbers of large, intense, uncontrollable and destructive wildfires." The costs of treating forest land depend on the types of tree stands, he said. "Treating" means removing

trees, bushes or other woody materials. Garcia cited gross costs for mechanical treatment. of overgrown – high fire risk – areas at between \$400 to \$1000 per acre.

"The cost, reassuring the public, and Forest goals are management factors that have been identified out of many that can create controversy and stifle projects to be accomplished," he said.

#### Tree thinning

Reducing numbers of trees in high fire risk or overgrown areas creates a healthy forest, he said. In 2004, projects in the Wildland Urban Interface. where residential and other development intermixes with the forest, 7,517 acres were treated and in 2005, the number was 6.327 acres, he said.

In the Non-Wildland Urban Interface in 2004, 11,519 acres were treated and in 2005, 8,000 acres, according to Garcia. Add in 3,951 acres treated mechanically in 2004 and 9,361 acres in 2005, and the total treated for those two years hit 46,675 at a cost of about \$4.7 million.

in the reduction of forest overgrowth, Garcia said: They compete for contracts that involve

different types of projects on the Lincoln National Forest. Thirteen contracts for the reduction of overgrowth in that national forest were awarded in 2004 and again in 2005, covering 7,146 acres and 7,731 acres. for a cost of about \$3 million; Garcia said.

Personnel on the Lincoln National Forest continue to strive for excellence, evidenced by a leadership that responds to employee and public input, he said.

"Thinning Wildland Urban Interface zones, creating economic vitality and sustaining national forest lands is no easy accomplishment," he said.

People volunteering in their local communities and interacting with Forest Service personnel about the projects they are working can create better results, he said.

Residents can provide input by contacting the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 505-257-4095, or the Sacramento Ranger District Office at 505-682-2551. Offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, For more infor-Contractors play a vital role mation on fire or the Lincoln National Forest, check the Web site at www.fs.fed.us/r3/-

out and cold to the touch before

Governor Richardson is urging New Mexicans to be aware: of fire danger and to take steps to prevent human-caused wildfires.

At a news conference last week at Rio Grande Nature Center State Park in Albuquerque, representatives from local, state, federal and tribal agencies in charge of protecting New Mexico's lives, property and natural resources from wildfire commented on the status of New Mexico's fire risk and pointed out how, in recent years, the state has prepared itself for the possibility of catastrophic wildfire.

"We're facing one of the driest years on record but thanks to interagency cooperation and dedication, we're prepared for what could be one of the most active fire seasons we've seen in years," said New Mexico State Forester Arthur "Butch" Blazer. "State Forestry will continue to work with our partners to spread the wildfire prevention message across the state. We are all dedicated to working with communities at risk, training firefighters in wildland fire skills and working toward creating a more healthy forest and watershed ecosystem."

Since Jan. 1, New Mexico State Forestry crews responded to 259 fires burning more than 202,000 acres. Despite recent moisture this month, high fire activity is expected to continue. Because of that, State Forestry and its partners are at a readiness level usually not seen until late spring during typical fire season years, Blazer said.

This year, during fire season. New Mexicans are being

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asked to "Do your part - Don't let a wildfire start." Interagency partners are asking. that all state residents and visitors be mindful of their actions related to fire and obey all fire restrictions that have been imposed on public and private

· Officials with the State Forestry Division recommend the following actions for state residents, especially those who live in heavily forested or grassy areas, to protect their lives and property against fire:

• Create a 30-foot defensible space zone around the home. removing any trash or woody debris from front and back

 Keep tall growing grasses around homes and structures mowed short.

 Pile firewood and other flammables well away from home and other structures.

 Keep access roads free of debris and vegetation to improve access and escape in case of fire.

 Clean off needles and other debris from roofs and gutters.

 Consider constructing or renovating with fire resistant building materials.

 Prune trees up to 15 feet around structures and remove excess ground fuels such as fall-

en needles, cones and branches. Other suggestions include: Calling the toll-free Fire

Restriction Hotline at 1-877-864-6985.

 Only building campfires in areas approved for them such as established campgrounds with fire grills or pits.

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Governor promotes wildfire safety and awareness unattended; be sure it is dead.

> leaving the area. Never parking vehicles in tall grass or shrubs where fires can start because hot catalytic converters come in contact with. dry vegetation.

• Never tossing lit cigarettes out of cars.

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 Never using fireworks, which are not allowed anywhere on National and State Forests, National Parks and other public lands.

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### County seeking funds for water model

Proper data seen as key to good water management

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Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart will look around for money to continue into the next phase of developing a water model for the county in partnership with officials from the U.S. Geological Survey.

But county commissioners last month told Cathie Eisen, a water-wastewater system operator who recently returned to Lincoln County, they also may call on her for input.

On a motion from Commissioner Maury St. John, the county manager was directed to pursue funding for Phase 2 through a budget change or include the dollars in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget.

Previously, the USGS kicked in \$110,000 and the county \$130,000 for the first phase of creating a hydrological atlas of the county with identified gaps of reporting in the Rio Hondo. Declared Groundwater Basin that includes the Rio Ruidoso and Rio Bonito.

That first phase began in January 2002 and finished on June 30, 2004, with a report to commissioners in December 2004. It covered compiling existing data; identifying wells of record, inventorying additional wells, measuring groundwater levels, identifying gaps and writing a Hydrologic Atlas.

In January, the USGS team proposed Phase 2 with a county match of \$38,275. Subsequently, the USGS's cooperative program was cut by \$2 million.

Stewart previously asked for time to see if money might: come from the state Legislature, but that didn't happen and he is going to look for money elsewhere or wait until the 2007 legislative session.

Eisen said she was pleased to see county officials recognize the problems and want to take a more active role:

While she was working outside of the state, she was able to see the latest technology available for modeling and water management, she told commissioners.

She supported the concept of creating a water model for the county.

Once areas with better underground water supplies are identified, under regional agreements favored by state and federal agencies, water can be conveyed to parts of the county where supplies are not as plentiful, Eisen said.

Better water management practices can be established

and may lead to individual water restrictions, she added.

"The lack of good data is one of the major handicaps at this. time and an obstacle to better water management," Eisen said.

"Without that, we will continue to develop indiscriminately, which is a tremendous risk and could undermine the future

of the county." St. John said she wanted to be sure that Eisen's work wouldn't duplicate tasks already completed by the USGS team.

Stewart said having the USGS as a partner gives the county an advantage for future state funding. With the first phase already completed, the county could be in a good position for a state allocation from the legislature in 2007, or through other agencies for future phases, the manager said.

Eisen said she may move ahead with some research on money available and return to the commission this month with an update.

She told commissioners the advantage of working with her is that as an individual, she can offer guidance and recommendations. The USGS team only can provide data because it is a government agency.

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OUR OPINION

## Village, county need one another

Personalities can repair the damage done

Sept. 14, 2004, the Ruidoso Village Council, Mayor Leon Eggleston, Planning Director Charles Rennick and Village Manager Lorri McKnight spoke as one in their belief that Ruidoso was unappreciated and misunderstood by the county.

To wit, they felt Village reps were treated rudely during an ETZ discussion in the Lincoln County Commission chambers. Split the county, they sug-

gested. Or secede altogether. Fast-forward to March 21, 2006. That's Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley, in that same lion's den, telling commissioners, "I want to ask we try to get along ... [and] work together for common issues that affect us all."

Nunley had formerly served on the County Commission, and this time Commission chairman Rick Simpson, he of the rural background, clearly viewed a Ruidoso mayor as a fellow traveler.

All of which proves that politics is about personality. It can forge alliances and it can tear them apart.

We salute the Nunley overture, but it was made against a complex backdrop.

The village and the county are worlds apart culturally. The former is an urban enclave with an emerging "sophisticated" aesthetic; the latter remains a rural if growing jurisdiction with strong vestiges of ranching and the Old West.

As the two entities move forward, issues radiate outward and intersect, demanding regional cooperation; annexation, water, wastewater, sustainability, tourism, subdivision development, smart growth, ETZ ordinances, industry, property rights, zoning, roads, 911 systems, the hospital, emergency response, etc.

It's about time that the personalities of politics view us all as regional neighbors.

### Two-bit columnist gives no quarter about serious issue

NED CANTUELL

et's establish something right up front. This is serious business. The state needs a new quarter.

To be precise, it will not be a state quarter, but a federal quarter saluting New Mexico. We have not yet begun to mint our

own money. But keep your eyes on Governor Bill. If the Dems snub him in favor of Hillary, the guv may declare New Mexico an independent nation and assume the role of dictator. I got dibs on the press czar gig.

So important is the quarter design The Bill established a sevenmember New Mexico

Coin Commission. The coin commission is accepting 150 word essays that describe what the new quarter should look like. Please write yours and email it to the address below. I will forward it to the proper authorities. Just as important, the columnwill share your wisdom, if any, with others.

Warning: The first person who writes "I think our New Mexico quarter should be two dimes and a nickel stuck together with chewing gum" will get a visit from hooded goons driving a black sedan sporting stolen license plates.

Here are some examples of essays the coin commission. might receive:

From a 14-year-old skateboarder:

I think the new quarter should be like, way cool, like with a pitcher of a righteous babe doin' a half-pipe. Like our quarter should have kids and stuff on it and not some president guy from 100 years ago like that Reagan dude. I mean, like I went to a history class once but it was so totally lame I grabbed

my board and boogied. From Governor Bill

Richardson; On behalf of the people of New Mexico, let me thank you in

advance for your dedicated ser-

vice that will certainly enable our wonderful state to choose an appropriate design for the new quarter. Enclosed please find several pictures of me riding my horse, Sundance. While I have full confidence you will do the right thing. I am requesting each

of you to submit letters of resignation for use. at my discretion.

From the president of the New Mexico bar association:

It has come to our attention that the New Mexico Coin Commission Chereinafter and in all cases later in this document,

unless otherwise specified, to be referred to as NMCC1. has with clear and obvious intent issued a formal request on behalf of the Governor of New Mexico to seek 150-word essays describing a design for a coin piece representing a value to be known as twenty five percent of a United States dollar (Whoops! Sorry, ranover the word limit):

From the head of the New. Mexico American Civil Liberties Association:

If you even think about sticking artwork on this quarter that looks like a cross, we'll sue your butt. Go ahead and use a picture of an Indian if you want to, but he better not look like Jesus. Change "in God we trust" to "God - Why all the fuss?"

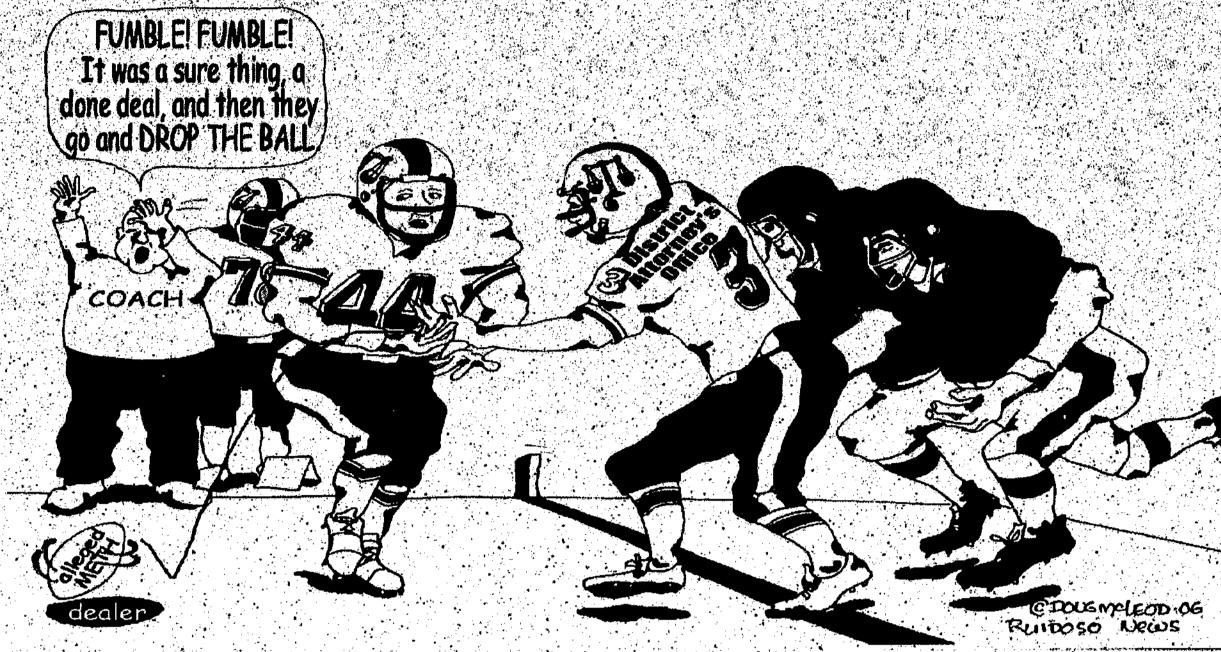
From "Anonymous":

I think our coin should salute just ordinary folks, like, say, a fellow who sells insurance, or maybe a housewife, or an auto mechanic or - WAIT, I GOT IT! a guy who writes a two-bit news-. paper column.

From God:

I'm getting irritated by both the ACLU and the idiot who wrote the last essay. Don't make me come down there!

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - sent the commission a photo of himself perched atop a Zia symbol.



## 'We the people' want DA and assistants removed

YOUR 1

To the editor:

brothers and sistas go".

My oh my. Is it just me, or do you see a pattern here of letting the drug dealers

I am reasonably sure that there have been many more that we don't know about, but we do know for sure that DA Key let three alleged drug dealers go in 'Capitan, now he's let another one go in a Lincoln County Sheriff's Office case.

The total of the two cases - two ounces of methamphetamine in Capitan, and over 13 ounces of methamphetamine in the S. O. case.

Then we have Mr. Jeremiah Thomas from Iowa, who got caught by the State Police here in Lincoln County transporting about 29 pounds of marijuana. Court records show that the DA's Office "Nolo Proseque" (dismissed) these charges also.

We can keep a score card here, bad guys and girls "5", decent hard working citizens of Lincoln County "0." And these are just the ones that we know about within the last seven months.

OK, Scot, you let the three bad guys go in Capitan and went after the police officers. Well, that didn't work, because the grand jury "no billed" them.

jobs. You got mad because they didn't include you and/or your incompetent Kirby Wills in on the deal. Now I understand why they didn't call you in.

Then, ADA Wills does it again. He incompetent ADA's to resign so "We the

the law? Guess what, Scot, you are the district attorney, and therefore, you are responsible for this mess.

You seem to have a knack for capitalizing on small insignificant mistakes made by others that don't amount to a hill of beans. You pursue trivial matters [but] don't have the ability to tackle

major cases. Maybe if you spent the same amount of time and energy trying to convict drug dealers and [accused] rapist like Abel Avila as you spend going after the cops, you might be considered as a district attorney that "does his job"....

I checked with the cops in Capitan , about the three drug suspects you let go. You assigned a "special prosecutor" to take over the case – Clint Welborn, from Socorro County.

According to Capitan police, they have made numerous calls to Welborn's assistant DA, Bruce Burwell, in the past eight months trying to find out the status of the case.

ADA Burwell will not even return their calls. Let's see, if this continues on, I guess that the statute of limitations will run out, and you won't have to worry This must mean that they did their - about it anymore. Is that what you and Welborn plan to happen?

> We the people elected you to do a job. If this is the "job" you are going to do, then "We the people" want you and your

drops the ball and lets Heidi Stringfellow people" can get a district attorney in New Motto for DA Scot Key: "Let the walk. Are you going to file charges on office that will do the job they are elected him, or is being incompetent not against and sworn to do, which is protect the hard working, honest citizens of Lincoln County. We are some of them, and quite frankly, Mr. Key, we're mad.

Jo Mayberry, Ester Flanagan, B.D. . Flanagan, Ron West

Capitan

#### Successive terms

To the editor:

First of all, belated congratulations to the winning candidates elected as the mayor and members of the council of the Village of Ruidoso. I would like to also congratulate the individual voters for their turnout and for their interest in the future of Ruidoso.

Second, although I do not feel the topic of successive elections is of great importance, I would like to set the record straight.

I am enclosing a list of successive mayors for the Village of Ruidoso as compiled from Village Clerk Irma Nava.

The term for mayor from 1945-1974 was only a two-year term and after 1974 has since been a four-year term. I was elected 1966-1968 and 1968-1970, and in 1974-1978 and 1978-1982 which are two back-to-back terms.

I am sure your own archives reflect this as factual. However, I question your accuracy in your research.

· Lloyd L. Davis, Jr. Ruidoso

## Guest worker? Give the Statue back to France

DAVID PFEFFER Santa Fe

uest worker proposals mean the end of America as the hope of asylum for the oppressed peoples of the world. We can take in only so many but many millions now live without permission in the United States. These proposals have one thing in common - they legitimize illegal aliens claiming every right to be here. They mean that real asylum seekers will have no hope at all.

Self-proclaimed "immigrants" with their advocates screaming for their socalled rights have jumped the line. Real damage is being done. Go to any American consulate abroad and see long lines of desperate people asking for permission to come here - and being denied.

Go to any hospital and see a packed emergency room designed for, say, 20 having to accommodate 30 - and an already painful wait of an hour or so stretched to an hour and an half.

Go to Florida and see Americans in uniform forcing people away from shore who would float 50-year-old trucks across 90 miles of open sea to freedom.

Why do we not apply the same standard to Mexicans that we apply to Cubans? Where is Somos Un Pueblo

Unido for the escapees from Castro's 50year "presidency?" Where are the immigration committees, day labor shelters and vaunted safe havens for folks like these?

Paraphrasing George Orwell, everyone's equal but evidently some are more equal than others.

We half-heartedly try to turn people away at our southern border and now we haggle over how long they may stay. We refuse "economic asylum" to Haitians but provide it to Mexicans for free. We sell our citizenship for cheap labor. And when one dares to use the word "Mexican" in a totally appropriate context; he is accused of racism.

Sanctioning illegal entry advances the erosion of a free America. We lose our freedom by baby steps - first health care, schooling, drivers' licenses, protective "safe havens" and in-state tuition all of which are to be paid for, earned by or denied to citizens and real immigrants (there is no safe haven for you if you break the law).

But isn't everybody equally human? Therefore, by what sacred principle do we dare deny the human right of these "immigrants" to vote and hold office? By what sacred principle could we deny them the human right to be here?

To get to America, a college classmate of mine rowed a boat across the

Adriatic from then-communist Yugoslavia to Italy - many miles of hunger, dehydration and open sea. Were he to be caught, he would have been sent back.

So he walked at night across Italy to France where, unable to go on, he gave himself up. The policeman yawned, looked at his watch and saw it was time for lunch.

He gave him a few francs, told him to go get something to eat and to come back later.

It was the first taste of freedom my friend had ever had - lunch in France versus a life in hell in Yugoslavia for the crime of going away. Eventually, he made it to America.

That was 40 years ago. Call it guest worker but the true meaning is this today, with millions demanding their "rights," my friend would not have made it to America.

There is no room for the ideals that made America the real safe haven for the truly oppressed throughout the world. The more that is demanded, the dimmer the light of liberty will shine. We might as well give the Statue back to France.

David Pfeffer is a Republican candidate from New Mexico for the United States Senate

## Low-income insurance plan meets resistance

Lincoln County not getting with the program

> DIANNE STALLINGS dstallings@ruidosonews.com

State and local officials are meeting resistance from employers about joining the State Coverage Insurance plan designed to help low-income individuals find affordable health care insurance.

Mary Spaulding-Bynon, director of the State Coverage Insurance program that is supervised through the Human Services Department, said the program is an effort to reach the estimated 400,000 uninsured people in New Mexico. That number is the second highest for any state in the nation, she said.

"We need to educate the public about the availability of the program," she told Lincoln County commissioners last week. "It's a great advantage to low-income earners for cover-

Low is relative, she qualified. The program covers people, ages 19-64, who earn up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of four, that translates to up to \$40,000.

"It reaches a significant amount of folks in the state," she said:

A typical \$320 monthly premium would cost an employer \$75, with the employee paying from zero dollars to \$35 depending on earnings, she

The federal match is about 60 percent and the state picks up the rest of the premium cost. The coverage carries a \$100,000 cap benefit per person annually. The program encourages people not to put off care.

Commissioner Tom Battin asked if many employers were

approached about the program

"We've done a lot of grassroots and talked to the chamber about doing more," Spaulding-Bynon said. "We have a marketing program starting in April all over the state, I can tell you it has been a challenge to get employers engaged in the

Battin observed that Lincoln County primarily is serviceindustry based with many small business employing just a few individuals.

to attract employees," he Laid, adding that being able to supply health insurance as a benefit could be a big lure.

"I think the service industry needs a program like this and we're asking for assistance in helping get the word out about this program," she said.

County Indigent Health Care Fund Administrator Rhonda Burrows said when she attended a recent affiliates meeting in Santa Fe, she learned only 11 people in Lincoln County signed up. The figure now is 19, but most enrolled as individuals, which required picking up both the employer and employee portions of the premium, she said.

"I've talked with employers and they still are reluctant," Burrows said: "I don't know if they are jaded from past experiences with insurance."

When people apply for help from the county's indigent health care fund, she advises them about the state program. she said.

"Our indigent applications are down and the more we can sign up, the less strain on the indigent fund," Burrows said. The fund receives revenue from a designated county gross receipts tax. The state insurance program is especially helpful for people who do not qualify for Medicaid, she said.

Pending a decision on whether the process is legal. Burrows is proposing a pilot program in the county, where the indigent health care fund would pay the employer contribution for individuals or families at 100 of the federal poverty guidelines.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs asked about the financial impact on the fund. Burrows said with about 50 people, at \$75 per person each month, the "But I hear that it's difficult cost would come to \$45,000 per year. She added that the

impact would be positive. Battin asked about assurances the federal money will continue to be available.

Burrows said a waiver received to use previously untouchable federal money in a state fund will expire in four years.

"They are pushing to get enrollment up so when the legislature looks, it will see the money is being used appropriately," she said. "The idea is that by becoming insured, even if the funding disappears, (the participants) will be more likely to get insured by an affordable

The three providers in the state are Lovelace SCI, Molina Healthcare and Presbyterian Health Plan, with the latter most common in Lincoln County.

Spaulding-Bynon said the program was initiated by Gov. Bill Richardson's Insure New Mexico Council.

"The east side of the state is not as bad as the southern half and the northwest corner," she said, showing commissioners a map of the state's uninsured residents. "But it still is substantial in this county."

Someone must picked up the tab for uninsured care and now

"I talked with employers and they are still reluctant. I don't know if they are jaded from past experiences

with insurance."

Rhonda Burrows Lincoln County Indigent Health Care Fund administrator

it's other health care users who have insurance or pay cash, and state taxpayers, she said.

"This is a public-private blend. "We take private funding from the employer and employee, use state funds and federal dollars and blend them."

The federal money comes from a Medicaid block grant, she said.

Prospective participants don't have to go to the local income support office, Spaulding-Bynon; said. They can sign-up on-line. Eligibility is determine by the income support office through a mail-in application.

The managed care organization helps employee and employer sign up for the plan. State officials hoped to sign up... 10,000 the first year, but the current number will sit at about 5,200 by the end of April, . she said.

Larry Mulligan with the PaloVerde-Glencoe Volunteer Fire Department suggested that the program might be used by the county as a way to provide health insurance for volunteer fire fighters.

Burrows said they would have to qualify financially and cannot currently be uninsured.

"You can't drop insurance for this," she emphasized

The number for Presbyterian is 1-800-606-7737. Burrows can be reached at 258-1232.

### Mayor wants performance audit

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The new mayor of Ruidoso wants a performance audit conducted of the village's operation.

"A performance audit evaluates the extent to which an agency has realized its goals," Mayor L. Ray Nunley said Wednesday. "Performance auditing concentrates on the agency's ability to carry out it functions effectively."

Specific goals should be set: before an audit team looks at operations, he said.

"A performance audit can be fruitful in finding solutions for public administration problems that repeat themselves," Nunley said while. explaining the process he mentioned in a speech on his first night as mayor. "There is no 'one way' to classify these kinds of management problems, nonetheless, performance audits can be useful tools."

Some of the classic problems where it could be applied include:

Inventory problems of

idle resources, including per-

sonnel training. Allocation covering the optimal use of available resources, jobs to be done and ways to do the jobs. Most bud-

get problems deal with alloca-How to get people or material through a service facility in the fastest and most efficient and effective

way, called queuing. Replacement, which means attempts to minimize the costs of replacing items that degenerate or fail over time from light bulbs to labor waste.

 Competition, which covers the problems of maximizing returns for one decision maker in the face of rivalry from other decision makers.

 Search, which involves finding the best opportunities and resources needed by a decision maker.

"Once the audit is completed and approved by all concerned, it should be like a five year plan and brought out often enough to matter to the management of the village," Nunley said.

#### Impact fee meeting is scheduled

A special meeting to continue a public hearing on proposed changes to the village of Ruidoso's impact fee ordinance is set for 9 a.m. Saturday at service. Village Hall on Cree Meadow. Drive off Hull Road.

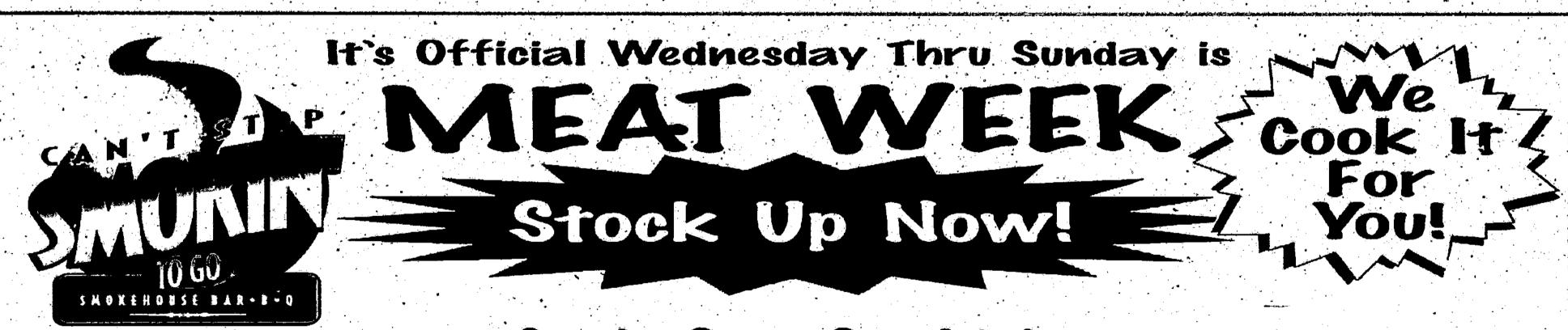
Village councilors are seeking clarification on the legal status of an impact fee ordinance approved in 2003 to determine if the changes can be when fees should be imposed enacted as an amendment or whether a new ordinance is required.

\* The new fees as submitted would increase the cost per home by about \$1,000. The

money is targeted to offset the expense connected to the impact of new construction on water, sewer and wastewater

Critics challenge some of the land use and water consumption assumptions used as the basis for determining fees, the legality of the 2003 ordinance and the method of determining and how much they should be tied to square footage.

They contend impact fees depress home construction. especially at the more affordable end.



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## EDUCATION

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## Children focus on peaceful relations in camp

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eace and harmony are good things. So sayeth children attending Spring Break Peace Camp at High Mesa Healing Center, in Alto this week.

"It's important that we have peace so that we can have good things in the world and so we can all love each other," attendee Catie Cory, said with conviction and without missing a beat.

On Tuesday Cory said she is enjoying her second day at camp for its teachings and for the opportunity to be outside and interacting with others in a positive way.

"Peace is feeling the wind in my face," Cory wrote on her identification badge, while "Shelby" wrote, "Peace is being at the beach."

Suzanne Zoch, camp organizer and founder of Youth Enrichment Services, Inc., a Ruidosobased agency that provides customized educational activities for children, said the children. were asked to write a one line thought or idea about peace upon arrival to the three day event.

"It kind of got us on our way," she said of the camp's kickoff activity.

· At Peace Camp, Zoch said children are reading books that take the reader through scenarios rife with conflict and challenges and are asked to help determine strategies for resolution to those conflicts. She said that children are being asked to determine what led to the problems and are directed to study the accused, their motives, and help determine " who did it," as part of a criticalthinking exercise.

"We've been reading chapters from my book Maggie Whispers as a way of looking into the

"It's important that we have peace so that we can have good things in the world and so we can all love each other."

> Catie Cory Peace Camp attendee

cause of evil deeds," Zoch said. "This also gets children interested in reading; and so that is good

Camp assistant Susan Angolani said she is providing sessions in arts and crafts and music that lifts the spirit while helping the children to express positive thoughts and behaviors.

"Our theme is spring so we are coordinating music and art around that," Angolani said.

Zoch said one of the favorite activities of the children is walking the labyrinth available at High Mesa.

"They walk it in a certain way, moving their bodies left to right, and that helps produce alpha waves, which cause them to be more peaceful and meditative," she said.

When the Ruidoso News visited, the group of 11 boys and girls, ages 8 to 10, were preparing to conduct a treasure hunt. With each child holding one of the clues to solving the hunt, they are building communication and teamwork skills, Zoch said.

Zoch, who currently runs the Parents Across Cultures Program at the Community Health Services Center, said children who's time is occupied with positive experiences and mentorships are 46 percent less likely to start using drugs and



Twice as nice; Catie Cory and "Shelby" say the wind and the beach, respectively, help them feel peaceful.

are better adjusted and happier than those who spend a lot of time unsupervised.

She said that it is her hope to put together a full schedule of camps and workshops for kids in

27 percent less likely to start drinking alcohol. Lincoln County when school is not in session, in She said studies also show that these children order to make available better choices for free time among youth.

For more information about programs offered by Youth Enrichment Services, Inc., call 257-

## Developmental screenings for kids

**DEANNA CHENEY** dchenev@ruidosoneivs.com.

Parents of children who are birth through five years of age, are invited to attend a free screening for the developmental areas of speech, language, vision, hearing and motor skills. Classroom readiness for kindergarten, dental and nutrition also is 'be assessed.

The screenings are available in Lincoln County free of charge through the Region Education Cooperative, in con-

Sierra Vista Primary

**School** library sponsored

a Books 'N Breakfast read-

first and second grade stu-

dents and their male role

models or special family member. Altogether, 55

parents and their students

attended the event. Many

children read to/with their

family members and then

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took the Accelerated

Reader test.

ing event March 16 with

junction with kindergarten and Head Start programs.

•Ruidoso Convention Center: April 5, 11-2 p.m.,

• Capitan schools: April 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

· Corona schools: April 11, 9-

· Carrizozo schools: April 12, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

· • Hondo schools, April 21: 9-11 a.m.

Kindergarten registration also is available at all scheduled screenings for children who will be five before Sept. 1,

**BOOKS 'N BREAKFAST** 

2006. Birth certificates, immunization records, and social security cards are required.

Head Start registration for. children who will be three before Sept. 1, 2006, will take place at screenings taking place in Ruidoso, Capitan, Carrizozo and Hondo. Birth certificates, immunization records, social security cards, proof of income. Medicaid and insurance cards are to be presented.

For more information, contact Region IX Education Cooperative at 257-2368.

#### EDUCATION NEWS

Capitan school board

The Capitan Board of Education will hold a special work session at 6:30 p.m., April 4, in the campus of the administration building. Persons with a disability or need of a special aid are invited to contact

#### Pre-registration

 A student-parent planning meeting for the 2006-07 school year is scheduled for 6.p.m., April 4, in the Ruidoso High School cafeteria. All students, grades 9-11, and their parents are invited to attend.

Capitan schools at 354-2239.

Information on graduation requirements and student progress towards graduation will be provided in the meeting.

•Sierra Blanca Christian Academy will hold an open registration for students grades K4-8 interested in attending the school beginning April 1.

Information packets are available at the school office, located in the lower level of First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information call 630-0144.

#### Peace workshop

Families for Education is hosting a program that provides tips for dealing with anger management and conflict resolution April 6-May 18.

The program is open to parents and youth, 12-15 years of age. Registration takes place 5:30 p.m., April 6, at the

Ruidoso Senior Center, 501-A Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. For more information, call 257-0170.

#### **Ambassador**

Christina Coyle, granddaughter of Jim and Peggy French of Ruidoso and daughter of Tom and Robin Coyle of Albuquerque, has been accepted in to the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Acceptance into the Student Ambassador Program is an honor. After being nominated to participate, the delegates submitted letters of recommendation and successfully completed an interview process.

Coyle will explore Australia and New Zealand for 15 days in summer 2006.

#### **B-ball tourney**

The public is invited to attend a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Ruidoso Middle School 9 a.m., April 8. Proceeds from the community event will help pay for an educational field trip planned by students in the 7th and 8th grades to the nation's capital and to New York City this summer. Concessions, entertainment and a raffle also are planned. For more information, contact Rutalee Todd at 257-4033.

#### National Library Week

The Ruidoso Public Library

is celebrating National Library Week April 3-6 with special offerings to the public.

The library is waving the \$5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ fee normally assessed on replacing a library card during the four-day event. In addition, materials that are overdue can be turned in to the library with no fine assessed. For more information call 258-4619.

#### Godspell audtions

The Lincoln County Literacy Council, part of ENMU-Ruidoso's Adult Basic Education program, is holding a Basic Reading Tutor Training Workshop 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on April 8. The meeting will take place at the Lincoln County Works Center, 707 Mechem Dr., inside the State National Bank building. Training and materials are free. Contact Mary Allen at 630-8181.

#### ENMU honor roll

Daniel Montes and James Jensen, graduates of Ruidoso High School, were named to the 2005 fall semester Dean's Honor Roll at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a. 3.25 GPA, ENMU opened in 1934 and today has an enrollment of some 3,500 on its main campus in Portales. Eastern, which also has a branch campuses in Ruidoso and Roswell. offers 60 undergraduate and graduate programs.



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## SEPTIC

springs and rivers; and the karst terrain, limestone caverns, that cover the east and northern portions of the county, he said.

County attorney Alan Morel said he liked the specific nature of King's recommendation that advance treatment be required for lots of less than two acres. lots in a flood plain and lots with shallow groundwater. He needs well-defined criteria if wording is to be added to the county's subdivision rules, because commissioners cannot impose "arbitrary or capricious" requirements, he said.

He prefers specifics instead of relying on a flood plain map, because the map's lines in some areas are not precise, the attornev said.

At the end of a three hourdiscussion on changes to the ordinance, commissioners continued the public hearing until next month.

"It's my opinion being on this job 40 years and seeing all kinds of situations, that contamination can be done by septic systems and its important to consider lot size when designing septic systems," King said.

"State Environment Department officials wanted a minimum of five acres (for a septic system), but politics dictated three-quarters of an acre" by the time the state law was approved, King said,

"My recommendation is that this commission look seriously at requiring some type of advanced treatment on lot sizes of less than at least one acre.

and I would recommend two acres," he said.

Commissioner Maury St. John asked King if with two acres or more, a septic tank always is allowed. King responded only if other criteria, such as the ability of the soil to percolate, is met. That is determined by a soil analysis, he

Commissioner Tom Battin said county officials are struggling with how to fashion a fair but effective ordinance.

"So in some conditions, septic systems are all right, but in others, even if the lot exceeds two acres, septic would not be appropriate," he clarified. "I assume it would never be appropriate in a flood plain. I would think it would be easy for us to include a prohibition in a flood plain, but beyond that, how do we identify (permissible) areas, or do you do that?"

The state ED publishes a map showing areas of concern in the state and nearly all of the county is included, except for the far western corner around Corona and Claunch, King said, adding, "However, that may be because the parcels of land there mainly are large."

When state environment officials look at a permit application, "We will inform the person that this is an area of concern. Our dilemma is that if the county does an ordinance more restrictive than state law, we have to have an agreement through our Santa Fe office that says we can regulate that aspect of the ordinance, such as minimum lot size, otherwise we. have to go with state law, which is three-quarters of an acre."

Commissioner Chairman Rick Simpson summarized that if the county adopts rules more stringent than the state, a memorandum of understanding must be adopted by both sides to give the state powers of enforcement of the county provisions.

King explained how a septic system functions. "You need good soil to treat the (wastewater)," he said. Soil full of rock is no good, because the particulates are needed to remove the bacteria or fecal coliforms that can pollute groundwater...

But the soil won't remove the nitrogen and phosphorus, which are intense nutrients, King said. Larger lots allow broader leach fields that dilute those nutrients. Yet, even a large lot close to groundwater wouldn't work, he said.

#### Valley study

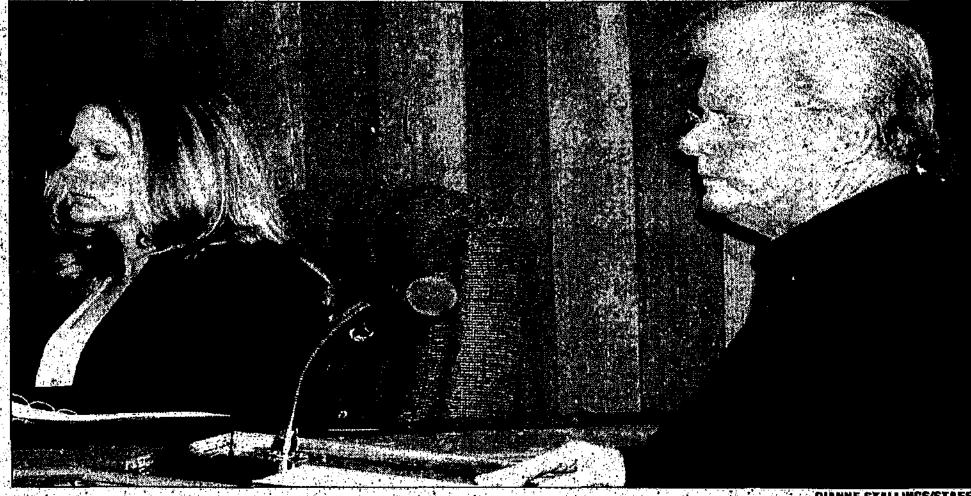
King told commissioners that a team from the ED recently completed a study of wells and septic systems in the valley east of Ruidoso Downs to San Patricio.

"We found a lot of wells where it was less than 20 feet to standing water, but we found no wells polluted by septic systems," King said. They also didn't find water from the river polluting drinking wells, although a few irrigation wells were affected, he said.

However, the danger in flood zones is that if a septic system or leach field is washed out, pollution will occur because no percolation is possible. An aerobic system treats the water in the tank and the contamination risk is lessened, he said.

advance treatment, but there are others," King said.

Jackie Powell, a valley resi-



DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Wike D'Brien of Rainmakers, a development north of Ruidoso, offers a few opinions on proposed changes to Lincoln County's subdivision ordinance. In the background is County Clerk Tammie Maddox...

dent, a member of the county Water Research Committée and a candidate for the District 5 commission seat in the Republican primary, thanked King for going beyond his normal duty by bringing in a team for testing.

The threat of pollution for valley residents is increasing as more people build homes along the river, she contended. The last flood in 1994 was "a baby flood" compared to 1965, she said.

"Those who have lived there a long time know better than to build a house on the river." Powell said.

"Aerobic is one type of river now that will not be there with a flood and will contaminate us, and we're concerned. about it. For our health, safety and welfare, how far would (King) recommend from the river," Powell asked.

King said state rules based on federal Environmental Protection Standards dictate a 100 foot setback from any surface water for a leach field and 50

feet for septic tanks.

In testing 55 homes throughout the valley recently, the ED team found only one too close to the river and a couple with wells too close, he said.

"We feared we'd find many put in too close," he said, adding that only one cesspool was discovered. "We were very impressed with what we found and with how the folks are trying to do good job taking care of sewage and water."

Battin asked if the county ordinance should include a prohibition of septic tanks in a flood plain and if that would cover the problem around

"I'm not sure we could prevent houses, but maybe treatment systems," the commissioner said.

King said if the county adopted a more stringent requirement than the state, a MOU also would be needed for that provision, if the state was to consider the criteria when reviewing a permit application.

"It's a heck of political hot

potato to tell someone they can't, but looking at it from science, if you keep (septics) out of the flood plain, you run less of a risk of polluting the groundwa-

Some developers might consider clustering homes on a shared treatment system, such as a package sewage treatment plant, aerobic or other options.

State ED officials are encouraging treatment systems, with counties managing their operations, billing for service and ensuring they are maintained, as a better alternative than dealing with a bunch of · maintenance contractors, King

Cathie Eisen, who operates the water-wastewater treatment system for Rainmakers subdivision, said what King described could be costly for the county. A certified operator to maintain and inspect the systems would be required, billing would be involved, systems would have to be pumped periodically and the resulting sludge handled properly.

### County debates limits on subdivision approvals

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Opinions were divided on the Lincoln County Commission about imposing a oneyear limit on subdivision approvals.

County Attorney Alan Morel told commissioners last week during a review of proposed changes to the county subdivision ordinance that if the rule is approved, developers would be required to start construction within one year after a plat is filed, or secure a one-year extension. The provision is aimed at preventing the proliferation of approved, but unbuilt subdivisions, he said. At least 50 exist on paper today, he added.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs asked if the rule could be applied retroactively or only to future subdivisions.

Morel said the county attempted to void 15 subdivisions that lagged on construction by suspending sales, but that move affected the title insurance, was challenged in drew from the action, Morel

Commissioner Maury St. John said if developers don't receive extensions, when they want to begin construction, they must begin anew under any rules adopted after the initial approval by the county.

Commissioner Tom Battin questioned if one year is long enough in view the time it takes developers to secure approval of water rights transfers, if they are necessary.

St. John said multiple oneyear extensions could be secured, if needed.

But Mike O'Brien with Rainmakers subdivision said as a developer he would be reluctant to pursue costly water rights or invest money in a project knowing that an extension might not be approved if new county commissioners were elected who want to shut down growth.

"It took seven years to get our project on board, but I think limiting the time is a good idea," O'Brien said. "However, we'd be reticent to come back every year."

He was mollified a bit to court and the county with learn that the time period doesn't start with commission approval. It begins with the the water," she contended.

filing of the final plat, he was told by Realtor Harvey Foster.

"You won't get a final plat without water," O'Brien said; "But it still may be a little tight."

San Patricio resident Ralph Nosker said the process of acquiring rights easily could take 18 months, especially if a protest is registered. "You could certainly restrict growth this way," he said.

The goal is to eliminate dormant subdivisions, not limit growth, Battin said.

A future commission might not administer the rules fairly or could change the rules while the developer was struggling to acquire rights, he

Valley resident Jackie Powell said many people don't want to accept the truth that water rights in the Ruidoso Basin already are overdrawn. The only way the Village of Ruidoso was allowed to continue pumping was through an emergency transfer of rights expiring in November, she said.

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Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino in nearby Mescalero and a less than aggressive approach to sales by convention center staff, were at the root of the \$14,000 dip in revenues.

Burres said then, "We knew they would take some of our group business away, but in the long run felt it is to everyone's benefit if they bring people to the area."

Burres told councilors that each entity, while vying for the same business, has its own niche. She surmised that bookings by government groups and associations were down at the convention center because annual conventions hosted by these groups alternate between northern and southern New Mexico each year.

"They come to the south in the even years," she said.

Despite the challenges convention center staff is facing, Burres said she is "optimistic and moving forward."

She said that a search for a new director will officially get

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to commissioners. Stewart said although he wrote federal representatives of the county to protest any reduction, he read that a 15 percent drop may occur in funding of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes that compensate counties with untaxable federal lands within their borders.

Of Lincoln County's 3 million acres, about 1 million acres fall under the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

"We currently are scheduled to receive at least \$1,013,685 in underway this week but added that resumes already are coming in "by word of mouth,"

"We've got some of candidates we're looking at now. I'm excited about putting a new person in that position," she said.

Burrus said that with the change in management, the convention center's advertising campaign, collateral materials, including Web site design, and overall approach to marketing will be revamped in the coming months.

"I'll be stepping in at the convention center to keep our sales efforts going until we get someone in there. We're scheduled to participate in a business expo in Santa Fe in April and will attend an affordable meetings exposition and conference in Long Beach, California in June. This will give us access to hundreds of meeting planners. We feel good about the future, she said.

The sales component of the Ruidoso Convention Center is held under a management contract between the Village of Ruidoso and Leisure Hotels which operates the Hawthorn. Inn, and is paid in part out of Lodgers Tax collections.

June 2006, " he told commissioners. "I will prepare our budget with a 15 percent reduction of \$152,053 until we hear differently from our representa-

Stewart also updated commissioners on negotiations with representatives of Presbyterian Healthcare Services on a new contract to manage the countyowned hospital in Ruidoso, two rural health clinics and an i 'ambulance service.'

He may ask for a special commission meeting to consider the terms.

The county's volunteer fire departments received a boost from the recent session of the state Legislature in the form of additional money to offset high 'Affordable' health insurance for retired county employees finds sympathy, but...

## Commissioners reluctant to tap county's reserve

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Although Lincoln County commissioners say they want affordable health insurance coverage for county employees who retire, some also were reluctant to commit to a big bite out of the county's reserve and a new \$87,500 annual expense.

But last week on a motion by Commissioner Earl Hobbs, they voted to send a letter of intent to participate in the employee retirement health care program to the director of the state Health Care Authority and to conduct a hearing at their May 16 regular. meeting. However, they asked that a comparison of premiums and plan coverages be prepared for their review.

Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said he doesn't like the irrevocable nature of the arrangement.

"We have contracts for hundreds of thousands of dollars that we have 30-day out (provisions) on," he said. "The fact that anywhere down the line, we have no way out no matter what happens, makes me won-

#### Costly 'catch-up'

Commissioner Maury St. John, a registered nurse, said she fears the county will invest to "catch up" and join the state. employee retiree health care program, but when people retire, the will not be able to

afford to participate,

After paying all of her bills each month on her retirement. "I personally can't afford the amount of money you have to pay for this insurance," she said, "When we first started talking about this plan, I thought it would be about what everyone is paying now. Instead they have to pick up a huge amount of money. I wonder if at the time of retirement, employees will be able to buy into it or if we pay a quarter million dollars and no one can

afford it." She said other plans available through the American Association of Retired Persons are less expensive.

County Finance Director Charlene "Punkin" Schlarb and Appraiser Paul Baca said other plans may cost less, but the benefits are significantly less too. Schlarb said she wants to maintain the level of care available under her current county

Commissioner Tom Battin said with premiums already higher, employees have no assurance they won't increase even more.

"I understand the concern of employees to be covered because it's a time when health problems arise, but there are many uncertainties," he said,

 Schlarb said during a period nearly a quarter million dollars when private plan premiums rose by 6 percent to 10 percent. the state retiree health care plan went up by only 1 percent. Of the county's 76 full-time

employees, 10 sit at 20 years or more of service. They can retire at 25 years depending on their

John said even the retiree plan won't cover everything.

"I don't think you will be able to pay for it anyway, you will not have enough money," she said. "A third of your retirement would go to pay for health insurance. You are not going to be able to eat."

County Assessor Rick Silva said commissioners should grant the health care coverage to employees when they retire because regular benefits, "are not great, salaries are not

Baca said it would cost him \$1,100 a month for three people, if he tried to buy regular health care insurance.

Stewart cited premiums of \$860 a month to \$1,032 for other plans.

#### **Pre-existing conditions**

County Indigent Health Care Administrator Rhonda Burrows said employees or their family members with preexisting conditions could be denied coverage or have to pay even higher premiums with plans other than the state retiree program, which has no exclusion for pre-existing conditions.

If employees couldn't pay for their health care, the county would end up picking up the tab through the indigent health care fund or the local hospital's sole community provider fund, anyway, Hobbs said.

The county should have opted into the program when it was first offered and it wouldn't be facing the catch up burden

now, he said. Dave Parks, an insurance agent, advised, "I don't think you will find anything better, but do a comparison, so you don't have to worry if it is the right decision or not."

Stewart said the annual expense is "manageable.".

"I built a reserve and I think we have enough to institute the program and see how it sorts out." he said.

... The county initially would pay a contribution of \$247,560 over a period of 13 years at \$2,489 per month or \$29,867 per year at 7.5 percent interest to catch up since 1990. Then the county would pay about \$4,800 per month, subject to further adjustments, for the county employee match, about \$57,596 a year, for a total initial requirement for the annual county budget of \$87,462. Employees would pay .0065 of their salaries each pay period.

A survey showed that 65 employees favored entering the program and 11 were against it.

Battin said the issue is one of the "most perplexing decision I've had to address. I'm sympathetic this may give employees an opportunity to retire when they should, instead of having to work, but a quarter of million expense for the county as catch-: up concerns me."

### Traffic light to be installed at the Mechem/Post Office intersection

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Relief for drivers tired of waiting behind a line of cars at

the exit to Mechem Drive from the post office or convention center in Ruidoso is scheduled to roll into town April 3.

That's when a crew from the state Transportation Department should arrive to start work on the installation of a traffic signal at the intersec-

The village council requested a study to qualify for a signal more than a year ago.

"I'm really pleased that we are getting a light there because the congestion is intense at that intersections at times," said Mayor L. Ray Nunley:

"It will make it safer and more convenient for all of us."

According to information from state transportation officials, the installation, which will be completed in June, will include "pedestrian friendly

"It will make it safer for all of us."

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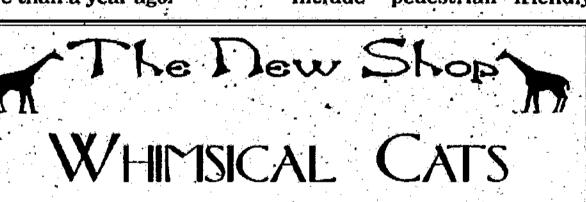
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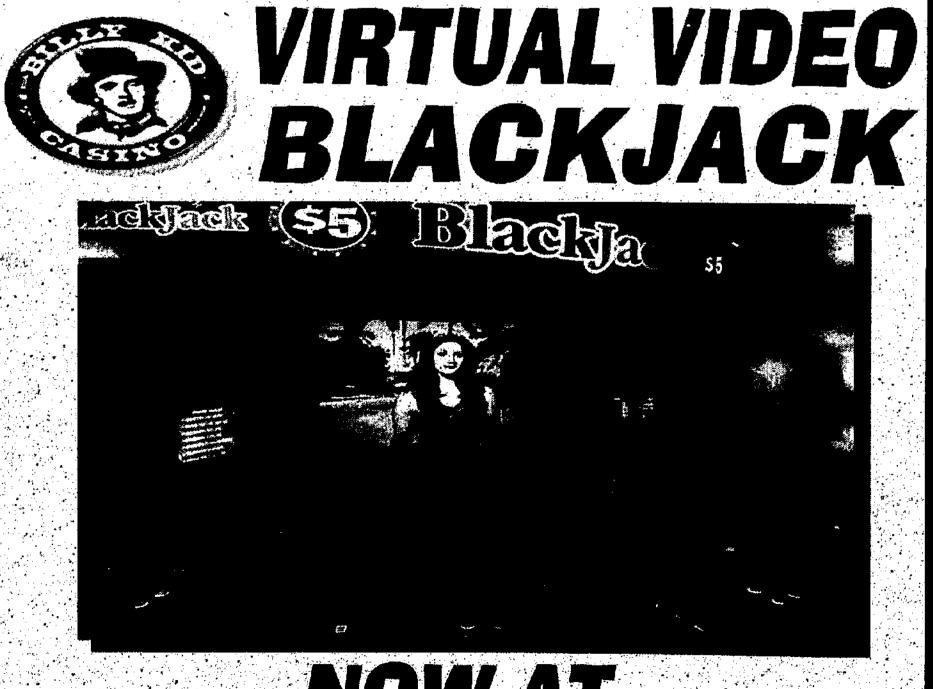
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"Traffic approaching the intersection in all direction may be required to come to a complete stop before proceeding through the intersection," said Public Information officer

Manon Arnett. Expected delays will be minimal and speed limits will be reduced throughout the work zone, she said, adding that, "Motorists are asked to watch for construction personnel working in the area of the intersection.

Dave Dawson will handle the project for the transportation department.



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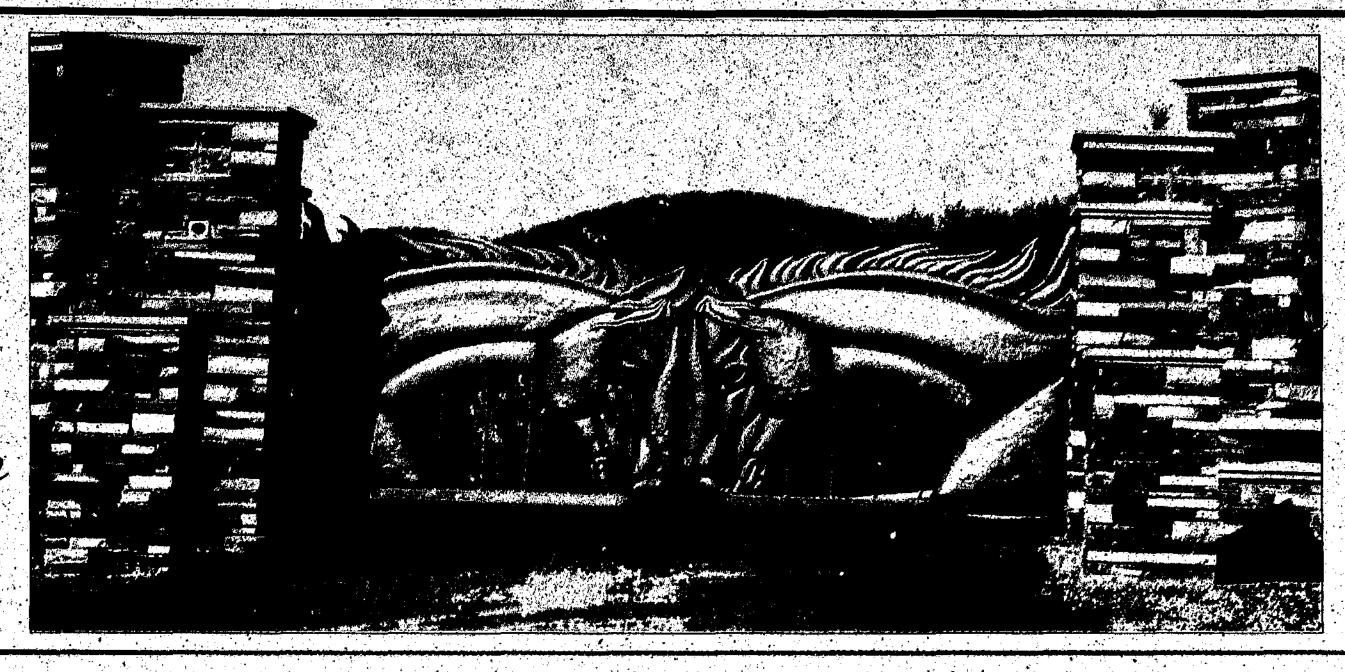
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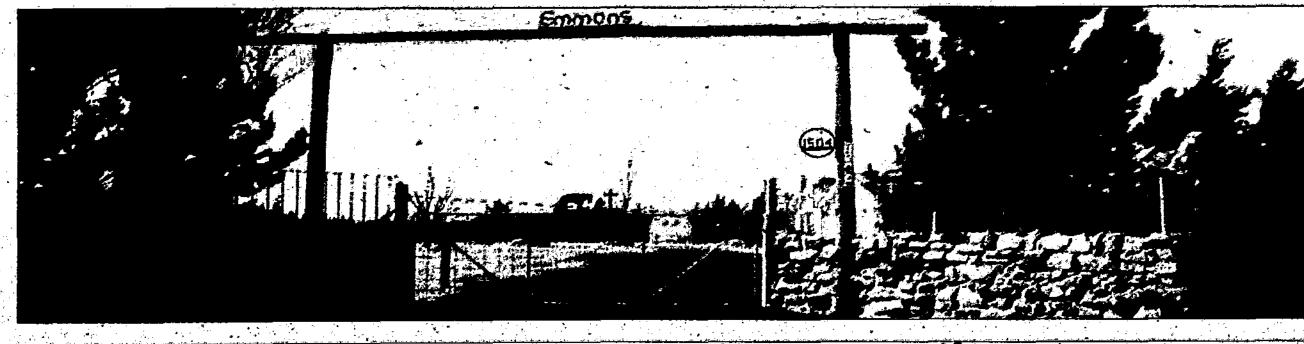
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## Lincoln County trust lands go up for auction

State Land Office seeks highest bidger for threeparcels from near Capitan to Angus and Eagle Creek

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Three parcels of State Trust Land in Lincoln County totaling 4,435 acres are offered for sale, swap or a combination of the two for a minimum bid of 24; \$4,341,000.

The largest parcel of 3,956.15 acres lies northeast of Capitan; a 360-acre tract is situated south of the Lincoln Hills subdivision at Angus; and 118.95 acres sits along northern Eagle Creek

The three must be sold together and New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands Patrick Lyons must receive the appraised true value of the

He established the values as \$3.521 million on the largest tract, \$420,000 for the second tract and \$400,000 for the smallest parcel.

The deadline to submit bids to Deputy Commissioner Dennis Garcia at the State Land Office in Santa Fe is 4 p.m. May

A performance deposit equal to 10 percent of the amount of the cash portion in the case of an exchange/cash combination bid must be submitted.

The successful bidder is required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction, including surveys, appraisals, title insurance and settlement fees.

## County wants state assurance on The Nest

Manager Tom Stewart wants clarity on state's reimbursement of funds but has only verbal pact

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Before the Lincoln County Commission moves ahead with the purchase of a building in Ruidoso Downs for a domestic violence shelter, the county manager wants clear authorization and assurance of reimbursement in writing from the state.

To date his assurances all were verbal, although Gov. Bill Richardson signed Senate Bill 639, which provided the authority for the county to buy The Nest from Help End Abuse for Llfe.

That delay also will give members of HEAL time to finish more of the renovations to. The Nest structure. Once the county buys the building, state

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and county procurement codes must be followed, including bidding out all work, said County Manager Tom Stewart.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs agreed with Stewart to "get it in writing" from officials with the state Department of Finance and Administration.

"You're entirely correct that there should be no action until we have statements from the state and that the money is forthcoming, especially with the tendency of money not showing up these days," the commissioner said, apparently referring to governor veto of some capital outlay projects.

The HEAL group requested \$465,000 from the governor and state Legislature in January, but received \$325,000,

HEAL President Cynthia Culbertson said her group wants to continue working on the building during the purchase process.

The money from the state

cannot be given to the group until the county buys the building, she said.

"We need to determine the time line," she said. "We will fund it until the state money rolls in."

Stewart emphasized that the \$325,000% for which Culbertson created a budget cannot be used on a structure unless the county owns it.

At the same time, the DFA will not reimburse the county the \$422,750 used to purchase The Nest without a written and approved agreement with HEAL to manage the building, an appraisal verified by the county assessor and clear title; he said

We want immediate reimbursement from the state as soon as we buy the building,' Stewart said.

"So the difficulty is timing it so that the purchase is near the completion they desire, then using the \$325,000 appropria-

"The difficulty is timing it so that the purchase is near the completion they desire, then using the appropriation to continue the project."

> Tom Stewart Manager, Lincoln County

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tion to continue the project." As soon as the last appropriation is received, HEAL members can begin working on a new capital outlay request to the state, he said.

Another \$2,250 grant must be spent for art in public places. Items selected by Stewart and Culbertson for The Nest must be approved by the state.

No action was needed at the commission meeting last week. Instead Stewart said he would keep the commission updated for possible action this summer.

## County commissioners support trap warnings

They ask that signs he posted in recreation areas

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Lincoln County commissioners officially asked that warning signs be posted at trail heads and in public recreption areas on federal land, if trapping is occurring there.

Duane Frost of the county's Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, reported on a recent meeting attended by trappers, by officials with various federal agencles managing land in the county and by residents who fear pets or humans may be caught and injured in traps.

#### 'Lively meeting'

Frost called the meeting lively and well attended. He said the committee recommended the request be sent to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, among others.

The meeting was initiated after residents of Ranches of Sonterra reported encounters with traps, some cited by a game warden as illegally placed, as they walked their dogs in a BLM recreation area.

The Associated Press reported in an article March 10, that a group in Mineola. NY. is pushing for a ban on trapping

Lt. Governor Diane Denish

today named Dorian Dodson to

lead New Mexico's Children.

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ment while the department launches a nationwide search

for a permanent Secretary-des-

. Dodson continues a decades-

long career dedicated to social

work, having most recently served as deputy secretary for

the Department's three service

areas, including Juvenile

Justice, Family Services, and

to assume this very important role," Dodson said in a news conference in the Governor's.

Cabinet Room earlier this

week. "I am putting together a strong, solid and diverse man-

agement team, made up of

some existing staff and some

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"I am honored and humbled

Protective Services.

ignate.

after several incidents involving pet injuries or deaths

The writer pointed out that. laws differ from state to state, but about a dozen states, including Colorado Arizona, banned trapping in some or all forms.

#### Internal politics

Frost also told commissioners that a replacement on the committee will be needed because Robert Moeller, secretary, resigned.

In his resignation letter to county commissioners, Moeller wrote that, "My ability to be of effective service has been eliminated by the committee members, acting in concert with powerful persons who are outside the committee, but manipulating its actions."

. He indicated a willingness to serve in future appointments to other boards.

Moeller accused committee members of personal attacks against him as retaliation for his "strong advocacy of intelligent growth management in Lincoln County."

At the PLURAAC meeting that included a discussion of the trapping industry in the county, Frost contended Moeller improperly called the session a public hearing, that he overstepped his authority and that meeting minutes contained "editorial" observations.

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meth," Dodson said. "I thank

the Governor's office for work-

ing with us to put much-needed

resources in our field offices to give our workers the help they

In addition to eight years of

service to the Children, Youth

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56-year old Dodson has also worked as director of St.

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## Ruidoso nine splits with Eunice

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Both Ruidoso and Eunice learned the hard way Thursday that a baseball game literally isn't over until it's over.

The Cardinals found that out in the first game of the teams' double-header at White Mountain Athletic Complex, as Ruidoso shortstop Michael Sanchez took a two-out, 1-and-0 pitch from Eunice's Luis Garcia and parked it just inside the foul pole in left field and out of the park for a three-run home run to give his team a 4-2 victory.

Game two was just the opposite, with Ruidoso holding a lead for most of the game until the top of the fifth, when the Cardinals scored three runs and then held the Warriors in the waning light to salvage a split with the 8-7 vic-

Sanchez' home run in the first game represented the only lead for the Warriors in that game, as Garcia was able to effectively shut down Ruidoso's offense. allowing just three hits and no runs until the fifth inning.

Not that the Warriors (3-7) were without pitching of their own. Will Wilson showed why he's considered the premiere pitcher in Class 3A with a 3-hit

► RUIDOSO SCORES

Game One Warriors 4. Cardinals 2 000 20 -- 2 3 0

Luis Garcia and Jose Hernandez. Will Wilson and Cutter Pack. W — Wilson.
L — Hernandez, HR — Rui (Michael Sanchez) 28 — Eun (Luis Garcia), Rui (Jaron Perez). LOB — Eun 2, Rui 3.

Cardinals 8, Warriors 7 Ruidoso

Clay Vinson, Shane Thomas (1), Edgar Alvidrez (4), Sergio Lujan (4) and Jose Hernandez. K.D. Elsey, Jaron Perez (5), Will Wilson (5) and Cutter Pack. W— Lujan. L.— Perez. 2B — Eun (Uly Angulano), Rui (Wilson 2). LOB — Eun 5, Rui 5.

performance of his own, striking out six Cardinal batters and allowing just two runs in the fourth inning on a double by Garcia and untimely error at third base by K.D. Elsey.

Thankfully for Elsey, those runs weren't enough for Eunice. Jaron Perez got things going in the bottom of the fifth and final inning with a double to left, eventually scoring on a single by Jared Storey.

to left, setting the stage for Sanchez, who took the first pitch. for a ball, then hit what probably would have been ball two out of



Ruidoso players Michael Sanchez (2) as he arrives at home plate after hitting a three-run home run to give the Warriors a 4-2 victory over Eunice in the first game of a double-header Thursday at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

"It was a high pitch, and I Manny Herrera later singled probably shouldn't have swung at it," Sanchez said. "But it worked out."

> Game two showed that each team had already put their aces

on the mound, for the hitting was a bit more prolific. Eunice again took the initial lead with two runs in the top of the inning on wild pitches and an error by Wilson at third, but the Warriors

re-took the lead in the bottom

Eunice starter Clay Vinson walked Storey, Sanchez and Herrera on 10 pitches to load the bases before being replaced by

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## Ruidoso Tennis bolstered by ± Hoffman's performance vs. Rams

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As a team, the Ruidoso boys and girls tennis teams may have been a bit overmatched against Portales Friday. The team scores illustrate that. The Warriors fell 7 matches to 2, while the girls

were swept 9.0. Individually, however, one Warrior in particular

had a very good day.

Shane Hoffman, playing at No. 2 singles, needed quite a bit of time and something called a "super" tie breaker — best of 10 points — to decide his match, but he finally won 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

The super tie breaker was particularly exciting, as Hoffman's match was the only one left to play, and he found himself down 5-1 with everyone look-

ing on. "I had never won a tie breaker, and it looked as though I wasn't going to," Hollman said. "But I started to battle back.

Hoffman eventually tied it at 7-all, took the lead at 9-8 and won it on his final serve of the night.

Hoffman also had reason to celebrate after the No. 1 doubles match, in which he and teammate Jake Ordorica won 6-7 (5-7), 7-5, 6-3.

"I was really happy after we won and was jumping up and down," Ordorica said of the victory. "I was a little nervous at first, but after lost that first

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baseball coach James Weems hopes his

team will learn in their first year, it's

how to finish off a game with a victory.

some learning to do in that regard on

Friday. Capitan won both of its games

against the Ruidoso JV, 10-7 and 10-5,

but it took some last-inning offense to

win one and a few timely strikeouts in

the last inning of the other before the

nothing new," Weems said. "We just

in the first game, as the Tigers (5-4)

took a big lead thanks to a 7-run sec-

McCullough, Paedon Herrera and

have to know how to finish it."

"This is the same situation we've faced before, we just had a letdown. It's

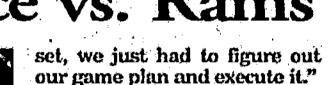
Finishing it was certainly a concern

victories were settled.

Brandon Osborn.

The Tigers showed they still have

If there's just one thing Capitan



Ruidoso coach Dennis Johnston said it was a matter of taking Portales' game -which was to hit the ball as hard as they could — and soften the blow with a series of

Hoffman

The strategy worked, as the lobs took the Portales players

out of their rhythm and got them frustrated. "It drove them crazy, and we got into their heads," Johnston said. "We were smiling when we knew it was working."

There may have been only two matches worth talking about from Ruidoso's point of view, but for Hoffman, the two victories were the ultimate revenge. He — and his brothers Cody and Dillon were on the Warrior basketball team that lost four times to the Rams, including the quarterfinals of the Class 3A state tournament.

"After losing to them all those times, I now might have made my last sporting event against Portales a win," Shane said. "That means so much to me."

Actually, Ruidoso and Portales could conceivably meet up again at this year's Class 1A/3A state tournament in May. But for now, Hoffman is just happy he got this victory.

### Lady Warriors take hard lessons from Dexter tourney

After a rough two days playing against two of the premier Class 2A softball teams in the state, Ruidoso coach Billy Page said his team at least knows a bit better what it needs to work

the tournament, but now we Page said after his team's 1-2 performance at the Lindsey Callaway Memorial Tournament in Dexter over the weekend. "We have to get people on

Loving in their next game.

Jal wasn't much of a contest — Page considers the Lady Panthers a prohibitive favorite to win state this season — but their game against Loving was one he felt Ruidoso could have

"We were actually ahead for most of the game, but then they hit a couple of shots and scored some runs," Page said. "We were solid until that happened.

Ruidoso (3-4) traded runs with the Lady Falcons in the first two innings, then shot ahead with three runs in the bottom of the second when Asher Shaw and Ariana Ramos each walked and Shaw eventually scored on a bunt single by Andrea Montes. Ramos and Montes scored on singles by Apollonia Page and Jamie Wirth.

Loving got a run back in the top of the fourth, then surged ahead in the fifth with four

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#### **Prep Results**

Thursday, March 23 Baseball Ruidoso 4, Eunice 2 Eunice 8, Ruidoso 7

Lindsey Callaway Tournament Jal 17. Ruidoso 0

#### Friday, March 24

Capitan 10, Ruidoso JV 7 Capitan 10, Ruidoso JV 5 (4 innings)

Lindsey Callaway Tournament at Dexter Loving 7, Ruidoso 5 Boys Tennis

Portales 7, Ruidoso 2 Girls Tennis Portales 9, Ruidoso 0

## Saturday, March 25 Softball

Lordsburg 21, Mescalero 5 Lordsburg 30, Mescalero 15 Lindsey Callaway Tournament

Ruidoso 30, Dexter JV 1

#### Preps on Tap SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, March 31 Softball Socorro at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.

#### Capitan at Loving (2), 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1 Baseball

Ruidoso at Eunice (2), 11 a.m. Softball Capitan at Ruidoso JV (2), 1 p.m. Loving at Mescalero (2), 1 p.m. Track and Field

Capitan. Carrizozo. Mescalero track at Rose Relays in Tularosa, 9 a.m.

NMHSRA Valencia County Rodeo at

Sunday, April 2 Rodeo NMHSRA Valencia County Rodeo at Belen, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4 Baseball Capitan at Dexter (2), 4 p.m.

Ruidoso JV at Mescalero (2), 3 p.m. Ruidoso at Goddard, 3:30 p.m.

#### On Deck

Ruidoso Golf Benefit The Ruidoso Association in partners with the Ruidoso High School golf teams will be hosting the third of four scrambles at Alto Lakes Golf Course and Gountry Club Sunday. The event will begin at 1 p.m. Call Cree Meadows at 257-5815 or Ato Lakes at 336-4232 for more information or to sign up.

#### **April Fool's Tournament**

A non-qualifer softball tournament, presented by the Rundoso Umpires Association, will be held at Eagle Creek Sports Complex April 1. Deadline to enter the Men's D tournament is 4 p.m. Thursday, Entry fee is \$100 per team, and only the first 16 teams will be accepted. Format for the double elimination tournament is one pitch and a 30minute time limit for each game. Teams may buy no more than two outs and two home runs, with each

costing \$5 apiece. Make Entry fee payable to the Ruidoso Umpire Association, P.O. Box 2383, Ruidoso Dovins, NM, 88346. For more information, contact Tony Bolden at 378-4400 or 937-6996.

Racquetball Tournament
The Eastern New Mexico Open, a

racquetball tournament sponsored by Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, the New Mexico Racquetball Association and Arby's, scheduled for April 7-9 at the ENMU-R recreation center. There are two events, with the first costing \$25 or \$40 for both events. Junior athletes pay half the total fee. Deadline to enter is April 1, For more information, contact Rudy Burrola at 505-622-7130 or Susie Silvas at 505-623-9660.

#### **SB Academy Tournament**

The Sierra Blanca Christian. Academy is sponsoring a golf tour-nament at the Irin of the Mountain Gods April 14. If you are interested in playing or in sponsoring a hole, call the school office at 630-0144. The \$75 fee includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart and prizes. Hole spon-surships range from \$50 to \$500.

3 on 3 Tourney

A tournament to benefit students wanting to attend an educational field trip to Washington D.C. and New York City will be field April 8 at the Ruidoso Middle School gyms. The cols to pre-register a team of five players for this 3-on-3 tournament is \$50, \$75 to enter a team on the day of the event.

Age groups include 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 and adult for boys and girls.

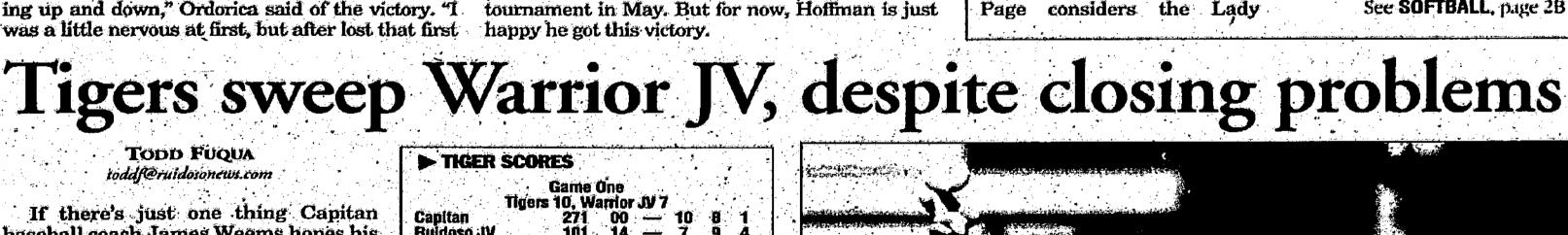
Winners from each age group receive monetary prizes. To pre-register, contact Rutalee at First National Bank at 257-4033.

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"It wasn't an easy start to

have an idea of where we are," base and get them around." Ruidoso fell to Jal — the

Class 2A State runner-up — in the first game 17-0, then dropped a 7-5 decision to defending 2A State champion The Lady Warriors' loss to





TODD FUODA/STAFF

Capitan's Will Kern fires a pitch during the first game of the Tigers' double-header with the Ruidoso JV Friday at White Mountain Athletic Complex.

#### TODD FUQUA **► TIGER SCORES**

Tigers 10. Warrior JV 7 Ruidoso JV

Will Kern, Nick McCullough (5) and Mitchell Harper. Carlos Morales and Garrett Patton. W — Kern, L — Morales, S — McCullough, HR — Rui (Ramon Nava), 2B — Rui (J.D. Hurd, Patton, Morales). LOB — Cap 4, Rui 5.

**Game Two** Tigers 10, Warrior JV 5 (4 Innings) Capitan Ruidoso JV Josh Castaneda, Paedon Herrera (2) and Caleb Wilcox. Martin Morales and Cole Davis. W — Herrera. L — Morales. 2B — Cap (Hector)

Moreno). LOB - Cap 7, Rui 5.

Capitan's pitching, meanwhile, was stellar, as starter Kern held the Warriors to just three runs through four innings and struck out five batond inning, highlighted by four ters. straight hits by Will Kern, Nick

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Jake Riddle, a 2005 Carrizozo graduate and freshman at NMSU, is seen here, left, at the 15-mile checkpoint in Sunday's 17th Annual Balaan Memorial Death March held at White Sands Missile Range. Riddle was one of five on his team in the 26.2-mile race, and his team placed first in its ROTC division.

White Sands National Monument is a desert, not of sand, but of gleaming white gypsum crystals.

#### SOFTBALL

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runs. Even after giving up the. lead, the Lady Warriors made a comeback in the bottom of the seventh, as Aimee Vasquez singled, took second on a passed ball and stole third. She scored on a sacrifice grounder by Page. but that was all Ruidoso could

Very little can be said of Ruidoso 30-1 domination of Dexter's junior varsity in the 7th-place game, except that the Lady Warriors were able to use it as batting practice.

"After playing the top two

teams, we were really able to tee off," Page said. "We didn't try to steal bases or push for extra bases, we just let the bats do the

"We didn't really want to embarrass them, we just had to work on our batting," he added.

As Ruidoso was playing with only nine girls on the entire roster, it's a foregone conclusion that every Lady Warrior scored at least three times.

Ruidoso High School may be out for spring break, but the softball team is still going and will host Socorro Friday at 3 p.m. at Gavilan Canyon Field. A junior varsity contest will follow.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

As Lordsburg's Patricia Young, left, awaits the throw, Mescalero's Brie Martinez runs to third base during the first game of the Lady Chiefs' double header Saturday at Mescalero High School.

Lady Chiefs doomed by errors vs. Lordsburg TODD FUQUA

MESCALERO — But for a few fielding mistakes in one inning, the Mescalero Lady Chiefs would have won their season softball opener against Lordsburg Saturday.

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Mescalero held a 5-2 advantage over the Lady Mavericks in a game featuring two largely untested squads. Lordsburg is playing its first year ever of high school softball, while the Lady Chiefs' lineup features just two girls that played on last year's team.

But while Mescalero's program may be a bit older, the youth of this year's squad proved to be too much to overcome, as the Lady Chiefs committed 14 errors — five in a 13run Lordsburg fourth inning to drop the season opener, 21-5.

Things weren't much better in the second game, but at least Mescalero scored more runs in a 30-15 loss.

The second game was punctuated by solid hitting by Lady Chief catcher Brie Martinez, who went 2-4 with a pair of singles and one run batted in, while Mariah Martinez also earned two singles and two RBI.

But the real star of that game was Lordsburg catcher Santana Young, who hit two home runs - to go with the four-bagger she hit in the first game — and scored five times in the victory.

Mescalero's season doesn't get much easier this Saturday. when the Lady Chiefs travel to

MESCALERO STATS

Game One Lady Mavericks 21, Lady Chiefs 5 (4 innings)

Naomi Jimenez, Anabel Ramirez (3) and Santana Young, Sierra Shanta, Savannah Holder (4) and Brie Martinez. W — Jimenez, L — Shanta: HR — Lord (Young), LOB — Lord 5, Mes 5.

Lady Mavericks 30, Lady Chiefs 15

Savannah Holder, Sierra Shanta (6) and Brie Martinez, Anabel Ramirez, Naomi Jimenez (3), Ramirez (4) and Santana Young, W — Ramirez, L — Holder, HR — Lord (Young, 2), 2B — Mes (Holder), LOB — Lord 5, Mes 6.

Loving to take on the defending Class 2A champion Falcons at 1 p.m.



#### **RUIDOSO**

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Shane Thomas. Wilson redeemed himself with a double to score Storey and Sanchez, and Herrera eventually scored on a sacrifice fly to right by Perez.

That's the way the score stood until the top of the fourth, when the Cardinals (4-1) scored a trio of runs on singles by Uly Anguiano, Miguel Orozco and Garcia. The Warriors answered with four runs in the bottom half to retake the lead, highlighted by

TOOD FUQUESYAFF Ruldoso pitcher K.D. Elsey fires one in during the

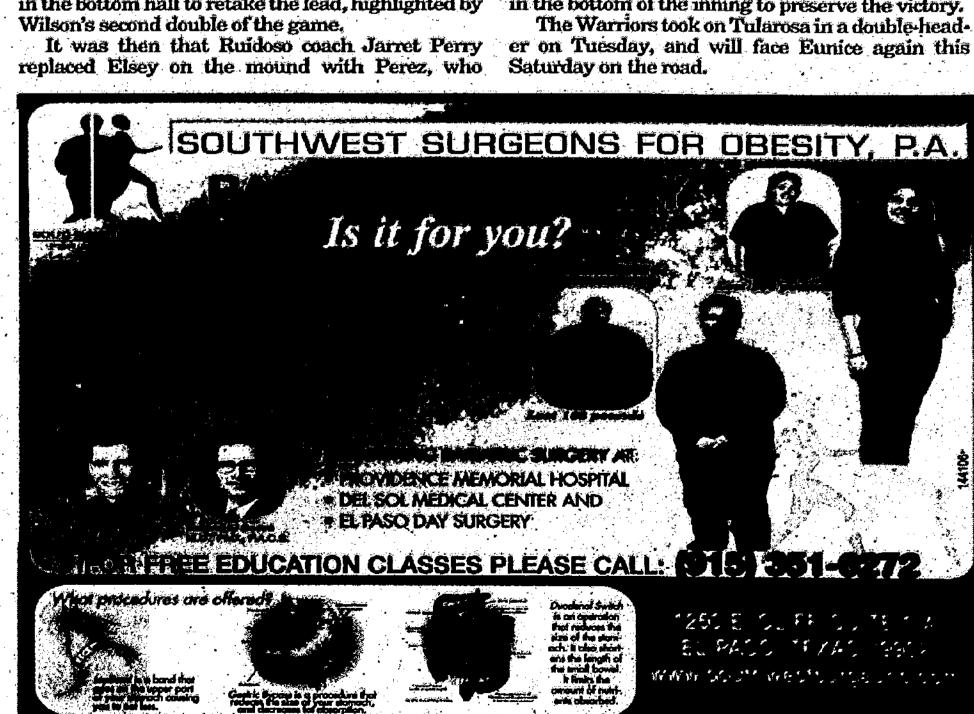
second game of the Warriors' split Thursday with Euripe. allowed a single by Sergio Lujan, hit Brandon Davis

to put him on, and saw Anguiano hit a double to score Lujan. Wilson then came in to try to salvage the win, but was unable to do so, as a sacrifice bunt and

error at shortstop gave Eunice the lead. Lujan, who had by this point taken the mound

for the Cardinals, was able to retire the side in order in the bottom of the inning to preserve the victory.

The Warriors took on Tularosa in a double-header on Tuesday, and will face Eunice again this





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The third time may be a charm, but third place is where it was at for Capitan's boys and girls track teams Friday at the Alfalfa Relays in Hagerman.

The Lady Tigers scored 79.5 points at the meet, and were just bested by Fort Sumner in the 1,600-meter relay at the end to drop to third place.

"We had a pretty good meet all around," said Capitan coach Mike Booty.

Capitan was able to earn a pair of new state qualifying marks, as Kelsey Campbell won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.42 seconds. while Brittany Caughron took third in pole vault. but her height of 7 feet, 6 inches was good enough to get her to Albuquerque.

Pole vault was a particularly successful event for Capitan, as the Lady Tigers also took fourth through sixth places.

Campbell also won the long jump with a mark of 14-2 3/4 and was third in 300-meter hurdles with a time of 54.70.

Brittany LaMay was second in javelin with a throw of 100-11, while Callie Cox finished third in both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. Paige Jones also took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.80.

The Lady Tigers were in Fort Sumner on Tuesday, and Booty said there's only a few things his team needs to do to win these meets.

"About the only place we're really hurting in is the out-and-out springs," Booty said. "We just have a few more weeks to district, but I think we'll be OK."

Other area schools at the meet were Hondo, Carrizozo, Mescalero and Corona. The only Lady Cardinal at the event was Janet Torres, who placed fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of

Carrizozo's girls scored 23 team points to secure seventh place, led by Whitney Whittaker, who finished third with a javelin throw of 89-10, and Kaitlyn Vega, who was third with a discus throw of 85-8.

For Mescalero, Stephanie Bigmouth was again second behind Floyd's Kelli Johnson in the 3,200meter run, turning in a time of 12:58.40. Sister Nadine Bigmouth was fifth with a time of 13:50.54.

Stephanie was also sixth in the 1.600-meter run with a time of 6:11.59, while the Lady Chief medley relay team was fourth with a time of 5:09.41.

The Capitan boys scored 50 points, thanks to some strong running by Kevin Kelsey.

Kelsey ran a time of 2:04 in the 800 leg of the medley relay, allowing the Tigers to finish second place. He also ran 2:10 in the straight 800-meter run and finished third.

Capitan boys coach Jodie Scott felt Kelsey could have won that race but for being boxed up in the pack until about 200 meters left in the race.

Freshman Antonio Sambrano also impressed his coach with a second-place finish in the 3,200meter run, while Brandon Caughron was third in 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.09 seconds.

The medley and 800-meter relay teams were bolstered by the presence of Jimmie Thomas and Louis McCallister, both of whom are also on the Capitan baseball team.

"It's a new experience with a baseball team to work with, but the boys are handling it well," Scott said. "I'm still happy with the progress. It's all about staying healthy, improving and getting to state."

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But things started to go south for the Tigers in the fifth and final inning. Kern struck out Carlos Morales to start the inning, but the next four Warriors got on base and eventually scored, two on a double by Garrett Patton.

With Capitan's seven-run lead now winnowed to three. and runners on second and third base, McCullough came in relief and struck out Ramon Nava — who had opened the game with a home

Anthony Avalone to end it.

Game two was a game drew first blood in the first inning with two runs on an RBI single by Brian Taylor and run-scoring double by Josh Castaneda, but the Warriors responded in the bottom half with three runs of their own, and scored another two in the bottom of the sec-

The lead remained tenuous, however, as Capitan scored a run in the top of the third, and the Warriors were unable to score much against

run for Ruidoso — and Herrera, on the mound in relief of Castaneda. The Tigers were finally able to Capitan had to come from break through with a 7-run behind to win. The Tigers fourth inning, highlighted by a run-scoring double from Hector Moreno.

Ruidoso was unable to answer, and the game came to un end due to darkness.

"This was a game they wanted to win," Weems said of his team. "They played with some of these guys in junior league ball, and it was a matter of pride."

The Tigers have some time off until their next game, a 4 p.in. double-header at Dexter

## Capitan teams take third at Alfalfa Relays March is National Literacy Month.



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First, a reminder about the April 8 rabies clinics being conducted across the county by our dedicated veterinarians and their staffs.

The cost is \$6 per animal. Other recommended vaccinations also will be available at reduced prices.

In Ruidoso, clinics will operated from:

 10 a.m. to noon and from I p.m. to 3 p.m. at the tennis court fire station in School House Park, intersection of Sudderth Drive and Paradise

Canyon. 10 a.m. to noon at the fire station on White Mountain

In Ruidoso Downs, vaccine will be administered from I p.m. to 3 p.m. at the fire station off U.S. 70.

Other sites across the county

incoln Fire Station

 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Capitan Fire Station 🕡 \* 10 a.m. to noon at the

Carrizozo Fire Station • 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the

Old Hondo Post Office • 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Corona Fire Station.

Dogs should be on leash and cats in carriers to ensure no

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spontaneous eruptions of disagreements among the animals in line.

Back to our breed training hints.

 In this area, I see many Bernese Mountain dogs and Great Pryences. Most often. they are not purchied.

The big, heavy-coated dogs work out well for illama and alpaca breeders and have the most wonderful relaxed personalities with human.

But they are fierce when protecting a flock from predators. In some breed observations in her book, "Raising Rover,"

author Judith Halliburton points out that the Bemese originally was used as a fighter by the Romans, and over time, that instinct was modified to guard-

Part of the Bernese's nature is to be an independent thinker. \* 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the she wrote. For that and other reasons, they do not adapt well to latchkey situations.

"You would think, given their. indépendence, that being alonewouldn't bother them too

much. You would be wrong, These dogs tend to be unruly and get out of control easily."

He has incredible stamina and

can outplay a 12-year-old, she WE NEED HOMES

She highly recommends the Bernese as a hiking or camping buddy. Once camp is set up, he will define the perimeter and stand guard, even if he's lying down.

He can attach his love and loyalty to many members of a family.

Bernese are highly trainable be sure he receives it.

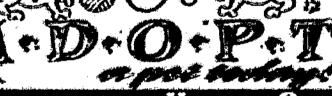
A Great Pyrences is bred to do anything in the snow, but Halliburton warns an owner must be ready to invest major money in feeding this breed, because high quality and quan-Tity are needed.

"The hardest time in this dog's life is when he realizes. he's too big to sit on your lap," she wrote. if you sit on the couch and allow him to lie across your lap, he'll be in ecstasy.

Although bred for a rough. and tumble life outside. Pyrenees prefer to be inside with you. Halliburton wrote. They are very people-oriented. Don't adopt one if you are thinking about an outside life for the animal, she warns.

Consistent grooming is a must and without it, he can: develop infections. Pyrenees are wonderful nannies to young children. Once he learns their names, "he will seek them out if you ask him to," Halliburton wrote. He's not a good candidate as a walking or jogging partner, she contends, but hiking and camping are fine.

As far as training, she cautions while Pyrenees will guard a herd or rescue you in the mountains, they are not interested in obedience commands. Use a gentle hand.



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## Condolences for so many

ROSALIE DUNLAP

t has been a month of so many friends losing loved ones. Some passed away while we were

Bob and Ann Scribner passed away within two days of each other.

They were responsible for the start of Alto. We would see them at the El Paisano restaurant on Saturday nights when we would eat there. Bob and Ann made that their Saturday ritual.

Carrizozo's Veda Lou Branum's, brother, C.A. Branum, passed away in December.

William "Bill" Treat, a Lincoln County rancher, passed away the first of the month. He was 95-years-old. He was active in the New Mexico Cattle and Wool Growers Association.

'Herb Brunell's mother, Nell Brunell Mullins, passed away about the same time as my mother. Nell and her husband opened up the Brunnell clothing stores in Alamogordo and Ruidoso.

Gary Lovelace's, funeral will be held Wednesday in Carrizozo. He was a member of one of the pioneering families of Lincoln County. He was doing cement work. His wife, Eileen is a member of the Lincoln County Commission. He leaves many family members and friends.

: Another member of a pioneering family in the Ancho area who passed away this week was Moselle Harkey. Her funeral was Tuesday, March 28.

Agatha Long lost a niece this

past week. No info on the niece. Agatha has lost three members of her family in the past few months.

Ralph's former secretary, Marie Walker Kelley, passed away in Roswell last week. She was single

mother raising two children, living in Capitan, when she worked for Ralph. She was a great secretary, 4-H leader and involved in community activities. If you wanted to find her you looked for the lady in purple and listened to her special laugh.

Bonnie Jones of Tinnie lost her mother recently. Our condolences to all these families.

We just received word that our daughter will be alright. She had surgery on her neck Friday and suffered a mild heart attack Sunday morning. She will have a cat scan and other tests done tomorrow.

There have been a couple more moves in Lincoln. The Lincoln County Historical Society has moved into Dr. Woods Annex and the Episcopal Church has moved it coffee hour to the Luna Store.

The new officers of the Lincoln Preservation board are James Sanchez, president, Gary Stilwell, vice-president and Sandy Smith. secretary. The Lincoln community agreed on the street name for Lincoln town. It is Calle La Plalcita. It now goes to the County Commission for approval.

The visitors center has been busy the past few weeks. Pat Burke, of Colorado, recently visited her uncle and aunt, Peg and Leota Pfingsten.

## Lincoln 91' named county employee



Bill Martin, always on call, takes a radio page from 911 dispatch before heading to an accident scene with potential fire hazard.

JULIE CARTER jearter@tularosa.net

When Bill Martin moved to Lincoln County it was his intention to stay at home and write murdér-mystery books. That hasn't happened, yet.

Instead of the quiet life of a writer, Martin is the county Emergency Services Coordinator, radio call sign county fire departments. Lincoln 91, a title that endows him with a 24/7 on-call status.

#### Plan for the unimaginable

In his own words, Martin's job is to deal with things that go bump in the night. "My job is to plan for and execute a plan for the unimaginable," he said. "That includes anything from wildland and structure fires to alien abductions.".

Hiring on with the county in July of 2002, Martin was first the county emergency and fire coordinator. That evolved into a job scope covering emergency services, county fire marshal,

ic. The focus is student success.

Officers for the group are Diana

Proctor, president, Delores Fields,

vice-president, Tammy Chapman, sec-

retary, and Becky Schultz, treasurer.

"Our kids are students first. That is

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The club offers three different levels

our priority," said Proctor.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan Booster Club

Homeland Security and Loss Prevention Coordinator.

Before the term "Homeland Security" was invented, Martin's job was just that. With the safety of personnel and residents first in mind, Martin plans for every disaster possible with a plan A and several back up plans. He also administers the eight

Martin comes to Lincoln County with 32 years experience in law enforcement, public safety and for five years was the emergency services coordinator for Monterey County – a county of 360,000 people in California. Additionally, he has owned an emergency management consulting firm and supervised marine patrol officers.

In discussing the dangers of fire facing Lincoln County again this year in a severe drought, Martin says his intent is not to drive prevention with fear, but with education to empower

people to keep it from happening. County Manager Tom Stewart.

during the presentation of a plague honoring his selection as employee of the month, said of Martin, "He consistently demonstrates extraordinary profession expertise and ability, in depth practical and technical knowledge, and uncommon perceptiveness and execution in dealing with any number of field situations requiring immediate action.

Because of his expertise, the state is constantly seeking Bill's time for evaluator duties of other county exercises throughout the state."

#### Large demands

Martin and his wife of 27 years, Carolyn Schrader, own Southwest Book Roundup in Capitan. He has also served for two years as a Village of Capitan Trustee.

Lincoln 91 is 10-8 (in-service) more than he's not, and while not unavailable, he is often hard to find in very large county with large demands on his time.

#### . Agency says drought calls for help desk ALBUQUERQUE - Unusually dry

conditions are prompting the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD) to establish a Farmers & Ranchers Drought Help Desk to be available until after cattle are shipped next fall.

"The drought conditions are just incredible out there," said Cyle Sharp, NMACD president. "As a conservation organization we want to do everything we can to help farmers and ranchers get through this year - taking care of the land while they are working to make their operations survive. We want to be there for them, to help them get the information that can make a difference when they are facing tough choices."

The Farmers & Ranchers Drought Help Desk is being established by NMACD in cooperation with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. It is anticipated that the Help Desk will network with agricultural entities throughout New Mexico. If an answer to a farmers or ranchers request for information about available resources is not immediately available, the Help Desk will undertake outreach efforts to gain the

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Cyle Sharp NMACD president

help of a variety of resources in New Mexico's agricultural community.

"If a farmer or ranchers is facing a particular problem, needs information about choices or possible resource available, and isn't sure about which way to turn, we want him or her to call - so we can help them reach the answers that will fill in the blanks," Sharp said.

The Help Desk will be proactive, according to Sharp, in addition to responding to specific requests for aid. They will be issuing weekly advisories on drought related issues that target New Mexico's farmers and ranchers, and developing a resource data base for future use in drought years.

For further information about the Help Desk or to request assistance call 1-800-410-2067.

of membership: corporate, individual and family. According to Proctor, they The newly-formed Capitan Booster want to encourage "higher standards Club is striving for student success, for our students and more school spirschool spirit and service. It is a group it." Anyone interested in attending a of parents, coaches and teachers meeting or learning more about the whose goal is to help coordinate fundbooster club may contact Proctor at raising and assistance for any extra-354-0659. curricular group - athletic or academ-

#### Capitan Lions Clean-up II

The Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club and the Village of Capitan will host another 2006 cleanup, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 8. The Lions will provide lunch for all the workers. For more information call village hall at 3542247 or Kitty Callender at 258-1345.

#### **CPL First Friday**

Capitan Public Library's First Friday event on April 7 will be a free presentation by J. Charles Weir about the Medicaid Part D program. Weir, who is with Social Security in Roswell, will be available to help seniors understand the Medicaid program. To accommodate seniors who find it difficult to travel after dark, this First Friday event will be held at 3 p.m. in the Capitan Village Hall meeting room. For more information call 354-3035.

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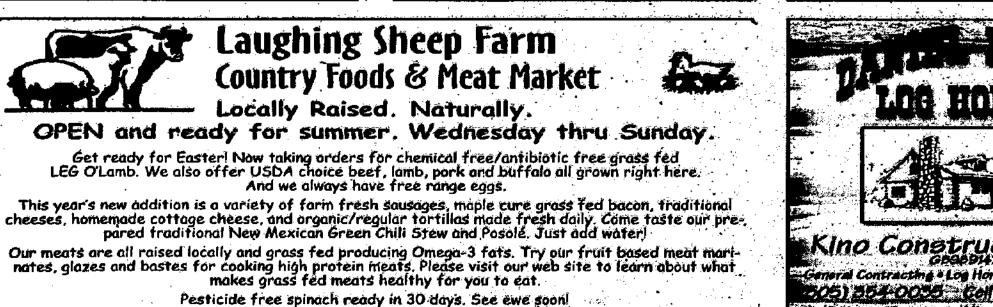
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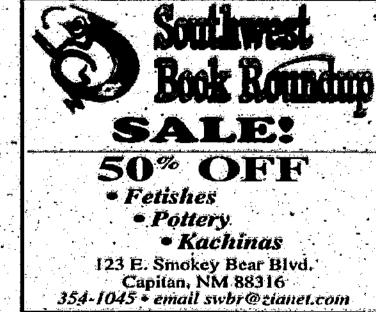
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#### FUNERALS DEATHS



#### **Gary Lovelace**

Gary M. Lovelace, 63, died Sunday, March 26, 2006 at his home in Carrizozo. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at St. Rita Catholic Church in

Carrizozo.

Lovelace was born into a ranching family in Carrizozo on Dec. 7, 1942, and was a lifelong resident of Carrizozo and Corona. In the 1970s Gary started Carrizozo Ready Mix. which he passionately ran until

Surviving family members include his wife, Eileen Lovelace, sister Knollene McDaniel, sons Gary Joe and wife Kelly Lovelace of Carrizozo and Jerry Lovelace of Alamogordo: daughter Maurita Tapp of Roswell, grandchildren Kristian, Jerilyn, Spur, Jarret, ·Ty, Sami Joe and Crystal; niece Roby Ericson and her family, and great-nephew Quirt McDaniel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations

be made to the Children's Wish Foundation International, 8615 Roswell Road, Atlanta, GA 30350-1822:

#### Rachel Howell

Rachel Ann Burnett Howell of Kingsland, Texas, died Friday, March 24, 2006 in Austin, Texas, at the age of 73.

She had resided at Windchime Assisted Living since moving four months ago from Ruidoso. She was a member of the Ruidoso Methodist Church and was a retired school teacher.

Howell was born to Hal and Rachel Burnett in Fort Stockton; Texas, on Oct. 16, 1932. She married Doyle Howell on Aug. 24, 1953, in Alpine, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, and two brothers.

Surviving family members include her son Gordon Howell of Anchorage, Ala.: sister Margaret Adams and her husband Talmadge of Tow, Texas; nieces Linda Conger and Sharon Watts; and nephews Daniel Adams and David Adams.

No services are planned. Memorial contributions in Rachel Howell's memory may be made to a local animal shelter of your choice or may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Box 50, Memphis, TN

Arrangements are by Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home Inc. Kingsland, 325-388-6767.

### Crime prevention seminar

National: Association's Refuse To Be A Victim® program will conduct a crime prevention seminar at 6 p.m. April 4 at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo, 2400 North Scenic Dr.

public at a cost of \$20. Preregistration is required at 505-439-3600: For questions about the seminar call Richard Barbaras or Becky Lane at 505-439-4900.

In the seminar, certified instructors will teach methods to avoid dangerous situations and prevent criminal confrontations. Experts agree that the most important factor in surviving a criminal attack is to have an overall safety

strategy before it is needed. they say.

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To find other RTVB seminars, or for information on how to become a program instructor, call 800-861-1166, or send an e-mail to refuse@nrahq.org.

#### POLICE BRIEFS

#### Barroom brawl

Two Texas women and another from Truth Consequences, N.M. were arrested in Ruidoso March 17 on charges of disorderly conduct.

The threesome reportedly beat a woman inside a local bar when they were asked to leave and the victim bid them farewell. An emergency medical services unit was dispatched to the lounge upon reports that a woman was suffering chest pains at the sight of her daughter being hurled to the ground and punched. Six witnesses and a video tape provided further evidence to police.

Texas Temple, 38, of Alpine, Texas: Stacy Roy, 29, of Truth or Consequences, and; Marlyn Mayorga, 30, of El Paso, were

#### False alarm

An intoxicated woman was the cause of a short police investigation March 17 in which a woman said she was beaten and robbed following a casino win.

Priscilla Aquilar, 22, of El Paso, told police two men, one

who appeared to be Indian, took several casino cups from the front seat of her car while it was parked at a car wash on Sudderth Drive. The woman accused the men of having forced her to unbutton her pants as they searched for money, a police report says, Aquilar said she was robbed of about \$500 and told police it was all she had left from a \$1,000 jackpot she'd, won earlier that evening at the Billy The Kid Casino.

Upon investigation, police learned that only one jackpot had occurred at the BTK casino and that is was for \$200 to a woman other than Aquilar: When confronted by police, Aquilar changed then retracted her story. Police labeled the woman's report as "unfounded."

#### Disorderly dude

Elvis Cleveland, 43, of Ruidoso was arrested March 14 on charges of disorderly conduct. Police arrested Cleveland when he was spotted walking unsteadily down the middle of Junction Road. Cleveland, whose speech was slurred and who had bloodshot eyes, told police that he had consumed level tested at .40.

#### Insufficient funds

A Hobbs woman and a Ruidoso Downs man were served with a criminal complaint and ordered to appear in Magistrate Court in Ruidoso March 14 when both were cited as having issued bad checks to local merchants.

Sheri L. Buie, 47, of Hobbs was charged with one count of unlawful issuance of a worthless check, a fourth degree felony. Buie's check was drafted in the amount of \$208.69 from Western Bank in Hobbs.

Gil Sarinopoulas, 34, of Ruidoso. Downs was charged with one count of issuing a worthless check, a fourth degree felony, and one count of issuing a worthless check misdemeanor.

Buie and Sarinopoulos each were mailed certified letters in which the merchants demanded payment, but failed to respond, a police report shows.

#### **Outstanding warrant**

Josh Gent, 29, of Ruidoso was arrested March 17 on an

two beers. His blood alcohol outstanding warrant and charged with possession of mariiuana.

> Police located Gent when they were called to what the reporting person identified as a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, police found Gent yelling at a woman in the car. When the pair headed indoors, officers say they made further inquiry. Gent was found hiding in the closet and said he fled as he had just gotten high, a police report states. Gent produced for police a bag of green leafy substance.

#### Stolen vehicle

Fred Berry, 37, of Ruidoso was arrested March 18 on charges that he stole a pick up truck in Arizona and had transported it across the border to New Mexico.

Acting on a tip, police stopped Berry near the intersection of Second and South Streets. The driver, Berry's brother, was released when Berry admitted he had nothing to do with the theft. Berry told police that he had slept in the truck overnight during a trip in which he was on foot and hitchhiking. He said the truck was sitting off I-10 near Lordsburg

when he encountered it. He the arrest. said the next morning he made some quick repairs and started the truck, whose keys, he said, were still in the ignition. According to police, Berry admitted he did not have the permission of the vehicle's owner to take it:

#### Criminal trespass

Michael Cooper, 48, of Mescalero was arrested March 19 on charges of criminal trespass. Cooper was picked up by police înside a public restroom on Sudderth Drive. According to a police report, Cooper had been previously warned not to enter public restrooms as he had been cited for nuisance before.

Cooper had a bottle of liquor in his possession at the time of

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#### Credit card scandal

Beverly Isaacson, 71, of Ruidoso was served with a criminal summons complaint March 16 when investigating officers learned that she had opened a charge account in the name of a deceased person and charged some \$750 in clothing.

Isaacson, who had cared for the deceased in her home, used the victim's personal information to obtain credit. She was reported to police by the deceased man's son.

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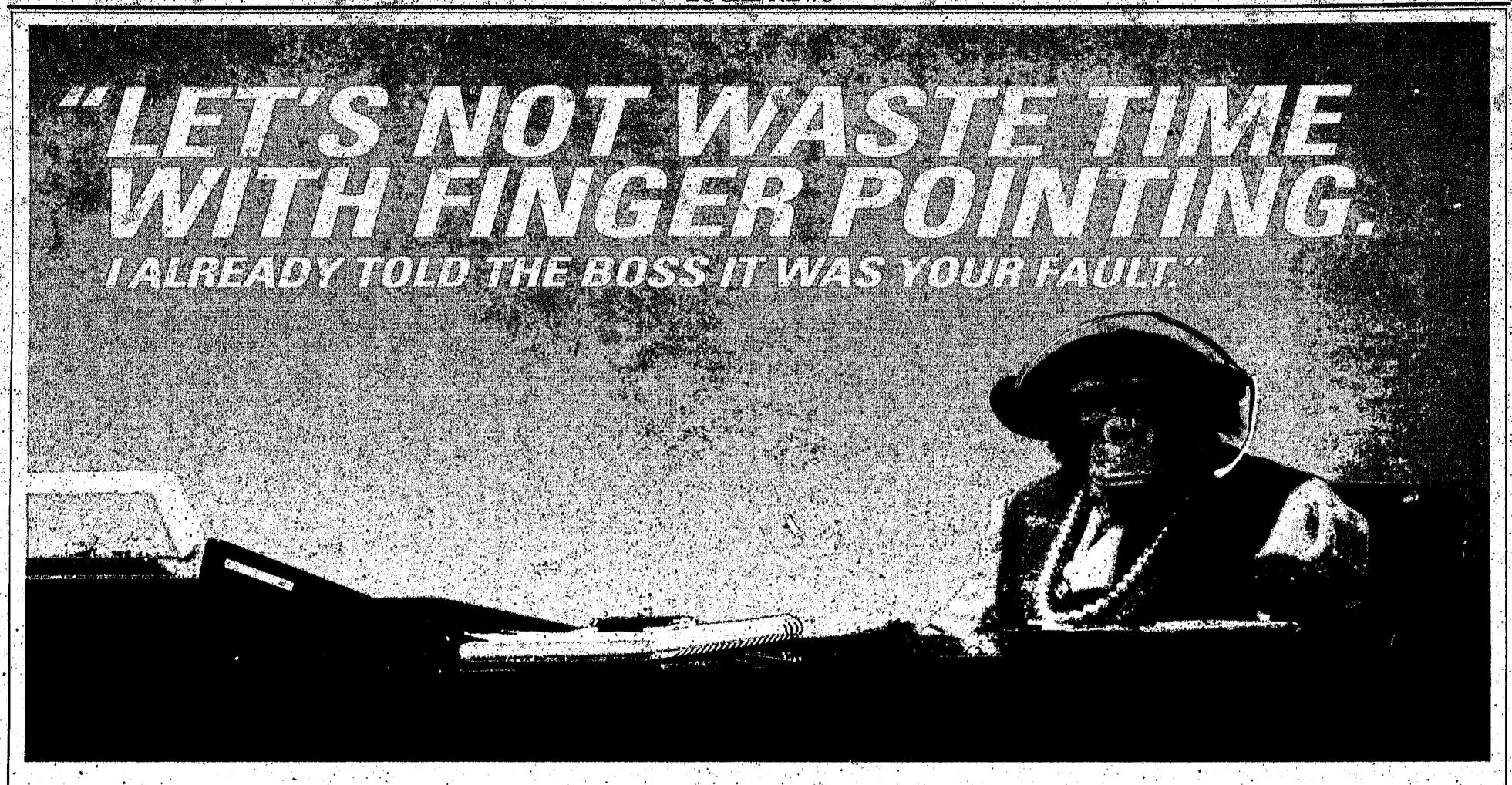
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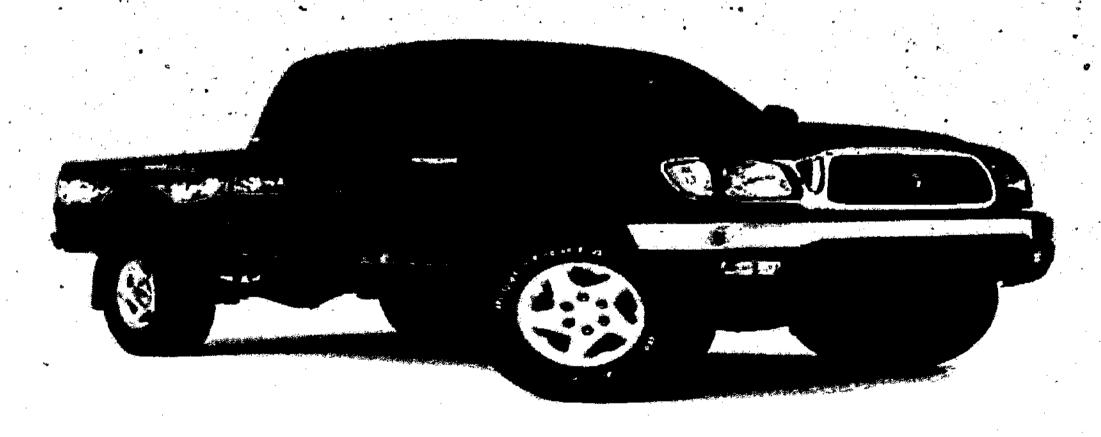
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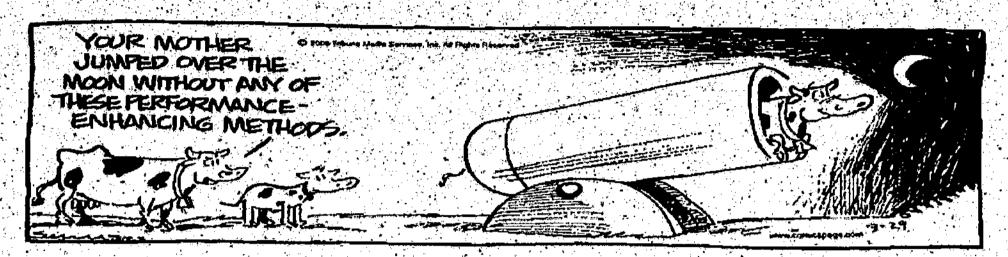




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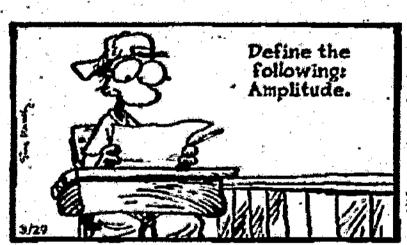
















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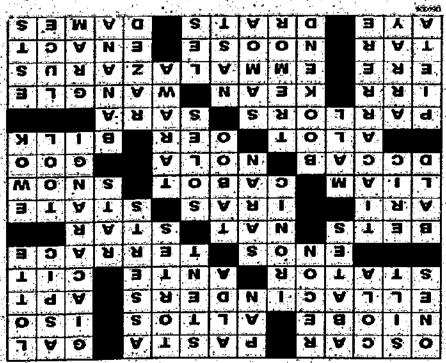
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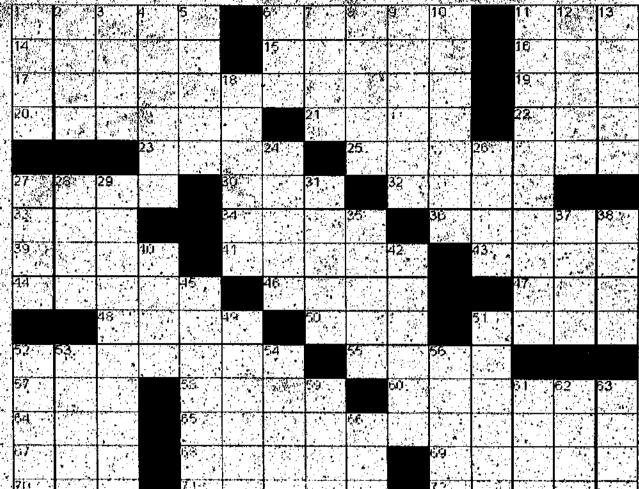
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- stone
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- 1925-61
- 19: Well put 20. Fixed part of a
- dynamo
- 21. Initial stake 22. Op. \_\_ (footnote
- abbr.) 23. Slaughter of
- Cooperstown 25. Apartment balcony 27 Plays the ponies.
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- . 1983 46. Vincent Lopez's
- theme song
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- 48. Oodles 50. Anthem
- contraction 51. Defraud
- 52. Places to buy ice
- cream
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- 57. Discount tag abbr.58. New Jersey university

#### Letterwomen



- 60: Get underhandedly
- 64. Before, to bards 65. "Give me your

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- tired, your poor ...! poet .
- 67. \_\_\_ and feathers (old punishment)
- 68. Oater "necktie"
- 69: Make into law-70. Nautical assent
- 71. Mild oaths 72. Titled women

#### DOWN

- 1. Change for a five 2. River sediment
- Soft drink choice
- Slackens off 5. Scout's mission.
- for short 6. Give two thumbs

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down to 7. Alan of "MtAtStH" 8. Surgeon's

- 9. Rich pastries
- 10. States positively 11. Supermodel played by Angelina Jolie
- 12. Jellied garnish
- 13. Singer Lenya 18: Like an O. Henry
- story
- 24. Clear kitchen wrap 26. Ghetto scurriers.
- 27. Like Kojak's pate
- 28. Director Rohmer 29. Cassandra Wong. . player in "Wayne's
- World" 31. Forbidden.
- 35. Shoe boltoms 37. Hammer or sickle
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- creature 40. Shopaholic's
- mecca 42. Pacific battle site of 1943

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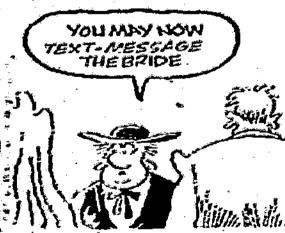












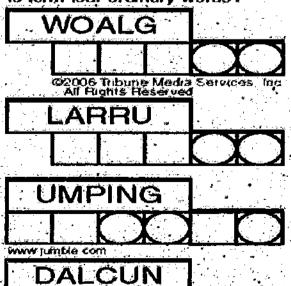


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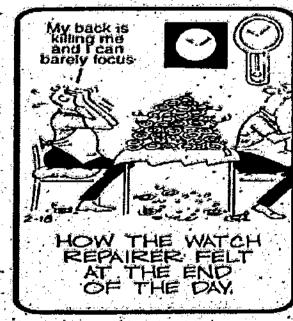
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Bidders also may include in their bids consideration for the Land in addition to land or cash to be received by the Cammissioner at closing. By way of example, such additional consideration may take the form of a Lot Sale Bonus on future sales of finished lots substituted from or on future the form of the finished lots substituted from or on future the finished from or on future the finished from or on the finished from or on the finished lots substituted from or on the finished lots substit substituted from or on the finished lots substituted from or on divided from, or on fu-ture re-sales of the Land or any part of it. If of-fered, a Lot Sale Bonus

could apply to all of the Land or to any part of it (i.e. to all or any part of Tracts 1, 2, or 3). Any additional consideration offered is in addition to, and is not a substitute for, the Minimum Bid value. Bids should cleary state the nature of any additional consideration offered and the terms under which such consideration will be paid. 7.Bids, to obtain the

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that the applicant has fee simple title to the land offered in exchange as well as a title insurceptoble for the Commis-sioner; (d) if the bidder is

including information te-quired by the Bid Infor-mation Packet or the Tract 3: Agriculture lease GO-1640, Rights-of-way RW-21107 and RW-27708 materials accompanying cultural properties stud-ies of the non-trust land offered for exchange. A successful bidder will be Bidders ote required to convey title to the lands offered in exchange to the State of New Mexico by general warranty deed. In addition to the above te quirements, prior to clas ing a successful bidder will be required to pro-vide a survey plat and le-

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> a.Performance Deposit change/cash combination bid, a deposit equa to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the cash offered in that bid Performance unsuccessful be refurned. Commissioner and the selected bidder entering a written agreement to complete the proposed transaction, the Performance Deposit of the selected bidder is subject to forfeiture if the transaction is not closed in acceptance with the transaction is not closed in acceptance with the

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Exchange Proposal \$500.00 Appraisal Cost (State Trust Lands) \$ 25,854.67 Advertising \$ 5,337,41 Inprovements on State Trust

Cost Deposit \$102,772.08 The successful bidder will be required to pay Robert Allen all other costs associated Secretary with the transaction, in-cluding without limite #7089 27 (3)22,29 tion, surveys, appraisals, "NOTICE OF title insurance cost, settitle insurance cost, settitle insurance cost, settitlement fees, and recordation costs. The Application fee is non-retundcation fee is non-retundable. All other deposit
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152 Legal Notices 152 Legal Notices the New Mexico Com-dinance at a regular missioner of Public Lands meeting often a public in a form and from a hearing on March 16, bonk, or other issuer as 2006. The amended Comceptable to the Commis- prehensive Zoning and signier. See the Bid In-Land Use Ordinance afformation: Packet for ad-fects all properties located ditional: requirements, within the Alto Lokes Spe-Deposits that do not con- cial Zoning District bound-form to the additional aries and includes regularequirements set forth in the Bid Information Pack- ing the use and zoning of et will result in disqualific properties within the Dis-cation the associated trict. These amendments

9.All bids submitted, whether an exchange or exchange/cash 11-K-2, 30-A, B, B-1, B-1. combination, will be b, B-1-c, B-1-d (2)(b), B-2analyzed and compared b. Appendix E and a new the Commissioner Section 16 of the Alto elects to proceed, the bid Lakes Comprehensive that offers the highest Zoning and Land Use Orand best benefit to the dinance.

The original copy of the amendments has been filed with the Lincoln. The Commissioner reserves the right to re-quire additional informa-tion from any bidder be-less bours. The effective fore he makes a selecchange/cash combination and the right to refion, in addition to the
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no obligation to any bidder unless and until the Regulatory Commission of the District and shall be poyable soletider execute a written of MATI's intent to revise its General Exchange Tariff and Access Services Tariff and Access Services Toriff in compliance with 17.11.10 NMAC.

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offering additional consideration, such as a Lot Sale Bonus, the terms of that consideration should be clearly set forth in the bid; and, (e) such other information as the Commissioner may require, including information tenderal consideration tenderal consideration as the Commissioner may require, including information tenderal constant tenderal constant consideration as the commissioner may require, including information tenderal constant CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS

11 To place a bid, bid-BEAUTIFICATION MEETING tion required in connection with an exchange proposal may include this Notice and in the Bid Committee will hold a cultural properties study information Packet. As Workshop American and/or cultural properties study. this Notice and in the Bid Information Packet, as Workshop on Tuesday, well as any transmittal letter, attachments or supplemental documents, a complete electronic copy of the bid package, and all required fees and deposits, in a seoled container addressed to the Commissioner, care of Deputy Commissioner Dennis Garcia, at the State Land Corcio, of the State Land guage interpreter, or any Office, at the address office, at the address provided above Bids or service to attend or participate in the hearing performed on or meeting, please contents that the City Clark of the City of Rendeso Downs of bids that fail to substantiation on week prior to tially comply with this the meeting ar as soon as Notice and further in possible.

structions contained in the Bid Information Pocket will be rejected without further considera. #7096 21 (3)29,31

require oid to participate Notice is hereby given BOARD OF EDUCATION in the bid may call (505) that the Ruidasa Valley OF THE Chamber of Commerce RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL 6157 or TTY (800) 659- (RVCC) is requesting bids SCHOOL 9331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formals.

Chamber Manifestation

Dated of Sonto Fe, New Mexico, this 14 day of March, 2006 Patrick H. Lyons

Commissioner of Londs

Notice is hereby given that the Alta Lakes Special hearing on April 2, 2006, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club clubhouse to hear public testimony and vote on the applica lion of Adam Rogers for the granting of a front set back (variance) (conditional use permit) applicable to the property located at Black 3 Lat 7 commonly

known as 270 Crown Ridge Dr.

Transaction Cost Depos-Zoning District adopted its must be made by amendments to the Alio coshiers check or other Lakes Comprehensive certified funds payable to Zoning and Land Use Or-

152 (Legal Notices 152 Legal Notices purchase of \$14,500,000 Ruidoso Municipal School District No. 3, General Obligation School Building Bonds; Series 2006 (the "Bonds"). The Board meet in regular sestions restricting and defin-

> August 1 of each year \$14,500,000 RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING

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District's Financial Adviser, Casey Financial Consult-Drive, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114, telephone (505) 898-3165.
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purchaser without charge. DATED this 14th day March, 2006.

James Sanchez is uncon-tested and there are no

other questions on the ballot, the election scheduled for May 2, 2006 has been conceled pursuant to 20.9.2.14

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this certification

Date of 3/21/06

Sue Ann Stearns

Interested bidders may se-ATTEST: cure a copy of the specifi-/s/ cations on or after Secretary Wednesday, March 29, #7098 11 2006 from the RVCC op NOT #7098 1T (3)29 . erations manager of the RVCC offices, located at 720 Suddenth Drive, Ruir NOTICE OF ELECTION CANCELLATION doso, New Mexico. The Upper Hondo Soil and phone number, is (505) Water. Conservation Dis-

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Bids must be received no later than friday, April 7, 2006. Any bid received after closing time will not be considered.

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Brad Treptow, RVCC Executive Director #7097 1T (3)29 3 NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND BOND

SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE Jessica A. Gutierrez
BY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Ruidosa Municipal School District Na. 3, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico (the "Board"), will receive and publicly open sealed or electronic transmission bids at the Office of Casey Financial Consulting, 10908 Snowbird Drive, 10908 Snowbird Drive, N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114, at the hour of 10:30 a.m., prethe

vailing Mountain Time, on April 11, 2006, for the

gional Airport Fuel Farn Interested bidders may secure a copy of the specifications from the Purchasing Department at the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Warehouse, 421, Wingfield St. in Ruidoso, 505-257-2721 (mailing address; 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345). sion at 7:00 p.m., on April 11, 2006, at the Administration Building, 200 Harton Circle, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to take action to award the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered Bonds and will mature on August 1 of each year as

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1.0. The Commissioner may disqualify a success ful bidder and declare the next bighest and best bidder to be the success ful bidder, or declare that no bid was success ful, if the Commissioner discovers a material missioner and the successful bidder with bidder in the bidder's bid proposal, the successful bidder withing the full bidder, or, if the Commissioner and the successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written or greement on the final terms of a written or greement on the final terms of a written or greement on the final terms of a written or greement on the final terms of a written or greement on the final terms of a written or greement on the final terms of a written or greement within forty-fire 455 days of the bidder within the successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written or greement within forty-fire 455 days of the bidder within the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and or greement within forty-fire 455 days of the bidder within the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and the first successful bidder for any reason do not agree on the final terms of a written and the first success for the first success for the first successful bidder for any reason with a contract for the first successful bidder for any reason with a written and the first successful bidder for any reason with a written and the first successful bidder for any reason with a written and the first successful bidder for any reason with a written and the first successful bidder for any reason with a written and the first 200

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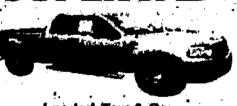
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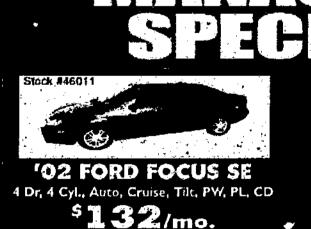
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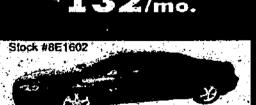


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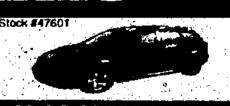
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