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Village declares water emergency

Council enacts temporary building moratorium

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Reacting to news that Grindstone Reservoir dropped to only a 234-day water supply, that the flow of the river that feeds it is low and that village wells aren't producing sufficiently, Ruidoso village councilors Friday declared a state of water emergency.

Using that declaration as a base, they imposed Phase 5 water restrictions, the strictest on the books, and a temporary moratorium on new developments and site plans.

Village Water Director Ken Mosley called conditions "the worst" he has seen, with little run-off to the Rio Ruidoso because of lack of snow last

winter and sparse rainfall this spring.

In offering the motion, Councilor Michele Rebstock emphasized that the length of the hold on development applications is tied to when the Village is able to drop down to a less intense phase of water use restrictions.

Acting on a recommendation from Village Planning Director Bill Morris and Mosley, the "put-on-hold" order does not apply to building within previously approved subdivisions and projects under construction.

Casting the sole vote against the temporary ban, Councilor Greg Cory, a banker, said he feared the ripple effect on the local construction

See **WATER**, page 8A

MORATORIUM DOESN'T FAZE MANY LOCAL CONTRACTORS

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A team of Ruidoso Village officials grabbed the microphone Monday to brief residents on the local water emergency and to calm fears in the construction industry that building will grind to a halt.

Village Planning Director Bill Morris emphasized that while under Phase 5 water use restrictions, no new developments such as subdivisions will

be considered and site plans will not be approved. If restrictions drop to Phase 4, that ban could be lifted. The hold order does not affect construction in existing subdivisions and projects previously approved. Building permits will continue to be issued in those areas.

Reaction among builders and real estate people contacted Monday and Tuesday seemed positive and supportive

See **REACT**, page 9A

CAP & GOWN DAY



COURTESY HENRY SUTTON

Ruidoso High School seniors bask in the sunshine of graduation Saturday morning at W.D. Horton Stadium. A total of 143 students graduated from RHS this year. See the May 31 *Ruidoso News* for more photos and a listing of graduates' names from throughout the county.

Request for design proposals for treatment plant expected soon

Plant director Ramos looks to first week in June

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As early as the first week in June, requests for the engineering and design proposals may be advertised for the massive rehabilitation project at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant that serves Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

John Ramos, plant director, Friday told members of the Joint Use Board that governs the plant operation that he hopes to meet that date, which would mark significant movement toward compliance with strict limits federally imposed for phosphorus and nitrogen at the plant's discharge pipe into the Ruidoso River.

John Waters, Ruidoso Downs city manager who has extensive background in wastewater issues, was set to review the first draft of the RFP this week.

The two municipalities

originally were to comply with the strictest phosphorus limits in the United States by Jan. 1, 2004.

Having missed that deadline, officials from the city and village tried several different approaches to mitigate the situation, but are down to the reality of a \$35 million redo at the plant to improve biological treatment and add chemical treatment.

A delegation representing both municipalities was in Washington, D.C., recently seeking federal funds to help pay for the plant's expansion. They met with Congressional representatives and officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

High phosphorus and nitrogen content in the river fostered a nuisance growth of algae, which interfered with water ditch operations further east along the river, especially in the Honda Valley area.

Funds for home rehab project on doorstep

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As the calendar draws near to this summer's home rehabilitation week, coordinators are working to line up much needed people and material resources.

This week Elisa Davis, executive director of South-eastern New Mexico Community Action Corporation, said enough money has been raised to rehabilitate 58 homes for area residents in need, come July 3-7.

"We have \$19,000 in income from local supporters plus the fees of the Group Work Camp kids to pay for most of the work that is planned," she said. "The work we have scheduled, though, is over budget as we will be doing more construction work than originally projected."

Davis said that while program planners had allowed for the construction of up to three wheelchair ramps, eight are

actually needed.

"We're having to construct more ramps and construct them bigger than originally planned. There was just such a need out there. The ramps can only drop one inch for every foot, so, because of the terrain, we have to build longer ramps," she explained.

Davis said one gentleman who applied for program assistance is in his 80s and currently has to sit to lift himself up his stairs with arm muscle to get inside his home as his legs are too weak and fragile to carry his weight on an incline.

"I can't stress how important it is that we negotiate with someone who can provide discounted lumber and other materials to help us meet the needs this year," Davis said.

Davis said volunteers with background in home building or carpentry also are sought.

"We need people who can

See **REHAB**, page 12A

Lodgers committee suggests contract for director

Director of Tourism will have to 'walk on water' to be effective

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If members of the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee have their way, the next Director of Tourism for the Village of Ruidoso will have to be able to "walk on water," build consensus where disagreement exists, and pay gross receipts tax and support staff out of an annual stipend not to exceed \$90,000.

Rejecting a proposal by at least one member of the committee and advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, the committee voted Monday to recommend to the Ruidoso Village Council that an RFP process be undertaken to hire a contract agent, rather than name a qualified candidate to the position as staff.

Employee versus contract

"I have been wavering back and forth whether this person should be an employee versus contract but, after a conversation I had with Village Human Resources Director Debbie Rogge, I really lean towards a contract RFP in the beginning," LTC member Cindi Clayton-Davis said when opening informed discussions.

Clayton-Davis said she foresees a lot of "growing pains" and reorganization, occurring within the existing hierarchy of village government, as well as budget realignments, once a director is named, and argued that a contract person would have more flexibility to work out kinks and get things done.

"If that person comes in and wows us, be it within six months or two years, then we can convert that position to employee," she said, suggesting that a phased-in process allows for the "best of both worlds."

Clayton-Davis said she fears

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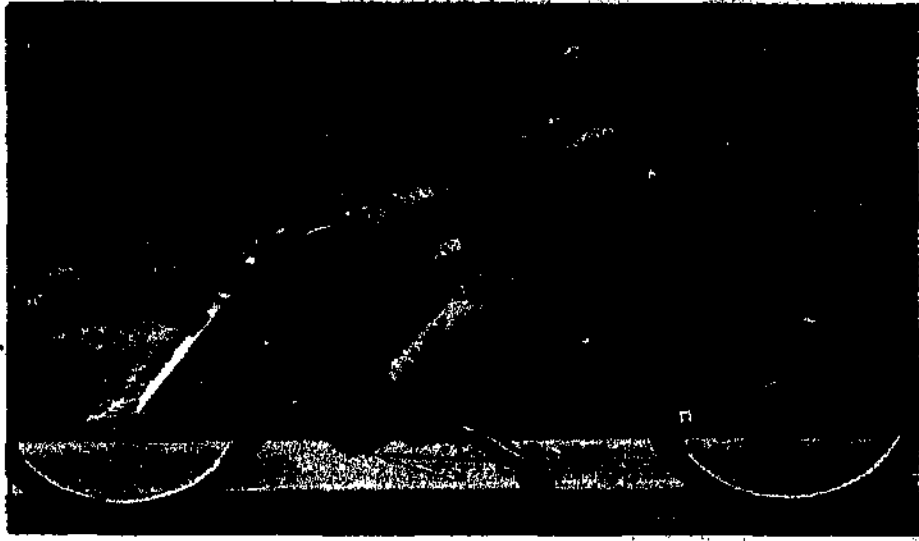
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Every dog had its day at this past weekend's 7th annual AspenCash Motorcycle Rally in Lincoln County. Above, "Buddy" rides with his owner, James, on Saturday. "Dyna," at right, named after the Harley-Davidson DynaGlide motorcycle, rides in comfort in her Petmate carrier. The event drew an estimated 12,000 riders to Lincoln County, though organizers say attendance was down 6-8 percent from last year, possibly due to the forest closure and gasoline prices.

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County applauds Alto garbage service

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If residents of the recently formed Alto Water and Sanitation District want to continue to provide their own garbage collection service, the Lincoln County Board of commissioners applauds them.

Commissioners emphasized last week to district representative Earl Adamy that they have no interest in trying to provide

service for the district and wording in an agreement with the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will reflect the district's autonomy.

An attorney for the district, Frank R. Coppler, wrote Commission Chairman Rick Simpson earlier this month pointing out that as previously written, an "exclusive" agreement between the Authority and the County for the right to collect and dispose of garbage

stepped on the sanitation district's jurisdiction.

He suggested a wording change that, "The territorial jurisdiction of the county is all territory within the county except that territory within a governmental subdivision, public or quasi-municipal corporation of the state or of the county with power to provide the service."

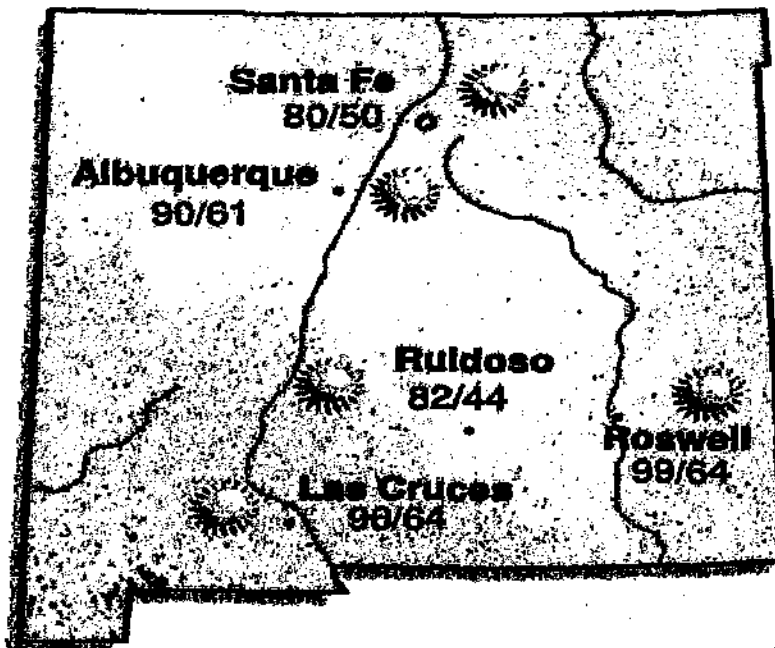
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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 5/24	Thu 5/25	Fri 5/26
82/44	83/48	81/48
Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s.
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New Mexico At A Glance



Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 5/24	Extreme
Thu 5/25	Extreme
Fri 5/26	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 = no protection needed, 11 = extreme protection needed.

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	98	60	sunny	Grants	85	48	sunny	Santa Fe	80	50	sunny
Albuquerque	90	61	sunny	Guyman, OK	94	58	sunny	Santa Rosa	93	59	sunny
Carlsbad	101	65	sunny	Hobbs	101	65	mst sunny	Silver City	89	55	sunny
Chama	74	41	mst sunny	Las Cruces	96	64	sunny	Socorro	93	58	sunny
Clovis	94	61	sunny	Las Vegas	81	49	sunny	St. Johns, AZ	94	54	sunny
Deming	97	60	sunny	Lordsburg	98	59	sunny	Taos	83	46	sunny
El Paso, TX	98	68	sunny	Lubbock, TX	99	64	sunny	Trinidad, CO	85	52	sunny
Espanola	89	55	sunny	Odessa, TX	100	67	mst sunny	Truth or Conseq.	94	63	sunny
Farmington	88	47	sunny	Raton	85	48	sunny	Tucson, AZ	100	67	sunny
Gallup	84	43	sunny	Roswell	99	64	sunny	Tucumcari	92	56	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	65	mst sunny	Houston	90	70	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	76	sunny
Boston	65	51	pt sunny	Los Angeles	75	61	sunny	San Francisco	64	52	pt sunny
Chicago	76	61	t-storm	Miami	85	74	t-storm	Seattle	60	50	rain
Dallas	95	75	mst sunny	Minneapolis	81	65	t-storm	St. Louis	87	68	t-storm
Denver	83	53	sunny	New York	72	55	mst sunny	Washington, DC	76	65	mst sunny

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Lions sign long-term lease for former fire station

Deal for landmark building was expected

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The long-awaited and planned for lease agreement for Old Fire Station in Capitan has finally found a bottom line signature for the Capitan Lion's Club.

The 10-year lease was approved Monday by the Village of Capitan pending an amendment that would add an assignability clause to the contract.

The clause will allow the Lion's Club to assign their rights to the building or any part of it only with the approval of the Village of Capitan trustees.

The Village will begin moving stored equipment out of the fire station and the Lion's Club will move forward with plans to utilize the building for a youth center and other plans to benefit the community.

Library lease held up

The Capitan Public Library did not fare as well in their continued attempt to lease the Village-owned former Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas building.

That agenda item was again tabled until the next meeting due to the numerous unknowns that came under discussion at the meeting.

Neither the library volunteers nor the Village trustees were certain of the current structural condition of the building and any problems that could later become cause for repair costs to either entity according to the proposed 15-year lease.

Also, the lease did not clearly outline the exact area of the building that was to be occupied by the library and which areas the Village intended keep for file storage.

Waiting on 'Zozo'

Mayor Sam Hammons said the Village is still waiting on written approval from the

Town of Carrizozo to release the former CCNG gas company-related items sold to an Estancia natural gas company. "We have verbal approval, but we haven't seen the written approval yet so we can't release the items," he said.

Until then, those items are stored in the back portion of the CCNG building in the area the Village plans to use for locked record storage.

Hammons and representatives from the library planned a building walk-through on Tuesday.

Hammons assured library representatives the rodent problem and odor would be addressed prior to the library taking possession of the building.

In other council action:

The Smokey Bear Fun Run was again approved for Village sponsorship by the trustees. The 26-year-old event is in its third year under the direction of George Tippin and will this year be a project of the Smokey Bear Hometown Association. Tippin said last year's run had 75 participants of all ages and he is hoping to entice more this year.

The run takes place early on July 4 and completes prior to the start of the parade.

Upon request by Tippin, the Fun Run was approved for \$750 lodgers tax funding for print and radio advertising.

Audit contract

In a final item on the short special meeting agenda, the trustees approved the Albuquerque accounting firm Porch and Associates for a three-year audit contract.

Porch will perform audit services for 2006-08.

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PLURAAC chair slams animal ID proposal

Federal plan would require microchipping every horse and chicken, he contends

See Guest Commentary, Opinion Page, 5A

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On a colder day, the steam emanating from Duane Frost's head could have created a fog in the Lincoln County Commission chambers.

He was describing to commissioners last week the possible impact on ranchers of a proposed National Animal Identification System.

As chairman of the county Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee, he urged commissioners to approve an ordinance, a stronger action than a resolution, opposing the system that he contended could end up requiring people to microchip every rabbit, chicken, sheep, cow, horse and goat in the nation.

Commissioners listened to Frost and agreed to set a public hearing to consider an ordinance that would put the feder-

al government on notice that the county is opting out of any such system.

"This was dreamed up about five years ago with an implementation goal of 2005 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture," he said. "There would be a \$1,000 fine for every time an animal isn't reported."

"I agree," said Commission Chairman Rick Simpson. "Every time I go to a roping, I would have to file like a flight plan and they're asking for a lot of information that is nobody's business but mine."

Commissioner Earl Hobbs offered a tongue-in-cheek observation that he favored the expansion of the program to humans and that bar codes should be used so the government can know where everybody is at all times.

Commissioner Maury St. John suggested that instead of a resolution that carries no

force of law that a simplified ordinance be drafted by County Attorney Alan Morel outlining the county's nonparticipation.

Commissioner Tom Battin asked about the purpose for the identification system.

Frost explained that the original idea was to track foot and mouth disease and BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy).

"But there have been only three cases of BSE in the United States and it's been 70 years since the last hoof and mouth," Frost said.

The system would give packers too much authority to control information and determine which livestock lines are better, he said.

Debbie Haines, at the meeting for another issue, said, "It sounds like a lobbyist for a chip manufacturer came up with this."

Simpson said New Mexico livestock laws already are tough. "We don't need chips," he insisted.

Frost said the government is targeting New Mexico because its system works well using brands. If New Mexico could be

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Rick Simpson
Chairman, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

forced to participate, then other brand states such as Colorado, Arizona and Utah may follow, he said.

"Too obtrusive"

Oscurro resident Jerry Carroll called the system "too obtrusive."

If the theory is to protect the food chain, "Is a mule food, a llama, an alpaca, a burro, a dog, a cat?" he asked. "It's a significant cost to a large stock raiser."

He added that the government would coordinate the system. "And the government has proven it can't coordinate anything, much less something as diverse as livestock."

ALTO

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"The Authority may provide such services within a local entity if the local entity enters into an exclusive agreement to do so with the Authority."

If such agreement is not entered into, then the local entity shall have exclusive control over provision of the services."

Coppler said by adding that wording, commissioners would clearly state the Authority will not operate in areas with a local entity in place that has the power to provide the service.

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OUR OPINION

Moratorium is the proper call

What aspect of water recycling don't we understand?

We have heard the dreaded 'M' word - "building moratorium" - uttered by Village Council in respect to the water emergency declared on Friday.

The council's imposed moratorium is the prudent course considering water resource conditions described by Water Director Ken Mosley as "the worst" he's ever seen.

We needn't be alarmed here. A moratorium - described by Webster's as a "suspension [not a cancellation] of activity" - is a temporary measure. In Ruidoso it is hinged to Phase 5 restrictions and does not apply to projects already approved or under construction.

Moreover, any ripple effect on the building trades pales in comparison to a more drastic scenario that might accompany a full-blown crisis should we do nothing. If we are to ask current residents to conserve, we

can ask patience of developers and potential newcomers until conditions improve.

Again, however, we face the folly of longstanding policies having to do with forest management, zoning, the Village's squandered opportunity long ago to purchase Bonito Lake, and the reluctance of municipalities and the county to mandate catchment systems in all new home construction.

Think about it. Ruidoso's Phase 5 set of restrictions does not regulate water use inside the home; it applies to the type of outdoor watering needs that could be readily handled by recycled water.

Such water could be harvested from rainfall diverted by roof gutters flowing into cisterns. It could be gray water pumped from sinks and washing machines.

Recycled water is even wetter than some water rights.

Pity CYFD executives who've lost their cushy rides

Just when the Treasurer's Office Stink wafts over the capital, just when we start to think all public servants are crooked, just when we are about to turn our backs forever on self-serving Santa Fe bureaucrats, in walks Dorian.

Just in time. She is the spring rain in a desert drought. She is the freshly blossomed red rose in the thorny political patch of black hearts. She is the tender love song at a rap concert.

I know. I know. I am getting much too carried away here. Lord knows how effusive this might get if I ever met the woman. Be that as it may, I am nominating Dorian Dodson as New Mexico Heroine of the Month. Maybe the year.

Let me tell you about Dorian. She is the interim cabinet secretary for the Children, Youth and Families Department. Insiders (all columnists have "insiders," usually someone spouting off at the coffee shop), tell us she is on the short list to permanently run that department.

The job has been open since March. Governor Bill Richardson usually acts quickly with these appointments, but so many of his guys have turned out to have questionable histories, background checks may be getting more extensive.

Dorian seems to have the stuff. A long history in various capacities with CYFD would argue her familiarity with the department. More important, for two years she was executive director of St. Elizabeth Shelter in Santa Fe. Translation: here is a person who has walked among the poor and understands their needs.

Okay, but wait. Red rose in the political thorn patch? New Mexico Heroine of the Month? Yeah. Here's why, and it is a simple thing. Picture this: Dorian walks into the CYFD parking lot one day and sees all

these monster vehicles, Ford Exhibitions and other gas guzzlers. It occurs to her there are people in the field, staff workers who actually haul clients, driving a Ford Focus.

So, what Ms. Dodson did was take the eight cushy cars being used by CYFD execs and gave them to people in the field. Then she took the compact cars from the field and gave them to Santa Fe officials. She said the smaller cars are more than adequate to transport one or two executives to meetings.

Meanwhile, if you are in communities such as Hobbs, and Portales and Truth or Consequences, and you see CYFD field workers buzzing around in Expeditions, thank Dorian Dodson. She correctly surmised the big cars are needed by social workers who often transport kids from place to place, in some cases on inadequate rural roads.

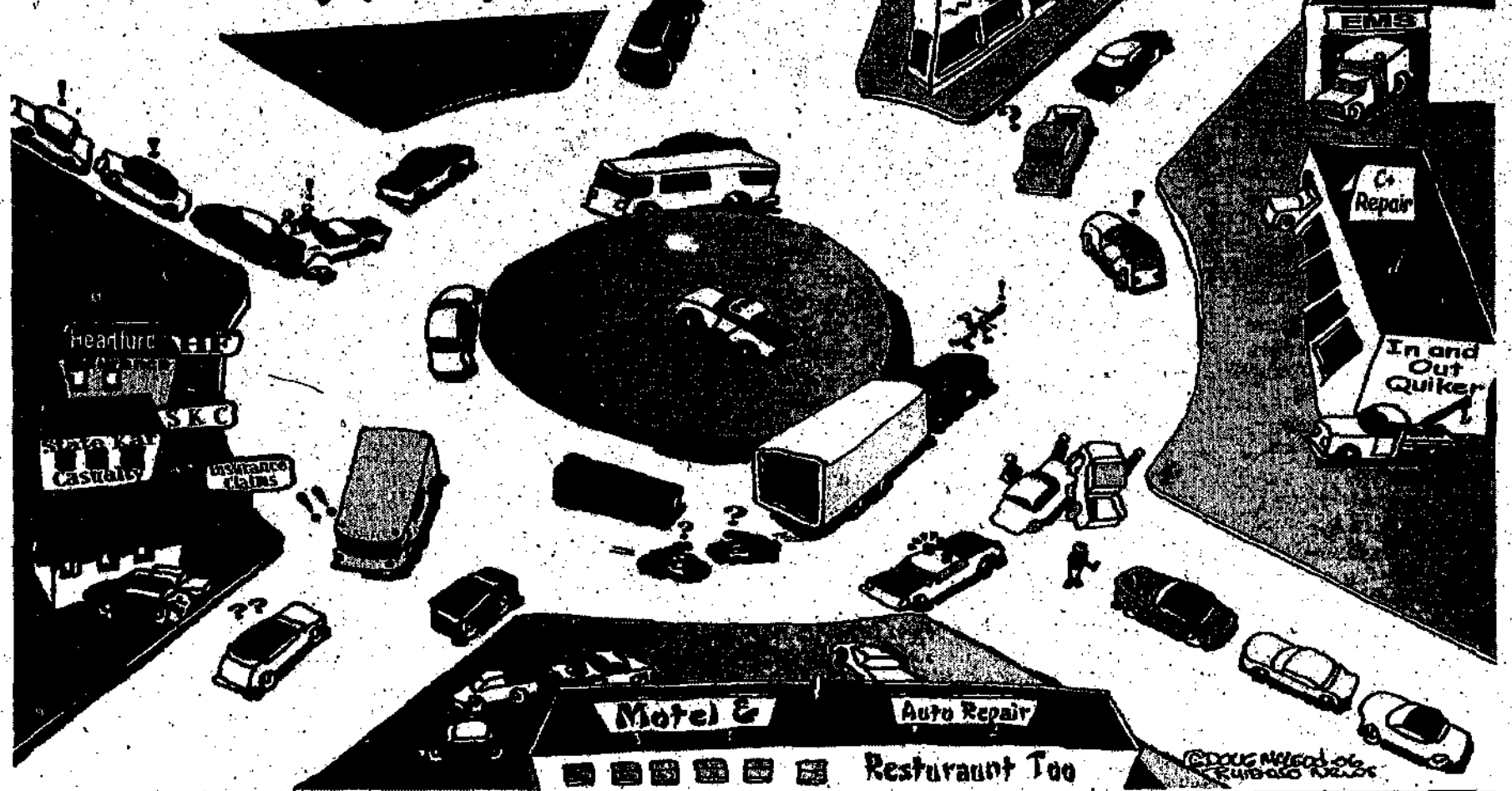
The Santa Fe execs are fine with the program, Dorian claims. They have little choice. The "do as I do" boss gave up the Chrysler Sebring that comes with the job and drives her own car.

The Children, Youth & Families Department has long been the stepchild of a New Mexico legislature too busy protecting the rights of the cock-fighting industry to come face to face with the nitty-gritty problems of the poor. So it is no surprise 1,600 CYFD employees get in line for 252 cars, nearly 100 of them cranking along with close to 100,000 miles on the odometer. Poor people have no lobbyists.

Well, maybe one. Dorian Dodson, our New Mexico Heroine of the Month.

Ned Cantwell's column is syndicated to 14 New Mexico newspapers. He welcomes input at ncantwell@charter.net.

U.S.70 & Sudderth 'Roundabout' Proposal Welcomed By (some) Local Businesses



YOUR OPINION

Don't blame judges for repeat DWI offenders

To the editor:

It is easy to point fingers at our elected officials and blame them for the high numbers of DWI and repeat offenders in our county and state. Then we have a scapegoat. Elect someone else and the problem will go away. Sounds great but probably not necessarily true.

This attitude seems uninformed and a little naive. I happen to agree that DWI and repeat offenders are a serious problem in our county and state. We need to keep our streets and families safe. Drinking and driving is a complicated and ongoing issue.

The state records indicate that New Mexico is one of the highest in the country for DWI offenders. I believe that any elected official in our county will give the best that they can to help with this serious problem. All of our judges do their best.

Substance abuse is the issue, not the Judges and DA's. What do we do with

substance abusers? Put them in jail? That gets them off of the street temporarily. State DWI statutes only allow minimal jail terms. What happens to the substance abusers when they finally get out of jail? Repeat DWI, domestic violence, alcoholism or worse.

How about if we focus on solutions rather than problems. Solutions such as inpatient and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs. Now there is a solution! If the offender has substance abuse or dependence problems then sentence them to treatment as an alternative to jail. If treatment does not work, jail is always an option.

We all need to take an active role in writing our congressmen and legislature to help change laws and fund treatment facilities. It costs us tax payers and our state much less to treat alcohol and drug problems than to house prisoners. In other words, treat the real problem, which is substance abuse, not necessari-

ly the local judiciary. Treatment is a cost-effective alternative to jail. We the taxpayers and our economy are taxed enough because of housing people in jails and prisons. The statistics state that 80 percent or more of the people in county jails and state prisons have substance abuse problems. Think about that.

If substance abusers continue to drink and drive, then by all means lock them up. Let them know that this behavior is unacceptable. Help these people with their problems with any course necessary. Any way we look at this, the problem needs to be addressed.

Let's work together to find some solutions instead of more problems.

On a personal note, from a recovering substance abuser: I have been alcohol free for almost 11 years. Thank you Judge William Butts for having the knowledge, understanding, compassion and legal

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Richardson plays politics with border 'emergency'

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One of the most interesting moments from the 2004 presidential campaign in New Mexico came when Democratic challenger John Kerry was campaigning side-by-side with Gov. Bill Richardson, and launched into an attack about how bad the economy was under President Bush.

Like any good politician, Kerry used local examples to drive home the point. Richardson, who for the previous two years had been the lead cheerleader for any and all news showing growth and prosperity in the New Mexico economy, could only bite his tongue and be the loyal party soldier as Kerry trashed all that he spent his term to build up.

Two years later, we're in another election season, and Richardson is facing a similar political dilemma.

This time the issue is immigration. Last Monday, Bush announced that he would deploy up to 6,000 National Guard troops to the border to play a temporary, supporting role while new Border Patrol agents are being trained.

Richardson has been demanding an increased federal presence on the border. During a conference call in April with reporters from throughout the nation, he decried the delay in getting 265 additional Border Patrol agents for New Mexico trained, certified and on the job.

"We need these Border agents now," he said. "I can't understand why it takes so long to get them to our border."

But, when offered the temporary assistance of National Guard troops on the border, Richardson balked, complaining that, among other things, he had not been consulted prior to Monday



night's address.

Richardson termed Bush's proposal a "short-term fix" and said that sending National Guard troops to the border would limit the ability of the New Mexico National Guard to respond to fires and other emergencies.

But, according to information from Sen. Pete Domenici's office, National Guard troops from throughout the nation would be used, not just those from New Mexico.

"This program is being worked out so that there is no undue burden placed on the National Guard or individual states," Domenici said. "Deployments must be approved by the individual states that are sending troops to the border."

If governors believe their Guard is needed for an in-state natural disaster, they would not be required to send their Guardsmen to the border."

It is, admittedly, something of a token effort. Six-thousand unarmed troops lacking arrest powers will not

solve all of the problems on the border. Richardson may be justified in wondering if "this action is being taken for PR or political purposes."

Still, I can't help having that same reaction to his response.

An additional thousand or so uniformed troops in New Mexico's border communities will give Border Patrol agents that many additional sets of eyes and ears, and will free up agents from some of the more routine tasks.

Would Richardson be turning a cold shoulder to this additional help if not for the upcoming election?

The Republicans have responded to Richardson's criticism of the president with a new radio ad that points out the governor himself declared a state of emergency on the border. "Isn't the National Guard used for emergencies?" the spot asks.

Walter Rubel has been a newsman for 25 years and the Santa Fe bureau chief since 2003.

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boundaries to give me a choice eleven years ago, treatment or prison. I chose treatment. Life is good today because of sobriety. Thank you for helping save my life.

Gary Garland
Ruidoso

Judges have to cooperate

To the editor:

I ran for Magistrate five times in Ruidoso, and every time my opponent said I was too soft on DWIs.

If Judge [William] Butts does not

cooperate with the DA and defense attorneys they will just disqualify him and his workload would be much easier.

We had a judge elected here in Roswell that was going to be the toughest judge to ever handle a DWI. Trouble is, the other judges and I had to handle all his cases, because they disqualified him each time. Any person has the right to disqualify one Magistrate with no reason given.

I am Judge Butts' father-in-law, but that is beside the point. I think he has done an excellent job, and I am very proud of him. I write this in the interest of justice, not politics.

Seniors not honored

To the editor:

What a shame that our once hometown newspaper has lost its personal touch. What has happened? That a time-honored tradition has gone by the wayside?

For the first time in all the years I can remember, our graduating seniors are not being honored in the *Ruidoso News*.

Instead, if the parents choose, they

can pay \$29 for an ad honoring their seniors. The same ad that has appeared at no charge for years has instead become a money-maker for the paper.

Since when do our youth not deserve recognition for this achievement? The seniors of 2006 deserve the same honor that their predecessors received in years past.

What a shame that the new owners don't recognize an opportunity to let our youth shine. Shame on them.

Jodie L. Mowell
Ruidoso Downs

Editor's note: The name of every

graduating senior, along with a class photo, will be published for free in the May 31 Ruidoso News.

Well-fed

To the editor:

Recently the Lincoln County Food Bank received a large load of donated food items from a food drive conducted by the Postal Workers.

The Food Bank appreciates their time and effort and especially the donated food. This donation will help us provide for others as needed.

Board of Directors
Lincoln County Food Bank

Congressional power ranking doesn't tell the whole story

To the editor:

The Friday, May 19, article in the *Ruidoso News* about Congressional "Power" ranking was interesting, but just as much for what it didn't say as for what it did.

Is it any surprise that the Democrats, currently out of power in both houses, rank lower than Republicans? Given the way the Republican leadership has excluded bipartisan participation in the legislative process - often presenting bills to other legislators mere hours before they are voted on - we're surprised Democrats and Independents have any ranking at all.

The implication that "power," based on position, influence and the ability to pass legislation, is a way to judge the effectiveness of our representatives is misleading.

Like the horsepower of a car's engine, the ability to move a vehicle, in this case our national legislature, is important - but there is also the question of "in what direction?"

Consider other rankings of our legislators based on voting records for particular issues, both conservative and progressive:

• Public Citizen is a national, non-profit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1971 to represent consumer

interests in Congress, the executive branch and the courts. (<http://action.citizen.org/dia/organizations/publiccitizen/scorecard/>)

Scorecard (109th Congress): Bingaman: 16/22; Domenici: 0/22

• Taxpayers for Common Sense, a conservative, non-partisan budget watchdog (<http://capwiz.com/taxpayer/scorecard/?chamber=Senate&session=1081&x=12&y=11>)

Scorecard (108th Congress): Bingaman: 56percent; Domenici: 11percent

• People for the American Way, a liberal watchdog organization, concerned about Constitutional rights and

civil liberties (http://capwiz.com/pfaw/officials/congress/?VI=C&only_votes=1&azip=88312&x=12&y=10)

Scorecard (108th Congress): Bingaman: 92 percent (11/12); Domenici: 8 percent (1/12)

Consider that the directions that our Congressional representations have taken do not always match common perceptions. The Republicans have traditionally claimed to stand for fiscal responsibility (Rep. Steve Pearce is famously quoted for saying, "I hate debt!"), yet Taxpayers for Common Sense scores: Heather Wilson: 10 percent (2/20); Steve Pearce: 20 percent (4/20); Tom Udall: 60 percent (12/20)

With great power comes great responsibility. Understanding who has power in Congress is only part of the picture. Where are they taking us with that power?

One only needs to note that in the House of Representatives at number two, just behind the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert (whose position alone assures the number one spot), is Tom Delay ... 'nuff said.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Keep government out of National Animal Identification System

HENRY LAMB

Environmental Conservation
Organization

America's economic power arises from the entrepreneurial spirit encouraged by a free market.

Government involvement in the marketplace is always a deterrent, but is sometimes justified to ensure consumer and worker safety, and fair competition. Government intrusion into the marketplace should always focus on these goals, and be as minimal as possible.

The National Animal Identification System, as proposed by the USDA, seeks to improve food safety by creating a mechanism through which animal disease can be traced to its source within 48 hours.

While this sounds like an admirable goal, it is essentially, an unnecessary goal.

The program has been devised, not because a need to trace animal disease has been identified, but because an international committee decided some years ago, that the world should have an animal identification system to protect international markets.

Neil Hammerschmidt (<http://www.ncal.org/programs/agri/NHammerschmidt.htm>), director of the U.S. National Animal Identification System, helped develop the international program before taking charge of the U.S. program.

Immediately prior to his present position, from 1998 to 2003, he chaired the Identification and Information System Committee of the National Institute for Animal

Agriculture.

While NIAA may sound like a public interest organization, its membership reads like a who's who in industrial agriculture and technology, including entities such as Cargill, Tyson, National Pork Producers Council, and Global Vet Link.

The current U.S. program was actually proposed to the USDA by the NIAA in 2002.

Although the program embraces virtually all farm livestock - chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, horses, goats, pigs, cows, alpacas, llamas, and any other animal the USDA decides to add to the list - it is primarily designed to enhance the beef export market.

In 2003, beef exports were \$7.5 billion. The beef export market crashed that year, after the first case of mad cow disease was discovered in the U.S. In 2005, beef exports were only \$1.22 billion (<http://www.beef.org/udocs/2005beefexports.pdf>).

It is certainly understandable that beef producers, packers, and their trade associations want to do something to restore the export market.

But a massive, government-imposed National Animal Identification System is certainly not the way to do it.

Proponents of the program argue that a national ID program is now the international standard, and nothing short of this program will satisfy the international market. Moreover, proponents claim that Wal-Mart and McDonald's, the largest domestic markets, are demanding an identification program.

If this is, indeed, the case,

then let the market develop a program, but not one imposed by government on every farm, and farm animal, in the nation.

Let an innovative market create a voluntary system which commands a premium price for cattle enrolled in an ID program.

There is simply no need for government to impose an intrusive, national program on every premises that houses a single livestock animal, in order to help the beef industry regain its place in the international marketplace.

Let's be clear; the instigators and the promoters of the NAIS program seek first, to regain access to international markets. Food safety is little more than an excuse to justify the program.

The goal of any effort to protect the food supply chain should focus on prevention, not after-the-fact tracing. The mere mention of mad cow disease stirs deep public fear, but this is a non-contagious disease that takes years to develop.

A national tracking program would do nothing to prevent, or contain the disease. The disease is caused by contaminated feed, which was banned in the U.S. nearly ten years ago.

Foot and mouth disease, however, is a constant concern, even though there has not been an outbreak in the U.S. since 1929 (<http://ag.missouri-state.edu/footm1.htm>).

The greatest risk of this disease comes from imported animals, where food safety concerns should be focused.

Import control and vaccines

offer the best avenue for prevention of this disease.

A national back-tracking system is too late to be a meaningful safety tool here.

It is neither fair, nor necessary, to impose a government-mandated animal identification system on every person in the nation who owns even a single farm animal, in order to enhance the international market for beef exporters.

Government should abandon the idea of forcing all people everywhere to report the location and movement of each of their farm animals to a central database.

This program will do nothing to enhance food safety; it will only enhance the profits of the beef exporters, and the profits of those who produce the tracking technology.

These are the people who are pushing the program, not the people who will have to comply with it.

Henry Lamb is the executive vice president of the Environmental Conservation Organization (ECO), and chairman of Sovereignty International, Inc.

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Library kicks off youth Summer Reading Program

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Occupying the time and imaginations of young people in Ruidoso with a positive slate of activities is the focus of the 2006 Summer Reading Program at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas Ave.

Registration packets for the summer reading event, Lasting Impressions, currently are available with an open registration scheduled for 10 a.m. June 3 in the library classroom. A schedule of age-appropriate movies and lectures at the library also is available.

For each book read during the summer read-a-thon, library staff will award Dinosaur coupons that can be redeemed in July for prizes and novelties, Cheryl Volosin, youth services supervisor at the library, said.

"This is something we do every year to keep kids reading and interested in reading."

Volosin said that in addition to the read-a-thon, the library this year has adapted its programs schedule for the summer to offer something for every age group, including moms of pre-school kids.

Most programs are offered free of charge, however, times and dates of events vary, Volosin said.

A Pre-Kindergarten skills class has been created for children that are 4-5 years of age. Reading and math readiness skills and fine motor and gross motor skills instruction will be offered at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. each Monday of the month. Program instruction includes Letterkids, storytelling, music and games. Pre-registration is required along with a fee of \$21 per session.

From 10 - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings parents can bring their infant or toddler to a special program of storytelling, music and exercise at the library.

Pre-school storytime with Grandpa Ritchie and Amy Duncan will continue through the summer on 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. each Thursday of the month.

For children ages 6-18, a schedule of movies and learning presentations are planned, 2-4 p.m. in the library classroom throughout June and July.

June 6 - Canine unit presentation with Dale Harrison, Ruidoso Police Department
June 7 - Magic show with Jamie O'Hare
June 9 - Pajama party

The library will host a pajama party 6 - 10 p.m. at the library. Pizza, sodas, games crafts, and music are planned. Pre-registration is required.
June 13 - Puppet show
June 14 - *Racing Stripes* movie. Bring 35 cents for popcorn and drink
June 20 - Whittling demonstration
June 21 - *Madagascar* movie. Bring 35 cents for popcorn and drink
June 27 - Presentation on bears by Larry Cardova

June 28 - *Chronicles of Narnia* movie. Bring 35 cents for popcorn and drink

July 5 - *Dreamer* movie. Bring 35 cents for popcorn and drink

July 11, 12 - Creative Writing Workshop
Youth ages 9 and older are invited to participate in a creative writing workshop offered by Donna Munch, author of *Dark Tales of the Tower*. Participants will create characters and a story from their own imaginations. Workshop fee is \$5 with registration required.

July 11-14 - Paperback book exchange.

July 18 - Crafts in the classroom.

July 19 - *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* movie. Bring 35 cents for popcorn and movie

July 25 - Puppet show

July 26 - *Nannie McPhee* movie. Bring 35 cents for popcorn and drink.

The RPL is open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri., and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat. For more information call 258-3704.



2006 Rotary Scholarship Recipients, bottom row, l-r: Travis Ingels, Jaye Thompson, Jaime Wirth, Caitlin Dennehy and Brian Leadingham.

Youth awarded Rotary scholarships

The Ruidoso Rotary Club awarded \$10,000 in scholarships May 16 at the club's weekly meeting. Five Ruidoso High School seniors, along with family members, were present at the meeting to watch the presentation.

"The community has really supported our enchilada dinners, especially in the past few years, which 100 percent of the proceeds go to scholarships for high school seniors," said Phillis Barnett, 2005-06 Club President.

Rotary Director of Vocational Service Mark Bryant presented the certificates of award.

"This is a very rewarding

process," said Bryant. "I only wish that every student who applied could receive a scholarship," Bryant added.

Twenty-nine students applied for a scholarship and five students were awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

The five students are Travis Ingels, Jaye Thompson, Jaime Wirth, Caitlin Dennehy and Brian Leadingham.

Ingels will attend Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas and will study theology. He helps out with the youth at First Baptist Church and played varsity soccer for five years.

Thompson will attend Eastern New Mexico University.

McFadden will attend New Mexico State University in the fall and will study elementary education. She plans on pursuing a minor in secondary education prior to seeking a master's degree in high school counseling.

Wirth will attend Rice University in Houston and will be studying medical engineering. She attended Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) two years ago.

Leadingham will attend New Mexico State University in the fall and will study elementary education. She plans on pursuing a minor in secondary education prior to seeking a master's degree in high school counseling.

Optimist Club names four award recipients

The Ruidoso Optimist Club recently awarded four Lincoln County and Mescalero High School Seniors a \$500 college scholarship: Gregory Crow and Meagan Finnell of Ruidoso High School, Donnell McFadden of Mescalero High School, and Ryan Gaines of Carrizozo High School.

Crow is slated to attend the University of New Mexico and major in secondary education. Finnell will attend New Mexico

State University. McFadden and Gaines will also attend New Mexico State University, McFadden majoring in Engineering and Gaines in agriculture.

All four young people are strong students academically and have been active in their high schools and communities.

Applications were received from 25 areas students from six high schools.

"We are happy that our

efforts from the recent Carson and Barnes Circus can now be put back into the community," said Club President Rita Griffin.

Scholarships will be given to students at a club meeting later this summer. An additional scholarship to a Lincoln County student planning to attend ENMU-Ruidoso also is to be awarded.

For more information, contact Rita Griffin at 258-5858.

Demo project for youth launched

Junior Achievement is pleased to announce that New Mexico has been selected to lead one of five new state-level demonstration projects to showcase a variety of leadership models at work across the country for our nation's children and youth.

The New Mexico State Alliance Project will be funded by a \$20,000 grant from America's Promise The Alliance for Youth and will leverage existing initiatives to drive public and private collaboration, raise visibility and increase the current capacity of the organization's state affiliates.

Junior Achievement of New Mexico will support the 2006 New Mexico Forum for Youth Summit, an event that will focus on connecting the public, private and social sectors by addressing the issues of corporate best practices, the needs of social sectors, and public policy

recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

"This project will demonstrate how organizations across New Mexico can collectively make a much larger impact for children and youth than any of us could do independently," said Kevin R. Hattery, President, Junior Achievement of New Mexico.

America's Promise is also funding demonstration projects in Iowa, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Washington State. The projects and their state leaders were selected based on an assessment of affiliate capacity, geographic diversity and willingness to successfully coordinate and execute state-level collaborative projects. A survey of America's Promise Alliance partners was also used to identify emerging state initiatives.

"Smart leaders recognize that economic development, fiscal stability and a strong workforce all ultimately depend

upon the investments and efforts to help young people succeed," said Richard Wells, vice president for State and Community Mobilization at America's Promise. "These demonstration projects, led by our Alliance partner's local affiliates and their track record of success, will help exhibit how national and state organizations can collectively make a much larger impact for children and youth than any of us could do alone."

For more information about the New Mexico State Alliance Project, contact Kevin Hattery, President, Junior Achievement of New Mexico at 505-264-2964 or Kevin@newmexico.org.

For more information about all five America's Promise demonstration projects, please contact Mike McGill, Senior Director for Media Relations at America's Promise, at 703-535-3819 or mikem@americaspromise.org.

EDUCATION NEWS

Board meeting

The Ruidoso Board of Education will meet in special session 4 p.m. today at the Ruidoso Schools Administration Bldg., 200 Horton Circle. One action item will be on the agenda for Approval of Disposition of Property. The meeting will also include a closed session for the purpose of discussing pending or threatened litigation.

ENMU-Roswell grads

The following Ruidoso students were graduated from Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, ENMU Portales for the Spring 2006 semester, Thursday: Paul E. LeBlanc, associate of applied science, aviation technology; Misty D. Hightower, bachelor of science in elementary education; Cassandra Trujillo, certi-

ficate of occupational training, nursing assisting; Stephanie Sanchez, certificate of occupational training, emergency medical technician-basic; Mark Rodriguez, certificate of occupational training, nursing assisting.

LeBlanc graduated with honors.

Altrusa Scholarships

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso has opened its 2006 Scholarship Program to provide assistance to adults who have discontinued their education and need help in furthering their education due to changing demands in their lives. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and must have successfully completed at least 9 semester or quarter hours (or the equivalent) in an accredited college or vocational school. Applications are accepted once

a year and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by June 15. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Altrusa at P.O. Box 1143, Ruidoso, NM, 88345, or call the Scholarship Chairman at 338-8401. Applications are also available at ENMU-Ruidoso.

Since 1993 the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso's Scholarship Program has helped dozens of Lincoln County residents achieve academic success.

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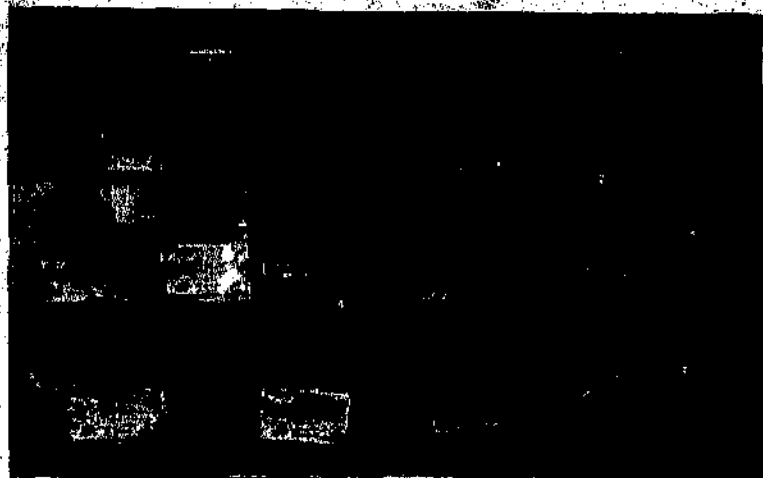
ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education Department is offering a summer Kids Kollege program with more than 15 classes available in Creative Kraft workshops, nature hikes, science and math workshops, keyboarding and more. For more information call 630-8181 or log on to: www.ruidoso.enmu.edu.

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Not Hill Buzzy Bees for March. Back row, l-r: Morgan Johnson, Aaron Forster, Jasmine Ramirez, Jasus Segura, Chelsea Dubay, Madison Almager. Middle row: Shaylean Ahldey, Breck Gavin, Destiny Valencia, Harry Chavez, Frankie Pirelli, Maryter Escalero. Front row: Ian Belin, Lacie Marez, Vincea Chee, James Ducharme.

End of year school schedule

• **Ruidoso Municipal School District**
Last day, May 26
Graduation ceremonies, May 20: 10 a.m. at Horton Stadium

• **Capitan Schools**
Last day, May 24
Graduation ceremonies, May 20: 7:30 p.m. at the football field

• **Carlsbad Schools**
Last day, May 18
Graduation ceremonies, May 19: 7 p.m. in the old gymnasium

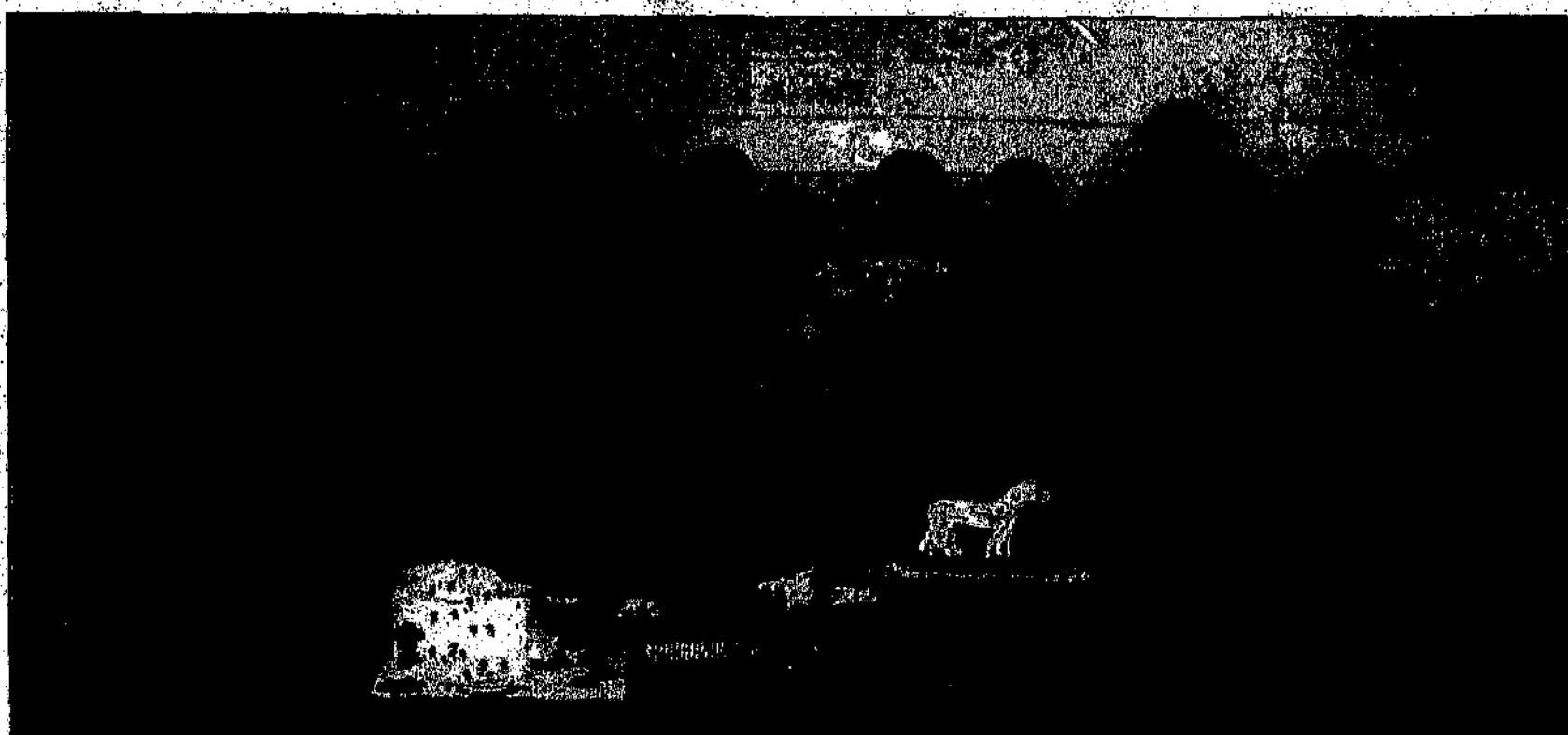
• **Hondo Schools**
Last day, May 25
Graduation ceremonies, May 26: 6 p.m. at the school center gymnasium

• **Corona Schools**
Last day, May 18
Graduation ceremonies, May 20: 6 p.m. at the Corona Auditorium

• **Mescalero Schools**
Last day, May 25
Graduation ceremonies, May 19: 8:30 p.m. at the school center gymnasium

• **ENMU-Ruidoso**
Last day, May 6-12
Graduation ceremonies, May 14: 2 p.m. at the Spencer Theater

Watch for a list of graduate names, by school, and commencement ceremony photographs in the May 31 issue of the *Ruidoso News*.



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Ruidoso Middle School Salute Our Stars team. l-r: Rusty Wilcox, science teacher; James Crowder, cloud chamber; Sara Gochenour, tropical rainforest; Kaylee Johnson, tornadoes; Carly Reynolds, horses; Zachary Porter, Hoover Dam; Lexie Doth, Ski Racing; Clayton Shaw, fire science; C.J. Gomez, mining; Luis Zaragoza, the Rainforest; Lindsey Power, Jaguars, and; David Proctor, science teacher.

Winners named in mid school science expo

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Ten high-achieving students recently were named science model winners during Ruidoso Middle School's Salute Our Stars end of the school year open house and exposition.

Judging was held this month

in conjunction with the May 11 event, narrowing the field of candidate winners from 350 presenters to a slate of 10 boys and 10 girls. Exhibits entered in the show ran the gamut from fire science to presentations on exotic animals, said Rusty Wilcox, an RMS science teacher.

"The projects consisted of a science model, built from scratch, research, a written report and presentation with visual aid," Wilcox explained of the projects which took in excess of three months to complete.

Diorly Stiewalt, 8th-grade language arts instructor and

coordinator of the SOS celebration said the event was staged to show the community "what awesome youth attend Ruidoso Middle School" and to give parents an opportunity to tour the school and gain insight as to the learning environment and challenges of students enrolled in the 7th and 8th grades.

Costs up for rural schools renovations

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SANTA FE — State spending on new schools and school building improvements has never been higher, but construction costs are going up as well, especially in rural areas of the state, the head of Public School Facilities Authority said Monday.

Robert Gorrell told members of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force that a combination of factors, including a concentration of resources in the Albuquerque area, have driven up building costs elsewhere in the state.

"Rural costs have gone through the roof," Gorrell said. A project now being built in Gallup is 85 percent over its estimated cost, he added.

State spending on public school buildings has increased dramatically since 1999, when a judge ruled in the Zuni lawsuit that the state was not fulfilling its commitment in high-poverty districts.

In 1999-2000, \$33,000 was allocated for public school capital outlay projects. This year, more than \$232 million has been allocated, along with another \$42.9 million for roof repair, facility leasing and deficiencies correction. The \$274.9 million is more than 10 times as much as was spent by the state on school buildings in 1997-98.

"Last month I wrote checks for \$8.6 million worth of projects," Gorrell said.

The Las Cruces, Gadsden and Deming school districts have all been approved for new schools in the last two years. The \$23.47 million allocation this year for Las Cruces includes \$9.5 million for a new elementary school, as well as \$4.7 million for renovations at Mayfield High School.

A photo from the new Bataan Elementary in Deming is included in the annual report, and Gorrell said construction on that project was "poster school" for finishing a project ahead of schedule. He

Public School Capital Outlay Council Allocations

Ruidoso School District:
2004-05 none, 2005-2006 \$5.53 million; total in last two years \$5.53 million.

Capitan School District:
No allocation in last two years, \$2.63 million since 1974.

—Source: Public School Capital Outlay Council Reference Guide

said accountability measured used in that project will be spread throughout the state.

Gorrell said they have updated information on the status of all ongoing projects listed on their Web site, www.nmschoolbuildings.org, so people can see if a project is on schedule.

Most school districts are required to pay a matching percentage, based on a sliding scale that includes a number of different factors, said Paula Tackett, a member of the Public School Capital Outlay Council.

Industry leaders tap teens for scholarships

Two top industry leaders operating in the greater Lincoln County area recently announced recipients of their 2006 scholarship awards programs.

Zia Natural Gas Company announced last week that seven area high school graduates were named while Cattle Baron Restaurant awarded two scholarships for youth planning a career in the hospitality industry.

Cattle Baron Inc.

Tonya Marten and Michelle Chavez recently were named recipients of scholarships awarded by Cattle Baron Restaurants through the New Mexico Hospitality Industry

Education Foundation. Marten attends the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management at New Mexico State University and Michelle Chavez will attend the Scottsdale Culinary Institute.

Scholarships are given in coordination with the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation which awards about \$30,000 in scholarships each year for students in the hospitality field.

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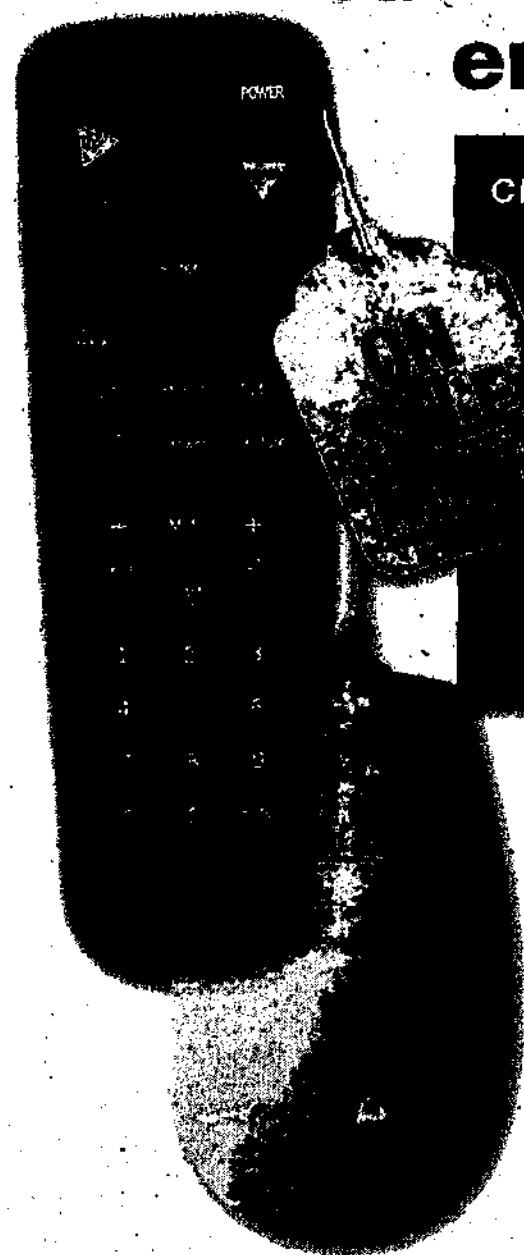
A scholarship in the amount of \$500 per semester for four years is awarded to students in

Zia's natural gas service areas based on academic standing, demonstrated need and an overall sense of community participation. Zia congratulates these fine New Mexico students on their hard work and dedication to their education.

Ruidoso High School, Stefan Seigmann; Capitan High School, Brendon Osborn; Carrizozo High School, KC Hendricks; Hobbs High School, Stella McDaniel; Jal High School, Erica Ramos; Cimarron High School, Samantha Davis; and Springer High School, Christopher Sanchez.

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Pat Robles from Las Cruces prepares to cast his line into Grindstone Reservoir Monday. Although Ruidoso's main source of water dipped below the eight-month supply mark as the exposed dam surface attests, fishermen are catching rainbow trout. Village councilors last week enacted strict water conservation rules and a temporary hold on new subdivisions and site plans.

DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

WATER

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industry and other businesses tied to that work, as well as the possible negative impacts on property values.

But Councilor Ron Hardeman said the community could experience a bigger and more permanent "ripple effect," if a temporary moratorium wasn't declared.

"We have two department heads intimately involved asking for the (moratorium), we've

declared an emergency and if we delay action, we are inviting who knows how many applications," he said, referring to a suggestion that action on the development application can be postponed until after a water workshop at 3 p.m., May 25.

"A water workshop isn't going to change the situation."

Camelot resurfaces

Village Manager Lorri McKnight said she understands the magnitude the temporary ban may have on the affected industries. "But I have to commend these two (Mosley and Morris) for coming forward. (Mosley) has many applications sitting on his desk right now. We need direction what to do."

Cory and Councilor James Stoddard, who seconded Rebstock's motion, criticized Mosley for stating last month that the Village could serve a proposed 161-lot development on Camelot Mountain.

"We knew a month ago, there was no run-off (from lack of mountain snowpack)," Cory said. "I'm not thinking of wealthy developers from Texas, but of men and women out there who bought lots to build homes because we okayed a 161-home development."

Mosley replied that he added the caveat, "at this time," when he spoke. Cory said Village officials need to take a broader view in issuing opinions on the Village's ability to provide service.

Lack of planning?

Hardeman reminded Cory that the council voted down the Camelot subdivision. The developer appealed the vote in district court.

Stoddard several times said he was displeased with being put in the position of voting on a development hold and water emergency. He criticized Village officials for lack of planning.

"I'm appalled at the lack of planning by the Village, not facing this situation," Stoddard said. "But if we declare an emergency, that's a pretty serious thing. We should not put our residents at risk. I don't like being pushed into this without adequate planning, but if it is an emergency, we need to step up."

McKnight jumped to the defense of Village administration and former councils.

"I appreciate your opinion, but respectfully disagree that there has been no planning," she said. "An abundance of work has occurred for years, particularly with the last administration."

"Yes, conditions changed since last month. Mr. Mosley said of the Camelot development, it could be serviced 'at that time.' That is indicative of how quickly conditions change in Ruidoso and how reliant we are on Mother Nature when it comes to the flow on the river and the North Fork wells."

Hardeman backed the manager, reminding councilors that in 2003 a water task force devised the five-phase plan based on benchmarks. "So we

would know when there was an emergency."

"We don't want the kind of emergency that when someone turns on a tap, no water comes out to fight a catastrophic fire," he said. "It seems we need to do what it takes to get out of it, not continue doing what we have."

Initially, Village Attorney Marc Prelo expressed doubts that the Village could impose a temporary moratorium without more data on which to base the decision, but Mosley pointed out he presented the river flow figures; the low level on the village's main reservoir, storage tank levels and the fact that pumps in the North Fork wells must be lowered to maintain needed production.

The work on the wells couldn't be accomplished previously because Village officials were working to obtain a new permit from the U.S. Forest Service. The council Friday approved the annual operating plan for those wells that lie on national forest land.

Benchmarks

Prelo then framed a temporary moratorium as tied to the water restriction phase, and with a declaration of an emergency based on predetermined benchmarks. "The motion was well taken," and if it is challenged, "You will probably be OK."

Under the Phase 5, only watering of flower beds and tree wells is allowed with handheld buckets or sprinkling cans.

Cory was told that Cree Meadows Golf Course and The Links Golf Course operate on their own wells and not through the Village system. He said the water all comes from the same pool and it's hard for people to watch their lawns die when golf course sprinklers are running and ball fields are green.

Hardeman said the ball fields are watered under a lease of water rights from the school district specifically for that purpose.

Mosley said residents should not wash decks, the sides of houses, cars or any other objects outside. Restaurant owners should supply water to patrons only on request. A provision against outdoor fountains previously was deleted because many operate with gray water and policing for violations is difficult.

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REACT

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of the effort of officials to protect the future of the village.

Builder Mark Marquez said the order won't impact the projects he's working on because his water meters already are in place.

"They need to do something about getting more water," he said. "They can't keep adding straws in the same glass."

While the village must continue growth, "There are not many more buildable lots in Ruidoso, anyway," he said. "I don't think it will have a big effect. I think I recall there are about 3,000 lots left and half you can't build on."

Many of those lots sit in already approved subdivisions.

"People are still working in Alto and outside this zone," Marquez added.

Fred Cowan of Cowan Construction, said he came from Santa Barbara, Calif., 24 years ago and that city regulated an essential moratorium with high priced water meters.

"They had water, but didn't want any more building," he said. When that approach was changed, the growth swamped the city.

"I have mixed emotions because I'm a builder," he said. "It sounds funny, but I'm really in favor of moratoriums. I think we don't need more subdivisions. I think the number of lots is fine. I don't want to see Ruidoso turn into a big town. I'm not a tree hugger, but I don't like to see big trees cut down."

"I think (the growth and water situation) needs to be looked at all the time."

He doesn't want people who move here and expect water to find nothing in the reservoir one morning, Cowan said.

"I live on the river and see the flow," he said. "I think we

should be cautious and proceed that way. I'm not in favor of any new big developments at all."

Broker Walter Dollahon with Coldwell Bankers SDC Realtors said he hopes the "hold" is only temporary as promised.

"Probably, it's a case of the Village being prudent and doing what they have to do," Dollahon said. "I don't know how necessary it was and am anxious to know more. I hope it was not just a knee-jerk and was well thought out, and temporary while they look at what needs to be done in the long term."

Dick Wisner, executive director of the Ruidoso River Association, said the situation isn't new.

"We had no snow and no reason to expect much rain or runoff in March and April," he said. "There was no reason anyone should have been caught by surprise."

The river is flowing at less than 1 cubic foot per second, he said, possibly the lowest in its history.

"The city is not diverting (to Grindstone Lake Reservoir) not because of us (and an agreement with the association on how much flow must occur in the river), they are not diverting because there is no water," he said. "Their permit (with the Office of the State Engineer) is dependent on the flow at the Hollywood gates. Our agreement is not hindering them, it's the 4 cfs requirement at the Hollywood gates by SEO. It

"Probably, it's a case of the Village being prudent and doing what they have to do."

Walter Dollahon
Broker, Coldwell Banker

must go up to 6 cfs to divert."

Grindstone, the village's main water source, shrunk to about two-thirds of a year's supply as of last week, with just seven days until thousands invade the village for Memorial Day weekend.

"The numbers show they've taken their share (from the river)," Wisner said. "Our agreement hasn't cost them a drop of water. It resulted in managing the water better because they had to take it at periods of high flow."

Mayor L. Ray Nunley told the *Ruidoso News* Monday that he is trying to get out the word that "building is to continue here."

In line with the water emergency declaration approved Friday, council members, the mayor and Mosley are working on finding other sources of water, including hooking up a well developed last year next to Ruidoso High School.

Although Nunley dislikes the word "moratorium," according to Webster's Desk Dictionary, it means "suspension of activity," which appropriately applies to council's vote to put on hold any applications for new developments and site plans.

Private water systems look at conservation

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Municipal officials aren't the only people in the Lincoln County enacting water conservation measures.

Jackie Powell of the Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee told county commissioners last week that she is meeting with officials from private water systems and they are "taking big steps" toward conservation.

"Many of them have been here 20 years and they all have the same concern with wells going in around them," she said. "They recommend metering (all users) because that's the fastest way to detect a leak."

Powell said to date, she met with officials from eight of the estimated 30 water systems registered in the county with the New Mexico Rural Water Association and that send in reports.

Water managers also are worried about lower arsenic

level requirements, she said. "They're trying to determine what they have to do to survive," she said.

"I'm going to do a spread sheet," to track the systems, Powell said. "The information will go into the Lincoln County Water Use plan for data."

Commissioner Tom Battin invited Powell to attend a meeting that County Manager Tom Stewart is trying to coordinate on the status of water in the Hondo Basin.

Ken Nosken, who said he has managed three different water systems in the county, said he's convinced the community system managers are doing a good job and are looking after leaks, "contrary to reports that they are not doing anything."

He urged commissioners not to restrict development in the county, "because of scare tactics that we are going to run out of water. I'd like to see more common sense."

In other action, commissioners:

• heard that the U.S. Forest

Service that leases land to the Mescalero Apache Tribe filed with the State Engineer's Office for a permit to supplement the diversion of 534 acre-feet of water annually for snow-making, drinking and sanitary purposes around Ski Apache Resort. The wells from which the rights would be transferred and the wells receiving the rights are in the resort area in the Sacramento Mountains above Ruidoso. One acre-foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water.

• approved liquor dispenser fees for 2006 in a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Maury St. John voting against. No increases are involved. Stewart pointed out that a club license could have been raised to \$250, but was kept at \$25. The other fees are a dispenser's license for \$250, retailer's license for \$250, canopy license for \$250, restaurant license for \$250 and special per-day permits for \$25.

• continued a declaration of emergency for fire, maintaining open-burning restrictions.

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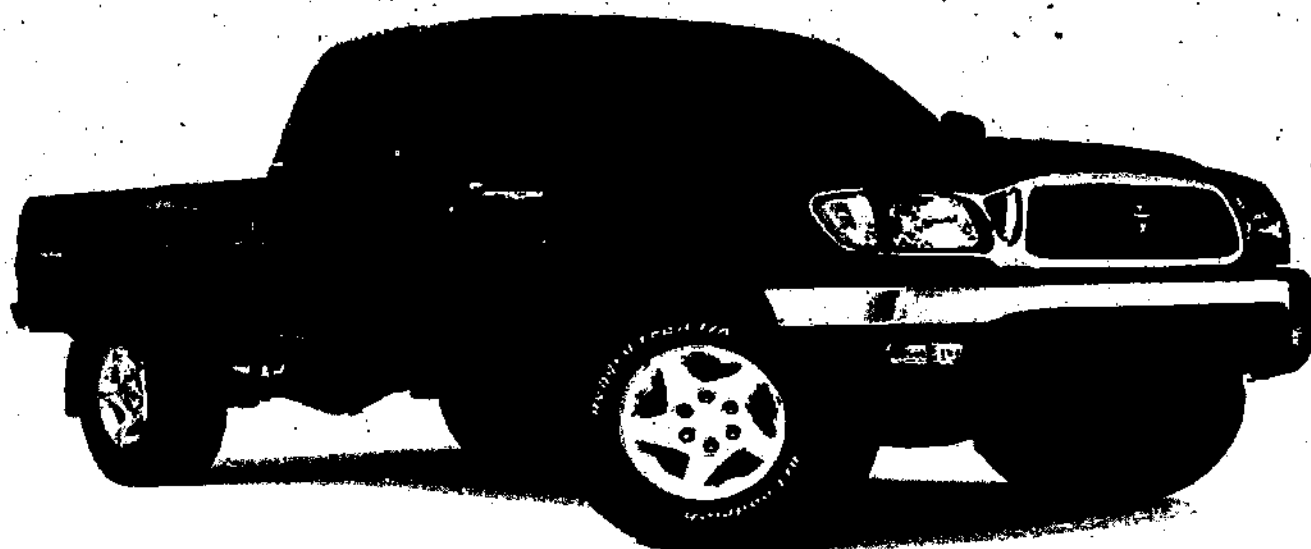
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Mescalero a 'partner' in tourism campaign

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The Village of Ruidoso does not have to make the journey towards tourism prosperity alone, a member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the CEO of the Inn of the Mountain Gods told the Village of Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee Monday during a special meeting.

"As your neighbor and partner in developing tourism for the Ruidoso-Mescalero area, we remain committed to coordinating our efforts with those of Ruidoso and other area communities to ensure that we optimize our results at every opportunity," Brian Parrish, IMG chief executive officer, said.

Parrish said the Tribe, with its tourism-related enterprises, and the Village and County with its many attractions, can make a stronger appeal collectively than independently. He said that the challenge of growing tourism is difficult "for any community, let alone one that continues to be confronted with obstacles like abnormally low snowfall in winter and extremely dry weather conditions" during the summer.

He noted that the "remote location" of the village and reservation has its strengths and weaknesses.

"It is a strength in the sense that we live in an oasis that uniquely combines the rare natural beauty of the area with a broad range of comforts, amenities and recreational activities on a year-round basis. Our weakness is that it is so challenging to get here," he

said.

Parrish offered that the communities must look, together, for ways to add value for the prospective tourist, while playing to its strengths.

"Given the commitment required to travel to this area, it is very rare that the value for the visitor, and in particular the convention guest, will be price-based and not quality or experience-based."

Selena Chino, first lady of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, a member of the IMG staff for the past 18 years, and a member of the New Mexico Tourism Commission, said that by partnering with Mescalero the Village can add more to its list of things to do, when visiting the area.

"We have the Mescalero museum, fish hatchery, and St. Joseph's Church," she said.

Chino encouraged joint ventures in cultivating and setting up organized tours to the area as well as combining resources at trade shows.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley, present at the LTC meeting, told Parrish and Chino he appreciated their declaration of partnership and said, "We do want to work with you. Hopefully, you will be working with us."

"You don't have to tell me we have to cooperate with our neighbors. Right now we're sinking together, a little bit."

Parrish noted that the IMG will not save its way into a false prosperity, but rather, ramp up its spending to more aggressively target leisure travelers and convention groups. He said his staff is enhancing services and amenities at the Inn.

DIRECTOR

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hiring someone and "having to meet a 365 day lock in date" if a director is hired as a member of Village staff, from the get go.

Frank Sayner, LTC secretary, concurred.

"My concern is, should the Village hire that person as an employee and not provide proper evaluation along the way, that person is here to stay, regardless," he said. "With an employee you have one person (the Village manager) doing the hiring and evaluating, whereas, with contract personnel, five people get to review progress."

Sayner noted that the Lodgers Tax Committee would be within its rights to comment on how things are progressing, under the contract scenario, as LTC helps advise the Village Council on all contracts and activities which relate to tourism. He said that diligent oversight is required as "a lot is at stake in finding the right person for the job."

"We're asking this person to do just about everything but walk on water and chances are not good that the right persons will be found in the first year," Sayner said.

Brian Parrish, IMG chief executive officer, present at the May 22 special meeting of the Lodgers Tax Committee, said he can "appreciate" the committee's dilemma, but urged, in agreement with LTC member Doug McAlister, that "The Lodgers Tax Committee recommend this position become a permanent member of staff."

"In doing so, this will help attract better qualified candidates. The successful candidate will also know that they too have a stake in this community, as well as the backing of its

members," Parrish counseled.

Parrish said IMG has used contract agents and have found that they are less likely to give to a position in the manner, and with the same level of intensity, as staff. He said that as far as evaluation and timetables go, "It will take time for a tourism director to produce results that are meaningful."

"The big thing is ownership and accountability," Parrish said.

Clayton-Davis, who drafted a job description for a candidate seeking the post, issuing it to members of the public, committee, and Village Council for input over the past two weeks, told Parrish she agrees that the director should "eat and live tourism," and therefore, would like to see it stipulated in the RFP that the tourism director reside in Lincoln County.

"We want them here for meetings and planning," she said. "This is not a job where a person can telecommute."

Clayton-Davis held fast to her belief that the Village should start the tourism director application process by awarding a contract.

Committee members present unanimously agreed.

Budgets in the balance

In leading discussion on a fee for a tourism director, Clayton-Davis said she worried that lack of funds could hurt the best of intentions.

"If we make it for \$24,000 a year we will get a \$24,000 person," Clayton-Davis said, to which Sayner responded, "We don't want a clerk. Can we get a Brian Parrish for \$30,000 and no benefits?"

Parrish told Lodgers Tax members they might be able to find a qualified person for a salary of \$75,000 who is currently serving in a number two

spot for a successful company or community.

"That person may have a lot of experience and be ready to prove what they can do in the number one spot," he said, ceding to the committee's preference for a contract agent.

Laura Doth, owner of Grindstone Graphics, the agency which currently holds the advertising and marketing contract with the Village, cautioned committee members that whatever fee was set for a contract person that individual will have to take into account that from the award he or she may have to hire support staff and pay gross receipts tax.

"There is no backup infrastructure or staff," she said. "The contract route, in the \$70,000 range, makes finding a qualified person very difficult."

Taking advantage of two Village Councilors present at the Lodgers Tax meeting, Sayner asked, "Is the council really ready for a tourism director? We can recommend all we want but if we can't afford it, and I hate to say it, then this discussion is really a waste of time."

"My own attitude is we can't afford not to do this," responded Councilor Greg Cory. "It is a paradoxical situation that the time we need a tourism director most is now but, unfortunately, right now it will be very difficult to pay a tourism director."

Angel Shaw, council liaison to the Lodgers Tax Committee, told members the issue of hiring a tourism director is one everybody says "we have to do."

"I would suggest you make a recommendation to the Council that you can live with," she said on the heels of Elaine Beltran, Village finance director, who said that the tourism director fee will have to come from Lodgers Tax collections, not the general fund.

"The contract route makes finding a qualified person very difficult."

Laura Doth
Grindstone Graphics

"Just let the Council know what salary range you think is appropriate and tell them you are working out how to pay for it," Shaw advised.

At the end of a one hour discussion, members of the Lodgers Tax Committee voted to recommend a "salary" range of \$60,000 - \$90,000 to the council. In addition, the committee said it would like the council to consider a possible shift of funds previously allocated to Fly Ruidoso, an airline service plan proposed but not yet operational, to a tourism director fund.

The committee also asked that councilors allow for some changes to the 2006-07 Lodgers Tax Budget submitted recently for the May budget workshops and approvals.

As summarized in the Lodgers Tax Committee's proposed job description recommended to the Ruidoso Village Council, the director of tourism will be charged with coordinating all marketing efforts designed to promote tourism in the Village of Ruidoso and provide focused leadership among all community efforts that promote tourism.

The director also will be charged with identifying and implementing policies and procedures to maximize the efficiency of budgets and resources.

The Village last had a tourism coordinator in the early '90s. At that time, the person headed up a convention and visitors bureau out of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

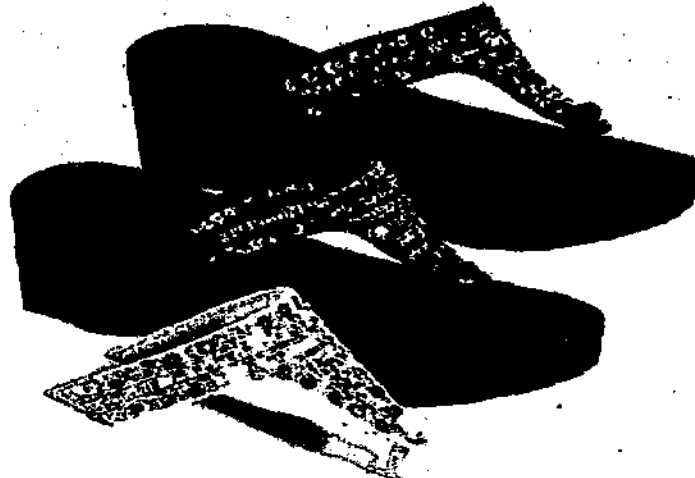
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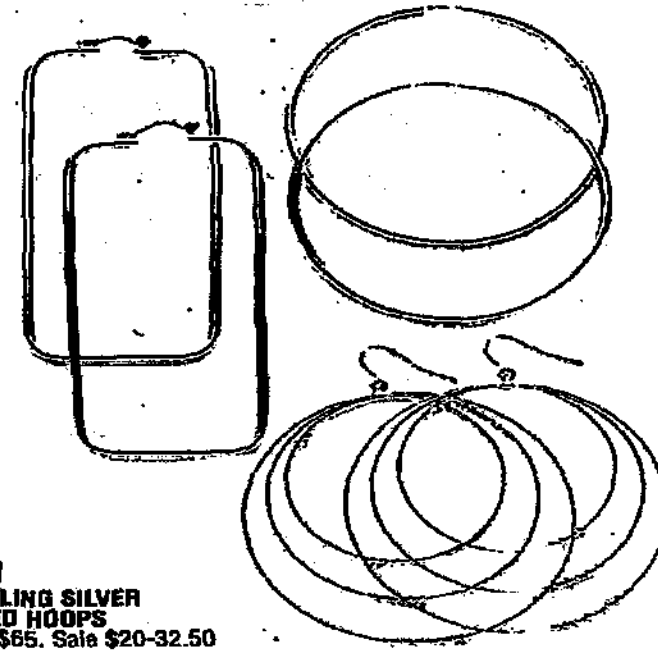
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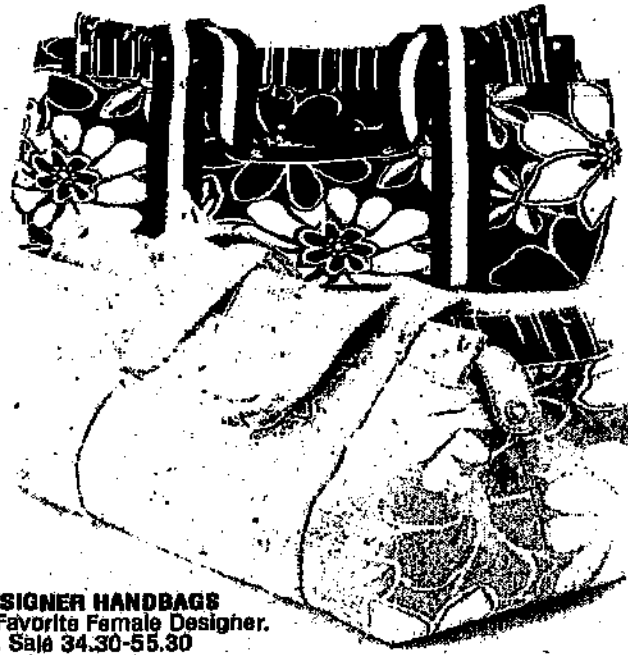
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Lodgers reminded to meet their payments

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Operators of lodging establishments must meet their monthly lodgers tax payments to the Village of Ruidoso on time or suffer penalty fees in excess of \$100, members of the Lodgers Tax Committee conclude.

The committee, which met Monday in a special meeting, was asked by the Ruidoso Village Council to review Village Code 78-41 which directs procedures for collecting unpaid taxes and for assessing fines when remitted late.

The code was challenged last month by a cabin facilities operator who complained that he was assessed a penalty of \$102 for a late remittance of February taxes, when the tax due was only \$221.50.

"Do any of you find this a bit harsh?" the lodger wrote in a complaint emailed to Councilor Michele Rebstock and submitted to the council May 9.

Currently, the Village of Ruidoso assigns a \$100 penalty

fee for taxes paid later than the 25th of the month following collections, plus 1 percent per month on the total amount of tax due.

"As a staff liaison to this body, my point of view is the penalty has proven to be very successful," Irma Nava, village clerk, told the advisory group.

"We have very few late payers," as a result, she said.

Cindi Clayton-Davis, owner of Condotel, said she views financial penalties as an incentive to meet the rules.

"It used to be in my business if a key was not returned (by renters) we charged a fine of \$10 and people said 'oh well' and didn't return them. When we upped that to \$50, they started bringing the keys back," she said.

Sunny Hirschfeld, a fellow member of LTC, also weighed in.

"I forget to pay sometimes and I know there is going to be penalty for that. I think when things are due, they are due."

Dean Fowler, chairman of the committee, said he could

not accept a lodger failing to remember when lodgers tax payments are due, as is often cited by late payers, "as the lodgers tax deadline is the same as gross receipts tax."

"What's to forget?" he asked.

The committee voted by unanimous consent to recommend the code remain as written.

In other business, the Lodgers Tax Committee:

- reviewed the treasurers report which showed that the Village is down \$98,126.89 in lodgers tax collections compared with the previous year.

- "But right now Lodgers Tax is on mark with revenues and expenses at 82 percent," Village Finance Manager Elaine Beltran said.

- approved a request from Cree Meadows Pro Shop for \$1,500 for the promotion of golf tournaments planned in the Village in FY 2006-07, beginning July 1. The committee will draw from its \$18,630 set aside fund to meet the request. In April, the LTC allocated \$62,370 to 19 different groups

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Irma Nava
Ruidoso village clerk

filing a formal request for funding.

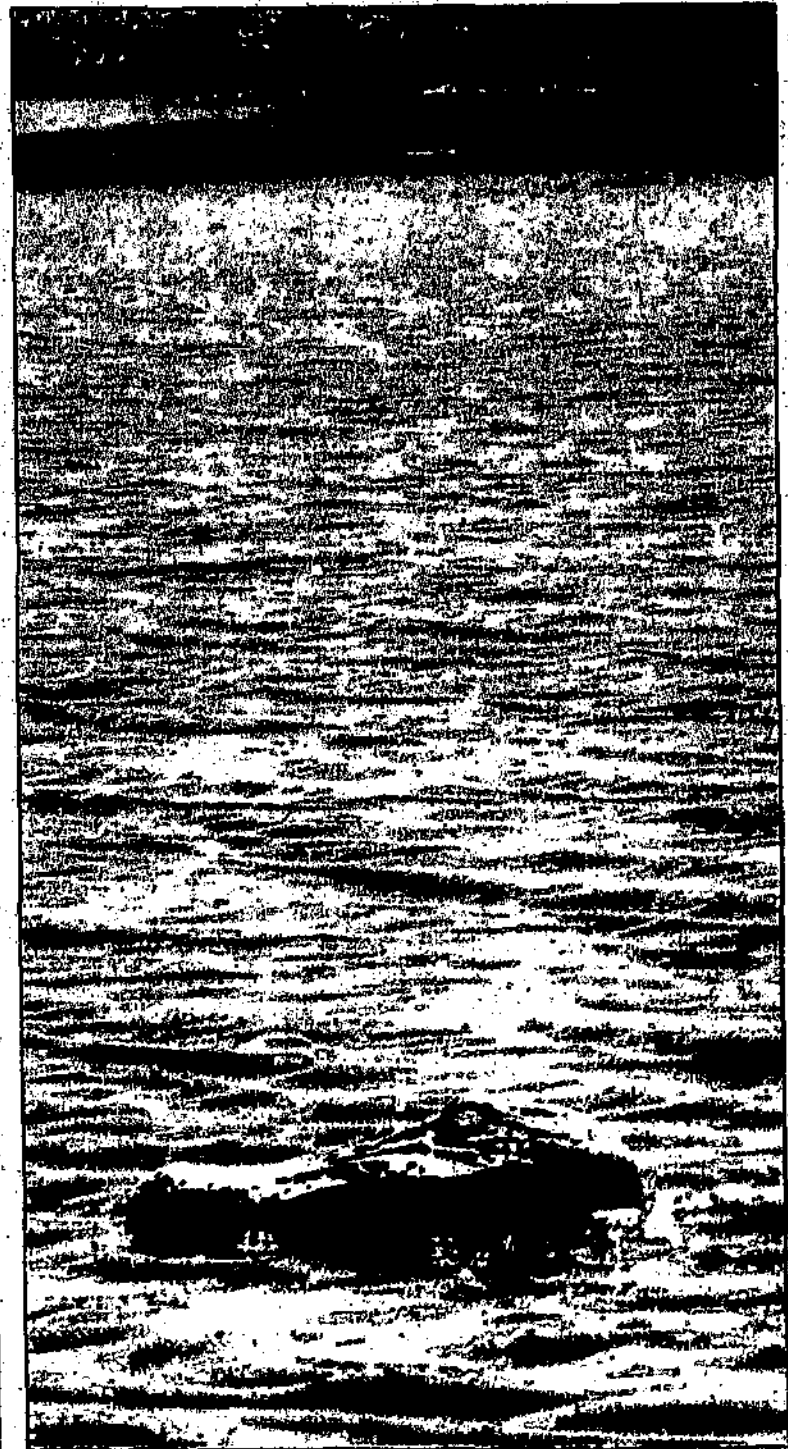
- awarded \$520.09 from the remaining balance in the 2005-06 budget to the Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club for promotion of its June 17, 2005 show at Mountain Annie's Theater Complex.

- voted to retain Dean Fowler as Chairman of the Lodgers Tax Committee and Clayton-Davis as Vice-Chairman, and Doug McAlister as secretary. McAlister will replace Frank Sayner as secretary.

- received a 'thank you' message from the Ruidoso Village Council, as presented by Village Mayor L. Ray Nunley.

"You have to make some tough decisions and we thank you for your hard work," Nunley said.

WATER HAZARD



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Golfers could be excused of a double-take when they noticed some half a dozen gator heads bobbing in the water at The Links Golf Course last week. The heads were apparently made out of rubber but they were enough to convince golfers to avoid water hazards at all costs.

Fires break out statewide, minor blazes in county

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Lightning strikes sparked 46 fires across New Mexico since Friday, including several in Lincoln County, burning 71,745 acres mostly on the grassy plains, according to a spokesman for the State Forestry Division Tuesday.

In Lincoln County, Bill Duemling, also with state forestry, said two fires sprung up over Thursday night and three more Friday in the county.

Most occurred on large ranches in the northwestern

and eastern sections and collectively burned less than 1,000 acres.

No structures were lost or threatened in any of the fires across the state, but New Mexico State Police closed State Highway 120 between Ocate and Wagon Mound briefly Sunday.

The Southwest New Mexico Fire Prevention Team reported 23 fires that charred about 35,000 acres, but were quickly responded to by crews from the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian

Affairs, State Forestry and numerous rural fire departments.

Resources used included the Smokey Bear Hotshot, Sacramento Hotshot, and Mormon Lake Hotshot crews, as well as firefighters from around the country. Eight loads of fire retardant were dropped and two single engine air tankers, one large air tanker, a helicopter, several engines, bulldozers, and water tankers were also used during the past week.

High temperatures and strong winds created favorable conditions for wildfires and the current closure of the Smokey

Bear Ranger District on the Lincoln National Forest will be in effect until conditions improve and restrictions can be lifted, team members said.

Several inches of rainfall would be needed to change the current status of extreme fire danger. Because of the conditions, the Lincoln National Forest officials implemented a Stage IV Emergency Area Fire Closure order on May 23, 2006.

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GHOST NEBULA



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

This image was recorded by local photographer David Tremblay on April 18. In his words: "I took this image last night with a 400mm, f2.8 lens. The image is the 'sword' area in the constellation Orion just below the three stars that form the belt on Orion. The Great Orion Nebula (M42, center of image) is the brightest diffuse nebula in the sky. This is a very turbulent cloud of gas and dust. The very bright area (over exposed) is called the Trapezium Cluster and is among the youngest clusters of stars known and is still forming new stars today. M43 is actually a part of the Great Orion Nebula (just to the right of the Trapezium) separated from the main nebula by an impressive, turbulent dark lane and is also an emission nebula, shining by the light emitted from its atoms being excited by the high-energy radiation of massive, very hot young stars within it. NGC 1977 (blue nebula on the right) approximately half a degree to the north (right) of M42. Note the huge dust lanes around the base of NGC 1977 which appear brownish owing to the reflected light from M42. Without M42 in close proximity this dust would appear black. It is a mix of emission and reflection nebulae. The huge area of blue reflection nebulosity is inlaid with lanes of red glowing ionized gas in a way that resembles the figure of a ghost and is often called the 'Ghost Nebula'."

County purchases Nest property, will lease to shelter

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Final steps required to launch The Nest, a domestic abuse shelter in Ruidoso Downs, were accomplished last week as the Lincoln County Commission purchased the building and two adjoining lots, then turned around and leased them to the organization that will operate the shelter.

Voting against the purchase was Commissioner Earl Hobbs, who said he doesn't believe the county has any business own-

ing a domestic abuse shelter.

Members of Help End Abuse for Life Inc., (HEAL) arranged the financial support from the state Legislature and the governor. They also operate under a service contract with the state Department of Children, Youth and Families.

The non-profit group will pay \$10 annually, plus other services for rent of the building.

Although the full amount of the grant administered by the state Department of Finance and Administration totaled \$535,000, \$100,000 goes to buy

land for, design, construct and equip a fire station for the Glencoe-Palo Verde Volunteer Fire Department. Another \$110,000 is for a water tender for the Nogal Volunteer Fire Dept., and \$325,000 is for The Nest.

Hobbs disagreed with tying the grants into one action with HEAL, but County Manager Tom Stewart said they are part of one agreement with DEA. Stewart also explained that the agreement by error originally was sent to the city of Ruidoso Downs, where the shelter is located. It was corrected and

changed to the county after Stewart told City Manager John Waters he could have the money "if he wanted the city to handle it all."

HEAL officials give Stewart a report from which to compile the needed information.

St. John pointed out several spelling and punctuation errors in the DEA document from the state, saying she was disappointed that they were not caught by state officials. Debbie Haines with HEAL, said it's interesting, "because we get hit for one (incorrect) word."

REHAB

FROM PAGE 1A

supervise our teen crews at up to five houses. These supervisors don't have to be the ones doing the actual work, we just need their expertise - people to be on hand to guide the Work Camp kids as they carry out repair work like porch construction, weatherization, step repair, drywall repair, mobile home underpinning, and other carpentry jobs."

Davis said the loan of ladders is needed as well. Persons who have ladders that can be made available to the Community Action Corporation during the last week in June through the first week in July are asked to drop them off at First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Sutton Rd. in Ruidoso or make arrangements with Pastor Cathy Anderson at 257-2220.

Homes slated for free rehabilitation are located in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitán, Glencoe and San Patricio with the 30 of the 58 in Ruidoso Downs.

"John Waters, city manager, has been very proactive. He's had city staff help facilitate the application process with residents who were under code violation but who could not afford work that was needed to bring their home's up to code and make them habitable," Davis said.

"We've also been very fortunate in our relationship with Lorri McNight, village manager, and have been working well with her. People here have been very supportive all the way down the line, including helping to do the site writings, or home assessments, for us."

Davis said the rehabilitation project could not take place were for it not for kids enrolled in Group Work Camp, a non-profit organization that matches student missionaries with

"We have kids coming from as far away as Pennsylvania to help us here in Lincoln County,"

Elisa Davis
SE New Mexico Community Action Corporation

various community projects throughout the country.

"We have kids coming from as far away as Pennsylvania to help us here in Lincoln County," she noted. "Right now 396 kids have signed up to help and more may yet sign up."

Davis noted how remarkable it is that these teens, unrelated to local recipients of the program, are willing to give up a week of their summer vacation, plus pay almost \$400 apiece, to come to Lincoln County to help paint, weatherize and rehabilitate homes.

But volunteer effort alone cannot make the community rehab project successful Davis said, crediting the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation with setting the pace for raising funds for materials.

"They committed \$9,000 from their grant program last year for this year's event," she said.

Other organizations who have pitched in are: State national Bank, Valor Telecom, Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary, First Federal Bank, City Bank, century 21 Aspen Real Estate, Ruidoso Rotary Club, J Bar J Country church, Wells Fargo, Ruidoso Federated Women's Club, Linda Flack, Ronnie Hemphill P.C., Zia Natural Gas Co., and Wal-Mart Supercenter.

For more information about the July home rehabilitation program in Lincoln County, or to volunteer, interested persons can call the Ruidoso office of Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Corporation at 257-6937 or the district office in Carlsbad at 505-887-3939.

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Three grade 1 futurity winners enter \$500K Ruidoso Futurity Trials

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

This year's first three winners of Grade 1 futurities — Jess Destined, First Prize Robin and Okey Dokey Fantasy — are among the 132 2-year-olds entered in the 14 trials to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on opening day Friday of the 60th anniversary season at Ruidoso Downs.

Friday's trial-filled program starts with a 1 p.m. first post time.

60-day racing season

The 60-day summer racing season runs through Sept. 4 on a Thursday through Sunday schedule after opening weekend, which includes a Memorial Day program.

There are additional programs on May 29, July 3, July 4 and Sept. 4.

First post time is 1 p.m., except on some futurity trial days.

Leading NM 2-year-old

Jess Destined, from the stable of Carl Draper, is the leading 2-year-old in New Mexico on the strength of his victory in the Grade 1, \$230,855 West Texas Futurity April 9.

In that 300-yard stakes the Feature Mr Jess-sired gelding rallied to gain a 1/2-length win

for his second win from three starts.

Jess Destined will start from the fifth post position in the 13th trial.

The Jack Brooks-trained First Prize Robin was a game winner of the Grade 1, \$568,591 Remington Park Futurity at Remington Park in Oklahoma City April 30.

The Mr Jess Perry daughter prevailed by a neck in the 350-yard futurity, the same distance as the Ruidoso Futurity trials. She was second in her career debut and has won her two most recent starts.

First Prize Robin has the fourth post position in the 11th trial.

Ariel Campos' Okey Dokey Fantasy is a 2-time futurity winner who is undefeated from four starts.

He won the Grade 2, \$265,680 Longhorn Futurity March 18 and in his most recent start was an impressive winner of the Grade 1, \$336,520 Manor Downs Futurity April 23.

The Okey Dokey Dale son cruised to a 1-1/4 length victory in the Manor Downs Futurity in :17.49 for 350 yards. He has earned \$268,568 from his four wins.

Okey Dokey Fantasy drew the seventh post position in the ninth trial.



COURTESY BILL PITT

Last year's champion 2-year-old gelding, Leading Spirit, prepared for his possible 2006 debut in Saturday's Ruidoso Derby trials at Ruidoso Downs with this 330-yard work in 17.13 seconds May 12. The Blane Wood-trained Leading Spirit won the first seven starts of his career, including the 2005 Ruidoso Futurity and Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs. He is owned by Barry Thompson and Dan and Jolene Urschel. On Saturday evening country star Tracy Byrd performs at Ruidoso Downs. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. The 60th anniversary season at Ruidoso Downs starts on Friday afternoon with the trials to the \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity. First post time is 1 p.m. daily.

Okey Dokey Fantasy was one of four supplemental entries at a cost of \$15,000 each to enter the trials.

Other horses

The other supplemented horses are Winning Intent, Painted Stoli and Hez Fast As Cash. Winning Intent won the West Texas Juvenile, Painted

Stoli was an impressive Los Alamitos maiden race winner in his only start and Hez Fast As Cash won a maiden race at Turf Paradise by 2-1/2 lengths.

Trials theme continues

The trials theme continues on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs with the qualifying heats to the Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby.

Expected to be supplemented to compete in the trials is 2005 champion 2-year-old gelding Leading Spirit, who would be making his first start since Aug. 18.

Last summer at Ruidoso Downs he made run at the futurity Triple Crown with wins in the Ruidoso Futurity and the Rainbow Futurity.

After finishing fifth in his All American Futurity trial, his most recent start, he underwent surgery to have chips removed from his knees and ankles.

The horses with the 10 fastest qualifying times return for the Ruidoso Futurity and the Ruidoso Derby, respectively, June 11.

CHAMPS



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Nils Bjorling from Midland College, the NJCAA National Tournament champion, takes a swim at The Links Thursday during tournament play. Bjorling is from Sweden. He said living in West Texas had prepared him for the dry climate of New Mexico.

Zia park stakes schedule offers impressive added money

HOBBS — Two quarter horse stakes with \$200,000 or more in added money, the Southwest Juvenile Championship and the Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship and the \$250,000-added Zia Park Distance Championship for thoroughbreds, anchor an impressive stakes schedule for the second racing season at Zia Park in Hobbs.

A total of \$2.3 million in added money provided for thoroughbreds and another \$1.3 million in added money will be offered for quarter horses.

The Zia Park season starts on Sept. 23 and runs through Dec. 12 on a Saturday through Tuesday schedule.

The recently announced Southwest Juvenile Championship will offer \$250,000 in added money and the purse will

reach the \$300,000 with a full field of 10 2-year-olds. Guaranteed berths in the 440-yard Southwest Juvenile Championship go to the winners of 10 Grade 1 futurities in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

The inaugural running of the Southwest Juvenile Championship will be Dec. 3.

"The \$3.6 million in added money and a major new stakes in the Southwest Juvenile Championship shows how Zia Park is a player on the national scene," said Zia Park president Bruce Rimbo. "These races attract out-of-state horsemen who come to Zia Park and see the strength of our open stakes, New Mexico-bred stakes and overnight races."

Freshman quarter horses will also be pointing at the

\$250,000 (est.) Hobbs America Futurity over 400 yards Oct. 15.

That estimated purse is up from the \$169,938 purse in 2005. The 10 finalists will be determined from trials Sept. 30.

The Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship, contested for \$110,000 in 2005, will offer a \$200,000-added purse that will attract the premier older quarter horses. The 440-yard stakes will be on Dec. 10, during closing weekend for the season.

There will be an impressive stakes double-header on Dec. 10 with the \$250,000-added Zia Park Distance Championship sharing the bill with the Zia Park Quarter Horse Championship.

The Zia Park Distance Championship will be raced

over 1-1/8 mile for 3-year-old and older thoroughbreds.

Opening weekend will bring out the fastest thoroughbreds when they race over six furlongs in the \$150,000-added Premier Stakes, which includes \$50,000 in funds from the Breeder's Cup, for 3-year-old and older horses Sept. 24.

New Mexico-breds will race for \$1.6 million in added money on Nov 12 when 11 stakes races fill the program.

The best older thoroughbreds will compete in the \$170,000-added New Mexico Cup Classic Championship at a mile and the premier state-bred quarter horses will line up in the \$150,000-added New Mexico Cup Championship at 440 yards. Last year's New Mexico Cup Championship had a \$129,000 purse.

Six athletes competed in Albuquerque Special Olympics

SHANE HOFFMAN
For the Ruidoso News

For three consecutive weeks Albuquerque has hosted some of Ruidoso's most talented competitors.

Last week was no exception as Ruidoso sent six of its finest athletes to compete in this year's Special Olympics.

15 years for Ruidoso

For over 15 years Ruidoso has sent athletes to compete in the Special Olympics. This year representing Ruidoso in Albuquerque is Ernest Trujillo, Tyler Shipp, Laura Vass, Tasha Carpenter, Mathew Townsend, and Brad Dix.

Carpenter is competing in the 50-meter and 25-meter run as is Vass. Shipp is running in the 400-meter and 100-meter

run. Dix is running in the 200 and 100-meter-run and Townsend is the lone competitor for the team in the one and three-K-cycling events.

Trujillo is running in the 100 and 50-meter events. His mother, Silvia Trujillo, is the head coach for the team.

Weeks of training

Melanie Kotila, the local coordinator for Ruidoso's Special Olympics, knows how important this yearly event is to the athletes. "They really enjoy it," Kotila said. "They have been training hard for over eight weeks to get to the point that they are at today."

Indeed, the athletes have worked extremely hard to prepare for this weekend. In the fall the team competes in bowling and in the spring they com-

pete in track and field.

Help from Ruidoso High

The team started training in mid-March for the many events in which they will compete. Ruidoso High School helps provide the team with transportation and they share their track equipment.

Opening ceremonies got under way Friday night at the University of New Mexico track and field complex.

Weekend events

Events began Saturday and the highlight of the week was a dance festival put on for the

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Melanie Kotila
Special Olympics Coordinator

athletes at the state fair grounds after all the events had taken place. Those that would like to donate to the Special Olympics program or are interested in becoming involved can contact Kotila at 258-9025.

NJCAA National Golf Tourney results

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- 8 Scottsdale CC 277 278 274 296 1125
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Klauk wins wire-to-wire at Inn of the Mountain Gods Classic



Albuquerque's Brian Kortan, blasting out of a sand trap Thursday, was the highest-placing New Mexican at the IMG Classic.



John Klauk of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., shown putting on hole No. 9 on Thursday, wins the IMG Classic.

Tight Lies results

1 John Klauk	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL	68-69-67-68-284 -24
2 Brian Kortan	Albuquerque, NM	71-66-66-68-269 -19
3 Chris Thompson	Lawrence, KS	68-70-66-66-270 -18
4 Patrick Sullivan	Maumelle, AR	73-67-67-66-273 -15
T5 Charleston Dethert	Pineville, LA	72-69-71-63-275 -13
T5 John Douma	Scottsdale, AZ	69-68-73-65-275 -13
T5 Travis Hurst	Erie, KS	69-69-70-67-275 -13
T5 Stephen Polanski	Benbrook	69-69-70-67-275 -13
T5 David Jenkins	Springfield, MO	70-70-67-68-275 -13
10 Richard Swift	Sydney, Australia	70-70-67-69-276 -12
T11 Matthew Van Dyke	Albuquerque	67-73-71-67-278 -10
T11 Ryan Vermeer	Lawrence, KS	72-69-69-68-278 -10
T11 Chris Baryla	Cape Town, South Africa	71-68-70-69-278 -10
15 J.J. Killeen	El Paso, TX	69-69-70-70-278 -10
T16 Nick Beach	Lubbock, Texas	67-71-70-71-279 -9
T16 Dan Koesters	Fayetteville, AR	68-71-72-69-280 -8
T16 Franklin Hatchett	Las Cruces, NM	72-71-69-68-280 -8
T16 Kerry Lott	Dallas, TX	70-69-70-71-280 -8
T16 David Muttitt	Dardanelle, AR	68-69-70-73-280 -8
21 Rich Barcelo	Rugby, England	71-68-69-72-280 -8
T22 Craig Van Horn	Tucson, AZ	71-73-69-68-281 -7
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T22 Michael Pruitt	Aurora, IL	73-69-71-69-282 -6
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T25 Chris Pace	Lake Quivira, KS	68-71-70-74-283 -5
T29 Andre Metzger	Lubbock, TX	70-73-72-68-283 -5
T29 Chris James	Norman, OK	72-69-71-72-284 -4
T31 Tim Yelverton	Frisco, TX	70-74-71-69-284 -4
T31 Justin Bates	Hattiesburg	71-72-69-73-285 -3
T31 Rolf Muntz	Allen, TX	70-72-72-71-285 -3
T34 Javier Quevedo	Antwerp, Belgium	76-67-72-70-285 -3
T34 Jon Whittaker	El Paso, TX	69-73-74-70-286 -2
T36 Jeff Jenkins	Springdale, AR	71-73-74-68-286 -2
T36 Ernie Rose	Van Buren, AR	73-68-73-73-287 -1
38 Lee Rhind	Ft Worth, TX	71-72-73-71-287 -1
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RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County Rodeo Club is at season's halfway mark

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The Lincoln County Rodeo Club is 136 members strong and all the young competitors are ages 3-19.

The youth rodeo organization competed for the third of their six rodeo schedule on May 21.

With the large number of events and entries, the day lasts from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., giving every youngster a chance to earn points for a boat load of year-end awards.

This year's adult leadership board for the LCRC consists of president Brian Parker, vice-president Billy King, treasurer Cacy Griffin, secretary Becky King, queen/princess coordinator Michelle Stearns, and board members Jerry Coburn, Jeremy Knight, Corey Gardner and Shay Griffin.

The final three rodeos will be

held June 10, 11 and 24 at the Lincoln County Fair Grounds in Capitan and will begin each day at 9 a.m.

Results from the April 30 rodeo are as follows in placings 1-3 for each event.

Little Britches

Barrel race

Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dickson, Traiton

Griffin

Girls: Devyn Varbel, Daniella Martinez, Jami

Knight

Flag race

Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dickson, Clev

Griffin

Girls: Devyn Varbel, Daniella Martinez, Jami

Knight

Pole bending

Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dickson, Traiton

Griffin

Girls: Shailyn Beaty, Daniella Martinez,

Devyn Varbel

Goat ribbon pull

Boys: Ryder King, Tadd Dickson, Traiton

Griffin

Girls: Shailyn Beaty, Daniella Martinez,

Devyn Varbel

6-8 age group

Breakaway roping

Boys: Tommy Skipworth

Girls: Shilo King, Saige Bell

Calf riding

Boys: Kendal Pieper, Brayson Smallwood

Girls: Tori Trapp Barrel Race

Boys: Taylor Varbel, Kyle Bell, Tommy

Skipworth

Girls: Shilo King, Saige Bell, Lili Rose

Martinez

Flag race

Boys: Taylor Varbel, Ernie Martinez

Girls: Saige Bell, Dakota Hazen, Lili Rose

Martinez

Pole bending

Boys: Levi Beaty, Kyle Bell, Tommy

Skipworth

Girls: Saige Bell, Shilo King, Bryanna Parker

Goat Tying

Boys: Taylor Varbel, Wade Stearns, Kyle

Bell

Girls: Angelica Sanchez, Molly Griffin, Saige

Bell

9-12 age group

Breakaway roping

Boys: Connor Hall, Jace Davis, Travis

Virden

Girls: Kersti Davis

Steepdown roping: Connor Hall, Jace Davis,

Zac Virden

Steer stopping: Corey Esquero, Travis

Virden

Double mugging: Connor Hall, Jace Davis,

Corey Esquero

Steer riding

Boys: Connor Hall, tie: Colton Auld and

Dillon Trapp

Girls: Jackie Ryan, Karlee Alvord

Barrel race

Boys: Connor Hall, Zac Briggs, Justin Boss

Girls: Kalyn Hazen, Karlee Alvord, Jayda

Silva

Flag race

Boys: Connor Hall, Zac Virden, Ross Griffin

Girls: Jayda Silva, Kalyn Hazen, Jackie

Ryan

Pole bending

Boys: Connor Hall, Zac Virden, Zac Briggs

Girls: Karlee Alvord, Alexa Dominguez,

Jackie Ryan

Goat tying

Boys: Connor Hall, Ross Griffin, Jace Davis

Girls: Kersti Davis, Morgan Gardner, Alexa

Dominguez

13-15 age group

Breakaway roping

Boys: Dan Virden, Gabriel Martinez, Chris

Perez

Girls: Kayla King, Brittany Perreot

Ribbon roping

Boys: James Sanchez, Gabriel Martinez,

Paul Sanchez

Girls: Kayla King, Carly Reynolds

Calf roping

Boys: Dan Virden, Tyrell Virden, Chris Perez

Girls: Kayla King

Header: Paul Sanchez, Gabriel Martinez,

James Sanchez

Barrel racing

Boys: Cody Briggs, Gabriel Martinez, James

Sanchez

Girls: Jami Ryan, Kayla King, Brittany

Perreot

Flag race

Boys: Dan Virden, Gabriel Martinez, Cody

Briggs

Girls: Kayla King, Jami Ryan, Carly

Reynolds

Pole bending

Boys: Gabriel Martinez, Dan Virden, Cody

Briggs

Girls: Brittany Perreot, Ashley Pruett, Brandi

Hughes

Goat tying

Boys: Dan Virden, Paul Sanchez, James

Salazar

Girls: Ashley Pruett, Brittany Perreot, Kayla

King

16-19 age group

Breakaway roping: Ben Sanchez, Rudy

Lucero

Ribbon roping: Staci Stanbrough

Calf roping

Boys: Rudy Lucero, Ben Sanchez

Girls: Staci Stanbrough

Header: Rudy Lucero

Barrel race

Boys: Rudy Lucero, Ben Sanchez

Girls: Kady Salazar

Flag race

Boys: Rudy Lucero, Ben Sanchez, Kino

Cervantes

Girls: Kady Salazar

Pole bending

Boys: Rudy Lucero, Ben Sanchez, Kino

Cervantes

Girls: Kady Salazar

Goat tying: Ben Sanchez, Rudy Lucero



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Connor Hall gets a serious start on his steer in the April 15 LCRC rodeo.



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Zia Senior Center's employee Pat Baker honored by county



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Pat Baker, Zia Senior Center, was chosen for May County Employee of the Month

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Pat Baker has been with the Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo for 12 years. Last week she was honored at the county commissioners' meeting as employee of the month by the center and the county.

Baker, the fourth of five children born and raised in Carrizozo, has lived there most of her life other than six years in El Paso and nine years in Arkansas.

Widowed in 1991, she began volunteering at the Senior Citizens Center and when Rosa Chavez retired in 1994, Baker applied for the open position.

She began working first in the kitchen and then began helping with the office duties at the center. She also drove the van delivering meals to Carrizozo and Nogal homebound seniors.

Today Baker handles the computer and office work as well as the outreach program that makes daily phone contact with an average of 30 seniors checking on their welfare and establishing what their desire for that

day's meal delivery. With no prior computer experience, Baker took classes to learn how to operate one and now finds it familiar helpful tool to the job.

The Zia Senior Center serves an average of 25 meals daily in-house as well as those delivered. Baker said the favorite meal appears to be chicken fried steak and the trimmings and other meals such as roast beef dinners that are reminiscent of home cooking.

A Dorothy Leslie art student, Baker names oil painting as her top hobby. She said she also stays busy with her family contacts and phone calls from her two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Retirement is not in her vocabulary and she plans to work as long as she is able, she said.

Baker's supervisor, Ada Hendryx, named her for the honor for her 12 years of service and dedication to her job.

Baker says she has known many of the center's patrons for a long time, making her a familiar voice on the phone to the homebound and a friendly welcoming face to those that come to lunch each day.

'Zozo Woman's Club hosts bench dedication

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Part of the Happy World Playground project at Spencer Park is the recently complete "railroad benches." The bench project will be dedicated at 3 p.m. June 3 along with a kite flying contest.

The Happy World Playground, a community improvement project sponsored by the Carrizozo Woman's Club, is expected to cost \$90,000.

The club has raised \$2,500 toward the purchase of modern playground equipment. The playground committee is also pursuing funding through grants, donations and capital outlay funding. A recent donation of \$120 was made in memory of Gary Lovelace.

The newly constructed Railroad Benches began with a design of two parallel benches by Joan Malkerson. The design mimics a railroad track representing the train heritage of Carrizozo.

Many local residents and artist volunteered their time and expertise to make the benches a reality. Men and machinery from the Town of Carrizozo prepared the ground and Mike Lagg constructed the foundation of the benches. Gravel, railroad ties, block, paints, tiles and other materials were donated.

Lisa Maue headed the tile section of the project with the help of Louise Groethe, Ivy Heymann, Joan

Malkerson, Alan Miner, Marvin Smith, Gina Torrelli and Marie Watkins.

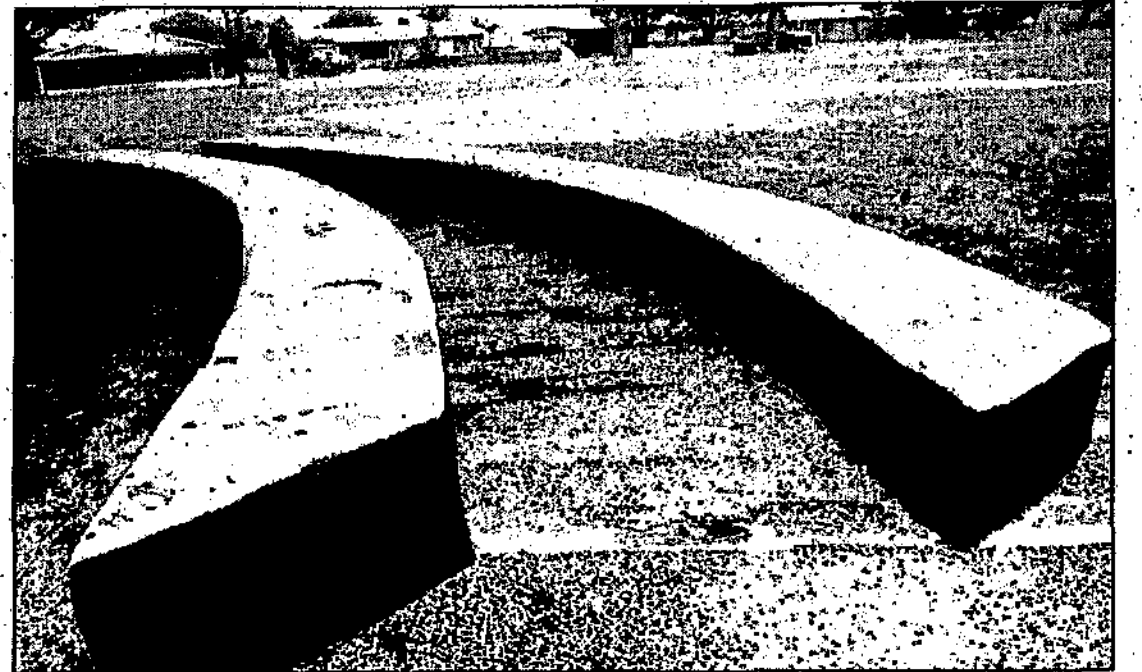
Carrizozo Headstart and elementary students painted the tiles with brightly colored butterflies, watermelons slices, flowers, the sun and abstracts of beautiful colors that were represented in Lindsay Chavez's vision and design of Happy World Playground. The placement design and laying of the tiles was done by Dennis Dunnham.

The Kite Flying Contest during the

dedication is 3-7 p.m. and will be in three age groups: kindergarten and under, grades 1-5 and grade 6 and older.

The prizes in each group will be given to the kite that flies the highest and stays up the longest.

Making the Happy World Playground a reality will take many hours of work by many volunteers. Anyone interested in participating in any way should contact Peggy Najjar at 648-2126 or J'Lane Zamora at 648-2802.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

The Railroad Benches portion of Happy World Playground at Spencer Park will be dedicated on June 3 in conjunction with a kite flying contest.

CORONA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society students in Corona participated in a community service project in cooperation with the Village of Corona. The students planted flowers in barrels at various businesses along Highway 54 through the Village. The project was funded by Keep New Mexico Beautiful, Inc. Pictured are L-R: Cindy Burroughs, Allie Davenport, Kelli West and Meghan Proctor. Other NHS students participating were J.R. Shafer, Stacy Merrill, Adam Bailey, Randa Hutcheson, Marki Sherwood, Jordan Muncy, Alexandra Stewart, Juanita Romero and Maricela Noriega.



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COUNTY BRIEFS

Ownership deadline today

The 4-H and FFA ownership deadline date for the Lincoln County Fair for meat goats, dairy goats, Pygmy goats, dairy heifers, sheep and market swine is today. All animals need to be registered with the Lincoln County Extension Office. For more information call 648-2311.

First Friday Adult Lecture

Sherry York, retired school librarian, writer, reviewer, and editorial consultant is the guest speaker for Capitan Public Library First Friday Adult Lecture Series.

York, an advocate of multi-cultural literature, has written *Guides to Authentic Multi-cultural Literature*. Now a resident of Ruidoso, York will share her love of picture books written by New Mexico writers.

The lecture is 7 p.m., June 2 at the Capitan Library. For more information call 354-3035.

Weed workshop June 6

The Lincoln County Weed Management Area is hosting the sixth annual weed workshop at 9:30 a.m., June 6, at the Carrizozo Woman's Club, 1101 D Ave.

There is no registration fee for the

workshop and lunch is "on your own."

The agenda includes Merk Renz speaking on riparian weed management, Kirk McDaniel on the ecology and management of broom snake-weed, and Terry Rogers, U. S. Forest Service, on bark beetles and other pests of New Mexico conifers.

Keith Duncan will talk about general brush control considerations. For more information about the workshop, call the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District at 354-2220.

Smokey Bear Fun Run

The 26th Annual Smokey Bear Fun Run will be held at 7:30 a.m., July 4 in Capitan. Race divisions are male and female, 10K and 2-mile fun run—all in age groups from 10 and under to 60 and over. For more information contact George Tippin, race director, at 354-7021.



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Bethany Sweat, daughter of Gary and Shelley Sweat of Nogal, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. The USAA established the award program to offer deserved recognition to superior students that excel in academic disciplines. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. Sweat was nominated for the national award by Jennifer Barnwell. Sweat is a student at Capitan Middle School.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Tire tracks

Two sisters, each residents of Mescalero, were cited by Ruidoso Downs Police May 10 on separate but related charges.

Liberty Walker, 20, was issued a non-traffic citation for destroying property following an incident where witnesses say she punctured the tires on a vehicle belonging to her ex-boyfriend.

Walker's younger sister, who was a party in the incident, was reported to the Juvenile Probation Office on violation of parole and was ordered to appear in Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court.

Trespass violation

Edgar Smith, 46, of Mescalero was cited by Ruidoso Police May 13 when he was observed violating a no trespass order against him at a store located on Sudderth Drive. Smith told police he was at the store trying to find his sister, who was lost. He was issued a non-traffic citation and ordered to appear in Ruidoso Municipal Court.

Two for the road

Jose Villa Castaneda, 24, was arrested in Ruidoso May 5 on charges of petty larceny and criminal damage to property when witnesses at a local bar spotted him attempting to force

entry into a parked car that did not belong to him.

Castaneda admitted to having tampered with the car owner's stereo and to having taken a case of music CDs valued collectively at \$100.

During his transportation to police headquarters, Castaneda, reportedly, destroyed a flashlight charger belonging to the arresting officer.

Unlawful possession

Anthony Rue, 35, of Ruidoso was arrested May 12 on drug violation charges. Rue was stopped by patrolmen who recognized him and who knew he had a suspended driver's license. During a pat down, police found a bag of white crystal in Rue's front left pocket. Field tests on the substances tested presumptively positive for methamphetamines.

Concealed identity

Danny Peralto, 44, of Mescalero was arrested May 13 and ordered to appear in court when he attempted to provide a false identity to Ruidoso police.

Peralto was located on an outstanding warrant when a complainant spotted him sitting in a car on Sudderth Drive. When placed inside a patrol unit for transportation to Ruidoso Police headquarters, Peralto told police he was actu-

ally Thaddeus Ponce. An NCIC check revealed a man matching Peralto's description, registered as Ponce, carried Peralto's date of birth, home address and, like Peralto, showed his driver's license listed revoked.

Disorderly conduct

James Guill, 34, of Ruidoso was arrested May 10 on charges of disorderly conduct.

Guill was picked up by police when they were called to a parking lot on Sudderth Drive in reference to an intoxicated male subject, a police report states. Upon arrival, police found Guill face down on the pavement. When asked to rise, Guill was unable to remain steady on his feet. He became belligerent when police attempted to place him in their unit.

Guill, who eventually was transported to police headquarters, was bodily carried from the unit and booked.

Smoking outdoors

Michael Cooper, 48, of Mescalero was arrested in Ruidoso May 15 on charges of improper handling of fire. Cooper was arrested when a patrolman with the Ruidoso Police Department spotted him smoking outdoors near the Gateway Center. As the officer approached, Cooper attempted to conceal the cigarette, a police report states.

Decline in DWI fatalities

SANTA FE An official report today confirmed the impressive DWI statistics recently announced by Governor Bill Richardson — a nearly 12 percent decline in the number of deaths caused by drunk drivers in New Mexico in 2005. Final figures indicate that 193 people were killed as a result of drunk drivers last year, compared to 219 people killed as a result of drunk drivers in 2004.

The final numbers for New Mexico's 2005 DWI fatalities were submitted today to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"When I took office in 2003, I made the battle against DWI in New Mexico a top priority," said Governor Richardson.

"I am very pleased that New Mexico has made major progress in the most gruesome DWI statistic. 193 are still far too many deaths, but a 12-percent decline in one year is major progress and we will see that this progress continues."

Rachel O'Connor, the New Mexico DWI Czar, added "We have shown that increased enforcement, education, and public awareness are having an effect in the battle against drunk driving."

2005 marked the start of new DWI initiatives including the Five Counties Program. Under this program, specialized DWI officers have been hired in Bernalillo, Dona Ana, McKinley, Rio Arriba and San Juan Counties. These are the counties in New Mexico where historically, DWI is the deadliest.

2005 also saw formation of the Mobile Strike Unit of the special investigations division of the Department of Public Safety which has worked to enforce the state Liquor Control Act.

Additionally, the New Mexico Department of Public Safety launched the DrunkBusters hotline, which provides a way for citizens to immediately report drunk drivers to a centralized State Police dispatcher.

Report: Failure to use safety belts deadly

Nearly three out of every five New Mexicans who died in passenger vehicle crashes in the state in 2004 were not wearing safety belts, according to new figures from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In New Mexico, safety belt use in 2005 was 89.5 percent over all and 85.5 percent overall and 85.5 percent for pickup trucks, according to observation surveys. But, failure to regularly wear a safety belt can be deadly. According to NHTSA, 396 New Mexicans in passenger vehicles died in traffic crashes during 2004 — and 57 percent of those killed were not buckled up at the time of the crash.

The New Mexico State Police, along with numerous city and county law enforcement agencies across the state, will join thousands of police and sheriff's departments nationally in the "Click-It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization May 22 - June 3.

"We appreciate the fact that many people in New Mexico are using their safety belts in the last few years, but there are too many people who still don't think they need to buckle up," said New Mexico Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught.

"Buckling up is easy and smart. We want the people who just don't get it yet to know that law enforcement officers will be

out there fully enforcing the state's safety belt law — young and old, pickups and cars, urban and rural, day and night. They would rather write tickets than see people injured or dead in a crash down the road," Faught said.

Particular attention is being paid to drivers and passengers in pickup trucks. Safety belt surveys show well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in these states are still not buckling up. In 2004, 1,247 pickup occupants died in these five states, including 97 in New Mexico.

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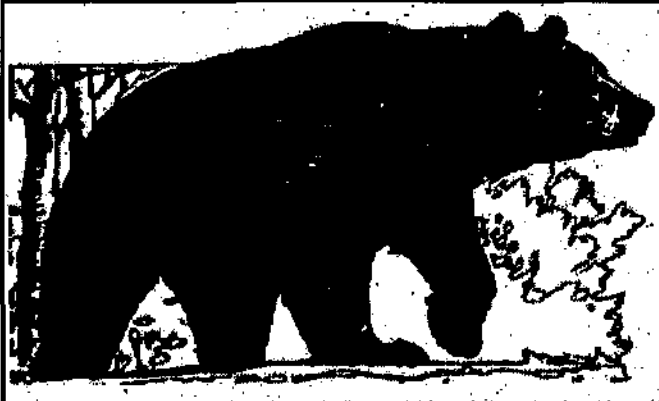
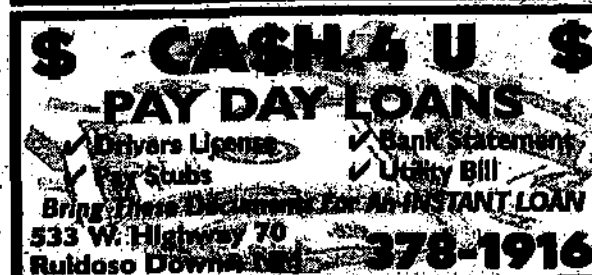
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Law enforcement to ticket holdouts who don't buckle up

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New Mexico has united with traffic safety advocates throughout the five state region to convince pickup truck drivers and passengers to "Buckle Up in Your Truck."

Safety belt surveys show well over a million pickup drivers and passengers in these States are still not buckling up. In 2004, 1,247 pickup occupants died in these five States, including 97 in New Mexico.

"Pickup drivers mistakenly believe they are safer in their trucks than in a car. But pickups are twice as likely to roll over as passenger cars in fatal

crashes and nearly half of the pickup deaths in the region involved a rollover.

Wearing a safety belt reduces the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80 percent," according to Chakiris.

By the numbers

- Regular safety belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

- Yet nearly one in five Americans (18 percent nationally) still fail to regularly wear their safety belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle. In the South Central States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, safety belt use in 2005 was 85.5

percent (AR - 68.3 percent/ LA - 77.7 percent/ NM - 89.5 percent/ OK - 83.1 percent / TX - 89.9 percent).

- Men — especially younger men — are much less likely to buckle up. Nationally, in 2004, 67 percent of male drivers and 73 percent of male passengers between the ages of 18 and 34 who were killed in crashes were NOT wearing their safety belts.

- According to NHTSA, pickup truck drivers and passengers, particularly among young males, consistently have the lowest safety belt usage rates of all motorists.

- Every year more than 1,000 pickup occupants are killed in traffic crashes in the South Central Region States.

- Research has shown that

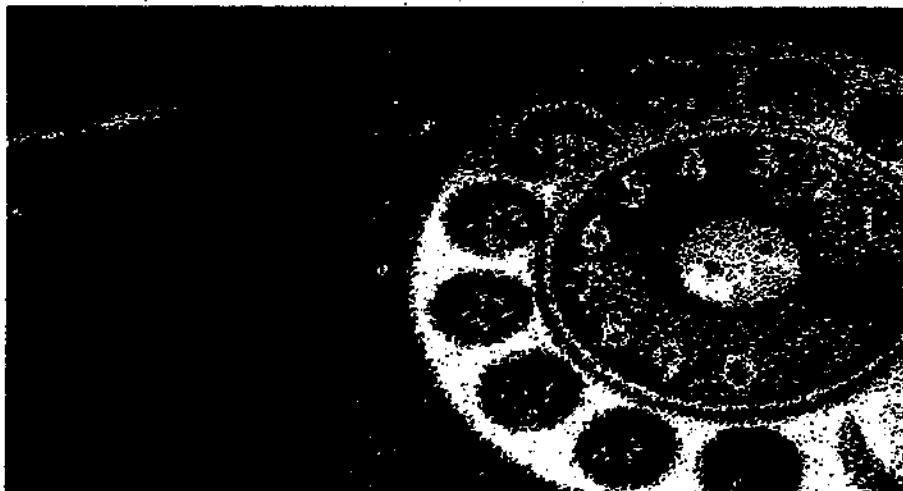
many pickup truck drivers feel like they are just safer in their trucks than in a car, but they are not.

NHTSA research shows that pickup trucks in fatal crashes roll over twice as often as passenger cars. Ejection is the most common cause of injuries and fatalities in rollover crashes. Seat belts reduce the risk of dying in a pickup truck rollover crash by up to 80 percent.

- Americans driving or riding on rural roadways face a much greater risk of being injured or killed in traffic crashes than do those in urban or suburban areas, according to NHTSA data.

- In 2004 nationally, drivers

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Laura Ross

Laura Ross, 85, died Friday, May 19, 2006, at the Village at Northrise. She had been a resident of Las Cruces for the past two years.

Laura was born in Flory, Texas, on Dec. 13, 1920, to Hezekiah and Pearl Howell whose families were pioneers in Texas, the Howell family having descended from a defender of the Alamo. She graduated from high school in Seminole, Texas, and earned an associate degree from Wayland Baptist College where she excelled academically and played basketball and tennis. She worked as a bank teller in Midland, Texas, where she met and married Richard, her husband of almost 60 years.

Laura was an accomplished cook, seamstress, gardener, taught Sunday school and was a Girl Scout leader. Midland was her home until 1970 when she and Richard moved to Ruidoso, where Laura continued to work as a bank teller. She also worked as the hookkeeper for the Sun Valley Water District.

Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, her parents, her sister Trueman, and three brothers, Bill, Raymond, and J.P.

Surviving family members include her two daughters, Patay Combs and her husband, Don of Las Cruces, and Brenda Morrison; and her husband, Dave of Lakeview, Ark.; two grandchildren, Ross Combs and his wife, Erin Kerrigan of Austin, Texas, and Kelly Combs of Las Cruces; and her husband, Lee Howell of Burnet, Texas.

A private memorial service is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 Montano Ave., Las Cruces NM 88005.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, 1410 E. Bowman Ave. Las Cruces. To send private condolences log on to www.getzfuneralhome.com.

Girley Q. Shows

A memorial service for Girley Q. Shows, 54, of Ruidoso was held Tuesday, May 23, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel, Mrs. Shows passed away Wednesday, May 17, in Albuquerque.

She was born Dec. 12, 1951, in Hamlin, Texas, to Clarence and Sara Gold. She had lived in Ruidoso most of her life and was known for her retail business "For the Birds." She married Leonard Shows on June 7, 1975, in Ruidoso.

Surviving family members include her husband, Leonard Shows of Ruidoso and her mother, Sara Gold of Ruidoso. She was preceded in death by

her father, Clarence Gold.

The family has requested memorials to charity of your choice. Arrangements are with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Frances Irene Smith

Memorial services will be held at the Angus Church of the Nazarene at 10 a.m. today for Frances Irene Smith, 89, of Capitán, who passed away April 22, 2006, at her home surrounded by the love of her family.

Frances was born to Francis Marion and Ida I Parmelee on Oct. 8, 1916, in Denver, Colo. She married John E. Smith in Omaha, Neb., on June 21, 1934. They remained married for 63 years until his death in 1997. Frances moved to the Ruidoso/Capitán area 10 years ago from Mesa, Ariz.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Ruidoso.

Surviving family members include her children, Roger M. Smith and wife, Lois J., of Lakeside, Mont., and Connie Bethard and husband, Bill, of Capitán; five grandchildren, Dan Smith of Kingston, Wash., Larry Smith of Wenatchee, Wash., Janae Wailes of Elmer City, Wash., Michael Grinnell of Everett, Wash., and Kery Sweeney of Mesa, Ariz.; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services for Frances Smith are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

BUCKLE

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and passengers involved in rural fatal crashes were ejected 15 percent of the time. Light trucks (pickups, vans and SUVs) accounted for 41 percent of vehicles involved in rural fatal crashes. 13 percent of

rural fatal crashes were head-on collisions.

• Teenage safety belt use rates from observational and crash-involvement studies consistently show lower use rates compared to older adults.

Teens wear safety belts at rates 5-15 percent less often than most older adult age groups.

The NHTSA data indicates

that 63 percent of fatally injured teens in crashes were not wearing safety belts, compared to 55 percent for older adult occupant fatalities.

• Crash data and emerging research suggest lower safety belt use at night. At night, driving is more difficult, driver fatigue is more common, and more drunk drivers are on the road.

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He is the grandson of Preston and Willa Stone of Capitán and Bryce and Barbara Smith of Mills, NM. He is the great-grandson of Meade Stone of Roswell, NM and Charlie and Joyce Frew of Raton, NM.



POOP SCOOP

BY KIM DONER
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

You may have seen the posters at the post office advertising that May 21-27 is National Dog Bite Prevention Week.

Mail carriers, cable, phone repair people, and meter readers all must deal with pets that are left in yards or unattended. As pet owners, we may not be able to guarantee that our dogs won't bite in all circumstances, but we can lessen the possibility by keeping some of the following facts in mind.

Spaying and neutering our dogs will reduce the instinct to roam and fight with other dogs. Neutered animals are much less likely to bite.

Many dogs bite out of fear. We can prevent this by taking the time to socialize our dogs. This means introducing him to different people and situations in a non-threatening manner on a regular basis. However this does not mean taking a fearful dog to a motorcycle rally to get him "used to it." For a fearful adult or puppy, new

situations need to be introduced slowly, consistently and rewarded often. Behavior modification takes time and patience, but has a lifetime of rewards for you as the owner of a well-socialized pet.

Teach your dog appropriate behavior from day one. Don't yell, "Sit 'em" even in fun, or reward your dog for going after someone or threatening someone. Dogs do not understand the difference between a serious threat and a joke. If your dog exhibits dangerous behavior toward a person, seek professional advice. Aggressive behavior should not be encouraged or tolerated in our pets.

Don't tie your pet out 24/7. Dogs who are chained outside are much more likely to bite. They feel trapped when threatened and cannot run away or escape. With their flight instinct cut off, fight is all they have left. Dogs, who are tied outside, tend to be under socialized and do not respond to strangers well, making them

prone to be fear biters. Dogs who are well socialized and supervised, know they belong to a "pack" and are much less likely to bite.

Know about your pet's health. Changes in behavior can often be a sign that your friend isn't feeling well. If you pet a dog that is usually friendly and he snaps at you, it could indicate such health problems as ear infection, bad teeth, a foreign object caught in his mouth or a paw, or more serious health issues. Also consider his age. Older animals often are not as tolerant of smaller children or strangers. He has been your buddy for many years. Now you should do what you can to protect him and make him feel secure.

Be a responsible pet owner, keep your pet up to date on the required vaccinations, and have his rabies tag displayed on his collar. If your dog does bite, report the incident to your local animal control officer. Not all animals need to be quarantined at the animal shelter. The decision to quarantine a pet that has bitten has a lot to do with the circumstances. A bite quarantine lasts for ten days, and this is to determine if the animal will display symptoms of rabies. Having your dog current on his vaccinations will protect him, you and the person bitten.

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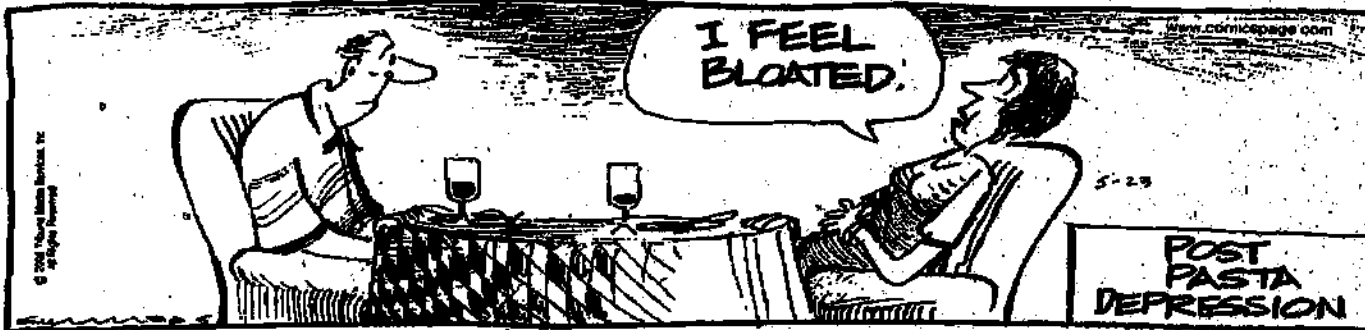
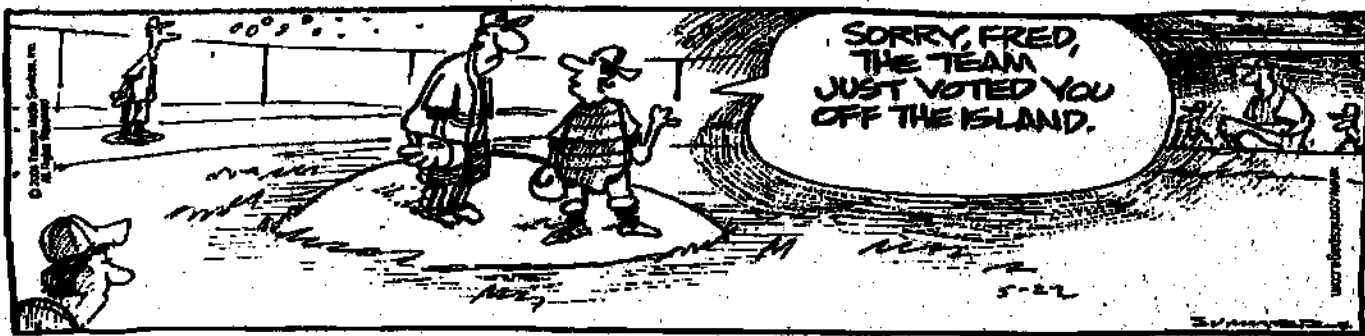
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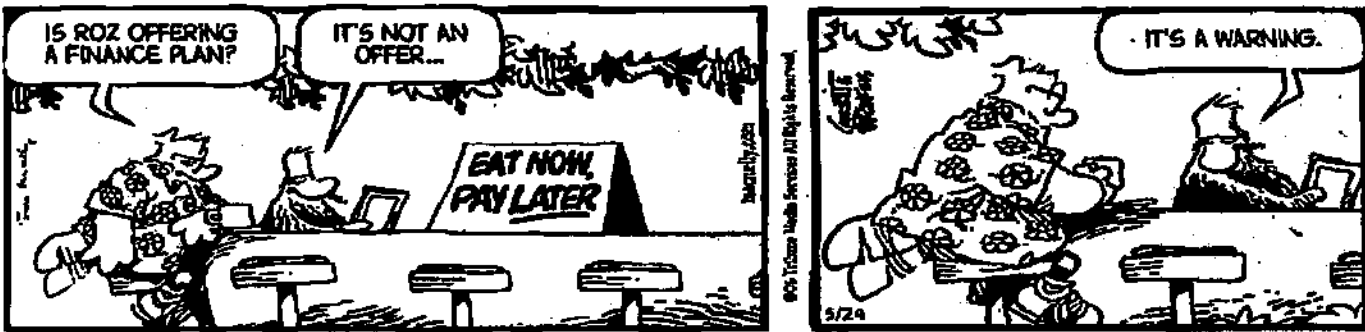
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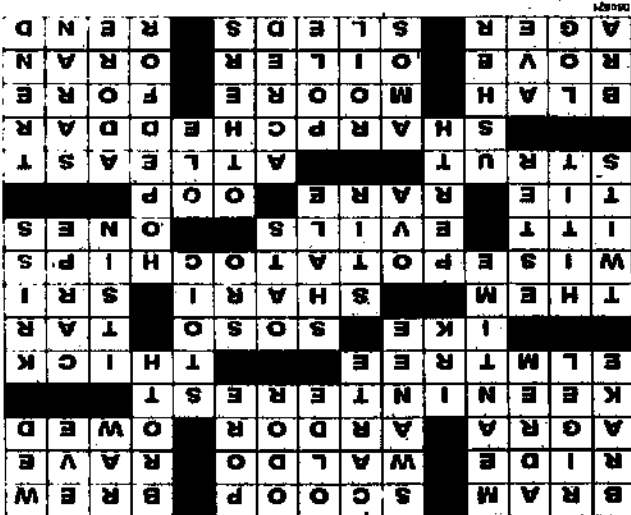
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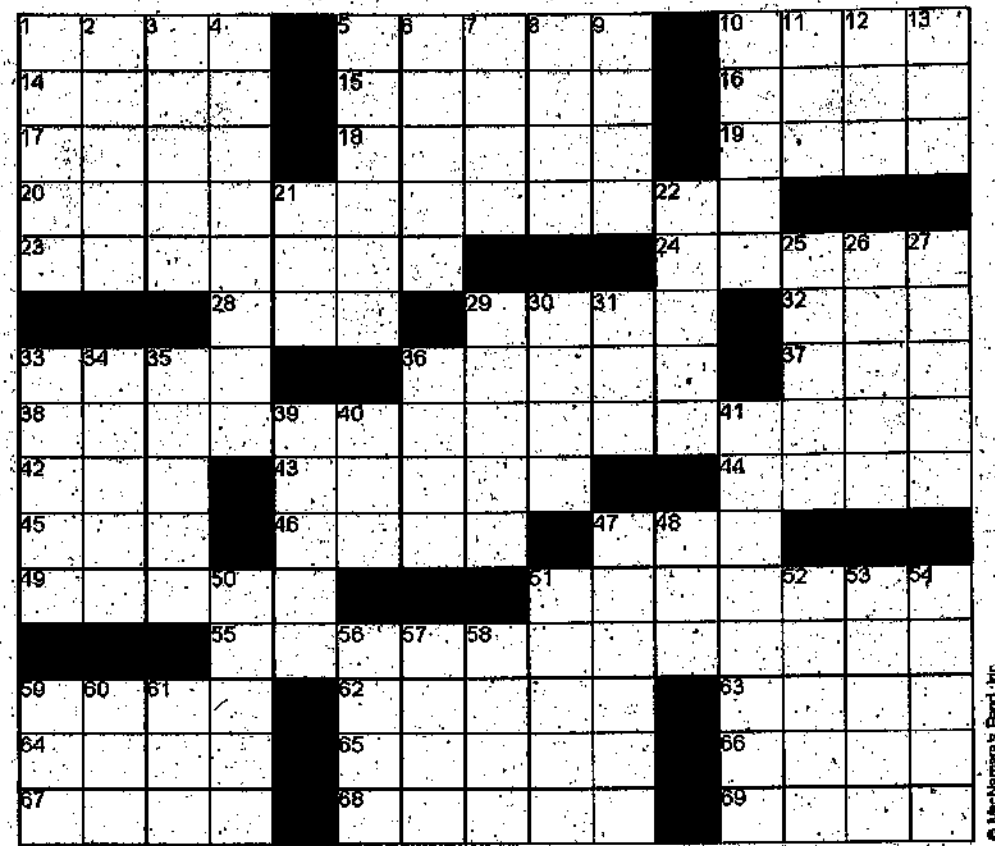
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RACK 1 =	

ACROSS

- "Dracula" author Stoker
- Ice cream serving
- Beer, informally
- Fair attraction
- He hides in kids' books
- Glowing review
- Taj Mahal site
- Extreme passion
- Was in arrears
- Avidity
- Shade maker
- Like a pachyderm's skin
- '50s White House nickname
- Only fair
- Roofer's need
- Not us
- Puppeteer Lewis
- Lanka
- Popular snack food
- Addams Family cousin
- Lesser of two
- White Monopoly bills
- Trash bag closer
- Facing extinction
- "Alley" I
- Walk like a peacock
- Minimally
- Tangy cheese
- Ho-hum
- Demi or Dudley
- Links cry
- Gad about
- Edmonton skater
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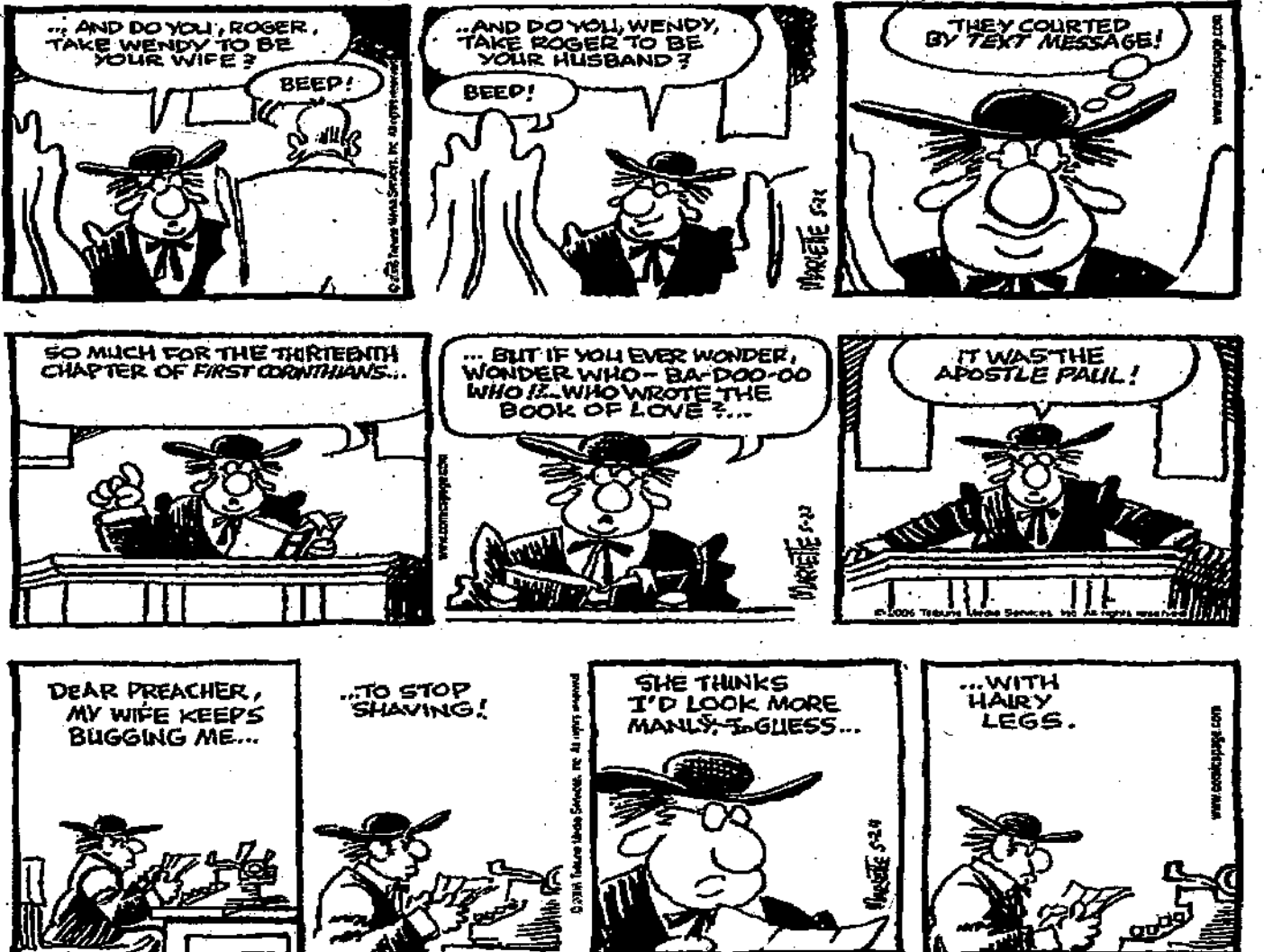
"That Smarts!"



DOWN

- Slow down
- Star in Orion
- Pertinent, to lawyers
- Interim period
- Al Jolson classic
- blanche
- "Ye" follower, often
- Hint of a gas leak
- Tiny opening
- Thin soup
- Like sashimi
- Preceding period
- Tie the knot
- Really bother
- Devoid of emotion
- "the bag!"
- diem (seize the day)
- Kringle
- Oil-bearing rock
- Feedbag morsels
- B'way sellout sign
- Makes fun of
- Bandleader's cue
- Fruity-smelling compound
- Use a swizzle stick
- Australian port
- Eggs, in labs
- Anticipated with fingers crossed
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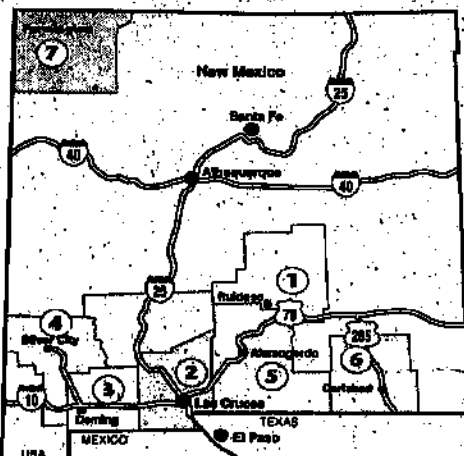
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS LUBBOCK DIVISION

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5-05CV0266-C

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiff,

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NO. 2159

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Dated: May 11, 2006
s/ Leah Corple
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL GENERAL CONTRACTOR BIDDERS

From: Dale H. Schenck, AIA
254 County Club Drive
Ruidoso, NM 88345
Office (505) 257-0354
Fax (505) 257-6680
E-mail: dschenck@aia.com

Project: Otero County Electric Cooperative's New Alto Office Building
Location: Highway 48
Angus Hill at Mile Marker 11, Existing Office Building

Notice is hereby given for a MANDATORY pre-bid conference on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at OCEC's current Alto office located on Hwy. 48 near mile marker 11, which is adjacent and north of the proposed site of the new office building. The meeting will begin at 1:30 PM and should be concluded by 3:30 PM. Dale will conduct the meeting and respond to questions concerning the facility. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged to all bidders for one set of the Project documents, including proposed drawings of the facility. The deposit shall be refunded if and when said plans and specifications are returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the date of opening of bids, and as otherwise provided in AIA Document A701-1997, Instructions to Bidders.

#7169 4T (5/17, 24, 31)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEE L. CARGILE DECEASED.

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by the successful bidder to complete the work under the contract.

Those that should attend are your Principal Contractor and/or your Principal Estimator. Bids concerning the project will be received by OCEC no later than 3:00 PM on June 14, 2006. The bids should be addressed to:

Carroll Waggoner, General Manager
Otero County Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 227
Clarendon, NM 88317.

Bids will only be accepted from those who attend the pre-bid conference. Such qualifications may be either hand delivered or mailed. No faxed bids will be accepted.

If you plan to attend pre-bid conference please RSVP to Dale Schenck by 4:00 PM on May 23, 2006.

#7178 1T (5/24, 31)

2006 PRIMARY PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Election Law of the State of New Mexico, Lincoln County Clerk of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

That the Primary Election be, and the same is hereby called to be, held throughout the State of New Mexico in the County of Lincoln and precincts thereof, on the 6th day of June, 2006;

That the Primary Election shall be applicable to the following political parties, to wit: the Democratic Party, and the Republican Party; and

That the Primary Election shall be for the purpose of filling the following offices by the qualified electors of Lincoln County:

United States Senator
REPUBLICAN
Allan W. McCulloch, MD
David Pfeiffer
Joseph J. Cantore
DEMOCRAT
Jeff Bingham

United States Representative
District 2
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CINTO #11
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
RUIDOSO DOWNES RACE TRACK
CITIZENS CENTER
Juez: Sue Garoff
Juez de Eleccion: Virginia Burrow
Juez de Eleccion: Trudy M. Lopez
Escritano de Eleccion: Connie McCosland
Escritano de Eleccion: Wilma Webb

SAN PATRICIO - RECINTO #17A
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
SAN PATRICIO SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
Juez: Juan S. Montoya
Juez de Eleccion: Elizabeth Montes
Juez de Eleccion: Raquel Montoya
Escritano de Eleccion: Sue Ann Rigler

TINIEBA - RECINTO #12B
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
TINIEBA VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION
Juez: Billy L. Jones
Juez de Eleccion: Beth A. Keenan
Juez de Eleccion: Mary H. Skeen
Escritano de Eleccion: Juanita Salas

LINCOLN AREA - RECINTO #17C
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
CAPITAN VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION
Juez: Phoebe M. Taylor
Juez de Eleccion: Frances Gallegos
Juez de Eleccion: Margaret Woodward
Escritano de Eleccion: Edward W. Allen

CARRIZO - RECINTO #13
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
CARRIZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS
Juez: Carol L. Zumwalt
Juez de Eleccion: Ann Bufington
Juez de Eleccion: Charlotte G. Dunne
Escritano de Eleccion: Joaquin Lueras
Escritano de Eleccion: Phyllis Zumwalt

CAPITAN - RECINTO #14
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
BOLINDO COUNTY FAIR BUILDING
Juez: Edith Dobbins
Juez de Eleccion: Laura McInnes
Juez de Eleccion: Janice Carr
Escritano de Eleccion: Carmen C. Burch

RUIDOSO - RECINTO #15
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER
Juez: Catherine F. Jarrell
Juez de Eleccion: Doris Nafms
Juez de Eleccion: Bartley Young
Escritano de Eleccion: Frances V. Berry

LUGAR PARA VOTACION - RECINTO #16
RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER
Juez: Darle Counts Lathan
Juez de Eleccion: Jocelyn M. Brenum
Juez de Eleccion: Katherine Leona Ladd
Escritano de Eleccion: Debra K. Elrod

CARRIZO - ASSENTEE-IN PERSON SATURDAY
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE
Juez: Lee Ann Weibrecht
Juez de Eleccion: Sylvia Denise Barolo
Juez de Eleccion: Nancy Ferguson
Juez de Eleccion: Margo Lindsay
Escritano de Eleccion: Margaret Beca
Escritano de Eleccion: (Neta) Kay Cochran
Escritano de Eleccion: Margaret Labelle

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RUIDOSO - ASSENTEE-IN PERSON SATURDAY
LUGAR PARA VOTACION
RUIDOSO SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
Juez: Edith Dobbins
Juez de Eleccion: Jan Cox
Juez de Eleccion: Ellen Fay Womack
Escritano de Eleccion: Laura McInnes
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EN TESTIMONIO DE LO CUAL PONGO MI RUBRICA Y SELLO DEL CONDAO DE LINCOLN DEL ESTADO NUEVO MEXICO.
Tammie J. Maddox
Escritano del Condado Lincoln

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Notice is hereby given that the Schools of Instruction for all appointed Precinct Board Members has been scheduled for the following dates:
Date: May 26, 2006
Time: Starting at 10:00 AM and ending approximately at 12 Noon
Place: County Court House (Commissioner's Chambers)
300 Central Avenue
Carrazo, New Mexico
Date: May 30, 2006
Time: Starting at 10:00 AM and ending approximately at 12 Noon
Place: Ruidoso Convention Center
111 Sierra Blanca Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico
Precinct Board Members are required to attend one school of instruction and all interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend the schools of instruction.
Tammie J. Maddox
Lincoln County Clerk
#7185 TT [5]24, 26, 31
Request For Proposal
The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District is requesting proposals for Audited Services for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Proposals will be received by the ALWD, PO Box 866 Alto, NM 88312 until 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 2006. Proposals received after the closing time will be rejected. ALWD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive all technicalities as deemed in the best interest of the District.
David Winans
Secretary
#7187 TT [5]24
Request For Proposal
The Alto Lakes Special District is requesting proposals for Professional Services Audit Services. Proposals will be received by the ALWD, PO Box 866 Alto, NM 88312 until 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2006. Proposals received after the closing time will be rejected. The ALWD reserves the right to reject any and for all proposals and waive all technicalities as deemed in the best interest of the District.
Bob Allen, Secretary & Vice-Chair
#7188 TT [5]24
CITY OF RUIDOSO
BUDGET WORKSHOP

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downes will hold a Budget Workshop on Saturday, May 27, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall, 122 S. Main Street, Ruidoso, NM. Proposals will be opened at 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 19, 2006, at the Region IX office. For additional information, contact Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett, REC IX - 257-2368 1400 Suddarth, Ruidoso, NM 88345
#7190 4T [5]24, 26, 31 [6]2
Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking proposals for daily to and from school transportation services for 2006-2007 school year for 1 vehicle in the Ruidoso School District. Vehicles used in transportation of students are owned by Lincoln County Head Start. School bus contractors must submit proof of the following with proposals:
1. Ability to provide CDL Examiner Certification to drivers
2. Ability to provide National Safety Council Defensive Driving and First Aid instruction
3. Ability to provide all vehicle maintenance and storage
4. Ability to provide appropriately licensed and trained drivers and substitutes when necessary
5. Ability to provide substitute vehicle use when necessary
CONTRACT LENGTH: School days from September 5, 2006 through May 19, 2007, and in accordance with the Head Start calendar.
ROUTE SPECIFICATIONS: Current round-trip route specifications are as follows:
Undetermined - Provide bid information on School Bus Transportation Vehicle Production Worksheet - per mile bid. (12 diesel vehicle)
CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide appropriately licensed and trained drivers for school buses; provide compensation and benefits associated with drivers; provide on-going training for drivers; provide qualified substitute drivers when necessary; provide all operating, maintenance and fuel costs associated with use of the vehicle in transporting Head Start students; and provide substitute vehicles when necessary.
LINCUN COUNTY HEAD START RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide regulation school buses for transportation of Head Start students to Nob Hill Early Childhood Center and Ruidoso Valley School site; provide vehicle insurance including liability; provide children's names and addresses to contractor; assist with Head Start appropriate training; and submit requests to contractor in advance for unscheduled field trips (con-

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compensation for such field trips is not included within this proposal).
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: All sealed and complete proposals must be received at the REC IX office by Friday, June 16, 2006 4:00 p.m. Proposals will be opened at 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 19, 2006 at the Region IX office. For additional information, contact Fred Romero or Teresa Barnett, REC IX - 257-2368 1400 Suddarth, Ruidoso, NM 88345
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Trucking 205
Drivers - Get paid more, 2 weeks home, 4 weeks on road. Western Region with Western Regional Drive. 800-546-2818 x 130
Medical/Health Care 220
The Ruidoso Physical Therapy Clinic Inc. hiring PHYSICIAN THERAPISTS/ASSISTANTS. Located at 4399 Mechem, Ruidoso NM. Call, fax or email: (505) 257-1800, (505) 257-2319 fax debbleson2002@yahoo.com
Gen. Help Wanted 224
Amerishort Inn is seeking Front desk clerk. Apply in Person. 2191 Hwy 70 W.
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A student with Camp Sierra Blanca High School pauses at the grave of a Veteran of WWII May 19 at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery. Students, whom the camp asked not to be identified, helped lay U.S. flags at gravesites in preparation for this weekend's Memorial Day services.

A fort full of memories

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The families of fallen soldiers, retired and active-duty military and others who want to show their appreciation for the sacrifices tied to defending the nation gather on the Saturday before Memorial Day at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery.

The 18-year tradition to pay tribute to veterans of all branches of the armed forces will continue this year at the cemetery near the historic fort about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso on State Road 220 between State Highway 48 and U.S. 380.

The program begins at 11 a.m. Saturday with Larry Holt, retired Army, giving the call to order, followed by the presentation of colors by the Holloman Air Force Base Color Guard Veterans Organizations.

Joseph Lucero, an Army veteran from the New Mexico Veterans Affairs Department, is the featured speaker.

The cemetery at Fort Stanton is the final resting place for soldiers from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army Air Corps, Air Force and Maritime Service. They come from 20 different states as far away as Maine to the east and California to the west. Some were citizens of Finland, Latvia, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Germany, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Cemetery historian Larry Holt said that for more than 100 years, the cemetery offered a final stop for veterans and their families, and continued that mission since 2000 under the New Mexico Department of Veterans Affairs.

The 1855 fort was created to offer protection to settlers from marauding Indian bands

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Complaints lead to Capitan drug discovery

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Complaints of unusual vehicle activity in and around the Mamma Bear RV Park in Capitan led to charges of illegal drug possession for two people and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor for another.

Capitan Police Chief Robert Bird and Officer Randy Haskins Wednesday afternoon conducted a standard "knock and talk" in response to the complaints.

The 34-year-old woman who answered the door of the trailer in a rental space at the RV park

allowed officers to enter the trailer and immediately surrendered less than 1 ounce of marijuana.

She was given a non-traffic citation for the illegal drug possession. The police, pending further investigation of the reported drug activity, withheld her name for protective anonymity.

She is scheduled to go before the Capitan municipal judge next week.

During an officer safety search of the two other persons present, marijuana and a set of brass knuckles were found on a 17-year-old male. He was

turned over to Juvenile Probation in Ruidoso.

Jason Gentry, 19, was cited as a minor allowing himself to be served alcohol. Gentry has two cases currently pending in Ruidoso Magistrate Court. In October 2005 he was charged with illegal possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

March 25, 2006, charges against Gentry are for possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor and open alcoholic beverage container.

Gentry will be scheduled to go before Judge William Butts in Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

Downs police chief at odds with City over survey release

Robert Denny had wanted more time to respond to a citizen's survey, but it's a public record and at least one councilor has requested a copy

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A rift has developed in Ruidoso Downs between the police chief and at least one council member over a police department-initiated citizens survey.

Chief Robert Denny has objected to what he calls a demand by Councilor Sue Garrett to turn over the results of a 2006 Community Satisfaction Survey anonymously asking residents to comment on the "quality of service" offered by the Department of Public Safety.

According to Denny, who was reappointed police chief in March, Garrett last week told City Manager John Waters she wanted a copy of the survey, which was sent out with utility bills in March and was available at the police department and City Hall before it was closed on May 22 after 100 respondents took part.

Waters, who supported the request, says it was actually made several weeks ago, before Garrett traveled to Washington, D.C., on May 10 on behalf of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"I requested the copy before we went to Washington," Garrett said Thursday. "Robert said sure. He just wanted to look at them first."

"Then on May 22 he sent out a memorandum saying 'no.'"

In an interoffice memorandum dated May 22, Denny wrote Waters that it "will not be possible" to issue a final report to councilors "right away." He concluded: "Once we have had our final meetings I will put together a final report which will be handed out to the mayor and all city councilors. It is my hope that the entire project will be complete by June 16, 2006."

Denny said Garrett called him on Wednesday, again asking for the survey. "We were knee-deep in a homicide investigation, she calls and demands to talk to me: 'What's the story, are you going to let me have these surveys or not?'" I said, "No I'm not going to let you have the surveys."

"I hung up the phone, because I was busy. I was in the middle of a major homicide case."

"Yes, we've all got better things to do," Waters said. "That's why I wanted to get it out there and move on."

Not so fast, Denny says. "This has nothing to do with (the council). They had no hand in this whatsoever. This is something I did for our department, not the city council or the mayor. I got the idea for the survey at a chief's conference a

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Man arrested in infant's death

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One child is dead and two others removed to the custody of the Children, Youth, and Families Department following an alleged child abuse incident in Ruidoso Downs Tuesday.

The child, a 1-year-old male, was still warm to the touch when officers with the Ruidoso Downs Police Department arrived on the scene, but not breathing.

According to Sergeant Rich Schwalm, police, fire and emergency medical services personnel were called to the Willow Trailer Park in the Downs about 5:50 a.m. in reference to a child in distress.

A family member, unnamed, had attempted to revive the child prior to the arrival of emergency personnel but was unsuccessful.

Rescue efforts continued as the child was transported to the Lincoln County Medical Center. There, the attending physician pronounced him dead at 6:16 a.m.

Arrested in the incident and

charged with Child Abuse Resulting in Death, a class 1 Felony, was the boyfriend of the deceased's mother, Brandon Pablo, 25.

Pablo was arrested in the May 23 incident following an initial investigation conducted by Ruidoso Downs Police and based on suspicious findings in the case.

He was charged with a second offense of child abuse not resulting in death, a class 2 Felony, in the same incident, and issued a \$1 million bond.

According to court records, Pablo has a juvenile history involving larceny and burglary and in 2002, at the age of 21, was sentenced to serve three years of jail time but received 628 days of credit.

An investigation into further details surrounding the death of the Downs infant currently is underway by the Ruidoso Downs Police Department with assistance from State Police, the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's Office, and the State Medical Examiner's Office.

Autopsy results are expected next week.

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