

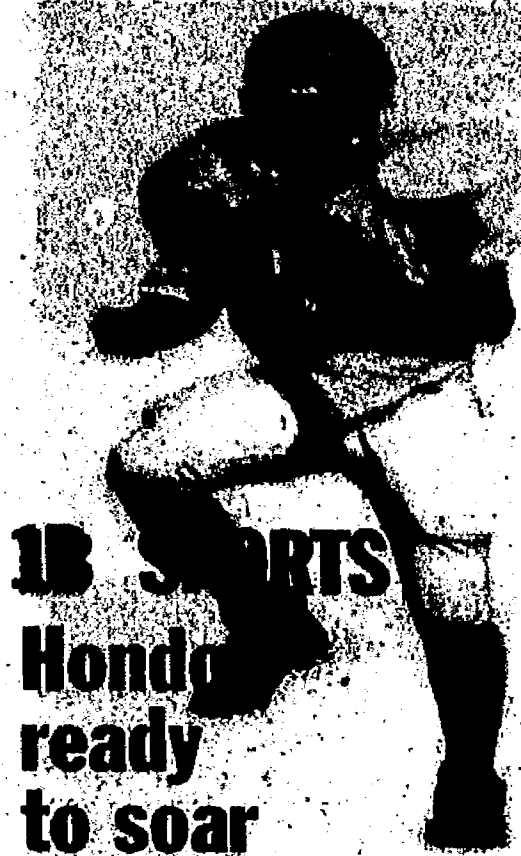
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# Wall crack closes council chambers

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## Council meetings moved to convention center

Spectators sitting along the aisle at Ruidoso Village Council meetings probably noticed it first.

The floor appeared to be pulling away from the wall of windows on the west side of the building that faces Sierra Blanca Peak and The Links public golf course.

After experts were called in to take a closer look, the council room was closed Friday because of the possible danger

from the outer wall pulling away from the main structure. Council meetings will be moved to the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said Monday that Deputy Manager Bill Morris was checking with the village's insurance company to determine if the repair work is covered.

"We had two ways of doing it, go ahead and just brace the wall, which I

think would be the wrong approach, or take out the entire wall," he said. "It didn't have iron (rebar supports) in the stem wall. We're going to take the wall out, brace it and put it back. The cost will be around \$48,000."

The building was constructed about 25 years ago, according to former village mayor Jerry Shaw and former airport manager and later village manager Frank Potter.

As they recall, Jim Hines was village manager at the time and he worked with architect Jim French on the design.

"It was kind of controversial at the time," Potter said. "Village employees weren't allowed to go on-site. I think they pulled off the village building inspector. I think the state did the inspections. I remember there were a few things we found that first year, like no insulation in the roof."

Councilor Don Williams said he first

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## KISSING COUSINS



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Shayna Gallacher, Carrizozo 4-H'er, gives her steer a big smooch before she enters the show ring at the Lincoln County Fair Friday. The tiny fifth-grader is dwarfed by her 1,344-pound steer. Gallacher also showed five market swine and came home with five blue ribbons from the Swine Show. For more Fair photos, see the Community Page, 2A.

## Shaw named fire lieutenant

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something to look forward to, too."

Justin Shaw has come full circle with his appointment this week as Fire Lieutenant for the City of Ruidoso Downs. At the start of his career he served the municipality as a volunteer firefighter before being hired on staff by the Village of Ruidoso Downs Fire Department.

"I see coming back as an opportunity to continue pursuing my career," Shaw, 37, said. "Plus, with a new chief coming in as head of the Department of Public Safety, we get to implement things together and be a part of helping the department grow and improve."

Shaw said the growth prospects of the city appealed to him as well.

"The Downs is growing and in a way I appreciate that," he said. "Also, we are going to be building a new fire house and station, and I will be getting new trainings for officers and staff, so that is



Shaw

Shaw, hired at a pay rate of \$18.31 per hour, will have full charge of the Downs fire house and shift schedules. In addition, he will oversee fire inspections.

He holds an Associates Degree in Fire Science and is trained as an ICC (International Code Council)-Fire Inspector. He also holds a basic EMT license and regularly undergoes training at the New Mexico Fire Academy, among other forums.

While with the Village Shaw, married to Village Councilor Angel Shaw, rose to the rank of Captain but hopes to one day be named chief of a department.

He will begin working for the City Sept. 1 but said of his former employer, "I was treated real good by the Village and obtained quite a bit of good experience while there for 17 years."

"It's just that the Downs has presented me with a better opportunity and I am looking forward to new challenges."

## Rain causes flooding, washouts

### Families evacuated from Teepee Trailer Park

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Families were evacuated from Teepee Trailer Park Sunday and Monday as a thunderstorm dumped 2 inches on the village, pushing the Ruidoso River out of its banks and shutting portions of Paradise Canyon and Hull Road.

Combined with drainage off Mechem Drive, the water flooded the road in the trailer park at the intersection of Mechem and Sudderth Drive to knee-height.

Arthur Hoopes, Gateway Disaster Relief Team coordinator, said a shelter was opened at the Gateway Church of Christ both nights to assist evacuated families.

"Ruidoso Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel assisted with the evacuation and had to carry a handicapped man from his trailer and transport him to the shelter," Hoopes said.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley said Street Department crews were on standby to respond to any flooding, no matter what the hour.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said Tuesday he stands poised to ask for an

emergency declaration from the county commission if flooding worsens.

"You declare an emergency when you can't handle it anymore," he said. "So far, we're handling it. Albert (Hernandez, county road manager) and I went out to look around and there are four areas where major washouts occurred, 8- to 10-foot culverts washed out." That includes an area north of Tinnie, he said.

Brief flooding caused problems in other areas, even stranding one county employee, but the situations were corrected rapidly, Stewart said. Some

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## County manager offers to resign over PLURAAC

### Tom Stewart voices frustration over working relationship

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Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart offered to resign, telling county commissioners Tuesday he's apparently failed them because he was unable to maintain a positive working relationship with some members of a commission-appointed advisory committee.

Commissioners backed their manager, with Earl Hobbs saying he would not accept the resignation and Tom Battin calling for a review of county ordinances that created advisory boards to ensure the language is unambiguous on Stewart being the county's official representative in correspondence.

Reading from a prepared statement, Stewart said for eight years, "I have listened to the ranting and ravings of the Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee."

He was asked to appear before the advisory group, "so that according to (member) Ronnie Merritt, 'we could cuss and discuss' my working relationship with them. I advised Mr. Merritt and Mr. (Tony) Davis that I would not appear before them to 'cuss and discuss' anything with them."

He explained that members of the group have belittled agencies with which Stewart must work on a day-to-day

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# Fair photo album

Children's faces at the Lincoln County Fair said it all, especially in relation to their animals.

**Upper left,** Christian Sweat, Nogal, holds a tiny 3-week-old baby bunny she showed in the county fair along with the mother and littermates.

**Upper right,** Michelle Stearns, Capitan, exhibits some of her reward during the "just for fun" goat milking contest held at the county fair Wednesday after the Dairy Goat Show. Contestants began aiming at each other rather than the milk buckets resulting in some sticky evidence.

**Lower right,** Tarren Washburn, 5, is a prospector, leading his little mule "Ernest" in the Lead Show at the county fair. He is the son of Justen and Korie Washburn of Corona. He won the Best Costume award in the 2-5 year-old division.

**Lower left,** Sara McNatt, 12, Carrizozo, showed a number of chickens at the county fair, including the Bantam hen she carried in a bag during the remainder of the fair. McNatt was named Junior Poultry Showman and also won Reserve Champion Hen.

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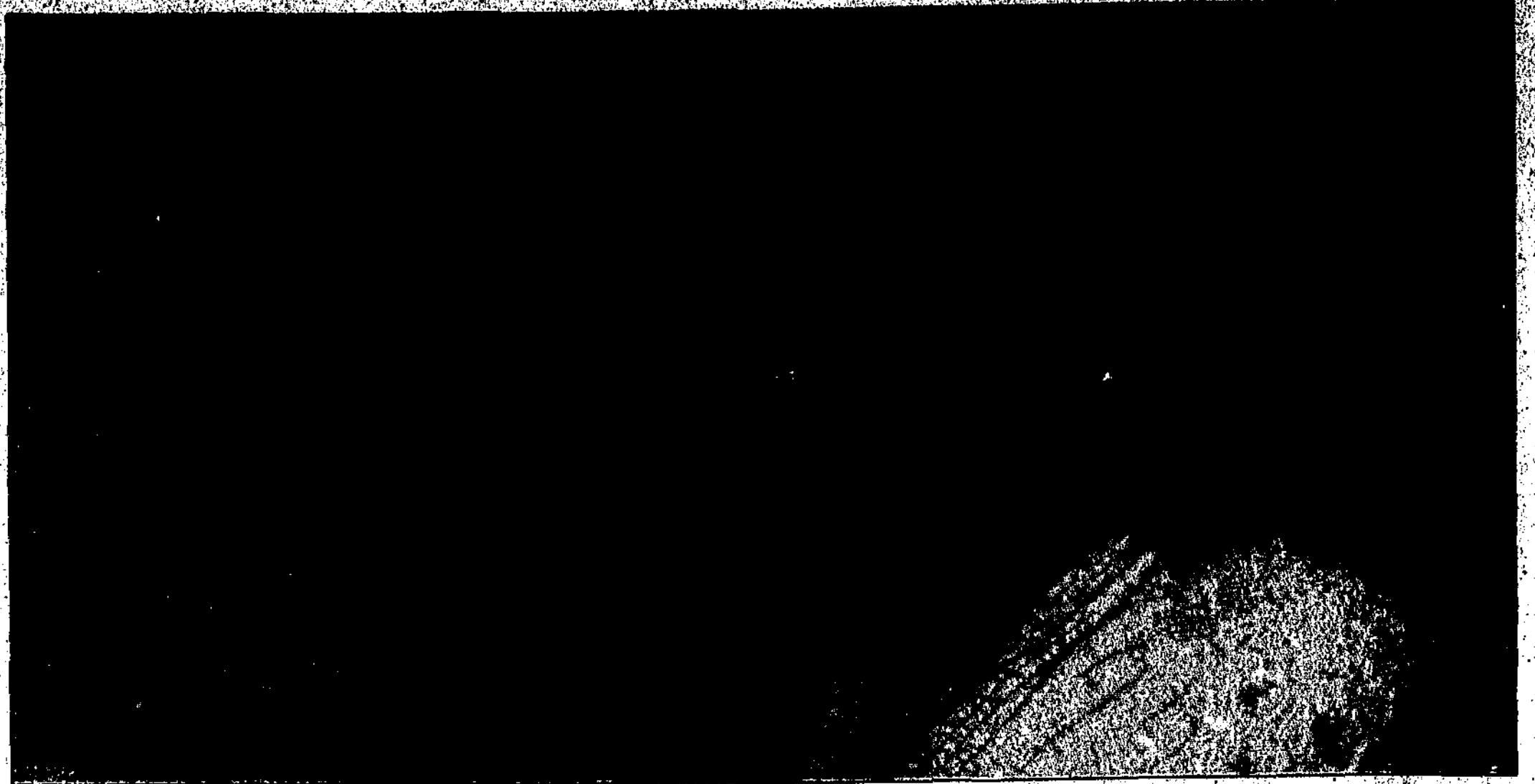
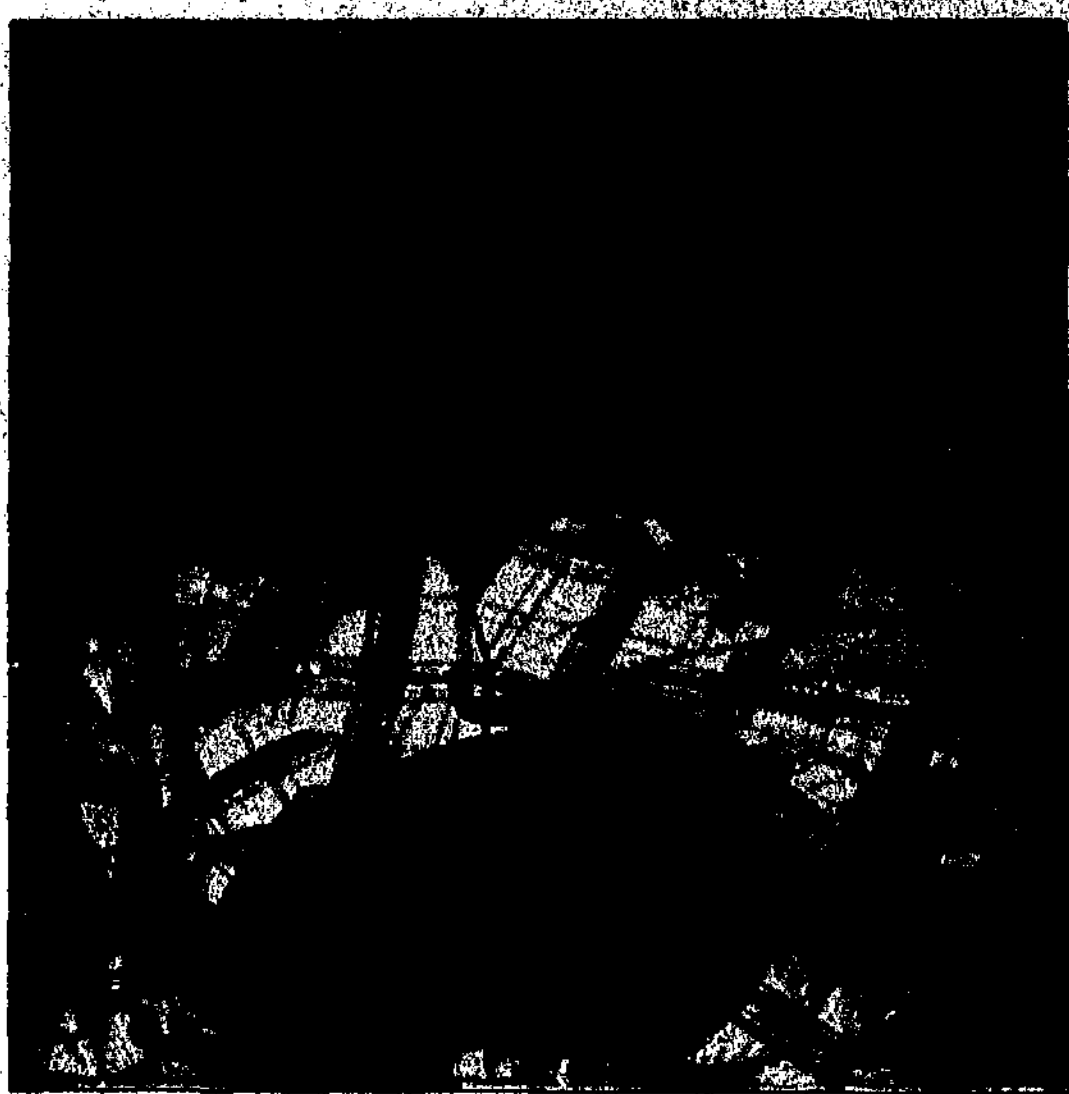
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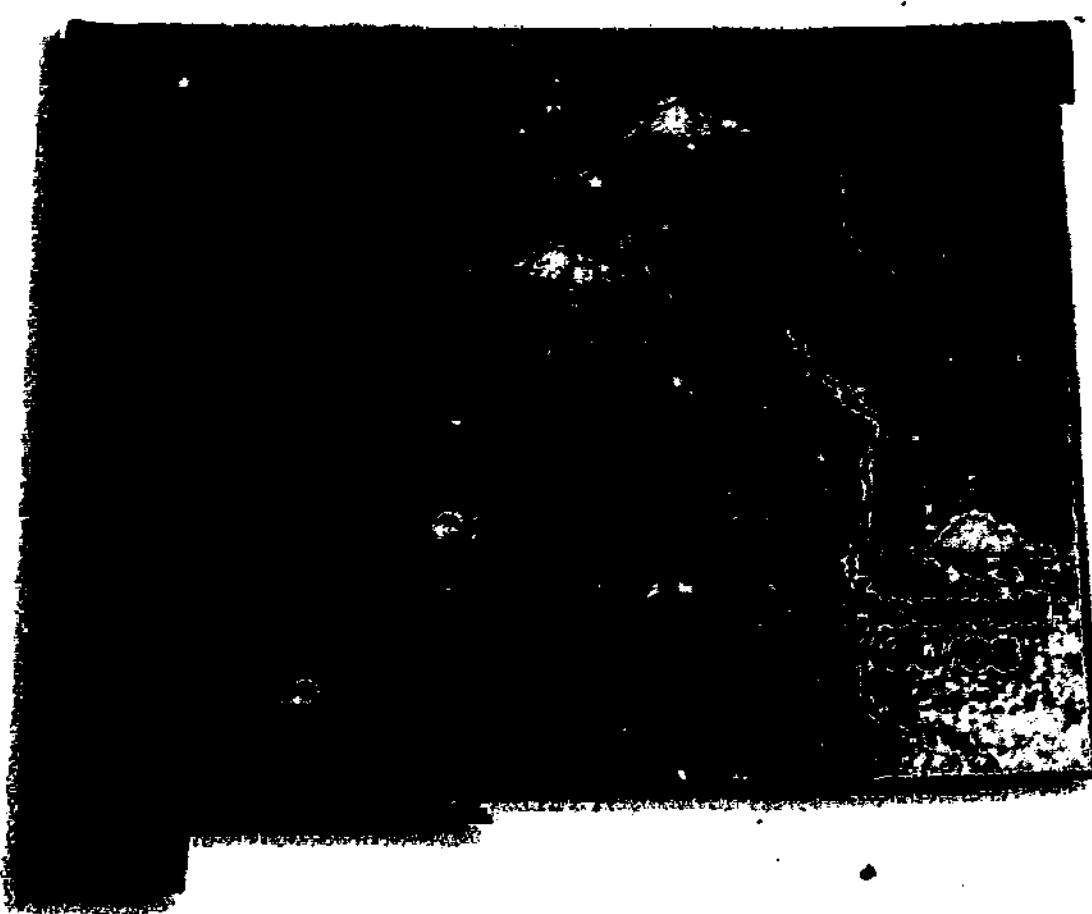
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Today	Thursday	Friday
<b>72/50</b>	<b>74/52</b>	<b>75/51</b>
Scattered thunderstorms possible.	A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise 6:26 AM Sunset 7:47 PM	Sunrise 6:26 AM Sunset 7:46 PM	Sunrise 6:27 AM Sunset 7:45 PM

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## New Mexico At A Glance



### Moon Phases

Full Aug 9	Last Aug 16
New Aug 23	First Aug 31

### UV Index

Wed 8/16	Extreme
Thu 8/17	Extreme
Fri 8/18	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 means no protection is needed.

### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	87	64	t-storm
Albuquerque	79	64	t-storm
Carlsbad	94	68	t-storm
Chama	68	48	rain
Clovis	85	62	t-storm
Deming	85	65	t-storm
El Paso, TX	84	69	t-storm
Espanola	77	59	t-storm
Farmington	82	58	t-storm
Gallup	79	55	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Grants	77	55	t-storm
Guymon, OK	90	64	t-storm
Hobbs	91	69	t-storm
Las Cruces	83	67	t-storm
Las Vegas	72	54	rain
Lordsburg	86	65	t-storm
Lubbock, TX	93	67	pt sunny
Odessa, TX	91	71	pt sunny
Raton	79	55	t-storm
Roswell	90	68	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Santa Fe	72	54	t-storm
Santa Rosa	83	63	t-storm
Silver City	77	59	t-storm
Socorro	80	61	t-storm
St. Johns, AZ	86	63	t-storm
Taos	75	53	rain
Trinidad, CO	79	58	rain
Truth or Consq.	82	65	t-storm
Tucson, AZ	92	75	t-storm
Tucuman	83	61	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	70	t-storm
Boston	82	66	sunny
Chicago	84	64	sunny
Dallas	105	81	mst sunny
Denver	82	60	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Houston	97	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	78	65	sunny
Miami	90	81	t-storm
Minneapolis	86	68	pt sunny
New York	88	70	sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Phoenix	101	85	t-storm
San Francisco	69	55	pt sunny
Seattle	74	57	pt sunny
St. Louis	90	67	mst sunny
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# Task force committee: Community center concept 'alive and kicking'

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A committee formed to work on development of a community center reports the concept is alive and well, one of its members said last week.

Sandy Schiffman, chairwoman of the Community Center Task Force, told Ruidoso village councilors that some people think representatives of the Village and the City of Ruidoso Downs gave up on the idea of building a community center to serve the area.

But the task force members, "Emphatically assure all that we are very much 'alive and kicking,' and are still working to obtain funding for the next necessary step — a detailed plan for design and construction," Schiffman said.

The task force was formed by the two municipal councils in August 2003, with members appointed by the mayors to represent both areas.

## Center would not duplicate efforts of United Methodist Church to create a youth center

Responsibilities were divided and after some work, task force members concluded that:

- a community center definitely is needed and wanted

- the existing outdoor pool at School House Park is inadequate in size and condition and is limited in use, depending on the season and weather. It should be replaced, because it does not serve the needs of the community.

- the population hub and most economical site for a center is the recreation area behind the schools at Hill Road and White Mountain Drive, because there is existing parking, adjacent tennis courts, and playing fields

- this would be a non-profit center, owned and operated by an agency formed jointly by the two communities

- construction and maintenance money would come from federal and state agencies, grants, donations and minimal dues from community members, although no resident of either community would be denied membership because of an inability to pay

Although no money was secured the first time the request was presented to the state Legislature, State Rep. Dub Williams (R-NM), "has promised to submit it once again during the next legislative session," she said. "Other members of the Legislature have indicated they are in favor and Gov. Bill Richardson has said he will support our efforts."

Task force members are aware of the effort of the Ruidoso United Methodist Church congregation to build a teen center on church land and they applaud the project, Schiffman said.

"At this time, due to the process required by the state, we are only looking for \$45,000 to develop an architectural design and construction plan."

Once plans based on a general design introduced to the community in 2000 are approved by the joint agency created by the two councils, the search for building money can begin in earnest, she said.

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The teen center could be serving the needs of young people while the process of putting together the community center for all ages progresses, she said.

The task force updated Ruidoso Downs city councilors Monday. Members welcome public input and suggestions.

Meetings of the task force are open to the public, she said. The meetings are announced in the newspaper and conducted only when specific items must be considered.

Ray Albom, a member of the United Methodist Church, clarified the work being done by that group toward creation of a youth center. But he stressed, "This is not just for Methodists. It's for everyone in the community."

He said in May, the congregation met and unanimously decided to move forward on the project. In June, members conferred with all local financial institutions and in July, they drew up a job description for a youth director.

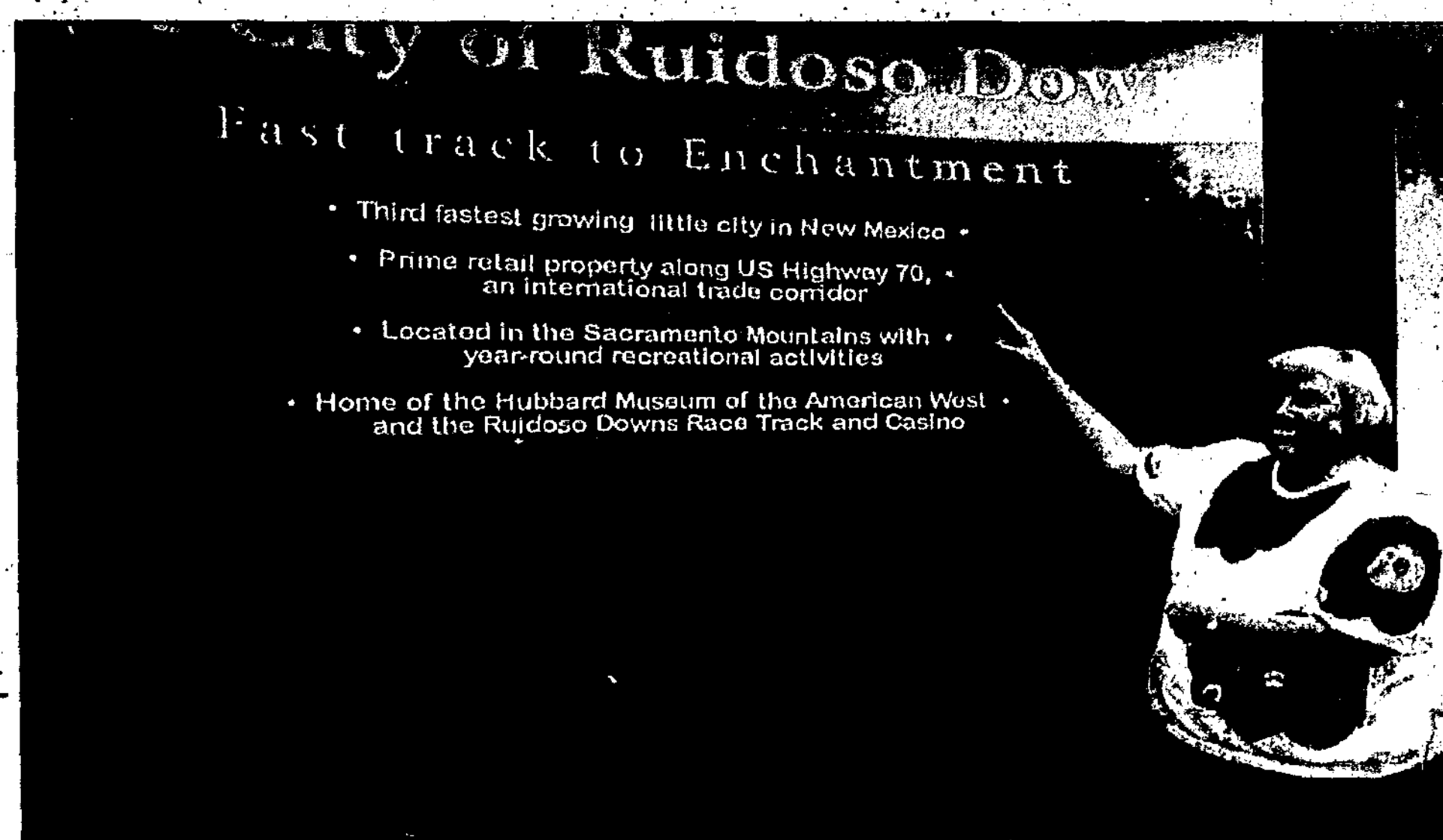
It's important the director be firm and handle discipline, but the center also must offer young people an enjoyable experience through dances and bands. The center will include a stage, he said.

They currently are accepting bids on the construction project and after Aug. 23, will award the contract, Albom said.

The cost of the package is estimated at \$500,000 and to date members have collected pledges of \$365,305 to be paid over a three-year period. About \$125,000 sits in an account drawing interest, he said.

"We will not conflict with the other group," he said. The center will be aimed for middle school students through high school, and offer latchkey programs for children who otherwise would be at home alone after school.

# Downs attorney challenges community to equip All American Park



Ruidoso Downs Councilor Sue Garrett shows off the city's new recruiting board, Fast track to enchantment, designed to help spur economic development in the city. The portable panels were unveiled at a city council meeting Monday.

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Ruidoso Downs City Attorney Dan Bryant wants to see the skate center at All American Park ready for tournament time in September. To that end, his law office will donate the purchase cost of one picnic bench.

"And I challenge other businesses in the community to help us with the Park and Recreation Department's wish list," he said.

Bryant was responding to a request for upgrades to the park presented by P&R Chairwoman Bonnie Richardson in a meeting of the city council held Monday. Richardson said that immediate details need attending to, as well as a series of phased-in upgrades.

"We are putting together our third annual Skate Park Competition and need to improve our facilities. We are asking the council for two picnic tables with seating, four park benches, and four bleachers," she said.

Richardson also said her committee will need \$500 in which to construct a horseshoe

pit and to build and erect a sign marking the area "Crown of the Downs Skate Park."

While Richardson's request waits to be placed on a future council agenda for action, Judy Miller, city councilor, offered that she would meet Bryant's gift to All American Park with a personal contribution and encouraged others to do so.

"I'd like to see the entire council chip in from their monthly payments," she said. "At least, that is what I will do."

A skate center at All American Park in Ruidoso Downs was installed in Aug. 2004. It is located on Highway 70 directly across from City Hall.

The annual Skate Park Competition draws more than 200 participants from throughout the state. The 2006 tournament is scheduled for Sept. 23.

In other business, councilors:

- sat through an unveiling of the city's new graphic panel which will be used in the recruitment of new business, industry, meetings and conventions to the city.

"This is very portable and

will be used to further our economic development goals, but also, used by the chamber throughout the year," John Waters, city manager, said during the presentation.

The graphic panel, bearing a price tag of \$1,992.50, was paid for with monies awarded by the New Mexico Department of Economic Development when the city earned Certified Community Status.

• heard a report from Ruidoso resident Sandy Schiffman on her task force's continuing effort to create a family recreation center for the city and its neighbor Ruidoso. Schiffman said about \$45,000 is needed now with which planners will commission architects to draft a design concept.

"We are aware that the Ruidoso United Methodist Church is planning on opening a youth center but that will not take the place of a multi-purpose family community center," she said.

• recognized Shane Casler as Ruidoso Downs employee of the month

• approved Mayor Bob Miller and Mayor Pro Tem Sue Garrett as voting delegate and

alternate delegate at the 2006 New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference in Taos

• approved the hiring of Annette Wallace as Finance Clerk I.

Wallace previously worked for the city as secretary of finance and administration

• approved Michelle Lopez and Irene Chavez as Communication Detention Officers for the Department of Public Safety

• approved James Urban and James Minter as new recruits to the Ruidoso Downs Department of Public Safety

• approved the hiring of Jim

Kofakis as Fundraising and Special Events Coordinator for the Hubbard Museum of the American West

• approved the appointment of Liz Minyard Lokey as a

member of the board of the Hubbard Museum of the American West

• approved the appointment of Jimmy Romero to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

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### OUR OPINION

## Is there not a better diversion system?

Despite rains, Grindstone levels still at Phase 5

It would be easy to second-guess the Village of Ruidoso's Water-Wastewater Department for what appears to be a belated response to diversion efforts from the Rio Ruidoso into the city's main reservoir, Grindstone Lake.

A series of heavy rains has at times sent torrents of water through the pipeline, as much as 10 cubic feet per second. Yet with all that water came brush and debris that clogged the gate to the diversion pipe, reducing the flow and squandering potential water resources.

At issue is whether a filter could have prevented or minimized the log jam. Ken Mosley, director of Water-Wastewater Management, maintains

that a filter or screen, too, could become clogged, resulting in the same reduced flows.

Others take the Village to task for not at least trying a filtering system, and for not applying in advance for an Army Corps of Engineers permit to install same.

We feel city crews performed admirably in clearing debris. We also wonder why some sort of filtering system has not been investigated.

Cost estimates vary, but residents expect Village employees and experts in the field to provide the optimum return on rainfall diversion — especially during an epic monsoon season that has yet to raise Grindstone water tables above Phase 5 conservation triggers.

## Public 'servants' fly high at taxpayer expense

The always reliable "everyone does it" as an excuse for conduct everyone should not be doing has a new cousin. Comes now the cop-out "it's nothing new."

"Everyone does it," coupled with "it's nothing new," gives tacit approval to all sorts of nefarious behavior. For example, it would certainly seem to give sex in the Oval Office a leg up, so to speak.

"It's nothing new" has probably been around for ages, but it first jumped out at me like a Snickers Bar in a jar of red M & Ms when

Congresswoman Heather Wilson's campaign

spokeswoman Anne Ekern got it exposure above the fold on the *Albuquerque Journal* page one. The issue Ms. Ekern was discussing was political jet travel. New Mexico citizens were already too well aware that, unlike the rest of us who have to take our shoes off, stand in line and feel guilty because we are holding a bottle of Dasani, our leaders want to get to 30,000 feet quickly and they want to get there comfortably, damn the cost.

My guess is Governor Bill Richardson never waited in a security line, even as a child. Certainly he found a way to talk his way around it. I'll bet when the neighborhood lads played "airport," Bill was the only kid on the block whose tiny airport had a tiny tarmac on which set a tiny toy corporate jet with three tiny Lincoln Navigators awaiting his bidding.

Heather's spokeslady, though, wasn't talking about Bill Richardson. She was addressing the flap over a visit to Albuquerque by President George Bush to attend a fundraiser on the congresswoman's behalf. Heather is being challenged for her congressional seat by Attorney General Patricia Madrid in a race that threatens only a little more bloodshed than Frazier vs. Ali.

President Bush comes swooping into Albuquerque on Air Force One. Here's the deal. It

cost the federal government more than \$56,000 an hour to operate the presidential aircraft. You can calculate on your own the total cost of the President's trip and your proportionate taxpayer share. Perhaps you might ask a tax accountant if your portion might be deducted as a donation to Heather's campaign.

Under the rules, apparently, the campaign whose cause is promoted by the presidential visit must pay the federal government what the *Journal* calls "the equivalent of a handful of airline tickets."

Here, though, is the most important part of the story. The Wilson press rep said the campaign paid what it properly owed "and stressed the travel reimbursement arrangement is nothing new."

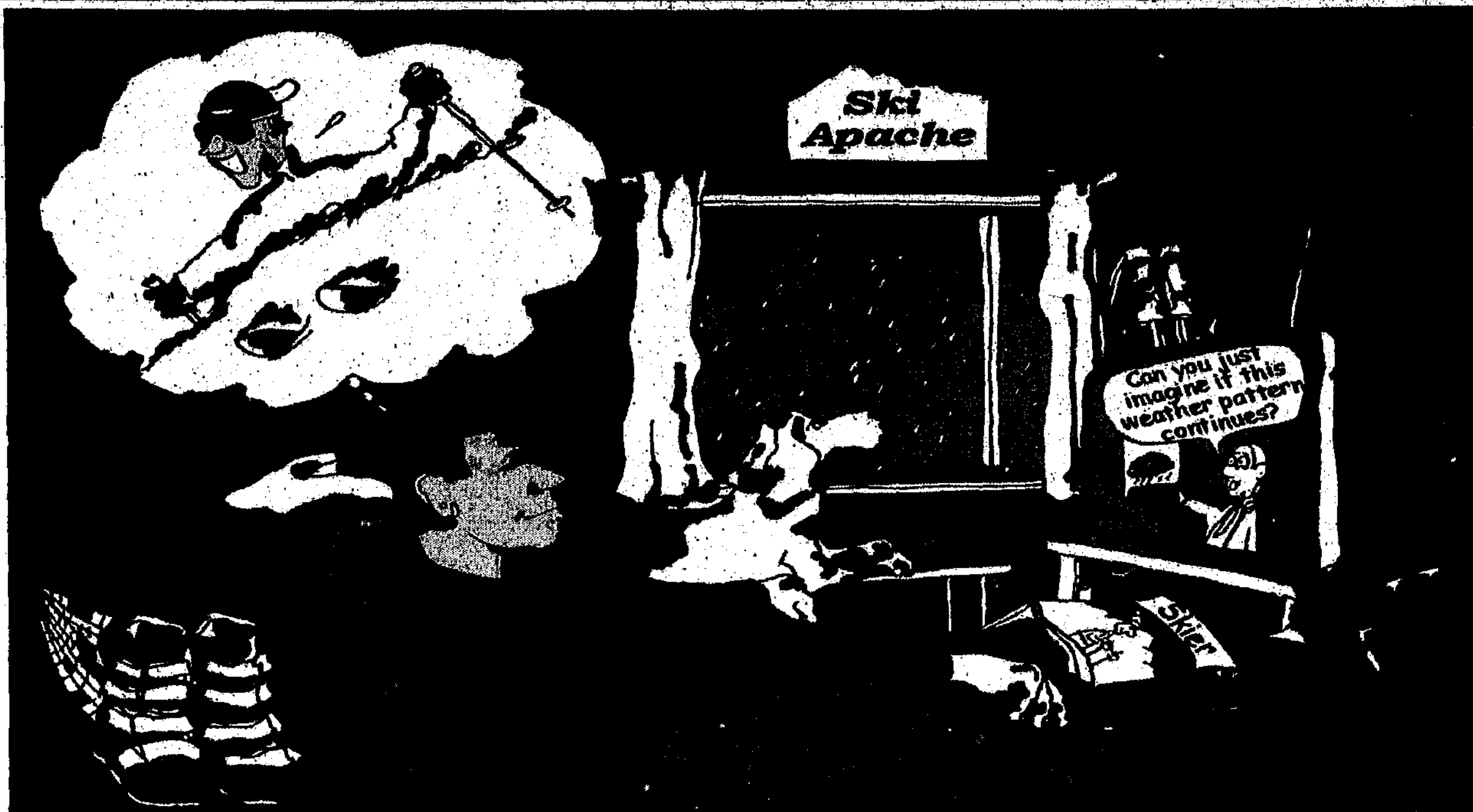
Well, then, okay. "The Bush administration is following the precedent set by previous administrations, including the Clinton administration, in covering a number of costs related to political visits," she said.

See how it works? Everyone does it. It's nothing new.

By such logic, one would assume, it is perfectly understandable that some of our state officials have accepted as their role model Republican Albert B. Fall who was New Mexico's U.S. Senator in 1912 and who convinced President Harding in 1921 to appoint him U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Fall engineered the Teapot Dome Scandal and eventually went to jail.

Not to suggest here politicians should go to jail for flying high at taxpayer expense. One does wonder, however, if it might have been cheaper for the taxpayers to pay directly to Wilson's campaign the \$375,000 the Bush visit raised. That way the President could have stayed home. And worked.

NED CANTWELL - ncantwell@charter.net - can be found in B33 coach trying to get his shoes back on



### YOUR OPINION

## Village was ill prepared for Grindstone diversion

To the editor:

AFTER READING SEVERAL articles and letters concerning the recent heavy rains and the plugged up diversion pipe at Grindstone Lake I felt I had to respond. I have owned a residence in Ruidoso for over 30 years and have spent six months a year there since retiring in 1999. I am again amazed by the lack of planning by [current] and past city officials.

According to reports in your paper the intake pipe from the river to Grindstone Lake was clogged with brush and debris allowing only a fraction of the water permitted to flow into the lake. There was talk of a screen of sorts to alleviate this problem.

This should have been foreseen years ago. If it takes an Army Corps of Engineers permit, apply! It may not rain again all summer but it will again some year, or [there] may be a heavy snow pack melt.

If the current city officials have not already begun an accelerated permit application, why not?

It's a shame due to poor planning and a lack of a proactive stance on water issues that this summer we had countless acre feet of water flow into the Gulf of Mexico rather than our primary water supply.

John Moore  
Coppell, Texas/Ruidoso

### The utility police

To the editor:

MY EYES ROLLED WHEN I read the letter in the Aug. 4 *News* suggesting regulations for new construction and existing properties being sold mandating which appliances to buy, what to plant in the yard, and how to flush the toilet.

All this in the cause of water conservation and "sustainable development" — a seductive phrase that means the self-anointed enlightened ones tell everybody else how to live.

In a free society, this is inappropriate and unneeded. When market forces are allowed to work, there is no such thing as a shortage, only a market-clearing price where supply equals demand. With the price of water at 2/10 cent per gallon as it is in Ruidoso, there is no incentive to conserve.

Indeed, we could run out of cheap water. But as the price rises to accurately reflect value and replacement cost, people will act in their own self interest to minimize use. Major users, such as golf courses and car washes, will seek out water collection and recycling systems on their own when it becomes profitable to do so.

Why don't we all just mind our own business, use water responsibly, trust that most other people are doing the same, and let the "invisible hand" of the free market do what it always has, allocate resources efficiently.

If forced to choose, I would pick a water shortage over intrusive government and lifestyle police.

Ann Lohrey  
Ruidoso

### Drawing the line

To the editor:

AS A COMMUNITY, WE ARE fed up with abuser's excuses. We are ashamed that we have turned a "blind eye" to the black eye of our neighbor. We shiver with shame knowing we chose to do nothing when we looked into the eyes of a child cringing in the presence of his abuser.

Lincoln County has had enough! The residents and businesses of our fine county have united. They have rallied together to support the county's first domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs called the Nest.

As you know, the Nest is offering an Adopt-A-Room project at the shelter. Since last month alone, a local church and seven residents of our community have stepped forward with their financial support of this project.

It is with heartfelt gratitude we acknowledge and thank the Angus Church of the Nazarene, Chuck and Nancy Harrison, Robert & Doyleen Pace, Jamie Slack, Karen Pote & Kathy Perreault for joining our vision of providing a safe haven for women and children victims of family violence.

My mother used to say "Unless we are prepared to 'draw the line' we should stop pretending that the line even exists."

Thank you, Lincoln County, for drawing the line against domestic violence.

Coleen Widell  
Executive Director  
Help End Abuse for Life, Inc.  
Ruidoso Downs

### Let's have coffee

To the editor:

YOUR ARTICLE TITLED Downtown Capitan Comes Alive made me think of the days when Ruidoso was the "little town" with the perfect quaint shops and restaurants.

But, I have to make note of a large mistake made by the writer of this article. There are other places in Capitan that have made noted efforts and are well worth the drive over.

One place in particular is Buffalo Gal Coffee. If you have ever wanted the feeling of being at home while not at home, then this is the place to be. This is their third shop.

They have two shops in Ruidoso and chose to expand to accommodate the Capitan folks with their small town hospitality. That makes me feel that Capitan is a very lucky community to have such a place.

It really bothers me that the *Ruidoso News* did not feel that Buffalo Gal Coffee or the other great shops tucked away around the Capitan area were worth the same notoriety as the places listed. This article was not part of the Opinion page of the newspaper. This was an actual article written by someone at the *Ruidoso News*.

I would ask the *Ruidoso News* and whoever wrote the unnamed article that if you have an opinion, great! But if you

are doing a story on a town that is strongly made up of the charisma of the people and businesses of this town, then maybe you should make a point of showing off all of the highlights of this community and not just the ones that pique your interest.

Stacy Byington  
Ruidoso/Capitan

Editor's note: The "article" in question was indeed part of the Opinion page. It was an editorial of Aug. 4 under the heading *Our Opinion*. It sought to recognize recent and planned renovation efforts that have changed the look in downtown Capitan. This would not be applicable to numerous businesses in town.

### Lions roar in Capitan

To the editor:

IT HAS FINALLY HAPPENED. The Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club received (Aug. 10) the keys to the old fire station building.

A large number of Lions went right to work on Aug. 11. The Veteran's Garden has been spruced up. Inside the building, years-old dust, dirt and stuff is being gone through.

Some items will be kept for use in the Community/Youth Center. Lots of other things will be tossed.

I cannot tell you how excited the Lions are about this new project! We must start at the top — we thought we had the roof repaired, but it still leaks, so onto the roof we'll go. The front offices need some work. Aw, heck! Everything needs work.

If any of the people in Capitan see that we're working, please stop, visit with us. Ask us about our plans. Volunteer a bit with us. This will be the community's center.

Thanks!

Kitty Callender  
Ruidoso

### LETTERS POLICY

The *Ruidoso News* encourages letters to the editor, especially about local topics and issues. Each letter must be signed and must include the writer's daytime telephone number and mail address. The phone number and mailing address will not be printed; the hometown will be. The telephone number will be used to verify authorship. No letter will be printed without the writer's name.

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# Been there, done that on growth: Put development proposals to voters

To the editor:

I HAVE HEARD SO MUCH lately about the development going on in town, I felt compelled to write down some of my experiences with big developers in small resort communities.

In 1988 I bought a 2-bedroom home in the coastal city of Port Hueneme, California. There was a healthy real estate market going on at the time and the city was very pro growth. Big developers came in and began to construct lots of new homes for new potential buyers.

It was happening all over Southern California. By the time most of those homes were completed the market boom had ended and interest rates were rising.

As a result, hundreds of homes were on the market and no one was buying.

Ultimately the majority of these homes were foreclosed on or put up for sale at a fraction of their original price. The local housing market was devastated.

My home which was two blocks from the marina and two more blocks to one of the nicest ocean beaches in the area.

I bought that house for \$159,000. It languished on the market five years later at \$120,000. Any buyers that were even looking had brand new homes at the same price to choose from.

I was forced to rent the house for an additional six years before the market recovered enough to sell at \$150,000. We lost equity value, and some of the last, best undeveloped lots to outside interests.

The sad part is these developers came in from out of town, imported their own construction crews (sound familiar?), and got access to prime

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locations without having to give any considerations to the local population. It took 10 years for that town to completely recover.

I now live in Ventura, just up the coast. It also experienced the same problem with outside developers.

In the aftermath of the crash, the citizens got together and passed an amendment placing all large real-estate developments within the city limits as propositions on the local elec-

tion ballots.

Two things have happened as a result:

- We stopped a large development of homes that would be in completion about now, as we enter our eighth straight month of decline in the real-estate market, not to mention climbing interest rates and record gas prices. Local homeowners who are selling in a soft market aren't further hampered by hundreds of empty homes diluting

the real-estate values.

- When projects have passed on the ballot, the citizenry has received compensation for their resources in the form of hiring local crews, bonds for schools, parks and greenbelts for the public.

In other words if you use our resources, you must do so responsibly, and leave a little something for the locals being affected. A simple idea that works very well.

"When projects have passed on the ballot, the citizenry has received compensation for their resources in the form of hiring local crews, bonds for schools, parks and greenbelts for the public."

It allows the people who pay the taxes to have a say in the future of their town, and be compensated for the loss of local resources.

My family and I have come to Ruidoso for years. It's a very special place. You as citizens of that great town have a unique opportunity to control what happens to your homes and your future in some very uncertain times.

An opportunity lost might never be regained. If someone wants to buy a home in Ruidoso, there are many wonderful homes to choose from. Brings money into town, and jobs for the people that live there.

Craig Tyler  
Ventura, Calif.

WALTER RUBEL THE SANTA FE TRAIL

## State squanders money on incentive program

SANTA FE - Nobility sometimes has a cost, and in this case the price tag is somewhere between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

That's how much New Mexico will send to some city or private business elsewhere in the country because they did a better job of reducing greenhouse gas emissions than we did, according to a recent Associated Press story.

It's all part of our new membership in the Chicago Climate Exchange. New Mexico is the first state to join the Exchange, and I'm not sure if that makes us a leader or a patsy.

Every member vows to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 4 percent during their first year in the program. For New Mexico, that meant a reduction of 11,000 metric tons.

The state was able to reduce emissions by making government buildings more efficient and through the purchase of renewable energy.

But, the 2,000 metric tons we were able to document fell far short of the 11,000 metric tons we were mandated to reduce.

This being America, however, there are few problems that can't be solved with money. The Exchange allows members who fall short of their goal to purchase credits from other members who have exceeded their goal.

And so, the state will be writing a check for which its residents will derive absolutely no benefit.

The intent is obviously to provide the stick portion of the carrot-and-stick motivation necessary to make the required reductions. Still, I can't help but think that money could be better spent on energy-conservation projects here.

I realize \$30,000 to \$50,000 is a relatively small drop in a \$5.1 billion state budget. But, let's not forget that Gov. Bill Richardson slashed hundreds of small projects from the budget when he made \$268 million in cuts before signing it.

Every legislator in the state could find good use for that money if given the opportunity.

Richardson, who served as U.S. Energy Secretary before running for governor, has pushed hard to make New

Mexico a leader in renewable energy.

Last week he named Charryl Berger, the former director for energy and environmental initiatives at Los Alamos National Laboratory, to serve as his energy advisor.

The Legislature has passed bills in the last four years to mandate that a percentage of energy produced in the state be from renewable sources, to provide funding for energy-efficiency projects in public buildings and to increase public transportation.

Maybe we could and should do more. But, giving away state taxpayers' money because we didn't hit a target set in Chicago just doesn't seem prudent.

"New Mexico is the first state to join the Chicago Climate Exchange, and I'm not sure if that makes us a leader or a patsy."

WALTER RUBEL has been a newsmen for 25 years and the Santa Fe bureau chief since 2003. He can be reached at wrubel@lcsun-news.com

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# EDUCATION

## Ruidoso schools kick off 2006-07 year

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Faculty and staff of the Ruidoso Municipal School District were greeted Monday by blaring brass and percussion instruments; cheerleaders and goal setters during a back-to-school pep rally staged at the high school cafeteria.

The gathering included some 250 teachers, administrators and support personnel who met on core objectives before reporting to their various school sites. Students, grades 1-12, are to begin the 2006-07 school year tomorrow, Aug. 17, while Nob Hill Early Childhood Center opens Monday for kindergartners.

"This is a new beginning, a fresh new year with a new superintendent, a number of new principals, and new staff," an enthused Frank Sayner, school board president, said in his opening remarks. "We are excited about the changes and look forward to a year of accomplishment and accountability."

Sayner used the kickoff to announce that the Ruidoso Municipal School District was named last week one of eight districts in the state who provide "exemplary service to parents."

Only 16 percent of the nation's 15,573 public school districts have been recognized for meeting the needs of families choosing schools. Other districts in the state that are to receive a "What Parents Want" award from the consulting firm SchoolMatch are Cloudcroft, Farmington, Las Cruces, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Taos.

Public Education Secretary Veronica Garcia, quoted by Sayner, said, "The teachers and administrators at each of these schools have consistently raised the bar, expected more and their students have risen to the challenge. These districts demonstrate that whether big or small, every school district has the ability to provide outstanding customer service."

On a more individual scale, Sayner said those

"who know at the end of the day that they have made a positive difference in the life of a child can be proud."

Dr. Paul Wirth, superintendent of schools, said that while exemplary service status is great news for the district, which also has met 126 of 134 data points set in Annual Yearly Progress guidelines, "Not all that counts can be counted."

"My challenge to you is 'Just do it.' We must learn from our experiences each day, adjust, and be a bit better the next day," he said of activity and mindset necessary to achieving goals.

Wirth said this year, the district's Educational Plan For Student Success target areas are "Caring for self and others; reading, writing and math."

Goals include maintaining a safe, clean, healthy, respectful and professional environment; development of a 7-year district math plan; expansion of reading literacy initiatives; development and promotion of a culture where all students are valued; and the expansion of professional development opportunities and collaboration.

Of staffing changes in key positions, Sayner noted that Dave Bishop, former principal at White Mountain Intermediate School, will replace Phil Parks at Sierra Vista. Filling Bishop's former spot at WMI will be Stanley Lyons, from California, while Dr. Bea Etta Harris, formerly with Albuquerque Public Schools, has been tapped to replace Brenda Hawthorne at Nob Hill this year. In addition, Jerrett Perry, a former coach, will replace Jane Thompson as assistant principal at RHS while Shirley Crawford, formerly with the Cloudcroft school district, has been named principal of RHS.

Teachers who merited recognition by the board at the rally for their years of service are: Dean Hood, 30 years; Beth Powers, 25 years; Linda Currin, Judy Miller, 20 years; Barbara Avalos, Joe Avalos, Gina Bassett, Kevin Clawson, Jan Holleman, Joan Howland, Mark Kashmar, Stephanie Lewicki, Patsy Page, Debra



DEANNA CHENEY/STAFF

Ruidoso High School cheerleaders and drill team members lead RMSD faculty and staff through the Warrior Fight Song Monday during a back to school rally. Pictured behind the podium, to the right, is District Superintendent Dr. Paul Wirth and, to the left, Frank Sayner, president of the school board.

Pritchett, Guadalupe Stewart, Carolyn Stover, Yelena Temple, Tammy Torres, Romona Urban, 15 years; Martha Allen, Lisa Brillante, Danny Flores, Daniel Gutierrez, Brigid Herrera, Sonia Nocella, Misty Nunez, Jerrett Perry, Michelle Perry, Sigurd Schmitz, Henry Sutton, Irene

Sutton, Jess yaksich, 10 years; Charla Bishop, Dave Bishop, Gretchen Chase, Sheila Davis, Marin Goza, Joseph Heiser, Barry Lucy, Norma Montes, Marilyn Orr, Stacy Smith, Wanda Taylor, Jessica Trujillo, and Rosana Valdez, 5 years.

### EDUCATION NEWS

#### Day of Play

Children who reside in Lincoln County are invited to attend a community-wide Day of Play, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19, at Kids Connection Park (behind White Mountain School). Activities include a nationally-recognized Punt-Pass & Kick contest, games, remote control cars, face painting, live music, food and prizes. An appearance by Smokey the Bear also is expected.

Sponsors include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Ruidoso News, KBUY AM 1360, Pine Top Car Club.

We will have a live radio broadcast taking place from the Kids Connection Park, a live band from 1-4 p.m. and fun all day long. Youth participants must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call Deborah Abingdon at 258-4185

#### Immunizations

The New Mexico Department of Health's Ruidoso Pub-

lic Health Office will hold a Shots for Tots to Teens immunization clinic 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Aug. 18, at 103 Kansas City Rd.

Immunizations will help protect children from diseases like measles, polio and whooping cough.

#### School supply drive

Ruidoso Schools, together with the New Mexico Public Education Department and KOAT-TV, is encouraging area residents to donate school supplies to children in need in the 2006-07 school year. The donation of items such as pencils, crayons, markers, paper, glue, scissors, erasers, spiral notebooks, rulers, tissue paper, binders, dividers and folders can be dropped off at Ruidoso Kentucky Fried Chicken or to school administration offices at 200 Horton Circle. For more information contact Patty White, associate superintendent of Ruidoso Schools, at 257-4051.

#### School year begins

The 2006-07 public school

year in Lincoln County begins on the following dates, by district: Hondo, Aug. 16; Capitán, Aug. 21 for high school and middle school students and Aug. 23 for elementary school students; Corona Aug. 15; Carrizozo Aug. 17 for grades 6-12 and Aug. 24 for grades K-5; and Mescalero Aug. 14.

In Ruidoso, schools open on the following dates and times: Nob Hill Early Childhood Center Aug. 21, beginning at 8:20 a.m.; Sierra Vista Primary School Aug. 17, beginning at 8 a.m.; White Mountain Elementary School Aug. 17, beginning at 8 a.m.; Ruidoso Middle School Aug. 17, beginning at 8:06 a.m., and Ruidoso High School Aug. 17, beginning at 7:55 a.m.

#### Schools enrolling

Private schools in Ruidoso are preparing for the new school year.

The Starlite Montessori School, established in Ruidoso in 1984, begins its school year Aug. 14 for children ages 3-5.

An open house for prospective students and their families is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12.

The school is located at 104 Virginia Canyon Rd. For more information call 257-6839.

Sierra Blanca Christian Academy begins its 2006-07 year Aug. 12 for grades K through 6. The school, currently accepting registrations, is located on the lower level of First Baptist Church of Ruidoso, 270 Country Club Dr. For more information call 630-0144.

#### Red hot award

The New Mexico Dietetic Association awarded Dr. Kristine Meurer, the Director of the School and Family Support Bureau, their Red Hot Chile Pepper Award. The award recognizes Dr. Meurer for her support and expertise in the creation of the Wellness Policy, Nutrition and Wellness Rules and Standards of Excellence for Health Education and Physical Education.

Christine Calvin of the New Mexico Dietetic Association

stated, "Your work will have a positive impact on the health and nutritional status of students—with this award we recognize the key role you have played in improving the health of many New Mexicans statewide."

Secretary Veronica C. Garcia said, "When parents and teachers work together with students to help reach health and fitness goals, students not only get healthier, but test scores also improve."

For more information on the Nutrition and Wellness Rules and Standards of Excellence, visit the PED Website at [www.ped.state.nm.us](http://www.ped.state.nm.us).

#### ENMU registration

Registration for the fall term at ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Dr., is underway. Courses begin August 28 and are offered on campus and throughout the Lincoln County area, online and via instructional TV.

The Fall 2006 schedule is available online at [www.ruidoso.enmu.edu](http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu). A copy also will be available in the Vamonos

section of the Ruidoso News mid-August and in September. Currently enrolled students can register via 'online services' at [www.ruidoso.enmu.edu](http://www.ruidoso.enmu.edu). Those not admitted should contact Student Services at 505-257-2120 or 1-800-934-3668, ext. 7822.

Registration also is underway for the Fall 2006 Community Education classes. The non-credit classes begin after Sept. 9 offering flexible, short-term education for self-enrichment and lifelong learning.

Pre-registration and payments for Community Education classes must be done at offices located inside the Lincoln County Works Center located inside State National Bank at 707 Mechem Dr.

For more information call 630-8181.

#### Lunch menus

Parents of school aged children attending public schools in Ruidoso, can view a weekly posting of school lunch menus on the Internet at: [www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us.com](http://www.ruidoso.k12.nm.us.com).

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## College seeks \$1.2 million in bond election

ALBUQUERQUE — Few will deny the importance of education, and on November 7, 2006, every voter in Lincoln County will be given the opportunity to make a positive difference for the state's universities and colleges. Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso is slated to receive \$1,250,000 under the General Obligation Bond for Education, also known as Bond B.

The bond issue is placed on the ballot by the New Mexico State Legislature every two years. The 2006 cycle proposes allocating nearly \$118 million for capital improvements to New Mexico Higher Education Institutions and Constitutional Special Schools.

"Passage of this statewide General Obligation Bond issue is vitally important to the future growth of the ENMU-Ruidoso campus. Better educa-

tional facilities provide greater possibilities for students wishing to pursue new careers, learn new skills, and enhance the overall standard of living throughout Lincoln County," said Michael Elrod, Provost of the ENMU-Ruidoso campus.

"No one debates the importance of education," reflected former New Mexico Governor Garrey Carruthers, honorary state-wide chair of the 2006 G.O. Bond for Education Campaign Committee.

"On November seventh, I encourage every voting New Mexican to support Bond B because better education means a better tomorrow for everyone. We all lose if education doesn't win."

Capital improvements slated for the ENMU-Ruidoso campus includes expansion of the Ruidoso facilities:

- addition of a Construction

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- a Biology and Chemistry Science Laboratory
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- expanded Student Services, Faculty, and Administrative Offices

The general obligation bond is funded by property taxes collected by The State of New Mexico. The cost will equal approximately \$32 per thousand dollars of the taxable value of property-down from \$34 during the 2002 bond cycle. For example, citizens will pay \$10.17 per year on property with an assessed value of \$100,000.

The 2006 G.O. Bond for Education Campaign Committee is a consortium of representatives from New Mexico institutions of higher education, Dr. Mike Elrod, provost of ENMU-

**"The overarching mission of ENMU-Ruidoso is to enhance the lives of our students and the communities we serve now and into the future."**

Dr. Mike Elrod  
Provost, ENMU-Ruidoso

Ruidoso said. The Committee's primary objective is to advocate, through a statewide public education campaign, for the passage of Bond B and continued funding of capital improvements at New Mexico schools.

"The overarching mission of ENMU-Ruidoso is to enhance the lives of our students and the communities we serve, now and into the future," said Elrod.

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## Education system placed on 'mandatory oversight'

SANTA FE — Not only have most of the state's schools failed to make federal standards this year under the No Child Left Behind Act, but the test itself has come under challenge.

The U.S. Department of Education notified the state in May and again in June that its testing system had been classified as "Approval Pending" and that the state itself had been placed under "Mandatory Oversight," according to a report presented Tuesday at the Legislative Education Study Committee.

The primary area of concern for the federal evaluators involves alternate tests given to Spanish-language speakers and special education students. Don Watson, assistant secretary for Assessment and Accountability, said New Mexico was one of 35 states to be designated as Approval Pending.

"We have a few steps to com-

plete to be in full compliance," Watson told legislators.

He said other states have already lost federal money or are in the process of losing federal money, while New Mexico expects to be in full compliance by the end of the year.

The federal government wouldn't completely withhold the money, but would send it directly to the school districts instead of to the state, explained Sam Ornales, director of the state's Title I program.

A peer review of New Mexico's test found two "significant items," Watson said. States with three or more lost money immediately.

Watson said the alternate tests must have the same "technical quality and rigor," to the greatest degree possible, as the regular test. He said they have contracted for a new test.

The second item involved validation of the translation of

the math test into Spanish.

Watson said the state's plan for addressing the items has already been accepted, and most of the evidence required has been submitted. The alternate test will still have to be reviewed, he said.

With federal and state money combined, the Education Department will have more than \$12.6 million in the upcoming school year to assist schools in need of improvement, according to the LESC report.

Schools that fail to make adequate yearly progress — the federal benchmark on tests — for two years in a row and are designated in one of five levels. The number of schools on that list climbed by 113 this year, with 123 new schools coming on and only 10 dropping off.

Sally Wilkinson, program manager for the Priority School Bureau, said there were 108 schools that did not meet AYP

in reading, math or both in every subgroup. She said they have been identified as "priority schools" and will receive the most intensive level of assistance and oversight.

Schools in the two lowest of the five levels must prepare an Alternative Governance Contingency Plan by November, which could include such steps as replacing all or most of the staff, contracting with an outside organization to run the school or turning over control to the state.

Wilkinson said they are trying to work with the districts.

"We're not going in with a big stick, saying 'It just has to be this way,'" she said.

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Dr. Arlene Brown, MD, of Ruidoso Family Medical Group, left, together with Clarissa Gonzales, director of marketing at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center Roswell, present a financial gift to the construction of a new community youth center to Jim Wood, CUMC fund-raising coordinator, corporations, and Rev. Ed Barlow, pastor of Community United Methodist Church

The Community United Methodist Church of Ruidoso, has launched a \$500,000 fund-raising drive to build a long-awaited community youth center and "Warehouse." The 6,200 square-foot facility will provide evening, weekend and after-school opportunities for community youth enrolled in the sixth grade and above.

The Ruidoso Family Medical Group of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center recently donated \$2,500 of their community outreach funds to assist with the construction of this facility to help local youth. The Ruidoso Family Medical Group includes Arlene Brown, MD; Walter "Ray" Seidel, MD; Homer Renteria, MD; and Marilyn Nishitani, CNP.

Questions concerning the "Community Youth Center/Warehouse Project" may be directed to Rev. Ed Barlow at 257-4170, or emailed to [cumcrui@valornet.com](mailto:cumcrui@valornet.com). Donations for construction of the youth center may be made to the Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Road, Ruidoso, NM 88345. The Community United Methodist Church expects to start construction of the "Community Youth Center Warehouse Project" in the fall of 2006.

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## STEWART

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basis.

"(They) questioned the Division of Finance and Administration on the selection of a contractor for the Comprehensive Plan without my knowledge, caused me to write a letter of apology for their conduct, and my relationship with them has led to Mr. (Jerry) Carroll calling me a 'bureaucratic obstructionist,'" Stewart told commissioners. "When it comes to their rudderless activities, I am proudly guilty of that title. The committee wanted to carbon copy me on letters they were going to write to various agencies. I told them in no uncertain terms that if a letter didn't go out under my signature, it wouldn't

go out at all. I have attempted to keep this committee from embarrassing this county and I believe my actions in this regard to be justified."

He went on to offer, with regret, at the September commission meeting to submit his resignation for a vote.

"If you decide to accept it, I would recommend that it be effective with your hiring of a new manager. Assuming that you want me to, I will remain for a suitable overlap with my replacement."

However, if commissioners reject the resignation, "I will remain and do my best to tolerate PLURAAC, but I do not work for PLURAAC and I will not tolerate their belittling of anyone, including myself," the manager said.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll, who formerly served as a PLURAAC alternate, said if

every letter must go through Stewart, issues will become stale and moot.

But speaking by telephone as he recuperates from an operation, Battin said, "I think it's critically important that we as county commissioners approve any official correspondence" that might affect policy or projects. Commissioners must be sure letters state the intent of the commission.

"I think confusion could result from correspondence not direct from the county manager as authorized by the commission," Battin said.

Carroll bristled, asking why posing a reasonable question should require prior approval and whether that is a guaranteed freedom.

Stewart and Battin spoke simultaneously, telling Carroll he's free as a private citizen to write any letter he wants, but

not as an appointed member of an advisory board to the commission.

Hobbs recalled that PLURAAC members were criticized before for how they handled "their proceedings." He thought the issue was resolved, but it's popped up again.

"Clearly, we are not accepting (Stewart's) resignation. He's one of the best managers we could ask for, even if I don't agree with him from time to time," Hobbs said, adding to Stewart, "I wish you had not made that statement, but I understand."

He defended PLURAAC as a useful tool that forces county officials and representatives of other agencies to look at issues and is vital to the county in its transition to a more semi-urban lifestyle.

"I'd like to see us all get along to use a terrible cliché,

but I don't think we are going to," he said. He asked PLURAAC members and Stewart to moderate their emotions, voices and language.

"If it takes action by this commission to call a halt to this intramural warfare, I think we should do it," Hobbs said. "I'm very disappointed this happened."

Commissioners broke for lunch, but after some public hearings in the afternoon portion of the meeting, they returned to the subject of PLURAAC. Commissioners agreed to review the county ordinances that created the planning commission and PLURAAC in public hearings next month, focusing on clarifying the roles of the boards and the chain of command.

Former PLURAAC member Robert Moeller defended Stewart's view of the situation, say-

**"Clearly, we are not accepting Stewart's resignation."**

Earl Hobbs  
County Commissioner

ing commissioners should not be looking at their manager when the problem is systemic and the manager was correct to bring it to their attention.

PLURAAC members Tony Davis and Cathie Eisen indicated that they were willing to follow the lead of commissioners in how issues should be handled.

A relatively new PLURAAC member, Eisen said she apologized to Stewart for previous problems. She said PLURAAC could be a valuable entity for the county in tackling many problems the commission will face.

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## Great Water Company's growth sparked by non-electric softeners

The Great Water Company, Inc. is a family business-based right here in Ruidoso.

Owners Lonnie and Patricia Bellon successfully encouraged their sons Michael, Brian and Jared to dive in to the business and now the five work together, selling, installing, and servicing Kinetico non-electric water conditioning equipment, including water softeners and reverse-osmosis systems. They also sell and deliver water.

Consumer's Digest magazine has rated Kinetico Systems sold by the Great Water Company as "Best Buy." Kinetico is the world's only non-electric twin-tank water softener on the market today.

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Furthermore, given the importance placed on water conservation in the Ruidoso area, it's important to note that Kinetico's softeners are not run by timers or computers, but by owner's actual water use. Hence, they don't waste water by regenerating or cleaning themselves before they exhaust their total capacity. Thus, they are much more water efficient than the typical electric water softeners. The Bellons say they are proud to offer a product to their customers from a maker that is the leader in water conservation.

The Bellons have very much enjoyed being in this business and working with Kinetico. Lonnie has attended two service training academics at Kinetico headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Their professionalism, knowledge and quality of service is what the Great Water Company hopes to extend to their customers.

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## A feast for Kathleen

Kathleen Kanseah's extended family will honor her in September

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**W**hen Kathleen Kanseah was a child in Mescalero, she lived in a tent, because 80 years ago no housing was available on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Today, she is retired from years as a nurse working at hospitals on several reservations across the country. Besides raising her own two sons, she provided a home for five other children and still lives in a house off U.S. 70, where "adopted daughter" Marciann Smith Ortiz sees her nearly every day.

Her extended family and friends are staging a two-day feast Sept. 15-16 to celebrate Kanseah's 80th birthday, and they hope that some of the people she touched at hospitals with the Chippewa in Minnesota, Crown Point in Navajo Country, in Santa Fe and while she trained in Oklahoma for her nursing profession will visit during the celebration.

Dancers will perform each evening with "tiny tot's" doing the War Dance during the day. An early morning prayer is scheduled for the first day at the feast site by the turnoff to the Mescalero High School on U.S. 70. A greasy pig will be turned loose and candy and toys thrown for the children, Ortiz said.

"We will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner for two days," she said.

Kanseah, one of those people who appear to be able to handle any crisis with calm assurance and a sense of humor, said after her father spent two years in the Army, he came back to Mescalero and her parents married. Her mother worked as a cook at the hospital and her father as a police officer.

"I ended up with four brothers," she said. "Mom and Dad raised us in tents by the Dutch Reformed Church for one or two years, then Dad built a little house."

Because their mother worked for the hospital, when government houses were constructed in the same general area, the family was able to move into one of the units, Kanseah said.

The children attended boarding school on the reservation.

"They had two buildings, one for boys and one for girls and between was a big dining room," Kanseah said. "Mother wanted us in public school, but they said no, so we went to boarding school here. But when she got the job at the hospital, they let me and my brother go to public school, which was right where the courthouse is now."

"It was a gray building for grades first through eighth. There were about 20 of us at one time."

In eighth grade, she and one of her brothers attended the Indian School in Santa Fe, she said.

"I stayed one year," but finished out her high school years at Tulare.

Kanseah entered nursing training at a school in Oklahoma, where she stayed 2 1/2 years, then transferred to another school in the same state for one more year.

Her first nursing assignment



Kathleen Kanseah sits at her dining table in her Mescalero home, where she raised her own and her adopted children.

occurred with the Chippewa in Minnesota.

"I was there two years in a hospital that looked like an old building you would see in the islands, a frame building — way up in the North, where it was cold," Kanseah said. "Three nurses lived upstairs and two stayed in the hospital. There was one janitor. It was small and looked more like it belonged in the Southwest. Where it stood, there's a big casino now."

When her father fell ill, she transferred to the hospital in Mescalero, but after his death, she left for Crown Point, where she spent a year before her mother died.

In those rural areas, hospitals were not well staffed or equipped.

"There was no modern stuff in any of the hospitals," Kanseah said. "We'd have to help the pharmacist to mix

medicine. We did everything."

She returned home one more time, put in two years at the local hospital and was transferred to the Santa Fe Indian Hospital, where she spent 12 years and where her two sons graduated from high school.

The oldest went on to attend St. Michael's College in Santa Fe, but when one of her sons became ill, the family moved back to Mescalero.

Her husband, Lee, died in the early 1970s. His father was Jasper Kanseah Sr. and he was a cousin to the late Berle Kanseah, who served numerous times on the Mescalero Tribal Council and was active in preserving tribal traditions and language.

"I raised three other boys from Oklahoma, who were relatives and Marcy and her brother," Kanseah said.

Her own children are Kennedy Kanseah and the late Danny Kanseah, the three Oklahoma boys are Ricky Gooday, Scott Pichard and Mitchell Kusuta. Marciann and her brother Allen Smith, both live in Mescalero.

After her retirement from nursing, Kanseah concentrated on raising all of the children, plus one of her grandson's two girls. She bought her four-room home from a nurse who was moving to Oklahoma.

All the children are grown and on their own, now, Kanseah said. Some times it was tough with just two small bedrooms, but they managed. The Mescalero Tribe completed some remodeling, but Kanseah said she still plans to extend the living room.

Although she's lively and appears to be in good health, Kanseah uses a mobile wheelchair when she's outside.

**"Mom and Dad raised us in tents in the Dutch Reformed Church for one or two years, and then Dad built us a little house."**

It's a bit too crowded in the house to get around, she said. She jokes about her memory, but can describe structures long ago torn down and said she looks forward to seeing old friends at the feast next month.





A crack is visible on exterior wall.

## CRACK

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noticed the problem while taking engineers around village hall to evaluate the air-conditioning unit.

"One of the engineers did an overall survey of the building and we noticed at that time it was separating. You could go outside and see the lean in the wall," Williams said Monday. "It's my understanding, they didn't put rebar or attach the

slab to the wall. The corner is cracked pretty bad. I'm told there possibly might be a plumbing problem there. The sewer line runs through there."

The windows attached to the roof put additional weight on the support beams that run through the room, he said. The wall that separates the deputy clerk's office from reception also is cracked vertically, as are some tiles in the hallway, he added.

In a report to Village Building Official Fred Knapp, Roni Booth of ABQ Engineering Inc. based in Albuquerque wrote that during an on-site visit Aug. 4, she reviewed the as-built drawings against the actual construction, checked for structural damage and came up with a recommendation for remediation.

She noted that the south-west wall is cracked and the west wall moved outward about one inch. The south wall has a bow and also could be moving and additional cracks, about one-sixteenth of an inch wide were spotted on the west wall. The curved patio wall is cracked around its perimeter, but they are small and don't go all the way through the wall. She also referenced cracks in

the men's restroom and deputy clerk's wall.

She concluded the patio wall is safe, but Village officials should ensure drains are kept unclogged and functioning. The cracks in the deputy clerk's wall cannot be fixed until moisture is prevented from reaching the foundation and the wall stabilizes, she wrote.

Additional grading work and repair of roof downspouts could cure that situation.

"The cracks at the meeting room make the room unsafe," Booth wrote. "I recommend the meeting room not be used until repairs are made. The corner crack and floor separation should be monitored weekly to determine the amount of movement. If the movement is increased by an additional one-eighth of an inch, shoring should be placed to support the roof beams immediately."

"This will not prevent the wall from moving, but will prevent the roof from collapsing. If additional movement is detected, the entire building should not be used until the shoring is in place."

She offered two options for repair and estimates on cost. A support wall could be installed on the outside of the existing wall for \$32,400 or village officials could replace the entire wall for \$46,200.

"Before repairs are made, it must be determined if water is entering the area under the floor slab," which could have contributed to the failure of the wall, Booth wrote. She concluded the foundation/retaining wall of the meeting room was not designed to retain the 6-foot of earth and the wall failed.



Aurella Portillo, second from left, and her mother watch as her children, Anthony Portillo (white shirt), 6, and George Portillo, 7, on the bicycle, wade and ride with their friend, Jose Martinez, 6, through the flooded road in the trailer park off Mechem Drive near the intersection with Sudderth Drive. Below, a newly created stream runs behind the trailer park.

## RAIN

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residents complained because flooding left roads strewn with rocks, he said. "We'll get on them as quickly as possible," he told county commissioners.

Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said he intended to drive to Carrizozo from his home in Glencoe Tuesday but Devil's Canyon was full of water and he decided not to risk it.

Commissioner Maury St. John said she diverted a flow to keep Cedar Creek Drive clear, but was dismayed that other home owners along that street stayed on their porches and watched her efforts.

"It's kind of like people don't feel like it's their individual concern," she said.

Rain continued Monday and Tuesday. Charlie Liles, chief meteorologist with the National Weather Service Office in Albuquerque, said showers are expected through the end of the week.

"I don't see anything changing conditions," he said Monday. "The plume of moisture from Mexico may shift a bit to the east, then maybe back to the west late in the week, but someone will be hammered each day."

"People are beginning to call 'uncle,' but I tell them just wait and one day in September, it will be like someone shut off the faucet."

Normal precipitation for Ruidoso in August is 4.2 inches, he said. As of Sunday, not quite the halfway mark for the month, his office received notification from monitors of 3.61 inches. The Ruidoso Fire Department's official reading for Monday was another half-inch of rain.

"Two years ago, you had a 19 inch deficit (in precipitation) to make up, but two weeks ago I checked and that's down to 13 inches," Liles said. "By the end of August, it could be 10 inches. We're seeing the drought really diminish across New Mexico, except for some places like Carlsbad, where rain has been spotty. This should help recharge in the Sacramento Mountains."

But rain is no substitute for a good winter snowpack, which allows more recharge of underground aquifers, he said. "This has been wonderful, but we need a lot of winter precipitation."

"I don't think Elephant Butte (near Truth or Consequences) ever will fill up again. It's at 15 percent of normal. Without all the rain, it probably would be at 10 percent."

As for the long-range forecast, Liles said the Southern Oscillation model indicators show a "neutral to slight warming" which translates to a "normal" to slightly wetter than normal winter.

"It's too early to say, but there could be a weak El Niño," the meteorologist said of the phenomenon that warms the waters of the Pacific, usually bringing more moisture to the Southwest.

"So you won't have a significant El Niño or any La Niña (the cooling trend that results in drier weather), which is good news," Liles said. "You had it last winter. There was such a strong and sudden cooling in the Pacific, it set the pattern for a bad (dry) winter."



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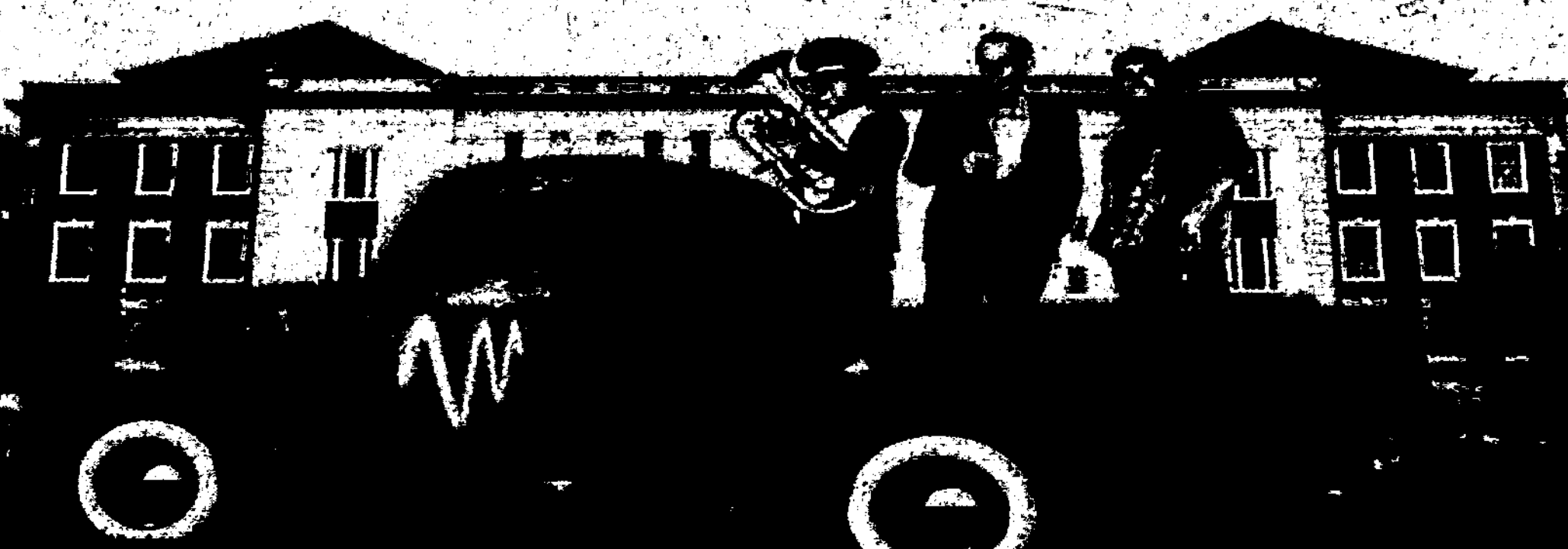
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## Weather could be biggest factor in AA trials

TODD FUQUA AND TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

The biggest story during Thursday's All American trials at Ruidoso Downs might not be the races on the track, it might just be the track itself.

The surface at Ruidoso Downs has been just as inundated with rain as anything else in the area, and the surface is showing the effects, as very few horses were working out Tuesday morning and the quarter horse run was slick with reflected water.

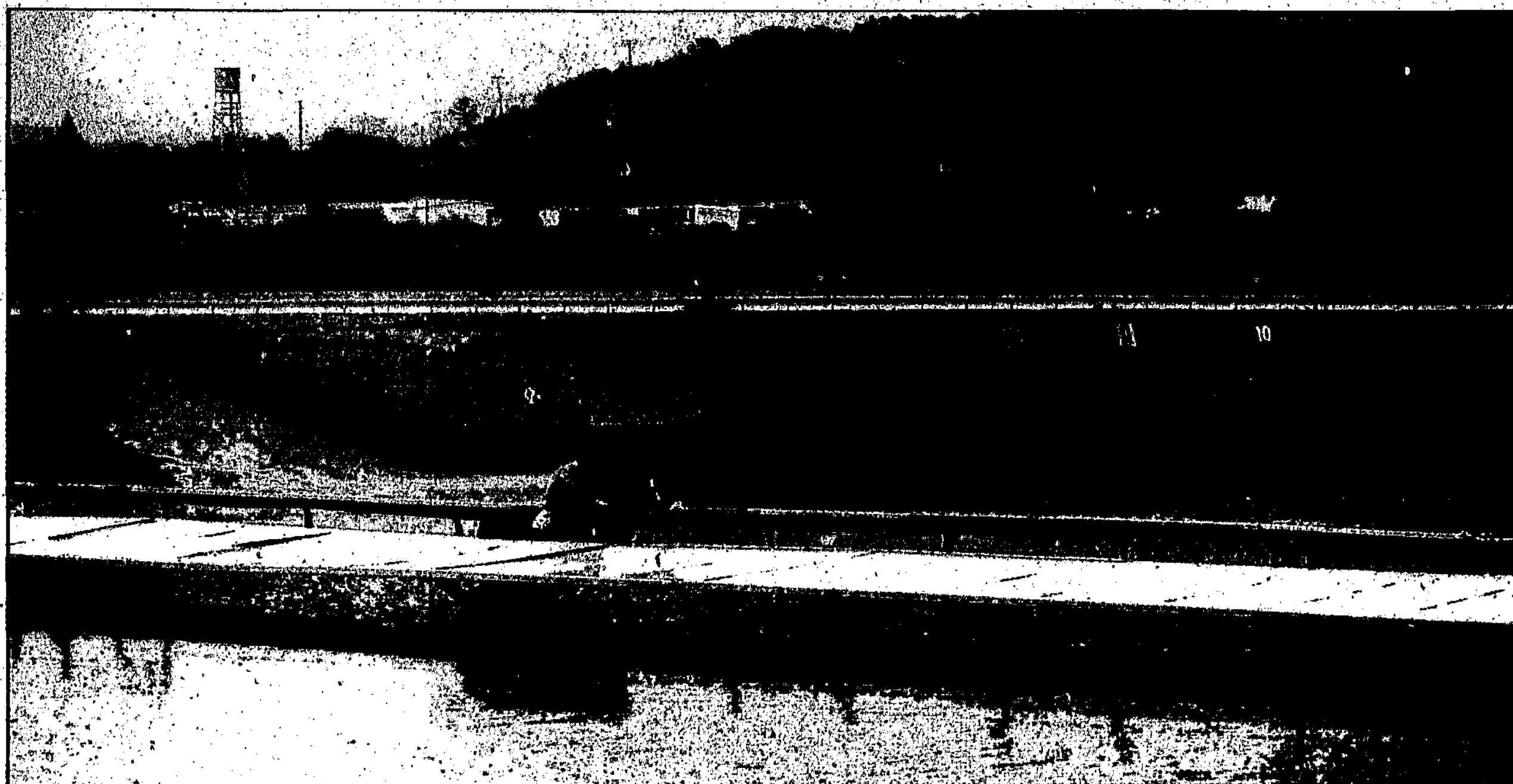
In fact, racing had to be canceled on Sunday, with the running of the \$40,000 Desert Rose Handicap called off with no immediate plans to make up the date.

There are 17 trials scheduled Thursday to accommodate the 162 horses entered for a shot at the \$1 million first prize, with an early post time of 11 a.m.

The concerns over the track conditions are legitimate, as rains were responsible for temporarily halting trials, to the Rainbow Futurity in July, and almost every horse that qualified for that final came out of the first four trials — before the really heavy rains hit.

One of the horses that didn't qualify to the Rainbow Final was Okey Dokey Fantasy, who had won the Ruidoso Futurity in a dead heat in June and *did* win his trial for the Rainbow, but wasn't fast enough to qualify due to the sloppy track conditions.

Owner Ariel Campos had to supplement Okey Dokey Fantasy in the All American trials, and trainer John Boegner is excited at his horse's prospects, given that he had some extra time to train the colt without having to worry about the Ruidoso Futurity.



A lone horse and its rider cross in front of the paddock at Ruidoso Downs early Tuesday morning during a shower which has helped to turn the track into something of a mud slick.

His only concern is the rain. "As long as the track conditions are the same for every race," Boegner said. "Not racing in the Rainbow sure didn't hurt."

In all, there are 28 horses in Thursday's trials that have won or placed in stakes races in their careers. Joining Okey Dokey Fantasy as another Grade 1 stakes winner is Big Time Hero, who was also supplemented into the trials after winning the Rainbow Futurity for owners Harris Racing Stable and Jack Boorem and trainer Russell Harris.

The gelding was a 32-1 upset winner in the Rainbow

Futurity, and will be in the first trial of the day, ridden by Sam Thompson.

"We x-rayed him and went all over him and he's clean," Harris said. "We've just been training him and he's doing super."

Another big winner in Thursday's trials is Saint Shackleton, who tied Okey Dokey Fantasy in a dead heat to win the Ruidoso Futurity, but also wasn't fast enough in the Rainbow Futurity trials to make that final. Saint Shackleton will be against Jess Destined, winner of the West Texas Futurity in April, in the 13th trial.

### Ruidoso Downs racing canceled Sunday

TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

The Sunday nine-race program at Ruidoso Downs was cancelled after the first race with lightning and thunderstorms in the Ruidoso area.

It is undecided if the \$40,000 Desert Rose Handicap, the featured eighth race, will be rescheduled.

Racing will resume at Ruidoso Downs at 11 a.m. Thursday with 17 trials to the \$2,050,000 All American Futurity. The 162 trial entrants include five Grade 1 futurity winners, headed by the undefeated two-time futurity winner Okey Dokey Fantasy, Ruidoso Futurity winner Saint Shackleton and Rainbow Futurity winner Big Time Hero.

On Friday, track-record holder Strawkins highlights the five trials to the \$390,000 All American Derby. He set the 440-yard track record of 20.736 seconds while winning the Rainbow Derby in his most recent start.

## Hondo Eagles ready to soar in 6-man

Head coach: Brandon Devine (5th year) Assistant coach: Jean Baca, David Chavez, Rick Jels, Isaac Polanco Saves record: 2-6 overall, 1-3 in District 4			
Hondo High School 2006 Football Schedule Schedule subject to change			
Date	Home/Away	Site	Time
Aug. 17	MASS (Exchange)	Corona	4 p.m.
Aug. 25	Everett Christian	Home	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	San Jon	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 22	San Jon	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	Rowan-Wagon Mound	Home	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	Vaughn	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Lake Arthur	Away	4 p.m.
*Corona District 2 game			

### Coach Devine has wealth of players to choose from

TODD FUQUA  
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HONDO — It's something of a mixed bag for Hondo football players and fans as the six-man season revs up.

The Eagles are blessed with a wealth of numbers — enough that coach Brandon Devine is toying with the idea of fielding a junior high team — and the best prospects yet of making it to the playoffs in this, the fifth year of football at Hondo High School.

But the ranks of schools actually playing six-man football have shrunk. With the addition of eight-man football, just about every school has taken that route, leaving just enough schools in six man to fill out two districts in the entire state.

That means teams are scrapping and scrounging for as many games as they can get this year. Hondo's schedule is a perfect example. It starts Thursday with a scrimmage against the New Mexico School for the Deaf at Corona — and even that date is still up in the air — and continues with only six regular-season games.

Two of those games come as a home-and-away series against San Jon Sept. 15 and Sept. 22, further underlining how difficult it is for any school in the state to get a six-man schedule together. "It's affecting everybody," Devine said. "Some schools only have four games this year, and we all may be moving to eight-man now."

"But everybody's in the same situation, and I feel we have the best sched-

ule in the state."

That schedule ends with two games against Vaughn and Lake Arthur in October, the only two games on their District 2 schedule. With only two teams to play against, and with the departure of powerhouse schools like Melrose, Gateway Christian, Tatum, Mountainair and Valley Christian to eight-man, the Eagles are excited at the chance to get into post-season play for the first time in most peoples' memory.

Devine said the player's enthusiasm is also a big reason. He believes that even if the situation were the same as last year, with all the above-named schools still in the mix, the Eagles would still have a very good shot at getting in.

"We feel real confident we'll get in, especially with the personnel I have,"



The Hondo Eagle 6-man football team returns to the field after a running drill during practice at Hondo High School. This year's team represent the most players coach Brandon Devine has had since becoming the Eagle football coach five years ago.



Brandon Devine goes through a running drill during football practice at Hondo High School.

Devine said. "These kids are excited. They built their own Sunday league over the summer, and I had nothing to do with it. They're that dedicated."

The personnel Devine will be counting on includes seniors Leo Salcido and Patrick Chavez, along with returning juniors Lawrence Gonzales, Gilbert

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### Sports on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thursday, Aug. 17

Horse Racing  
All American Futurity Trials at Ruidoso Downs, 11 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 18

Horse Racing  
All American Derby Trials at Ruidoso Downs, Noon

Football

Ruidoso scrimmage vs. Mesalero, Lordsburg at W.D. Horton Stadium, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19

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

Boys Soccer

Ruidoso at Artesia, 3 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Artesia at Ruidoso, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 20

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

### On Deck

Youth Soccer Signups

The last chance to sign up for Lincoln County Youth soccer will be Aug. 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Aug. 22 from 5:30-8 p.m. Both signups will be held at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. Cost is \$45 per athlete, with a discount for siblings. The soccer league is for players ages 4-14, and all players must have attained those ages before July 31, 2006. Birth certificates are required. For more information, call Casey Widener at 937-3092 or Rhonda Newsome at 973-0108.

Little League Football

Signups for Lincoln County Little League football will be held at White Mountain Elementary cafeteria Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 5-8 p.m. There will also be a registration in Capitan in the Traylor Gym lobby at Capitan High from 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18 and Tuesday, Aug. 22. Registration fee is \$65 per player. Any athletes who didn't participate last year are required to bring proof of age.

Parent Info Meeting

Parents of all mid- and high school athletes are invited to an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21 at the RHS cafeteria. The meeting will be followed by individual team meetings.

Co-ed Softball Meeting

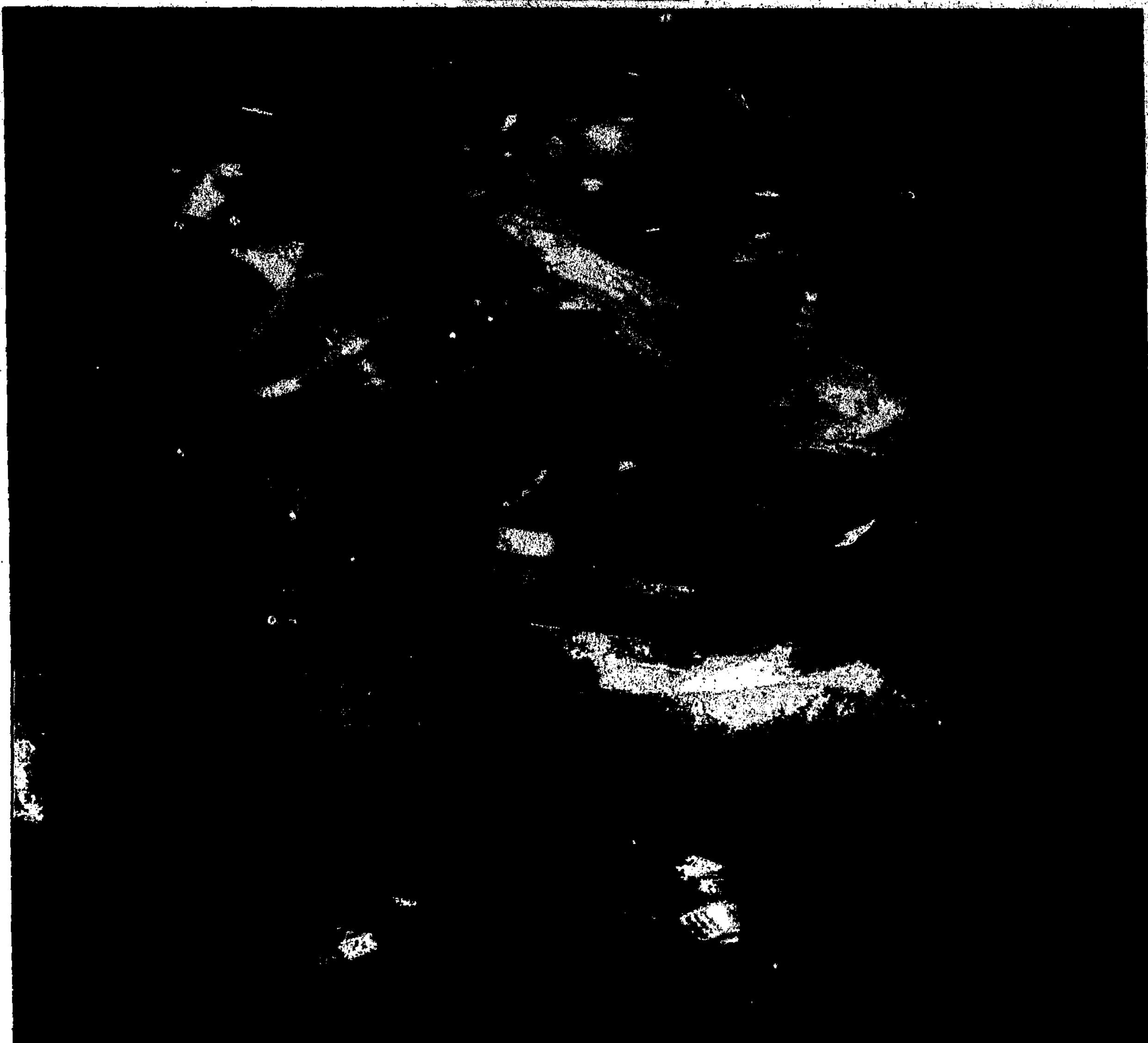
There will be a co-ed softball organizational meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Eagle Creek concession stand. Attendance for coaches is mandatory. For more information, call Victor Montez at 354-0699 or 937-8445.

Outdoor Expo Gearing Up

The fourth annual New Mexico RV and Outdoor sports expo will be held Aug. 19-20 at the Ruidoso Convention Center, featuring displays, demonstrations and resources for fishing, hunting, golf, skiing, conservation and hunter education. There will also be a golf scramble, putting contests, fly fishing lessons and elk and turkey calling contests. Admission will be \$5 for adults, \$2 for junior high and high school students and free for children 12 and under accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Trish Thompson at 336-9171 or visit [www.nrimtsports.com](http://www.nrimtsports.com).



## GOING NOWHERE



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso running back Gavin Gilson, right, is tackled by Ben Sanchez on defense during the annual Blue and Gold Game Friday at W.D. Horton Stadium. The game marked the first time many Warrior fans had a chance to see this year's team in action. Ruidoso hosts a scrimmage this Friday at Horton Stadium at 7 p.m. against Lordsburg and Mesalero. Their regular season starts Aug. 25 with a game against Roswell High at the Wool Bowl in Roswell.

## Outdoor recreation takes center stage during expo

All types of outdoor activities — from hunting to fishing to hiking to just plain being outdoors — will be in the spotlight this weekend at the Ruidoso Convention Center during the fourth annual New Mexico RV and Outdoor Sports Expo.

The two-day convention, starting Saturday at 9 a.m. with an indoor 3D bowhunter challenge hosted by the Ruidoso Archery Club, will feature fly fishing demonstrations, elk and turkey calling contests and booths for exhibitors from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Wisconsin.

There will be several names — some known, some not-as-known — present as well, starting with speed skier Ross Anderson, who recently broke the North American record to become the fastest skier in North American history and will be signing autographs at the Inn of the Mountain Gods display booth.

Another name some around here might know is Dr. Jim Miller, who will be giving fly fishing demonstrations and tips throughout the two days.

One name folks might not know is Bill Wiesner, but anyone interested in bow hunting will likely know him after this weekend. Wiesner, who will be in town with five other sportsmen from Wisconsin, is a bow design engineer who has won several awards for his designs.

He's been a hunter education instructor for 25 years, and was the first hunter to complete the Wisconsin Bowhunter's Awards in one season. The award system is given to bowhunters who have successfully taken coyote, bobcat, turkey, deer and bear.

Wiesner has also donated a \$700 Evotek bow which he designed to be awarded during a raffle drawing at the conclusion of the 3D bowhunter challenge on Sunday.

Convention runs Saturday and Sunday, with doors opening each day at 9 a.m. Doors close Saturday at 5 p.m. and on Sunday at 3 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and admission is free for children six years old and under.

A list of events includes — but is not limited to — the following:

## Saturday, Aug. 19

- 9-11 a.m. — Indoor 3D bowhunter challenge, Ruidoso Archery Club
- 11 a.m.-Noon — Fly fishing demos and tips, Dr. Jim Miller
- Noon-2 p.m. — Indoor 3D bowhunter challenge, Ruidoso Archery Club
- 2-3 p.m. — Fly fishing demos and tips, Dr. Jim Miller
- 3-5 p.m. — Indoor 3D bowhunter challenge, Ruidoso Archery Club
- 4-5 p.m. — Elk, turkey and varmint calling, RMEF and NWTF

## Sunday, Aug. 20

- 9-11 a.m. — Indoor 3D bowhunter challenge, Ruidoso Archery Club
- 11 a.m.-Noon — Fly fishing demos and tips, Dr. Jim Miller
- Noon-1 p.m. — Indoor 3D bowhunter challenge, Ruidoso Archery Club
- 2-3 p.m. — Fly fishing demos and tips, Dr. Jim Miller
- 2-3 p.m. — Elk, turkey and varmint calling contests, RMEF and NWTF
- 2-3 p.m. — Indoor 3D bowhunter challenge, prize drawings.

## Rocky Gulch shows class

TY WYANT  
For the Ruidoso News

Larry Teague's Rocky Gulch showed his determination with a gate-to-wire victory and raised his record to two-for-two at Ruidoso Downs this summer in the \$18,700 featured eighth race over 7-1/2 furlongs.

Rocky Gulch, with jockey Travis Cunningham aboard for the first time, gained a leisurely lead from the second post position and easily led the field around the two turns until being challenged at the top of the stretch. Rocky Gulch dug in when he saw Romeos Wilson rally along the rail and never let his rival get closer than the neck margin at the finish line.

Rocky Gulch raced the 7-1/2 furlongs in 1:32.35.

Ninety Nine Jack, the 8-5 favorite, finished 1-1/2 lengths behind Romeos Wilson for third.

The Terry Walker-trained Rocky Gulch, the 9-5 second choice in the wagering, came into Saturday's feature after rallying between horses to win a Ruidoso Downs' allowance race by one-and-a-quarter lengths July 14. His two Ruidoso Downs wins came after a winless streak of seven races at Sunland Park and The Downs at Albuquerque.

Rocky Gulch rewarded his backers with \$5.60, \$3.00 and \$2.40. Romeos Wilson returned \$3.80 and \$2.40 while Ninety Nine Jack was worth \$2.20 to show. The \$2 exacta returned \$11.00 and the \$1 trifecta paid \$14.70.

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State cookie—Bizcochito  
State fish—Cutthroat Trout  
State flag—A field of yellow containing the ancient Pueblo of Zia sun symbol of red in the center  
State flower—Yucca flower  
State fossil—Coelophysis  
State gem—Turquoise  
State grass—Blue Grama Grass (*bouteloua gracilis*)  
State insect—Tarantula Hawk Wasp (*pepisis formosa*)  
State question—"Red or green?"  
State tree—Pinon, or nut pine (*pinus edulis*)  
State vegetables—Chile (the Spanish adaptation of the chili) and the pinto bean, or frijol  
Nicknames—Land of Enchantment; Sunshine State  
Largest cities—Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Roswell, South Valley, Farmington  
Celebrations—Albuquerque hosts the largest hot-air balloon event in the world the first weekend in October.

## POOP SCOOP

BY KIM DONER  
SPECIAL TO THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Sitting right next to adorable kittens and puppies at the shelter are the mature cats and dogs patiently waiting for a second chance at a forever home, a second chance that may never come.

Many people overlook the riches offered by an adult animal companion. They assume that if an adult animal is at a shelter, there must be something wrong with it. I mean that's what we know about used cars, right?

The truth is that these older pets are probably at the shelter not because of any problems that they created, but much more the problems of the owners. "Moving" and "No time for" are the two biggest relinquish reasons. Or perhaps their human guardian passed away or someone developed an allergy to pet dander. Allergies can develop at any time and are certainly not the pet's fault.

People and pets are mismatched all the time, and since it is the people who do the selecting, it's usually because they really didn't know what it was they wanted. You cannot blame the pet when this error is made. Homeless pets, are not homeless because there is something wrong with them; they are all victims of circumstance because they are dependent on humans for a home.

Adult pets have many benefits and should be considered first for adoption. You have many advantages in knowing what you are getting in size, personality and energy level. These are criteria that are often impossible to guess at when looking at a puppy or kitten. It is often very difficult to even ascertain the breed of a young animal if you haven't been able to look at the parents.

Adult pets have already been through the difficult phases of growing up, teething is over, the adolescent rebellion and energy level is gone, and many are already housetrained and are

socialized to the noises and smells of living with people. They understand about people going off to work and school and coming back later in the day. There is no need to guess about whether they will be too big for your yard or home. Adult pets are more settled, more sure of themselves and so it's easier for them to deal with change, when given loving support and security.

I have often heard people say they want a puppy or kitten so it will grow up to love them. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that cute puppy or kitten will have the personality that you are looking for. Do you want a feline companion that will curl in your lap and be a companion? You'll have to wait for that hyper-active kitten to reach that stage, if it ever does. You want a dog to run with and keep you company on walks in the neighborhood? With that puppy you will need to be patient and wait at least six months before it can walk a short distance with you before getting tired but then it will still be distracted by every little thing. You might not really get the exercise that you were needing stopping and starting and continually pulling on the leash to get the pup's attention. And for a running companion you might have to wait a year, if the dog is the type to want to do that at all.

Dogs and cats don't need to grow up with a family to bond with them. They only want to find the security that a caring home can offer, the affection and care that you are willing to give to an animal, means much more to them than who they grew up with. Animals are totally Zen creatures, they live in the now, which is why they are so forgiving of our faults and overlook our failings. What other creature can be lied to and given disappointments and still trust so completely — only a pet.

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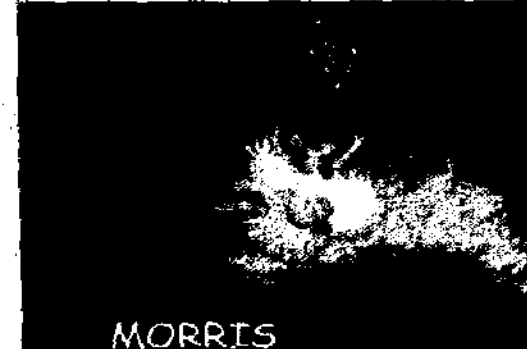
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Salcido and Patrick Gonzales.

There's but one move-in, Dillon Goldston, who came here from Oklahoma but hasn't played football since junior high.

That there's so many familiar faces shows another reason why Devine is excited about this year — continuity. Teka Salcido was the only senior lost to graduation last year, and the experience coming back is something of a novelty for the Eagles.

"We're old, as far as things go here," Devine said. "Losing Teka was tough, because he's a boss, but there are a lot of guys coming back, and they're ready to win."

## Mountain West Conference Preview

JEFF FRANK  
Sports Network

TCU joined the Mountain West last year from Conference USA and provided a spark to the entire league. From '02 to '04, the MWC was a combined 18-38 vs. BCS Conference teams and 3-6 in bowl games. Last season, the Mountain West finished a very respectable 5-7 against BCS Conference squads and a 2-2 bowl mark. The highlight of the year came in the first week of the season, when the Horned Frogs upset then seventh-ranked Oklahoma. Here comes the MWC preview with odds to win the BCS Championship:

1) **UTAH:** Last year was a down season for the Utes, as they needed an overtime tally at BYU just to win six games. They did so with backup quarterback Brett Raloff, who simply threw for 240 yards and four touchdowns. Starter Brian Johnson suffered a torn ACL late in the previous game (New Mexico), which required season-ending surgery. So, Raloff continued on and threw for 381 yards and four more TDs in a 38-10 thrashing of Georgia Tech in the Emerald Bowl.

**ANALYSIS:** The Utes' toughest stretch comes with a three-game set of San Diego State, Boise State and TCU, all in 13 days. A sweep is doubtful, leaving them short of the National Championship game.

2) **TCU:** As previously mentioned, TCU stunned Oklahoma, 17-10, in last season's opener, but fell flat on its face the following week at SMU, losing by 11. Everything went right the rest of the way, as the Horned Frogs won 10 straight to end the year at 11-1. They defeated both Utah and BYU in overtime and led the nation with a 421 turnover differential. However, there are major question marks on the offensive line where only one lineman has started a regular season game.

**ANALYSIS:** Last year was the Horned Frogs' third 10-win season this decade. Unfortunately, they have a combined 11-12 record in the two following seasons. Expect at least four losses for the boys from Fort Worth.

3) **SAN DIEGO STATE:** Former Iowa quarterback Chuck Long takes over a team that has underachieved for over a decade under both Tom Craft and Ted Tollner. Last year could have been the turnaround season, as star RB Lynn Hamilton returned after sitting out a year with an ankle injury. However, only three starters returned to a defense that allowed 185 yards rushing per game. If the Aztecs can improve vs. the run, their defense could be tops in the conference.

**ANALYSIS:** San Diego State has not been to a bowl since 1998. That will change this season as the Aztecs go 8-4.

4) **COLORADO STATE:** Colorado State has been to two bowl games the last three years, but post an overall record of just 17-19. Can the Rams regain the success of their 27-11 mark from '00 to '02? RB Kyle Bell will have a lot to say about that, as the junior will be the focal point of the offense. Bell racked up 1,288 yards, despite not starting until the third game of the season. QB Caleb Hanie takes over for Justin Holland but does have game-day experience with five starts back in '04.

**ANALYSIS:** Colorado State will be much improved and could shock some higher-ranked teams on its schedule, namely Colorado and Fresno State. The Rams should win eight games and reach their sixth bowl game in seven years.

5) **BYU:** BYU has the firepower to challenge Louisville as the highest-scoring team in the nation. Eight starters return, including QB John Beck, to an offense that averaged 43 ppg in its last five contests. Beck threw for 3,709 yards, which was good for fifth best in the country.

**ANALYSIS:** The Cougars will win their share of games, but their road schedule is brutal with games at Arizona, Boston College, TCU and Utah. A .500 season is likely.

6) **AIR FORCE:** Every new season brings new expectations. For Air Force, the only way to go is up. After a 38-point home loss to TCU on October 22, Coach Fisher DeBerry opened his mouth and stuck his foot way too deep inside, citing his school's lack of minority players as the reason for his team's ineptitude.

**ANALYSIS:** It will be another long season in Colorado Springs, madding out with four wins.

7) **WYOMING:** The Cowboys had high expectations coming into last year after a 7-4 season in '04, which included their first bowl win since 1966. They opened the year 4-1, only losing at Florida. However, the season imploded vs. TCU, as QB Corey Bramlet threw four interceptions and fumbled three times in a 14-point defeat. Wyoming went on to lose its remaining five games to finish 4-7.

**ANALYSIS:** Seven straight losses to end

## RUIDOSO DOWNS RESULTS

Results for racing at Ruidoso Downs for Aug. 10-13:

Thursday, Aug. 10

First — 5 furlongs. Smashed Cat 20.60 9.60 5.40, High On Champagne 16.00 4.40, Wred N Runnin 3.20, Quinella — 218.00, Exacta — 247.60, Trifecta — 1,970.20, T — 1:00.20.

Second — 6 furlongs. Timeless Mike 4.80 3.80 3.00, Excessive Stats 11.80 6.20, Ghostslayer 3.60, Quinella — 24.20, Exacta — 38.00, Trifecta — 120.20, Daily Double — 154.20, T — 1:10.40.

Third — 6 furlongs. Dial Anthony 5.60 3.80 3.20, Whenthesmokeclears 7.20 3.00, I M Aking 2.60, Quinella — 52.00, Exacta — 81.80, Trifecta — 106.40, T — 1:11.00.

Fourth — 870 yards. Future Cash 5.60 3.60 2.40, The Marlin 3.00 2.40, Good Night Express 2.40, Quinella — 11.80, Exacta — 18.00, Trifecta — 5.60, T — 46.70.

Fifth — 1 mile. Dear Bull 12.40 6.60 3.80, Roll On Retina 9.20 4.60, Net Threat 3.00, Quinella — 49.20, Exacta — 106.40, Trifecta — 109.20, Superfecta — 590.40, T — 1:39.40.

Sixth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Proud Day 4.40 2.80 2.60, Inesistible Jewel 3.00 3.00, Ojos de Oro 3.20, Quinella — 6.00, Exacta — 10.40, Trifecta — 21.40, Tri Super —

795.20, T — 1:04.00.

Seventh — 350 yards. Down to the Wire 5.20 4.20 3.20, I Likem Fast 4.00 3.80, Cash Memories 3.60, Quinella — 18.40, Exacta — 27.20, Trifecta — 53.10, T — 17.483.

Eighth — 350 yards. One Fast Okie 11.00 5.80 4.60, Royal Snow Problem 8.00 4.60, Especially Smashing 2.80, Quinella — 67.80, Exacta — 96.40, Trifecta — 479.60, T — 17.946.

Ninth — 350 yards. Super Diamante 26.80 15.80 6.80, Surefire Dash 4.60 3.80, Cash N Fly 3.80, Quinella — 84.00, Exacta — 183.80, Trifecta — 335.00, Superfecta — 1,360.80, Pick 3 — 406.00, T — 17.485.

Friday, Aug. 11

First — 7 1/2 furlongs. Miracle Chestnut 6.40 3.40 3.00, Han On Comet 6.20 6.80, Duke Wilson 4.00 4.60, Quinella — 53.20, Exacta — 18.20, Exacta — 118.00, Trifecta — 24.00, Trifecta — 282.60, T — 1:37.20, Scratched — Dangerous Maneuver.

Second — 5 1/2 furlongs. Capers Town 5.80 2.40 2.20, Special Program 2.40 2.20, Crafty Crab Cake 2.80, Quinella — 5.20, Exacta — 9.20, Trifecta — 14.50, Daily Double — 30.00, T — 1:04.60, Scratched — Getlowdy.

Third — 400 yards. Vital Jewel 13.20 5.40 3.60, Can Straw Fly 4.00 3.00, Mr Energy 3.20, Quinella — 24.20, Exacta — 52.20, Trifecta — 106.90, T — 19.947.

Fourth — 5 1/2 furlongs. Stop That Jive 6.20 4.40 3.20, La Mora Bonita 3.20 3.60, Springvee 6.00, Quinella — 13.40, Exacta — 40.60, Trifecta — 130.40, T — 1:06.40.

Fifth — 250 yards. Big Sweet Gamble 48.20 12.40 5.00, Pro Se Litigant 3.80 3.00, Do You Know Me 4.00, Quinella — 41.60, Exacta — 179.40, Trifecta — 332.20, Superfecta — 1,296.60, T — 13.511.

Sixth — 250 yards. Straight Sailin 10.20 5.80 4.80, Bay Blush 40.80 12.00, Champus Grey 8.40, Quinella — 255.20, Exacta — 570.80, Trifecta — 2,030.60, T — 13.613.

Seventh — 250 yards. His Magic Force 15.80 8.40 3.00, Dash of Essence 4.40 2.40, All the Law Allows 3.00, Quinella — 28.40, Exacta — 89.80, Trifecta — 62.30, T — 13.447.

Eighth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Que Paso 6.40 3.80 3.20, Secret Folly 5.20 3.80, Flag Flying Year 3.80, Quinella — 28.00, Exacta — 44.60, Trifecta — 59.50, T — 1:34.20.

Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Petite Motion 5.60 4.20 3.00, Dotted Swiss 5.60 3.00, Legal Edition 2.60, Quinella — 21.20, Exacta —

41.40, Trifecta — 234.40, Superfecta — 510.90, Pick 3 — 165.00.

Saturday, Aug. 12

First — 6 furlongs. Woodtrip 5.80 4.00 3.00, Ally's House 5.00 2.80, Sonora Girl 2.80, Quinella — 24.60, Exacta — 64.60, Trifecta — 82.40, T — 1:13.00.

Second — 440 yards. My List 9.60 5.80 3.20, Gch Qui Tam 10.80 4.60, Elegant Cat 3.40, Quinella — 35.00, Exacta — 93.20, Trifecta — 353.00, Daily Double — 45.80, T — 22.319.

Third — 870 yards. Really Divine 23.40 6.40 4.00, Blazin Bold Man 4.60 3.00, Fosters Dash 3.20, Quinella — 26.00, Exacta — 48.20, Trifecta — 98.10, T — 45.978.

Fourth — 350 yards. Compas Runaway 5.60 3.20 3.00, Chicks Identity 3.80 3.40, Feature This Fly 11.20, Quinella — 8.60, Exacta — 18.40, Trifecta — 79.30, T — 17.995.

Fifth — 300 yards. Pure Texan 8.20 3.80 2.80, Down Right Making It 7.60 4.60, Chase to Cash 3.80, Quinella — 31.00, Exacta — 76.80, Trifecta — 199.60, Superfecta — 1,390.20, T — 15.619.

Sixth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Brew's Flamin Slew 4.60 3.20 2.80, Ima Warrior Too 13.00 6.60, Bailey Hill Road 6.20, Quinella —

65.80, Exacta — 145.00, Trifecta — 326.50, T — 136.80, Scratched — Kian.

Seventh — 870 yards. Sitters Feature 5.20 3.00 2.60, Friendly Ace 5.00 2.60, Dm Greasedlightning 2.60, Quinella — 15.00, Exacta — 23.40, Trifecta — 34.90, T — 46.423, Scratched — Fortune Telling Bob, Skip a Know.

Eighth — 7 1/2 furlongs. Rocky Gulch 5.60 3.00 2.40, Romeos Wilson 3.80 2.40, Ninety Nine Jack 2.20, Quinella — 11.00, Exacta — 13.40, Trifecta — 14.70, T — 1:32.60.

Ninth — 7 1/2 furlongs. R-C's Maxoum Force 26.80 5.80 5.40, Sac 3.40 3.20, A Man At Last 3.60, Quinella — 51.80, Exacta — 168.00, Trifecta — 232.40, Superfecta — 2,189.00, Pick 3 — 159.60, Scratched — Western King, Je Dis Command.

Sunday, Aug. 13

First — 1,000 yards. Herewegoagain 4.20 3.00 2.60, Takinouthrash 9.80 4.00, Tubac Horn 3.40, Quinella — 15.40, Exacta — 20.80, Trifecta — 58.10, Consolation Double — 3.80.

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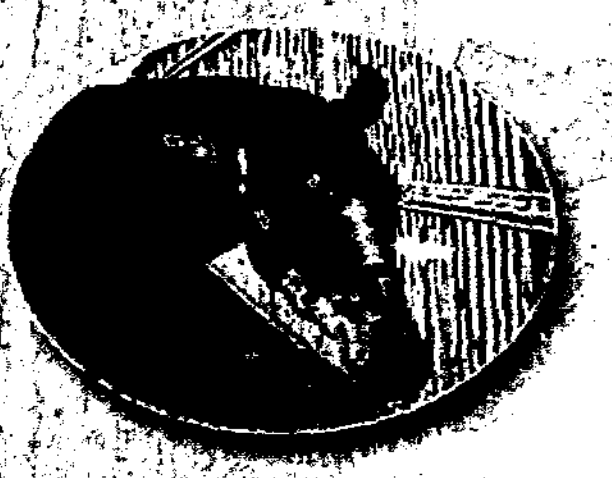
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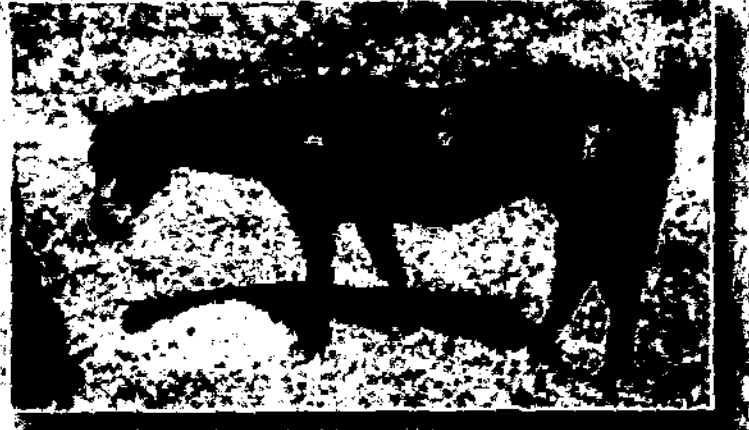
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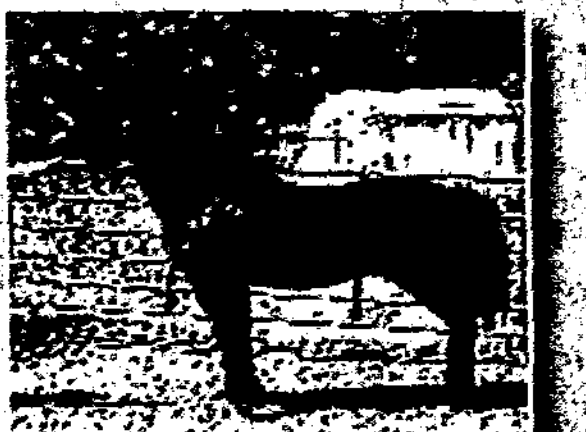


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## Kid pageant, fair and meetings

The Lincoln Water Department repaired their water system just before the Old Lincoln Days. It took them about three weeks with lots of help from everyone from Dick Cox to the New Mexico Rural Water technicians.

More pageant observations — the Dye Parks family has four generations participating at the Escape of Billy the Kid. John Schrechenberg flew in to be a part of the activities. He had portrayed Billy the Kid for years but this year he was Buckshot Roberts.

There were several conflicting meetings last week. The Water Board met in conflict with the Lincoln County Farm Bureau meeting.

The Republican Party held their monthly meeting at the Ellis Store Tuesday. John Dendahl, candidate for the New Mexico governor's race, was the featured speaker. There were 60 people present.

The past weekend we spent part time at the Lincoln County Fair. The pet show is so much fun to watch.

The presentation of the colors at the Junior Livestock Sale was very dramatic. Two 4-Hers walked in with two huge flags with background music, then two more marched in with the large flags.

The fifth flag was carried by Georgia Lynn Eldridge who was carried in on the shoulders of Jared Arnold and Kendal Wilson. The sixth flag was carried by our Lincoln County Fair Queen Randa Hutcherson.

The new background mural for the photo sessions was painted by Della Bonnell.

As a side line, Julie Carter took 1,800 photos. I'm glad I don't have to sort, edit and throw away all those photos. She is such a wonderful photographer.

Ralph Dunlap reported that there was a good crowd at the Fort Stanton Alive. It did shower at Fort Stanton but it didn't rain on the fair at all.

Lincoln has received rain nearly every day for the past week. It really comes down hard.

The country is looking so pretty with all the wild flowers and green grass and weeds.



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## ELVIS HAS LEFT THE FAIRGROUNDS



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

The Poppa Pig Showmanship contest netted six wild "hombres" but it was Elvis who won the championship buckle. Left to right are good sports Tony Johnson, Brian Cleckler, Scott Daniel, Billy Bob Shafer, Ray Rush and Tito Montoya.

## Capitan Schools AYP testing scores a clean sweep

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Capitan Municipal Schools received recent notification that state testing performance results indicated all Capitan schools had met or exceeded performance goals.

Average Yearly Progress (AYP) performance goals set annually by the Public Education Department in response to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act passed by Congress in 2000 sets standards for schools across the state and are annually increased in increments.

The ultimate goal is to achieve a 100 percent proficiency rate in reading and math by the 2013-14 school year. Schools are required to have a 95 percent participation rate or a 92 percent attendance rate or a 90 percent graduation rate.

The "Meets AYP" rating received by the elementary, middle and high schools in the Capitan School District showed increases in reading and math scores. The Capitan results are significant because the provisions of the NCLB require raising the bar and raising the expectation every year making the meeting of the goals a bigger challenge and more difficult each year.

Capitan Elementary led the way with increased proficiency rates in both reading and math scores. All elementary students increased from 76 percent proficiency to 84 percent in

reading and from 54 percent to 62 percent in math.

Capitan Middle School students decreased 8 percent in reading but showed a 7 percent increase in math.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Larry Miller, said, "We are certainly pleased with these results. They are a confirmation of the strength of our teaching staff. It is wonderful to see the kind of commitment that has, once again, been demonstrated by our staff. We have met and exceeded the AYP goals for another year. What a good way to start the new school year. It is truly a blessing."

Miller said that some of the changes implemented last year to make improvements were:

- vertical curriculum alignment to eliminate learning gaps between grades, especially in the elementary

- horizontal alignment in places where there were multiple class (two fourth grades) ensuring both classrooms were teaching the same curriculum to meet the standards and benchmarks

- staff development with a number of in-service days dedicated to learning methods of teaching higher order thinking skills

- Crane Reading Program allowing system wide progress for students with reading difficulties

- PLATO remedial program at the high school level

Last year Capitan's graduation rate

caused the high school's failure to meet AYP and so this past school year, Miller said he saw a very dedicated effort by the staff and administration of the high school to focus on those at risk and get them through to a diploma.

Out of the 800 public schools in the state, 46 percent made AYP and 54 percent did not. Last year 372 schools or 47 percent made AYP and 416 schools or 53 percent did not make AYP based on a total of 788 schools.

"It is important to know that this year's results are a reflection of the increase in the proficiency targets set by NCLB," said New Mexico Public Education Secretary, Dr. Veronica Garcia. "We recognize and accept the fact that No Child Left Behind is raising the bar and raising expectations every year. There is no doubt — this year it was more difficult for schools to meet AYP than it was last year. But I'm not going to let schools use that as an excuse. Our job is to re-double our focus and help those schools that did not make AYP — help them to get the job done."

"Parents, principals and superintendents need to discuss the results of the AYP announcement," said Secretary Garcia. "If a child is succeeding at her/his school, a parent should not make a school choice judgment based solely on AYP status and NCLB designation."

Statistics from the Public Education Department show:

- 18 schools out of 800 or 2 percent did not make AYP solely because of attendance or graduation rates

- Only one of all 800 schools or 1 percent did not make AYP solely because 95 percent of students in one or more sub groups did not take the test, also known as participation rates.

- 94 of all 800 schools or 11 percent did not make AYP because of low academic performance of only one sub group of students

- 414 of all 800 schools or 52 percent did not make AYP because of academic performance in mathematics or reading.



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Opening flag ceremony at the Junior Livestock Sale Saturday with I-r, Kendal Wilson, Georgia Lynn Eldridge and Jared Arnold.

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Championship poultry winners at the county fair were l-r Emily Rush, Sara McNatt, Carmen Tate

## FAIR RESULTS

## Poultry Show

**Pen of three broilers:** 1. Tito Montoya 2. Haley Montes 3. Anthony Valdez 4. Troy Niederstadt 5. Anthony Valdes 6. Haley Montes

**Grand Champion:** Tito Montoya

**Reserve Champion:** Haley Montes

**Bantam Hens:** 1. Carmen Tate 2 and 3. Sara McNatt 4. Carmen Tate

**Light Hens:** 1-2. Sara McNatt 3 and 4. Brooke Ceballos

**Heavy Hens:** 1. Emily Rush 2-3-4 Sara McNatt 5. Emily Rush 6. Sara McNatt

**Grand Champion Hen:** Emily Rush

**Reserve Champion Hen:** Sara McNatt

**Bantam Roosters:** 1. Sara McNatt 2-3. Carmen Tate 4.

Sara McNatt

**Light Roosters:** 1. Sara McNatt

**Heavy Roosters:** 1. Carmen Tate 2-3. Sara McNatt

4. Carmen Tate 5. Sara McNatt

6. Sara Rush

**Grand Champion Rooster:** Sara McNatt

**Reserve Champion Rooster:** Carmen Tate

**Duck:** 1. Brooke Ceballos

**Turkeys:** 1. Carmen Tate 2-3. Sara McNatt 4. Carmen Tate

**Junior Showman:** Sara McNatt

**Senior Showman:** Sara Rush

**Herdsmanship:** Abby Bullock

## Rabbit Show

**Cloverbuds:** 1. Emily Dirks

**Pen of three rabbits:** 1. Shaye Ventura 2. Forrest Sweat

3. Christian Sweat 4. Marriah Ventura 5. Forrest Sweat

**Grand Champion:** Shaye Ventura

**Reserve Champion:** Forrest Sweat

**Breeding Rabbits**

**Meat Breed Does:** 1. Marriah Ventura 2. Mathew Omness 3. Shaye Ventura 4. Forrest Sweat 5. Marriah Ventura

**Ornamental Breed Does:** 1. Wyatt Berryhill

**Ornamental Breed Doe w/ Litter:** 1. Christian Sweat

**Grand Champion Doe:** Marriah Ventura

**Reserve Champion Doe:** Wyatt Berryhill

**Novice Showman:** Shaye Ventura

**Junior Showman:** Forrest Sweat

**Herdsmanship:** Bo Dauster

## BUCKLES AND BUNNIES



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

**Bunnies in a basket:** Top left, grand and reserve champion rabbits are shown by Shaye Ventura and Forrest Sweat. Top right: High point junior horse show winners were Ryan Davidson, right, and Lane Carter shown with fair queen Randa Hutcheson. Below: Callie Evans puts her grand champion mare on display.



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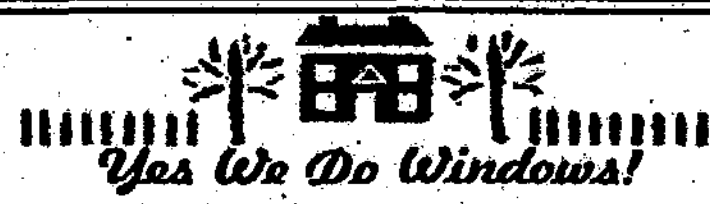
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# Dragging, drinking, and drugging doesn't pay

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After receiving reports of youths drag racing cars on Smokey Bear Boulevard Friday night, Capitán Police Officer Harry Bailey followed a vehicle to the Smokey Bear Historical Park.

There, the driver admitted to participating in the

speeding up and down the boulevard but said he was not part of the drag racing.

During the interview, Bailey noticed a whiskey bottle on the floor board of the vehicle, asked and received permission to inspect the car. In addition to the whiskey, Bailey found small screens used in marijuana pipes.

The driver, Bobby Coleman of Hondo, 18, was cited

for alcohol open container and possession of drug paraphernalia and was booked into Capitán Municipal Court.

Two other males, both minors, were passengers in the vehicle. A 17-year-old was cited as minor allowing himself to be served alcohol. The third minor was not charged when the alcohol blow test failed to reveal any use of alcohol.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Batteries by juveniles

An under aged Ruidoso youth was issued a citation for battery July 20 when he punched another boy on the top left side of his head when that boy reportedly "mad dogged" him. The incident was witnessed by the victim's grandfather.

### Cited

A Ruidoso woman was cited for disorderly conduct and injury to private property and an El Paso man cited for driving with an open container July 22 when officers with the Ruidoso Police Department were dispatched to investigate a report that an intoxicated couple were driving around destroying real estate signs.

When located, the woman, Doris Okeefe, 50, said she felt the signs were littering Ruidoso. She and the driver of the car, Richard Ochoa, 48, were spotted by police parked near Main and Flume when the couple stopped to dampen a cloth in which to clean Okeefe's forehead which received injury during the evening. Ochoa was observed by police attempting to conceal a glass containing vodka.

### Resisting officers

Jesus Avalos Talamantes, 40, was cited into municipal court in Ruidoso July 30 when officers pursued the investigation of a complaint call related to noise disturbance.

According to a police report, Talamantes further ignored the requests and demands of officers when they tried to obtain and verify identification.

Talamantes fell to the ground and incurred injury to his chin when handcuffed in the incident.

### Disorderly conduct

Darrell Wheeler, 56, and Leon Begay, 29, were charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 3 when officers with the Ruidoso Police Department spotted the pair intoxicated and sleeping under a bench near the "Y".

## WEDDINGS



Robert & Amanda

Dr. and Mrs. J. Charles Harrison of Ruidoso, New Mexico, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Leigh Harrison, to Robert M. Henderson, Jr., son of Robert M. Henderson, Sr. of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mrs. Deniece Dunlap of Kermit, Texas. Amanda is the granddaughter of Joe and Jo Ann Harrison of Spur, Texas.

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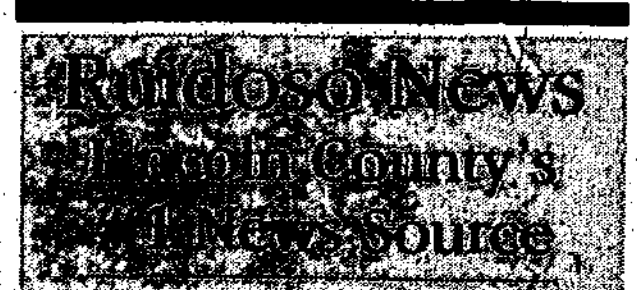
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**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

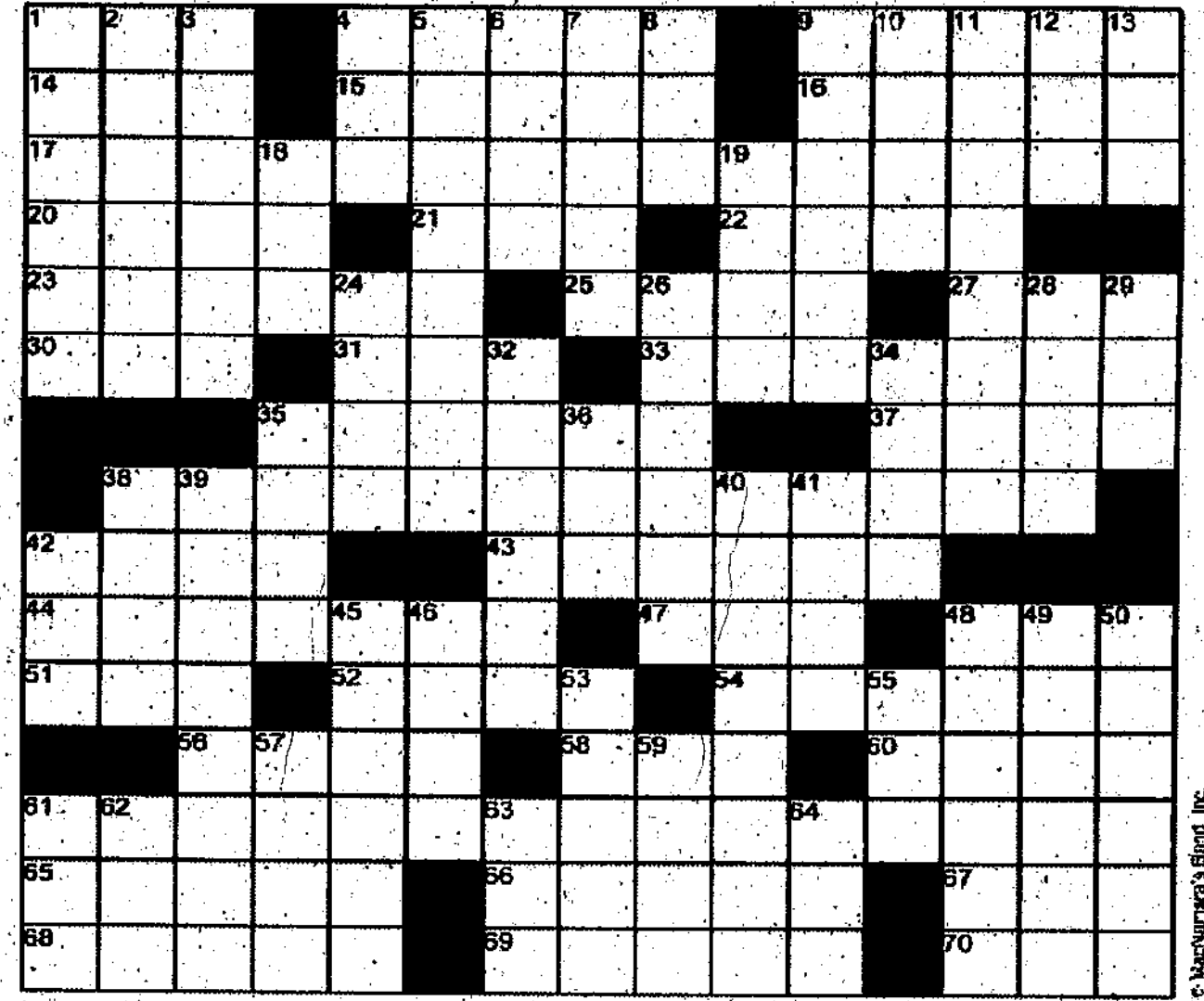
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MADGEA

Answer:  THE

ACROSS

- Toy dog, for short
- Sound from the bull pen
- Pigeons' homes
- "... man — mouse?"
- More achy
- See eye to eye
- The first Englishman to circumnavigate the world
- Mall bag
- ... up (irate)
- Pay mind to
- Roomy dresses
- Tartan wearer
- Hurlier's stat
- Grid great Dawson
- One to hang with
- Takes a break
- Copyright violator
- Heed the alarm
- Peddling of snake oil, e.g.
- Like some Mass parts
- "8 Mile" rapper
- Mom and pop
- Teeny amount
- Rock's Petty
- Hoopla
- Italian wine town
- Mind one's manners
- One of the Simpson kids
- Teachers' org.
- Genesis son
- Bruce Tinsley comic strip
- Hoopster Shaq
- Spine-tingling
- Keats or Shelley work
- A.J. Foyt won four

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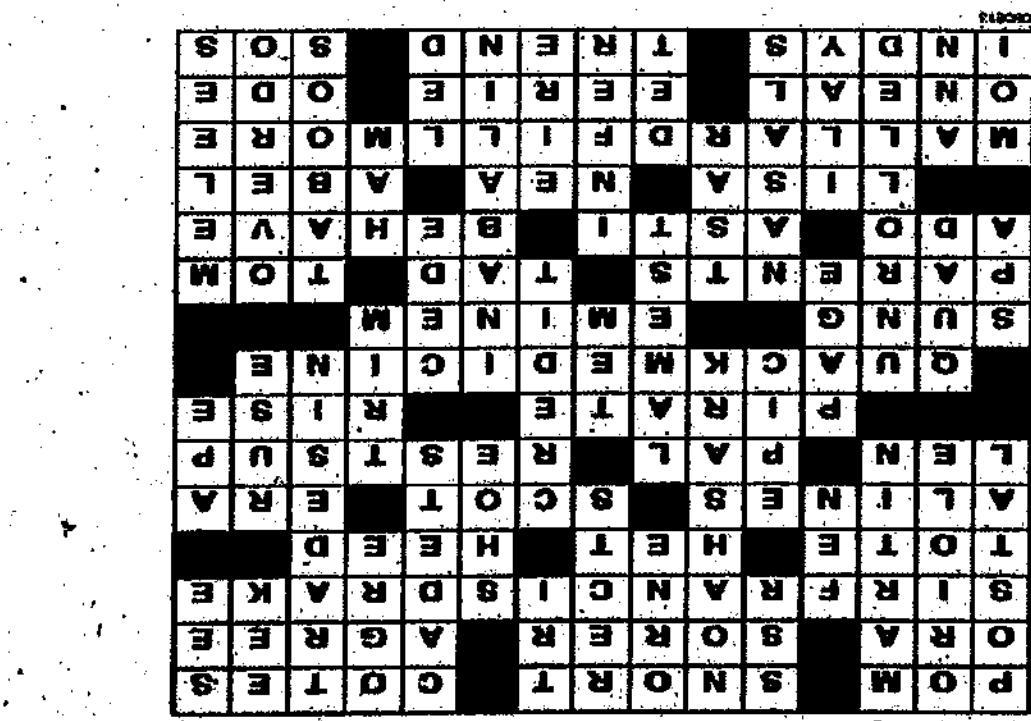
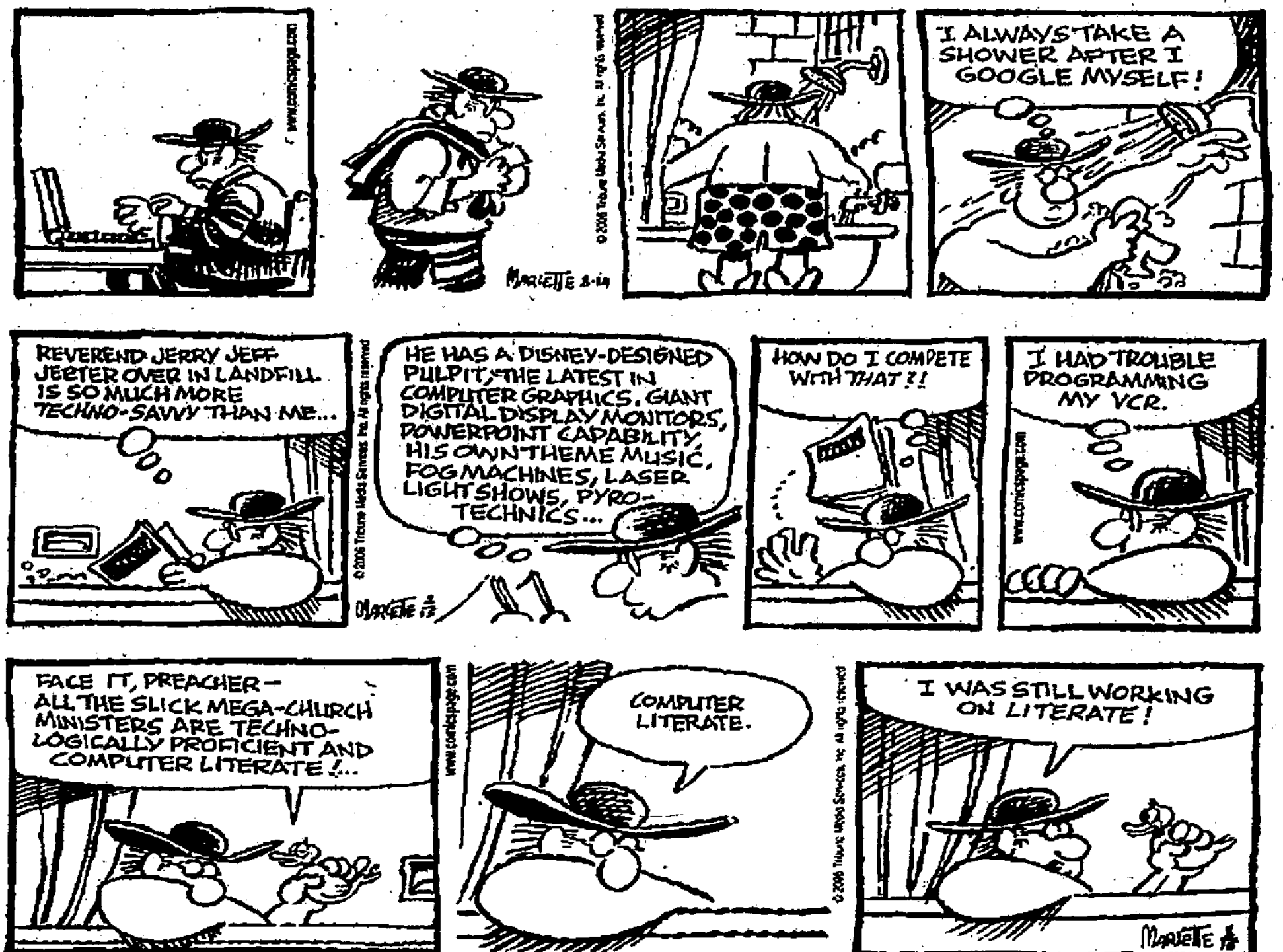


- The latest in fashion
- Brillo alternative

DOWN

- USPS part
- Bird on an AL cap
- Rat Pack surname
- Ukr., once
- Biblical vessel
- Caen's river
- Four-sided figs.
- Prefix with pod or corn
- Midshipmen rivals
- Cruel dude
- Swaps at a car lot
- Comics shriek
- "Get the picture?"
- Boggy area
- Loafer, e.g.
- Cast-of-thousands movie
- College course unit
- Artful dodge
- Orangutan, e.g.
- Poorrest, as excuses go
- In great shape
- Senate gofer
- President pro —
- Campus area
- Prepared for use, as a tarp
- "The Comancheros" actress
- Hand over
- Restful place
- Twangy speech sounds
- Old Russian autocrat
- They're forbidden
- Indulge to excess
- Free-for-alls
- Reason out
- Swiss cheese go-with
- "Now ... me down ..."
- Word on Irish stamps
- Word from Miss Piggy
- Raggedy doll
- NYPD officer
- Went first

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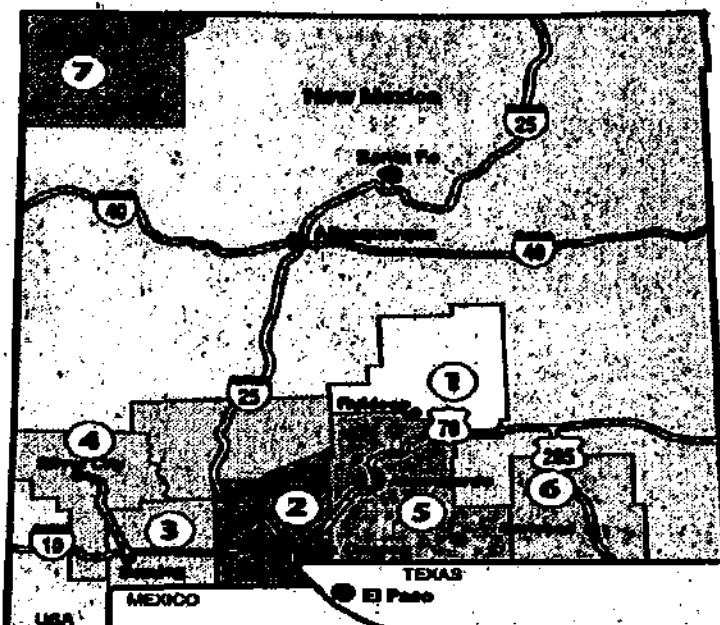
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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
VIRGINIA C. ROMERO,  
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY  
PUBLICATION  
The State of New Mexico:

TO: Unknown Heirs of  
VIRGINIA C. ROMERO,  
deceased, and all  
unknown persons who  
have or claim any  
interest in the Estate of  
VIRGINIA C. ROMERO,  
deceased, or in the  
matter being litigated  
in the hereinafter  
mentioned hearing.

Hearing on the Application  
for Formal Probate of  
Will and Appointment of  
Personal Representative  
relating to the Estate  
of VIRGINIA C. ROMERO,  
deceased, will be held  
on September 1,  
2006, at 1:15 p.m.,  
Lincoln County Court  
House, 300 Central  
Corridor, NM 88301,  
before the Honorable  
Karen L. Parsons, District  
Court Judge, with 30  
min. allocated for hearing.

Pursuant to 45-1-401  
NMSA 1978, notice of  
the time and place of  
hearing on said Application  
is hereby given you by  
publication, once each  
week for two (2)  
consecutive weeks.

WITNESS our hands and  
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DATED: July 24, 2006

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
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BY: /s/ GLORIA LAMAY  
Deputy

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Downs City Council has  
canceled their regular  
meeting Monday, Au-  
gust 28, 2006.

/s/ Carol Virden, MMC  
City Clerk

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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO  
NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Governing Body,  
Village of Ruidoso  
adopted a resolution on  
August 8, 2006 at  
4:30 p.m. in a regular  
meeting and adopted the  
following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 2006-06:  
"AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING THE RUIDO-  
SO MUNICIPAL CODE  
ORDINANCES APPEN-  
DIX A FEE SCHEDULE  
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WASTE RATES."

Copies of Ordinance  
2006-06 are on file in  
the office of the Village  
Clerk and are available  
for public review  
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8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WITNESS my hand and  
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Imma Nava, Village Clerk

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