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Ashley Coarty, 10, of Capitan gets 'branded' during Friday's Ag Day in Capitan. For more photos and information on Ag Day, see the Community Page, 2A.

■ Village, Downs reps return from Washington, where they sought funds for treatment plant

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Reporting on a money trolling effort in the nation's capital, Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley said he's optimistic members of Lincoln County's congressional delegation will search for dollars to help improve a regional wastewater treatment plant.

But he warned that it's too early to predict how hard local residents will be hit to pay for expansion and changes at the regional plant that serves Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, portions of the Mescalero Apache Reservation and tens of thousands of tourists that descend on the communities several times a year.

Nunley and other members of the Joint Use Board that supervises the plant, and two

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Forest to fully close

Weather blows in, see page 8A

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For the fourth time in 10 years because of extreme risk for wildfires tied to a prolonged drought, the Lincoln National Forest is scheduled to be closed.

Beginning 8 a.m., May 23, a closure order signed by Acting Forest Supervisor Lou Woltering will affect all sections of the forest including the Smokey Bear Ranger District around Ruidoso.

Local municipal officials, business owners and representatives of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce met two weeks ago to design a promotional campaign emphasizing other types of recreation and vacation activities for visitors this summer in anticipation of a possible closure.

'Unprecedented risk'

According to Paul Schmidthke, fire staff officer, "The bottom line is we are in a situation of unprecedented risk and we want to take every precaution."

Sections of the forest were closed previously on May 2. The order that becomes effective on Tuesday will be a full closure.

The closure does not affect federal and state highways that lead into the mountain communities.

In a related action, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Secretary

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Public Lands candidates experienced

WALTER RUBEL
Santa Fe Bureau

Editor's note: Santa Fe Bureau Chief Walter Rubel is covering the statewide primaries for the Ruidoso News. Of all the races, the one for Public Lands Commissioner should be of the greatest interest to Ruidoso, where current commissioner Patrick Lyons has resolved to trade Moon Mountain to developers.

SANTA FE - All three candidates for commissioner of public lands have held the job before.

Patrick Lyons, the only Republican statewide official elected into office (Treasurer Doug Brown was appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson), will face either the man he replaced, Ray Powell, or Powell's predecessor, Jim Baca, in November.

Baca was elected to the office for the first time in 1983, and then again in 1991. Powell was appointed to the position in 1993 when Baca left to become director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and then won re-election in both 1994 and 1998.

Powell said he would like to restore some of the programs he started that have been discontinued under Lyons. One

example is what he called adaptive scientific land management, in which the state partnered with other agencies to research the water, land, mineral and plant resources on state trust land.

"If you don't know what's on the land, you don't know what's appropriate to do on the land, plus you don't understand the effects of your actions on the land," Powell said.

He said before he left, the Legislature agreed for the first time to spend money on trust land for things like watershed and riparian improvements and forestry and grassland improvements.

"That's been zeroed out," Powell said.

Another initiative Powell said he would like to see restarted is his community partnership program. He said they were able to help with community projects throughout the state, including the Tierra Madre housing project in Doña Ana County in which state trust land was used for sweat-equity straw-bale homes.

"It's that kind of innovative project, working with communities, I want to set back in motion," Powell said. "It's been abandoned at this point."

Baca said the he changed the culture of the State Land Office when he was elected commissioner in 1993.

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Ray Powell
Candidate, Public Lands Commissioner

"I was the first commissioner to bring a conservation ethic to the State Land office."

Jim Baca
Candidate, Public Lands Commissioner

"I was the first commissioner to bring a conservation ethic to the State Land Office," Baca said. "It had just been another branch of the oil and gas industry, to be truthful."

Baca said when he was first elected, oil and gas royalties in New Mexico were the lowest in the country. He urged the Legislature to approve an increase, and the rates went from 12.5 percent to as much as 25 percent.

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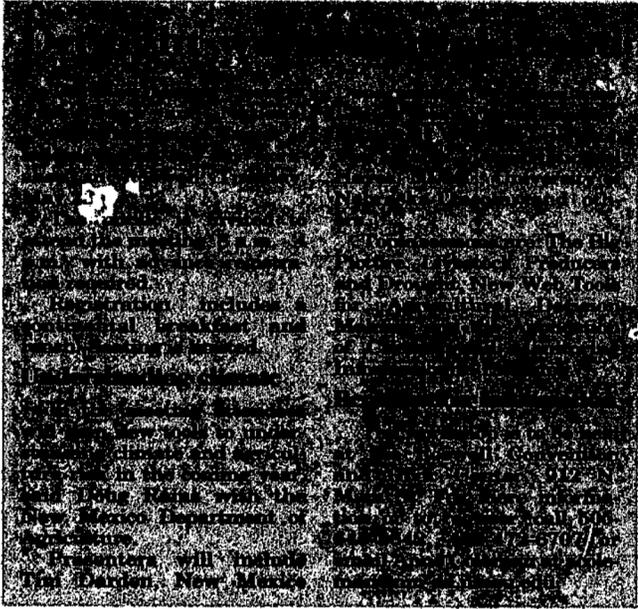


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Katie Feuerstein of Capitan, at right, a pupil in Mrs. Menik's 5th grade, gets some pointers from Capitan rancher Preston Stone, who showed Capitan students the tools of the ranching trade during last Friday's annual Ag Day sponsored by the Corriente CowBelles. Katie sat up in the saddle and Stone laughingly told her to lean over on her elbow and look like a "real cowboy."

Below her, Ralph Dunlap of Lincoln sits at his spinning wheel during Ag Day, which is designed to teach Capitan elementary students about rural ranch life. More than a dozen "stations" demonstrated different aspects of the industry. Dunlap showed students the old art of spinning wool into yarn and talked to the youth as he spun. "It takes a long time to get this old," he told them.

JULIE CARTER/STAFF

AG DAY IN CAPITAN



CORRECTION

The name of former Capitan police chief Chuck George's construction company in last Wednesday's Home & Family article about Jim and Carol Brophy's log homes was inaccurate. The correct name is C.G. Construction.



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New Mexico At A Glance

Moon Phases

Full May 13	Last May 20
New May 27	First Jun 3

UV Index

Wed 5/17	Extreme
Thu 5/18	Extreme
Fri 5/19	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

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RUIDOSO VILLAGE COUNCIL

Good news, bad news on exploratory well

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An exploratory well at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport that cost about a half million dollars to drill may evolve into another source of water for Ruidoso's municipal supply.

While pumping tests showed production at a rate higher than anticipated, an unsuspected pocket of acetone also was detected at a concentration of 0.027 milligrams per liter. Roger Peery of Shomaker & Associates Inc. recommended a follow-up test. He also noted that the water level in the well did not recover to the pre-constant-rate level at the end of the recovery period.

"This may indicate that there are some limited hydraulic boundaries near the well, probably associated with the bedding plants within the aquifer material," he said in a report presented to Ruidoso councilors last week.

Councilor Greg Cory said before the board celebrates the new water source, he'd like the results of a second test to determine if the acetone was an anomaly or indicates possible contamination.

"What authority do you need from us to perform an additional test?" he asked Peery. "The money will be well spent to con-

firm there is not an acetone problem. My eyebrows raised because of the well's proximity to the airport and fuel tanks."

Finding a concentration of acetone at the level in the strata where it was detected is unusual, Peery said. He checked first to ensure that an error didn't occur in the laboratory, he said. Peery said he will move ahead with a second test, which probably will run about \$7,000.

The well was completed by Kenneth D. Huey Drilling Company of Capitan in early April, Peery said. Drilling stopped at a depth of 1,413 feet. Plans called for 1,500 feet, but the "weakly consolidated sandstone" kept collapsing when they tried to go deeper, he reported.

Huey hit water at a depth of 788 feet, he said.

A production rate of 200 gallons per minutes to 400 gpm would be considered a success, he told councilors. He recommended pumping the well at 600 gpm. The well was completed in the Permian-age San Andres strata consisting of limestone interbedded with sandstone. He added that the water quality is considered "very hard."

In other action, the council:

- approved recommenda-

tions from the Lodgers Tax Committee for special event funding in Fiscal Year 2006-07 totaling \$62,370 out of \$63,100 requested. The awards ranged from \$950 for the Arts in the Pines Tour to \$7,500 or \$1,500 per concert at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.

• approved an agreement with the Lincoln County Collaborative to hire a full-time coordinator/grant writer for services with Juvenile Justice.

• heard that the time for responses to a request for proposals to build a new main fire station at School House Park was extended from May 10 to May 24.

• announced that five responses were received by May 5 for requests for proposals for village marketing and advertising services. They came from Circus Inc. of Santa Fe, Grindstone Graphics of Ruidoso, Rick Johnson and Company of Albuquerque, TKO Advertising of Albuquerque and Write Design in Ruidoso. They were rated, oral presentations were scheduled for today and a recommendation may go to the council at its meeting May 30.

• heard that Ruidoso fire fighters posted fire restrictions signs around town and two spotters were out checking for violations.

Absentee voting for primary underway

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Absentee voting by mail for the June 6 primary election already is underway and early voting in person will begin Saturday in Ruidoso.

From 10 a.m.-6 p.m., people from all areas of Lincoln County can come to the Ruidoso Senior Center to cast their ballots.

The center also will be open from noon-8 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and again from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 27 and June 3, the last day for early voting.

Voters have the option to record their votes at the office of County Clerk Tammie Maddox in Carrizozo from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., June 3 only.

Both sites are closed Sundays and Mondays.

Early voting will end June 3 for the county's 3,400 registered Democrats and 7,331 Republicans eligible to vote in the primaries, although all of the contested races locally are on the Republican side.

The contested Republican races include:

- District 2 County Commis-

sion with incumbent Maury St. John facing Don Williams, who currently serves on the Ruidoso Village Council.

• District 4 County Commission with Frank Higgins from the Ruidoso-Lincoln County Extra-territorial Zoning Commission facing insurance agent Dave Parks.

• District 5 County Commission with a race among water activist Jackie Powell, attorney David Stevens, former county

commissioner Mouroy Montes and contractor Dennis Nosker.

• Magistrate Judge Division II with incumbent William Butts facing challenger Salvador J. Beltran.

• State Representative from District 56 with incumbent Dub Williams facing former county commissioner Leo Martinez.

• State Representative from District 59 being sought by Nora Espinoza and Mike Kakuska, both from Roswell.

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CARRIZOZO TOWN COUNCIL

Carrizozo enacts addressing ordinance

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Carrizozo now has an addressing ordinance in place and effective 30 days after it was approved by the town council at their regular meeting May 9.

The ordinance declares its purpose to provide guidelines for maintaining an addressing system for public safety, structure location and for defining policies and procedures related to the naming or renaming of roads, signing of roads, assigning of addresses and ongoing maintenance.

For specifics of the ordinance, copies of the eight-page document can be obtained at

Town Hall.

Police Chief Don Lyles delivered the April activity report to the council which included one speeding citation for the month and penalty assessments of \$58 and a fuel purchase of \$517.97 for the department.

Six code enforcement notices were sent with three verbal compliances and two court summons issued.

The Municipal Court activity report showed at disbursement of \$1,250 to the town through collections, fines and fees.

Bill Hayes, Airport Manager, reported plane fuel is now selling for \$4.90 a gallon or \$4.76 gallon for those with a hangar lease.

Planning and Zoning recommended approval for Delores Whitley and John Morales. Whitley was approved to put a manufactured home on property located west of Carrizozo on Highway 380 and remove the existing mobile home on the property.

Morales was approved for placement of a 30' x 50' manufactured home on two lots at 1208 D Ave. as long as the home was placed within one year from the date of approval.

Upcoming

The council scheduled a budget workshop for 2 p.m. Thursday. The next regular meeting will be held at 6 p.m. June 13.

Source of leak in new public health office determined

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After months of trying to figure out the source of a water leak in the basement of the new \$800,000 public health office on Kansas City Street, Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart found the answer.

"On May 3, an underground

leak was found in the water pipe servicing the public health facility (in the county building) by Village of Ruidoso crews," Stewart reported Tuesday to county commissioners.

"The leak was found several feet before the meter to the building and in an area that led to saturation of the ground in the vicinity of all of our utility

service lines. The repair resolved the problem of the water leaking out of a conduit in the facility basement."

The leak occurred on the village side of the meter and repair was handled by the water department.

Stewart said county officials insisted for months that something was wrong.

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OUR OPINION

Happy Birthday to all of us

Readers, municipalities share in 60th anniversary

The Ruidoso News is 60 years old today. Sing "Happy Birthday," blow out the candles and please keep reading.

And stay involved, by phone or by mail or by just dropping in. Keep us informed so that we may spread the word to the community. That would be your birthday gift to us - for this is your paper, and we rely on one another to complete the cycle of information.

We like the symmetry of birthdays around here. The Village of Ruidoso is also 60 this year. Ruidoso Downs (formerly Green Tree) is 59, based on the establishment of a post office in 1947. The Race Track is officially 60 - though, as the Hollywood Track, it actually opened in 1945.

You might say we've all grown up together.

Take some time, if you will, to peruse today's special section, which is the entire eight-page section that comprised the May 17, 1946, first edition. The look of the paper has evolved dramatically over its lifespan. We dare say it is now considerably more coherent and attractive; color and technology do help.

Isn't it strange, however, that the jumbled, busy look of yesteryear's paper resembles the eye-boggling look of today's electronic visual media, which is fragmented by split-screen, quick cutting, superimposed messages and scroll bars.

Newspapers in reality have changed greatly in 60 years. Mr. Bloodworth's family-run birthing is now a corporate holding, in this case through a combined ownership by MediaNews Group (the managing partner) and Gannett. The Ruidoso News also belongs to

the Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership, a confederation of shared resources.

Though we answer to corporate, we remain, on a day-to-day basis, strictly a community newspaper. We subscribe to no national news services. Our stories are locally generated. Our Opinion pages are created in-house without corporate direction or interference, and the paper's employees are your neighbors and customers.

There is an axiom in the newspaper industry that a paper's highest calling is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. So, while we might be a pain in the rear to politicians and others who control and disburse taxpayer money, or to those who otherwise wield power and authority, we always endeavor to publicize the good deeds of citizens and groups.

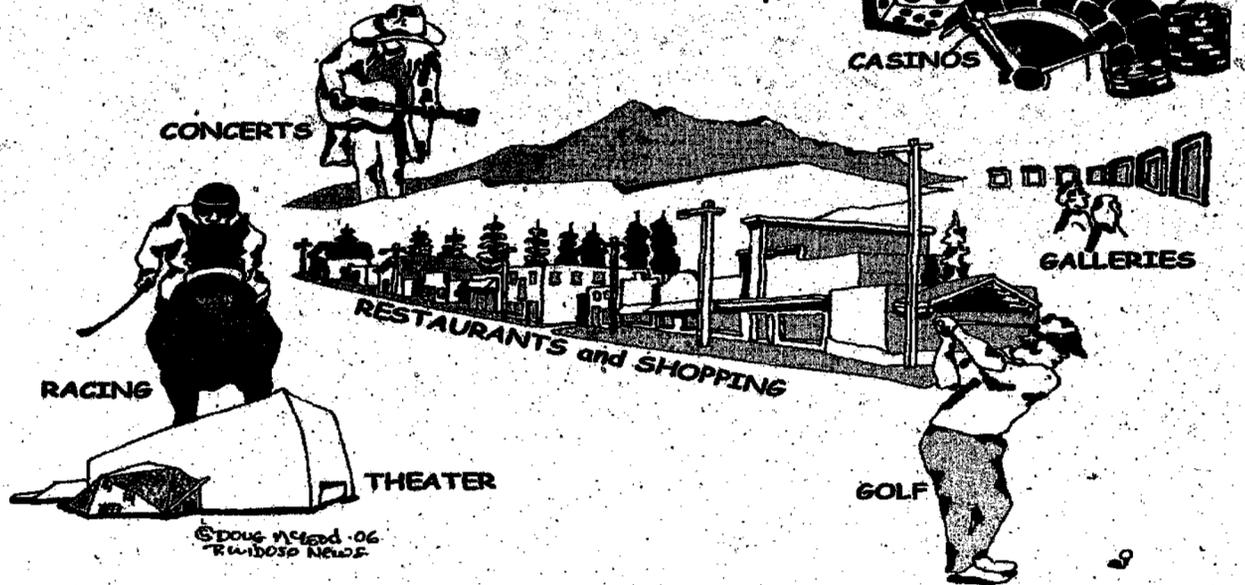
A town without a newspaper is a town without a watchdog, a town where the elected representatives have free rein to operate in the shadows, often to service their own ends.

Without oversight, a certain way of governing gets ingrained in a municipality. The rule of law or the weight of finances can get manipulated by a few for the preferential treatment of a few at the expense of the whole. That is a fiefdom.

Indeed, a democracy cannot stand without an informed populace. It takes vigilance, on your part and ours.

Our agenda is simple: We have none. We are beholden to no individual or political party. It is about you, the community. You're free to agree or disagree with our coverage and our opinions. We just thank the Bloodworth family for the opportunity to carry on.

While the forests may be temporarily closed,
LOOK what's still WIDE OPEN in Lincoln County...



YOUR OPINION

EMS service is not broken, why fix it?

To the editor:

I am a little concerned about recent Village Council's opinions in regards to Ruidoso EMS. From the outside looking in, it appears that there are alternative, personal agendas working against PHS.

I am not an advocate for PHS or any other entity for that matter, but I do see a problem with trying to ultimately question one of the elite Emergency Medical Service providers in the state.

I don't think the residents of Ruidoso realize how fortunate they are to have this service in their community. EMS is an atmosphere that I have been involved with for the better part of a decade. I volunteered in Lincoln County during high school and during breaks from college.

I have also worked for several rural EMS services and a high-volume 911 service in West Texas, and I have to say that I agree with councilman Ron Hardeman, when he asks, why fix something that is not broken?

There are many more conditions that surround this change than the average resident realizes. This is an established service that has a reputation that speaks for itself, not just locally but statewide.

Anytime there is a change this monumental to a service it is obvious that it will incur extreme start-up costs as the council has already pointed out. Before any decision is made, I urge everyone on the council to venture out and compare this service to any other service in the state.

Find a service that has the quality of equipment, units, staff, facilities and diversity that Ruidoso EMS has, and provides a comparable level of care and

services; there are none.

My hesitation to involve a private entity is that it is exactly what it implies, a "private" company. As with most private companies, private ambulance services are "for profit."

While their heart may be in the right place, there is always the concern of revenue in the back of their minds. With a government organization, granted, they do not want to lose money, but turning a profit is less of a concern and the main focus can be directed to the true mission of providing the highest quality of service and level of care to the residents of Ruidoso.

Now Ruidoso EMS is a specialized entity with highly skilled staff that directs their focus to one area, quality patient care. When you merge two separate bodies into one, you lose the specialization that each has to offer and ultimately the ones that suffer are the residents.

I understand that there may be questions and personality conflicts, but if we truly have the best interest of the village in mind, then it only makes sense to do what is right for the residents of Ruidoso and retain Ruidoso EMS as the prestigious 911 service provider that it has proven itself to be.

John Gnathowski
Ruidoso

Too many repeat offenders

To the editor:

Law enforcement officers at the state and local levels do a great job of arresting drunk drivers.

Unfortunately, their efforts are stymied when the cases reach Magistrate Court. Large numbers of repeat DUI offenders receive minimal sentences and probation. A few weeks and they are right back on the streets. (That's how they become repeat offenders.) Apparently, this natural progression is lost on District Attorney 'Scott Free' and good ol' Bill Butts.

If the voters to pay attention to the court records, they will demand a Magistrate Judge who cares about safer streets for us and our children.

I am very pleased that Sal Beltran is running for judge. He has the knowledge, the compassion, and the common sense to give us the safety we deserve.

Jim Slocum
Captain

School Board fumbled

To the editor:

The school board has really fumbled on this one. They let [Superintendent] Charles Harrison and [Principal] Phil Parks go and reinstated Cindy Eggleston. What a ridiculous mentality and insult to the parents and children of Sierra Vista Primary School.

That aside, she is responsible for taking Murray Chico on the SVP campus and should suffer the same fate as the principal and superintendent. What is Ruidoso coming to?

Thank God my daughter is out of that school for good.

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Repealing the gas tax in the Land of Milk and Oreos

About every third day some well-intentioned soul sends me an email forward, the intent of which is to suggest I should be thankful it costs only \$67.87 to fill up my small pickup.

Well, I am not grateful, so stick that in your tank. The idea, I think, is to remind me that gas is a real bargain compared to such products as milk and peanut butter.

Problem with that is a gallon of milk will last me a week and a jar of peanut butter the better part of year, so those products increasing at a rate higher than the annual inflation rate won't cause me to start skipping my meds.

Too, if I leaned the CEO of Bossy the Cow Dairy was taking unholy bonuses based on obscene profits, I would switch brands or stop drinking milk altogether, which would have the side benefit of cutting down on Oreo consumption.

Not so with the gas distributors. The gas gougers got me because I have no other way of getting to the grocery store to buy the milk and peanut butter and Oreos. So when I learn ExxonMobile banked profits of \$36 billion last year,

and that CEO Lee Raymond ripped off a retirement package worth \$400 million, there is little to do but fill up and grimace.



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It serves little but the purpose of warm and fuzzy nostalgia to recall that in the 1906s gas was going for 31 cents a gallon, you could get a new home for under \$20,000, and that gallon of milk rang up at a whopping 49 cents a gallon.

Still, that recitation has a purpose. The low gas price, coupled with a new affluence, spawned an age where just about every kid had a car and he spent most of his time driving it.

That led to "cruising," a coming of age rite memorialized in American Graffiti. Surely, today's high gas prices will put the brakes on that tradition. It may be God's way of saying boom boxes are disturbing the heavens.

Today's crisis has nothing to do with kids cruising or my getting to the store for milk. It has to do with struggling families strapped for cash, trying to find a way to get to work.

Someone needs to do something about it. The answers don't come easy. In New Mexico, a group of Republican

lawmakers thinks it is time to repeal the gasoline tax of 17 cents a gallon. There is solid logic to that. The state coffers are bulging, thanks partly to taxes gained from higher oil and gas prices.

If the state no longer needs the tax revenue, why not give it back to the people who pay it?

Gas tax repeal falls far short of solving the problem, but it makes sense. Governor Bill Richardson doesn't like it much. He says it would cause the state "legal problems," but there is another issue. The tax idea was voiced by Republican rep Dan Foley. Richardson and Dan Foley are the New Mexico equivalent of Howard Dean and George Bush. The gun won't be enraptured by many Foley brainstorms.

Big Bill, so light on his feet that he is the Fred Astaire of modern politics, botched this one. Trying to dance around the Foley plan, he said, "If there is enough sentiment in New Mexico, we will take some steps."

Sentiment? We're way past sentiment, Bill. Think creeping hysteria.

Ned Cantwell - ncantwell@charter.net - spent the late 1950s cruising Southern California streets.

LETTERS FROM PAGE 4A

If Harrison and Parks can go down for what Cindy Eggleston was responsible for then she, as guardian to Murray Chico, can go down for her child.

Scott Key is attempting to try him as an adult for what occurred. Cindy Eggleston should be right beside the boy in those charges.

We are all responsible for what our children do, at least according to the Ruidoso school system. If my daughter even missed too much school for illness, it is I who has to see the judge because of it, not my child.

If [Eggleston] does not pay some kind of hefty price in this matter, I will

lose all faith in the school board and their gutlessness in caving in to the union. Eggleston belongs to.

Bobbi Adams
Ruidoso

Youth centers needed

To the editor:

Believe it or not, when I'm not campaigning for some philanthropic cause, I do work. In fact, when landscaping the Methodist church last week, I overheard several parishioners talking about their newest project, a youth center that they are trying desperately to create.

I started thinking (dangerous thing for me), and realized that the churches

are accomplishing what our community as a whole has failed to do; provide youth centers for our kids. It seems to be the answer to the whole dilemma of youth facilities.

I asked one of the elders at the Methodist church if the kids had to be a regular at the church to attend the intended youth facility and he said "no."

In fact, their intention, as are probably most church youth facilities, is to get as many kids involved in as many productive programs as possible.

So I started thinking again (dangerous!) and thought, 'wouldn't it be great to form a coalition of youth pastors or program administrators.' They could set up programs that could incorporate

all kids attending youth centers. The sports-minded could compete in joy intensity competition, the intellectuals could compete in games like chess and other mind challenging games, spelling comps, etc., etc.

Churches that have facilities in place would start the ball rolling and churches that are in the planning or building stages could get insight from those that exist.

If all worked together it would be an ongoing process of improvement for the kiddos.

I personally will devote my time, because I don't have much money, to the construction of these facilities. I'm sure others will follow suit.

Churches are unique for three

important reasons: They have volunteers; most have land or access to land; and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

My focus right now is on the Methodist church because they have the land, but they need money for construction, and/or donated supplies, volunteers to build and tear down the existing old buildings, as well as any other community support.

I would also encourage the youth church leaders to strongly consider working together as a group - what a great example of cooperation you could set for the ones that look up to you.

Dave Anderson
Alto

STATE COMMENTARY

Borderland residents haven't given up their rights to security

WALTER RUBEL
Santa Fe Bureau

David Pfeffer has come to the end of his 185-mile walk along the U.S. border with Mexico.

Pfeffer, who is one of three Republicans vying for the opportunity to challenge U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman in November, began his walk April 25 on the Arizona border, and concluded it Saturday morning in Santa Teresa.

Pfeffer said the project, which he has called "Walk The Line," has given him a greater understanding of the impact illegal immigration is having on the border area. He described a situation where lawlessness was rampant and where law enforcement was far too scarce to stop the flow of illegal drugs, immigrants and

stolen merchandise back and forth across the border.

Pfeffer said those living along the border know which direction the immigrants are going by what items they steal - those who steal food and clothing are making their way into the country, those who steal TVs and electronics are going back into Mexico to sell them.

"These millions and millions of people who have stolen into this country can never be good citizens, because citizenship involves obeying the law," Pfeffer said.

Every day, illegal immigrants gather in the same places looking for work, and every day we drive by and look the other way, Pfeffer said. That acceptance has led to a larger acceptance of criminal activity, he contends.

Pfeffer said the wave of illegal immigration has led to a "criminal culture."

He amended that statement the next day, explaining that he was speaking after a long day of walking, and was tired. He didn't mean to suggest that the Mexican culture itself is criminal.

But, Pfeffer is certainly not alone in his belief that a lack of security along the border has led to an increase in crime in border communities.

Gov. Bill Richardson said the final straw for him in his decision to declare a state of emergency along the border came when a sheriff was fired upon.

Because none of the three Republican candidates (Pfeffer is being challenged by Allen McCulloch and Joseph Carraro in the primary) is given much

of a shot at beating Bingaman in November, Pfeffer's journey didn't generate much attention.

While I suspect the image of the border area painted by Pfeffer is slightly more dire than actually exists, there's no question that the anger he has tapped into is genuine.

People who have chosen to live in border communities have not given up their rights to safety and security. They deserve a law-enforcement force large enough to handle the threat.

The Senate is expected to take up the immigration bill again next week. Like the House bill already passed, it will try to resolve all immigration issues in one piece of legislation.

That seems unlikely. While there is tremendous

disagreement as to how to handle those immigrants already in the country illegally, there should be absolutely no disagreement about the rights of those living along the border to enjoy peace and tranquility in their own homes.

Lawmakers should send the

resources necessary to deal with that problem while they argue about the bigger picture.

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ZOGBY POLL

Dems, GOP approach Iran 'threat' differently

In the wake of forceful pronouncements from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, two-thirds of American adults now view Iran as a security threat to the U.S., a new Zogby Interactive poll shows. The details of the May survey are available at www.zogby.com.

The poll of 5,892 adults nationwide finds 58 percent of Americans believe it is inevitable Iran will use nuclear weapons against its enemies if it acquires the technology, while just 19 percent believe Iran's reasons for developing atomic weapons is purely for defense purposes.

Yet, despite their belief that a nuclear Iran poses a threat, 45 percent of Americans believe the U.S. does not currently have the necessary military resources to prevent Iran from attacking another nation.

A clear partisan divide has emerged on the issue of Iran and how to deal with it. While Republicans and independents view the Islamic Republic as a threat to the U.S. - 93 percent of Republicans and 63 percent of independents hold this outlook - Democrats are split, with 42 percent viewing Iran as a threat and 43 percent believing Iran poses no threat to the U.S. This stark Republican-Democrat split holds up on a number of ques-

tions on how to deal with the Iranian regime.

A 55 percent majority of Americans backed various solutions utilizing either limited aid and military support for an indigenous resistance or even air strikes targeting Iranian nuclear facilities in addition to diplomatic efforts. Just one-third of Americans backed a solely diplomatic approach to Iran, while only 4 percent endorsed full-scale war against the theocratic regime.

The partisan divide is sharp here, too. While 77 percent of Republicans back limited military roles for the U.S., as do 51 percent of independents, 54 percent of Democrats believe that diplomacy is the best policy for dealing with Iran.

While Americans back the limited use of the military to thwart Iranian nuclear ambitions, there is no desire among any group for a protracted involvement like in neighboring Iraq, with just 26 percent in support of the U.S. bringing about regime change.

Iran's threat that Iran would "wipe Israel off the map" has clearly made an impression on Americans. While 66 percent view Iran as a threat to the U.S., 85 percent see it as a threat to Israel. Nearly as many - 79 percent - believe Iran, which fought a protracted war with neighbor-

ing Iraq during the 1980s, poses a security threat to other Middle Eastern neighbors. A lower 62 percent see it as a threat to Europe.

A 55 percent majority of Americans favor intervening to prevent an attack on Israel by Iran, and a stronger 58 percent would back U.S. retaliation if Iran attacked Israel.

In both instances, roughly one in four Americans oppose armed conflict with Iran. And 43 percent oppose U.S. nuclear retaliation against Iran for a nuclear attack on Israel.

Even fewer Americans - 34 percent - support the use of ground forces against Iran if it attacked Israel.

As with other questions, there is a profound partisan divide over the issue of retaliating on Israel's behalf. Despite the weak support from the overall population for retaliating against Iran if it used atomic weapons against Israel, 59 percent of Republicans would back a retaliatory nuclear attack.

A Zogby Interactive poll in January found the nation split on the question of whether to use U.S. military forces acting without allies to keep Iran from developing nuclear weapons, with 47 percent favoring it and 47 percent opposing it. However, 64 percent said they favored joint

U.S.-European military intervention to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

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MAY 2006

EDUCATION

'Godspell' a learning experience for teens

■ Performance set for June includes song, dance, charades, acrobatics and play-acting

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When *Godspell*, a musical allegory inspired by the Book of Matthew, opens in Ruidoso in a couple of weeks, two students attending Ruidoso High School and pursuing an education in theater, will take the stage.

David Salazar, 16, and Hannah Kashmar, 15, both of Ruidoso High School, are the only teens to be cast in the wacky rendition of the gospel, performing alongside veteran adult actors Janelle Brown, Don Madaris, Lesley Schaffer, Sandy Kashmar, Marc Steward, Lisa Rich, Bj Williams, Bruce Wafful and Mary Maxson.

Of the casting, Kashmar, a budding actress and songstress said, "I like working with people my own age and with adults. It gives you a full range of experience."

Kashmar said she was elated at landing a role in the summer production as she had earlier feared that her schedule might pose a conflict. She considers her mother's involvement in the show, as a fellow actor, a "bonus."

Kashmar has been "hooked on acting" ever since the second grade when she had a speaking part in a school production. From school, she moved on to appearing in church productions, and finally, local theater. Last year Kashmar appeared in the highly-acclaimed *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Godspell for Salazar is a first-time acting experience. Although the robust teen has helped with audio and lighting in school and community theater for more than one year now, he had never before auditioned for a speaking part.

"I heard there was a shortage of men trying out for *Godspell* so I thought I'd give it a try," Salazar said. "I also figured it would be good for me to learn about theater from the point of view of the stage."

Salazar said he hopes to work in live theater one day as a technical director. In the meantime, he said he "found his voice" when he realized he had some acting and singing ability.

"I think most people my age that I know are going to come to the show just to see me. They don't see me as the type of person to be in a play. They want

to come see how I do, acting and singing," he said.

Salazar said he likes working with "a more mature group as you get more done."

"There's not as much horsing around," he said.

He said that while the show's subject has reinforced his belief in basic faith and morals, the production and rehearsal work itself has taught him a lot about teamwork and cooperation.

Salazar and Kashmar both commend the show's director, Don Madaris, for his approach to theater.

"He's clear about what he wants and doesn't leave a lot of questions," said Salazar.

"At the same time he lets us explore our characters. There's a lot of ad-libbing in this show," Kashmar said.

Kashmar describes *Godspell* as "cool" and said it should be as entertaining to youth as it is sure to be for adults.

"Everybody can get something out of it," she said.

Opening in Broadway in 1971, *Godspell* is performed in carnival style with the actors taking on various roles to tell the story of Jesus through play-acting, pantomime, clowning, charades, acrobatics, vaudeville and song.

Although best known for its original song "Day By Day," a

"I heard there was a shortage of men trying out for *Godspell* so I thought I'd give it a try."

David Salazar
Student, actor

Billboard topper in 1972, *Godspell* includes a lineup of songs that are both educational and uplifting.

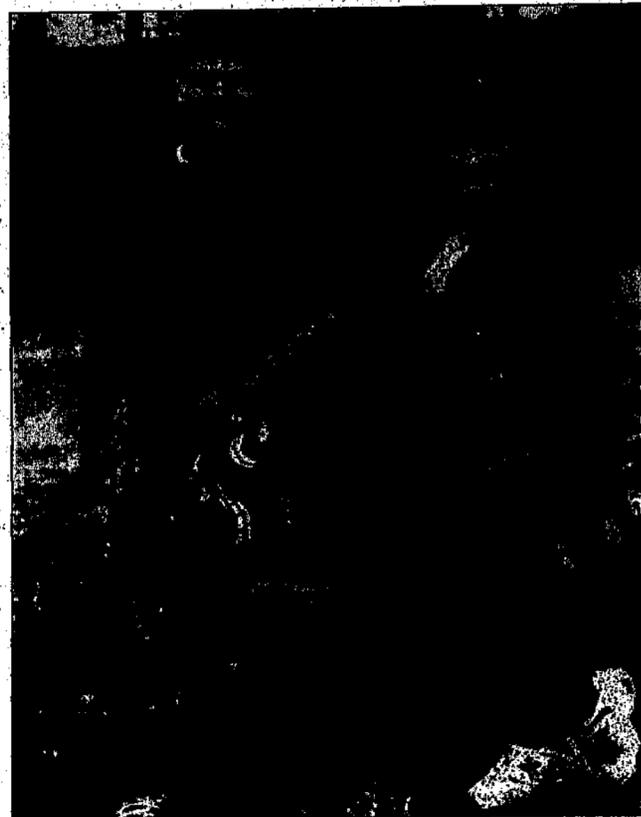
"All For The Best" is the show stopper at the end of the first act and a song that I think everyone will like," an excited Salazar said.

Kashmar said she predicts the audience will be equally pumped up by "We Beseech Thee" and "Light Of The World," two of her favorite songs.

In *Godspell*, Kashmar will be leaving her mark with her solo rendition of "Learn Your Lessons Well" while Salazar will play the flugel horn and baritone horn during several numbers.

Tickets to *Godspell*, taking place at Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center, Warrior Drive, 7 p.m., June 2, 3, 9 and 10 and at 2 p.m. June 4 and 11, are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students.

Reservations are accepted at 257-4328.



An adventurous pair, David Salazar and Hannah Kashmar will appear in next month's community theater production of *Godspell*.

MESCALERO'S FINEST



CREDIT

Ruidoso High School recently named its Native American Student(s) of the Year for 2006. They are, from l-r, back row: Abraham B. Chee, Kelsey Coonia, Joseph Godines and Keena Frizzell. Front row, l-r: Taryn Yuzos, Krystin Fernando, Lindsey Blake and Sheyenne Vigil.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Altrusa Scholarships

The Altrusa Club of Ruidoso has opened its 2006 Scholarship Program to provide assistance to adults who have discontinued their education and who need help in furthering their education due to changing demands in their lives.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age and must have successfully completed at least 9 semester or quarter hours (or the equivalent) in an accredited college or vocational school. Applications are accepted once a year and must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee Chairman by June 15. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Altrusa at P.O. Box 1143, Ruidoso, NM, 88345, or call the Scholarship Chairman at 336-8401. Applications are also available at ENMU-Ruidoso.

Since 1993 the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso's Scholarship Program has helped dozens of Lincoln County residents achieve academic success. One of our 2005-06 recipients, Juanita Garcia, received her B.A. in Sociology this year. Altrusa Club members extend their congratulations and best wishes to Juanita. Additional 2005-06 scholarship recipients were Tina Adams, part-time student majoring in Drug &

Alcohol Counseling at ENMU-Ruidoso; Mary Quintana, full-time Elementary Education student at ENMU-Ruidoso, and; Amanda Vega, part-time student majoring in Applied Science at ENMU-Ruidoso. Total amount of scholarships awarded for 2005-2006 was \$3,400.

Kidz Kollege

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

Summer reading

Registration for the summer reading program at the Ruidoso Public Library, Lasting Impressions, is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, June 3. Persons seeking early enrollment are invited to stop by the library at 107 Kansas Rd. or call 258-3704. Information brochures are available at the library this week. Summer Reading 2006 runs June 3 through July 27 with prizes and certificates redeemable from July 28

through Aug. 4. A pre-kindergarten skills class and infant/toddler program are added to the schedule this year.

Classmates sought

The Ruidoso High School Class of 1976 is searching for classmates. A 30-year reunion is set for Aug. 4-6. Persons with information or addresses on missing classmates are encouraged to contact organizers at coe@valornet.com or ritter@valornet.com or 258-5552.

A joint reunion for the Ruidoso High School classes of 1948 through 1970 is scheduled for July 21-22 at RHS. Volunteers to help with the event are being sought, as are the addresses of missing classmates. For more information call 257-7804 or 257-9733.

Graduates of the Ruidoso High School class of 1991 currently are being sought. A 15-year reunion is planned here for July 21-23. For more information call Becky (Van Winkle) Ewing at 257-1594 or write booksetc@zianet.com

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.

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EDUCATION

Four-day school week gets Capitan school board nod

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The Capitan Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the four-day school schedule presented to them by the schools' calendar committee and recommended by Superintendent Larry Miller.

After a year-long discovery process into a four-day curriculum, the board held a well-attended public input meeting on May 2 to hear the concerns and thoughts of parents. The entire district school staff had, prior to the public meeting, voted for the change 68-1. The meeting offered a better understanding for the reasons behind the four-day school week.

May 11 the school board met in their regular meeting. With a dozen guests present and the majority of those staff mem-

bers, there was some additional discussion of the calendar change.

Transportation director, Frank Silva, said he will face a cut in his bussing budget with only a few busses running on Fridays for those students required in the classroom for remediation.

Elementary and middle school students will use the extra time in the classroom offered by an extended day for remediation. Other uses of the time will address those classes that require more time; science and social studies as well as those subjects that are often shorted on time such as physical education, art and music.

The tentative schedule will extend the school day to 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. plus or minus a few minutes to meet state requirements. Miller said all district students will be served a free

breakfast.

Elementary students already have breakfast delivered to the classrooms. Middle school students will go the cafeteria as the first item on each day's schedule and high school students will be served breakfast in the home economics classroom. Lunch schedules will remain the same. Friday remediation classes will be in the mornings only and no meals will be served.

Final approval of the calendar will come from the Public Education Department (PED) Thursday. The calendar shows Aug. 21 as the first day of school for middle and high school and elementary students starting back on Aug. 23. The last day of school is May 23, 2007.

"We have a committed staff in favor of the change," said Miller. "They are committed to

doing what is required to implement a four-day school week. The staff, all 63 members combined, represents more than 800 years of experience and they say they can do this, raise the AYP scores as needed, and meet the benchmarks and standards in each grade level. I'm confident they can and will."

Miller said the Public Education Department will monitor the program with monthly and year-end evaluations. He reiterated that the change is for the purpose of maintaining "focused, structured, quality instructional time."

End-of-year district-wide attendance is 572 students, down 39 from the same-day count last year.

The board voted to change the date of the June meeting to June 12 because of a conflict with the School Law

Conference June 9-10 in Albuquerque.

In other business the board:

- approved the 2006-07 Title I/Title V application which focuses on reading and math in grades K-5 as well as library books and other programs
- awarded DeAun Willoughby Melrose, a three-year RFP audit contract

- discussed a report that had been received on the HVAC study for improvement campus-wide with options presented and discussion of financial requirements needed in a bond issue election
- approved plans for turning the sand volleyball pit into a half-court basketball area and a future gazebo location for shade, tables and a student gathering place. Presently the sand pit becomes a standing water catchall when any rain or

"We have a committed staff in favor of the change. They are committed to do what is required to implement a four-day school week."

Larry Miller
Capitan Schools Superintendent

snow falls.

- discussed funding cost of a site development plan in phases by priority over the next five years
- approved scholarship awards - the Jack O Pogue award was given to Brittany Adcock and the Jessie Faye award to Joshua Castaneda
- first reading of the student handbooks for all district schools for the 2006-07 year.

Graduates of 'early years' honored along with new ENMU grads



ENMU-Ruidoso graduation candidates wait backstage Sunday during the first commencement ceremony held in the history of the branch community college.

PAMELA CROMWELL/STAFF

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These Classes Fill Quickly, So Come Early!

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Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso's first commencement ceremony, which took place on Mother's Day, May 14, packed the 514-seat Spencer Theater to capacity. Former dean of the Ruidoso Instruction Center, Jim Miller, was the first person honored at the ceremony when he was made Dean Emeritus of the newly established Ruidoso branch of ENMU. Miller was instrumental in establishing branch status for the Ruidoso community college. Retiring last year, Miller now works at Seasons Nursery and has

become a licensed horticulturalist. In his speech, Miller remembered some of the graduates from Ruidoso's early years, many of which were single moms who found a foothold at ENMU-Ruidoso to help them into successful careers. As it was Mother's Day, moms in general were honored, and special tribute was paid to mothers receiving their degrees this day. In a few instances, a mom

and her child were graduating at the same time. Secretary of Higher Education Beverlee McClure gave the keynote address, passing along bits of wisdom from her favorite philosophers, including Garth Brooks, Dr. Seuss and Madonna.

Editor's note: See the Ruidoso News May 31 for a complete list of graduates.

Zia awards scholarships

Zia Natural Gas Company recently announced its 2006 New Mexico high school scholarship award recipients.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 per semester, per student, covering four years, were awarded to seven students in Zia's natural gas service area, based on academic standing, demonstrated need and an overall sense of community participation.

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A slate-gray bank of storm clouds rolls across the mountains late Sunday afternoon in this photograph taken about 4 o'clock from the grounds of the Spencer Theater on Highway 220. Sierra Blanca Peak rises above the mountain chain. The storm moved in from the north, dropping small hail at the base of the Capitan Mountains and in Ruidoso Downs and ushering in strong winds in Capitan.

PAMELA CROWWELL/STAFF

The forest gets a drink: Sunday-Monday rainfall drops an inch in places

■ However, brief respite won't change overall drought picture

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In the last five years, Ruidoso posted a precipitation deficit of nearly one full year's worth of rain and snow.

The overnight showers Sunday and Monday that

dropped as much as one inch in some areas of Lincoln County gave vegetation a brief respite from dry and windy conditions.

But that won't change the overall picture, said Charlie Liles, meteorologist with the Albuquerque office of the National Weather Service.

He was preparing drought maps for the state drought monitoring group and took a look at the last six months for

Ruidoso through April and also the last 60 months.

The average for six months for Ruidoso is 6.7 inches of precipitation, he said. But the village registered only 2.10 inches, about 31 percent of normal and a 4.6 inch drop.

The six month view was even more depressing.

Normal precipitation came in at 109.25 inches over 60 months, but Ruidoso only

received 92.13 inches in the last 60-month period, about 16 percent of average and a deficit of 17.12 inches, according to Liles' charts.

However, despite the impression that last year was exceptionally dry, early winter months in 2005 managed to keep the overall deficit for that 12-month period at under 1 inch.

The lack of moisture puts

vegetation under a great deal of stress, Liles said, making it more vulnerable to infestations from pests and parasites.

The drought also may drive bear into more populated areas seeking food, staff with the state Game and Fish Department warned.

Bear necessities

With no rain to encourage the production of berries and

other food sources in the mountains, people should be aware that bear will look for food sources such as pet food dishes, hummingbird feeders, trash bins and cooking grills, as well as water.

Feeding a bear not only can create dangerous situations for humans, but can result in a bear becoming a nuisance and being killed in traffic or for protection, staff members said.

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Joanna Prukop and State Forester Arthur "Butch" Blazer announced new restrictions on fireworks, smoking, campfire and open fires that took effect Monday covering non-municipal, non-federal and non-tribal lands across all of New Mexico.

The restrictions include:

• **Smoking:** Allowed only in enclosed buildings, developed recreation areas, within structures, vehicles equipped with ashtrays on paved or surfaced roads, and in areas at least three feet in diameter that are barren or cleared of all flammable material.

• **Fireworks:** Prohibited in all state and private wildlands outside city or tribal jurisdictions. Wildland areas include lands covered wholly or in part by timber, brush, grass, grain or other flammable vegetation. Exceptions are allowed for fire department approved public exhibits.

• **Campfires:** Banned in all open areas including New Mexico State Parks unless the following exceptions are met. An exception is granted to the above where cooking or heating devices use kerosene, white gas or propane as a fuel in an improved camping area that is cleared of all flammable vegetation for at least 30 feet or has a water source.

(For information, contact park managers or visit www.nmparks.com).

The State Forester is also allowing exceptions for charcoal grills and wood and coal stoves within yards associated with a residence or on the premises of

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a business.

• **Open Fires** are prohibited (i.e. an ignition device using natural or artificial fuel that either has an open flame or requires that the heat source be placed physical in the device). An exception is granted where a patrol is posted on site for at least one hour after all equipment operations are completed. The patrol must be able to detect within five minutes, fires that may originate at the site of the equipment operation and be able to report a fire to the responsible protection agency within 15 minutes of detection. In addition, a water source must be available on site.

• **Open burning** (burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning or weed burning) is prohibited. The State Forester grants an exception to open burning when the following conditions are met:

1. The cropland is irrigated. This exception does not apply to non-irrigated croplands, fields or rangelands;
2. Burning is done with adequate planning;
3. Adequate personnel to monitor and control the burn, to assure that it will not become

an uncontrolled fire;

4. The burn area is secured from becoming uncontrolled at the end of daily operations; and,
5. At the beginning of each day, before ignition, the person responsible for the burn notifies the local fire department responsible for fire protection and follows all local burning guidelines and 20.2.60.111 NMAC, Conditions for Restricted Open Burning related to state air quality.

• **Flaring of gas** is prohibited. The State Forester grants an exception to the prohibition on open fires for the flaring of natural gas when the following conditions are met:

1. Unless the flaring is needed for safety purposes, flaring pursuant to this exception shall not be done on days that are "red flag days" as determined by the National Weather Service or on days when the sustained wind is in excess of 25 miles per hour in the area;
2. The local fire department and county dispatch are notified at least 24 hours in advance of anticipated releases that will result in flaring. If flaring is done by an automated system then the schedule of flaring shall be provided to the

Rain douses Mescalero fire

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A fire that sent some 88 acres of uninhabited land on the Mescalero Apache Reservation up in flames yesterday was put out by natural rainfall soon after it started.

Nick Garcia, a duty officer with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Department, said that while the cause of the fire is still under investigation, a possibility of cause is lightning.

"There was a lot of lightning before and during the storm we had yesterday so that is the starting point for our investigation," Garcia said. "Still, we don't want to say how it got started because we can't be sure at this time."

Garcia said that by the time forestry officials arrived on the scene there were no visible flames.

"All we found was a large area smoldering," he said, adding that the fire was discovered by a crew working on a fence.

The fire began around 10:30 a.m. in the northeast corner of the reservation. Ground crews called to the scene were backed by an attack helicopter.

local fire department and the county dispatch, and mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed six inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of one and one half times the height of the stack.

3. At least one adult is on site with communications equipment adequate to reach county dispatch and the local fire department in the event of a fire. The individual should also be equipped with a shovel and a water backpack pump or other equipment to deliver water to suppress a fire; and

4. If flaring is to take place at an unmanned facility, then the area around the flare stack mowed and maintained at a length not to exceed six inches and all other flammable products or debris shall be cleared in the area for a distance of three times the height of the stack

The State Forester may allow exemptions from the above upon receiving a written request and granting subsequent approval in writing. You may apply for an exemption on the Forestry Division Web site at www.nmforestry.com.

An exemption does not relieve a person from any civil or criminal liability associated with an uncontrolled fire, including costs associated with wildland fire suppression.

For specific information concerning the restrictions, see the attached smoking, campfire and open fire restrictions bulletin or view the fire restrictions on the Web at www.nmforestry.com. For more information, 505-476-3326.

For more information about the federal forest closure, call toll-free 1-877-964-6985 or visit the Southwest Area Wildland Fire Operations Web site at www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire.

Dry weather presents bear problems in northern NM

Dry weather and hungry bears are a bad combination in areas where population centers are expanding into bear country, and as residents of Santa Fe and Albuquerque discovered this week, bears are the losers in almost every encounter with humans.

Early Wednesday (May 10) morning, a young male bear was struck and killed by a car on Interstate 40 east of Albuquerque. Tuesday, another young bear had to be tranquilized and removed from a residential neighborhood in south Santa Fe.

Biologists with the Department of Game and Fish were not surprised by the incidents and warned that this spring's very dry conditions in the high country may force more bears into towns in search for food.

"If the state continues to be dry, there's a distinct possibility we'll be seeing more visits from bears as they range farther for food this year," said Rick Winslow, the Department's large carnivore biologist.

"We're already seeing the familiar signs: dumpsters overturned, trash spread into the hills, dogs barking all night. And it could increase later when the fruit trees come on in the valleys."

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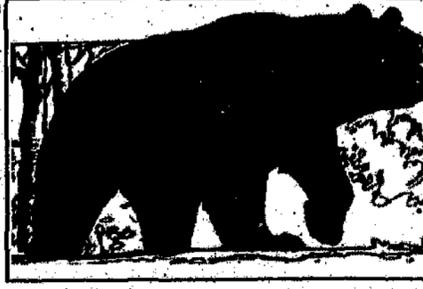
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Unlike national elections, statewide races tend to favor Democrats

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SANTA FE — When Patrick Lyons defeated Art Trujillo in the race for State Land Commissioner four years ago, he became the only Republican statewide elected official, and just the second Republican (along with W.R. Humphries) to hold the post since 1931.

Lyons is up for re-election in November, and this time has two former land commissioners, Jim Baca and Ray Powell, squaring off on the Democratic side for the right to challenge him.

Three Republicans will be running for the shot at challenging Jeff Bingaman for his U.S. Senate seat. But, all of the other statewide primary races will be like that of Baca vs. Powell — on the Democrat side.

New Mexico voters have been fairly evenly split in races at the top of the ticket, such as for president, governor and U.S. Congress. Three of the state's five congressional delegates are Republican, as were two of the last four governors.

But when it comes to the smaller statewide offices, Democrats have had a much stronger hold. There hasn't been a Republican elected secretary of state since Jesusita A. Perrault in 1929. That same year, Miguel A. Ortiz III was elected attorney general. The only other Republican to win

that seat since then was Hal Stratton in 1987.

The state auditor has been a Democrat since 1971. The state treasurer's office had been in the control of Democrats since 1969. But, last year Gov. Bill Richardson appointed Doug Brown, a Republican, to fill the vacancy created when Robert Vigil stepped down on the eve of a House impeachment proceeding against him.

Jose Garcia, a U.S. and New Mexico government professor at New Mexico State Univer-

sity, said Republican candidates can use advertising money and name recognition to overcome a voter registration disadvantage in the top-of-the-ticket races. But in the smaller statewide races, it's hard for the Republicans to beat the numbers.

"In New Mexico, most voters are Democrats," Garcia said. "In a high-profile race, where there's millions of dollars being spent on advertising, whether it's for governor or senate or a congressional race, people are

willing to suspend their partisanship and are influenced by issue areas."

Garcia said for candidates in the lower offices, it's difficult to generate enough media attention to run an issues-oriented campaign. So, they put up signs throughout the state and go for name recognition. "There, the Democratic Party registration trumps the vicissitudes of the campaign," Garcia said.

Voters will see familiar names in several of the primary races. Powell and Baca aren't

the only former office holders looking for another run.

Former secretaries of state Stephanie Gonzales (1991-1998) and Shirley Hooper (1979-1983) are among four Democrats seeking that post, which is being vacated by Rebecca Vigil-Giron. Other candidates are Mary Herrera, the Bernalillo County Clerk, and Letitia Montoya. The winner will face Vickie Pereira in November.

Former state Rep. Gary King is one of three Democrats in the race for attorney general. Geno Zamora, a former assistant attorney general under Tom Udall and chief legal counsel to Bill Richardson, and Lemuel Martinez, the district attorney in Cibola County, are also vying to replace Patricia Madrid. Republican Jim Bibb will face the winner.

The state auditor position is also being vacated this year. Democrats Thomas Buckner and Jeff Armijo will both be seeking their first elected political office. Daniel Alvarez is the Republican challenger.

There are also contested pri-

maries in three Public Regulation Commission districts. Incumbent E. Shirley Baca of Las Cruces will be challenged by Sandy R. Jones in the primary. The winner will face either Doyle D. Pruitt, C. Earl Greer or D. Kent Evans in the November general election.

The race for treasurer will not be on the primary ballot. James B. Lewis, Democrat, will face Demestria Padilla, Republican, in November.

Garcia said he was surprised that three Republicans — Farmington urologist Allen McCulloch, state Sen. Joseph Cararro of Albuquerque and Santa Fe City Council member David Pfeffer — would challenge Bingaman in a year when Republicans are losing popularity among voters.

"It's not a favorable year for Republicans," he said. "It is surprising you would have a primary race against an incumbent Democratic senator whose been in there as long as Bingaman has. Statewide races are expensive, time-consuming and you have to think twice before you get into them."

State Land Commissioner

Job Description: The Commissioner of Public Lands is responsible for management of the state trust lands — roughly 9 million surface acres and 13 million oil, gas and mineral acres spread across every county but Los Alamos. The Land Office collected more than \$1 billion from Jan. 2003 through Dec. 2005, with the majority of that money going to support public schools.



Ray Powell

Party: Democrat

Age: 56

Occupation: Veterinarian

Elected office/public service: state land commissioner 1993-2002 (appointed by Gov. Bruce King in 1993 to replace Jim Baca); chairman of New Mexico Veterinary Board; board member of Common Cause New Mexico; president of La Semilla non profit nature preserve.

Campaign Web site: raypowell4land.com



Jim Baca

Party: Democrat

Age: 60

Occupation: Vice president for business development for Road9, a fiber-optic company.

Elected office/public service: State Land Commissioner 1983-1986; 1991-1993 (resigned to become director of US Bureau of Land Management, 1993-1994) Albuquerque mayor 1997-2001; state liquor director, early 1980s; serves of boards of National Wilderness Society, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance and the Wyss Foundation.

Campaign Web site: jim Baca.com

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"That's one reason why we've got so much money in the Permanent Fund right now," Baca said.

Baca said that if elected for a new term, he would seek three constitutional changes. The first would set up a new board that would have the authority to review and approve all sales and trades by the Land Office.

"Any land sale or trade that permanently disposes of state land should be subject to scrutiny," Baca said.

The second proposed amendment would allow the Land

Commissioner to give trust land to local governments or schools districts.

"Right now, if a school wants to build a new high school, and there's a piece of state land nearby, they have to pay for it, and that's silly," Baca said.

His third amendment would permanently withdraw some state lands from mineral entry. Baca said that both Otero Mesa and state trust lands around Las Cruces are examples of land that should be protected.

Baca agreed with Powell in opposing cuts to the Land Office's budget under Lyons.

"Last year, \$1 billion came in in oil and gas royalties and revenues to the land office, and he cut the budget," Baca said.

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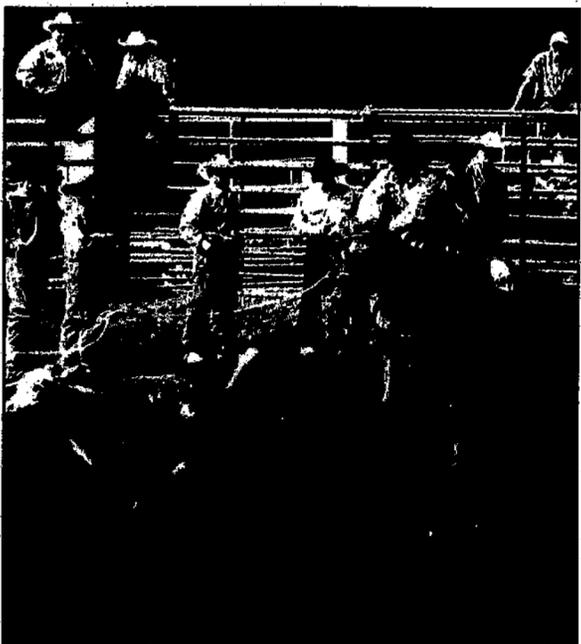


A day at the rodeo • Photos Julie Carter

Local cowboys & cowgirls compete at the Mescalero High School Rodeo



At left: The bullfighter rushes to the aid of Randall Prsewont of Ruidoso;
Bottom left: Stacy Merritt of Ramon throws a quick loop in breakaway roping;
Bottom center: Cutler Whipple of Capitan dismounts in the tie-down roping;
Bottom right: Tysa Davidson, Corona, rounds the second barrel;
Below: Quirt McDaniel, Claunich, pulls to stay aboard a bareback horse.



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attorneys representing the board and the City of Ruidoso Downs reported Monday they expect some federal money will shake loose toward the project mandated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

"We were questioned a number of times in Washington about why these two communities (Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, which own the plant) with a combined population of about 10,000 are building a \$30 million plant," said Ruidoso Downs City Attorney Dan Bryant during a press conference following the trip.

"The answer is because we are a major tourist destination and we have to build the infrastructure for a community of

30,000 full-time residents to meet the peak demand (when tourists and seasonal visitors are in the area). And 10,000 souls are left to pay the bill when the rest go home."

That piece of reality, combined with a willingness to look at issuing municipal general obligation bonds, to increase sewage rates and to work toward a mutually agreeable rehabilitation of the watershed and the Ruidoso River in concert with the Forest Guardians group that sued the two municipalities, seemed to impress members of the Congressional delegation and their staffs, he said.

But part of the reality includes that residents of Ruidoso Downs, a lower income area than Ruidoso, "already are at the top of the affordability index," said Sue Garrett, mayor pro tem of the city, who went on the Washington D.C. excursion.

In addition to hearing that money may be available through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, environmental grants and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tied to serving the Mescalero, Ruidoso Downs City Manager John Waters said he learned from congressional staffers that his city was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We didn't know and I'm currently researching where and how much and what I have to do to get it," he said. "I'm happy to know there is another pot of money out there."

Ruidoso Village Manager Lorri McKnight credited Waters with arranging audiences with U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici from New Mexico, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce from Congressional District 2 that includes Lincoln County, and U.S. Reps. Heather Wilson and Tom Udall.

Although a mixture of Republicans and Democrats, and despite the fact that the two municipalities don't fall into Udall and Wilson's districts, the Joint Use Board group received a warm reception, said JUB attorney H. John Underwood.

They did more than thank the group for coming and pat them on the back, he said. They listened and the staff members were instructed to give priority treatment to the search for money to pay for a portion of the plant.

But Byrant, Waters and Nunley said money from outside sources won't cover the total bill and the Congressional delegates were pleased to see the communities are willing to do their parts financially and already have accomplished considerable planning and a plant design concept, Byrant said.

"The delegates were well prepared," Bryant said. "They knew our problem and asked detailed questions."

The two communities were ordered as part of the plant's permit to implement processes that would reduce the discharge of phosphorus into the river to a maximum of .1 milligrams per liter by Jan. 1, 2004. The phosphorus fosters the growth of algae that causes problems downstream.

Municipal officials scrambled since missing the deadline to satisfy federal and state environment representatives that they are attempting to meet that limit as quickly as money can be found to accomplish the goal in phases.

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City attorney, Ruidoso Downs

low-up meetings with people in the Albuquerque office of the Corps and other agencies will be needed, but the delegates

acknowledged that the phosphorus limit imposed on the plant is the toughest in the United States.

Session may violate Open Meeting Act

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No matter how well-intentioned, members of the Joint Use Board in their eagerness to report to the public about the fruits of their meetings with Congressional delegates, apparently violated New Mexico's Open Meeting Act by conducting a press conference Monday.

Bob Johnson, executive director of the Foundation for Open Government, said Tuesday that with a quorum present of the board that oversees the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant owned by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and with public business being discussed, the meeting required proper public notification.

Reporting on meetings with Congressional delegates, which were advertised in advance, constitutes public business even if no action was taken, he said.

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L. Ray Nunley
Mayor, Ruidoso

The session was attended by Dan Bryant, Ruidoso Downs city attorney and H. John Underwood, former Ruidoso village attorney and JUB attorney, as well as three members of the five-member Joint Use Board.

Nunley called the *Ruidoso News* later to report that he contacted the office of District Attorney Scot Key to report the violation, because he called the press conference.

"I reported myself as violating (the OMA) and gave them my phone number," Nunley said.

"Scot will call me back later and we will work it out. We taped it, so if they need to hear the discussion, they can."

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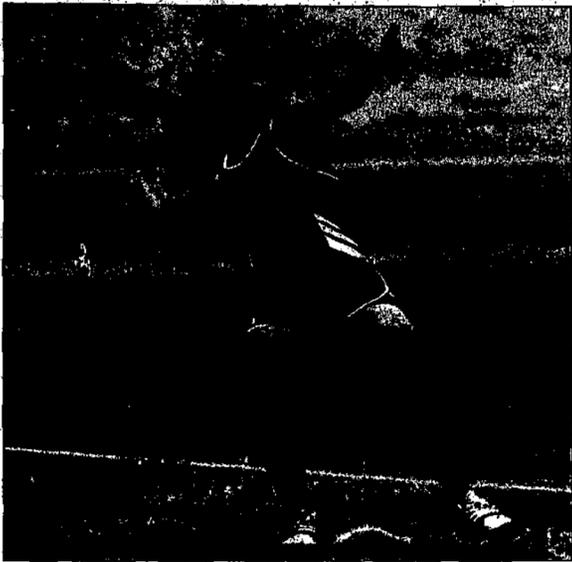
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Youth movement on display for Ruidoso girls



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso junior Alexandria Ramirez throws the javelin Saturday at the Class 3A State track and field meet in Albuquerque. Ramirez upset favorite Diedra Brown of Bloomfield to win her first state title in the event.

Lady Warriors defend medley title, earn championships in javelin, 300 hurdles

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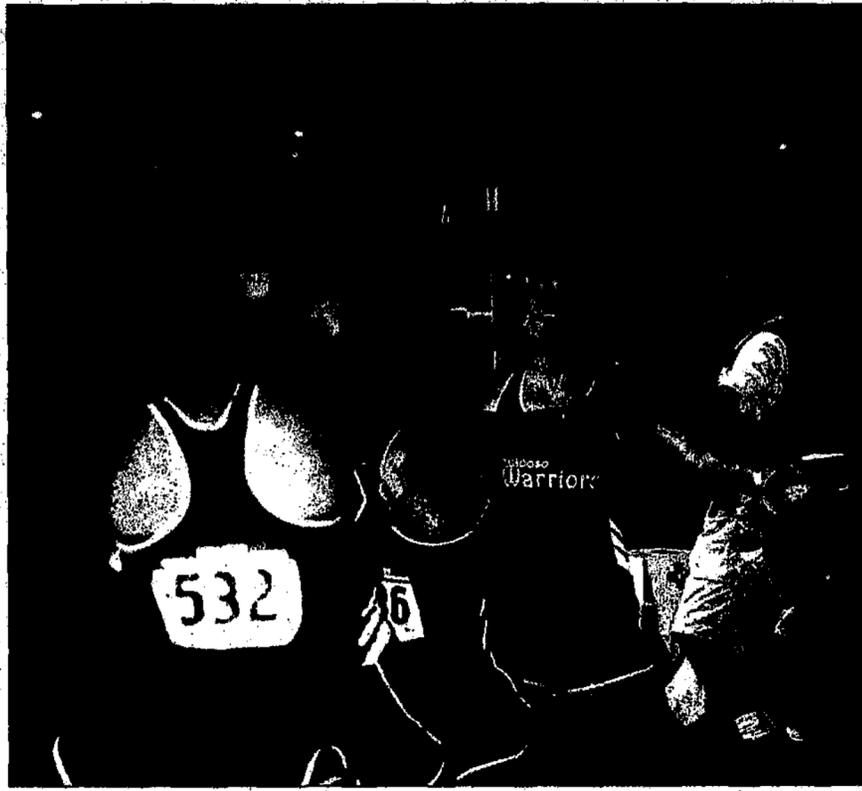
ALBUQUERQUE — The race for the Class 3A State track and field girls team title this weekend came right down to the wire, with St. Michael's just beating Bloomfield by two points.

But the more interesting story for Ruidoso fans is that the Lady Warriors took third. They may have been a good distance away from Bloomfield — 13 1/2 points, to be precise —

but their performance featuring a number of young athletes bodes well for the future of girls track and field at Ruidoso High.

"Overall, I'm happy with some things, and not with others," said Ruidoso coach Romy Maskew. "These girls are young and talented, and we'll have quite a team. The only thing is, all these other teams are young, too."

The youth movement at Ruidoso paid off big in the 300 hurdles, 4x200- and 4x400-meter relays. Freshmen Angela



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Members of the Ruidoso girls 4x400-meter relay team celebrate after Angela Gardner, far right, won the final race by just 2/10th of a second Saturday at the Class 3A State track and field meet in Albuquerque. It was the Lady Warriors' second straight state title in the event, and marked a school record with a time of 4:06.75.

and Amber Gardner were a big part of the reason all three were big events for the Lady Warriors.

The sisters finished 1-2 in 300 hurdles, with Angela earning her first state title in the event with a time of 47.36 seconds. Amber was right behind

with a time of 48.35. The duo came close to the same result last year, taking second and third.

"All these girls were really good, but we had a little more experience this year," Angela said. "Also, my sister was the biggest competition. I knew it

was going to be one of us winning it."

In the 4x400, the two were experienced in winning, as they — along with fellow freshman Haley Williams — helped to

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Medley relay highlight for Warriors at state track meet

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ALBUQUERQUE — Ruidoso track coach Romy Maskew knew the race for a boys team title at this year's Class 3A State track and field meet would be a dogfight, and while Lovington may have run away with the title, the next three places were hotly contested.

In the end, the Warriors finished fourth overall, just five points behind Grants and nine points behind second-place St. Michael's.

The close finish in the team results was mirrored by the close finish in the medley relay final, a race the Warriors won by just 7/10th of a second.

It was the only state title in any event for Ruidoso, but it was a race to remember.

Starting with Nathaniel Mays and Dayne Hall in the 200-meter legs, the race was led for most of the way by Ruidoso, but the St. Michael's team

stayed right on the Warriors' heels.

Lucas Lindsey took over for the 400-meter leg and maintained the lead, although it had diminished somewhat by the time Fabian Olvera took the baton for the final 800-meter leg.

Olvera was still leading after the first lap, but then St. Michael's runner took the lead.

Even then, Olvera didn't think he was beaten. "That's the hardest I've had to run the 800," Olvera said. "When I saw him pass me, I thought, 'I've still got you.' He was never more than 10 meters ahead of me."

Olvera was still behind heading into the final turn, but then found that last burst of energy down the stretch he needed to cross the line just ahead of his opponent.

Maskew said Olvera's performance wasn't too

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ruidoso senior Fabian Olvera, left, cruises around the track on the 800-meter leg of the boys medley relay final Saturday during the Class 3A State track and field meet at Albuquerque. Olvera needed a final burst of speed on the final stretch to help earn the state title for his team in the event.

Ruidoso baseball dream ends at state tourney

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ALBUQUERQUE — Ruidoso's baseball Class 3A State championship run came to an end Friday with their 14-4 loss to St. Michael's at University of New Mexico Lobo Field.

The Warriors' ride ended mostly due to a high pressure environment fomented by the very fact that they were in a state semi-final game.

"Today it was all about pitching," said Ruidoso coach Jarrett Perry. "When you're limited on the mound, it hurts."

As Ruidoso ace Will Wilson had thrown seven tough innings the day before in a win over Pojoaque, the Warriors (7-22) went with sophomore K.D. Elsey to start Friday.

Elsey held St. Michael's (20-9), scoreless in the first inning after the Horsemen got two men on base, thanks to two hit batters in Bucky Trujillo and Scott Sealy.

But Elsey also struck out two batters and got a fly ball to get out of the jam.

Ruidoso then scored three runs in the top of the second inning, thanks to three straight singles by Manny Herrera, Wilson and Sergio Castanon and a sacrifice fly by Cutter Pack, and it looked as though the Warriors were going to continue their improbable run to the state championship game.

But Elsey hit Kayl Mitchell to start the bottom half of the inning, and when

WARRIOR SCORE

Horsemen 14, Warriors 4 (5 innings)
Ruidoso 031 00 — 4 5 4
St. Michael's 085 01 — 14 8 5
K.D. Elsey, Will Wilson (2), Michael Sanchez (4) and Cutter Pack, Garrett Patton (2), Kayl Mitchell and Mikey Padilla. W — Mitchell. L — Elsey. HR — SM (Scott Sealy). 2B — Ruf (Manny Herrera), SM (Kevin Chavez). LOB — Ruf 2, SM 6.

Pack had to leave the game temporarily to be replaced by Garrett Patton, things started to fall apart.

The Horsemen scored eight runs in the inning on three hits, two Ruidoso errors, two hit batters and two walks.

Ruidoso got a run back in the top of the third when the Horsemen's defense seemed to desert them and committed a pair of errors, but the Warriors were unable to get any more.

That was unfortunate for Ruidoso, as the Horsemen scored another five runs in the bottom of the inning, the big blow coming when Sealy hit a two-run homer over the left field fence.

The game ended in the fifth when, with Sealy on second base, Mickey Padilla hit a solid single to right field to score Sealy and bring the game to an end on the 10-run rule.

The Warriors may have lost, but Perry was filled with praise for his squad.

"We were a top four team in the state, and this was an incredible milestone for this school," Perry said. "This team left a legacy and did some spectacular things this year."

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Prep Results

Friday, May 12

Baseball

Class 3A State semifinals

at Albuquerque

St. Michael's 14, Ruidoso 4

Boys Tennis

Class 1A/3A State Singles

Tournament

at Albuquerque

Jake Ordozica d. Logan Brown, 6-

4, 6-4

Shane Hoffman d. Daniel Schwartz,

7-6, 5-7, 6-4

Kyle Lynch d. Jake Ordozica, 6-2,

6-2

Roman Fudanz d. Shane Hoffman,

6-0, 6-0

Class 1A/3A State Doubles

Tournament

at Albuquerque

Alex Black/Isaac Brown d. Dillon

Hoffman/Jeremy Robinson, 6-4, 6-

3

Timothy Brown/Juan Uranga d.

Sean Campbell/Schuyler Tasma, 6-

1, 6-1

Girls Tennis

Class 1A/3A State Singles

Tournament

at Albuquerque

Jacque Townsend d. Marissa

Balderama, 6-0, 6-0

Class 1A/3A State Doubles

Tournament

at Albuquerque

Danielle Olivas/Sarah Maker d.

Grisselle Nunez/Courtney Kessler, 6-

0, 6-3

Sports on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Wednesday, May 17

Golf

NJCAA National Championship second round, at the Links at Sierra Blanca, 9 a.m.

Thursday, May 18

Golf

NJCAA National Championship third round, at the Links at Sierra Blanca, 9 a.m.

Inn of the Mountain Gods Classic first round, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 9 a.m.

Friday, May 19

Golf

NJCAA National Championship final round, at the Links at Sierra Blanca, 9 a.m.

Inn of the Mountain Gods Classic second round, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 9 a.m.

Saturday, May 20

Golf

Inn of the Mountain Gods Classic third round, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 9 a.m.

Rodeo

NMHSRA Director's Rodeo at Albuquerque, 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 21

Golf

Inn of the Mountain Gods Classic final round, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, 9 a.m.

Rodeo

NMHSRA Director's Rodeo at Albuquerque, 9 a.m.

On Deck

Swim Lessons at RAC

Swim lessons for members and non-members alike will be given at the Ruidoso Athletic Club's new indoor pool. All sessions are 10 lessons long, and cost members \$25 and non-members \$50.

Courses will be given June 5-16, June 19-30 and July 10-21, with one lesson per weekday in each session. To sign up contact the RAC at 257-4900 or drop by at 415 Wingfield St.

Fall Soccer Registration

Registration for the fall youth soccer league will be held May 23 and 25 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the White Mountain Elementary cafeteria. The \$45 registration fee includes both fall and spring seasons.

All competitors must be at least 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2006, and parents must supply a copy of their birth certificate. Late registration in August will cost \$60. For more information, contact Lisa Baker at 808-1710 or Andrea Colvin at 258-0088.

IMG Golf Scramble

A golf scramble to benefit the Ruidoso High cheerleading team will be held June 4 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The tournament begins at 1 p.m., and cost is \$75 per person or \$300 per team.

For registration and further information, contact Romy Carr at 505-0236 or 630-0488.

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Ruidoso tennis players make early exits in doubles, singles tourney

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ALBUQUERQUE

Ruidoso's presence at the Class 1A/3A State singles and doubles tournament came to a premature end Friday, but when you're up against some of the top-ranked players not just in the state, but in the nation, you can't expect an easy time of it.

That's what happened to Ruidoso No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Jake Ordorica and Shane Hoffman, who won their first round matches but then fell to nationally-ranked Kyle Lynch and Roman Fulgenzi.

In other action, Marissa Balderama fell to Jacqie Townsend of Valley Christian, 6-0, 6-0, in the first round. The doubles team of Dillon Hoffman and Jeremy Robinson lost to Alex Black and Isaac Bown of Lovington, 6-4, 6-3, while Sean Campbell and Schuyler Talsma fell to Lovington's Timothy Brown

and Juan Uranga, 6-1, 6-1.

In girls doubles action, Griselle Nunez and Courtney Kessler dropped their match to Lovington's Danielle Olivas and Sarah Maker, 6-0, 6-3.

To get to the second round, Ordorica and Shane Hoffman had to get past a pair of tough competitors in Logan Brown of Portales and Daniel Schwartz of Evangel Christian.

Ordorica and Brown had split in two previous meetings, so Friday's first-rounder was the rubber match for the year. Ordorica started with a 6-4 win in the first set, then went behind in the second 4-1 before rallying for another 6-4 victory.

Then came Lynch of New Mexico Military Institute, a player he had faced in the first round of the team tournament last week. Ordorica lost in two sets, but took Lynch out to a 7-5 decision in the second one.

Friday, he fell to Lynch in two sets again, this time by the scores of 6-2, 6-2.

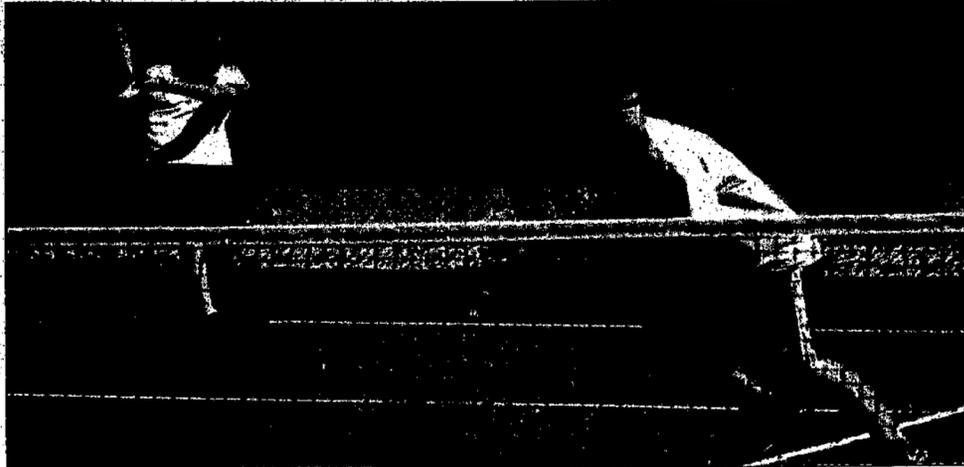
"He didn't really start well in that one, like last week," Johnston said. "That's what hurt him."

Hoffman lost to Robertson's Fulgenzi in straight sets, but was probably still feeling the effects of a marathon three-set victory over Schwartz in the first round. He won 7-6, 5-7, 6-4, and needed a number of deuces before finally putting his opponent away.

"I still can't believe I won that one," Hoffman said right after the match. "He was hitting winners all day, I just had to learn not to get frustrated. It was a matter of staying relaxed."

Dillon Hoffman and Robinson's doubles match lasted quite a while, also, with the pair taking their opponents to eight deuces at one point.

"I had gone to talk to someone during that match, and was gone for a good 15 minutes," Johnston said. "When I came back and asked the Lovington



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Sean Campbell, left, returns a serve as doubles partner Schuyler Talsma looks on Friday during the Class 1A/3A State doubles and singles tournaments at Albuquerque.

players to update the score, they said nothing had changed. That was one long match."

Despite the losses, Ruidoso

coach Dennis Johnston said the experience was valuable to players who will be back for the Warriors.

"We had a good showing, and we'll come back fighting next year," Johnston said. "This isn't over."



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Warrior golf teams hit brick wall at state

JASON W. BROOKS
For the Ruidoso News

ALBUQUERQUE — If the Ruidoso boys and golf teams wanted to see what championship-caliber team golf looks like, they got to see it firsthand this week. Unfortunately, it seems both squads have a little work to do to elevate their game to that level.

Facing some teams they had seen more than once this season, but this time in the state championships, the Warrior golf squads had a difficult first day on Monday at the Class 1A-3A State Championships at the University of New Mexico's Championship Golf Course. Though both teams basically held their own in the tournament's second round Tuesday, the squads finished well back in the pack.

The girls were fifth out of six teams by shooting 395 and 388 for a total of 783, while the boys shot 345 Monday and 350 Tuesday for a combined score of 395. The boys were seventh among eight teams.

Olivia Lee and Alayne Lee led the Lady Warriors, with both shooting an 89 on the second day.

Alayne Lee, who had a 90 on Monday, was 11th overall among individual golfers on the girls side.

Paul Chamberlain was the top male golfer for Ruidoso, tying for seventh. He and six other boys shot 161 at the two-day event. Jacob Henson shot a 175 for the Warriors' second-leading score, but Henson shot a 95 Tuesday after shooting an 80 on Monday.

"I'm a little disappointed," said Olivia Lee after Tuesday's action. "We played pretty well at Roswell, but we didn't play our best all season. We didn't play like we could this week."

St. Michael's finished with a 676 to win their third consecutive girls team crown. Socorro boys team shot a blazing 315 and 321 for a total of 634, holding off Portales to win its first team title in 23 years.

Four of the five Lady Warriors at the event improved their scores on the second day. Olivia Lee went from 95 to 89, Alayne Lee from 90 to 89, Rachel Christiansen from 109 to 107, and Christine Authement from 123 to 121. Even Jenny Yorsten held her ground Tuesday, shoot-



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Alayne Lee follows her shot during the Class 1A/3A State tournament May 8 at Albuquerque.

ing about the same both days.

The long, hilly course made it tough on Chamberlain and Henson on the tournament's second day. Chamberlain shot 78 on Monday, which among the best of the individuals, but he shot 83 on

Tuesday to go along with Henson's drop-off of 15 strokes.

Isaiah Herrera improved by 10 strokes on his second round and Daniel Lucero by seven, with Kamron Whitley shooting 92 both days.

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much of a surprise, but it was gratifying to see him pull through after having such a challenging track season in his senior year.

"He was sick right before our first meet, so he hadn't been able to train like he usually does," Maskew said. "But he's a great competitor, and everyone ran well in this. It was our best time by three seconds."

It was also the Warriors' best performance in any relays, as the 4x400-meter team took second to Colre, while the 4x200 and 4x100 teams each finished fourth.

Teddy Sowell was the only other Ruidoso

competitor to finish higher than third with a high of 21 feet, 10 inches in the long jump, taking second behind Chris Hancher of Lovington.

Tommie Armstrong was sixth in shot put and third in both discus and javelin. The battle in the javelin competition was essentially for second, as Bloomfield's Robert Griego set a state record three times with successive throws, eventually topping out at 191-7 and bettering the original state mark by 12 feet.

Griego's throws were long, but also a bit wild. Each time he came up, awards ceremonies and even track races had to be held up, as the javelin came close many times to both the podium and the track surface itself, more than 200 feet away from the throwing line.

Olvera was also able to earn points in the 1,600-meter run, taking third with a time of 4:47.38, while Samuel Klinekole finished fifth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:21.48.

Ruidoso may have been well represented in relays, distance running and field events, but the Warriors' point total was severely impacted by a lack of top finishers in any of the sprint categories. There were no Ruidoso runners finishing in the top six in the 100-, 200- or 400-meter dashes, nor in the 110-meter hurdles.

"There's just some things we didn't have covered, and we'll have to work on that," Maskew said. "The good thing is, we've got a lot of these kids back for next year. There's a good nucleus on this boys' team."

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Nunez hopes professional tourney at IMG a way to even larger events

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The National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament isn't the only high-profile golf event to hit the links in the area this week. Starting Thursday, the Inn of the Mountain Gods will play host to the IMG Classic, part of the Tight Lies professional tour and a tournament that IMG pro Daniel Nunez hopes is a stepping stone to even bigger events.

"We're trying to get either an LPGA or Senior Tour event," Nunez said. "This tournament is a step in that direction."

The Tight Lies Tour is considered a minor league of sorts for the PGA, and features tournaments featuring total purses of \$130-140 thousand. The winner in the IMG classic will get to take home \$17,675.

Players hail from as far away as Honolulu and Ontario and as near as Roswell and Las Cruces.

Nunez reports the level of play is about on par with that of the New Mexico Open, which was held at the Inn in September 2005 and has a home at the Inn for the next few years.

"We're hoping for a bigger gallery to watch these players, and a lot of them bring in some big sponsors," Nunez said. "Hopefully, we'll bring more money in that way as well."

Whether this tournament proves a good first step toward bringing a top-notch professional event to Mescalero remains to be seen, but Nunez said the enthusiasm surrounding this Tight Lies event is unrivaled.

"I've been the pro here since 1991, and I have never seen this much activity and excitement over a golf tournament here," Nunez said. "This is what we've been waiting for all these years."

The tournament gets underway today with a pro-am event, with the first competitive round teeing off on Thursday. The four-day tournament lasts until Sunday.

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bring a state title in the event to Ruidoso last year.

The three were back to defend their state title, along with a newcomer to the team, Leslie Sanchez.

The quartet were in a dogfight for the lead all the way through with St. Michael's. Williams set the pace with a strong first leg, and Sanchez continued that pace, although she was trailing by the time she handed the baton off to Amber Gardner.

Gardner was able to regain the lead, but it was still tenuous when her sister Angela took the baton for the final leg.

"It was hard, because I knew how fast (the St. Michael's runner) was," Angela said. "I just had to keep it up. When she caught up to me, that was the drive I needed to win."

Angela found just enough gas to outpace her opponent, crossing the finish line a bare 2/10th of a second faster.

What really got the girls excited with their time, 4:06.75. That time was good enough for the school's second straight state title in the event, but it was also a new Ruidoso High record.

The 4x200 relay team of Lauren Sportsman, Amber Gardner, Ericka Olvera and Samantha O'Neal also did well, finishing second with a time of 1:47.49 behind Las Vegas Robertson.

Perhaps the most surprising finish for the Lady Warriors came in the javelin throw. Junior Alexandria Ramirez came into the event ranked second overall with a top throw of 119 feet, 11 inches. It may have been good enough for second, but top thrower Diedra Brown of Bloomfield was well ahead of the field with a top throw of 134-4 on the year.

Brown opened up with a toss of 127-11, a distance that lasted for most of the competition. It looked as though the Bobcat would get that elusive state title after finishing second the two previous years to Ruidoso's Katie Coronado, now a freshman at the University of New Mexico.

It wasn't until her penultimate throw in the finals that Ramirez uncorked her best throw of the year with a heave of 129-3, good enough to unseat Brown and bring RHS its third straight girls javelin title.

"I was stressing out, because I hadn't been throwing as well as I could,"

Ramirez said. "I hadn't been paying attention to any of the distances, I was just throwing."

On Ramirez's best throw, she was unable to watch the trajectory after she let it go, she just turned around and waited for her javelin to be brought back.

It was while she was walking past the results board that she realized just how far she had thrown.

"I saw it, and thought, 'Wow, that was a good throw,'" Ramirez said. "Before, I had been telling my mom I might only get second, and that's what everyone was figuring they'd be after. This was a great Mother's Day present for her."

Bloomfield and Ruidoso dominated the final standings in the event, with Angela Gardner taking sixth at 95-7, and Bloomfield's Audriana Griego and Lindsay Candelaria finishing third and fourth. Santa Fe Indian's Jocelyn Creager was the only girl not from Bloomfield or Ruidoso to place, taking fifth.

Other top finishers for the Lady Warriors included Sportsman, who was third in pole vault with a height of 8-6, and eighth-grader Megan Miran, who finished third in high jump at 4-10.

CLASS 3A STATE TRACK RESULTS

Class 3A State Meet
Results from the Class 3A State Meet held May 12-13 at Albuquerque. (*-state record)

BOYS:
Team: 1. Lovington, 67; 2. St. Michael's, 59; 3. Grants, 55; 4. Ruidoso, 50; 5. Cobres, 42; 6. Bloomfield, 38; 7. Santa Fe Indian, 30; 8. Robertson, 21; 9. Raton, 20; 10. Socorro, 15; (tie), NMMI, 15; 12. Cuba, 11; 13. Wingate, 9; 14. Shiprock, 8; 15. Portales, 6; 16. Hot Springs, 3; (tie), Thoreau, 3; 18. Pojoaque, 1.

100 meters: 1. Johnny Quintana, Rat, 11.55; 2. Sofia Winders, Soc, 11.55; 3. Charles Bush, NMMI, 11.57; 4. Andrew Pena, Cuba, 11.60; 5. Chris Garcia, Cob, 11.61; 6. Jonathan Tofoya, SFI, 11.65.

200 meters: 1. Johnny Quintana, Rat, 22.71; 2. Charles Bush, NMMI, 22.77; 3. Andrew Pena, Cuba, 22.92; 4. Sofia Winders, Soc, 23.06; 5. Amador Lujan, Por, 23.08; 6. Estivan Vidal, Rob, 23.16.

400 meters: 1. Daniel Rueda, Cob, 50.27; 2. Jonathan Tofoya, SFI, 50.83; 3. Joel Corral, Cob, 51.18; 4. Chato Alvarado, Soc, 51.99; 5. Luis Eres, SIM, 52.20; 6. Charles Bush, NMMI, 52.48.

800 meters: 1. Steven Johnson, SFI, 2:04.81; 2. Celestino Caballero, Gra, 2:04.30; 3. James Hart, SIM, 2:05.74; 4. Joel Corral, Cob, 2:06.00; 5. Logan Wauneka, Win, 2:06.64; 6. Joel Salas, Rat, 2:07.58.

1,600 meters: 1. Steven Johnson, SFI, 4:43.93; 2. Almaris Regay, Ship, 4:45.05; 3. Fabian Olvera, Rat, 4:47.38; 4. Justin B. Miller, Gra, 4:47.64; 5. Michael Hart, SIM, 4:47.99; 6. Justin C. Miller, Gra, 4:50.71.

3,200 meters: 1. Steven Johnson, SFI, 10:05.58; 2. Anthony Gonzales, Rob, 10:06.44; 3. Shawn Regay, Win, 10:14.27; 4. Logan Wauneka, Win, 10:16.28; 5.

Samuel Kinkote, Rat, 10:21.48; 6. Justin B. Miller, Gra, 10:29.38.

5,600 meters: 1. Alonzo Evans, Lov, 15.49; 2. Cody Field, Lov, 15.77; 3. Adam Martinez, Rob, 15.88; 4. Matt Miller, Blo, 16.08; 5. William Sauter, Tho, 16.08; 6. Matthew Ley, SIM, 16.15.

300 hurdles: 1. Adam Martinez, Rob, 40.82; 2. Matt Miller, Blo, 40.83; 3. Austin Lutz, Blo, 41.20; 4. Teddy Sowell, Rat, 41.71; 5. Alonzo Evans, Lov, 41.79; 6. William Sauter, Tho, 42.03.

4x100 relay: 1. Lovington, 44.11; 2. St. Michael's, 44.21; 3. Raton, 44.61; 4. Ruidoso, 44.74; 5. Robertson, 44.94; 6. Bloomfield, 45.00.

4x200 relay: 1. Lovington, 1:32.33; 2. St. Michael's, 1:32.74; 3. Cobres, 1:32.91; 4. Ruidoso, 1:33.00; 5. Socorro, 1:34.37; 6. Cuba, 1:34.79.

4x400 relay: 1. Cobres, 3:28.19; 2. Ruidoso, 3:30.24; 3. St. Michael's, 3:30.47; 4. Grants, 3:35.24; 5. Socorro, 3:36.86; 6. Santa Fe Indian, 3:37.16.

800 relay: 1. Ruidoso, 3:42.05; 2. St. Michael's, 3:42.12; 3. Lovington, 3:43.71; 4. Grants, 3:46.52; 5. Cobres, 3:48.37; 6. Pojoaque, 3:49.47.

Pole vault: 1. Nathan Moore, Lov, 13-6; 2. Chase Gaines, Gra, 13-0; 3. Logan Malay, Blo, 12-6; 4. Austin Trammell, Lov, 12-0; 5. Matt Leer, Blo, 11-6; 6. Keenan Sanshu, Gra, 11-6.

Discus: 1. Justin Grider, Gra, 147-9; 2. Ron Garcia, SIM, 144-8; 3. Tommie Armstrong, Rat, 129-10; 4. Drew Classen, HS, 129-10; 5. Ferlio Montano, SIM, 129-1; 6. Jacob Brady, Por, 128-1.

Shot put: 1. Toby Jaramila, Gra, 50-7; 2. Ferlio Montano, SIM, 50-4 1/4; 3. Ron Garcia, SIM, 48-5; 4. Santiago Ortiz, Cob, 45-5; 5. Justin Grider, Gra, 45-2 3/4; 6.

Tommie Armstrong, Rat, 43-7 3/4.

Javelin: 1. Robert Griego, Blo, 191-7; 2. Anthony Garcia, Cob, 160-5; 3. Tommie Armstrong, Rat, 157-5; 4. Jeffrey Tomp, Ship, 157-0; 5. Lucas Sanchez, Rob, 155-0; 6. Alonzo Ontiveros, Por, 152-9.

High jump: 1. Matt Pledger, Gra, 6-4; 2. Austin Lutz, Blo, 6-2; 3. Ross Pynes, Gra, 5-10; 4. Michael Hoodless, Cuba, 5-10; 5. Tai Baird, Blo, 5-10; 6. Matthew Ley, SIM, 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Chris Hatcher, Lov, 22-5 1/2; 2. Teddy Sowell, Rat, 21-18; 3. Gilbert Montoya, Gra, 21-7 1/2; 4. Kameron O'Neal, Lov, 21-0; 5. Jonathan Tofoya, SFI, 20-9 1/2; 6. Austin Lutz, Blo, 20-6.

Triple jump: 1. Chris Hatcher, Lov, 43-9; 2. Connor Williamson, NMMI, 42-4 1/2; 3. Austin Lutz, Blo, 42-3 1/4; 4. Matthew Ley, SIM, 42-3; 5. Jerod Long, Por, 41-3 1/2; 6. Matt Miller, Blo, 41-3.

GIRLS:
Team: 1. St. Michael's, 75; 2. Bloomfield, 3; Ruidoso, 58; 4. Robertson, 50; 5. Grants, 47; 6. Cobres, 37; 7. Socorro, 22; 8. Portales, 15; 9. Hot Springs, 14; 10. Lovington, 13; 11. Santa Fe Indian, 12; 12. West Las Vegas, 11; 13. Cuba, 11; 14. Pojoaque, 8; 15. Shiprock, 6.

100 meters: 1. Ashley Ferguson, HS, 12.89; 2. Jordan Miller, SIM, 12.95; 3. Shannon McConnell, Blo, 13.08; 4. Alissa Horacek, Gra, 13.20; 5. Natasha Nash, Lov, 13.30; 6. Lecanna Dale, Rob, 13.39.

200 meters: 1. Ashley Ferguson, HS, 26.17; 2. Jordan Miller, SIM, 26.54; 3. Stephanie Louis, SIM, 26.55; 4. Shannon McConnell, Blo, 26.60; 5. Abigail Wolberg, Soc, 27.33; 6. Alissa Horacek, Gra, 27.39.

400 meters: 1. Stephanie Louis, SIM, 58.82; 2. Candace Bergsleker, Por, 1:02.11; 3. Cecelia North, Cob, 1:02.48; 4. Marcella Povijva, SFI, 1:02.71; 5. Sally Waukazo, Cuba, 1:02.84; 6. Tahnee Chavez, Soc, 1:02.98.

800 meters: 1. Irena Ossola, SIM, 2:27.91; 2. Erica Diaz, Cob, 2:27.91; 3. Sally Waukazo, Cuba, 2:29.71; 4. Althea Morningdove, SFI, 2:30.47; 6. Rychelle Charlie, Ship, 2:31.54.

1,600 meters: 1. Irena Ossola, SIM, 5:16.16; 2. Tess Amer, SIM, 5:21.72; 3. Rachele Bille, Ship, 5:21.85; 4. Janita Diaz, Cob, 5:22.29; 5. Patty Murray, SIM, 5:27.18; 6. Crystal Marquez, Lov, 5:29.25.

3,200 meters: 1. Tess Amer, SIM, 11:24.14; 2. Irena Ossola, SIM, 11:34.03; 3. Janita Diaz, Cob, 11:59.21; 4. Patty Murray, SIM, 12:22.72; 5. Sophia Torres, Poj, 12:31.18; 6. Carolyn Ives, SIM, 12:41.01.

100 hurdles: 1. Robyn North, Cob, 16.41; 2. Dalea Martinez, Blo, 16.91; 3. Megan Miran, Rat, 17.34; 4. Shannon Baxter, Soc, 17.39; 5. Marisa Aragon, WLV, 17.43; 6. Sasha Serrano, Blo, 17.75.

300 hurdles: 1. Angela Gardner, Rat, 47.36; 2. Amber Gardner, Rat, 48.35; 3. Dalea Martinez, Blo, 49.10; 4. Corey Butler, SIM, 49.30; 5. Sasha Serrano, Blo, 49.93;

6. Marisa Aragon, WLV, 51.06.

4x100 relay: 1. Robertson, 50.66; 2. Bloomfield, 50.91; 3. Grants, 51.66; 4. Ruidoso, 51.67; 5. Lovington, 52.19; 6. St. Michael's, 52.34.

4x200 relay: 1. Robertson, 1:46.69; 2. Ruidoso, 1:47.49; 3. Bloomfield, 1:49.33; 4. Lovington, 1:51.59; 5. Socorro, 1:52.30; 6. West Las Vegas, 1:53.38.

4x400 relay: 1. Ruidoso, 4:06.75; 2. St. Michael's, 4:06.95; 3. 4:06.95; 3. Robertson, 4:16.93; 4. Pojoaque, 4:19.85; 5. Portales, 4:20.23; 6. Lovington, 4:21.98.

800 relay: 1. Robertson, 4:30.16; 2. Socorro, 4:30.81; 3. Cobres, 4:30.88; 4. Santa Fe Indian, 4:32.61; 5. West Las Vegas, 4:33.5; 6. Lovington, 4:34.56.

Pole vault: 1. Sunni Balrd, Blo, 9-0; 2. Sheena Meech, Gra, 8-8; 3. Lauren Sportsman, Rat, 8-6; 4. Tara Elkins, Gra, 8-0; 5. Marissa Montoya, Gra, 8-0; 6. Shae Garcia, Lov, 8-0.

Discus: 1. Deldra Brown, Blo, 129-10; 2. Victoria Dominguez, Cuba, 124-4; 3. Julie Esquivel, Rob, 111-1; 4. Jordan Roehl, Por, 105-6; 5. Sheena Meech, Gra, 105-2; 6. Lindsay Chavez, Blo, 104-2.

Shot put: 1. Diedra Brown, Blo, 41-5 3/4; 2. Jordan Roehl, Por, 35-7 1/2; 3. Sheena Meech, Gra, 35-5; 4. Julie Esquivel, Rob, 33-9 1/2; 5. Alexandria Ramirez, Rat, 32-8 1/2; 6. Vanessa Regay, Ship, 32-7.

Javelin: 1. Alexandria Ramirez, Rat, 129-3; 2. Deldra Brown, Blo, 127-11; 3. Audriana Griego, Blo, 104-9; 4. Lindsay Candelaria, Blo, 101-10; 5. Jocelyn Creager, SFI, 101-8; 6. Angela Gardner, Rat, 95-7.

High jump: 1. Sheena Meech, Gra, 5-0; 2. Marin Schweigert, Rob, 4-10; 3. Megan Miran, Rat, 4-10; 4. Robyn North, Cob, 4-10; 5. Lindsay Chavez, Blo, 4-10; 6. Ashley Zufelt, Blo, 4-8.

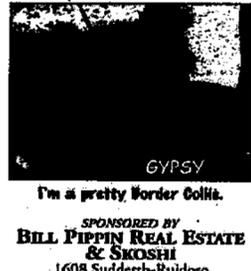
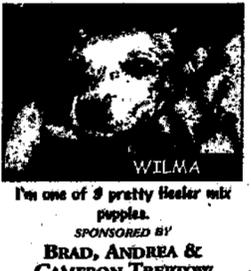
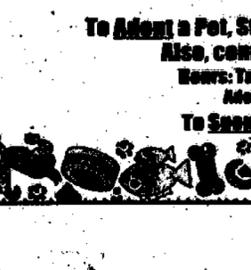
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Triple jump: 1. Alissa Horacek, Gra, 33-5 1/2; 2. Candace Gonzales, WLV, 33-11 1/2; 3. Cecelia North, Cob, 33-1 1/4; 4. Leslie Sanchez, Rat, 33-0 3/4; 5. Abigail Wolberg, Soc, 33-7 3/4; 6. Jenna Domzalski, Lov, 33-11 1/2.

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Two Capitan retailers to host dual open houses Friday and Saturday

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Two Capitan retail businesses will celebrate new locations with open house festivities beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Capitan Country Emporium

The Capitan Country Emporium at 115 Smokey Bear Blvd. lays claim to offering the absolute best selection of gifts and collectibles around.

Owner Pat Bowen moved her business from Ruidoso to Capitan two and a half years ago when she saw a need in a community she had grown to love. With a lifetime in the retail business, she was sure she had come to the right place.

In September, Bowen moved from a tiny shop near Capitan Village Hall to the current location expanding not just her space but her inventory.

Now that renovations are complete she is ready to invite her old and new customers in to see the changes.

The Emporium prides itself for offering a wide variety of items in many themes including lodge, western, country, American, and Victorian all displayed in ways that make shopping fun.

In a look around the store, a shopper will see bears, frogs, turtles, dogs, cats, horses, cows, birds, fish, chickens,

barnyard animals, butterflies and more. Included is a line of vintage boots, jewelry and western dishes.

Bowen said she keeps her prices reasonable and is constantly on the lookout for the unique items at bargain prices. "It makes it worth the drive," she said.

During their open hours of 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., the Emporium will serve free hot dogs and sodas to the kids while parents shop.

"I just want to show my appreciation to the customers that have faithfully patronized the store and give new shoppers a reason to come look," said Bowen.

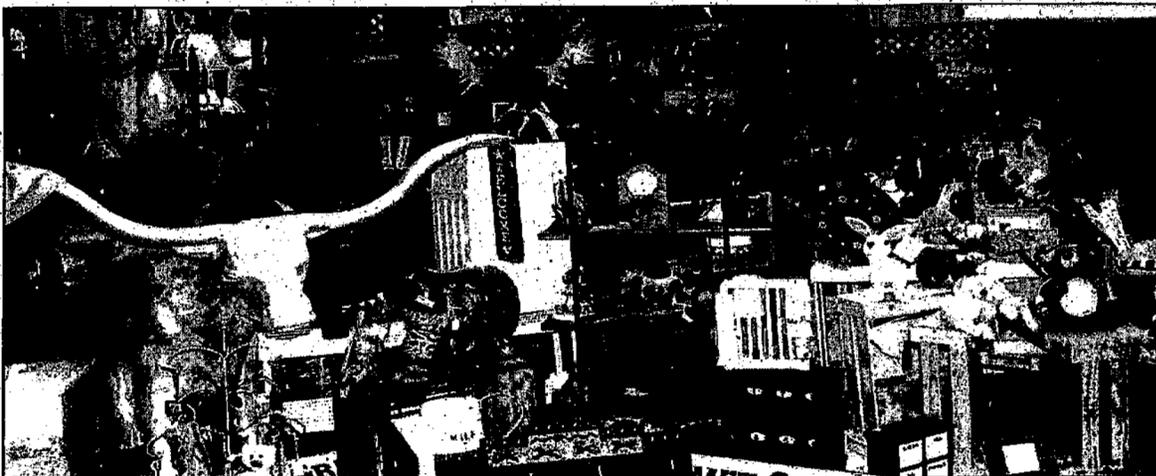
The Capitan Country Emporium can be reached at 354-1395.

The Menagerie

The Menagerie has been in business in Capitan for 14 years and just moved to a new location in Capitan. They are now calling LaMoyné Carpenter's former real estate office "home," which was just a move across the alley from where they were.

The truly unique shopping experience offered by the Menagerie ranges from the new to the eclectic.

The store offers hours of browsing time through antiques, collectibles, ladies wear, accessories. New and gently used items are available including some for men and children.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Capitan Country Emporium is a shopper's heaven for variety and affordability. Pat Bowen is engulfed by inventory as she readies for the coming open house.

Glassware, small appliances, and items for theme collectors are in abundance.

Furnishing a kitchen at a weekend cabin or replacing odds and ends of kitchen items is made easy with a stop at Phyllis and Harold Macaw's Menagerie. "We go to market every year to check out all the newest items," said Macaw. "We always get a variety

of small knick-knacks, denim and leather handbags and our every-popular beaded collars plus any new item that strikes our fancy."

Macaw said they offer the best in customer service and will look to find specific items a customer might want. The store's remodel is a work in progress with more to come including additions to the inventory.

"As we find room we will have wearable art such as t-shirts, sweat tops, pants and jackets as well as decorated denims. No two alike," she said.

The Menagerie, 107 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., is open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tues. - Sat. During the open house surprise discounts, gifts and refreshments will be offered. For more information call the store at 354-4321.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

The Menagerie owner, Phyllis Macaw, arranges glassware and collectibles for the upcoming open house in her new location.

Fiber Fest in Lincoln this weekend

I will try to get some news in even though I was gone for a week. I was in the Heart Hospital of New Mexico in Albuquerque with a blood clot in my lung and other problems, so I missed a lot of Lincoln County happenings.

The Partners in Preservation of Lincoln State Monument are sponsoring the Fiber Fest this coming weekend, May 20-21.

The activities will take place on the grounds of the Museum Visitors Center. There will be fiber craftsman, basket weavers, wool weavers, leather works, felting and other craft people. So come and enjoy a day in Lincoln Town.

McArthur's trip

The McArthur's, Pam and Herman, have been busy people lately. They attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Pam's sister and husband Phyllis and Tom Ramby of Huntsville, Ala.

They also toured the Civil War Battlefield at Shiloh, Tenn. They visited the 1883 Cherokee Nation in Georgia.

Pam found family names in the archives of the infamous Trail of Tears. The highlight of the trip for a native New Mexico drylander was crossing the Mississippi and Tennessee Rivers.

Other visits were made at the new aquarium in Atlanta, the Natchez Trail, and the Antebellum Mansions in Natchez; they also dodged tornadoes in Louisiana. They also enjoyed the beautiful blooming Dogwood, Magnolia, wild roses and azaleas.

They celebrated Pam's and daughter Misty's birthday at Mustang Island, Port Aransas, Texas. Misty McArthur graduated Cum Laude from Eastern

New Mexico University May 11 with a degree in applied science in psychology and sociology.

The McArthur's grandson, Aaron Hooper, performed in the senior play "Harvey" at the Roswell High School Little Theater.

Ag Day in Capitan

Ralph Dunlap joined with others to participate in the Capitan School Ag Days hosted by the Corriente CowBelles.

They all thoroughly enjoy participating in this program for the schools.

Ralph reported the trained dogs belonging to Betty Lou Joiner seemed to be the highlight of the day for the students.

We came home from Albuquerque just as they were beginning Starry Night in Lincoln. Last year there were too many clouds to see the stars.

Dave and Olga Elam were home a few days this past week. They will not have their Lincoln Grill open this summer. They will be sorely missed.

The REDITT group met last Monday in White Oaks, the day I was on my way to Albuquerque.

Kudos to the ER and EMT's

We have a great crew at the emergency room at the Lincoln County Medical Center and great EMT's.

They were so professional and concerned about my well-being all the way to Albuquerque. I really can't say the same about other area hospitals.

I understand Bessie Jones is in a nursing care facility in Alamogordo. When I get more information I will let you know.



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Spring piano recital

The annual Spring Piano Recital, hosted by local instructors and students, will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served after the performances.

Smokey's cookbook

The Capitan PTA is selling Smokey's Kids Favorite Cookbook

compiled by Capitan Elementary students. The cookbooks are \$10 each and all proceeds go to benefit the rebuilding of the community playground at the Smokey Bear Historical Park. To purchase a cookbook contact Gayla Skeen at 336-8435 or Capitan Elementary at 354-2238.

Citywide garage sale

The Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a citywide garage sale 8 a.m., June 3, at The Big

Blue Auction House at 500 Central Ave. All items to be sold by the chamber have been donated and proceeds will go toward chamber projects.

Carrizozo citizens are invited to set up their garage sale items in the same location for no charge or set up at their own location.

Fliers will be distributed with sale locations. To be listed on the flier contact Korene Walker at 648-3007.

The chamber will have a work day on June 2 for chamber members to prepare for the sale.

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Two state PTA awards come to Capitan

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The New Mexico Parent Teacher Association (PTA) held their 91st state convention last weekend in Albuquerque.

Seven awards were given to teachers and volunteers from around the state, two of which came home to Capitan.

Chuck Hargrave, Capitan Elementary principal, was honored with an award for Principal of the Year.

In accepting his plaque, Hargrave said he did not deserve it nearly as much as the teachers and staff at his school that work so hard for and with the students in Capitan.

The other Capitan representative to be honored was Gayla Skeen.

Skeen was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award. She serves in several capacities for the Capitan PTA including fund-raising, parent liaison and elementary representative.

Joining Hargrave and Skeen were Hargrave's wife Tonya, a fourth-grade teacher at Capitan Elementary, Skeen's husband and children, PTA voting delegates from Capitan Sharon Young and Michelle Stearns, and former president of the Capitan PTA and state communications representative Rebecca Judd.

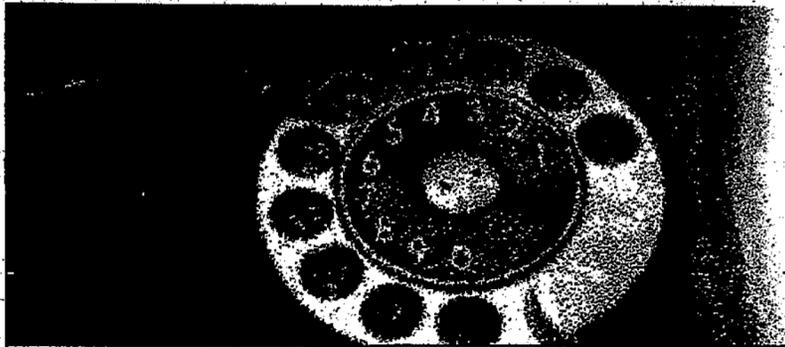
Membership in the Capitan PTA is \$5 per year and includes membership in the state and national organizations.

According to the PTA national organization, the number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit the children and help the school.

Schools are looking, now more than ever, to harness the power of volunteers. Shrinking budgets, curriculum cuts and increasing class sizes along with government mandates bring major challenges for schools to deliver quality education, the organization says.

For more information about the Capitan PTA call 354-2238.

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Application deadline nears for Leadership Lincoln

Applications for persons interested in participating in Leadership Lincoln currently are being accepted.

Student enrollment applications for the fifth class of the Leadership Lincoln program are due by June 23, 2006 at the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, 720 Sudderth Dr.

Applications can be picked up from any Leadership Lincoln Board Member, State National Bank, Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, The Title Company or the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Prospective students can have an application, either

hand-delivered or faxed to them by contacting Leadership Lincoln Executive Director Brad Treptow at the chamber at 257-7395 or via email at brad@ruidosonow.com.

The 2006 Leadership Lincoln student class will be selected during July and sessions will take place on the sec-

ond Thursday of every month from September 2006 through May 2007, said Treptow.

A total of 82 Lincoln County residents have applied to the program with 55 residents who have been selected resulting in 49 graduates from the first four years of the program.

Leadership Lincoln is a

group operating through the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce with a mission to identify, enlighten, encourage and retain emerging leaders of diverse backgrounds, occupations and cultures for the purpose of enhancing the quality of leadership in our region, said Treptow.

• The 2006 Leadership Lincoln student class will be selected in July and sessions will take place every second Thursday of the month beginning in September.

Leadership class graduates

Emerging from nine months of study of the people, governments and culture of Lincoln County, 14 area residents were graduated May 11 from the 2006 series session of Leadership Lincoln.

The final session of the year, "Media and History Day, and graduation, took place at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club with PNM Resources President and CEO Jeff Sterba serving as keynote speaker.

In closing the year, Brad Treptow, Leadership Lincoln board president said, "I am routinely amazed with how this class embraces each session with a genuine desire to seek more information. It has been a very rewarding day and year from start to finish and I am thoroughly proud of everyone's commitment and dedication this year."

Hubbard Museum of the American West Director Jay Smith discussed the meaning of history and how it applies to our lives as well as long range planning issues for the museum.

"History is the stuff of life," Smith told program participants. "Who we are is who we were."

The session's agenda then shifted to an overview of both print and broadcast media facilitated by 2005 Leadership Lincoln graduate Julie Carter. KWES newsman Jim Kalvelage, also made a presentation to the class with Treptow offering tips on how to work with the media and draft press announcements for publication.

The class then heard requirements of running for various local, county, state and federal public offices. Community Foundation of Lincoln County Board Chairman Dean Lollar spoke to the group in the afternoon about the accomplishments of the Foundation and what is being pursued. Graduation ceremonies concluded the day with a special dinner at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club after Leadership Lincoln Curriculum Chair Joan Zagone recognized each of the fourteen students individually.

Graduating program participants were: Eileen Lovelace from Carrizozo; Martha Proctor from Nogal; Dave Ingalls, Kathy Yeager, Tom Rigsby, Dr. Mike Elrod, Dr. Charles Harrison, Don Williams, Larry Cordova and Rosa Champion from Ruidoso; Barbara Crane and Bob Russell from Alto; Shad Cox from Corona; and Diana Proctor from Capitan.

A total of 51 Lincoln County and Mescalero residents have graduated from Leadership Lincoln during the past four years.

Leadership Lincoln is an organization operating under the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce's non profit status focusing and discussing issues pertinent to Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache Reservation. The program selects class members who meet monthly from September through May with a graduation ceremony during the evening of the final session.

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Domenici reacts to President's address on immigration

WASHINGTON — In response to President Bush's nationally televised address on border security and immigration reform, U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) on Monday evening released the following statement:

"The President has suggested that we are going to secure the border by using the

National Guard to support the Border Patrol and that this will start immediately. I am 100 percent in support of the President's proposals. This means the United States National Guard and not just the New Mexico National Guard.

"The President's plan will mean much more National

Guard activity on the border until it is secured, which is our right under the law. There has been a growing clamor for something to be done about controlling our borders. Now, the President has taken action, and called for more help for local law enforcement and more facilities to handle illegal immigrants. Congress must get seri-

ous about securing the border and reforming our immigration laws.

"National Guard troops are already conducting successful counter-drug operations at the border in New Mexico. They have been helpful in improving border infrastructure, such as vehicle barriers that were constructed by the guard in

Columbus.

"We are training Border Patrol agents in Artesia as fast as possible, and New Mexico has already received 131 new agents since October, with another hundred on the way this year. But the Guard has the know-how and equipment to support Border Patrol Operations along the border

effectively right now, with no waiting necessary. It makes sense to use this resource. Allowing the National Guard to augment the work that Border Patrol agents do will free up manpower to apprehend and deport illegal immigrants and crack down on drug smuggling and other crime along the border.

"While some have expressed concern that the National Guard is stretched too thin, it is important to remember that this is a national force, so troops will be coming from every state, not just border states. A deployment of 5,000 Guardsmen, for instance, would represent less than two percent of the overall force. Plenty of manpower will still be available for other needs, like fighting wildfires in New Mexico."

Last November, Domenici introduced the Border Security and Modernization Act (S.2049), which called for using the National Guard to augment border patrol activities. Domenici discussed these issues on Monday radio show. To access the program, visit: <http://domenici.senate.gov> (News Center, Audio/Visual) or call 1-800-545-1267 ext. 309.

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Senate adds \$100 million to border security

WASHINGTON — The Senate Tuesday took up comprehensive border security and immigration reform legislation that includes a major plan authored by U.S. Senator Pete Domenici to improve border crossings and deploy more surveillance technology.

The infrastructure improvement language was taken from a Domenici amendment offered during the March immigration debate. It authorizes \$100 million annually for port of entry improvements at border crossings on the Southwest and Canadian borders. The border blueprint, based on recommendations from the General Services Administration (GSA), represents the first major border improvement package accepted by the Senate since 1986.

"We have a huge backlog in giving our border enforcement agents suitable working environments for processing both the legal and illegal activities along the border. My plan authorizes sufficient funding to make methodical and significant headway to upgrade our border crossings," said Domenici, who serves on the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

In 2001, the GSA completed a comprehensive assessment of the infrastructure needs on the Southwest and Canadian borders, and estimated then that at least \$784 million was needed to make necessary improvements.

"Many of these needs remain outstanding, despite the passage of five years. What's worse is that many of these needs have grown and many needs in our post 9/11 world have arisen," Domenici said.

The last major border improvement effort was a \$357 million Southwest border plan authored in 1986 by Domenici and former Senator Dennis DiConcini. This 20-year-old plan supported the construction of the Santa Teresa Border Crossing in Doña Ana County.

The Domenici amendment, coauthored by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), enjoyed bipartisan support, and was endorsed by the Border Trade Alliance.

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WEDDINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wooddell and Barclay

Charles Wooddell of Alamogordo, N.M. and Patricia Kearns of Ruidoso, N.M.,

announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Nicole Wooddell to William George Barclay, son of Glenn Barclay of Findlay, Ohio and Rebecca Barclay of Goldsboro, N.C.

Miss Wooddell is the granddaughter of Ref. Col. Edward and Marcia Wooddell of Venice, Fl. And Herman and Toni Otero of Capitan, N.M.

Barclay is the grandson of Lorraine Barclay and the late George Barclay of Findlay, Ohio and June Caldwell and the late Chester Caldwell of Indianapolis, Ind.

The couple is planning a June 17 wedding to take place at El Oso Grande Park in Albuquerque, N.M. Invitations will be mailed.

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FUNERALS DEATHS

Audrey Calentine

Graveside services for Audrey Calentine, 90, of Carrizozo, N.M. were held Monday, May 15, at the James Canyon Cemetery. Mrs. Calentine passed away Thursday, May 11, at her home in Carrizozo.

She was born July 26, 1915, in Harper, Texas, and had lived in the James Canyon area near Cloudercroft and moved to Carrizozo in 1950. She was very involved in ranching and was the ranch manager for Harvey Hereford Ranch and was a former member of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association. She attended the Carrizozo Assembly of God Church.

Surviving family members include a son, Don Calentine of Carrizozo; a sister, Dell Lumpkins of Harper, Texas; three grandchildren, Guy Brown, Monte Brown, and Michelle Montes; five great-

grandchildren, Miranda Brown, Nathan Brown, Jeremy Brown, Amanda Beringer and Zoe Montes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Mozaun Calentine, and a daughter, Dorma Dell. Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

John D. Vance

A memorial service for John D. Vance, 74, of Bent will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, at the First Baptist Church in Tularosa with the Rev. Gene Ray officiating. Mr. Vance passed away Thursday, May 11, in Ruidoso.

He was born June 12, 1931, at Colonia Chuey Chupa, Chihuahua, Mexico. He worked for the El Paso Fire Department for 28 years until his retirement. He moved to Bent from Colorado where he worked on his ranch and he

attended the First Baptist Church of Tularosa. Surviving family members include his wife, Mable, of Bent; three sons, Robert Vance of Alto, David Vance of Texas, and Johnny Vance of Alaska; a daughter, Linda Vance; a

brother, Halver Vance of Washington; four sisters, Joy Lee and Mable Johnson, both of California, Lela Cape of Arizona, and Donna Wood; two half-brothers, Johnny Vance and Robert Vance; and seven grandchildren.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Popp popped

One month ago, Paula Popp, 41, of Ruidoso Downs was charged with burglary, possession of 1-ounce of marijuana and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. The burglary was reported to Capitan police on April 11 by Capitan resident William Hair.

Hair's stolen property was recovered when a search warrant was executed by Capitan officer Randy Haskins. It was at that time Haskins also located the drugs and drug paraphernalia. Popp was arrested and later released on bond. Capitan police received a

statement May 5 from a woman who was present at a T or C bar on April 29 along with Popp and several others. Conditions of Popp's release on bond were that she stay away from Hair and not drink or use drugs.

The statement given said Popp was causing problems for Hair and other persons present that night as well as being "falling down drunk."

Ruidoso Magistrate Judge William Butts issued two warrants for Popp and Capitan police picked her up on and processed her into the Lincoln County Detention Center Friday, May 12.

Law enforcement lauded in D.C.

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Pete Domenici today issued a Congressional Record statement recognizing the hard work and sacrifices of New Mexico law enforcement officers as part of the annual Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week in Washington, D.C.

Domenici on Monday met with members of the Albuquerque Police Department delegation sent to take part in the ceremonies honoring falling officers from New Mexico.

"It is with great pride that we honor three New Mexico officers during the annual memorial. Officer Michael R. King and Officer Richard W. Smith, Jr., both of the Albuquerque Police Department, were gunned down while responding to a call to pickup a mental health patient. A third officer, Eddy County Deputy Sheriff Bud Johnson, was shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant," Domenici said.

"We should all remember the dedication of Officer King, Officer Smith and Deputy Johnson to protect and serve New Mexico. They have paid the ultimate price and for that they will always have my utmost admiration."

The following is partial text of a Congressional Record statement offered by Domenici to commemorate National Police Week:

I rise today to commemorate the hard work and sacrifices made daily by law enforcement officers all across our great land. Many have lost their lives in the line of duty so that our families and communities may remain safe. We must never forget those who have given their lives to protect us all.

The annual celebration of Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week during the calendar week has its roots in Public Law 87-726, which was signed into law on October 1, 1962 by President John F. Kennedy. Public Law

87-726 designated this day and week as a time for "recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws." This law was later amended during the 103rd Congress as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act in 1994 to order the United States flag on all government buildings displayed at half-staff on May 15.

Since the turn of the last century, more than 60 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty in New Mexico. This year, among other activities, law enforcement officers from around the country honored the lives of three New Mexico police officers whose names were recently added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. One occurred a very long time ago, and the two others just last year.

Officer Michael R. King and Officer Richard W. Smith, Jr., both of the Albuquerque Police Department, are two of the three officers being honored this year. Their deaths occurred on a day that has become ingrained in the hearts of most New Mexicans as one of the bloodiest and most tragic in recent times: Aug. 20, 2005.

The other officer honored this year was gunned down in Hope approximately 108 years ago. At the time, Eddy County Deputy Sheriff Bud Johnson had traveled to Hope in order to serve a warrant on one L.E. Pratt in regard to an infraction over water control. Pratt shot and killed Bud Johnson with a shotgun when he was notified of the warrant. Deputy Sheriff Johnson died immediately.

All too recently, citizens of New Mexico mourned the loss of Deputy James McGrane, Jr., who was killed on March 22, 2006 during a traffic stop in Tijeras, N.M.

While we remember those who have lost their lives, we also take solace in the fact that many others have been able to survive the dangers of duty.

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FOR EXCHANGE OF LAND BY SEALED BID
Lincoln County, New Mexico
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Tract 1 (Caption): Parcel A - Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1/2N1/4, 3/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4 of Section 1; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1/2N1/2, 5/2 of Section 2, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Parcel B - Lot 2 of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., Parcel C - All of Section 29, E1/2SE1/4 of Section 30, N1/2N1/4, 1/4SW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 32, N1/2NW1/4, 1/2SW1/4 of Section 35, N1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Parcel D - All of Section 29, E1/2SE1/4 of Section 30, N1/2N1/4, 1/4SW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 32, N1/2NW1/4, 1/2SW1/4 of Section 35, N1/2NE1/4, W1/2, W1/2SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 8 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, containing 395.15 acres, more or less. [NOTE: Parcels within Tract 1 are used for descriptive purposes only.]

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2. The details of this offer, applicable rules, bidding instructions and forms are contained in an Bid Information Packet, which prospective bidders must obtain by writing to: New Mexico State Land Office, P.O. Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Attention: Dennis Garcia, Deputy Commissioner (505-827-5866) or by visiting the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501. The Bid Information Packet is part of this Notice and is incorporated herein by reference. The Bid Information Packet should be reviewed in detail before prospective bidders submit a bid.

3. Transfer of the Land will be subject to all valid agriculture leases, easements, and other encumbrances (the "encumbrances") shown in State Land Office records. Those encumbrances include:

Tract 1: Agriculture leases GO-2200, GR-1865, and GR-1243.
Tract 2: Agriculture lease GO-331.
Tract 3: Agriculture lease GO-1640, Rights-of-way RW-2107 and RW-2770B.

Authorized improvements associated with these encumbrances will be excluded from the transaction. Bidders are responsible for verifying encumbrances and the effect thereof on the Land.

4. The State's interest in the Land will be conveyed by a single patent which will reserve to the State all mineral and whatsoever kind and geothermal resources, along with the right of access and surface use portion offered in an exchange/cash combination.

7. Bids to obtain the Land by exchange or exchange/cash combination, in addition to the items required elsewhere in this Notice, must include (a) the precise exchange value and, if the bidder is submitting an exchange/cash combination bid, the amount of cash to be paid in addition to the value of the land offered together with evidence of the bidder's ability to pay the cash portion offered in an exchange/cash combination.

9. All bids submitted, whether an exchange or exchange/cash combination, will be analyzed and compared. If the Commission deems that a bid offers the highest and best benefit to the trust, as determined by the Commissioner in his discretion, he will select that bid. The Commissioner reserves the right to require additional information from any bidder before he makes a selection and the right to reject all bids. The selection of a successful bidder will be further subject to the parties entering into a written agreement setting forth the terms of the transaction. The Commission's selection of a bid shall not constitute or be evidence of a contract between the Commissioner and the selected bidder. The Commissioner will have

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extraction and removal of such minerals or gas (thermal resources); the right to grant rights-of-way for mineral or geothermal exploration, production, or extraction; water rights; and all other valid, existing rights. See Bid Information Packet for details regarding these reservations.

5. Sealed bids to acquire the Land by exchange or exchange/cash combination must be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, conform to the application State and include: 19.2.21 NMAC and include: (a) all information and documentation called for by the form, including the Bid Information Packet; (b) the Transaction Cost Deposit, which includes a non-refundable \$500.00 Exchange Proposal fee; (c) the Performance Deposit as described below; (d) such other information as the Commissioner may reasonably require. Bidders may submit more than one type of bid (i.e., exchange or exchange/cash combination).

6. The Commissioner must receive the approved or "true" value of the Land to any part of the Land (the "Minimum Bid"). The Commissioner has used the following values for purposes of establishing the Minimum Bid for the Land in its entirety: Tract 1 - \$3,521,000.00; Tract 2 - \$2,000,000.00; Tract 3 - \$400,000.00. Bids offering less than the minimum will not be considered. Bidders are encouraged to offer an amount greater than the Minimum Bid.

Bidders also may include bids for the Land in addition to land or cash to be received by the Commissioner at the time of closing. By way of illustration, a bidder may take the form of a Lot Sale Bonus on future sales of finished lots subdivided from, or on future re-sales of, the Land or any part of it. If offered, a Lot Sale Bonus could apply to all of the Land or any part of it (i.e., to all or any part of Tracts 1, 2, or 3). Any additional consideration offered is in addition to the Minimum Bid value. Bids should clearly state the nature of any additional consideration under which such consideration will be paid.

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8. The successful bidder will be required to pay all other costs associated with the transaction, including without limitation, surveys, appraisals, title insurance cost, settlement fees, and recording costs. The Application Fee is non-refundable. All other deposit amounts of successful bidders will be refunded. The Performance and Transaction Cost Deposits must be made by certified funds payable to the New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands in a form and from a bank or other issuer acceptable to the Commissioner. See the Bid Information Packet for additional requirements. Deposits that do not conform to the additional requirements set forth in the Bid Information Packet will result in disqualification of the associated

Exchange Proposal Fee \$500.00
Appraisal Cost (State Trust Lands) \$2,954.67
Advertising cost \$5,337.41
Improvements on State Trust Lands \$71,080.00
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10. The Commissioner may disqualify a successful bidder and declare the next highest and best bidder to be the successful bidder or declare that no bid was successful. If the Commissioner disqualifies a bidder, the bidder's bid proposal, the successful bidder's bid proposal, and the successful bidder's bid proposal, if the Commissioner and the successful bidder do not agree on the final terms of a written agreement and fail to execute such an agreement within forty-five (45) days of the bidder being selected as the successful bidder.

11. To place a bid, bidders must deliver three (3) paper copies, including all information and materials called for in this Notice and in the Bid Information Packet, as well as any supplemental documents, a complete electronic copy of the bid package, and all required fees and deposits, in a sealed container addressed to the Commissioner, care of Deputy Commissioner Dennis Garcia, of the State Land Office, at the address provided above. Bids must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. on May 24, 2006. Late bids and bids that fail to substantially comply with this Notice and the instructions contained in the Bid Information Packet will be rejected without further consideration.

Disabled individuals who require old to participate in the bid may call (505) 827-5724, FAX (505) 827-6157 or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, this notice may be available in other formats.

Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 14 day of March, 2006

/s/ Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands

#7150 4T (5)10,12,17
LEGAL NOTICE
CAPTAIN MUNICIPAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 22-8-10 N.M.S.A. 1978 of the Board of Education of the Capitan School District #28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico will meet on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. M.D.T., in the board room of the administration building, 150 Forest Street, to present and publicly review the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

This is a public hearing and all school patrons are invited to attend.

Dore at Capitan, New Mexico, this 14 day of May, 2006.

CAPTAIN BOARD OF EDUCATION
DANNY HAYNES
BOARD PRESIDENT
ATTN: KENT CINNES,
SECRETARY
#7159 4T (5)10,17,24,31

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS LUBBOCK DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-050266-C
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, Plaintiff

vs.
JONATHAN D. NELSON, Defendant and
KIT LAND & ENERGY, INC., et al, Real Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS
Robert B. Wilson, Temporary Receiver ("Receiver") of the State of Texas, D. Nelson has filed his Motion to Sell Real Property Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims and Encumbrances in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division. The Motion concerns the Receiver's proposed sale of residential property located at 103 Jarrett Avenue, Ruidoso, New Mexico. The proposed sale price is \$177,201.00. This sale is subject to confirmation by the Court at a hearing to be set in Lubbock under terms and conditions set out in the Receiver's Motion.

no obligation to any bidder unless approved by the Commissioner and that bidder execute a written agreement for conveyance of the Land.

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10. The Court's Notice and Order. Any person desiring to make a bid of at least ten percent (10%) higher than the contract price should contact Robert Wilson at 1208 Broadway, Lubbock, Texas 79401, (806) 763-9555; fax (806) 763-9804.

Robert Wilson, Temporary Receiver
#7160 4T (5)10,17,24,31
STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, Plaintiff,

v. NO. CV-05-74
BRENT AND TAMMY SULTMEIER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Notice is hereby given that Peter Baco, Special Master, will on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 8:30 a.m., at the entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., Ruidoso, N.M. 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico: 1. REM Lot 25 and 26, BLK 7, BIG COUNTRY SUBDIVISION as further shown by the Plat of Survey, filed February 8, 1973, in Tube No. 478, including any improvements, fixtures, attachments or mobile homes. The property is generally described with the street address of 137 East Grandview, Capitan, NM 88316.

The sale will be made pursuant to the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Particular Summary Judgment entered on April 24, 2006. The Plaintiff filed suit to foreclose a Note and Mortgage held by it and which the Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the Property in the sum of \$65,377.50, plus interest thereon from January 16, 2006, until paid, plus publication and Special Master fees, and other costs, and such other expenses, if any, as may be incurred by the Plaintiff, plus interest thereon from the date of the Note and Mortgage. The expenses of sale and fee of the Special Master shall be deducted from the sale proceeds before any satisfaction of judgment. Any party bidding in judgment, or any party who may submit its bid to the Special Master, either orally or in writing, prior to the sale. All other bids must be for cash and must be acceptable to the plaintiff and must be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the sale. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed without notice at the discretion of the Special Master.

Other lienholders in order of priority are: City Bank New Mexico; Wade L. Jackson of Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A., 201 Third Street, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas 79401, (806) 763-9555; and the State of New Mexico, 103 Jarrett Avenue, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88301, (505) 765-5900. The attorney for the Plaintiff, Inquiries regarding this sale may be made to Wade L. Jackson.

#7161 4T (5)10,12,17,19
Fort Stanton Development Commission

The next meeting of the Fort Stanton Development Commission will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the property control office at Fort Stanton, New Mexico. The meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m.

#7162 3T (5)12,17,19
LEGAL NOTICE
LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Public Hearing
May 23, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.
Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Meeting Room
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., to be held at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Meeting Room, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. The purpose of this Public Hearing is the discussion of solid waste rate increases.

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Regular Meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Copies of Agenda can be picked up at Lincoln

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County Solid Waste Authority Regular Meeting
Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346
#7167 2T (5)12,17

Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting - Wednesday, May 17th, 2006, 9:00am-REC IX Conference Room. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include: reemployment recommendations and application of the Americans With Disabilities Act, community members are requested to contact Sandy Gladden at 257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

/s/ Sandy Gladden, Executive Director
#7168 2T (5)17,19
INVITATION FOR BIDS

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Interested bidders may secure a copy of the Plans and Specifications for a copy of Third Party Deed (\$35.00) per set from the Purchasing Officer of the Village of Ruidoso Centralized Purchasing Workstation, 207 Center, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, (505) 257-2721, or from Wilson & Compagnone, Inc., Architects, 4900 Lane Ave, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87109. The deposit will be refundable.

Technical questions concerning the project and bid may be addressed to the Village of Ruidoso, c/o Dennis Brand, P.E., at (505) 348-4000.

Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Officer at 207 Center, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345, (505) 257-2721, no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all informality as allowed by the State of New Mexico Procurement Code.

By Order of the Governing Body
Famin Herrera
Purchasing Agent
Village of Ruidoso
#7169 4T (5) 17,19,24,26

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY
NO. 2159
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of Lee L. Cargille DECEASED.

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NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT
THE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN is accepting applications for a Motor Vehicle Inspector. This is a part-time position and salary is dependent on experience. Applications may be obtained from the City Hall at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM or by calling 505-354-2247. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM Wednesday, May 24, 2006. The Village of Capitan is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WANTED: Waitresses
 \$5.50 & Bar Molds \$6.50 tips to go. We are looking for New Bernardsville, NJ. We are looking for the following: Seasoned - 32 hrs/wk. Must have 3 years school diploma or GED. Must be able to pass a check not background check. Must be able to work in a restaurant. Please forward resumes to given phone address or fax to 505-354-8006.

TACO BELL
 Now hiring all positions. We offer a 401k retirement plan and paid vacation. For immediate interview apply in person at the Ruidoso Taco Bell.

OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION
 A career opportunity for a dependable, honest, detail oriented person with computer skills. Sales exp. helpful. P.T. with pension benefit. Immediate opening in our customer service. Send your resume with references to: Dr. Gutwiler & Dr. Sommerer, 159 Mesquero Trail, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

RECEPTIONIST
 Ideal candidate should have basic office skills, good phone etiquette, and computer skills. We offer flexible hours and excellent pay. Will train the right person. Please fax resume to 257-4339.

NEED SUPERVISOR
 Experienced Framers & Laborers 808-1959 or 257-0001

COOK
 IMMEDIATE OPENING Start \$9/hr. depending on exp. LINCOLN COUNTY GRILL 2717 Sudderth Drive

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Billy The Kid Casino & Ruidoso Downs Race Track
 is currently accepting applications for seasonal full-time, seasonal part-time and year round full-time positions.
Food & Beverage
 • Cooks
 • Waiters-Waitresses
 • Bartenders
 • Dishwashers
 • Bus Persons
 • Dock Hand
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Track Operations
 • Part-Mutuel Tellers
DEADLINE: Applications are being accepted immediately. These positions will be filled at the end of May.
INFORMATION: For information regarding job qualifications, please call (505) 378-4431.
HOW TO APPLY: Applications are available at the Receptionist Desk located on the 2nd floor of the Executive Offices.
REQUIREMENTS: Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino positions require licensing by the New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) and/or the New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGC).
PAY: Competitive Wages-Salary/Hourly Pay varies depending upon position applying for and experience relative to that position.
Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino is a Drug-Free work environment as well as an equal opportunity employer.

WANTED WELDER
 for fine art bronze finishing studio. Experience required. Please apply in person at McGary Studios, 2002 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso.

FINANCIALS
 240

RENTALS
 300

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
 All real estate advertised here-in is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

REAL ESTATE
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BUSINESS FOR SALE
 Popular Ruidoso bakery cafe for sale. Profitable and growing; owner retiring. Requires 40K down. Broker owned. MLS# 16172
 To see this or any listed business opportunity in Ruidoso, call John Daniels at 937-4197.

Premier Properties Of Ruidoso
 204 Lincoln Tower - 258-1928

2 BR/1 BA in Capitan, Room for horses, no smoking, no indoor pets. \$3800. Water, gas, electric. Call 937-8551

THREE BEARS APT
 Behind Sells and Duda. New Owners. Efficiency Apts. Extra large, utilities paid \$450 a month. \$230 deposit. 973-0165 378-4498

18d. 1Ba Cabin in Ruidoso Downs, \$3500/month, \$200 deposit. Water, gas, electric. Call 237-7657/354-9006

ONE Bedroom apt for rent. All bills paid. Includes 30 Machines. \$9.995. 1-888-329-3374

2BR/2Ba nice home to rent, close to Upper Canyon. Furniture includes towels, linens, dishes, bills, etc. \$1200. 652-7461

CAMELOT PLACE APARTMENTS
 Now taking applications; 1, 2, 3 Bedroom apartments. Rent assistance available. Certain income restrictions apply. Call 257-5897 TTD 1-800-659-8331 Equal Housing Opportunity & Equal Housing Provider.

2 BR/2 BA + 2 F/P, New Carpet, Condo for rent. Call 937-4351

2bdm/1bth, summer lease, small pets ok, call + Real Realty Services 258-4574

1 Bedroom furnished furnished. \$98,000. Call 760-953-7465

18d/2Ba House for rent, peaceful location, \$550/month all utilities. 505-808-1488

COMMERCIAL BUILDING For Rent 2400 Sq. Ft. \$2,000 a month. Many Options-Lots of Parking and Visibility-Call Scott 808-1277

OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE For Rent 1500 Sq. Ft. \$275 a month. Call 378-4661

COUNTRY LIVING but close in. Buy with 5% down. Well remodeled, large 3/2 w/ excellent view, decks, fireplace, RV parking - some furnishings. REDUCED!! \$119,900 Jennie @ Stevens RE, LLC 505-630-9900

3 BED. 2 BTH, sun porch, fireplace, decks, storage, washer/dryer, located just off Mecham on Brady Canyon. \$850 plus utilities. References, Security Deposit Required. Jennie @ Stevens RE, LLC 505-937-3865

99 3 Bed 2 Bath 16x80 \$25,000 Call for more information 378-8888

Village of Capitan, 4br/2ba, Plus 1200 sq/ft, shop/garage, \$240K, 505-855-8888

2 Bedroom 1 Bath Full Kitchen, over 1/2 Acre in Capitan. Marble Tile Floors, and both sides Great Views. Attached to living room. Main Living Room, Dining Room, and Kitchen. Call 937-8889

New Home by Owner - 213 Middle St. Ruidoso. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Full Kitchen, Sun Room, 21 Lots of Storage. Call 937-8889

1610 AC, ELECTRICITY & VIEWS COUNTY ROAD FRONTAGE. HR. E. OF ALBUQUERQUE. IN SE. OF SANTA FE. \$525K. OWNER FINANCING. TOLL FREE 1-877-794-1666 www.newentranchos.com

Western New Mexico 74 Acre Ranch \$250,000. Views, trees, rolling hills, pastures, wildlife, borderlands. Call 937-8889

BIRD WATCHER'S PARADISE
 North of the Bosque Del Apache Game Refuge
 188.32 +/- ac. farm just north of the Bosque Del Apache Game Refuge. 125.92 +/- ac. irrigated (water leased from Middle Rio Grande Conservancy), 62.40 +/- dry land w/ well. Great potential for development or keep intact & enjoy the many birds that winter in this area.
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 715 California Socorro, New Mexico 87801
 1-505-835-2208 or call Will Orndoff 1-505-418-7042

Mobile Homes/Trailer
 2001, 3 Br 2Ba, 5th Fl. ac. Seller pays closing. \$110,000. 602-919-1559 or 602-976-5209

Mobile Home
 Rent to own 2bd/1ba, convenient location, \$1,000 down payment. Low monthly payments. 258-4060 or 937-2479

RUIDOSO
 Owner finance with large down. 2bd/2ba mobile on 1/2 acre 5 minutes from town. completely chain furnished. Large Workshop. Beautiful Lot \$70,000. 525-2241

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE
 18d/1Ba, in good condition. \$35,000 OBO. 257-6676 or 378-1045 - see mobile espanol

Good Doublewide on a beautiful lot in Capitan. 38d/2Ba w/FP. \$99,500. Call 937-4047 or All American Realty 257-8444

ANTIQUE FOR SALE
 Price/Quality/Location. \$1,000. Marble Top Dresser. \$750. Old All Metal. Call 257-5747

Crete Meadows life time holders share time use. \$10,000 call 972-735-0052

Master/You-Too Daily
 Asking \$700/Obo. Also 505-336-1225

COOL, CREEKSIDE
 2 bdrm, 2 bath condo on Skid Run Road. Decks, fireplace, 1st floor corner unit. \$775 util. included. Month to month. Jennie @ Stevens RE, LLC 505-630-9900

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 bring in your broken or obsolete jewelry for quick cash at RACHE TRADING COMPANY 2318 Sudderth or call 257-1950

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AS I SEE IT

By LLOYD BLOODWORTH

For more than a quarter of a century the writer has been engaged in public relations work of some sort. Most of the time he has been a commercial organization secretary and in that capacity has had a very close relationship with the newspaper field. All of these years he has hoped that sometime he might be the owner of a good country weekly paper. It looks like that dream is to be realized and I do hope that those who read the paper will feel that it is worth their while. I have surrounded myself with capable men who have had plenty of experience and they will keep me from making too many mistakes. The paper will pursue an independent policy and will report the news just as it happens. Politically I am a democrat and will extol the virtues of that party from time to time as the occasion arises, although I may have to hold my nose at times to do it. I am deeply appreciative of the many letters of encouragement that have come to me from all over the Southwest. Large numbers have subscribed for the paper and other subscriptions are coming in with each mail. We will do our best to put out a good paper.

Politics are warming up in New Mexico. The people of this state take their politics seriously and it is good that they do. A lot of good men have announced for public office from constable to United States senator. The race for governor is a hot one and some very capable candidates have their hats in the ring. In next week's issue of this paper I will announce my choice in this race as well as several others.

In my opinion this paper is published in the most beautiful spot to be found in all the Southwest. In a few short years Ruidoso has become the largest all-year playground in New Mexico and the coming summer season promises to out do all the others. More reservations for accommodations have been received than ever before. The horse racing season starts May 26 and the fun will be on.



GOV. JOHN J. DEMPSEY

Congratulations were sent to the Ruidoso News this morning by Governor John J. Dempsey who expressed his hope that the new paper would "be as fine as the man who will publish it" and would continue to serve the good people of Ruidoso, the Hondo Valley and Lincoln county "throughout the years ahead."

Theatres...

"The Enchanted Forest" playing at the Pueblo Theater Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 21, 22, 23, is as beautiful as a Disney feature come to life. The children and grownups alike will be thrilled with this beautiful feature in color.

"Kitty", showing at the Pueblo Sunday and Monday, May 19 and 20, is Paramount's lavish revelation of the life and loves of the first of the flaming gold diggers.

CANYON ECHOES

Representatives from nine Lincoln County Baptist churches met in Ruidoso May 7 to enjoy a lunch served by ladies of the Women's Missionary Union at the American Legion hall. Following the meeting, the Reverend Mr. O. W. Riley, pastor of the Ruidoso Baptist church, left for two weeks attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida.

The Ruidoso Women's club held a Guests' Day luncheon at the Legion hall May 8. More than fifty ladies were present. Mrs. Lloyd Davis, vice president, presided.

In addition to a large number of guests from Ruidoso and the Hondo Valley present, there were several guests from Tularosa, including: Mrs. R. D. Champion, Mrs. George King, Mrs. Dan King, Mrs. Jack Hobson, Mrs. Ella Bailey, Mrs. Rex Hobson, and Mrs. Edna Hobson.

Special musical numbers were presented by the ladies from Tularosa. The luncheon was served by ladies of the Legion Auxiliary.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hull were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Maby, who live with their two daughters, Joy and "Little Joy," at their new ranch home, "El Rancho Padre" near Pecos, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Maby will be remembered by their Ruidoso friends for their appearances with "The Westerners" on a national radio program.

Mrs. Lloyd Bloodworth left Ruidoso early Thursday morning for a two-week stay in San Angelo, Texas, where she was called by the illness of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tipton have just returned from a week's trip to Parks, Ariz. They went to Arizona to inspect their future home.

Mrs. Carl Green entered Saint Mary's hospital at Roswell Friday, May 10, for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Edith Phillips, who is employed at the post office is spending several days in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conway, owners of the Ruidoso Club House and Cafe, returned Wednesday from El Paso where they had gone on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Turk, Anthony, N. M., and daughter Barbara passed through Ruidoso early in the week on their way to Oklahoma City to meet the older daughter, Marjorie, who has been attending Stevens College for Girls in Missouri.

Mrs. W. H. Dunlap, Patricia Nell Gill, and Roy Dean Jobb, of Seminole, Okla., were weekend guests of Mrs. Ethel Gill.

Mrs. Carl Davis, El Paso, enjoyed another New Mexico weekend in her cabin at Hollywood.

Mrs. T. A. Robinson and sister-in-law, Beth Robinson, visited their husband and brother, T. A. Robinson, at William Beaumont hospital last week.

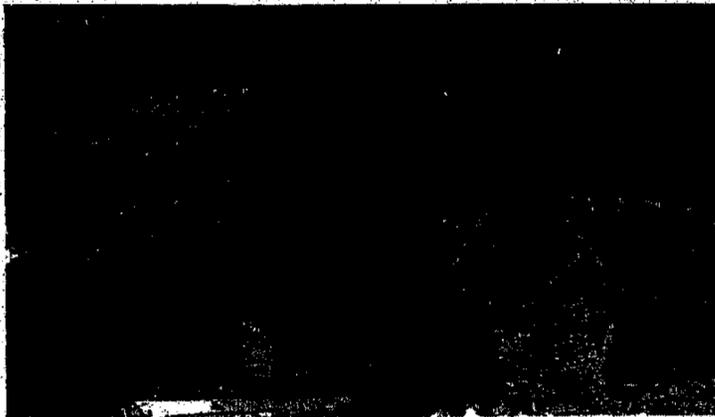
Glady Harris, Inglewood, California, is in Ruidoso to spend the summer. She will operate the Ruidoso Beauty parlor.

Mr. and Mrs. David Burro, Keys, Oklahoma, are in Ruidoso visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester Burro at the Mon Jeau courts.

Leslie Ward spent last weekend in El Paso visiting her son Edward.

Mrs. Stewart Oliver returned from El Paso early in the week. Mrs. Oliver had been in El Paso on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Alexander of Amarillo spent last weekend in Ruidoso and announced (Continued on Back Page)



THE 'OLD MILL' has been an historic Ruidoso landmark since sometime in the 1870's when it was built by the Cree family. Ike Wingfield, member of the Ruidoso board of trustees, was born in the original two-story Old Mill built on the same site occupied by the mill shown here. Despite the legend to the contrary, Mr. Wingfield was not born in the mill pictured above. This mill was built in 1914, also by the Cree, and was recently re-constructed in its old form as a tourist attraction. The mill wheel shown here was built by Mr. Wingfield with the aid of other old-time Ruidoso residents. The plan now is to run a stream of water over the old wheel during the summer season in a realistic re-enactment of its former usefulness.

History of Ruidoso, the Old Mill and The Wingfield Are Same Interesting Story

By DOYLE KLINE

If you are a new-comer to Ruidoso, you probably have heard that Ike Wingfield, who is somebody or other, was born in the Old Mill, which you saw as you came round a bend in the road on your way into Ruidoso, at a date 'way back when. If you are an old-timer around these parts, you probably know that Ike was born in the Old Mill and that he knows about as much about the history of this mountain village as any man living. Beyond that it's all legend.

But not to Ike, because the history of Ruidoso is mostly the history of Ike Wingfield, except maybe a few years before 1887 when Billy the Kid was writing history in the neighborhood of Mesalero, Ruidoso and Lincoln. There's one big difference between Billy the Kid and Ike, however. Billy made history with his guns, while Ike is making a much more gentle though perhaps not so notorious a place in history with a friendliness that comes only to men who have lived long in the mountains and have achieved the art of enjoying life in its simplest form.

Born October 29, 1887, in a two story mill located on the site of the present mill, Ike began a life singularly free of the relentless drive so characteristic of so many men. Instead he started "slow and easy like," enjoying the placid-studded canyon later to be filled by a boldstern village named after the rushing little river that supplied the water for his father's mill where they milled flour, corn meal, and "even a little wood." Ike was unharmed even during his years of schooling at Captain and Tularosa and never was conscious of the fact that he was doing anything unusual when he started punching cattle at the age of 12.

But to get back to the mill, built sometime during the '70's and owned by the Cree family until Ike's father and mother moved to Ruidoso from their home in Texas in 1885. Ike's father then bought the mill from the Cree and a year later Ike was born on the second floor of the two-story building. At that time there was "quite a little settlement" of "dobe houses" clustered around the mill, including a small commissary. Today only a few rusty nails and the trace of a foundation or two are all that remain of the original Ruidoso... except of course the "Old Mill," which isn't the same one in which Ike was born, if you like to get technical.

Then in 1891, Ike's father built a dobe house just across from the present post office building—built in 1921—and from that time until today, Ike has lived in his present location. The "dobe house" outfits which no longer operate. His first job was with the Cree people, from whom his father had purchased the mill. Next he did a hitch with the Flying E outfit on the Felix between Ruidoso and Artesia. After that it was the I bar K near Carrizozo, then the YH at Capitan. In 1910, Ike returned to Ruidoso, populated only by the pines and a few cattle, to run his own cow outfit. Meanwhile the old mill had been torn down and all its machinery shipped away. The water which had powered the mill wheel at that time, ran through a ditch which had its head on the river in the vicinity of Tip's Carpenter Shop, and ran from there to the mill over the approximate course now followed (Continued On Page 8)

Water Franchise Let; Work Begins On City-Wide Gravity-Flow Water System

H. N. Morgan, owner of the Caprock Water company of Artesia, was granted a franchise to operate a water system in Ruidoso by the board of trustees effective May 8 and work on the project is now well under way, according to Joe Dryden, city clerk.

Immediate result of the franchise will be the connection of all existing water systems within Ruidoso to a six-inch main just above the post office. Water for the system will be pumped from wells near the airport to a storage tank of 5000 barrels capacity located in Grady canyon just north of the village. At this level the water will be 50 feet higher than the fire lookout tower.

Water then will be piped through the six-inch mains to a location near the post office. The six-inch water line will run from the post office through the business part of the village and a four-inch line will carry water from that point to Ruidoso Junction. From the post office west, a four-inch line will be laid, providing gravity flow as far as the Noisy Water Lodge. From that point to the reservation line, pumps will be used to provide adequate pressure.

Fire hydrant hookups will be provided at points designated by the village, with take-off facilities available to cabin owners. In addition to the fire-protection provided by the hydrants, Ruidoso has purchased a fire-fighting water pump, similar to one now owned by Bonnell's which it will mount on a city truck to be used in fighting fires.

Original plans by the water company call for above-ground mains to hook up existing water systems to provide water during the summer season. Meanwhile, permanent lines will be laid in preparation for winter.

As included in the franchise, the village of Ruidoso has the right to purchase the water system at the end of a five-year period. Payment will be made after an appraisal by a three-man appraisal board and the addition of ten per cent to the figure reached by the board.

SUMMER SEASON PROMISES TO BE BIGGEST YET

Ruidoso's summer season, which is now at hand, promises to be one of the largest ever experienced by the Lincoln county resort, if advance reservations mean anything.

Owners and operators of Ruidoso lodges, courts and cabin facilities all report reservations by city persons from nearly every point within 1000 miles of Ruidoso and many of the lodges have reservations by vacationers from states in every region of the country.

In addition to a delightful summer climate, Ruidoso is preparing a scenic 18-hole golf course for the enjoyment of its tourist. Other attractions featured this year are horse-back rides, fishing, bowling, roller skating, motion picture shows, mountain hikes and numerous other games and amusements.

City officials express the view that at least 100,000 of the more than 2,500,000 people living within a one-day's drive of Ruidoso, will be "more than likely" to visit Ruidoso during the summer season.

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RACING SEASON TO OPEN MAY 26 WITH SIX RACES

Six races are scheduled for the second annual opening of the Hollywood, N. M. Race Track Sunday, May 26, according to an announcement made today by track officials. The first race, to start at 2:00 p. m., will feature two-year-olds in the Central Bar Handicap, a race of 300 yards at \$100 per horse, winner take all.

Other features at the opening of the Hollywood track, fast becoming one of New Mexico's best known, include: second race, Davis Bar and Recreation Center handicap, quarter mile purse; third race, Bob's Bar handicap, 220 yards purse; fourth race, Mint Bar handicap, for three-year-olds and older, quarter mile purse; fifth race, one-half mile purse; sixth race, Ruidoso handicap, three-quarter-mile purse.

Several other matched races are scheduled for the opening day at the track, two miles from Ruidoso, and all persons who would like to have further information on the entries should see Bud Shell at Ruidoso.

Advance indications are that the races will be well attended and that Ruidoso is doing everything possible to entertain all visiting racing fans.

Oddfellows Lodge Destroyed By Fire

The 13-room Oddfellows Lodge on Cedar Creek, four miles north of Ruidoso, burned to the ground late Wednesday afternoon May 8 despite the efforts of several Ruidoso volunteer firemen, forest service men and nearby firefighters. No one was injured in the blaze which started from an undetermined source and burned one-acre of timber before it could be brought under control. Value of the destroyed lodge, owned by Lodge No. 284, of El Paso, was placed at \$6000 by Elmer Nutting, Sr., 3531 Sacramento, El Paso, who has served as custodian of the lodge for several years. According to Mr. Nutting, the building was insured for only \$500.

Discovered by the forest service fire lookouts at approximately 4:00 p. m., Wednesday, the fire was beyond control by the time five firefighters reached the scene. It was six hours after the alarm had been given that the men subdued the forest fire.

Erected in 1924, the lodge consisted of an assembly room, a community kitchen, dining room, 10 bedrooms. Members of the El Paso lodge, had visited the building earlier in the week and had found the property in good condition, spokesmen for the lodge said. No one was living in the lodge at the time of the fire. Last regular occupants left the lodge last October.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kilby and son from Winnipeg, Canada, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairbanks of the Riverside Addition.

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LLOYD F. BLOODWORTH Owner and Publisher
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When the nationally-noted author, Dr. Ross Calvin, learned that a new paper was to be started at Ruidoso, he offered 200 words of observation.

Dear Doyle: Your first issue let me fill your request for a couple of hundred words in my own way.

Doyle, you're a lucky dog to start out in your youth into the ancient and honorable calling of journalism.

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-Ross Calvin.

Home Built in 3 Hours Under Legion Sponsorship

Eight hours after construction had begun on a home here under the sponsorship of the American Legion, it was presented to E. T. M. Jarvis, Jr. a veteran who had lost both legs while serving in Germany.

The home was a gift of the citizens of Corpus Christi.

Brief flag-raising ceremonies and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the high school band initiated the work.

Then at 6 p. m. on the day the work began while roofing men were pouring tar and rocks to finish the job, Jarvis was given the key to the house, a deed to it, and an insurance policy covering the

ROUGH GOING



Relatives of Veterans Warned to Save Time and Money

Relatives of minor and incompetent beneficiaries of the Veterans Administration can save both money and time by consulting the VA before starting action in courts for appointment of guardians, according to Eric Eades, assistant solicitor in the Dallas Branch Office.

In many instances, court action to appoint a guardian or a custodian is totally unnecessary, he said.

"When benefits are awarded incompetent or minor beneficiaries, it is the VA's duty to see that the payments go to the right person," he explained.

"If a veteran is temporarily incompetent there are several ways to pay his benefits without having a guardian appointed and without going to court and having the veteran adjudged incompetent," Eades continued.

Persons who have guardianship problems concerning veterans should consult the chief attorney in the nearest regional office, he advised, since the chief attorneys are authorized to assist in all guardianship matters.

The VA has regional offices in Waco, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and Lubbock, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Jackson, Mississippi.

Private: "Did he get anything?"
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residence. All the material was either donated or purchased with money contributed for the purpose.

Doctors Can Phone V. A. Collect

The Veterans Administration will accept collect telephone calls at the nearest regional office from doctors who want to know if VA will pay them for emergency treatments of veterans, Dr. Lee D. Cady, Medical Director of VA in the Southwest, said.

Such payments will be made under existing regulations, only for service-connected disabilities, 1946.

Working with the chief of athletics, Marmocha will help direct a physical training and sports program in the eleven VA hospitals in the Texas area.

Dr. Cady emphasized. He urged that doctors use reasonable discretion in determining whether the veterans condition is service-connected before placing calls to the VA.

As a further protection of physicians, he added, the government will assume the cost of medical treatment for emergencies in those cases where the veteran's status has not yet been determined, but payment can not be made after or from the time a veteran's claim has been disallowed as non service-connected by the VA.

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More emergency treatment is started if the condition of the veteran patient is regarded by his doctor as being critical, Dr. Cady said, but immediate continuation of authority should be obtained after starting treatment.

The VA Medical Director said he felt the privilege being extended the veteran would not be abused. He pointed out that the new procedure was being tried out to aid veterans distant from a VA hospital or where time is an important factor and VA facilities are not available.

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Ruidoso Road Repairs Nearing Completion

Repair work on the road through Ruidoso is nearing completion, according to city officials. A temporary "patching" job to make the Road passable during the summer months, the whole job will be done over again sometime in September when the new road from Ruidoso Junction to the

Mount-Capitan "P" is to be completed, according to present plans. Surveying of the new highway is almost complete. Should the new road be finished before snow falls, it would open up the road to the Moon Pass and across which is now snow-bound in the winter months. The forest service has promised to pave the road from Alto to the Mt. Capitan when the road from Ruidoso to Alto is paved.

READING & WRITING
 BY Edwin Seaver and Robin McKinn

EVEN top generals have to take orders from destiny. General Eisenhower was assigned the task of leading and directing the Allied forces to final victory over the Axis. But so another American General, Jonathan M. Wainwright, fell the hard-bitten judgment of leading an army down to an advance to defeat. Recently we wrote in this column about Captain Harry Butcher's "My Three Years With Eisenhower". Now we have "General Wainwright's Story", as told to Robert Condit.

On April 9, 1942, Wainwright withdrew 2,000 survivors from Betan to Corregidor, where with 7,000 troops already there, he conducted a 57-day defense against hopeless odds—276,000 well-fed and well-armed Japanese and daily artillery bombardments which destroyed all but two of the 75mm guns. On the night of May 7 the Japanese began landing and on the following day, to end the carnage, Wainwright surrendered.

For over three years, the general was a prisoner of war. His rank offered no immunity; the enemy's cruelty took many forms: beatings, starvation, the withholding of mail and all news of the outside world, and a calculated policy of humiliation designed to break down his spirit.

General Wainwright urges punishment for the guilty in Japan, but no indiscriminate revenge. Recently, when he was flown to Manila to be present at the surrender of Yamashita, he said, "This might seem a little strange, coming from me, but I hope Yamashita is shown the courtesy due to rank, in the matter of personal accommodations and food." No other incident demonstrates more completely how the Japanese failed in what they tried to do to their highest ranking prisoners.

One of our favorite books of last year was Margery Sharp's beguiling story of a London serving girl, "Cluny Brown." Something to look forward to is her new novel, "Richard Merdle" which, like "Cluny Brown," is to be a Book-of-the-Month Club selection.

The bloody tyrant, Nero, who is said to have watched Rome burn so unconcernedly, had a great weakness for roses, according to Ralph Blenheim's "The Subtle Sense," a compendium of information about the sense of smell. "Nero breathed roses, wore them, ate rose-flavored food, drank rose wine, lay on them, walked over them, and slept upon them. Even when he was ill, he insisted upon medicine made from roses."

Oil Production Shows Gain in New Mexico

Workers in New Mexico's mining industries totaled 9,000 in February 1946 reflecting an increase from the January 1943 level of 8,600 and the prewar figure of 8,100 for 1939. These gains occurred in spite of moderate losses in employment in the metal mining, coal mining, and quarrying industries, since employment in crude petroleum production increased from 2,200 to 3,500 workers, or 59 percent, between January 1943 and February 1946. During 1945 an all-time record in increased oil production resulted from successful deep-well drilling primarily in the Monument, Eunice, Vacuum, and Hobbs fields in the southeastern part of the State.

Conditions brought about by the war continued to affect the State's metal mining industry during 1945. Despite wartime labor priorities established for the industry, mining operations in New Mexico have been faced with a chronic manpower shortage which showed no signs of alleviation until the latter part of 1945 when some operations in the State were able to recruit additional labor.

Book ends are like ears, since it's not what they are, but what is between them.

TO ADOPT STATE CODES

On June 7, Ruidoso plans to adopt "by reference under city ordinance" the state building, plumbing and electrical codes. A Ruidoso man will be appointed by the board of trustees to act as local inspector of such services, it was announced.

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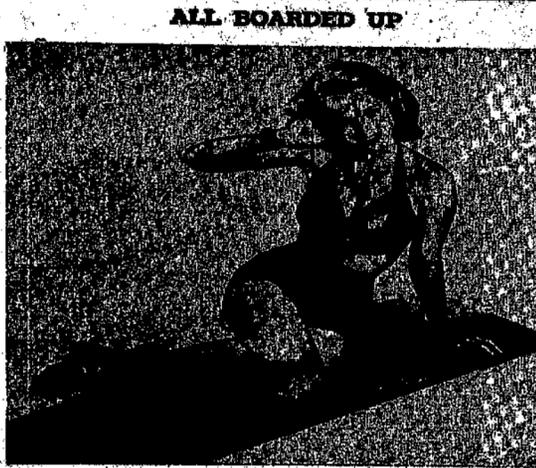
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LEGION AUXILIARY NAMES COMMITTEE

The American Legion Auxiliary met in regular meeting in the Legion Hall Monday evening May 6. The meeting was well attended and Mrs. Ethel Gill president of the auxiliary presided. A nominating committee composed of Mrs. Lillie Ward, Lois Mayer, Louise Doll was appointed to present names for officers to be elected in June. The auxiliary voted to contribute ten dollars to the Leonard Wood Leprosy fund. Two new members were introduced to the members, they were Mrs. Charles E. Borrum, and Mrs. Leona Larson.

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Bloodworth New Legion Commander

The Robert J. Hages Post No. 79 of the American Legion met in regular meeting Monday, May 6, at the Legion Hall and elected officers for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Lloyd P. Bloodworth, post commander; Fred Montoya, first vice commander; Joe Dryden, second vice commander; Marion Fuch, finance officer; Herbert Smith, chaplain; Francis Green, service officer; James C. Borrum, sergeant at arms.

Commander Bloodworth then appointed Harry Cornelius as adjutant. The officers will serve as the executive committee and plans are now being worked out to put on a membership campaign. It is the purpose of the officers to have some special event twice each month. Every man or woman who served in the armed forces during War I and War II is eligible to join the American Legion and it is hoped that all will take advantage of the opportunity.

The only way some fellows would dig a garden, is if they thought they might strike oil on the property.

CITY TO BUILD JAIL

Ruidoso will soon have a jail. Work on the 18 x 20 foot concrete structure will begin next week and will provide two cells for, as one man put it, "any celebrants or celebrities we happen to arrest."

Location of the jail will be next to the river just behind the roller rink. Current routine followed by village peace officers is to chain any drunk who "gets too drunk" to a tree or post, which ever is handy, until he sobers up.



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City Takes Over Garbage Collection

Ruidoso will enter the garbage business June 1, it was announced Friday by Joe Dryden, city clerk. On that date, the city will buy a truck from the Womens' Chamber of Commerce and begin making regular garbage collections.

Rates will run from \$1 per month for residences to a \$10 per month maximum for business houses. Frequency of the collections will be once a week for residences, and "as often as needed" for businesses, many of which will necessitate daily pickups.

It was pointed out that the Board of trustees will decide which fees are to be charged, the businesses and will arrive at such fees after taking the seasons, the amount of garbage, frequency of collection, etc., into consideration.

The garbage collection will be operated on a non-profit basis and any excess money received will be put into a "sinking fund" to be used for repair of existing equipment or purchase of new equipment when it is needed.

The picture of a candidate kissing a baby doesn't get the number of votes it did in the days before mothers knew so much about germs.

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WINDMILL OVER A FLATTOP—One of the helicopters that will be used by Joint Army-Navy Task Force One at Bikini hovers just above the deck of its mother ship, the carrier USS Shangri-la. When this photograph was taken the Shangri-la was headed through the Fanning Canal en-route to the Pacific. Helicopters will be used to make radiological reconnaissance patrols in the lagoon after the blast.

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STETSON PTA HOLDS FINAL MEET

The final meeting for the year of the Stetson School PTA was held at the school Friday evening May 10. Mrs. Ole James, newly elected president of the organization presided and appointed committee's for the coming year. After the business session was completed a delightful program was enjoyed by the large crowd. Mrs. Bernard Rooney of Ruidoso sang several numbers accompanied by Mrs. O. W. McElhanev at the piano. Mrs. Sam Stout of Palo Verde gave two selections on her musical saw. Several Spanish numbers were given by children from the school.

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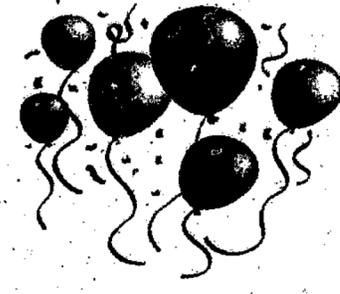
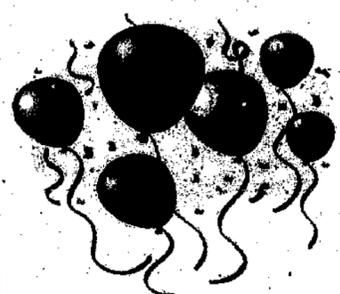
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PTA Meets to Hear Hot Lunch Reports

The final yearly meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association was held at the School House Friday afternoon, May 10. Mrs. Ezell Clark, president of the organization, presided. Committee chairmen gave their annual reports, including reports on one of the outstanding projects during the year — serving more than one thousand hot lunches. Another project was the enlargement of the library through the memorial book fund.

Instead of giving flowers on different occasions, members of the PTA gave money to the library fund. This movement has enabled the school to have a much larger library.

Projects to be carried on through the summer are: the child welfare program, and raising funds to buy a projector to further the cause of visual education.

Officers for the next year were installed by Mrs. E. C. Bruce, principal of the school. Officers were: president, Mrs. Bernard Rooney; first vice president, Mrs. Ezell Clark; secretary, Mrs. Nell Autry; treasurer, Mrs. John Emde; historian, Mrs. Blanche Johnson; parliamentarian, Mrs. R. S. Watkins.

After the meeting a social hour was held with Mrs. Nell Autry and Mrs. R. B. Holliday serving as hostesses.

Bob Crosby at Bonnell Dance Saturday Night

Bob Crosby, world-famous Roswell steer roper, accompanied by his wife, was present at a Saturday-evening dance at Bonnell's ranch May 11.

Crosby, whose picture by Peter Hurd of San Patricia, was in Life Magazine recently, has a busy season ahead of him. He will meet Jack Shaw of Ruidoso at Capitan Sunday, May 13.

Other bookings for Crosby during the coming summer months include a meeting with Carl Arnold at Clovis June 9, during the Clovis Pioneer Day festivities, for a purse of \$10,000; Cotton Lee at Fort Sumner June 16 for a \$2000 purse; Jeff Good at Clovis July 4 for a \$2000 purse; Billy Wilkinson at Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 3 for a \$2000 purse; and Teets

Local Teen-Age Canteen Organized

A movement currently gaining recognition is the formation of the Teen-Age Canteen which has been organized by the young people of Ruidoso, Capitan and Glencoe. The object of the movement is to give the young people of the various communities clean and wholesome recreation. The group meets every Saturday night at the Glencoe Community house. On Saturday night, May 11, more than 50 youngsters were present at the meeting. A fee of 15 cents is charged to help pay the expenses.

Among the adults who have been active in the organization are: S. G. Hester, Bruce Griffith, Sheldon Taylor, Ralph Bonnell, Mrs. Bernard Rooney and Mrs. Della Morrison. Betty Pfingster and Rodrick McNatt serve as hosts each Saturday night.

New Mexico 'Desert' Produces Millions Of Feet of Timber

Who says New Mexico is a "desert" state?

It was second highest among southern Rocky Mountain states in timber production during 1944, the year covered by latest available reports from the U. S. Bureau of the Census, says Regional Forester F. V. Woodhead of the U. S. Forest Service.

Her sister state, Arizona, led the six-state group by cutting 172,193,000 board-feet of timber that year, he discloses. New Mexico was second with 105,348,000 ft. They were followed by Colorado (86,693,000), Wyoming (58,767,000), South Dakota (42,793,000) and Utah (28,816,000).

Arizona and New Mexico together cut more than half of the total of the six states, Mr. Woodhead points out. The cut was mostly of ponderosa pine, with Douglas fir coming next.

New Mexico's total area of 78,500,000 acres includes about 20 million acres of forest land under all ownership. Forest land consists of the saw-timber type (large tree species) and the woodland type (piñon, juniper, etc.). The woodland type has many important values, among them livestock grazing and water-

Manfield at Clovis, date to be set, for a purse of \$20,000. Crosby takes his own horses along to the scene of any contest in which he participates.

shed protection. The six national forests in New Mexico cover 8,000,000 acres. Under management of the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, they are a source of water, timber, livestock forage, wildlife and recreation—all of them providing jobs for the many people who depend directly or indirectly on forest products for a livelihood.

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Mercedes McCarrbridge is hearing about science through seeing. Heard often on the Sunday MBE series, "Exploring the Unknown," she will soon be seen in the Broadway play, "Twelve Men," a fantasy about the atomic destruction of the earth.

Hot Springs Transit Lines Now in Operation

Schedules to Dam and Over City Started Sunday. The Hot Springs Transit Lines are now in full operation. A tentative schedule has been established and will be found on an inside page of this issue.

The bird-of-paradise shrubs and the pomegranates are particularly beautiful now in their abundance of bloom. A huge cleander at the Sunset Apartments was a terrible dancer, but boy could she intermission.

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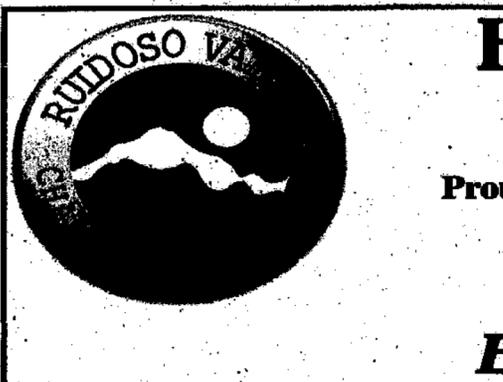
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CANYON ECHOES...

(Continued From Page 1) Plans to return in June for the summer.

Ezell Clarke, Jr., has just returned from a trip to his old home in Lovelland, Texas.

The brother of Mrs. Scott Hagee, Roy Estinger, Wheeler, Texas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hagee at their home.

Mrs. Marge Ferguson and Mrs. Thelma Gilbert have just returned from El Paso where they went on a buying trip.

La Vern Walkup and Polly Miller have returned from their vacations with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Walkup, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Miller, Electra, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marler left Ruidoso Monday for Mexico City where they will visit Mr. Marler's sister.

Theresa Barron was in El Paso for a few days last week, buying new stock.

Mrs. H. M. Jones and family of Knox City, Texas, are spending several days in Ruidoso.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis spent last week in Abilene, Texas, and Knox City, Texas. In Abilene, they visited their son, Lloyd Leslie, a student at Abilene Christian college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezell Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Beauchamp left Ruidoso last Friday for a three-day fishing trip at Elephant Butte. They returned Monday and reported fine catches of crappie. Sunburns were noticeable, too.

Evidences of the old west are still to be found in the Ruidoso Valley, especially when a dance is held at Bonnell's ranch—such as the one held May 11 when a large and seemingly happy crowd gathered to dance to the strains of the Cox-Boswell orchestra. Present at the fundango, held in the recreation room of the old

Students Graduate...

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Valedictory address by Virginia Montoya Song—"Valedictory" Music on the commencement program was under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Young.

house which was built in 1882 by Jasper Coe, were guests from El Paso and Boswell, Bob Crosby, the steer ropin' man, and folks from Ruidoso and surrounding settlements.

Center of social activity in the county for many years, the Bonnell ranch continues to welcome with a warm handshake, the cow-puncher in his boots or the man from the distant city.

Ruidoso Methodists are at present, holding Sunday services at the school house. Leading a movement to organize a formal Methodist church for Ruidoso is Dr. Thomas Barcus. Plans for the erection of a new church will be discussed Sunday, May 18. All interested persons are urged by Dr. Barcus to attend.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Mackay arrived at Ruidoso last week from Santa Monica, Calif., after buying the property formerly occupied by Tip's Carpenter shop.

Dr. Mackay formerly was president of Eastern New Mexico college at Portales and will return to California soon. Mrs. Mackay plans to remain in Ruidoso throughout the summer.

Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Fall of Roswell and Mrs. Carl Einhart of Glendale, Calif., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairbanks over the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Achr of Kink, Texas, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairbanks. Mr. Achr is connected with the Standolind Oil Co.

Folks shouldn't be too quick to get the odor of that perfume. Nuit de Guadacanal, out of their nostrils.

CLEAN UP DAY SET FOR MAY 22

Wednesday, May 22, has been set as Clean-up Day for Ruidoso. On that day trucks provided by the village will be around to haul off rubbish and trash.

Each property owner is urged by the board of trustees to clean up his property and place all trash in an accessible place so that it may be hauled away by the trucks.

"With the summer dry season at hand, it is extremely important that all trash and similar fire hazards be cleaned up," a city spokesman said in making the Clean-Up Day announcement.

El Pasos First Subscriber For News

Out-of-town subscribers showed a greater interest in the fledgling Ruidoso News at first than did the home folks. The situation didn't last long, however, and our subscription list now is growing every day with more and more local people who manifest great interest in the freshman newspaper.

Readers from as far away as Washington, D. C., have signed up to receive a weekly Ruidoso News. Also among our subscribers are such notables as Governor John Dempsey, Judge William Barker and Harry Shuart, state director of liquor control.

First subscriber was J. L. Naylor of El Paso, closely followed by Bill Lane of Alpine, Texas. Then came Judge Barker, and Governor Dempsey of Santa Fe, Vernon Clayton, Tularosa, Mose Cauthen, Alamogordo, Bess Boudne, Ruidoso, F. H. Douglass, Ruidoso, Roy Herod, Brownfield, Texas, and J. H. Fulmer, Carrizozo.

Gas Company is Granted Franchise

The Utility Gas company of Ruidoso was granted a franchise to operate within the village of Ruidoso by the board of trustees at their regular weekly meeting May 15. The franchise called for the provision by the gas company of all heat and one per cent of all gross monthly business done by the company in excess of \$500.

History of Ruidoso...

(Continued From Page 1) by the road. A year after he had started his own cow outfit, Ike married the present Mrs. Wingfield, until her marriage a resident of a little settlement at Bonita. The Wingfields had three children, two of whom are now living. One

daughter, Della, and her two children, live in Ruidoso. The other daughter, Opal, lives in Santa Fe. In 1914 the "Old Mill" was rebuilt in its present form and Ike helped build the mill wheel which you can see today. The new mill, also built by the Crees, was not successful and it was closed. However, the first summer cabins ever built in Ruidoso; were also built in 1914. They were built near the Indian Reservation line by Judge Meidler, at that time district judge and later a resident of Hot Springs, Benson Newell, district attorney, and Dr. Watson, doctor and politician who was at the time county treasurer. All three cabins are still standing and still occupied.

Good Catches Reported On Opening of Fishing Season Wednesday

Fishing season opened in and around Ruidoso Wednesday May 15 and numerous Ruidoso sportsmen reported excellent opening-day catches.

Fishing was good on the Ruidoso despite the fact that most of the fish hooked were below legal size. Unfortunately several fishermen neglected to return the under-sized fish to the stream and arrested for such violation of the state game laws by Game Warden Bell of Captain.

Other Ruidoso fishermen, realizing that larger fish were to be found in the vicinity of Eagle Creek, Bonita dam, and Nogal Lake, made the short trip to these points and landed their limits of scrappy, eight-to-ten-inch trout. Bait of different kinds was used in making the majority of the catches, it was reported.

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Ernest McDaniel, Ruidoso, lives in the cabin built by Medler, Sylvester Johnson, Roswell, owns Dr. Watson's old cabin, and Mrs. C. C. Martin, also of Roswell, now owns the cabin built by Newell. From 1914 until 1946, more and more cabins have been built in Ruidoso. The current estimate

of cabins runs between 3000 and 5000. Each year has seen many new business start and more cabins dot the hillside, but Ruidoso's most startling growth has taken place during the past eight years, with the really "big" money just now showing up in the form of magnificent new markets, new stores, new eating places.

As the years have passed, Ike has taken to smoking his pipe more and punching cattle less until today he "runs only a few head of cows and a few head of horses, mostly as a hobby."

Ike is taking life easy these days, trying to get used to all the people who crowd into the canyon once occupied only by his family. And when the people of Ruidoso, who think very highly of him, worked it up that he would be one of the village trustees a few months ago, Ike shrugged his shoulders, took a puff on his faithful pipe and figured that "somebody had to do it." Now that Ruidoso is "started" Ike wants to see it grow.

But times are changing. Small

places, once kept down by grazing cattle, have sprung up and altered the landscape. There are more trees today and less grass. Even the river is less noisy. Ike says it's because the trees hold the moisture longer and don't let it run down the river like it did when he was a kid. Ike says land's too high, too, despite the fact that he owns quite a lot of it around here.

The future? Ike figures it will be about as peaceful as the past. Outside a flood in 1941, a few "little" fires from time to time, his life here in Ruidoso has been mighty peaceful. He thinks the future will be about the same and he hopes that the town will prosper.

As for the reconstruction of the "Old Mill" which has been promised for this summer—Ike says, "They're diggin' a well to run a spray of water over the wheel and they're goin' to make the wheel go around with an electric motor."

It'll be fine for the tourists.

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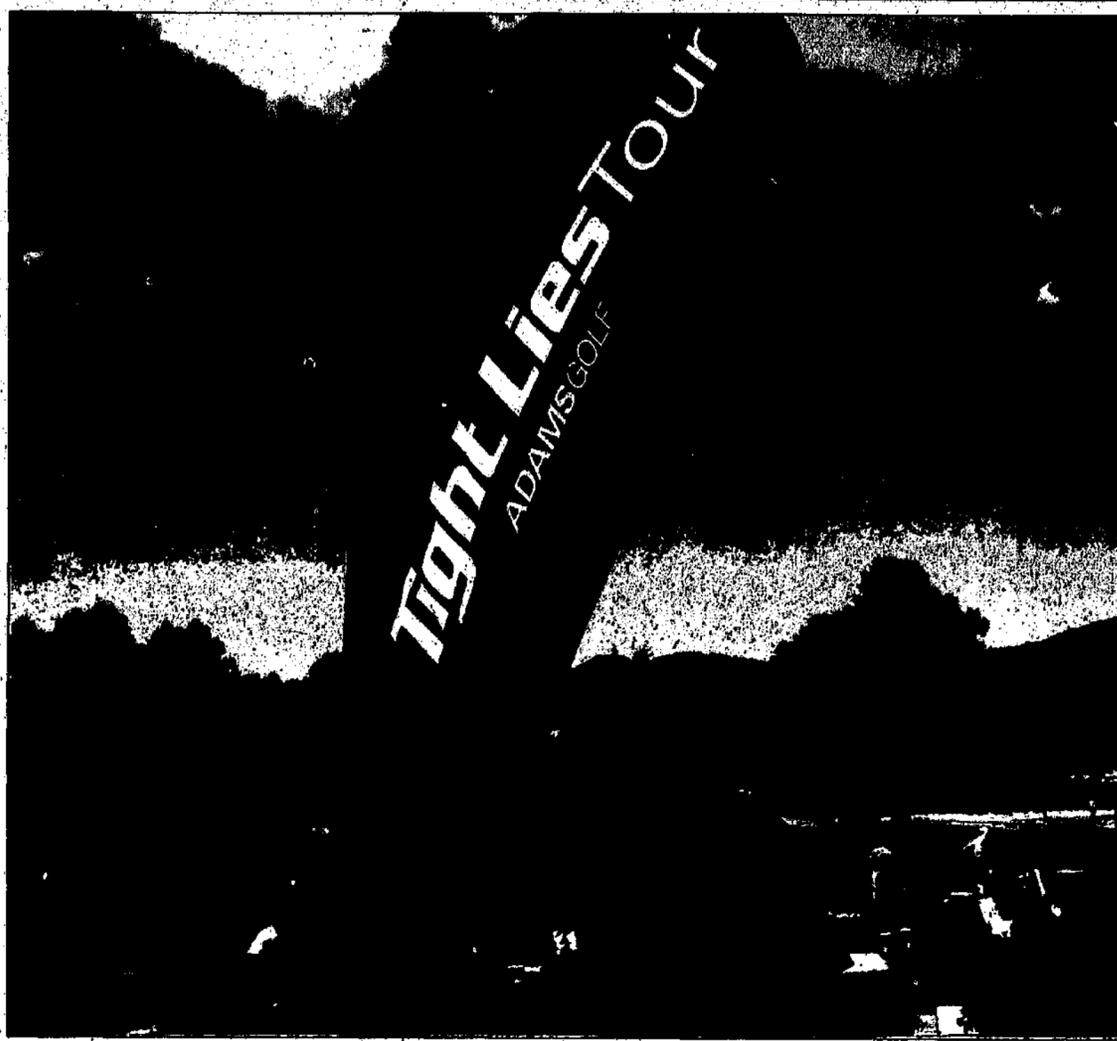
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Golf tourneys are underway
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JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Mike Stauffer, communications director for the New Mexico Department of Tourism, stands next to the Adams Golf Tight-Lies Tournament banner Thursday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course. Stauffer and other tourism officials were in the area for the tourney.

Tourism officials tee up marketing plan

State studying novel ways to promote New Mexico, they say in visit here

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With golf fast emerging as a top tourism draw for New Mexico, and Ruidoso chief among golf destinations, officials with the New Mexico Department of Tourism were on hand this week for the New Mexico Leg of the Tight Lies Pro-AM Tour.

Mike Stauffer, NMDOT communications director, said the tournament, taking place through the weekend at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, is a glimpse of the future of New Mexico tourism.

"Golf is approaching a \$1 billion dollar industry in New Mexico, and Ruidoso, for many reasons including golf, is a major player in that industry," Stauffer said.

Stauffer said the tourism department invested \$10,000 in the Tight Lies Tournament to create within the national event a New Mexico Challenge complete with trophy and bonus award for the winning player.

"We really took the bull by the horns on this to make sure New Mexico came out as a memorable place to play golf and to visit," he said Thursday.

Stauffer said that while the event itself will produce immediate revenues, with 100 players plus their families, friends and entourage staying in the greater Mesalero/Ruidoso area for four nights and five days, the long-term effects are expected to reap a payoff.

"These golfers are people who are on their way to becoming top pros. At the end of the tournament they'll go home and tell people what they liked about courses they played on and people will lis-

ten," Stauffer reasoned.

Joining Stauffer at the Tight Lies New Mexico Challenge leg are Josh Rosen, deputy secretary of tourism for New Mexico, and Dan Monaghan, department video-services director.

Shooting video

"Dan is shooting and editing video each day that he will get out to the media. In fact, we're expecting statewide television coverage tonight," he said adding that the final round Sunday may even net national news coverage.

Stauffer said his agency has adopted a new, more aggressive approach to marketing New Mexico.

"We're doing things we've not done before and going into markets that are not traditional to the way we've done things in the past," he said.

Stauffer noted the state's recent appearance in the Rose Bowl Parade.

"This proved to be a very successful campaign. Industry people estimated we got \$4 million in media coverage from that event and some of the other things we did in conjunction with the parade such as hosting media events that targeted travel writers, travel agents and spa writers," Stauffer said.

"We also attended the Loughorn Bash at a hotel and gave away tickets to the University of Texas championship against the University of Southern California."

Stauffer said the tickets were raffled in exchange for email addresses that the tourism office then used to promote travel to the state.

Following the Rose Bowl, in January,

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Mike Stauffer
NM Department of Tourism

we saw a 26 percent increase in inquiries about New Mexico from throughout the country; 16 percent from Southern California alone," he noted.

Stauffer, who owns a vacation home in Alto, said California ranks third behind Texas and New Mexico (domestic travel) as a top tourist pool for New Mexico, and therefore, merits cultivation.

"I'd like the people in Ruidoso to know just what a major asset they are to New Mexico tourism, especially for the southern part of the state. Outdoor recreation is one of the chief reasons people visit this state and Ruidoso has it all. Certainly, it can be said, no other community in New Mexico has what you have. You have year-round golf, skiing, horseracing, the mountains... If a visitor makes Albuquerque their destination of choice they have to drive to go skiing. If they go to Santa Fe they have to drive a little further to go to a casino. Ruidoso has it all, right here, without asking visitors to go a little farther down the road."

Stauffer said that his department keeps close tabs on events and strategies out of Ruidoso that help grow the tourism industry. Presently, Ruidoso ranks fifth in gross receipts tax collections in the

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Hardeman: Amend the master plan on density

Proposed Camelot development spurs talk about village resources

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Since Camelot Mountain was platted 20 years ago with the idea of high density in mind, climate conditions changed, a drought descended on the state, and some village services are under intense pressure, Ruidoso village councilors say.

After rejecting a proposal recently for a high density subdivision platted two decades earlier, Councilor Ron Hardeman said last week he realized an amendment is needed to the village's Comprehensive Plan to reflect those changes. He proposed the amendment recommend limiting development on Camelot to low density, non-commercial use.

Hardeman said he was involved in the drafting of the comprehensive plan, which is

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Contractors to disclose campaign funding

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A new state law requires any prospective contractor working for state, county or municipal entities to file campaign contribution disclosure statements.

Lincoln County received notification of the new requirement that must be filed with the state Department of Finance and Administration or the local public body in an April 21 letter from Robert Apodaca, director of the DFA's Local Government Division.

County Manager Tom Stewart reported to county

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Domenici near the top in power ranking

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One of New Mexico's senator's ranks sixth in Congress under a "power" list developed during a five-month research project, according to results posted on the Congress.org Web site.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, elected to Congress in 1972 as the first Republican senator from this state in 38 years, and today the longest serving senator from New Mexico, was the

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