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A student with Camp Sierra Blanca High School pauses at the grave of a Veteran of WWII May 19 at Fort Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Memorial Cemetery. Students, whom the camp asked not to be identified, helped lay U.S. flags at gravesites in preparation for this weekend's Memorial Day services.

A fort full of memories

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Complaints lead to Capitan drug discovery

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

turned over to Juvenile Probation in Ruidoso.

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

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

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

Downs police chief at odds with City over survey release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Man arrested in infant's death

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

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

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

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

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

Arrested in the incident and

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

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

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

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

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

Autopsy results are expected next week.

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Ruidoso Downs residents face sewer rate increase

City Manager John Waters calls for programs to treat restaurant grease

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Adopting the preliminary budget for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant that the City of Ruidoso Downs owns with the Village of Ruidoso

means a rate increase for the city's residents, Downs City Manager John Waters said Thursday.

He tied his vote to a commitment to determine decisively the amount of waste flow the city contributes to the plant and to pinpoint infiltration in the sewer lines that may inflate the city's flow figures.

He also backed a call for

requiring industrial pretreatment programs by John Ramos, plant operator.

"We need that real bad," Ramos said. "We're fighting grease, which affects the bugs (microbes that digest and neutralize the waste). It has a big effect on the process."

Waters said surcharges are needed if restaurants don't keep up with cleaning grease traps.

"Roswell has been doing that for years," he said. "It helps keep a system well-maintained."

The type of sewage going into the plant should be examined because some is harder to treat, they agreed.

Lincoln County Commissioner Maury St. John, a member of the Joint Use Board that oversees the plant's operation, before the meeting requested a breakdown of metered flow to satisfy herself that the 15 percent allocated to Ruidoso Downs is accurate.

She noted that the percentage runs monthly from 10 percent to 25 percent for the City, and 15 percent sounded fair to her.

Ruidoso Village Manager Lorri McKnight said the flow from two Mescalero enterprises is figured with Ruidoso, but measured as it enters the system.

The measurement for Ruidoso Downs begins at the Hollywood gages she said.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe hooked on the Inn of the Mountain Gods and the Travel Center in September and is adding a subdivision. The flow from the Inn shows billing of \$17,390 for 11.1 million gallons since the end of September, but JUB acting chairman Sue Garrett, Ruidoso Downs mayor pro tem, pointed out that the winter didn't draw the usual



Managing a crisis: Village Manager Lorri McKnight and City Manager John Waters deal with serious issues at Thursday's meeting of the Joint Use Board.

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amount of tourists because of lack of snow. No summer months have occurred to look at peak demand, she added.

The flow from the Travel Center shows a billing of \$5,337 for 3.08 million gallons since September.

Net operating costs in the 2006-07 preliminary budget were estimated at \$985,980, with Ruidoso kicking in \$838,083 and Ruidoso Downs, \$147,893.

Each partner also is responsible for a 10 percent capital reserve and for a loan payment, which added \$83,808 and \$78,659 to Ruidoso's share and \$14,790 and \$13,881 to Ruidoso

Down's final tally.

Waters said when the river is muddy, the flow to the plant is muddy and that indicates infiltration.

"We need to get someone down here to determine the actual flow and any leakage into or from the river," he contended.

McKnight reminded Waters that a consultant already reported infiltration would account for only 1 percent to 6 percent of flow and the cost of trying to track down that infiltration points on the Ruidoso Downs interception line wouldn't be justified.

It may be more productive to

study other portions of the system, she observed.

But Waters countered that the study also said during the rainy or runoff seasons of high flows, plant operators were battling serious problems at the plant from excess river water flooding treatment resources. He said an examination could determine if some pipes may have separated.

"We know something is happening," he said, pointing out that he could see erosion in places along the line next to the river.

"I think we need to put this to rest before we build a new plant," Waters said.

Today's Weather
 Local 3-Day Forecast

 83/48 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 40s. Sunrise 5:56 AM Sunset 8:03 PM	 79/45 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s. Sunrise 5:56 AM Sunset 8:04 PM	 79/43 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s. Sunrise 5:55 AM Sunset 8:05 PM
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New Mexico At A Glance

Moon Phases

 Last May 20	 New May 27
 First Jun 3	 Full Jun 11

UV Index

Fri 5/26	Extreme
Sat 5/27	Extreme
Sun 5/28	Extreme

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

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Alamogordo	97	64	mst sunny	Grants	87	48	sunny	Santa Fe	82	51	mst sunny
Albuquerque	92	63	mst sunny	Guymon, OK	100	68	windy	Santa Rosa	96	62	mst sunny
Carlsbad	101	67	pt sunny	Hobbs	98	67	pt sunny	Silver City	89	58	sunny
Chama	75	41	mst sunny	Las Cruces	96	66	mst sunny	Socorro	94	60	sunny
Clovis	96	64	pt sunny	Las Vegas	84	51	mst sunny	St. Johns, AZ	92	58	sunny
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El Paso, TX	99	71	mst sunny	Lubbock, TX	96	67	mst sunny	Trinidad, CO	90	56	mst sunny
Espanola	89	58	sunny	Odessa, TX	96	70	mst sunny	Truth or Consq.	96	64	sunny
Farmington	89	49	sunny	Raton	89	51	mst sunny	Tucson, AZ	99	68	sunny
Gallup	85	46	sunny	Roswell	99	67	pt sunny	Tucumcari	95	60	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	85	67	t-storm	Houston	90	71	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	74	sunny
Boston	72	57	rain	Los Angeles	69	60	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	51	windy
Chicago	72	56	rain	Miami	86	75	t-storm	Seattle	57	48	rain
Dallas	97	78	pt sunny	Minneapolis	77	69	pt sunny	St. Louis	88	67	mst sunny
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Also accepted are David Geary, an Alamogordo High School graduate and a business management major at New Mexico State; Brian R. Trudell, an Alamogordo High School graduate and a senior at NMSU studying psychology and philosophy; Keeley Brown, a Las Cruces High School graduate and a senior at NMSU studying civil engineering; and Adriane Wise, a Las Cruces High School grad working toward a degree in agriculture economics at NMSU.

Domenici designed his internship program to give college students opportunities to work with his administrative, legislative, press, and constituent services staff. Domenici serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and is a senior member of the Budget Committee. In addition, Domenici serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee.

Participants in Domenici's 2006 Summer Internship Program have completed at least one year of study in an institution of higher education and are enrolled for the following semester. New Mexico residents and/or students received priority attention in the selection process. The three interns from Albuquerque will be among eleven college students who are participating in the first of two summer sessions.

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. All campus offices will be closed and no classes will be held. The campus will reopen and registration for the Summer and Fall semesters will resume on Tuesday, May 30. For campus information, please call 257-2120.

A Memorial Day Proclamation recognizing those who fought and lost their lives in defense of the nation was passed by Lincoln County Commissioners last week. The proclamation traces the 1865 idea by druggist Henry Welles in Waterloo, NY, and the adoption of the national holiday, first called "Decoration Day" in 1868.

Commissioners asked everyone to observe the special recognition and never forget, "Those who gave the final measure for their country." "We continue to rely on our brave and steadfast men and women in uniform to defend our freedom."

Ruidosans will have a chance to raise money for KEDU 102.3 FM for its transfer to a Christian community format during a special event planned at School House Park June 10. Tickets are on sale now for The Dove 102.3 FM Barbecue fund-raiser at a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

Pat Welch, a spokesman for the nonprofit group which assumed management of KEDU March 8, said the event "is a way that everyone who wants to see us on the air and who want to make the station a success, to help. We're urging everyone to plan to attend the barbecue, stay and enjoy, get to know the people involved, or just stop by for a plate to go."

Welch said about \$100,000 is needed to help pay for assumption of the station's assets and equipment. He said his group already has \$50,000 in hand and together with an additional \$20,000 that is expected to be raised through the barbecue and collection of pledges.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance at State National Bank, Ruidoso Mortgage Co., Print Write Now, Johnston Jewelers, Greg Carey State Farm, and Alto Cafe. For more information, contact Christian Community Radio at ruidosopat@msn.com or at 630-5000.

The cost of testing the Rio Ruidoso jumps by \$40,000

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The cost of testing and monitoring the quality of water in the Rio Ruidoso jumped by \$40,000 this year.

But last week members of the Joint Use Board that governs the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant owned by the City of Ruidoso Downs and the Village of Ruidoso, approved a third renewal agreement with Livingston & Associates for \$120,000.

Village Manager Lorri McKnight explained that the cost of sampling increase from the previous contract at \$82,000 plus gross receipts taxes. She pointed out that for the first and second renewals of the agreement, the price stayed the same. When JUB members added an 18th site to the list for monitoring, Eddie Livingston didn't increase the contract

amount.

"It should have been higher then," she said. "He's gone over his contractual amount and that will have to come back to us. We added a sampling station and he never changed the amount to cover the time or the station. In addition, his costs (to test at the other 17 stations) have gone up."

Livingston sent a spread sheet to show the actual monthly expenses per technicians and engineer, she said. The sampling occurs monthly, with double sampling for January, February, July and August, McKnight said.

"We could reduce that," she offered, but members agreed that the data is essential toward efforts to comply with the plant's permit discharge limits for phosphorus and nitrogen.

City Manager John Waters said he recalls the board

approving an increased price, "but the contract didn't keep up."

"This looks like \$20,000 over the 'not to exceed' limit," but gasoline costs have increased significantly and Livingston's crews must drive from Alamogordo to Ruidoso to perform the sampling, Waters noted.

In related actions, JUB members:

- approved allowing the city of Ruidoso Downs to act as fiscal agent to procure professional services under \$25,000 for the sludge press, which treats treated waste. The two owners are renting sludge press equipment now, but agreed to move

ahead with a permanent operation that can be incorporated into the new design for the treatment plant. The City is not tied to the same procurement policy as the Village and by moving quickly, each municipality can use the \$400,000 allocated to it by the governor before an October deadline.

• delayed action until 3 p.m. May 25, on a proposed 2006-07 treatment plant budget to allow more input and review by Ruidoso Downs officials.

• approved resolutions entering into special appropriation projects at the plant with the State Environment Department for the sums of \$346,500 and \$25,000.

Phosphorous hearing Tuesday

Scheduled is the final of three hearings on proposed ordinances in Ruidoso Downs to regulate phosphates

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Residents and owners of businesses in Ruidoso Downs Tuesday will have a final opportunity to weigh in on two ordinances proposed in the City to reduce the contamination of phosphorous in the Rio Ruidoso and the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The third of three public hearing on the ordinances is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., May 30, in City Council Chambers located at 122 Downs Dr.

If passed, the ordinances, one establishing regulations for the use and sale of lawn fertil-

izer containing phosphorous, and the other creating a restriction on detergents with phosphorous, will go into effect Sept. 1, 2006.

The ordinances are proposed as part of the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program and have been encouraged by the State Environment Department as a necessary measure.

Industry representatives have attended previous hearings to oppose the ordinances.

The City of Ruidoso Downs and the Village of Ruidoso, owners of the treatment plant, have been told to reduce phosphorous and nitrate levels to .1 milligrams per liter.

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OUR OPINION

It's your future, graduates...

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In the high-tech global economy, the value of an education has never been greater. So to graduating high school students throughout Lincoln County: Congratulations. You are marking a rite of passage into the rest of your life. You are in position to shape your world. Do it with honor, wisdom, the accumulation of your schooling and a sense of compassion and humor.

The *Ruidoso News* has long championed learning, whether through support of our schools or our libraries. We recommended a Yes vote in the recent school bond election. We have long published a weekly Education page on 6A, and this school year we doubled that coverage to two pages.

In the past week we have heard from some in the community complaining that, for the first time in memory, the

News didn't print individual photos of graduating seniors.

That we did so for years as a community service was remarkable. Most newspapers don't do that anymore, and the *News* was one of the last holdouts.

Newspaper space is valuable, and in an era of skyrocketing costs, we can no longer afford to give away eight or more pages for free. Instead, we will publish photos of graduation ceremonies and list all the names of graduates.

Besides, it was impossible to secure photos of every student, and that wasn't fair to those who couldn't afford a graduation photo packet.

As an option, we offered ad space at steep discounts to parents who wanted to individually honor their sons and daughters. We did not ask parents to subsidize any coverage.

We hope you understand.

Muzik Mafia at IMG: Yes, you can do that in country music

REVIEW BY PAMELA CROMWELL, IVAMONOS! EDITOR

I'm a Terri Clark fan, but I have to say that her concert at the Inn a few weeks ago was a bit weak compared to the show Muzik Mafia gave Friday.

While Terri complained about how her label wanted her to wear her hair, Muzik Mafia was clearly without an image consultant. And while Terri was running out of material at the end of an hour, Muzik Mafia sounded like they could play all night. That's probably because Terri hasn't been attending to her music lately. She hasn't been feeding the muse, while Muzik Mafia is a veritable feeding frenzy of the creative spirit.

Muzik Mafia is one group I completely underestimated. And judging by the turnout at Friday's concert, most music lovers around here don't really know what Muzik Mafia is about - or maybe they do and they just don't like it.

I thought they were a bunch of tag-alongs trying to follow Gretchen Wilson into the limelight - even Big & Rich have always struck me as an also-ran, caught up in the fervor over Gretchen, a novelty in country music with their rap stylings. Live shows can change opinions. It does seem that some of the glory bouncing off Gretchen has cast attention upon this weird collective of Muzik-ians, but it also seems that these people could be the best thing to happen to Nashville since outlaw country first rattled its cage.

They are young. Cowboy Troy's lead guitar player looked like he was about 16. Like many of their generation, they grew up with an appreciation for all kinds of music, from Willie Nelson to AC/DC. Their musical palette includes hip-hop and R&B - and they're using those influences to shape a new sound.

Their motto is "music without prejudice," which apparently means they see no reason why a guy 2 feet tall shouldn't be their emcee or why a black guy in a cowboy hat shouldn't be ranked



COURTESY MARK JONES

with the likes of Tim McGraw. It also seems to mean that they are each willing to try anything musically, and they don't care who says "you can't do that in country music." Muzik Mafia isn't a band; it's an association of friends who get together on Tuesday nights and jam. Each "member" is his own artist, pursuing his own career and dreams, styling music each to his own way. Friday's concert was a four-for-one deal with sets from Shannon Lawson, James Otto, Jon Nicholson and Cowboy Troy. Each set was a taste of something different: a little cowpunk from Lawson, a baritone butt-kicking from Otto, powerful soul keys from Nicholson, and Cowboy Troy's "hick-hop." Everybody was backed by Max Abrams' raging sax, and off to the side a skimpily clad Rachel Kice slapped a mess of paint onto a spinning canvas that turned into a work of art by concert's end.

It was refreshing to hear music that was new and bold, stuff that was clearly bubbling out of a creative pow-wow equal to the Algonquin Round Table. Though the philosophy may not be as profound, the message was quite clear: To thine own self be true. I was watching some of the younger kids at the concert - under 15 - totally into the music and the message. That's the kind of inspiring music should do.

Memorial Day 2006



"We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
That blood of heroes never dies."

Lt. Col. John McCrae, MD
1915

"We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, now we lie
In Flanders fields."



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YOUR OPINION

Tribe is not responsible for paying EMS bills

To the editor:

Regarding the article "EMS contract resuscitated" in the May 12 *Ruidoso News*: The article quoted an individual named "Gibson," who identified himself as administrator of the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC).

Mr. Gibson referred to the Mescalero Apache Tribe, as stating "They don't pay their bills." Mr. Gibson went on to attribute approximately \$1 million in unpaid bills to the Tribe.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Gibson chose to make this inaccurate and irresponsible statement. One would think that a person who purports to be an administrator would have his facts correct.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe is *not* responsible for payment of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) bills, when services are provided to tribal members. The Indian Health Service Hospital, a federal entity, is the party responsible for paying those costs. The Indian Health Service provides medical care to the American Indian and Alaska Native people as part of the federal government's trust responsibility.

The Indian Health Service (IHS) receives its funding via the federal budget process. The funding formula for IHS dates back to the mid-1970s, is seriously outdated, and contributes to the unpaid EMS bills at LCMC. With respect to the Mescalero Hospital (MSU), the MSU is funded for 4,400 enrolled Mescalero Apache tribal members.

In reality, the MSU provides services

to about 10,000 enrolled member Indians, both Mescalero Apache and other federally recognized tribes.

Just as the LCMC cannot refuse service to indigent persons, the MSU cannot refuse service to an enrolled member of any federally recognized tribe. Many patients, who are members of other tribes, drive three, four and five hours or longer in order to receive services at MSU. Some patients come from as far away as El Paso, West Texas and northern New Mexico.

Simple mathematics will reveal that, because the MSU sees almost three times the patients it receives funds for, the MSU begins every fiscal year in a deficit. For example, in Fiscal 2006, MSU staff received a 3 percent cost-of-living increase.

The MSU budget only contained a 1 percent increase for that same year! This situation requires the MSU to borrow from other Service Units around the country, in order to make up any shortfall. When funding *does* become available, the MSU must pay back these borrowed funds. When a new federal fiscal year begins, this vicious cycle begins anew.

The MSU pays for EMS services from its "Contract Health Care" line item. A shortfall of approximately \$1.3 million is projected for Contract Health Care, at the MSU, for Fiscal 2006.

EMS is not the only service affected by this situation. The MSU must refer patients to other physicians and facilities, away from Mescalero, for special-

ized services that MSU cannot provide. Costs for that specialized care and treatment are also paid from the Contract Health Care line item. Little wonder that the MSU is projecting a 2006 total shortfall of \$2.37 million.

By its own figures, the IHS reported that it expends about \$1,351 per American Indian patient per year. A patient in the general population receives about \$3,766 in services per year.

The Mescalero Apache Tribe, for many years, has fought to have the IHS funding formula changed. Only the U.S. Congress can do so.

In 2005, I visited with New Mexico's Congressional delegation, along with other key legislators, and again urged them to correct this unconscionable situation.

In the next few weeks, I will again travel to Washington with the same plea. We will not allow the federal government to shirk its trust responsibility to our people, not only in health care but in all other areas.

How may readers help us? Contact New Mexico's Congressional delegation and urge them to draft legislation to correct the IHS funding dilemma. Urge the president and the entire Congress to support such legislation. Only when the IHS is adequately funded will it be able to properly serve American Indian people and pay its bills.

Mark R. Chino
President
Mescalero Apache Tribe

RHS graduation: Send in the clowns

To the editor:

I am proud to be a part of the Ruidoso community and have lived here with my family for over 16 years. Two of my children are RHS graduates, and my third child will cross that threshold in a couple of years. I believe our schools are among the finest in the state and would undoubtedly rank among the best in the nation. I am proud to be a part of our educational system and the standard of excellence that is encouraged by the Ruidoso School Board. A banner hangs in the Commons Area of Ruidoso High School that reads: "The Best High School in New Mexico," and I firmly believe that staff and students are committed to the responsibility that statement proclaims.

"Responsibility" is the definitive term here. It is one thing to make a statement, and altogether different to back it up.

Enter the clowns. I must express my disappointment observing the RHS graduation exercises last Saturday. If the display of immaturity and disrespect portrayed are any indication of "the best" that New Mexico has to offer, then I question any positive impact these students will have upon Ruidoso, the state and, for that matter, our nation.

I am not down on our schools or the majority of our students. [It's] the inappropriate responses and immature actions of a few.

I can empathize with the excitement

of high school graduation, but there is a time and place for that to be displayed. I consider the ball-throwing during the ceremonies disrespectful, immature and a mockery of the ceremonies. Many of the speakers were obviously distracted by the incident, and it obviously affected their thoughts and presentations.

The speakers, for the most part, had something viable, encouraging, and important to share with the graduating class. They had obviously spent time preparing their words of admonition and wanted the opportunity to share something valuable with the graduates. The ball throwing revealed a complete disregard for their preparation, efforts, and personal feelings. It was a slap in the face to their hard work and dignity.

Many commented to the effect that the ball-throwing was disrespectful. As teachers moved in to intercept the balls being thrown, a "boooo" came from certain members of the audience. Others remarked, "Hey it's their graduation. Let them do what they want to do."

Well, yes, and no! If you mean "their graduation" based on the fact that they've completed four years of high school, then perhaps. "No," if we must throw out the feelings of parents, teachers, administrators, and the school board, who are trying to provide a dignified and respectable ceremony to honor the graduates' achievements.

Must we cater strictly to the selfish, immature and self-centered demands of those who would rather have a carnival atmosphere for receiving their diplomas?

Perhaps we should recommend to the school board that for future graduations they should consider hiring a carnival: once the seniors have had their fill of riding the Ferris Wheel and the Merry Go-Round, and throwing darts at the likenesses of administrators and staff, they could proceed to the end of the line and receive their diplomas wrapped in Cotton Candy.

It wasn't long ago that if a single incident of disrespect or mockery occurred during a graduation ceremony, the individual responsible would be escorted from the premises, and the parents of the individual would hang their heads in shame. I don't necessarily lay the blame entirely at the feet of the students participating in the aforementioned actions. They are only emulating what they have observed. This is all too often indicative of our society at large. Where have common sense, decency and responsibility gone? I hope that parents will take this to heart and in the future admonish their children to act appropriately and uphold our proclamation that Ruidoso High School is the best high school in New Mexico.

C. Wayne Brooks
Ruidoso

60th Anniversary issue contained old-time wisdom

To the editor:
Publishing the 60th Anniversary Edition of the *Ruidoso News* was a great community service and a gesture of appreciation for the history of this community. I purchased extra copies for folks that remember those 60 years ago.

The interview or article about Ike Wingfield, born in 1887 at the Dowlin Mill, was quite significant from an historic perspective. To this watershed manager, Ike was keenly observant of changes he had seen in almost 50 years of living in the Ruidoso area 60 years ago in 1946.

To quote the article, "Small pines, 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 also mentioned "a few little fires from time to time." Researchers and watershed managers have learned that the "few little fires" (as opposed to frequent fires) had more to do with the increase in trees than the lack of grazing. The impact of "more trees today and less grass" on the reduced water flow in the river is quite insightful.

Ike Wingfield's observations and insight are borne out by

recent studies and publications of repeat photography and watershed health. What a timely remembrance in this time of less than abundant water. On behalf of the Lincoln County Historical Society, Thanks!

Hollis Fuchs
President
Lincoln County Historical Society

Lyons' share ignored

To the editor:

I read with interest Walter Rubel's story "Three Vie for Land Commissioner Spot" [*Ruidoso News*, May 17], although you only interviewed the two Democrat candidates.

Please bare with me as I point out a few errors in your story.

Beginning with the editor's note, Commissioner Lyons has not "resolved to trade Moon Mountain to developers." In fact, he proposed months ago to Village leaders that the community exchange, lease or buy Moon Mountain to maintain it as open space. He is still waiting for somebody to respond to his offer.

In the meantime, any plan to make the property available for development has been tabled. Just for the record, it was an idea, nothing set in stone.

Further, will any of your editors make a note of the fact that during Jim Baca's first term as

land commissioner he boasted in his 1986 annual report about his master plan to develop the 600-acre parcel Moon Mountain? Oops.

As for Ray Powell's allegations that Mr. Lyons has "zeroed out" funding for watershed and range management projects - wrong again. In fact, Commissioner Lyons has secured from the Legislature \$3 million in three years to finance such programs and create new ones that are innovative and highly successful.

Why don't you ask Mr. Powell if he is so concerned about conservation, why he ignored the illegal dumping problem on trust lands? If he tells you he wasn't aware of the problem, don't believe him.

Several of our district managers begged him to address the problem, but their pleas fell on deaf ears in Santa Fe. Commissioner Lyons, however, launched "Don't Trash the Trust" and spent nearly \$800,000 to clean up 25 tons of trash across 780 acres of state trust lands.

Mr. Powell is grossly mistaken to say that Commissioner Lyons has "abandoned" community partnership efforts.

Here is a brief synopsis of what Pat has accomplished in his effort to create dynamic and competitive communities on state trust lands: Secured \$15 million to extend University Blvd. to the Journal Pavilion

and Mesa del Sol, and led the effort to jump-start development at Mesa del Sol; he exchanged trust lands with the City of Rio Rancho to accommodate the town center, arena and entertainment complex; he saved EMCORE Corp. from packing up and taking high-paying, high-tech jobs with it; and, he granted the Spaceport Authority access to 15,000 acres of trust lands near Upham to begin developing the proposed site for the Southwest Regional Spaceport.

Hey, but let's give Ray Powell a pat on the back for those straw houses.

I look forward to the day when you sit down with Pat Lyons and write a fair and impartial story about his record as Commissioner of Public Lands.

Kristin Haase
Santa Fe

Editor's note: Walter Rubel did not interview Patrick Lyons for the primary preview because Lyons is running unopposed in the Republican primary. As a candidate in the November general election Lyons will have equal time afforded his Democratic opponent.



Blowing in the wind

To the editor:

I live right behind Sierra Mall, and am continually assaulted by the trash that blows from that site: overflowing dumpsters, etc.

And I've yet to once see anyone picking up around the perimeter of that mall, not once in the nine years I've lived here. Unfortunately, I've never

found any paper money amongst the blowing debris!

And since I live in Ponderosa Heights, you will be hard pressed to find a trashier neighborhood in this town.

Congratulations for putting this idea [to publicize trashy areas] forward.

Jack Schuller
Ruidoso

Judge Butts is tough and fair on DWI

To the editor:

Misrepresentation and mis-statements are too often the political ammunition utilized by some to destroy the careers of others.

The letter written by one Jim Slocum entitled "Too many repeat offenders" contains such misrepresentations and mis-statements. Far too often and for too long, those who know the truth refuse to do much about it. Mr. Slocum's letter, however, demands a response from those who know.

I have handled hundreds of cases in which Judge Butts has sat as our Magistrate Judge. I have never known him to fail to give the mandatory required sentence in a DUI case if the defendant pleads guilty or is found guilty.

In fact, he has instituted the most efficient program I know in this State for handling DUI cases once a finding of guilt has been made.

He gives the mandatory required sentence which encompasses, in most cases, detention, community service, rehabilitation, fines, drug and alcohol screening, and supervised probation. Immediately after the person is sentenced, he or she is taken to the misdemeanor compliance officers who set up the program for that individual and make certain

the defendant does his confinement, service etc.

What happens if a defendant violates a Judge Butts order? They go to jail! It is well known and defendants are warned. You do your mandatory sentence and fulfill the remaining requirements and you can regain your freedom. Fail and there is no second chance with Judge Butts. The lawyers know, the defendants know, and if anyone spends much time in his court, you would know, as well.

Mandatory sentences are required by state law in DUI cases (if the defendant is adjudged guilty). Judge Butts makes certain those sentences are carried out, but he goes much further.

His well-trained staff, I might add, very polite staff and the misdemeanor compliance officers see to it.

Mr. Slocum fails to advise the public that for defendants who have more than three DUIs, cases are decided (other than a probable cause finding) by the District Judge, who has always, in my experience, given the mandatory required sentences as well.

Therefore, do not pay any attention to the misrepresentations, the mis-statements, the distortions and the lies. I doubt seriously either candi-

date wishes you to base your voting decision on such.

The fact is, our judges, and especially Judge Butts, are tough, follow the law, give the mandatory required sentences, and have developed programs beyond what the law requires to solve the DUI problem. These programs and his tough, but fair, even-handed attitude is working to reduce DUIs, repeat DUI offenses, and makes our roads safer.

What makes a good judge, you should ask? Fairness, experience, knowledge, politeness, firm and equal treatment of all who come before the court, common sense, a strong work ethic and compassion to try and solve problems in the community, based upon the law and a caring attitude for people.

Judge Butts is the epitome of such a judge and this county would suffer if we lost him. I, as a defense attorney, may not like all his decisions, but I have never felt my client failed to receive a fair hearing before him, and never have I felt his court and staff was anything but polite, helpful, friendly and fair.

He is an excellent magistrate judge, and we need him as long as he is willing to serve.

Gary C. Mitchell, P.C.
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BUSINESS

Council questions civic center competitiveness

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Meeting and event bookings at the Ruidoso Convention Center, or the lack thereof, have been the subject of much concern in the Village of Ruidoso over the past few years, leading some here to speculate if a turnaround is possible.

The center, built in 1992 with money raised in a special bond election, has collected a mere \$902,345 in rental revenue over the past 14 years while expensing almost \$400,000 a year in operational costs and salaries.

This year alone, collections are down 1 percent, although in its earliest years, the convention center saw gains in rental

collections, members of the municipal staff and council have said.

In October, councilors said they wanted to meet with representatives of the Hawthorn Inn, which oversees sales at the convention center under a contract with Leisure Hotels, to see if more aggressive or innovative approaches to marketing might be the answer.

Recently too, Councilor Greg Cory, on the heels of the State Auditor's query about sole source providers for the center, among other Village facilities, questioned if it was not time to rethink the Village's overall approach to cultivating conventions, beginning with a review of its contract with Leisure Hotels.

Then, in the May 9 meeting

of the Ruidoso Village Council, Councilor Michele Rebstock wondered aloud if revenues at the center were being overshadowed by the 4-Diamond Inn of the Mountain Gods resort, casino and conference center, owned and operated by the Mescalero Apache Tribe, which frequently waives rental fees for groups holding meetings and other functions.

To compete, the Council has, in recent years, faced a growing number of requests for waivers of fees at the RCC, further reducing revenue collections and inciting ongoing fiscal concern.

"We're being challenged by the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Unfortunately, (people think) why pay if you can have a place for free at the Inn," Rebstock

said in the council meeting.

On point, Brian Parrish IMG Chief Operating Officer, responding to Rebstock's remarks this week, said the challenges facing sales at the Ruidoso Convention Center may go beyond the occasional waiver of fees at the Inn.

"When a meeting planner looks for a place to hold a convention they want one-stop shopping. Often, with city-owned convention centers, you have to make one call to check on meeting space and rates. Then, you are handed a sheet of paper with a list of possible caterers and have to make more calls, then make yet another call to get lodging set up, then another to arrange a golf outing. Meeting planners are busy and all of this shopping around

can be timely and complicated."

Parrish said that in a self-contained environment, such as the Inn, meeting planners can place one call and work with one person to line up services.

He added that room rental fees are sometimes waived at the Inn in view of the "overall revenue spending" of a group in food and beverage, lodging and recreation - not "just because," he said.

Rachel Burrus, director of sales and marketing for Hawthorn Suites and the Ruidoso Convention Center, has told councilors that impact from the opening of the Inn was to be expected as it was new but said that while the resort hotel might take group business away in the short run said a wide-range of lodging choices

"[Unfortunately, (people think) why pay (at the Ruidoso Convention Center) if you can have a place for free at the Inn.]"

Michele Rebstock
Village Councilor

and other options will help restore the Village convention center's competitive position, as well as structural upgrades planned this year.

In 2002-03 revenue collections at the RCC were \$174,328; \$159,679 in 2003-04; and \$129,786 in 2004-05. In the same years expenses were \$345,096, \$350,626, and \$381,570, respectively.

Sales director named

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The void in sales management at the Ruidoso Convention and Civic Center will be filled June 1 with the arrival of Lynne Hawkins, newly-appointed director of sales.

Hawkins, a resident of Ruidoso, has served for the past two years as sales manager for a local Best Western Hotel and prior to that worked groups sales, banquets and front desk for lodging establishments in Ruidoso and El Paso.

As Director of Sales for the RCC, Hawkins will work with a marketing team of three and will be responsible for appearances at trade shows and contact with meeting planners, trainers, conference and symposium organizers. Her office also will interface with various tourism travel organizations such as the Tourism Association of New Mexico.

"I'm looking forward to bringing new business into town," Hawkins said this week. "It is out there to be had we just have to go and get it."

Hawkins said she plans to concentrate her efforts in Ruidoso's drive markets as the further a conventioneer must travel to get to a meeting location the more involved the

decision to host a meeting or attend a meeting in that location becomes.

She said she also wants to re-establish contact with groups who used to meet in Ruidoso but who have since ceased coming to the mountain community.

"I want to see why those who had been coming here stopped and offer them good reasons to come back," she said.

Hawkins said Ruidoso has experienced a lot of changes in recent years adding attractions and enhancing existing attractions and amenities that should give rise to new interest in the area by old groups.

She said she views her job as being, primarily, about customer service.

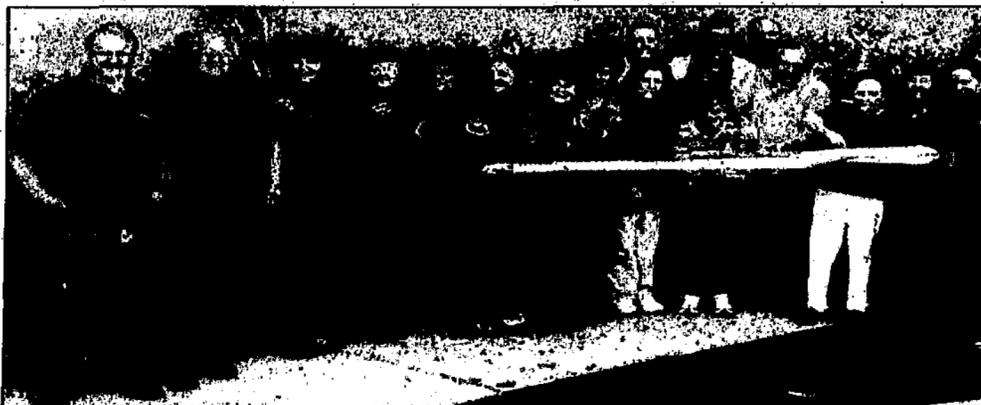
"The personal touch is what people respond to," she said.

Hawkins was selected from a pool of 12 applicants with a search for a director beginning Early April, said Rachel Burrus, marketing and sales director for Hawthorn Suites which manages the convention sales contract between the Village and Leisure Hotels.

Burrus said she is pleased about the Hawkins appointment and anticipates that she "will do a great job for us. We're very excited."

Hawkins replaces Charlene Jagoe.

NEW BUSINESS REVIEW



Ruidoso Valley Grocers, friends and well-wishers of the new Apple Tree Hardware, formerly known as Ruidoso Tool & Rental, stage a grand opening ribbon cut on May 4. Store owner Joe Sutton is picture to the far left.

Local hardware store reinvents itself

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A three in one shop. That's what owners and managers of Apple Tree Hardware say their newly-enhanced store, located in new facilities on Mechem, is to the people of Lincoln County.

May 4 store owner Joe Sutton celebrated a ribbon-cutting at the store, formerly known as Ruidoso Tool & Rental, saying that the move, expansion, and new name all are part of "a natural growth."

"The people of this area have always been appreciative of us and patronized us," he said. "We'd been wanting to be able to offer more to our customers but we were land-locked where we were. Here, we could build a bigger store and offer more parking - 66 spaces in all."

Sutton says he sees his store as a gateway to new building in Lincoln County.

"All new construction is taking place North of Mechem so we can offer convenience to the homeowner and builders. We are the most northern hardware and rental store in Ruidoso," he said.

John Billingsly, Apple Tree Hardware

manager, said he is glad to be able to tell locals of Lincoln County they no longer have to drive 50-plus miles to get what they need from a "box-store" when they can get it all at Apple Tree.

"Our prices are competitive and you don't have to buy a tank of gas to get here," he said.

Billingsly said Apple Tree is a full-line builder supply center but also a consumer-friendly outlet featuring 10,000 square feet of retail space.

Designed for the do-it-yourselfer as much as for the builder, Apple Tree offers not only hardware and hand tools, paint, plumbing and electrical supplies, but equipment rental of Stihl products. It also serves as a chainsaw dealer.

"We can fix just about any small engine a persons can bring in here," Sutton said.

Among the items available for rent are tractors, trenchers and trailers, although, just about any home remodeling or construction job can be accommodated.

Paint lines and stains carried at Apple Tree Hardware are Sherwin Williams and Coronado with the store employing the latest in technology to color match any sample that might be brought in.

Sutton is proud of his team which he

describes as highly-versed in their trades, experienced and able to work with people from a technical standpoint.

He said that he believes that service is the number one selling point for any store, not price, but works to offer the best of both.

The former oil field service worker and Houstonian moved to Ruidoso in 1991 when he decided to "semi-retire."

"My wife and I used to visit Ruidoso all the time when we lived in Lubbock and knew we wanted to live here one day," he said.

Since the grand opening, Sutton said he and his staff have been seeing a lot of its old customers as well as a lot of new customers, or, walk-ins.

"The (public reception) has been ahead of our expectations," he said. "I'm glad we could get in here and open in time for all the part-timers coming back this weekend and after Memorial Day. We're ready to help them with their turn-key repair jobs."

Apple Tree Hardware is located at 1056 Mechem Dr. Store hours are 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat., and 12 - 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Mountain Annie's Theater restaurant holds 'soft opening'

Mountain Annie's Restaurant and Theater Complex, 2710 Sudderth Dr., achieved a soft opening of its dining and entertainment venue Thursday with a generous reception anticipated by visitors to the community over Memorial Day weekend.

Owner Phyllis Strathmann, a dual resident of Ruidoso and El Paso, said that among her many business enterprises "Mountain Annie's is nearest and dearest to my heart."

She said the renovation of facilities, which she first purchased and opened in 1975 as a

gift shop, has been rewarding.

"We believe this is something that the community needs and that visitors and people who live here can both enjoy," she said.

"We're thrilled to be able to provide a convenient venue right here in Midtown

Ruidoso."

Mountain Annie's, featuring three dining rooms and one dining hall complete with live entertainment by the Staerkel master musicians, is open 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Thurs.-Sat.

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High up Gavilan Ridge, a U.S. Forest Service crew filled umbrella water tanks Wednesday in an attempt to provide wildlife with an accessible source in the middle of a drought.

In a normal year for precipitation, the tanks would retain enough water to operate on their own.

Larry Cordova, wildlife biologist with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, said by providing the water source, wildlife is better distributed throughout

the district and can avoid the risk of injury or death trying to reach streams closer to human populations and vehicle traffic.

About 30 tanks punctuate the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, Cordova said.

The two tanks serviced Wednesday sit in the ridge area with five others exposed among the charred and rotting remains of tree trunks left from the 2000 Cree Fire. With the trees gone and light reaching the ground, oak brush, forbs and grasses returned, providing food sources for deer, elk, wild turkey and other wildlife.

"We have the tanks to dis-

tribute the wildlife population throughout the district in all seasons," Cordova explained. "Otherwise, they will all congregate along the river. They will have to travel long distances and revert back to old routes."

A recent check showed most of the tanks were dry. Those put up in 1997 tend to be larger and hold about 3,600 gallons, he said. Newer ones are smaller and carry about 1,800 gallons.

When Assistant Capt. Tony Carpenter and Angel Montoya arrived at the first tank driving Engine 133, Montoya climbed on top with the hose and Carpenter turned on the pres-

sure while Todd Pinkowski and Harvey Parker assisted.

"Our wildlife people were worried about the water and asked us to come up," Carpenter said. "They're really concerned without any moisture. This tank was 96 percent empty."

Within minutes, the sides of the tank began to cool as the water level rose.

The tanks use underground tubing to a rock drinking pool containing a float that keeps the water level at a predetermined height.

"As soon as it goes down, from an Elk or herd of deer, the water flows in and it goes right

back up," Cordova said. "This helps not only large wildlife,

but birds — quail, turkey and smaller mammals."



Angel Montoya, with the U.S. Forest Service, manages the hose while helping fill a storage tank for wildlife water Wednesday. In photo above right, Assistant Capt. Tony Carpenter with the USFS stands by the rock "pond" created by water diverted from the tank allowing wildlife to drink. On top of the tank is Montoya, while Todd Pinkowski, left, and Harvey Park... stand on top of the firefighting engine delivering the water. In a normal year, rainfall would fill the tank.



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Village asks for citizens' help in water conservation

■ Short-term effect is part of solution, it says

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Ruidoso residents can help the Village in its efforts to conserve its water supply by employing a few proactive measures in their homes and places of business.

Last week, the Village of Ruidoso announced a Phase 5 Water Conservation initiative to help offset the decline in water resources attributed recently to a prolonged drought combined with no snowpack this winter, prohibiting the use of sprinkler systems, garden hoses and drip irrigation systems, as well as new site developments.

But those prohibitions alone may not be enough with the Village moving into its highest water demand season due to an increase in tourism and the return of seasonal residents, officials said.

"We are faced with a great challenge right now, and the combined efforts of the entire community are needed to help us resolve these issues," Mayor L. Ray Nunley said this week of the additional call for conservation.

Tips offered include:

- asking restaurants to serve water to customers only when asked

- asking lodging establishments to post water conservation information in their guest rooms and to limit their laundry requirements for guests staying multiple days

- start the summer with a leak inspection of all commercial and residential water-using appliances and fixtures. Leaks typically account for 14 percent of indoor water usage or a loss of over 16,500 galls per year in the average household

- decreasing shower time
- voluntarily restricting the use of private wells
- convert old toilets to new low-flow toilets, saving two to five gallons of water every time the toilet is flushed

- replace old, less efficient washing machines with water-efficient washers

- be sure to wash only full loads of dishes and laundry

- turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving

- save unused water from glasses, cooking, baths, etc., to water outdoor flowers and house plants

- consider installing a rain catchment system to use rain-water for irrigation and insulate water pipes, chillers and heaters

Ken Mosley, village water director, said serious consideration to these tips should be given by every individual and organization in the village to protect the present as much as the future.

"By working together we can conserve a great deal of water.

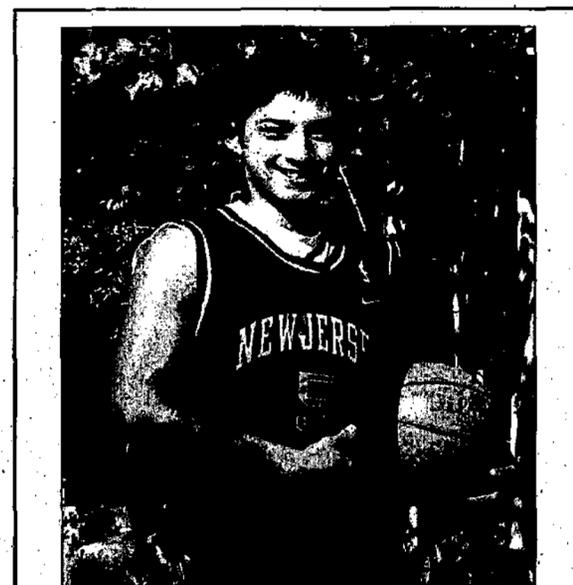
We're working on long term solutions to the Village's water problems, but, community-wide conservation efforts will certainly help us in the short run.

"The biggest thing is to avoid waste. If people don't use the water, we don't have to produce it," he said.

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SURVEY

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while back. They're supposed to be done in an anonymous manner saying, hey, these are things we like about you, these are areas you can improve in. Then you come up with ideas and plans to either keep things the same or make changes. But it allows us to see how the citizens perceive us.

"I thought it was a great idea, to allow our citizens to give their point of view on how they feel about us. I was going to take that information, study it, do some research, have meetings within the department, and come up with (responses)."

"It's not that I'm trying to keep it from the council. We haven't completed our studies or the entire project to the point where we do a final report. If I send out the surveys as they stand, they can be construed in different ways. At least in the final report (with) negative areas we can say, 'This is how we're going to address it' - almost like an internal audit."

The survey results were each numbered and stored in a box, Denny said. Several DPS employees have had access to them, he added.

On Thursday, Denny, Waters, Bryant and Personnel Director Steve Dunnigan were on a conference call when, according to Denny, Waters, who is Denny's supervisor, instructed him to release the survey.

Waters and City Attorney Daniel Bryant both say Garrett was within her rights as a citizen, not necessarily as a councilor, to ask for the survey, which is a public document.

"A councilor has no special power but has the right under the law on public records ... to request a public document," Bryant said. "On routine paperwork that's a public entity, and there's no reason not to give it to a councilor."

"The request was, Sue Garrett as a councilor knew about the existence of a document and said, 'Can I have it?' The Chief originally said yes, then wanted more time. That's where the argument comes in. "It shouldn't be any big deal."

Garrett, who said she "requested," not demanded, a copy of the survey, echoed that. "I'm just floored [Denny is upset], it shouldn't be any big deal. It was a minor request."

"It's a real simple call - what is the law?" Waters said. "The law says it's a public record. It's what we've got to do. It's not always what I want to do - and sometimes I'm told to report something to Council before I'm ready to present it."

"I'm personally interested in the results, but I can wait. But it's not a confidential legal document, and if the council wants to see it, the council gets to see it. That's just how it goes."

Denny disagrees. "These are anonymous. These citizens sent them in thinking they were only going to be read by the police department. I don't think it's the job of a city councilor to demand that she see them."

The chief sees the process getting politicized. "There are so many small police departments out there where people in my position get pushed around because of political entities. Politics and law enforcement do not mix. We have a job to do. We have to stay neutral in all things. If a politician gets involved, we're not neutral anymore. We're doing things because they want it done in a particular way."

"They haven't had any law enforcement background or training. It's wrong for one person to try and push around the police chief. It's wrong for anybody in a political atmosphere to try to intimidate. I'm not going to be pushed into something that I don't think is right. I'm not going to stand for a councilor to use her political position to demand something that no other citizen would demand out of me."

"My job is to represent the people," said Garrett, who was the lone councilor last year who voted against removing Den-

"I'm just floored that he is upset. It shouldn't be any big deal. It was a minor request."

Sue Garrett Councilor, Ruidoso Downs



Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Robert Denny says he wants more time to process a citizens survey despite being ordered to show them to a councilor.

ny's predecessor, Robert Logan. She said Thursday the two issues aren't related, that she backed Logan because she didn't like the way that episode was handled.

Garrett points out she voted for Denny's reappointment in March when the new council took office. "It was a unanimous vote," she said. "If I had a problem with him, don't you think I would have brought that up then?"

On May 3, the Ruidoso News published a letter signed by every DPS employee praising Denny for "accomplishing many things in a short time." The letter alluded to, but was not specific about, dissatisfaction in some quarters of city government over police department operations.

"With the election of new government, no matter how small or large a municipality, there always follows the desire to make changes and 'improvements,'" the letter stated.

Garrett said she still doesn't understand that letter.

"I was surprised by the letter. I was confused. I'm totally confused by the whole thing."

Waters said that if Denny feels himself politically targeted, "that is the chief's impression."

"I was mystified by the letter," he continued. "It's people running wild with their imagi-

nation. I haven't had any type of indication that Council, unlike with Chief Logan, has had any problems with Chief Denny."

Garrett says she applauded the citizens survey.

"I thought it was a wonderful idea, an opportunity for our citizens to have input on our police department. I totally supported the survey. I want him to have time to respond, but why can't we look at them in the meantime? I'd like to hear what was said so that his response makes sense."

"I'll be more than happy to let them look at all the surveys

they want," Denny said. "If they're afraid that I'm going to get rid of the bad ones and only let them see the good ones, that's not what the survey is about. It's not a popularity contest or something for me to try to look good. This is an analysis of us through the city. I welcome negative comments. We can always get better. I wouldn't want all positive comments, anyway. I want the truth."

As of press time Thursday Denny had not yet turned over copies of the survey.

"From here I'll just let City Hall handle it," Garrett said.

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New county budget accounts for pay raises

■ However, figures add up to deficit spending

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A new Lincoln County budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07 adopted last week includes a portion of a 32 percent salary increase for elected officials that will contribute to throwing the county into a deficit spending position.

However, commissioners voted not to increase the existing property tax levy of 2.75 mills for general county government nor the special levy of 2.1 mills for the county hospital in Ruidoso and two health clinics in Carrizozo and Corona.

One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value.

The county will still receive more revenue by maintaining the same millage rate because taxable property values increased by 11.5 percent in 2005, a reappraisal year, jumping \$70.9 million to \$686 million.

After the first of the year, three commissioners elected in November, the treasurer and her deputy, and the county clerk and her deputy, will receive the increase for half a year beginning Jan. 1, 2007. The financial impact amounts to \$58,261 for the half-year period and double that in 2007-2008.

The rest of the elected officials must wait until the remainder of the raises takes effect Jan. 1, 2009, as two more commissioners, a new assessor, a sheriff and a probate judge are elected.

Commissioners in office cannot vote themselves a raise. The increase only applies to people as they either successfully win re-election or to new commissioners.

The \$216,474 deficit spending compared to revenue means the commission must dip into its \$818,087 reserve in excess of the state-required set-aside, unless more money is left in the budget at the end of the fiscal year June 30, to increase the cash carryover to the new budget.

The general fund sits at about \$4.8 million and the county's overall budget will hit about \$17.2 million.

Commissioner Earl Hobbs said the increase really will only bring elected officials' salaries into line, and that employees by receiving increases every other year are seeing about the same amount of increase.

"I think 32 percent is entirely too much in one step," said Commissioner Maury St. John, who is running for re-election this year.

Commission Chairman Rick Simpson, who has served two terms and cannot run for re-election, said if commissioners were paid what they were worth, he'd owe money.

"The employees have been getting on average about 4 percent every two years because we've been holding back, because we're still in deficit spending," St. John said. "I just don't think elected officials need a 32 percent increase. I probably won't have any friends after today. Commissions in the past because of their frugality were able to give us a reserve that we are trying to spend in a hurry."

"I don't have a problem with a raise, but think 32 percent is too much at one time."

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway said one reason the county is in good financial shape is the conservative approach of department heads. Commissioner Tom Battin

said his concern is trying to equate the level of responsibility that elected officials have with comparable positions in the private sector.

"They have the assets and welfare of citizens in their trust," he said. "One of the biggest problems in my career has been coming up with fair compensation for responsibilities."

If elected officials were given similar raises as employees, 4 percent one year and a merit check the next, the proposed raise now would be closer to 5 percent than 32 percent, he contended.

A significant portion of the raise really is "catch-up," Battin said.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace suggested approving a smaller one-time percentage and allowing newly-elected commissioners decide whether to approve another percentage next year.

"That would set the other elected officials back by a period of two to four years," Hobbs countered.

Approval of the preliminary budget excluding the salary increase for elected officials passed unanimously. St. John abstained on a successful motion by Lovelace to reinstate the 32 percent pay increase into the preliminary budget.

"I'm not going to vote on the salary increase because if I am reelected, I would be voting on my own salary," she said.

The vote means on Jan. 1, three commissioner salaries will increase from \$17,264 to \$22,832 and the clerk and treasurer from \$49,796 to \$57,265. In January 2009, two more commissioners will increase to the \$22,832 mark, the sheriff will go up from \$45,140 per year to \$59,699, the assessor from \$43,301 to \$57,265 and

the probate judge from \$15,142 to \$20,024. Chief deputies in the departments also receive increases as their bosses' salaries go up.

The cap amounts are determined by the classification of each county. Lincoln falls in Class B, with a tax valuation of more than \$300 million.

County Assessor Rick Silva suggested that commissioners approve an ordinance automatically imposing any cap increases in elected officials salaries approved by the state Legislature, but County Manager Tom Stewart said state law prohibits binding any future commissioners and that if a financial crisis occurred, such a commitment would be devastating.

Stewart said his approach of using merit pay every other year for employees allows him to manage the budget better over a four-year period, because anytime a pay increase is approved for employees, it's permanent.

In authorizing a study on job classifications for employees, Stewart recommended that commissioners also consider a cap on employee pay after 25 years.

"They can stay longer at the same salary, if they want," he said. "It would be their choice. But it might encourage retirement."

St. John asked what the commission should do if after the \$10,000 study, the conclusion comes back that county employees are significantly underpaid.

"Where do we get the money (to raise their pay)?" she asked. Simpson joked, "Raise taxes, of course."

Silva said the county will be going into a reappraisal year and the taxable value should jump, producing more revenue.

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County employees opt for health care program

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Lincoln County employees will be given the option of enrolling in the state Retiree Health Care Act program that will guarantee insurance coverage when they retire.

County commissioners voted unanimously last week to participate in the program and to budget the \$68,758 recurring expense in 2006-07.

"We've been through this several times and I don't see that there have been any basic change in the figures," said Commissioner Earl Hobbs. "I think we actually have a duty to bring county employees into the health care option and I hope we do so."

"The problem I have is that it is an irrevocable decision," said Commission Chairman Rick Simpson.

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace said most employees want

the county to participate in the program to give them a choice to pick up the insurance.

"It will cost us a great deal of money to get into it initially, but then the costs are nominal," Hobbs said. "We should have done this several years ago and we'd have less 'catch-up' cost."

"(Employees) didn't want to then," Simpson said.

"Insurance was not as costly then as it is now," Lovelace replied.

Former employee Opal Hill said people don't realize until they retire how important the program may be to them.

"I'm glad to hear at least two are in support," she said. "If you are not in perfect health, (companies) will not necessarily insure you even if you are willing to pay the price."

St. John questioned if employees will be able to afford the monthly premiums and contended some employees indicated they felt compelled to

express interest in the program by peer pressure, but would not participate.

They may end up filing for reimbursement of some medical expenses through the county's medical indigent fund anyway, the commissioner said.

"I'd rather see them go straight there than put the money in another pocket," she said. "I just don't think enough employees will be able to benefit from it."

Hill said the people most negatively affected if the program isn't adopted would be those able to take early retirement after 20 years with the county but will be ineligible for five or 10 years for Medicare. Unless they are in perfect health, they may not be able to find insurance, no matter what the cost. The state program provides that employees cannot be turned down for preexisting conditions.

Rhonda Burrows, who heads the county medical indigent care program, said many retired county employees may not qualify for the indigent system because their retirement incomes may be too high. If they go outside the county for care, the provider may not be signed up with the county for reimbursement, she said.

"I don't see how the county in all good conscience cannot provide this for employees," she said.

"Look at the cost compared to the huge raises for elected officials and I don't think it's so much."

County manager's contract approved

■ Tom Stewart signs on for eighth year

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Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart's contract was approved for an eighth year by county commissioners.

The contract's expiration date was May 16, but commissioners last week not only said they wanted him to stay, they approved a 4 percent pay increase.

Stewart's last salary boost, a \$10,000 jump to \$75,000, occurred in May 2002. His new salary is set at \$78,000.

In other issues, commissioners heard from water activist and commission candidate Tony Davis that more data is needed on the location and amount of water in the county.

"Unfortunately, the concept of ground water sustainability did not make it into the changes (to the county subdivision rules being considered)," he said. The reluctance of commissioners to include the concept is understandable because it is difficult, but he hopes that reluctance changes in the future. Davis said.

"I think you need to look at what's happening with the South Sacramento Water Group," he said. The organization received money from the state Legislature to better understand the hydrology and geology of the region and to help quantify how reducing the vegetation load may help boost

available water, he said. Commission Chairman Rick Simpson said a mature one-seed juniper, called a cedar locally, consumed 16 gallons a day on average and up to 30 gallons per day.

Take that number and multiple it by 300 trees an acre times 365 days, and it's a staggering amount of water, the chairman said.

In other business, commissioners:

- heard from County Clerk Tammie Maddox that a photo identification, such as a driver's license, will be required for early voting or at the polls June 6 under new state law. However, verbal identification, including name, date of birth and the last four digits of a person's social security number also will be accepted.

- heard from Commissioner Maury St. John that the governor is supporting a bill for small county assistance to set aside from \$5 million to \$7 million to pay for housing of state prisoners in county jails.

- heard Maddox report that state officials set aside \$11 million to buy paper ballot type voting machines for counties. She owes about \$30,000 on electronic machines she previously purchased and that debt also is supposed to be taken care of, because the state ordered the change. "They are perfectly good machines and I don't want to throw them out," Maddox said. "What if the law changes in two years and allows us to go back to electronic machines."

- heard that the county's inventory for items of \$1,000 or more, or of a sensitive nature for 2004-05 was valued at \$22,017,334 with \$10,695,000 depreciated value. The information will be sent to the state auditor for certification.

- approved an application for a liquor dispenser license from Grady Lee Stewart to No Scum Allowed Saloon, 933 White Oaks Ave., White Oaks.

- approved lodgers tax requests submitted from Partners in Preservation of the Lincoln State Monument for \$400 to advertise Fiber Fest May 20-21; from Corriente CowBelles for \$1,000 to advertise and buy insurance for 20th Annual Team Roping; \$1,500 for the Chamber Music Festival for advertising; \$500 for the New Mexico Square and Round Dance for advertising of the 60th State Square Dance Festival May 11-13, 2007 in Ruidoso; \$360 to the New Mexico Literature Exchange for brochure distribution in the Ruidoso area; and \$2,200 for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse to use for portable restrooms, insurance postage and media expense.

- reappointed Jeremy Jordan, Kay Durden and Judy Benson to the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee; Tom Stewart as a policy committee member to the Southeast Regional Planning Organization; and Keith Kessler and Jackie Powell to the county Water Research and Conservation Committee.

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Crosses such as this one at a Fort Stanton gravesite must be replaced every four or five years. Camp Sierra Blanca students make the replacements.

DEANNA CHENEY

Victor Schaerer and his wife, Jean, rescued the cemetery from a state of partial neglect and dedicated hours to cleaning, weeding and replacing the wooden crosses.

When Schaerer died in 2000, Holt and Nick Skogland were asked to oversee the volunteer work and they maintain close contact with the DVA of all cemetery business, opening and closing graves with members of the American Legion Posts in Capitan and Ruidoso, who furnish funeral honor details for the services.

Other listed program highlights for Saturday are:

- an invocation by Father David Bergs of the U.S. Air Force
- the National Anthem performed by Reggie Peninger and Andrea Bond
- a welcome from Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart, retired U.S. Army
- a reading of Crosses and Friends by Reggie Peninger, written by Lucky Dunlap and Peninger
- a greeting from U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM) from John Lovell, retired U.S. Navy
- a reading of a Mariner's Farewell by Pat Brinkley, U.S. Merchant Marines
- laying of the memorial wreath by Nena Stratton from the Daughters of the American Revolution
- recognition and "In Memorial" by Larry Holt
- 21 gun salute by members of the Capitan and Ruidoso American Legion
- performing of "Taps" by J.D. Roehrig, U.S. Army
- benediction by Father David Bergs.

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Brook trout rescued from shrinking pool

■ The drought had isolated the fishes habitat on Eagle Creek

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They noticed a small population of Brook trout while monitoring the flow on Eagle Creek and how far the stream was receding. But as the drought intensified, the pond habitat was cut off and the isolated pool the trout called home began shrinking.

"Clark Taylor came in after a check and said the stream dried up and isolated the fish," said Larry Cordova, wildlife biologist with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest. "We figured they only had two to three weeks, so we wanted to help. We were estimating there were about 20 to 30 fish."

Cordova called Shawn Denny, fish specialist with the state Game and Fish Office in Roswell, and he changed plans to join the effort to relocate the trout Tuesday.

Denny, Cordova and four members of a wildlife crew, Kyl Candelaria, Erin Boyle, Ben Sanchez and Camille Stevens-Rumann piled into Forest Service vehicles and headed out



The crew from the U.S. Forest Service and state Game and Fish manned nets to dredge the Brook trout from shrinking ponds on Eagle Creek and relocate them upstream where they can survive. Pictured are Camille Stevens-Rumann from the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest and Shawn Denny from state Game and Fish.

COURTESY LARRY CORDOVA

to the stream. "We made two passes through the pond and gathered almost all of the fish," Cordova said.

They were amazed to count 85 fish in the small pond.

"They were slim and under stress, but healthy," he said.

To ensure they collected all of the trout, they electroshocked the pond and recovered one more.

"We took them upstream into the White Mountain Wilderness, hand carrying them in coolers, to where there is a series of ponds in the upper reaches," Cordova said. "Some fish already are living here and they should make it through the summer."

The ponds were created for fish habitat in the 1980s by Forest Service staff in cooperation with the state, he said.

Shelter: Deceased pets treated like garbage

■ Humane Society seeks cremation unit to provide a more dignified ending

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For years, former Humane Society of Lincoln County president Earlene Phillips pressed for the construction of a cremation unit for use at the society shelter and for other pet owners with no place to bury their special four-legged friends.

The idea of the bodies being bagged, dropped in dumpsters and hauled to a landfill still haunts her, but to date, the society never had the money or a benefactor to provide an alter-

native that would allow owners to keep the ashes of their friends or dispose of the incinerated remains in ways meaningful to them.

The situation remains the same, maybe even worse.

While speaking to county commissioners Tuesday about a contract for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority to provide garbage collection and disposal services, consultant Joe Lewandowski explained a change in procedure for disposal of dead animals.

"Dead animals, as far as the state Environment Department is concerned, are 'solid waste,'" he said.

"They are not put in a sepa-

rate pit. They've decided (the bodies) are not much different from the food you throw away."

The dogs, cats and other pets will be bagged and dumped with the rest of the trash in the main landfill pit south of Alamogordo.

Society Shelter Manager Catherine Stone said Thursday when the group is financially able to build a new and larger center in the future. "We want to try to incorporate (a cremation unit) in the design."

"Perhaps earlier than that, we can work out an arrangement for pet owners for cremation with an organization in Albuquerque as a service through the Humane Society."

Ruidoso's budget goes up for council review

■ Preliminary numbers indicate revenue will exceed expenses by about \$333,800

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Ruidoso's preliminary general fund budget for Fiscal Year 2006-07 anticipates revenues exceeding expenses by about \$333,800.

Councilors will review their handiwork from a budget session last week during a regular meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday in village hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

At the previous budget ses-

ion, they cut \$30,000 for an affordable housing study and reduce from \$10,000 to \$5,000, money set aside for an economic development study, said Village Finance Director Elaine Beltran.

Preliminary to state

The preliminary budget must be submitted to the state Department of Finance and Administration by May 31, but the final budget isn't due until July, which allows time for more modifications, if necessary.

Beltran said the general fund expenditures are figured at \$8.37 million and revenue at

\$8.7 million, but \$797,364 is needed for transfers to other funds, including parks and recreation and the Ruidoso Convention Center, requiring a dip into reserves of \$363,530.

That means the village council will not meet its self-imposed one-twelfth reserve.

"Our mandated state reserve is \$695,791 and we have \$703,449, leaving us \$7,658 toward the second one-twelfth the council likes to maintain," Beltran said.

The overall budget covering all funds and indebtedness stands at \$28,368,036, she said.

The council agenda was not available Friday.



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Proven winners and untried horses to open 60th year

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The number of horses vying for a shot at the first jewel of the Quarter Horse Triple Crown may not be as great as they were in the past, but the stakes will be just as high.

A total of 14 races — down from as much as 23 in past years — will determine the 10 finalists for the Ruidoso Futurity, in trials which begin today at Ruidoso Downs at 1 p.m.

It's the kickoff to the track's 60th year of racing in the tall cool pines, and track officials are hoping changes made to the track's appearance will prove to be much more than just cosmetic.

The move of the Quarter Horse Racing Hall of Fame and a reworking of the Billy The Kid Casino promise a change in traffic and — officials hope — a greater revenue stream.

Much of that revenue will eventually make its way into race purses, which is why the track is there in the first place. And this year's races start with some unknowns and well-knowns in the trials for the Ruidoso Futurity and Ruidoso Derby on Sunday.

Among those racing today are Jess Destined, First Prize Robin and Okey Dokey Fantasy, winners of the New Mexico Spring Futurity, Remington Park Futurity and Manor Downs Futurity, respectively.

Joining them are 129 other 2-year-olds, many of whom have had no competitive starts at all. But then, that's to be expected when you're running 2-year-old horses at the beginning of the year.

If some of the horses are unknown, many of the names involved in training and racing them are not.

Jess Destined will be led to the gate by Carl Draper, the man who won the All American Futurity two years ago and pulled off the Derby Triple Crown last year with DM Chicago, named the World Champion 3-year-old last season.

Jack Brooks, who has eight All American Titles under his belt, is the trainer of First Prize Robin.

Then there's all the other familiar names — Dwane "Sleepy" Gilbreath, Michael Joiner, Blane Wood, John Boegner — trainer of Okey Dokey Fantasy — and Paul Jones, who led Teller Cartel to the All American Futurity championship last year.

Trainer Jack Brooks, seen here during last year's All American Post Luncheon, is back in action this year for the 60th season at Ruidoso Downs with another top 2-year-old prospect in First Prize Robin, winner of the Remington Park Futurity. Racing fans will get their first look at First Prize Robin today with the running of the trials for the Ruidoso Futurity, starting at 1 p.m.



FILE PHOTO

Leading Spirit back in action Sunday

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

Champion Leading Spirit makes his long-awaited return to racing in the trials to the Grade 1, \$170,000 Ruidoso Derby on Saturday afternoon and country star Tracy Byrd hits the stage after the races Saturday at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time is 1 p.m. Leading Spirit, the winner of last summer's Ruidoso Futurity and Rainbow Futurity, started his career with seven straight victories, including Grade 1

wins in the West Texas Futurity, Ruidoso Futurity and the Rainbow Futurity. The member of the Blane Wood stable won the Ruidoso and Rainbow futurities by one length. He suffered his only career setback when he finished fifth in his All American Futurity trial Aug. 18, his most recent start.

Owned by Barry Thompson and Dan and Jolene Urschel, Leading Spirit has been the odds-on favorite in each of his eight career starts.

Leading Spirit drew in the second trial, which will run as

the eighth race, and drew the sixth post position.

Facing Leading Spirit in the strong trial is Grade 1 West Texas Futurity third-place finisher Firestorm Perry, and Hobbs Juvenile Stakes runner-up Jess Takeoff.

Racing continues through Memorial Day with the best 3-year-old Thoroughbred sprinters in Sunday's Norgor Derby and a strong group of 870-yard specialists in the Fine Loom handicap Monday afternoon.

First post time is 1 p.m. daily.

Wyant brings expertise and knowledge to track

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Ty Wyant is no stranger at all to the horse racing business.

Having worked for many years for the American Quarter Horse Association and for the Los Alamitos race track in Los Angeles before that, Wyant has been witness to some pretty momentous occasions in horse racing in the West, not the least of which has been several stops at Ruidoso Downs for the All American Futurity.

"I really enjoy going to the barn area and being with the horsemen, that's what makes this job enjoyable," Wyant said. "Is it really work? Who cares?" Wyant is taking on a new responsibility as Ruidoso Downs celebrates its 60th year of racing this summer; he's overseeing the move of the Quarter Horse Racing Hall of Fame from the Hubbard Museum of the American West to the second floor of the grandstand at Ruidoso Downs.

He's the first to tell you he's never done anything even remotely like this. It's his first job as a museum caretaker, but

his love and intimate knowledge of the sport has made it quite enjoyable.

"The new space is wonderful, and to have access to the collection is excellent," Wyant said. "A lot of horsemen have never seen some of the stuff we have in here."

Wyant's hope is that when the hall opens for the racing season May 24 — the running of the trials for the Ruidoso Futurity — the displays will prompt other horsemen and women to bring in bits and pieces of racing history to augment the collection.

"There is definitely a big 'cool' factor with most of these things," Wyant said. "We have several items that are priceless and show off quarter horse racing."

Among the displays are trophies, bridles and saddle blankets for some of the sport's most celebrated names — Refrigerator, Corona Cash, Special Effort and DM Chicago. There are also displays touting the achievements of such men and women as Jack Brooks, Newton Keck and Fern Sawyer.



TODD FUQUA/STAFF

Ty Wyant measures a display booth showcasing 1990 All American Futurity Champion Refrigerator in the Quarter Horse Racing Hall of Fame, located on the second floor of Ruidoso Downs. Wyant is getting an education in both the history of the sport and how to showcase that history.

There is no admission to get into the hall, located at the top of the stairs leading to the Turf Club. Wyant is excited at the soon-to-be-completed hall.

"I'm excited, this job will be a lot of fun," Wyant said. "I'm anxious to get everything together and open."

Learning the basics can help you have fun at the race track

Okay, it's opening weekend at Ruidoso Downs, so get ready for some action and some winners. But, most of all, we're going to have some serious fun. This serious form of fun seems to be the most enjoyable when we leave with a few more dollars than when we arrived at the track.

So, to get ready for a summer of serious fun, let's review some handicapping basics to make sure we are in the right frame of mind.

Read the race's conditions at the top of each race's program page. You can't pick the right pony if you don't know the class of horses in the race.

PLAYIN' THE PONIES

One of the horses in a race may have won three straight races, but those wins could have been against inferior competition. A horse that was beaten in his last race may have been competing against better horses and be a better horse than the 3-time winner. So, know the quality of the field by understanding the race's conditions.

Keep your head up. In other words, look at the horses on the track and try to get inside the horse's head. What is the horse's frame of mind?

Is he attentive and a happy camper about to go out and have some fun and win a race? Or, is he dull and listless and tired of the whole racing game? Or, does he look like every thought is a new thought and he won't have his mind on the business of racing? Always look for the happy campers in good condition.

Remember, winners win. The leading trainers and jockeys are the leading trainers and jockeys because they win the most races. Aren't you trying to pick winners? Therefore, always give extra consideration to the proven winners. The best owners

pick out the best trainers and the best trainers generally use the best jockeys.

Bet a little, win a lot. Consider using exotic wagers to try for that elusive "big score." Betting odds-on shots to show has no financial upside. Even if you win, you don't win much. Using exotic wagers gives you the opportunity to go home with a really big smile.

Have fun. The idea of going to the races is to have fun. So make up your own rules, break your own rules and have fun. Remember, a bad day at the track is better than a good day anywhere else. Cheers.

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Ruidoso Futurity Trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 27
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Sunday, May 28
Horse Racing
Norgor Derby at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 29
Horse Racing
Fine Loom Handicap at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Thursday, June 1
Horse Racing
Bayer Legend Derby Trials, Ruidoso Thoroughbred Sale Futurity Trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Friday, June 2
Horse Racing
Ruidoso Quarter Horse Sale Futurity trials at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.
Football
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Saturday, June 3
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 4
Horse Racing
Thoroughbred and quarter horse claiming, maiden and allowance racing at Ruidoso Downs, 1 p.m.

On Deck

Warrior Basketball Camp
A basketball skill camp, hosted by Ruidoso High School, will take place May 31 and June 1. Boys and girls grades 5 through 9 are welcome to attend, with each session running from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$35 per camper, and each participant will receive instruction in fundamental basketball skills and an official regulation size Warrior basketball. Space is limited to the first 40 campers. To sign up, contact Billy Page at 378-4212 or 258-4910.

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.

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 630-0468.

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5TH FUTURITY TRIALS HERE SUNDAY

66 Nominations To Vie For Race, Post Positions

The big day—when untried colts and fillies race to see who qualifies for the Fifth Annual Central Bar and Grill Quarter Horse Futurity in July—is at hand.

Sixty-six outstanding horses are entered in the trials which are scheduled Sunday, May 28 at Hollywood Park, the most picturesque track in New Mexico and the Southwest.

Seven full races are scheduled between such nominations as April Fool, a colt owned by C. L. Madden of Albuquerque, Big Stride, owned by A. D. Woolter, Socorro, By-Stander, H. H. Mundy, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, Cheri-Mac, Kenneth Gann, Big Spring, Texas, Dammit, Hop Lee, Alamogordo, Encantadora, E. H. Lane, Odem, Texas and others.

The program begins at 2 p.m. It is billed as the largest Quarter Horse futurity in the world for the largest purses. Horses from eight states are entered. Herman Jefferson is starter.

About 100 horses now are stabled at Hollywood Park where a \$8000 improvement program has just been completed. The track has been conditioned and sprinkled until it is in top condition for racing. Matched races have been an attraction on weekends since April.

Horsemen from all parts of New Mexico, Texas and the west, where the quarter horse is known to young and old alike, are expected to arrive for this event, the "Kentucky Derby" of the quarter horse world.

A crowd numbering in the thousands is expected to jam the grandstand at post time. Parking facilities to care for all visiting cars are available.

Here is a list of entries. Drawings for race and post position elimination races were held Thursday night at 8:30.

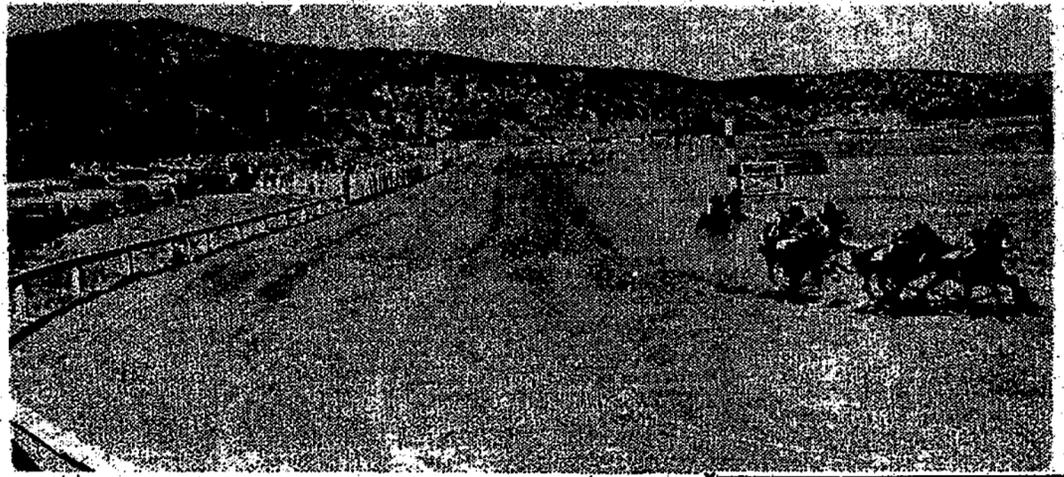
April Fool—C. L. Madden, Albuquerque, N. M.; Ariel Hook—H. B. Feffer, River Horse Farm, Box 1511, Phoenix, Ariz.; Baby Joe—E. P. Smith, Anthony, N. M.; Reg Your Pardon—R. O. Lunsford, Ignacio, Colo.; Big Stride—A. D. Woolter, Socorro, N. M.; Black Twist—Eldon Cluck, Dalhart, Texas; Blue Bit—Henry V. Gondolfo, Box 234, Duncan, Ariz.; Blue Star—Solon Nicholson, Mint Bar, 317 S. El Paso St., El Paso; Boom Chain—Lye T. Lee, 926 Lombard dr., Tucson, Ariz.; Brown Jack—Beale Quess—Floyd Fowler, LS Ranch, Tucuman, Texas; Buck-N—Kenneth Hughes, Magdalena, N. M.; By-Stander—H. H. Mundy, Pawhuska, Okla.; Calamity—Weldon Ewing, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Charms—Ralph W. Gardner, Box 205, Ashland, Kans.; Cheri-Mac—Kenneth Gann, Box 67, Big Spring, Tex.; Custus Rastus—W. H. Ingerton, Jr., 111 W. 44th, Amarillo, Tex.; Dammit—Hop Lee, Alamogordo, N. M.; Doc Abbott—Benson and

Derrick, Gateway Motors, Carlsbad, N. M.; Kiffie Bogal—C. R. Ford, Rt. 2, Box 27F, Rockwell, N. M.; Encantadora—E. H. Lane, Box 435, Odem, Tex.; King Ranch—Northcutt; Ghost—Gomer Evans, c/o Grace, 3232 E. 11th, Tulsa, Okla.; Gus Dusted—R. O. Lunsford, Ignacio, Colo.; Hy-Dale—Tom Roden, Big Spring, Tex.; Hy-Pink—Tom Roden, Big Spring, Tex.

Jimnie D—Jake McSpadden, Box 883, Artesa, N. M.; Joe D—Ira Sullivan, Winston, N. M.; Jacky Boy—Marvin Jacobs, Crown Point, N. M.; Johnny Dial—Charles E. Hepler, Pinon, N. M.; Just Vee—Vera Derriek, Gateway Motors, Carlsbad, N. M.; Joe Greenock—Walter Culbertson, Albuquerque, N. M.; Kay-Gu—Edwina Price, Gateway Motors, Carlsbad, N. M.; Lady Vandy—Dennis Baker, 421 E. 7th, Okmulgee, Okla.; La Marga—E. H. Lane, Box 435, Odem, Tex.; King Ranch; Legal Tender—Louis N. Blackwell, Amarillo, Tex.; Little Bud—George Cline, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Little Queeny—J. R. Jelks, Rt. 6, Box 61, Tucson, Ariz. (Red Skin); Mary Christmas—R. A. Moffett, Clovis, N. M.

Miss Red—C. L. Stewart, Anthony, N. M.; Miss Dyna Flow—Joe Graham, 1307 Arizona, Las Cruces, N. M.; Miss Shaw—Leon Gillespie, El Paso, Texas (Miss Hank); Miss Sissy—H. R. Tolmaga, Arizona Trust Co., Tucson, Ariz.; Miss Talban—Jack Hiltson, Ft. Sumner-Slaton Cattle Co., Talban, N. M.; Once Again—Elmer Hepler, Carlsbad, N. M.; Ota Vex—Jim Derriek, Carlsbad, N. M.; Pete F—Paul Woolter, Socorro, N. M.; Ponca K—T. J. Searcy, Ponca City, Okla.; Prissy May—Wayne Ewing, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Record Time—P. L. Lyman, Monrovia, Calif.; Red Dusty—Monty Gardenhire, Tularosa and Ruidoso, N. M.

Red Fox Jr.—W. R. Vandergriff, Canyon, Texas; River Wolf—R. B. Feffer, River Horse Farm, Phoenix; Royal Stride—A. D. Woolter, Socorro, N. M.; Sales Tax—E. L. Cox, Box 312, Las Cruces, N. M.; Shehusta—Jina McCallahan, Rt. 1, Brownfield, Texas; Silver Belt—Clayton Must, Box 401, Magdalena, N. M.; Skytel—Ralph W. Gardner, Box 205, Ashland, Kans.; Stockyard Hill—Drigger Bros., 801 Davis, Clovis, N. M.; Sue Hancock—W. A. Krohn, Box 829 Electra, Texas; Swampis—J. Ramsey, Plain, Kans.; Sweet Fiddle—J. D. Christy, Rankin, Texas; Tar Baby Sus—Milo Burlingame, c/o NM Racing Com., Albuquerque; Texas Twister—Louis M. Blackwell, Amarillo, Texas; Vandy Jr.—Dennis Baker, Okmulgee, Okla.; Wee Wick—Munsey-Lee-Garrison, Box 95, Clovis, N. M.; Zipper T—Franklin A. Cockerham, Chickasha, Okla.



INTO THE TURN: Purses quicken and the breath comes faster when the horses break into the turn every afternoon during the Hollywood Park Racing Season which opens Sunday with the 5th annual Central Bar and Grill Quarter Horse Futurity trials. The colts will cover a quarter-mile straightaway and their flashing speed and hard driving form will attract horse lovers from all parts of the Southwest. (Carmon Phillips Photo)

Influx Of Vacationers Expected To Begin Soon

Vacation time is here again and the annual influx of Ruidoso visitors is expected to swell to full volume within a few days.

Remodeling, redecorating and new construction has been going forward from one end of the canyon to the other for weeks as local businessmen prepare for the summer rush.

As usual, a complete slate of summer entertainment is available. In addition, new attractions are now open, or will be open soon.

Included are the night driving range at Cree Meadows Golf Course where golfers can practice their long shots, and the 500-car movie drive-in theater on the Alto

Road near the old CCC camp a Cedar Creek.

New owners have taken over several of the established businesses while the same owners have reopened a number of enterprises which remain closed during the winter.

Don Smouse, of Crownpoint, a trader with the Navajos, is stocking his "hogan" in the Palms Gateway Addition and soon will offer the most complete line of Navajo rugs and jewelry in Southern New Mexico.

Racing, golf, the Mesalero Apache Indian ceremonial, matched races, steer and calf roping, square dancing—and a score of other vacation pursuits are scheduled during the summer.

Win A Free Pass To Movies By Naming New Theater

A contest to name the new drive-in theater now under construction on the Alto Road was announced this week by C. A. Elland, owner.

The contest is being conducted by The Ruidoso News in conjunction with the theater. Only official entry blanks, which will be carried in The News during the contest, which closes June 10, will be accepted.

All entries should be mailed to

the "Name the Theater Contest," Box 154, Ruidoso.

Prizes to be awarded will be announced next week, but first prize winner will receive a 30-day pass to the theater.

Names to stand a good chance of winning should be short—one or two syllables. Two one-syllable words might be considered if the judges agree it is most suitable.

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Suit Dismissal Asked In Reply To Contest

Dismissal of a suit to contest election of two village officials was asked this week by attorneys for the defendants.

In filing an answer to allegations made in a suit by W. D. "Dick" Ratliff and Ray Dill to contest election of Ike N. Wingfield as mayor and C. A. Lucilla as trustee, the attorneys also contended the allegations were "vague and indefinite" and requested a bill of particulars.

The suit, filed earlier this month, alleges that election irregularities should disqualify the two officials. It claims unqualified voters were permitted to cast their ballots in the city election April 4.

Meanwhile, Village officials are pushing work on the \$21,000 airport improvement program. An engineer will be retained within a few days to make preliminary studies and a feasibility report on the project, L. F. Dryden, village clerk, reported.

He said all other details have been completed and that "we can go ahead as fast as possible now."

Other village projects scheduled are reconstruction of the bridge crossing the Ruidoso near the Sierra Blanca cabins and resurfacing of two bridges in the upper canyon. Work will await arrival of materials which have been ordered, he said.

Local Realtors Invited To Meet

Ruidoso residents engaged in the real estate business this week were invited to attend the first annual Southern New Mexico Realtors Conference of the New Mexico Association of Real Estate Boards.

The meeting, scheduled for Saturday, May 27, will be held at the Circle Cafe, on U. S. Highway 80 just west of Las Cruces.

Delegates are expected to attend from Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Hot Springs, Silver City, Lordsburg, Deming and their surrounding areas.

Stanley H. Mathis, NMAREB president, will open the conference. Speakers include R. B. Waggoman, director NAREB; Truman T. Sanders, Jr., legal counsel, NMAREB; Townsend B. Hood, past president, Roswell Board of Realtors; Jim Markl, member, Chaves County Multiple Listing Bureau; and Chick Breshahan, past national president, Farm Brokers Institute.

Also on the program are a luncheon given by the Las Cruces Board of Realtors with an address by Prof. George Lockwood, A. & M. College and an afternoon brokers' forum.

Central Bar And Grill Reopens, Caters To Parties

The Central Bar and Grill, which reopened this week, has been completely redecorated and will feature the finest in foods for individuals, parties or meetings, its owners announced.

One of Ruidoso's most outstanding eating places heretofore, the Central is seeking to set new standards for quality, cleanliness and reasonable prices, it was said.

The menu this year will provide visitors with complete choices in steaks, fried chicken, seafoods

and sandwiches. Table d' hotel or a la carte selections also will be featured.

On the bar side the best in mixed drinks is offered. Complete redecoration is expected to make the cocktail lounge one of Ruidoso's most popular.

The Central, sponsors of the world's largest quarter horse futurities, is accepted as horsemen's headquarters during the racing season. They are sponsors of the 5th Annual Quarter Horse Futurity at Hollywood Park Sunday.

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Red Rock State Park, here they come

Geronimo makes a bareback comeback in Albuquerque rodeo

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The 2005-06 regular high school rodeo season saw the last gate close at Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque last weekend. All that is left for this year's contestants is the state finals in Gallup June 8-10 and if they qualify, the National High School Finals in Springfield, Ill. July 24-30.

Albuquerque's high school rodeo at Tingley may not have been the grand slam that some contestants were hoping for to finish their season, but it did bode well for several county rodeo hands.

Mescalero High School senior Clay Geronimo made his last regular season rodeo count by winning the bareback riding average. Saturday, Geronimo split first and second with event standings winner Rankin Lindsey and spurred another horse for a second place Sunday. Those points put Geronimo in fourth place in the overall standings, a spot he will want to hold to qualify for the national finals.

The top four contestants in each event at the end of the season will get a chance to compete at the 2006 National High School Finals.

Corona's Jordan Muncy was also an event average winner, bringing home the buckle from the barrel racing average. Muncy won both go-rounds of the event after serious, but apparently unfounded, concerns about her horse, Smoke, running well in the indoor arena. Muncy is going to the state finals sitting first in the



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Hondo's Daniel Dictson rides during the bull riding competition at the Mescalero High School rodeo. Dictson finished second at the Albuquerque rodeo, and is currently third in the state in the event.

barrel racing, goat tying and all-around standings.

Daniel Dictson, Hondo, continued his consistent streak of getting at least one bull rode each weekend and placed second Saturday with a 74-point ride, only one point behind first place. Dictson will go into the state finals third in the bull riding standings and only 4 1/2 points behind the No. 2 guy.

J.R. Shafer, Claunch, hit a lick at Albuquerque and placed in both his roping events. Shafer, a relative new-comer to high school rodeo, has managed to stay in the hunt with the "tough regulars" most weekends this spring. He placed 10th in the down roping Sunday

and picked up sixth-place points in team roping Saturday.

Capitan's Ronnie Eldridge placed both days in the down roping, showing a return to consistency. Chase Williams, also of Capitan, delivered again by placing in the same event both days.

Staci Stanbrough graduated from Capitan High School last weekend, along with a number of other competitors who found themselves burning up the road between Albuquerque and their respective cap and gown events. Stanbrough managed a second place finish in breakaway roping Saturday and ninth place in team roping the same day. Stanbrough will go into the

state finals sitting second in the breakaway standings and only one point out of first place in a tight race with Kenna's Kodi Armitage.

Currently sixth in the goat tying standings and only 11 points away from the top four spots, Stanbrough is within striking distance of winning a trip to nationals in the event.

New Mexico High School Rodeo Association rules say if a contestant has entered two rodeos during the regular season, he may enter the finals in whichever events he entered in those rodeos. Points from the finals will be treated the same as those during regular season and added to the current stand-

ings to declare a winner.

There are some tight races going into the finals and standings in each event will undoubtedly change after two long goes and short round at the finals. The short round consists of 10 contestants with the best average times or scores in each event.

State finals competition starts at the Red Rock Park arena at 7 p.m. June 8, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on June 9, 9 a.m. June 10 with the short go finals at 7 p.m.

Full results for county competitors at Albuquerque:

Barrel Riding
Average: Clay Geronimo
Saturday: 1-2 split Clay Geronimo and Rankin Lindsey
Sunday: 2, Clay Geronimo

Bull Riding
Saturday: 2, Daniel Dictson
Team Roping
Saturday: 2, Ronnie Eldridge; 5, Chase Williams
Sunday: 1, Chase Williams; 5, Ronnie Eldridge; 10, J.R. Shafer
Goat Tying
Saturday: 6, J. R. Shafer-Pasen Maraz; 9, Kevin Parker-Staci Stanbrough
Breakaway Roping
Saturday: 2, Staci Stanbrough; 9, Jordan Muncy
Sunday: 8, Jordan Muncy; 9, Morgan Gibbs; 10, Stacy Merritt
Goat Tying
Saturday: 10, Chelsea Perez
Barrel Racing
Average: Jordan Muncy
Saturday: 1, Jordan Muncy; 8, Staci Stanbrough
Sunday: 1, Jordan Muncy
Pole Bending
Sunday: 3, Jordan Muncy

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Memorial Day remind us of life's loves, liberties, freedoms and achievements so that all peoples shall know the benefit of lives lived in peace.

There are graves on which we lay flowers, ceremonies that we attend, those special to us that we remember, and "the memory of the righteous will be a blessing." (Proverbs 10:10)



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270 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 257-2081, Tim Gilliland, Pastor, Contemporary Services, Sunday 9:30 a.m. & Sunday 11 a.m.; Traditional Service Sunday 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School all ages 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday Activities for all ages, 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener, Pastor, Sunday: Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship hour 8 & 11 a.m.; Eve. worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Prayer meeting 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Tinnie, Bill Jones, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 6 p.m.
Mesalero Baptist Mission
Mesalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training union 6:30 p.m.

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Ruidoso Baptist Church 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway, Wayne Joyce, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
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Congregacion Hispanica de los Testigos de Jehova 192 Gavilan Canyon Rd., 336-4147, 378-7095, Dom. Reunion Publica-10:00 am.; Estudio de la Biblia-10:50 am. Mart. Escuela del Ministerio Terrestre-7:00 p.m.; Reunion de Servicio-7:50 p.m. Juev. Estudio de Libro-7:00 p.m.
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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 1120 Hill Road, 258-4191, 257-5296, Kevin L. Krohn, Pastor, Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m. (May-Oct.), 10:30 a.m.; Sun. School & Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m., Thurs. Eve. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., call for location.
METHODIST
Community United Methodist Church Junction Road, behind Wells Fargo Bank, Ed Barlow, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 257-4170
PENTECOSTAL
Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, Eternal Life Ministries, Minister: Harry A. Peyton, call for your personal Home Bible study: 430-9640, (web page) http://www.doctrinesofchrist.com
The Apostles of Lincoln County, UPC Reston Center, 1009 Mechem Dr., Unit #1, Pastor, Art Dunn, Sunday morning, 10:00 AM, Adult, childrens & youth classes, Wednesday evening, 7:00 PM, Bible Study.
PRESBYTERIAN
First Presbyterian Church 101 Sutton Drive (Nob Hill), Ruidoso, 257-2220, Rev. Cathy Cault Anderson, Sunday school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Podlock fellowship after worship the third Sunday of every month.
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, Sunday worship: 9 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Corona United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, Sunday worship: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Negal Presbyterian Church Reverend Bill Scheiring, Adult Sunday School: 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.
REFORMED CHURCH
Mesalero Reformed Mesalero, Bob Schatz, Pastor, Sunday: Church school 9:30 a.m.; worship 10:30 a.m. Mon., junior high youth 6:30 p.m. Wed.; high school meeting 7 p.m.; Thurs. Kids Club (grades 1-5) 3:30.
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Ruidoso Seventh Day Adventist 207 Parkway, Agua Fria, Ruidoso Downs, 378-4161, Pastor Bill Kasper 505-437-0237; 1st Elder Manuel Moya 505-937-4487, Saturday: Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Church service: 11 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting 7 p.m.
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist Church, meets 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Service: 11:00a.m. Podlock Branch, Call 336-2170 or 354-0602 for location.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
American Missionary Fellowship Rick Smith, 682-2999, Monday: Women's Bible study 6:30 p.m. at Schlotzky's Deli. Tuesday: Ruidoso men's Bible study noon at Pizza Hut, Mechem Drive. Wednesday: (Sept. through May) Captain Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m. at Christ Community Fellowship. E-mail: RickS@americanmissionary.org
Calvary Chapel 127 Vision, next to Cable Co., 257-5915, Pastor John Marshall, Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday: Mid-week bible study 7:00 p.m.
Casa de Oracion Comunidad Cristiana, Ruidoso 304 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-6075, Pastor Carlos & Gabby Carrero, Maria • Onion 6:00 pm; Jueves - Servicio General 6:00 pm; Sabado - Kid-in-Revival 11:00 am; Domingo Servicio General 11:00 am. *All Services are Bilingual - Translators Available *
Christ Church in the Downs Ruidoso Downs, 378-

CAPITAN & LINCOLN CHURCHES

BAPTIST
Trinity Southern Baptist Church (south on Highway 48) Mt. Capitan Rd. 354-2044, Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.; Worship: 11 a.m.; AWANA-Sunday 4-6 p.m.
METHODIST
Mountain Baptist Church
Independent-Fundamental KJV, Sunday School- 10 AM, Sunday Service - 11am, Sunday Evening- 6pm, Wednesday Bible Study 7PM 145 E. Grandview - Capitan - (505) 937-4019
CATHOLIC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Capitan, 354-9102, Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.; Monday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Capitan - Highway 48, Les Earwood, Minister, Sunday Bible study: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 6 p.m.
EPISCOPAL
Episcopal Chapel of San Juan in Lincoln - Sunday: Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.
FOUR SQUARE
Capitan Four-square Church Highway 48, Capitan, Harold W. Perry, Pastor, Sunday

School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.
METHODIST
Capitan United Methodist Church
Pastor Johanna Anderson and the congregation of Capitan United Methodist Church welcome Lincoln County residents and visitors alike to attend Bible study Sunday morning at 8:30, followed by worship service at 9:10. Communion is offered during worship on the first Sunday of every month, and a potluck luncheon is served the third Sunday at 12:30. White Oaks and Third in Capitan, 505-648-2846.
NAZARENE
Angus Church of the Nazarene Angus, 12 miles north of Ruidoso on Hwy. 48, 336-8032, Rick Hutchinson Pastor, Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday: Community dinner, 6:00 p.m.; Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kid's Klub, 6:30 p.m.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Christ Community Fellowship Capitan, Highway 380 West, 354-2458, Ed Vianon, Pastor, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.
QUAKER WORSHIP GROUP
Quaker Unprogrammed meeting: The Bonito valley Worship Group meets at 9 am on First days at the old Community Church in Lincoln. For details of this and other Quaker activities contact Sandra Smith at 505-663-4931

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Word of Life Church
Rev. Chuck Fulton, pastor 648-2339, 711 'E' Ave., Carrizozo, NM. Affiliated with the Evangelistic Assembly Church, Sunday 7:00 pm.
BAPTIST
First Baptist Church
Hayden Smith, Pastor, Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
CATHOLIC
Santa Rita Catholic Church
648-2853, Father Dave Berga, Pastor, Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perry Zumwalt, minister, Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am; Evening Worship 1:15 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm.
EPISCOPAL

St. Matthew's Episcopal Chapel
Carrizozo, 6th & E Street, Sunday: Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
METHODIST
United Methodist Church Parish
Trinity - 1000 D. Ave. 648-2893/648-2846, Carrizozo, Johanna Anderson, pastor, Sunday school 10:00 a.m.; Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Chair Practices (Thurs.) 6:30 pm; United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wed. 1:00 pm; Fellowship Dinner 4th Sun. of month 12:30 pm.
NON-DENOMINATIONAL
Carrizozo Community Church (AG)
Johnnie L. Johnson, pastor, Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186, Children's Church 10:30 am; Worship Service 10:30 am; Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm.
MESCALERO
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RELIGION

Contradiction in the creation story; waiting on God for a child

Q. In Genesis 1:24-27, God creates the animals of the earth, and then man in his own image, producing male and female simultaneously. But in Genesis 2:15-25, God creates Adam first, then the animals, and finally forms Eve out of Adam's rib. Why are there two varying accounts of creation in the Bible?
J.L., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A. Your terrific question about the two different versions of the biblical creation account draws us into the big question of who wrote the Bible. The non-religious, scholarly view follows what's called the Documentary Hypothesis proposed by Graff and Wellhausen in the 19th century. According to this view, four different authors (J, E, P, D) (plus R who was a kind of editor putting it all together) each wrote part of the texts of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy using old leg-

ends and their own imagination. Under this hypothesis, the story of the creation of man in Genesis, Chapter 1 (the account where man and woman are created at the same time) was written by the P author, and the story of the Garden of Eden and the creation of Adam and Eve was written by the J author. So, there are two stories of the creation of man because there were two authors, and the authors reflected two different traditions of storytelling about the creation. For religious folk who believe that God wrote the Bible and that there can't be contradictions of any kind in the text, these two stories were a big problem. One very interesting Jewish

commentarial tradition (from a collection of ancient legends called the Alpha Beta Gamma, Sira) tries to reconcile the two stories by teaching that they describe the creation of two different women. The woman created with the man in Chapter one was called Lillith, and the woman described in the Eden narrative was, of course, Eve. Lillith was, according to legends, the first wife of Adam. She had long, flowing red hair and was the first feminist. When Adam told her he was boss, she fought with him and ultimately flew away from him (OK, so we forgot to tell you, Lillith had wings.). Adam was so down in the dumps because Lillith had left him to make demon children at the Red Sea (it matched her hair) that he complained to

God. That's when God decided to make a second woman out of Adam's rib so she would get the idea that Adam was No. 1. Lillith definitely got bad press from this story, but what do you expect from a legend that's over 4,000 years old? Anyway, this has led to our counseling all guys who come to us contemplating marriage to never, ever, marry a redhead with wings. **Q.** I've had what might be called a difficult life. I'm a good person and have always tried to be kind and follow church teachings. Some people refer to all the things that have happened to me as a black cloud hanging over my head. My husband and I attempted to share our love and happiness with children. We went for genetic counseling (nothing wrong there; nothing had in either family history). My husband had a teenage child

from his first marriage. However, our first pregnancy revealed abnormal chromosomes - a "one-in-a-million" disorder no one had ever heard of. Doctors predicted the infant would be severely disabled, in constant pain, and survive less than four days. We did not continue the pregnancy. Our next pregnancy - the same result - only the baby had a worse condition. The doctors couldn't believe something had happened again! Some suggested that with these odds, we should play lotto or go to Atlantic City or Vegas. I strive to find the reason why God chose not to bestow on us the blessing of children. It upsets me terribly. I ask God what I'm supposed to do, what is my purpose, since it was obviously not to be a biological mother. I

still grieve. A picture of a baby can set me off. I can't attend relative's baby showers. How do I "show deeper love through sacrifice"? Why couldn't I be entrusted with "a sacred life placed in my care"? - *Cried an Ocean While Typing This to You.* **A.** We send along our prayers for a child - either a child of your own body or a wonderful, loving child you can adopt and love just as deeply. In any event, do not believe that you are cursed. This is just a sign that some child who is already born but as yet unloved, is waiting to blow away all the dark clouds and remind you that all prayers are answered. They are, however, not always answered in the way we expect. God bless you. Your dreams are on their way.



The God Squad
TOM HARTMAN AND MARK GULLMAN
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Know not the future but know who holds the future

I made a quick trip to Brownwood, Texas, last Friday and back Saturday. Our first natural granddaughter graduated from Howard Payne University with a Bachelor of Science in social work, summa cum laude. Jessica did not waste the time or effort. She is ready to get married, and pursue the next portion of her life. Cliff, her fiancé, graduated as well and serves a Minister of Education at the First Baptist Church of Brownwood. It takes me back some 48 years to my graduation from the same institution.

I did not graduate summa cum laude. If I remember rightly, I graduated "O Laudie, Miss Claudie", with a B.S. in mathematics. Alice and I married in my senior year and we were expecting our first child that August. I did not prepare to be a minister. I prepared to coach and teach math. I did not know what the future would hold, but I knew who held the future. What a ride it has been. There were 12 years in public school work in Texas. Then, there was God's call to the ministry, then seminary, and 36 years (and still counting) as a pastor. I do not

know what the future holds for Jessica and Cliff, but I know who holds their future. For the high school and university graduates of this spring, the future is uncertain. The promoters of gloom and doom would try to convince our graduates that those who have gone before have really ruined their opportunity for success in life. But those of us who have a positive outlook, are encouraging our young folks to understand that life is full of challenges and the future is in God's hand. **Hope for tomorrow** And He says in Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

So, it is my prayer that our graduates will look to the Lord and call upon Him. I hope that they will pray, because He will hear them. I pray that they will seek Him, because they will find Him. As they discover His plans for them, they will have help for today and hope for tomorrow.



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WEDDINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Parker-Coker

Laree Parker of Williams, Ariz., daughter of Larry and Mickey Parker of Rimrock, Ariz., will marry Derek Coker of Flagstaff, Ariz., on Aug. 19, 2006. Derek is the son of Kody Taylor of Flagstaff and Mike Coker of Ruidoso. The couple will be married at Elephant Rocks Golf Course in Williams. Laree is a graduate of Williams High School and is employed at SCA Tissue.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Shilo Newton

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, May 26, at First Baptist Church for Shilo McKaylee Newton, 1905 W. Sears Ave., Artesia, New Mexico.

Mr. Newton, 19, died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at his home.

Rev. Rick Sullivan and Peggy White will officiate at the services with burial at Twin Oaks Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Seth Tidwell, Matt Cochran, Brian Shetterly, Jared Earl, Billy Bailey, and Clayton Steincipher.

Visitation will be at Terpening & Son Mortuary beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Mr. Newton was born Oct. 27, 1986, in Artesia; the son of Garrett Newton and Sharon (Spain) Newton. He was a lifelong resident of Artesia.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, G. A. Spain, great-grandparents B. and Florence Newton, and uncles Johnny Spain and Don Spain.

Survivors include his parents, Garrett and Sharon

Newton of the family home; brothers Jeremy Newton of Roswell, N.M., and Dakota Newton of Artesia; sister Robin Rhodes and husband Ted of Keller, Texas; grandparents Ken and Jo Newton of Ruidoso, and Hattie Spain of Artesia; niece Sadie Rhodes and nephew C.J. Rhodes; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary. Remember Mr. Newton online at www.artesia-funerals.com

Mark Bonneau

Mark "Red" Steven Borneau died May 20, 2006. Memorial services will be held at Victory Baptist Church in Artesia at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 28. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Victory Baptist Church.

Raymond Keiter

Raymond Bernard Keiter passed away Wednesday, May 17, in a one-vehicle rollover accident. Raymond was born March 16, 1922, and grew up

on a farm west of Andale, Kan. He was one of eight children.

He served in the 5th Marine Division in World War II, storming the beaches of Iwo Jima, and in the occupation of Hiroshima five days after the peace declaration.

Raymond spent his life in agriculture and raising quarter horses. With his wife and family, he won many futurity and derby races throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado over several decades.

Raymond was a parishioner at St. James Catholic Church in Augusta, Kan., and he was fun loving, worked hard and enjoyed dances and country music.

Surviving family members include sons Randy, Larry and Brad in Wichita, Kan., Greg in Augusta, and David in Ruidoso; daughter Rebecca Keiter Bell in Maize, granddaughters Korby and Robyn, sister Marcella Phillips, brother Herman Keiter, and many nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held May 21 and 22 in Wichita and Andale.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Bus battery

Ruidoso Police were called May 22 to help investigate a series of incidents on School Bus 13 in which a young girl claims she has been repeatedly harassed by male riders.

On Monday, the girl's mother reported that a boy riding the bus hit her in the head several times with his hand, shoved her face into a bus window, and shouted obscene remarks at her.

When police arrived at the scene the girl, disembarked, complaining of head pain, was being attended to by emergency medical and fire personnel.

Police say they will attempt to identify the children involved in the alleged prior incidents onboard the bus.

Disorderly conduct

Alejandro Lazano, 26, of El Paso was issued a non-traffic citation for disorderly conduct when Ruidoso Police spotted him drinking beer publicly in the lot of the convention center.

Domestic violence

Nick Gonzales, 32, of Ruidoso was arrested on charges of domestic violence May 21 when a local woman reported to police that he

grabbed her arm violently, shoved her to the ground, then refused to allow her to leave the area.

The woman called police from a pay phone on Sudderth Drive requesting assistance from police in obtaining her personal things from the home she shared with Gonzales on Hickory Road.

When questioned by police, Gonzales said an argument erupted between the pair when the woman accused him of having stolen items from her. He said she was cursing and yelling in his mother's home and he would not stand for it.

Based on the woman's testimony, and on red marks police observed on the woman's body, which she attributed to Gonzales' rough treatment of her, Gonzales was arrested on a \$2,000 cash only bond.

Shoplifting

Shann Marler, 23, of Ruidoso was arrested May 21 on charges of shoplifting and attempting to conceal her identity.

According to a police report, Marler was detained by theft prevention personnel in a Ruidoso Downs store taking DVD's out of their plastic protective wrap and cases and placing them inside her clothing.

Warrants served

Amber Lundquist, 29, of Ruidoso Downs was picked up by police on an outstanding

warrant when an officer on duty spotted her driving without a seatbelt.

Lundquist, also cited for failure to wear a seatbelt, was arrested without incident and bonded a short time later on the previous arrest warrant.

Robert Guzman, 41, of Mescalero was picked up by Ruidoso Downs Police May 20 on an outstanding warrant out of Otero County and Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court.

DUI

Javier L. Munoz, 27, of Ruidoso Downs was arrested on charges of driving while under the influence of alcohol when a patrolman spotted him driving under heavy acceleration, eastbound on Hwy. 70, May 20.

The vehicle was observed "smoking" and as it entered a turn failed to initiate a turn signal.

According to a police report, as the pickup turned onto Short Drive, the right rear tire hit the curb and spun on the excess water from the sprinklers at Zia Natural Gas Company.

When stopped, Munoz said to the Downs patrolman, "I'm in real trouble," and admitted to having drunk "three beers and two shots." When asked to submit to field sobriety tests, Munoz, reportedly, told the officer he would rather "skip all this and just go to jail."

Munoz eventually underwent a One-Leg Stand test and a Walk-and-Turn test before being transported to the RDPD.

Robbery suspect nabbed

A man sought in an armed robbery that occurred May 8, 2006 in Ruidoso was arrested Thursday by officers with the Ruidoso Police Department.

James Steward, 28, was located in the area of Walgreens on Sudderth Drive and transported to RPD headquarters without incident.

Charges approved by the office of the District Attorney include robbery with a deadly weapon, a 2nd degree felony, and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, a third degree felony.

A \$10,000 bond was set by New Mexico Probation and Parole, according to a press release issued by the RPD.

Tipsy Tow offered

AAA New Mexico reminds motorists to either select a designated driver if they choose to drink, or find another alternative to drinking and driving such as Tippy Tow.

To help keep a festive time for family and friends from becoming a potential alcohol-related traffic tragedy, AAA New Mexico's Tippy Tow program will be available 6 p.m., Friday, May 26 until 11:59 p.m., Monday, May 29, in 23 cities throughout New Mexico this Memorial Day weekend.

Anyone requesting Tippy Tow can call 1-800-AAA-HELP. The service is provided free of charge within a 15-mile radius from the pick up point, and is restricted to a one-way ride home for the driver and vehicle only.

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Closing remote roads a battle for ranchers

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Living miles from neighbors in remote areas of Lincoln County doesn't exempt land owners from being forced to deal with county bureaucracy, as several learned last week while waiting hours for their road issues to be heard by county commissioners.

Most of the ranchers said all they wanted was to keep out unwanted company in the form of trespassing hunters and vandals, and to protect their families. But discussions dragged on into technical distinctions between "closing" a road and "abandoning" the county's interest in a road entirely, the impact on the rural addressing system and possible problems with access to public land.

Reporting to county commissioners on a May 8 meeting of members of the county Road Review Committee, Chairman Duane Williams said they recommended denial of a request to vacate 8 miles of the remaining public portion of County Road B-041, Vasco Bonito, as petitioned by Jon Sherwood, representing several ranchers and his family.

The road is situated in the far northeast corner of the county, Williams said. The first 6 miles of the requested closure runs through private property off State Highway 247, but the remaining two miles is on state land. Williams said a previous owner also asked for the closure, but was denied based on access to sections of public land.

Sherwood said he fears for the safety of his family and that the other ranchers who use the road signed the request too.

"We bought the ranch a couple years ago," he said. "We're not trying to deny anybody anything. We have a family that

travels 40 miles one-way to school and back. We have a lot of riff-raff. They tear down fences."

He bought a road grader and can maintain the route, he said. The cost and time required for any road work the county provides there exceeds the benefits to other county residents, he contended.

Simpson votes no

Commissioners voted 4-1 to approve the request with Chairman Rick Simpson voting against the motion. The closure, which does not mean the county abandoned their interest in the road, is contingent on written notification and 30-days for comment and concurrence from federal and state agencies with land that may need the access.

Simpson said he's opposed to any closure that could deny access to public land, even if it occurs only for two weeks in hunting season and deals with state public trust land that is closed the rest of the year.

County Rural Addressing Director Connie Stone asked that future applications be funneled through county departments first to see if they impact programs and to allow checks in advance with other agencies that may be affected.

Closed not vacated

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace asked for the motion to read closure, not abandonment or vacation, because she wanted the county to retain its right to be involved with the road and access to state land in the future.

County Attorney Alan Morel explained that to vacate the road, the county would lose all jurisdiction or interest. Closure allows installation of a gate or posting signage, but action

could be reversed in the future.

Commissioners also heard from former commission chairman Rex Wilson, who received approval of his petition asking the county to vacate about 4 miles of County Road A-036, Jack's Peak Loop, between the intersection with County Road A-039, and one mile south of the intersection with County Road A-038 near Ancho.

Although committee members recommended denial, Wilson pointed out that they never drove the road to see the entire situation. He said he would grant a permanent easement to two families that expressed opposition to the closure. They will be able to pass through his property, he said.

Williams said the road has existed for at least a decade and probably is guaranteed as access by prescriptive use. An unlocked gate is situated at the north end.

Forest Service officials and the county's emergency services coordinator were interested because the road potentially may be needed for fire fighting access.

Wilson said more than adequate access is available to public lands and he would allow others through with legitimate reasons, if they call him. He will use combination locks on the gates and already works that arrangement with emergency services.

Wilson also blamed vandalism and trespass problems tied to hunting season as the main reasons for his request.

He's called law enforcement from various agencies, but trying to detain someone while waiting for an officer or game warden is dangerous, he said.

Stone was assured that the name of the road could remain the same, possible removing the tag of "loop," because it

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Jon Sherwood
 Rancher

would no longer form a public loop. She said a different color sign also must be used to indicate a private road and she would have liked a chance to review the situation first. The route is used by census takers.

Salas denied

In the last petition, commissioners voted to deny a request to close 700 feet on the east end of Dead Horse Lane along Tract 12 of Mohaco Subdivision two miles west of Capitan submitted by Juan M. Salas.

He's owned the land since 1992. Williams said the road is the northern leg of loop starting and ending on Bancroft Road.

It accesses two dozen subdivision properties and is used by Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority garbage collection trucks.

Williams said the road doesn't align to the easements on plats, which is common in the county, but has existed for about 30 years in the same place.

Utility lines would be disrupted with a closure that resulted in a realignment, he said. Many neighbors object, he said. He recommended denial and commissioners agreed on a motion by Simpson, who said he'd received telephone calls opposing the request.

County per diem and mileage rate vote delayed

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For a brief moment, Lincoln County commissioners were ready to approve new per diem and mileage reimbursement rates in line with new state limits.

But County Manager Tom Stewart Tuesday asked commissioners to delay a vote until a special meeting June 9, because the state rules allow up to \$215 per day for reimbursement for special areas out of state such as Washington D.C., and that's pretty steep.

Stay at 32-cents per mile

Under the proposed changes Stewart and Deputy Manager Martha Guevara will

present at that special meeting, the mileage reimbursement would stay at 32-cents per mile.

Other recommendations to county commissioners will include:

- increasing the amount of reimbursement per day for in-state travel from \$75 to \$85 and for Santa Fe, a special area, from \$85 to \$135
- increasing the reimbursement for out of state travel per day from \$85 to \$115, and for special areas out of state from \$105 to \$135.

- that partial day per diem travel or return from overnight travel when an employee is gone between two to six hours would go up from \$8 to \$12, from six to 12 hours, from \$16 to \$20, and 12 hours or

more, would go up from \$22.50 to \$30.

Short trips could be for no pay

County Assessor Rick Silva, who asked for the per diem and mileage reconsideration, suggested commissioners think about giving no per diem for trips 10 miles outside of the county, such as The Inn of the Mountain Gods, which although in neighboring Otero County, is only 1 mile from Ruidoso.

Another alternative would be to reimburse actual cost, said Commissioner Maury St. John.

Silva said commissioners also could try using a county credit card to pay for overnight expenses, but allow \$30 in cash to cover meals.

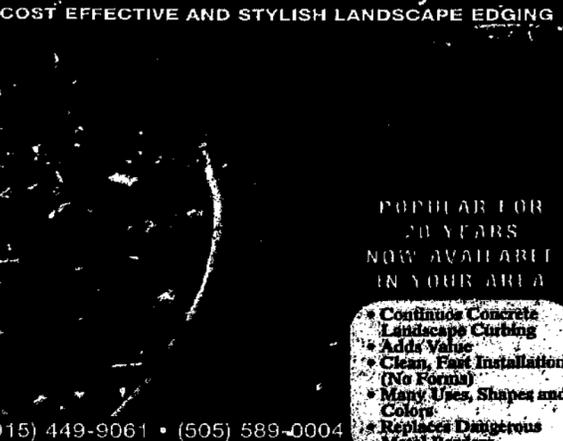
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National Day of the Cowboy rides again

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It became official after a February session of the U.S. Senate and a senate resolution, July 22, 2006 is the second "National Day of the American Cowboy."

Last year's NDOC kicked off a year of celebrations for America's cowboys and cowgirls. Again introduced by Wyoming Senator Craig Thomas, the resolution to recognize the second-ever "National Day of the Cowboy" on July 22, 2006 was passed unanimously on April 5.

There were 19 co-sponsoring senators of the Thomas resolution including New Mexico Senators Bingaman and Domenici. Governor Bill Richardson has since signed a NDOC proclamation for New Mexico.

The hope is that the fourth Saturday of July will continue to be celebrated as part of the history of our nation. Congressman Joel Hefley (CO) has recently introduced a companion National Day of the Cowboy resolution in the House. (H.RES.776).

If the House resolution also passes, there is increased likelihood the Judiciary Committee will approve the fourth Saturday in July as the National Day of the Cowboy in perpetuity.

Various ways people have chose to recognize the day:

- U.S. Senator Craig Thomas read the statement of support from President Bush last year at the Cheyenne Frontier Days and rode in the opening of the rodeo there with the National Day of the American Cowboy flag.

- Arizona's Governor, Janet Napolitano, recently issued an official proclamation declaring July 22, 2006 as the Second Annual National Day of the Cowboy in Arizona.

- TJ Casey, a country musician and cowboy poet from Montana, is helping to promote the National Day of the Cowboy by carrying his flag on tour with him.

- Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Executive Director Larry McCormack and his



COURTESY BRAD COOPER

J.R. Stafes, Claunch, in hot pursuit of something to rope in the 2005 Youth Ranch Rodeo.

staff are planning a National Day of the Cowboy flag presentation during their upcoming annual induction ceremony on July 15, 2006.

- The Desert Cowboys, a group made up of men and women in the U.S. military and Department of Defense civilians arrived in Iraq in late December and marked their turf by planting their National Day of the Cowboy flag on their roof.

- U.S. Senator Ken Salazar, D-Colo., recently presented a National Day of the Cowboy flag to both the National Western Stock Show and to the Martin Luther King Rodeo Association.

- The National Day of the Cowboy Organization was incorporated on June 3, 2005 and was awarded non-profit status by the IRS on December 7, 2005.

Joe Baker, Ruidoso, is a member of the NDOC board of trustees and is also chairman of the membership committee. "I can't say enough about the NDOC, other than this is something that the western industry has been craving for and it is actually happening right before our eyes," said Baker. "We are really moving fast forward

and all the board members, trustees, volunteers are working close knit together and every one of them has different ideas with the same goal, "To promote and preserve our western heritage."

Those that wish to support the National Day of the Cowboy can do so by becoming a member of the Cowboy Club.

All members receive a 20 percent discount on all National Day of the Cowboy western mercantile products and a 10 percent discount on a *Chronicle of the Old West* subscription.

New memberships are pro-rated to Dec. 31 of the year of membership. Renewals are due by Jan. 31.

Membership categories are:
\$5,000 - (LTH) Lifetime Top Hand - two gold National Day of the Cowboy pins, two Lifetime Membership Cards, one autographed Cowboy Keepers Print

\$1,000 - (CTB) Corporate Trail Boss - 16 membership cards, 16 pins, 8 Hatch Show Prints

\$500 - (RUC) Roundup Captain (Picks Cowboy's for roundup) - 12 pins, 12 cards, six Hatch Prints

\$350 - (TRK) Tracker (Rides ahead of the herd) - eight cards, eight pins, four Hatch Show Prints

\$200 - (FLK) Flanker (Cut in the outside stragglers) - six cards, six pins, three Hatch Show Prints

\$100 - (CRR) Corrida (unit of cowboys) Family, four cards, four pins

\$80 - (BRP) Brush Popper (Expert at runnin' cattle in brush country) - two cards, two pins

\$35 - (OTR) Outrider (commissioned to ride anywhere) - one card, one pin

\$15 - (TND) Tenderfoot (students and 21 years and under) - one card, one pin

\$10 - (BBK) Button Buckaroo (kids under 10 years) - one kid's badge, one card

The NDOC Web site is www.nationaldayofthecowboy.com.

For NDOC membership, phone Baker at 257-3955 or email joe@nationaldayofthecowboy.com.

Roping another day of honor

It seemed long overdue when last year the U.S. Senate proclaimed July 23 to be the National Day of the American Cowboy.

Fittingly, the senate has again given the cowboy the honor of the day and July 22 celebrations are on calendars all across America.

The resolution again recognizes the cowboy as one "who loves, lives off and depends on the land and its creatures for livelihood." It also names rodeo as a livelihood of the cowboy that transcends race, sex and spans every generation.

Never has there been a day when making a living as cowboy was more difficult than today.

Recognizing that the pioneering spirit that helped establish the American West continues to be a foundation of solid character and commonsense, the day of honor is earned.

The resolution calls the cowboy an American icon, part of America's commitment to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct. The wonder and awe of that icon spans continents and still today, sparks big dreams in small boys.

While honored to be honored, the cowboy himself won't be impacted by his name on a resolution. He will go on about his day of work perhaps even slightly embarrassed there is such a fuss about the whole thing.

As far as being an icon, if you ask the average cowboy about it, he'll say "What's that?"

I doubt the suits on Wall Street will acknowledge the honor given to the cowboy. He'll probably order chicken for lunch and continue believe his food comes from the grocery store. The same for the majority of the masses in Boston, New York City, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Washington D.C. Sadly a pretty big chunk of folks in former "cow

towns" like Denver and Albuquerque have the same mindset.

Santa Fe is dedicating a day of their annual rodeo in June to the National Day of the Cowboy. The cowboys and cowgirls entered in the Rodeo de Santa Fe will bask in a little extra limelight because of it.

But on July 22, the actual day of honor, most of America's cowboys will be checking cattle, drinking troughs, fixing pipeline leaks, branding a few late calves, building fence or other assorted less-than-glorious "cowboy" duties.

"Cowboy" has become more than a job, more than way of life. Cycling through the fads of popular genre, it again has found a place at the forefront of marketing genius and saleable themes. Put it in boots and a hat, a lit-

tle rawhide with the hair still on it, add some silver conchos and a jingle here and there, and you have a collectible of the American West.

Emulated in a thousand ways in a million places, the bottom line to "cowboy" doesn't come from his wardrobe or even from his occupation. It comes from within his heart and soul.

It is a spirit of honor, integrity and grit that stirs within all men, some just chose to live by those traits. Cowboy is not a hat, a job or genre. It is a choice.

The cowboy is not the dying breed he is said to be by those that drive down the highway looking for him.

As Lee Marvin told Jack Palance in the 1970 movie *Monte Walsh*, "As long as there is one man on one horse pushing one cow, there will always be cowboys."

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County Views
BY JULIE CARTER



Capitan's Eddie Davis pulls the slack on a successful loop during the team doctoring event in a past ranch rodeo

JULIE CARTER/STAFF

COUNTY BRIEFS

Lions say thanks

The Capitan Lions Club extends a sincere thank you to the Capitan community for their participation in both the Mother's Day Rose Sale and the third Capitan Clean-up Day.

Lion's President Kitty Callendar said the club sold 80 dozen roses for Mother's Day and will target 100 dozen for next year.

The cleanup was a great success and Cleanup IV is in the planning.

White Oaks Miners Day

The 11th Annual White Oaks Miner's Day will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., June 3. The parade starts at 10 a.m., a shoot-out at high noon and a free dance at 5 p.m. with many events in

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A full schedule of the day's events can be found at www.whiteoaksnewmexico.com.

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Red flags warn of increase in extreme fire conditions

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In anticipation of critical weather conditions that may result in extreme fire danger, federal and state agencies want to remind the public of its red flag system.

Red flags are flown over land and forestry offices whenever the National Weather Service determines conditions are ripe for an increase in wildfire occurrences and extreme burning conditions.

Weather conditions

Typically, these conditions include: Sustained wind averaging 15 mph or greater, relative humidity less than or equal to 25 percent, and tempera-

tures of greater than 76 degrees.

Additional criteria, such as dry lightning or unstable air masses, may also be considered by the NWS.

In issuing the reminder, Butch Blazer, New Mexico State Forester, said, "We are asking the public to always observe local fire restrictions and closures.

They are put into effect to protect lives and property during this year's exceptionally dry conditions.

Linda Rundell, New Mexico State Director for the Bureau of Land Management, said her agency's goal is "for people to modify any activities that could contribute to the risk of starting a fire."

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Bonito fire department considering new stations to cover Alto, Loma Grande

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Looking toward future improvement of service, the chief of the Bonito Volunteer Fire Department says two more substations are being considered.

During a Lincoln County Commission meeting last week, Carl Bartley said two more stations may be needed to provide better

coverage for "high-end" homes going up in Alto and in the Loma Grande area along State Highway 37.

The developer of Copper Ridge subdivision on SH48 donated a new fire station to replace the department's one-truck structure at Angus. The department also operates a main station at Sun Valley and a substation on Airport Road near the entrances to Ranches of

Sonterra.

Bartley received approval from commissioners to apply for a New Mexico Finance Authority loan to buy a new fire truck.

He showed an estimated carry-over in funding for the volunteer department of \$50,000 from 2005-2006, which coupled with \$157,254 from annual state funding will bring the department's revenue in 2006-07 to \$207,254. Expenses are

budgeted at \$102,104, leaving \$105,150.

The new attack engine's estimate cost is \$127,500. The department would pay a down payment of \$30,000, leaving \$97,500 to finance.

Bartley, a bank president, presented several scenarios for annual payments based on a five or 10 year loan, showing that the department could cover the cost.

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THE LINCOLN COUNTY WAR

During the 1870's a group of civilian merchants gained control over the economy of Lincoln County, New Mexico, southwest United States, including a monopoly on filling lucrative contracts from the military at Fort Stanton. This group who monopolized trade and their allies was called The House.

But in 1877, their control was challenged by an English entrepreneur, John Tunstall. Tunstall's employees and supporters were known as The Regulators, and followers of "The House" violently resisted them.

The battle was fought both in courtrooms and also through gunfights, murders, and cattle rustlings. Even the Army became involved. Eventually members of "The House" killed Mr. Tunstall.

And, as might be expected, "The Regulators" fervently vowed to take vengeance upon the House group responsible for killing Tunstall. Among the group of "Regulators" loyal to Mr. Tunstall was a young man who was known as Billy the Kid.

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CANCER: (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

A good money making idea may just be what you need. There's a catch, don't spend what you can't afford to lose. Work hard, receive more money.

LEO: (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

Don't assume just because you know what's good for someone that they'll want to hear what you have to say. Stand back and watch.

VIRGO: (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

There is a good chance of love if you'd allow someone to love you. This could be as simple as a friendship. You're not getting any younger!

LIBRA: (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

Don't mix business with pleasure. You deserve the time off. Work hard when you're at work, play hard when you're playing hard.

SCORPIO: (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

It's time to take care of the little details that you have let slip away. No one can do this as good as you, so get it done so you can relax.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Get in Shape! Mind, Body and Soul. You need all the good energy you can muster up. This will take time. Get to it. More \$\$\$

CAPRICORN: (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You're only fooling yourself if you think you're happy. When was the last time you were really happy. You took too long to answer!

AQUARIUS: (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Stop, drop and roll. You are only a one-person-band, you can only do so much. Don't get upset when others don't understand. Talk to them.

PISCES: (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Water is your best buddy. Drink a lot. Swim when you can. Take a bubble bath. Take a trip. Do something different. You need water.

ARIES: (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Remember when you said that you'd do what needed to be done when you had time? Make the time. Because you're running out of it.

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New Web site for fire information in New Mexico launched

SANTA FE — The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Indian Affairs, State of New Mexico and National Park Service has unveiled a new, statewide, interagency Web site aimed at providing customers with easier access to wildland fire information as well as restrictions and closures.

The Web site, located at www.nmfireinfo.com, features a 'one-stop-shopping' feature, according to Interagency Information Coordinator Kris Eriksen.

"Anyone wanting to recreate in New Mexico will find what's

open, current restrictions and closures, an explanation of the restrictions, current fire news, maps, prevention information, answers to common questions and related links," Eriksen said.

The New Mexico site supplements information available on the Arizona fire information site at www.azfireinfo.com and region-wide information provided by the Southwest Geographic Area Coordination Center (SWCC), located at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/>. The New Mexico Fire Information site is linked to the other two regional sites.

"All the fire sites are linked

so that customers can effortlessly connect to any of the other web sites and get information on the entire region," Eriksen said. "This centralizes information, making access to

important wildland fire information and restrictions in the entire area, easier and more logical. With Memorial Day Weekend coming, we hope everyone will stay informed

and safe, by accessing the site."

A text version of the website, without any graphics, is available on the home page for those who wish to download to PDAs or other such devices.

Doña Ana County Commission votes to ban some fireworks

DIANA M. ALBA
For the Ruidoso News

Fireworks fans in Doña Ana County will have to curtail some of their revelry in upcoming weeks.

The county Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved a 30-day immediate ban on the sale and use of certain fireworks outside municipalities.

Some at the meeting, including county resident Leon Billstone, urged commissioners to ban fireworks outright.

"Is the drought going to be over in a month?" he said. "I don't know why the county can't ... ban fireworks until this drought is over."

County Fire Marshal Paul Chavez said severely dry conditions prompted the need for a ban, which no residents spoke against Tuesday and commissioners approved unanimously.

Two fireworks vendors said they approved of the measure.

Several aerial fireworks, including bottle rockets and missiles, are now banned. Firecrackers also are restricted. Allowable fireworks must be lit in barren areas or near a water source.

Violators face a \$300 fine and up to 90 days in jail.

Commissioner Bill McCamley said after problems with fires in other parts of the state, he'd have to hear a compelling reason not to pass the ban. The restrictions will reduce the county's risk, he said.

"We can't do anything about lightning, but we can do something about fireworks," he said.

Commissioner Oscar Vásquez-Butler said he'd like county fire departments to offer designated places for communities to shoot fireworks.

A Las Cruces ordinance against fireworks and the county's short-term ban aren't exactly the same.

County restrictions are more lenient because two main types of aerial fireworks still are allowed, said Jimmy Nevarez, a Las Cruces whose family has been involved in the fireworks business for years. The city prohibits artillery shells — fireworks that are loaded into a tube and explode in the air — and multiple-shot aeriels — bundles with a single fuse that shoot several fireworks into the air. The county, however, allows these, he said.

"They felt these items went so far into the air that by the time they fall back to the ground they're no longer a danger," he

said.

Vendor Gary Tindal, of GTS fireworks, said the prohibited fireworks, such as rockets, aren't as controllable as artillery shells.

Las Cruces City Councilor Dolores Connor, who last year backed a permanent ban of most fireworks in Las Cruces, encouraged the commission to pass the restriction. She said fireworks place emergency responders at risk needlessly.

Las Cruces' fireworks ban includes all aerial and ground audible devices. The ban started Jan. 1.

Travis Brown, Las Cruces fire marshal, said the county's prohibition could help enforcement of illegal fireworks in the city.

"It could provide us some benefit," Brown said. "But there's still a possibility that some fireworks could still be sold in the county and then brought into the city."

Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena said he intends to meet with Fire Chief Chad Zecha to consider a similar ban in Mesilla.

"We're definitely going to consider it," Cadena said.

The town's board of trustees imposed a similar ban several years ago, when conditions became very dry. But trustees lifted the 30-day ban when rains in late June significantly improved conditions.

Vendors at Tuesday's commission meeting said they appreciate how Chavez's office has involved vendors in developing restrictions, rather than banning all fireworks. Chavez has held several meetings so far, and more are scheduled, they said.

"The county fire marshal has made it a fine to address issues," Tindal said. "They have tried hard to work with vendors."

Kit Johnson, director of operations for the Bowlin Travel Centers Inc., said though he favors the ban, he hopes the commission removes it should the drought let up. Bowlin sells fireworks at a gas station west of Las Cruces, though the business has voluntarily restricted sales to out-of-state residents.

On June 13, Chavez might request an extension of the ban if conditions are still dry.

Chavez is in the midst of revising the county's permanent fireworks ordinance, which doesn't now contain many restrictions.

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An update on fires around the state

The Brilliant 2
Acreage: 300 acres
Containment: 100 percent
Fuels: Ponderosa Pine/Brush
Lightening Caused
Location: West of Haton

Crews continued mop-up operations on Thursday.

The Adobe
Acreage: 12,000 (estimated)
Containment: 40 percent
Fuels: grass/brush
Lightening caused
Location: south and east of Animas, on and near Animas Mountain

Burnout operations continued this afternoon on Animas Peak. Fire activity has been very high in the burnout areas but all containment lines have held. The fire is putting up a very large smoke column. Crews will continue during the

overnight hours. 80 personnel are attached to this fire including one Type I hotshot crew, a Type III helicopter, 14 engines and 2 water tenders.

The School Fire
Acreage: 20
Containment: 80 percent
Fuels: Timber, Ponderosa Pine and Brush
Cause: Under Investigation
Location: Just south of Tres Piedras

Firefighters on the School Fire located two miles south of Tres Piedras, New Mexico report that the fire has grown to twenty acres. They also report that they have made good progress on the fire and have begun to release air resources. No structures are threatened at this time. One Air Tanker drop has been made on the fire and two more are in route. Approximately fifty personnel are at the fire at this time, but crews will be let go as the situation allows this evening.

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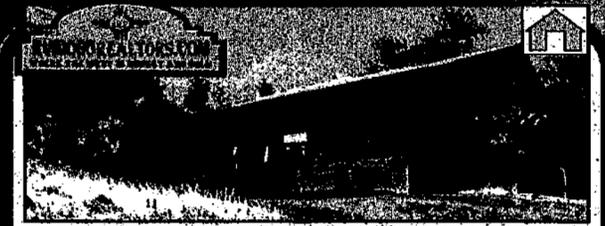
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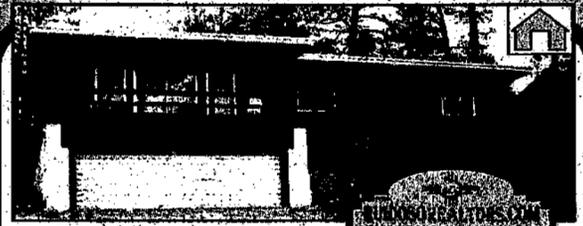
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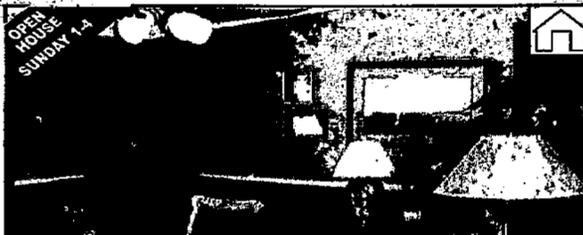
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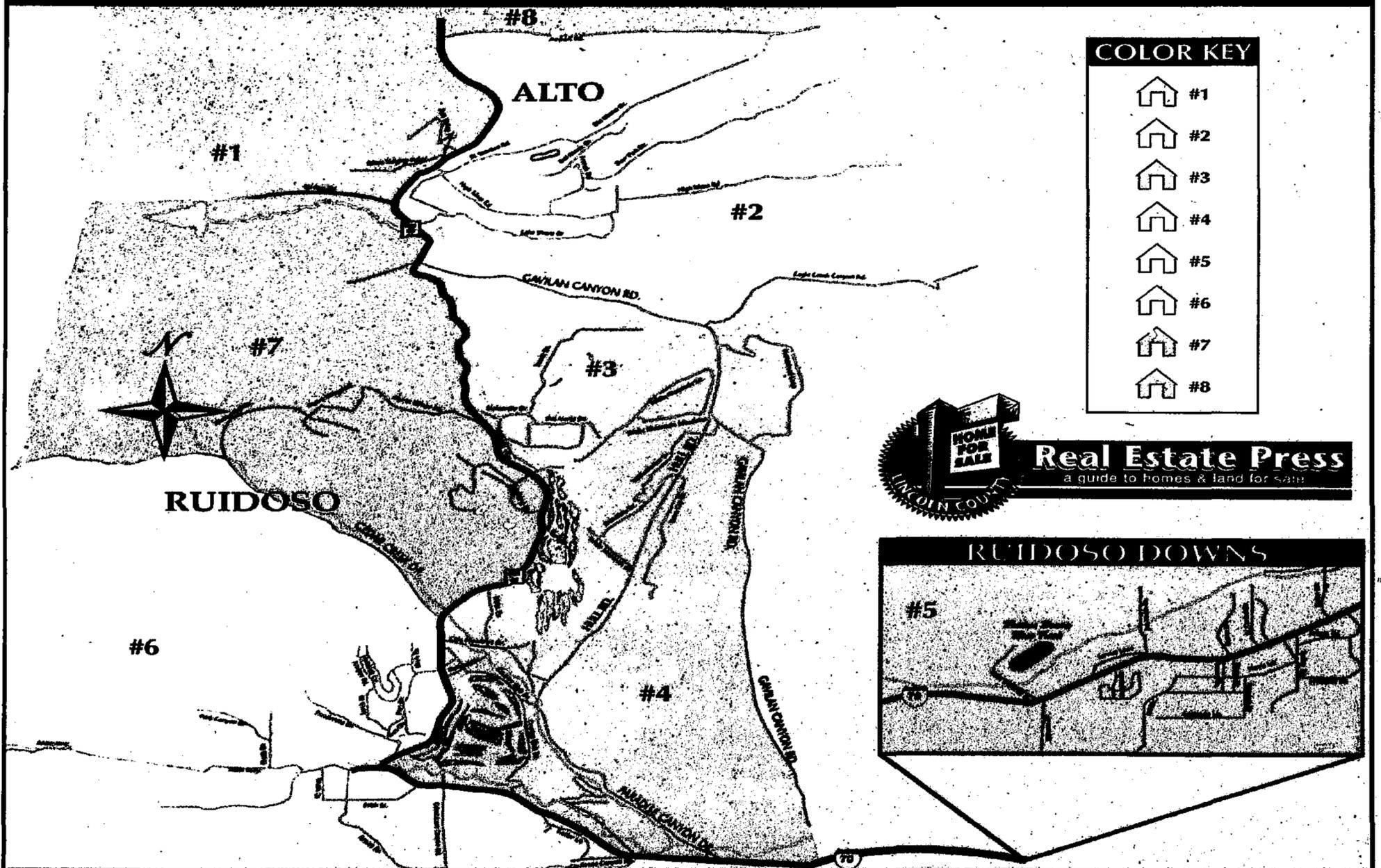


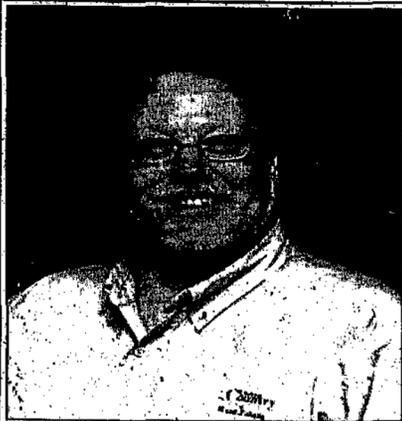
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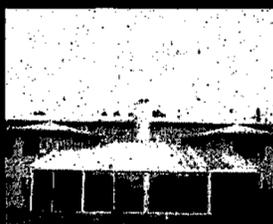
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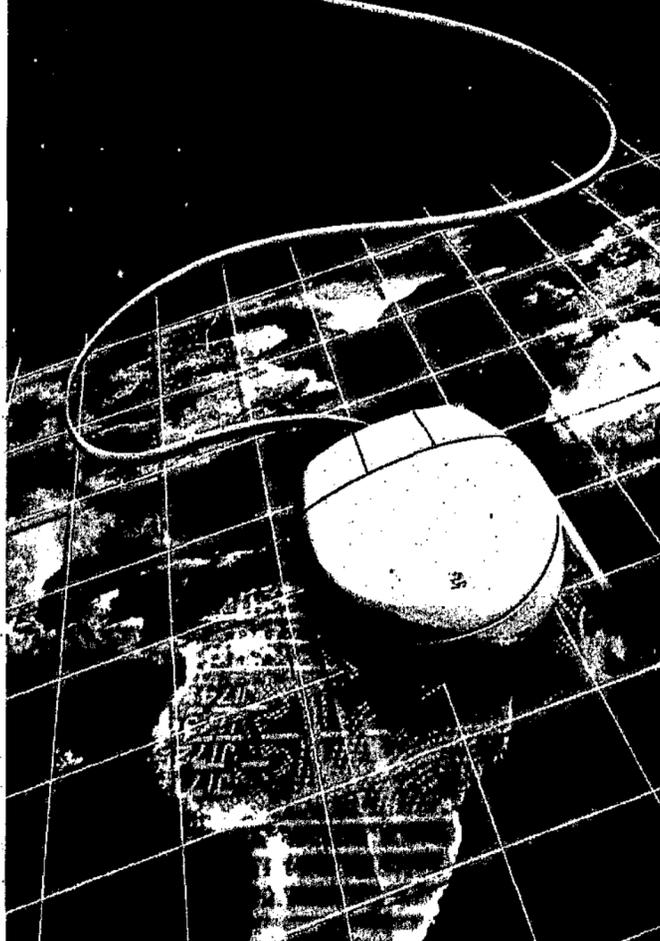
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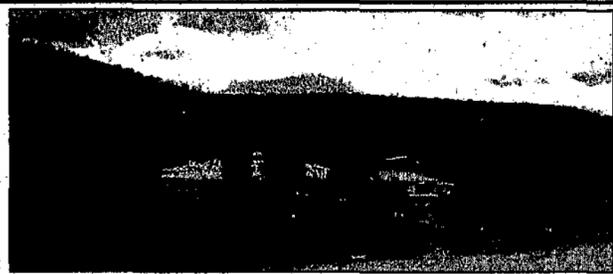
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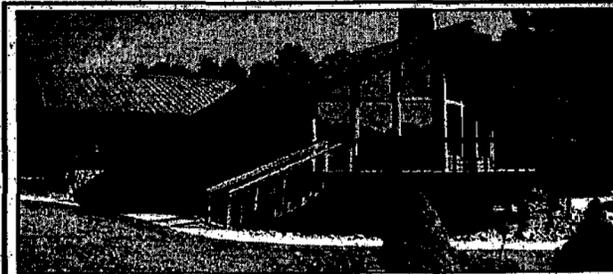
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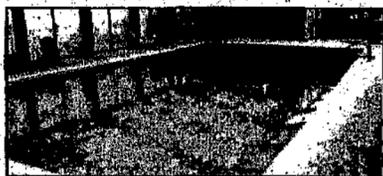
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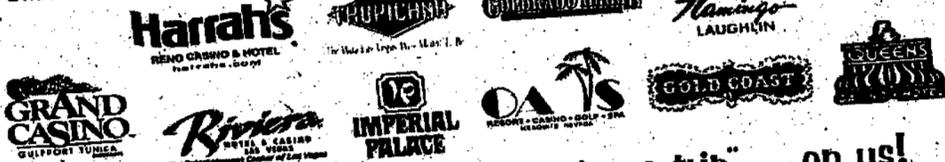
GREAT MOM & POP BUSINESS. Very nice clean 6 room motel w/4g quarters. New carpet and furnishings. Newer roof. Great Sudderth exposure near the river. Turnkey building, land and business. \$462,500. #18402



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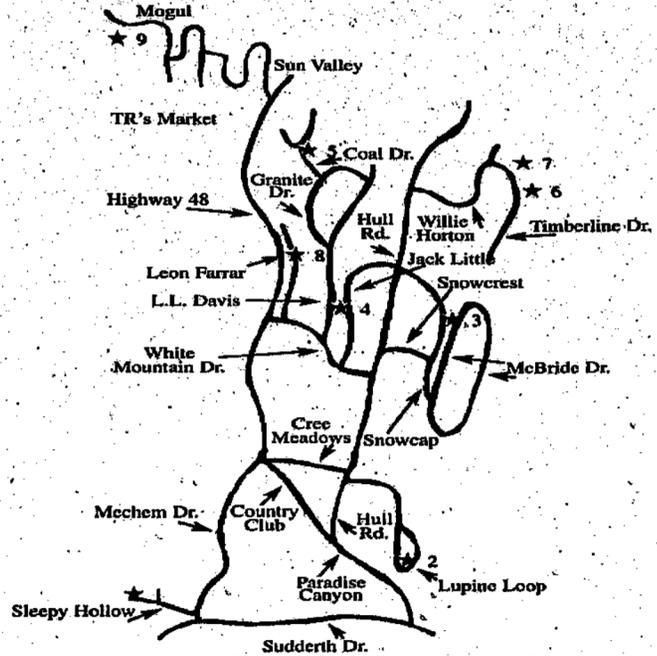
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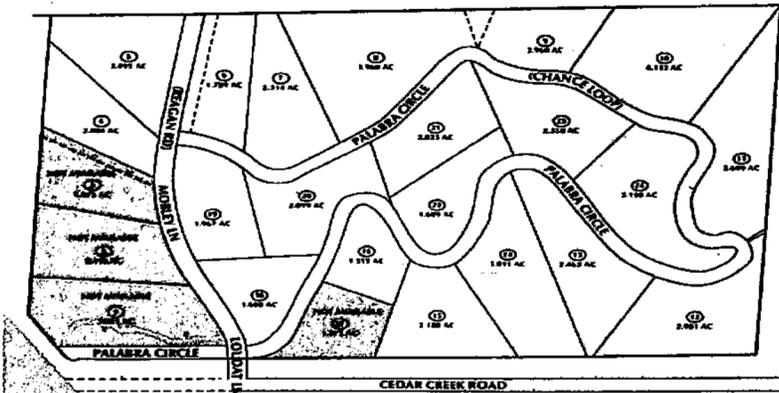
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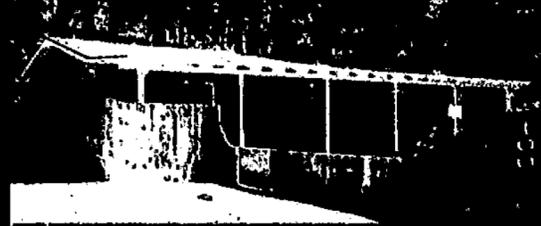
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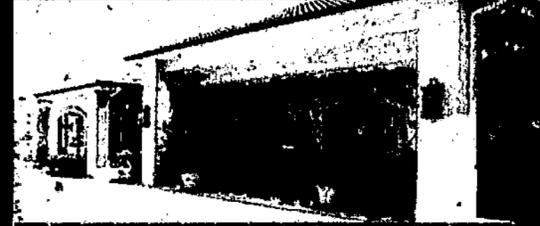
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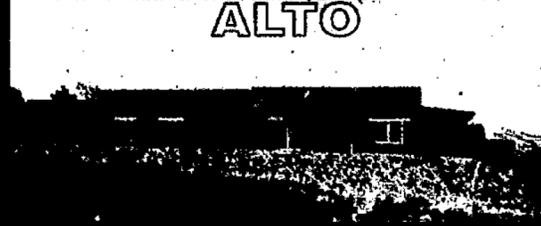
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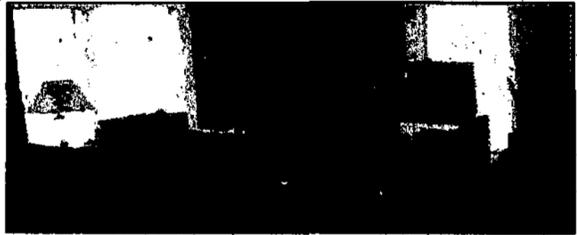
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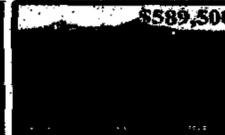


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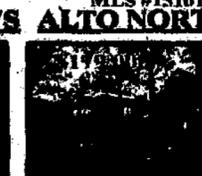
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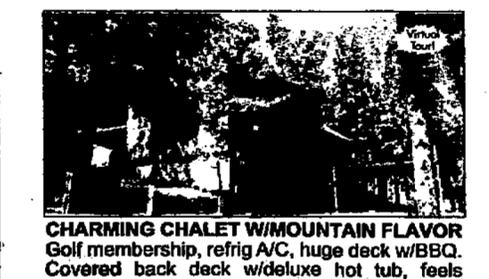
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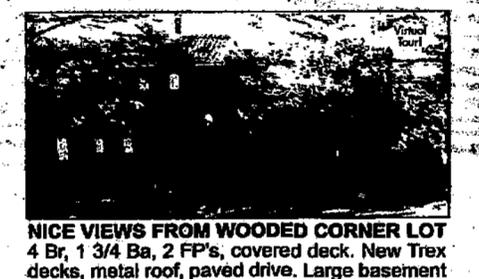
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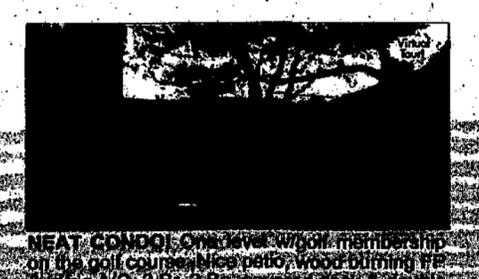
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Local man launches WWI history project

■ Interview collection process leads to documentary film production

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No matter what their age, no matter "where they are in the social chain," Ruidoso's Jeffrey Worthington said viewers of his film, *Lest We Forget: World War II Through Their Eyes*, due out this September, will be able to relate.

"Veterans talk about school, their lives and family, and growing up in the Depression - that contrasts with their experiences in the military and helps people make the journey with them," Worthington said, describing the film as engaging and meaningful.

When completed, just in time for the 51st anniversary of the surrender of Japan that ended the war, the film will be made available to the public as well as to junior high and high school history classes in Lincoln County.

It may one day be available through a distributor, sold in stores and placed among museum archives and library inventories, as well.

From its inception, Worthington said he wanted *Lest We Forget* to be as much about education as posterity. His motivation to undertake such a project came when an elder acquaintance, who had liberated a woman from a Nazi concentration camp, died before he was able to share the full details of his story with Worthington, a lover of history and respecter of the Greatest Generation.

"That woman later became the man's wife," Worthington said, withholding the couple's names.

"I only knew bits and pieces of what this gentleman went through, most of it through second hand. He said I could come and he'd tell me his story, but I never did make the time. It's bothered me ever since that his

story, like so many others, have never been recorded for future generations."

Worthington, 21, said he was moved last August to take one year off from his college education to get his WWII history project going and to "see it through to its end."

Since that time he has interviewed 10 WWII veterans and three people who lived in Europe during the years of 1939 and 1945 collecting nearly 30 hours of video footage and about 20 hours of audio interviews.

"I'm roughly 80 percent done with the video interviews and only have a few more veterans to interview," he said.

Worthington this week is placing a call to persons who served in the Pacific Theater and submarine veterans to come forward for inclusion in the film.

"I don't want any holes in the film and without something from these specific areas I may not have enough to give the big picture," he said.

To that end, persons available for interview, who meet this criteria, are invited to contact Worthington at 937-1361 or jeffreyworthington@hotmail.com.

Donations and grants also are being accepted to help further the project, expensed, to date, entirely by Worthington.

Donations are tax-deductible as in March, Post 67 of the American Legion in Capitan got involved, enabling the WWII Project to proceed under nonprofit status.

Inspiration

With the end in sight to the WWII project, Worthington said he is looking forward to attending film school in Los Angeles and one day creating the type of documentaries and historically-based films of Terry Benedict and Steven Spielberg.

"Terry Benedict is producer of the *Conscientious Objector*, a film about Desmond Doss, the WW II Veteran and Medal of Honor recipient, and Spielberg did *Schindler's List*, a film I admire very much," he said.

"I'd like to one day make films that combine a little bit of what I've learned from both of these men, and their films."

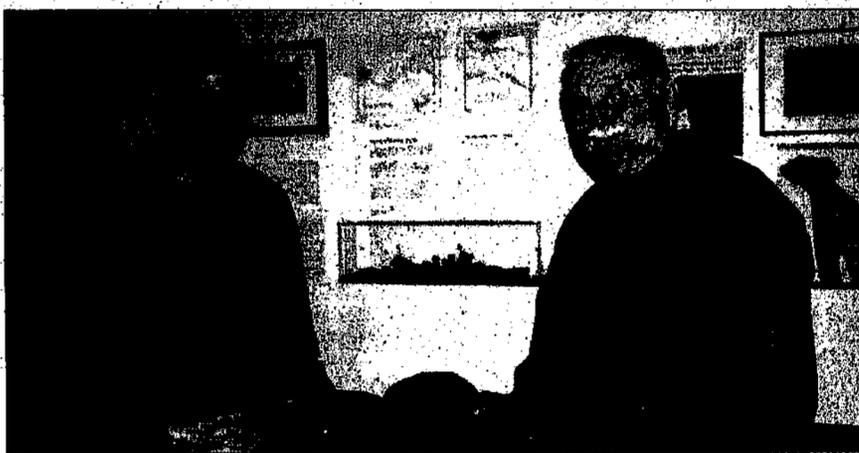
The opportunity to learn is important to Worthington who said he has been encouraged in his World War II History Project by his parents Dr. Dennis Worthington and Loretta, and his sister Janelle.

"We like to watch films as a family and look at the way characters are developed or the camera angles, the way a story is told in general by filmmakers to connect with the viewer. I've kind of been self taught in that way," he said, referring to his recent immersion into filmmaking.

Worthington said he is dismayed that teenagers and people his age often view history as boring and unimportant and wants to be an instrument of change.

"I recently asked some local high school students, who had just finished studying WWII in their American History class if they could remember what they'd learned in that class," he recounted. "They explained that they didn't remember very much because they weren't very interested in it since it was just text on a page. It wasn't personal."

Worthington said it was from that conversation that he decided his film would offer veterans' memories of their own senior proms, dances, high school football games, the jobs they had early in their adulthood, so that today's generation could find within their stories



Lest We Forget producer Jeffrey Worthington with a "Mr. Hall" formerly of Carrizozo. For the past nine months, Worthington has been getting to know Veterans of Lincoln County and others from throughout the State.

"Veterans talk about school, their lives and family, growing up in the Depression - that contrasts with their experiences in the military."

Jeffrey Worthington

parallels on a human level.

Worthington said that while the final production will be one and one-half hour in length, with clippings and photographs from the interviews he's conducted over the past nine months, he will provide each veteran participant with a full length copy of their interviews.

"I felt it was important that they have a copy that they could share with their family and friends," he said.

"After all, this is what the WW II History Project is all about."



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Open Letter to Foster Parents
By Dorian Dodson, Interim Secretary,
Children, Youth and Families Dept.

May 25, 2006

Dear New Mexico Foster Parents:

May is National Foster Care Month, and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the work you do caring for New Mexico's children and families. By opening your home and sharing your heart, you offer help to children and families in crisis and help promote the healing process.

New Mexico's foster families not only provide temporary homes, safety, and nurturing to our children, but they also help children safely reunite with their birth families. And, when reunification is not possible, many of our foster families choose to adopt the children who have been placed in their homes, offering permanency and stability these children would otherwise not know.

Your commitment will have a positive effect on generations to come. You are helping to end cycles of neglect, abuse, and/or drug addiction and are often helping a child be the first in his or her family to finish high school or even go to college. Children leave your home knowing there are many positive paths available to them in life. Often foster parents such as you do not receive the gratitude or recognition your efforts truly deserve. I appreciate all you do and wanted you to know that you are forever changing the lives of these children. Thank you for sharing your family and your home, your encouragement, and your help to change a lifetime for children and families in need.

Sincerely yours,

Dorian Dodson

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Osteoporosis, the silent disease, is not curable but is preventable

Ten million Americans have osteoporosis and another 16 million have low bone mass, placing them at increased risk of osteoporosis, according to the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF).

Osteoporosis often is called the "silent disease" because bone loss occurs without symptoms. The first sign of osteoporosis may be a fracture that occurs as a result of a weakened bone. A sudden strain or bump may be all it takes to break a bone.

Eighty percent of those affected by osteoporosis are women. A woman's risk of an osteoporosis-related hip fracture equals her combined risk of breast, uterine and ovarian cancer. Overall, one in two women and one in eight men over 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture.

On average, 24 percent of hip fracture patients 50 and over die during the year following their fracture, according to NOF.

Though there are treatments for osteoporosis, there is currently no cure. That's why prevention is so very important. The National Osteoporosis

Foundation recommends a combination of these four steps to help prevent osteoporosis:

- balanced diet rich in calcium and vitamin D;
- weight-bearing exercise;
- a healthy lifestyle with no smoking or excessive alcohol use;
- bone density testing and medications when appropriate.

It is preventable

While osteoporosis occurs most frequently in older persons, it's important to start building healthy bones while young. Eating a healthy diet and leading a healthy lifestyle throughout life is important for BOTH women and men.

The following information on the dietary aspects of osteoporosis is provided as information for general healthy eating and should not be considered a substitute for seeking dietary

More dietary concerns

While dietary calcium and vitamin D are important in helping prevent or treat osteo-

porosis, the following dietary concerns also come into play.

Food is best calcium source. Most experts agree food is the best source of calcium as there may be other factors found in calcium food sources that also affect use by the body.



Hints for the Home
BY MARSHA PALMER

LINCOLN COUNTY
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Total calcium load at one time. Your body can best handle about 500 mg of calcium at one time, whether from food or supplements. Consume your calcium foods/supplements throughout the day rather than all at one time.

Fiber - Excessive fiber can interfere with calcium absorption. Dr. Miriam Nelson (author, *Strong Women, Strong Bones*) advises that the fiber occurring in food is probably not a problem. But, if you're sprinkling extra fiber on food, such as bran on cereal, that might affect calcium absorption.

Caffeine - Nelson advises consuming under 400 milligrams of caffeine daily.

Excessive caffeine can increase urinary excretion of calcium. A 6 oz. cup of coffee has about 100 milligrams caffeine - the actual amount would depend on brewing time, etc. Tea, soft drinks and various medications also can contain caffeine. There are about 40 milligrams of caffeine in 6 oz. of regular brewed tea; green tea may contain less caffeine. Some soft drinks are comparable to tea in caffeine content.

Excessive sodium - Excessive sodium can increase urinary calcium excretion. Go easy on the salt shaker; taste before you salt. Limit the number of high salt foods. The Food and Nutrition Board recommends sodium be limited to 2,400 mg daily.

Alcohol - Consuming more than seven alcoholic drinks per week is associated with an increased risk of low bone density and of falls and fractures, according to Nelson.

Oxalic acid - This acid, present in certain foods, such as spinach, chard and beet greens, binds up the calcium in these foods. However, it doesn't seem to affect the calcium in foods served with them. These greens are still good for you and may actually help improve calcium.

Soft drinks - When soft drinks replace milk as a beverage, individuals are drastically reducing the calcium content of their diets.

Protein - Unbalanced, excessively high protein diets could increase urinary excretion of calcium.

Soy - While soy is a nutritious food, not all soy is a source of calcium - check the "Nutrition Facts" panel on the label for calcium content.

Some recent research found calcium from calcium-fortified soy milk was absorbed at only

75 percent the efficiency of calcium from cow's milk.

Fruits and vegetables Research by Tucker and colleagues found a diet high in fruits and vegetables contributed to the maintenance of bone mineral density. The study found whole grains also helped contribute to potassium and magnesium.

Don't like milk

Dairy products are one of nature's most concentrated dietary sources of calcium. But you may not like to drink milk. Here are 10 easy tips for including more milk products in your diet without ever drinking a glass of milk.

- Make oatmeal with milk.
- Add milk to your coffee.
- Make soups with milk.
- Add powdered milk to foods.
- Make instant hot cocoa with milk
- Serve milk-based desserts.
- Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate instead of coffee.
- Use plain or flavored yogurt as a dressing for fruit salads.
- Top baked potatoes with yogurt.
- Enjoy smoothies for snacks.

Taking calcium

If you're unable to obtain the recommended amount of calcium from your diet, the following may help you achieve the most benefit from calcium supplements. Always read the directions carefully, require Calcium carbonate - This supplement requires acid to dissolve and for efficient absorption. As we age, we may not produce as much stomach acid between meals. It's usually recommended a person take calcium carbonate at mealtime

when the stomach produces more acid.

Calcium citrate - This supplement tends to be more expensive than calcium carbonate but doesn't require stomach acid for absorption. It may be taken any time; however, your health care provider may recommend a specific time for you.

Vitamin D - Choose a calcium supplement with vitamin D unless you're already getting vitamin D from other sources. Avoid going over a combined total of 50 micrograms (2,000 IU) from all calcium supplements, vitamin/mineral supplements and foods during the day.

Calcium load

Your body can best handle about 500 mg of calcium at one time, whether from food or supplements. Consume your calcium supplements and calcium foods throughout the day rather than all at one time. If you take just one supplement, it's probably best to take it in the evening.

Food is still important. Nelson advises high calcium foods also contain other nutrients that are important in the diet. She recommends you don't obtain all your calcium from calcium-fortified orange juice and candies.

For additional information about diet and osteoporosis as well as other factors influencing bone health, two excellent resources are the NOF Web site at <http://www.nof.org> and the book, *Strong Women, Strong Bones*, by Miriam Nelson, PhD.

The information in Nelson's book is applicable to men as well as women.

Marsha Palmer is the Home Economist with the Lincoln County Extension Office.

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Three to compete for GOP nomination to U.S. Senate

WALTER RUBEL
For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — U.S. Senate candidate Allen McCulloch said he thinks his experience in a number of areas other than politics make him the best of three Republican candidates vying for the right to challenge Jeff Bingaman in November.

State Sen. Joseph Cararro of Albuquerque countered that he has a mix of both political and professional experience, both in New Mexico and internationally. David Pfeiffer, a member of the Santa Fe City Council and a former Democrat, is running on a campaign of support for the Iraq war and a need to secure the border.

Pfeiffer was involved in his "Walk the Line" project, in which he is walking 185 miles along the U.S.-Mexico border, and was not available for an interview. Comments and quotes for this story were taken from his Web site.

McCulloch, a Farmington urologist, finished first in the preprimary nominating convention, and will be at the top of the ballot. He said he understands water issues from his background in farming and ranching, and also was a former chemical engineer in the oil

and gas industry before going to medical school.

"It really comes down to background in multiple fields that I feel both New Mexico and the United States are in need of leadership in," he said.

Cararro said his experience in the state Legislature gives him an understanding of New Mexicans he said Bingaman has lost touch with.

"He doesn't understand what it's like to be a New Mexican," Cararro said. "He's been a Washingtonian, an elitist back there. He's wealthy, we're not. Being able to represent your constituents, that's a big issue to me."

All three candidates said they think immigration reform should start with border security. McCulloch said the country already has a form of a guest worker program in place, but it is not efficient enough to handle the demand.

Cararro said he disagrees with the portion of the House bill that would make illegal immigration a felony, and said immigrants in the country to work and support their families shouldn't be treated as criminals. He said his parents immigrated through Ellis Island, and went through procedures such as health

inspections. He said he was concerned that without those types of screenings, there was both a security risk and a health risk.

Pfeiffer said 10 percent of the illegal border crossers are other than Mexican. "It is only reasonable to assume that many of these are not here to find a better life," he said.

Pfeiffer said he switched from Democrat to Republican as a result of the response to the terrorist attacks.

"After Sept. 11th, after my former party could not stay the course in our fight for freedom, I endorsed the president's re-election," he said.

McCulloch said the Bush administration has been successful in preventing further terrorist attacks in the United States.

Cararro said other countries in the region, such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel, all have a stake in seeing stability in Iraq, and should contribute more.

"If Iraq ever failed, you'd not only have a civil war but you'd have a regional war that would spill over into many of these countries and by then may be a world war," he said.

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Calderon, DuBois to vie for Democratic ticket to PRC

WALTER RUBEL
For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — Former Hobbs Mayor Joseph Calderon will challenge Tularosa business owner and Otero County Democratic Party activist Stephanie DuBois for the right to face incumbent David King in November for his seat on the Public Regulation Commission.

King, of Alamogordo, is the only Republican on the five-member commission. He is unopposed in the primary.

Calderon, who served on the Hobbs City Commission for 12 years, was also a veteran educator and coach in Hobbs. He said he wants to serve on the PRC to be able to help people, and said that consumer protection would be a top priority.

"It gets in your blood, working

with kids and helping them succeed. And on the City Commission, working with people," Calderon said. "With the PRC, it's just a bigger scope."

DuBois is a former two-time chairwoman of the Otero County Democratic Party. She said she decided to run this year because of a new law that provides public campaign funding for PRC candidates.

She said she also wanted to ensure that King had a challenger in November.

DuBois said she would push for greater production of renewable energy to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels and nuclear energy.



Calderon



DuBois

She said New Mexico could have a growing industry in wind-generated energy.

DuBois and Calderon differed somewhat as to how the PRC

should handle Qwest. The telecommunications company fell some \$220 million short of meeting its investment requirement in New Mexico during its last regulatory agreement, which ended in March.

The PRC has ruled that the shortfall be returned to rate payers, and the company has appealed that ruling to the New Mexico Supreme Court.

DuBois said the company must be made to live up to its obliga-

tions. But Calderon said conditions sometime change.

"Through no fault of their own, their client base went down," Calderon said. "Both sides need to sit down at the table and make cuts."

Asked about the investigation taking place into the actions of Insurance Superintendent Eric Serna, Calderon said that Serna was innocent until proven guilty.

DuBois said she believes the PRC has been able to strike a pretty good balance between regulation and commerce.

"For the most part, I think they do an excellent job," she said. "They try not to overburden the companies that they regulate, and be fair to the consumers. That's not an easy task."

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Democratic trio seeking AG spot

WALTER RUBEL
 For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — All three Democratic candidates running for attorney general say they have both the experience and the plan to deter the kind of corruption that occurred last year in the state Treasurer's Office.

Gary King, a former state representative who challenged Steve Pearce for his U.S. House seat in 2004, will face former assistant attorney general Geno Zamora and Lemuel Martinez, the district attorney in the 13th Judicial District, in the Democratic primary. The winner will face Republican Jim Bibb in November.

Incumbent Attorney General Patricia Madrid is completing her second term, and is not eligible to run for re-election. She is, instead, challenging Heather Wilson for her U.S. House seat.

King said that if elected, he would propose a new task force be created with experts from both the Attorney General's Office and State Auditor's Office - "forensic auditors who can go in at the slightest hint that there's trouble and audit the books and be able to pick out any schemes that might be going on within an agency," King said.

King said that while in the Legislature, he was a primary sponsor of the state's open meetings and

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Democratic challengers promise changes in auditor's office

WALTER RUBEL
 For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — Thomas Buckner describes himself as a lifelong Democrat who was embarrassed by the scandal in the treasurer's office, and wants to do something about it.

Buckner and Jeff Armijo, his opponent in the Democratic primary election for state auditor, are both seeking elected office for the first time. Buckner said he has been involved in the Sandoval County Democratic Party, and has worked to get others elected. He said he became motivated to run for auditor after the arrests of former treasurers Michael Montoya and Robert Vigil on federal charges alleging kickbacks.

"One of the reasons I'm in the race is because I'm embarrassed and I'm appalled at what's happened over there," Buckner said. "And I want to try to keep that sort of thing from happening in the future."

Domingo Martinez is completing his second term as auditor, and must vacate the position. Republican Daniel Alvarez will face the winner in November.

The primary function of the auditor is to oversee nearly 600 audits that are conducted every year for government entities of all levels, throughout the state. Buckner said that if elected, he would give extra scrutiny to

securities trades by the treasurer's office.

"I will compare those trades to trades in the market that day and make sure the trades are done on a comparable basis to other trades in the market, and I will include that as part of the state treasurer's auditor's report," Buckner said.

Armijo, a 17-year military veteran who now owns a travel service company, said that if elected, he would rely on his leadership skills and experience as a successful businessman.

"The biggest part is managing the process for those 600 audits," he said. "So, it's critical that you've got to make sure that you hire, inspire and manage talented people."

Buckner said if he were elected, the department would take a more aggressive approach in following up on audit "findings" to make sure problems are corrected. Right now, the auditor simply sends a letter, and it is up to the department to resolve the findings, Buckner said.

"Findings are a weakness," Buckner said. "It could be just the beginning of a big problem, or it could be that you have a big problem."

"I will be monitoring those and making sure that they're



Buckner



Armijo

resolved in a timely manner."

Buckner said past audits of showed cash accounts that had not been reconciled.

"That's a red flag," he said. "Somebody should have been balancing those."

Buckner said he has a lifetime of experience in the area of audits, having worked in the financial world since 1959, including jobs with both the Attorney General's Office and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., where he was responsible for the internal audits.

Buckner and Armijo both had generally favorable comments about Martinez, but said they would make changes to the office if elected.

"A bold new vision and a plan will ensure financial success, especially in rural New Mexico and for smaller financial institutions," Armijo said. "There needs to be an opportunity for us to impact the front end of accounting in order for us to have a timely, more high-quality audit."

Armijo said he wasn't ready yet to discuss the specifics of his plan.

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AG RACE

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inspection of public records laws. He said that transparency in government will help control corruption.

"In cases where an agency is mispending their money, hopefully their are opportunities for people to go in and ferret out that data," he said.

King said his office would be aggressive in dealing with any illegal activity by elected officials.

Zamora said he would propose the creation of a "Public Integrity Commission," which would be added to the Constitution and have the authority to hold hearings on complaints against public officials, subpoena witnesses and make impeachment recommendations.

The commission would be similar to the Judicial Standards Commission, which deals with



King



Zamora



Martinez

complaints against judges, Zamora said.

Zamora said he would also push for legislation requiring that public and elected officials receive ethics training. He said his office would send lawyers throughout the state to conduct the training.

And, Zamora said he would ensure that enough resources were devoted to prosecuting

cases involving public officials.

Martinez said what is needed is more of a prosecutorial approach, which he can provide.

"In these critical times, when violent crime is on the rise, when the use of drugs is on the rise, when our public officials are being prosecuted for corruption, which I think appears to be on the rise, as well as an increasing number of con artists who are

trying to prey on our innocent people here in New Mexico ... it's time we got a prosecutor to be the attorney general to take that prosecutorial approach to protecting New Mexicans," Martinez said.

All three candidates said they have the best experience in the field. Zamora said his work as assistant attorney general under Tom Udall gives him knowledge

of the office, and has time as chief legal counsel under Gov. Bill Richardson gives him experience in working with the legislature.

King said he served on the Judiciary Committee for 12 years while in the Legislature, getting to review nearly every new law that was passed. He also chaired the Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, which dealt with consumer protection legislation. And, he said he gained experience in running large agencies while at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Martinez said he's the only candidate with experience as a chief law enforcement officer. He said he already runs a staff of attorneys, and manages a state budget.

"The attorneys that I will bring into the office get excited about doing trials," he said. "They get excited about public safety. If they wanted to make money, they would have gone

into private practice."

Zamora and Martinez both said that if elected, they would open an office in Las Cruces. King did not make the same commitment, but said it was a "good idea."

King also said that he would propose legislation requiring paroled child sex offenders to wear global positioning bracelets. He said he would also work to help victims of domestic violence and to shut down drug manufacturing in the state.

Zamora said he'd like to form a task force to examine the state's open meetings and open records laws and how they apply to today's modern technology.

Martinez said his office would be ready to step in when local officials decline to prosecute, and said they would be vigilant in protecting the state's water and environment.

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Familiar faces in secretary of state primary

WALTER RUBELE
For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — Two of the four Democratic candidates for secretary of state have held the office before. A third is the county clerk in the largest county in the state. And, all four say that, if elected, they would bring needed changes to the office.

Stephanie Gonzales and Shirley Hooper are both former office holders. Mary Herrera is Bernalillo County Clerk, and Letitia Montoya is a former candidate for the office. Early voting started this week for the June 6 primary election for the seat being vacated by Rebecca Vigil-Giron.

Republican Vickie Perea will face the winner in November.

Gonzales served as secretary of state from 1991 to 1998. She said this time she has an eight-point plan to improve the office.

Included on Gonzales' plan is instituting same-day voter registration. Gonzales said voters would need two forms of identification to register at the polling place. She said in other states it has increased voter turnout, especially among minority populations.

"People are busy working multiple jobs and raising a family, and they don't have time to get their voter registration in order," he said.

Other points on Gonzales' plan include increasing civics education, increased funding for both the state office and county clerks and improving the department's technology. Gonzales said she supports the state's change to paper ballots.

"You could not guarantee that votes on a touch-screen machine would not be hacked into," she said.

Herrera said she decided to run for office about two years ago after airing her frustrations with other county clerks.

"We just do not get the support that we need as county clerks, and the training's really vague," she said.

In each of the last two years, the Legislature has passed election reform bills where several different bills are rolled into one.

"There were so many bills, and some of them were ridiculous, some of them were impossible, some of them were expensive, some of them were easy," she said. "We're still have some problems there."

Herrera said if elected, she would be more aggressive in making sure legislators understood the impact of proposed legislation.

Herrera said she would also like to implement some of the recommendations of a statewide election reform task force she served on last year.

"Nothing got passed," she said. "We sat on the task force

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Challengers abound for Public Regulation Commission District 5 seat

WALTER RUBEL
For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — Incumbent E. Shirley Baca faces challengers in both the primary and, should she win there, November's general election in her bid to retain her seat on the Public Regulation Commission. Sandy Jones, a former road construction company owner, will challenge Baca in the primary. The winner will face either C. Earl Greer, Doyle D.

Pruitt or E. Kent Evans, who are squaring off in the Republican primary.

Early voting started this week for the June 6 primary.

Jones said he and his wife ran a road construction business for 25 years, and had to deal with the PRC and other regulatory agencies. He said he would like to streamline the process, especially for small businesses and small domestic water associations.

Jones said much of what

he's read about the PRC recently hasn't been good - with an ongoing investigation of Insurance Superintendent Eric Serna and a pending lawsuit by former State Rep. Max Coll dealing with title insurance.

"There's a fair amount of controversy up there," Jones said. "The insurance superintendent is in the paper. It has the appearance of operating almost in a crisis mode up there right now. That's not to say that it is, but it's certainly

getting a lot of press, and a lot of distractions are going on up there right now that may divert from the work that needs to be done."

Jones did not mention the December 2004 arrest of Baca at the Albuquerque Sunport Airport on charges of marijuana possession. The charges against her were dropped on the day the case was scheduled to go to trial in May, 2005.

Assistant District Attorney Peter Decker said at the time

that he decided to dismiss the charges based primarily on a ruling by Judge Christina Jaramillo that statements made by Baca at the time of her arrest were inadmissible.

"It was dismissed for lack of evidence, and because the police officer had lied," Baca said.

Last year, Baca was found in "technical violation" of PRC rules for using a member of the Insurance Division staff to file a personal claim for her after a

fire at her rental property. "I made no financial gains from it, but I used bad judgment by using a special staff person to help me, which I apologized for and will never do again," Baca said.

Baca said she has been involved in a number of important initiatives in her first term, and would like to carry them through.

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Republicans out to clean up District 5 seat of PRC

WALTER RUBEL
For the Ruidoso News

SANTA FE — Republican candidates for Public Regulation Commission in District 5 said they want to help clean up some of the problems that have plagued the commission in recent years.

"The reason I'm running is, I

looked and saw malfeasance and crookedness and ladies running around the airport with marijuana. I'd like to be part of the solution," said Doyle Pruitt, one of three Republican candidates in the race.

Pruitt will be challenged by former Farm Bureau President C. Earl Greer and Doña Ana County Commissioner D. Kent

Evans in the June 6 primary. Early voting has already begun. The winner will face either incumbent E. Shirley Baca or Democratic challenger, Sandy R. Jones.

Baca was arrested in December, 2004 on marijuana-possession charges at the Albuquerque Sunport Airport. Those charges were dismissed on

the morning that Baca was to have stood trial in Albuquerque.

Evans said that he would not make Baca's arrest a campaign issue, but added "she's got some serious baggage. If I was in her shoes, I'd step down. But, that's her decision."

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and submitted all the changes, and nothing got passed."

Hooper said she is the only candidate with experience as both a secretary of state and a county clerk. She served as secretary of state from 1979 to 1983, at a time when officials could only serve one term. She was later county clerk in Lea County.

Hooper said she also has experience working in both the judiciary and legislative branches. She had been working until this year in the Santa Fe Clerk's Office, but stepped down to run for office. At age 70, she said she was not ready to retire.

"When I went back to work, I saw how much I was able to help people because of the knowledge I have and the experience," she said. "I got that public-service feeling again, and I figured that was a sign from above that I was not supposed to keep my retirement status."

Hooper said she has long been a supporter of paper ballots.

"I believe it will increase voter turnout, because it leaves a perfect paper audit trail, which is the ballot itself," she said.

Montoya said she ran for secretary of state eight years ago, and sees many of the same problems now that existed then.

"People are just so discouraged with the voting issues, where they feel like their vote isn't actually being counted," she said.

She said in the past, the Secretary of State's office has not been responsive to complaints. And, she said two of her opponents were in office when many of the election problems occurred.

"You see these old secretaries of state coming back constantly. My feeling is, we need a fresh breeze of new ideas, because from what I understand from the League of Women Voters, a lot of the voting problem started 30 years ago," Montoya said.

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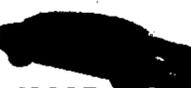
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<p>NOTICE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT RELOCATION APPLICATION</p> <p>Pursuant to the requirements of New Mexico Air Quality Control Regulation 20NMAC 2.27 WW Construction, Inc., 1000 Gabaldon Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104, hereby announces its intention to apply to the New Mexico environment Department, Air Quality Bureau to relocate their existing 20NMAC 2.72 air quality permit #1405 for a Hot Mix Asphalt Plant. An air quality relocation permit is sought to allow WWC Inc. to operate a 300tph plant.</p> <p>The proposed location of this facility will be approximately 13.8 miles north of Ruidoso on NM Hwy 48, 2 miles east of NM Hwy 48 on Copper Ridge Rd. See 12, R13W, TWS1Q5, Lincoln County.</p> <p>Comment or inquires regarding this permit should be directed to:</p> <p>Program Manager Technical Analysis & Permits Section New Mexico Environment Department Air Quality Bureau 2048 Galisteo Santa Fe, NM 87505 (505)827-1464</p>	<p>Free pregnancy test, Contraception, 258-1800</p> <p>Patricia S. Ortiz Attorney at Law Family Law General Civil and Criminal Litigation 714 Mechem Ruidoso 505-638-0046 Fax: 638-1222</p> <p>Small Boy's Bicycle Found At 209 Steady Lane Owner Call 258-5793</p> <p>To place a classified ad phone 257-4001</p>	<p>HUNGRY? NEED FOOD? We will help you in Jesus' name. Also free one on one New Testament teaching. Call We will help. 808-0533/336-9116</p> <p>HUNGRY? NEED FOOD? We will help you in Jesus' name. Also free one on one New Testament teaching. Call We will help. 808-0533/336-9116</p> <p>To place a classified ad phone 257-4001</p> <p>Legal Notices #7169 4T (5) 17,19,24,26</p> <p>STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT LINCOLN COUNTY</p> <p>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEE L. CARGILE DECEASED.</p> <p>NO. 2159</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims</p>	<p>will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 107 River Lane Rd. Ruidoso Downs.</p> <p>Dated: May 11, 2006 /s/ Leah Cargile 1043 Opal St Los Alamos, NM 81544 505-661-2495</p> <p>VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing, in a regular meeting on June 13, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a transfer of ownership only of a Dispensary License, The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing</p>	<p>Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has give preliminary approval of this license.</p> <p>The name of the applicant is Coyote Investment Corporation whose address is PO Box 1261, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, to be used of the business Coyote Cantina, located at 2408 Suddorth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345.</p> <p>Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Irma Nava, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 258-4343 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.</p> <p>VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO</p> <p>BY: /s/ Bertha Polanco, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>#7173 2T (5) 19, 26</p> <p>VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing, in a</p>	<p>regular meeting on June 13, 2006, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a transfer of ownership only of a Inter-Local Dispensary License, The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has give preliminary approval of this license.</p> <p>The name of the applicant is Casa Blanca Restaurant, Inc., whose address is 3001 E. Lohman, 110-311, Las Cruces, NM 88001, to be used of the business Casa Blanca Restaurant, located at 501 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the Village Clerk, Irma Nava, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, (505) 258-4343 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.</p>	<p>VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO</p> <p>BY: /s/ Bertha Polanco, Deputy Clerk</p> <p>#7176 4T (5) 19, 24, 26, 31</p> <p>TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO</p> <p>IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SPENCER A. HALL, Deceased.</p> <p>Cause No. PB-05-40</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, c/o Fredo Howard McSwane, 1096 Mechem Dr. Suite 302, Ruidoso, NM 88345, or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District</p>	<p>Court, DATED: The 6th day of December, 2005.</p> <p>/s/ FREDA HOWARD Personal Representative</p> <p>JULIANNE HUFSTEDLER LEONARD, P.C. Julianne Hufstедler Leonard 1221 Mechem Dr. Suite 1 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345 (505) 258-1070 866-885-7124 Attorney for Personal Representative.</p> <p>#7186 1T (5) 24, 26, 31</p> <p>Request For Proposal</p> <p>The Alto Lobos Water & Sanitation District is requesting proposals for Audit Services for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Proposals will be received by the ALWSD, PO Box 866 Alto, NM 883132 until 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 2006. Proposals received after the closing time will be rejected. The ALWSD reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the District.</p> <p>Bob Allen, Secretary & Vice-Chair #7189 1T (5) 24,26,31(6)2</p> <p>Region IX Education Cooperative is seeking proposals for daily to end from-school transportation services for 2006-</p>	<p>Technicalities as deemed in the best interest of the District.</p> <p>David Winans Secretary #7187 1T (5)24</p> <p>Request For Proposal</p> <p>The Alto Lobos Special Zoning District is requesting proposals for Professional Services Audit Services. Proposals will be received by the ALSZD PO Box 578, Alto, NM 88312 until 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2006. Proposals received after the closing time will be rejected. The ALSZD reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and waive all informalities as deemed in the best interest of the District.</p>
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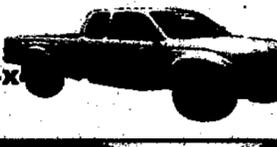
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 Share house w/ rent room, no smokers, nice 3bd/2ba house, \$325 & bills included. Small pets OK. References. Lvs msg. 937-1137

Mobile Home Rental 308
 2 BEDROOM MOBILE- FENCED WARD EN. CLOSET DECK, NICE!! \$600/UTILITIES PAID. 257-3388

2 BR/1 BA in Capitan
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 405 Flume Canyon Log Style Lodge 3 bed/2 bath, 2 1/2 carport, 3 levels, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, Summer Seasonal rental or longer term, furnished/unfurnished, owner/agent, Sierra Blanca Realty, 257-2576

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 Screened Porch WBST convenient to town, No Pets. No Exceptions. \$550. Monthly Security Deposit. References 334-1952

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 3bd/2ba, nice home to rent, close to Upper Canyon. Fully furnished, includes towels, linens, dishes, w/d, \$1200/month. Bills pd. (800) 632-9481

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RUIDOSO!!
 NIGHTLY/WEEKLY RENTAL in the Mountains, and Pines on 2 Acres. Relax and enjoy the view from the wrap around deck, and watch the wildlife in this completely furnished 3bd/2ba home. Fully furnished, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, W/D, Satellite, telephone. Close to shopping, fishing, fine dining, track, casino & night life. Just 10 minutes to the airport. Call for reservations 505-336-8287

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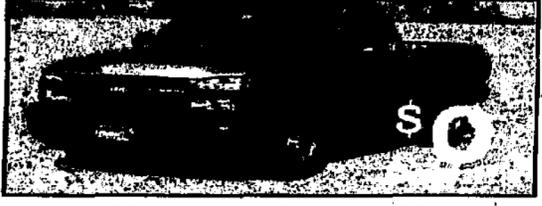


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'97 GMC Suburban SLT, used, #2640PA	\$9,886*	'04 Hyundai Sonata, used, #2091	\$11,886*	'05 Chevy Impala, used, #2627	\$13,886*	'06 PT Cruiser, used, Auto, AC, #2714	\$14,886*
'05 Chevy Aveo, Auto, used, #2656P	\$9,886*	'05 Grand Am, used, AT, AC, #2044	\$12,886*	'05 Ford Focus, used, #2730	\$13,886*	'06 Chevy Hum, used, #2713	\$17,886*
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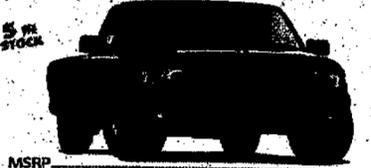
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STX

- CLOTH - A/C
- OVERDRIVE
- DUAL AIRBAGS
- ANTI-LOCK BRAKES
- FUEL INJECTION

SAVE \$5,201

'06 FORD F150 reg. cab



MSRP \$20,925
 FORD REBATE \$3,500
 AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT \$2,926
 FMC CASH \$500

\$13,999 or **0% APR** or **\$199**
 PER MONTH LEASE

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XL

- A/C
- OVERDRIVE
- DUAL AIRBAGS
- FUEL INJECTION
- REAR ABS

SAVE \$6,926

'06 FORD Escape



MSRP \$19,995
 FORD REBATE \$2,000
 AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT \$1,100

\$16,895 or **0% APR** or **\$285**
 PER MONTH LEASE

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XLS

- A/C
- OVERDRIVE
- FUEL INJECTION
- AM/FM STEREO
- CD PLAYER

SAVE \$3,100

'06 FORD Explorer



MSRP \$27,175
 FORD REBATE \$2,500
 AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT \$2,176
 FMC CASH \$1,500

\$20,999 or **0% APR** or **\$289**
 PER MONTH LEASE

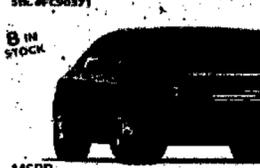
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XLS

- V-6 - A/C
- AUTO - CD PLAYER
- DUAL AIRBAGS
- FUEL INJECTION
- REAR ABS

SAVE \$6,176

'06 FORD Fusion S



MSRP \$17,795
 FORD REBATE \$1,000
 AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT \$1,296
 FMC CASH \$500

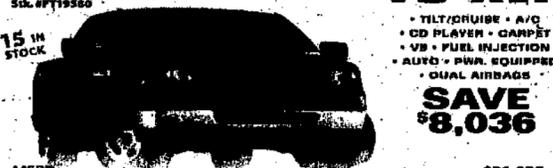
\$14,999 or **0% APR** or **\$239**
 PER MONTH LEASE

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- PWR. WINDOWS
- PWR. LOCKS
- TIPT/CRUISE
- A/C
- CD/STEREO

SAVE \$2,796

'06 FORD F150 supercrew V8 XLT



MSRP \$31,035
 FORD REBATE \$3,000
 AUTOPLEX DISCOUNT \$2,536
 FMC CASH \$1,500

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 PER MONTH LEASE

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- TIPT/CRUISE - A/C
- CD PLAYER - CARPET
- V-8 - FUEL INJECTION
- AUTO - PWR. EQUIPPED
- DUAL AIRBAGS

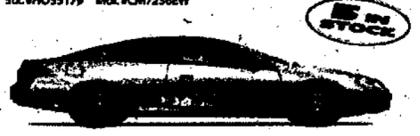
SAVE \$8,036



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MSRP \$21,375
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$3,376

\$17,999

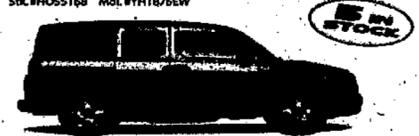
'06 HONDA CRV LX



MSRP \$20,945
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$1,946

\$18,999

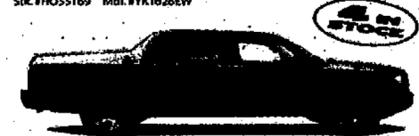
'06 HONDA ELEMENT 5 DR.



MSRP \$21,475
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$2,476

\$18,999

'06 HONDA RIDGELINE RT



MSRP \$28,250
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$4,351

\$23,899

2006 Hyundai ELANTRA



MSRP \$15,220
 Hyundai Rebate \$1,000
 Autoplex Discount \$1,221

\$12,999 or **\$2,221**

*After all rebates and discounts. TTL extra. Military discount available to active duty military.

2006 Hyundai SONATA GL



MSRP \$19,690
 Hyundai Rebate \$1,000
 Autoplex Discount \$2,181

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MSRP \$24,670
 Hyundai Rebate \$500
 Autoplex Discount \$1,171

\$22,999 or **\$1,671**

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'06 Mazda 6i

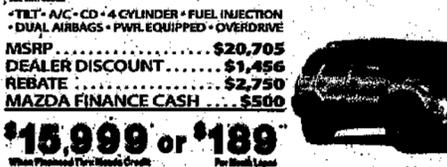


MSRP \$19,730
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$1,731
 MAZDA FINANCE CASH \$500

\$14,999 or **\$129**

*When Financed Through Mazda Credit. †LEASE: 24 month lease. First mo. payment, tax, license, \$800 security deposit and \$2,604 due at lease inception. †Factory financing in lieu of rebate, OAC.

'06 Mazda Tribute



MSRP \$20,705
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$1,456
 REBATE \$2,750
 MAZDA FINANCE CASH \$500

\$15,999 or **\$189**

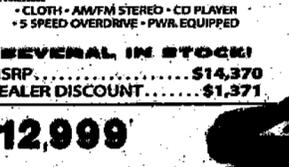
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MSRP \$14,370
 DEALER DISCOUNT \$1,371

\$12,999

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