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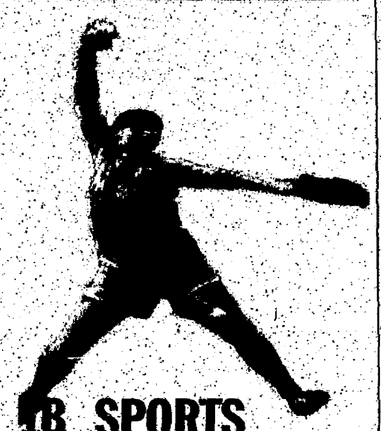

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# Downs clarifies stance on sewer

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*"If I was in the Mescalero leadership, I'd have accepted the same deal if I had the chance. How could I fault them? They did nothing except make a good business deal on their part and we have no ill feelings."*
*— Downs Councilor Jeffrey Dean Holman*

The uproar over prices paid by the City of Ruidoso Downs for sewage prompted council members to speak up on the subject at Monday's meeting.

City Council had a new chapter in the city's code of ordinances to approve on the agenda, which redefines sewer service charges for Downs residents and placed closer scrutiny on those not already connected to the city's sewer system.

But before any discussion could be brought up on that measure, councilor Dean Holman decided to set things straight on how he felt about a deal set up between the Village of Ruidoso and the Mescalero Apache tribe for sewer service.

Under that agreement, Mescalero pays Ruidoso about $3,500 per month for sewage connection, while Ruidoso Downs has been paying an average of $21,000 per month, according to information provided by Ruidoso Downs City Manager John Waters.

According to information from the New Mexico Environment Department's annual rate survey of 102 municipalities in the state, Ruidoso Downs had the ninth-highest commercial sewer rate and 24th-highest residential sewer rate. Compare that to Ruidoso's ranking in those two services (37th and 42nd, respectively), and one can see why city officials and residents are concerned.

Some have pointed to the agreement between Ruidoso and Mescalero as part of the problem, but Holman said he was reticent to blame the Mescalero tribe for the problem.

"I don't think there is any apology necessary from Mescalero," Holman said. "If I was in the Mescalero leadership, I'd have accepted the same deal if I had the chance. How could I fault them for accepting a deal I myself would have

See **RATES**, page 8A

# New district courthouse complex likely

■ Second-floor addition to present structure appears to fade as a viable option

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Although they didn't rule out a second-floor addition to the county courthouse, Lincoln County commissioners lean toward building a new district court complex in Carrizozo to provide extra judicial space.

It won't take much for that lean to tilt into a full-scale tumble for a 12th Judicial District Court complex next to the county jail on county-owned land in the Carrizozo Airport Industrial Park.

That would open up the old courtroom for use by visiting judges.

Bob Calvani of Nims Calvani Architects and engineer George H. Bradley of Chavez-Grieves Consulting Engineers, Inc., walked commissioners through their initial review of what might be involved in an alternative to creating a second story on top of the existing courthouse on U.S. 54.

### 2nd floor testing

They estimated a cost of $50,000 to complete soil testing, to check out building materials to destroy and repair a slab for foundation information and to prepare a report for commissioners on what they found.

"We couldn't find any drawings (to confirm the structure was built to accommodate a second floor)," he told commissioners. "It looks heavy duty, like it was designed for a second floor, but we need to test the floor, the concrete, find out if there is rebar in the walls for lateral support," he said, ticking off various jobs to analyze the option.

"There also is a huge difference in building codes between now and 1964 when it was built. You have seismic lateral

See **COMPLEX**, page 10A

## RIDING FOR THE BRAND

JULIE CARTER/STAFF

**It's branding time** on the Bar W ranch west of Carrizozo. Among the participants this year is long-time rancher and Carrizozo resident Henry Vega. See Home & Family, page 9A, for a pictorial look at the activities.

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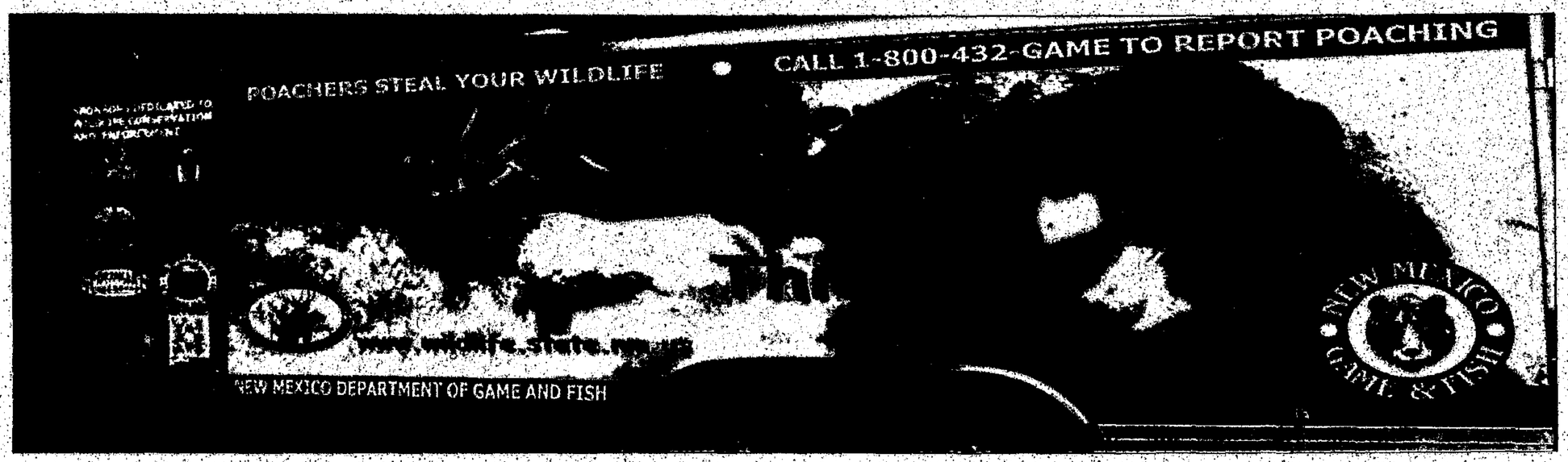


## POACH COACH

**The Poach Coach** is a new educational program provided by the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish through Operation Game Thief. The van is on display at community events, fairs and other public gatherings. Inside is a selection of wildlife mounts of animals killed by poachers and confiscated by DGF such as bear, dear, oryx, elk and bighorn sheep. The van was on display during the Carrizozo FFA Career Development Event March 3 at Carrizozo Schools.

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## Sandia meeting

Members of the Sandia Project Working Group will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, in the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce board room.

The working group is composed of representatives from the local governmental entities, including the Village of Ruidoso, City of Ruidoso Downs, Mescalero Tribe, Capitan and Lincoln County, as well as up to seven "constituencies" as identified by their prior submission of a "constituency declaration form."

Also invited to attend are "resource providers," such as representatives of the State Engineer's Office, U.S. Geological Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Pecos Valley Water Users Organization and others.

Because the Chamber board room is not large, limited seating is available for non-members who wish to observe the process. Any non-member who wants to attend should e-mail Mike Byrnes at mike.byrnes@enmu.edu.

## Spay/neuter program

After two months of raising money, new group PAW gave out its first 25 free Spay Neuter Certificates to area veterinarians last week. In addition, each vet donated an extra spay/neuter surgery, bringing the total to 30 certificates that will be used each month.

Anyone who is on some form of government assistance should present to a vet a Letter of Determination from whatever agency they are receiving assistance from. The vet will make a copy for PAW, complete the certificate and schedule the surgery. Once the surgery is completed, the vet signs the certificate and sends it back to PAW for payment.

Certificates are available at are veterinarians' offices.

## Alto Lakes meeting

Members of the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., April 5, in the Stag Room at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1 Mulligan Drive, Alto.

## Brownie collection

The young girls of the Ruidoso Brownie Troop #60007 have been saving their pennies not for a rainy day but for the residents of the Nest domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

The girls made "bird banks" for the Nest and filled the banks with the hundreds of pennies and other coins. In all, the Brownies collected and donated $41.05.

Brownie Troop Leader Milly Martin recently presented the Bird Bank to the staff of the Nest, which is operated by the local nonprofit organization, Help End Abuse for Life.

The Nest began sheltering residents on March 1st. Prior to the opening of the Nest, victims of domestic violence were forced to go out of town to Alamogordo or Roswell if they were seeking safe shelter from their abusers. The Nest became a reality for Lincoln County victims of domestic violence because of community support like that of the young Brownie Troop.

If you are a victim of domestic violence or know someone who needs shelter or assistance, please call the Nest at 378-6378. All services are free and confidential.

COURTESY THE NEST

**From left to right** are (front row) Debbie Lupton of HEAL, Milly Martin of Brownie Troop # 60007 and Carrie Calkins of HEAL; (back row) the Nest Shelter Manager Mary Kihega and Lynn Lyman.

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## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

| Wed 3/28 | Thu 3/29 | Fri 3/30 |
|---|---|---|
| 61/39 | 57/39 | 61/39 |
| Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s. | Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s. | More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s. |
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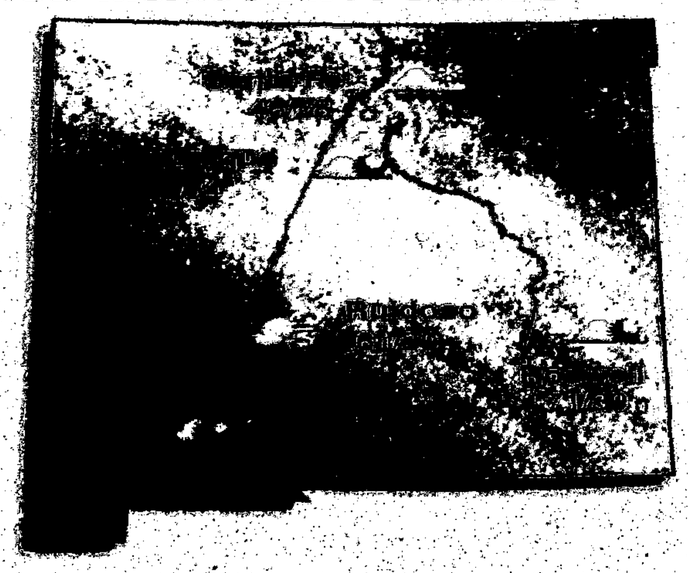
### New Mexico At A Glance




**Moon Phases**

| First | Full |
|---|---|
| Mar 25 | Apr 2 |
| **Last** | **New** |
| Apr 10 | Apr 17 |

**UV Index**

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|---|---|---|
| Wed | 3/28 | Very High |
| Thu | 3/29 | Very High |
| Fri | 3/30 | Very High |

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alamogordo | 70 | 39 | mst sunny |
| Albuquerque | 56 | 34 | pt sunny |
| Carlsbad | 74 | 41 | pt sunny |
| Chama | 37 | 22 | mixed |
| Clovis | 69 | 36 | pt sunny |
| Deming | 63 | 33 | mst sunny |
| El Paso, TX | 66 | 43 | mst sunny |
| Espanola | 55 | 31 | mst sunny |
| Farmington | 49 | 26 | mixed |
| Gallup | 49 | 21 | mixed |
| Grants | 49 | 23 | mixed |
| Guymon, OK | 75 | 41 | windy |
| Hobbs | 77 | 44 | pt sunny |
| Las Cruces | 65 | 40 | mst sunny |
| Las Vegas | 49 | 27 | t-storm |
| Lordsburg | 63 | 34 | mst sunny |
| Lubbock, TX | 76 | 43 | pt sunny |
| Odessa, TX | 79 | 46 | pt sunny |
| Raton | 54 | 28 | t-storm |
| Roswell | 71 | 39 | pt sunny |
| Santa Fe | 46 | 28 | mixed |
| Santa Rosa | 63 | 37 | windy |
| Silver City | 53 | 24 | pt sunny |
| Socorro | 62 | 34 | pt sunny |
| St. Johns, AZ | 44 | 30 | sn shower |
| Taos | 49 | 23 | mixed |
| Trinidad, CO | 52 | 32 | t-storm |
| Truth or Consq. | 62 | 37 | mst sunny |
| Tucson, AZ | 86 | 42 | mst sunny |
| Tucumcari | 66 | 35 | pt sunny |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 63 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Boston | 56 | 32 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 55 | 51 | rain |
| Dallas | 82 | 64 | cloudy |
| Denver | 52 | 35 | t-storm |
| Houston | 80 | 66 | pt sunny |
| Los Angeles | 70 | 50 | sunny |
| Miami | 80 | 67 | pt sunny |
| Minneapolis | 58 | 51 | rain |
| New York | 59 | 36 | pt sunny |
| Phoenix | 72 | 52 | mst sunny |
| San Francisco | 64 | 43 | sunny |
| Seattle | 51 | 41 | cloudy |
| St. Louis | 76 | 60 | t-storm |
| Washington, DC | 68 | 44 | rain |

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## SIGNING IN

**A new sign,** bottom left, for the Lodge at Sierra Blanca is about to replace the Hawthorn Suites sign on Mechem Drive at the entrance to the Ruidoso Convention Center across from the police station, in a photo taken last week.

COURTESY STACY HAMILTON

# State disagrees with Nogal contention of a blind spot

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State transportation officials don't agree with residents of Nogal that a hill entering the settlement creates a blind spot and a sign should be installed to warn motorists that vehicles could be pulling out of a hidden driveway.

Gaylan D. Young, District 2 Engineer with the DOT, wrote County Manager Tom Stewart that the hump "does not prevent northbound vehicles from being seen by vehicles at the driveway attempting to enter the highway."

County commissioners in March requested a sign warning drivers of a "hidden driveway" ahead.

"We do not feel that (a sign) is necessary," Young responded.

Stewart told county commissioners last week he has received no feedback yet on a request to the DOT for signs to warn motorists that cyclists frequently use Airport Road. The route heads from New Mexico 48 to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport past The Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts and is a favorite of cycling enthusiasts and those training for competitions.

IN ACTION LAST WEEK, COMMISSIONERS:

• approved moving ahead with Phase III of the U.S. Geological Survey water study of the Rio Hondo Basin. USGS official Paul Blanchard, who is handling the study, estimated the cost to the county at $47,500 in 2007 and $50,000 in 2008, and will cover installation of monitoring devices. Approval is subject to receipt of an agreement with the USGS. The study covers an area that includes Fort Stanton, San Patricio, Ruidoso, Hondo and Capitan.

Stewart said $100,000 received from the state Legislature in the January-March session should eliminate any annual budget impact.

• awarded to Ruidoso Paving, a division of WWC, the only qualified bidder, a contract for $49,640 for a 40-foot by 24-foot concrete pad over a collapsing culvert. Stewart said LaMay Construction of Capitan bid $24,341, but did not post a 5 percent bid bond, as required in the specifications. Commissioner Don Williams asked if anything could be done because of the significant price difference, but County Attorney Alan Morel said without the bond, the bid was not responsive and could not be accepted. The county threshold requiring a written bid is $20,000.

"(LaMay) was very apologetic," Stewart said. "He's just getting back into it and didn't realize he needed the bond, although it was listed in the specs."

• awarded a 3.29 mile resurfacing contract in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates to Ruidoso Paving at $368,812. La May bid $351,840, but again lacked the necessary bond. Two other companies submitted substantially higher bids.

# County road mileage count increases slightly

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Ever wonder what Lincoln County road crews do all year when not battling floods and snow storms?

They're trying to maintain more than 800 miles of county roads.

Last week, county commissioners approved the annual certification of total mileage of roads maintained by the county on April 1, as 802.446461 miles.

"In reviewing last year's report of 792.97 miles, about 10 miles of roads were added due to misalignments and misclassifications between public and private from previous years," County Manager Tom Stewart told commissioners.

"With our new digital mapping, our fine tuning of mileage is gaining steadily in precision."

He credited Rural Addressing Administrator Connie Stone with coming up with the exact figures using her specialized equipment, including global positioning satellite technology that creates layered maps.

A topographical base rendition can be enhanced with county roads, municipa' boundaries, subdivision outlines, state roads and other features in consecutive layers.

Commissioner Tom Battin expressed surprise that the number of miles didn't increase more due to numerous developments going up.

Stewart said the county lost some miles when officials with the town of Carrizozo annexed land into that municipality and many subdivisions feature private roads.

"Some (public roads in developments) aren't built yet," he added. "After a two-year wear period, they'll show up."


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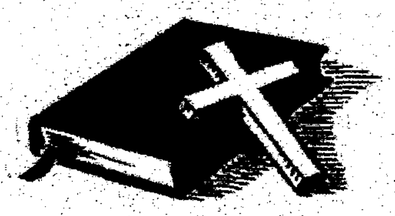


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OUR OPINION

## Meeting to be held on nuclear proposal

### Fortunately, Lincoln County is included in the loop

We urge all citizens concerned about the effects of a possible nuclear waste reprocessing plant near Roswell to attend today's 1 p.m. meeting on the proposal.

The meeting takes place at the Ruidoso Convention Center and is to include a PowerPoint presentation and question-and-answer session with site promoters Gandy-Marley, Inc. and EnergySolutions.

A public hearing on the subject will also be held at 6 p.m. today at the Roswell Convention and Civic Center.

We should credit the Marley family, longtime ranchers and farmers in the region, for including Ruidoso in the loop on this extremely important topic. It was not incumbent upon them to do so.

And we are pleased that the discussion should touch on the issues significant to Lincoln County – namely, transportation safety and tourism.

The *Ruidoso News* remains steadfastly opposed to a center on New Mexico's beautiful Eastern Plains storing and reprocessing nuclear waste. What price jobs, not to mention water, when the southeastern quadrant of the state – along with Eunice and Carlsbad – earns a reputation as the nation's radioactive dumpsite?

We trust that Gandy-Marley, Inc. and EnergySolutions would take every safety precaution regarding such a facility in what is their own backyard, too. If they could *guarantee* our safety, we might listen.

NED CANTWELL LOOKING ASKANCE

## The difficult arena of modern teenage management

No one is going to side with me on this deal. This is a fossil speaking. An old fogey.

You're talking to a guy here whose teenage years were so tame his high school senior song was a rewrite of "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." I still get teary-eyed.

Kids our age weren't puritans. Anything but. We did just about all the things kids do today. Here's the difference. Our adult keepers – parents, brothers, sisters, teachers – knew what we were up to, but they didn't signal approval. Giving into one's natural instincts was understood, not condoned.

There was no "okay, we know you're drinking so you might as well drink at home and stay off the roads." Or, "listen, you two are going to grope one another anyway, and we don't want you parking out on some remote, dark highway; so you just march straight up to that bedroom."

Fast forward. Zoom the camera onto Highland High School in Albuquerque where a campus club, with teacher approval, made a rap CD they sold for $5 each. The kids are student rappers, singers and DJs practicing to do their thing.

Most of the CD was relatively innocent. "Can't Feel No Better" was the exception.

Here's what *Albuquerque Journal* writer Debra Dominguez-Lund said about the song: "[It] includes the word 'ass' at least three times, has a male and female student taking turns rapping about how they'd like to impress each other with their sexual skills – even though, as the song says, they don't care to know each other's names."

Why would a school sanction such blatant sexuality? Well, look, these kids are going to talk like that, anyway. Off or on campus they will present themselves in a provocative manner, so why not just sponsor it?

That's seems to be the attitude of club sponsor Heather McGuire. Heather is a Highland English teacher. She claims she tries to promote positive message and limit vulgarity in student lyrics. Sometimes though, Heather indicates, questionable content slips by.

And here comes that "they do it anyway" excuse. "My thing was that they can hear as much on the radio and that this is their self-expression, and at least it's done where I can talk about it."

Pardon me, Heather, but that is sheer idiocy. That's like saying, "You know, I know these kids are going to smoke pot so I would rather they do it right here in the classroom so I can talk to them about the danger of drug addiction."

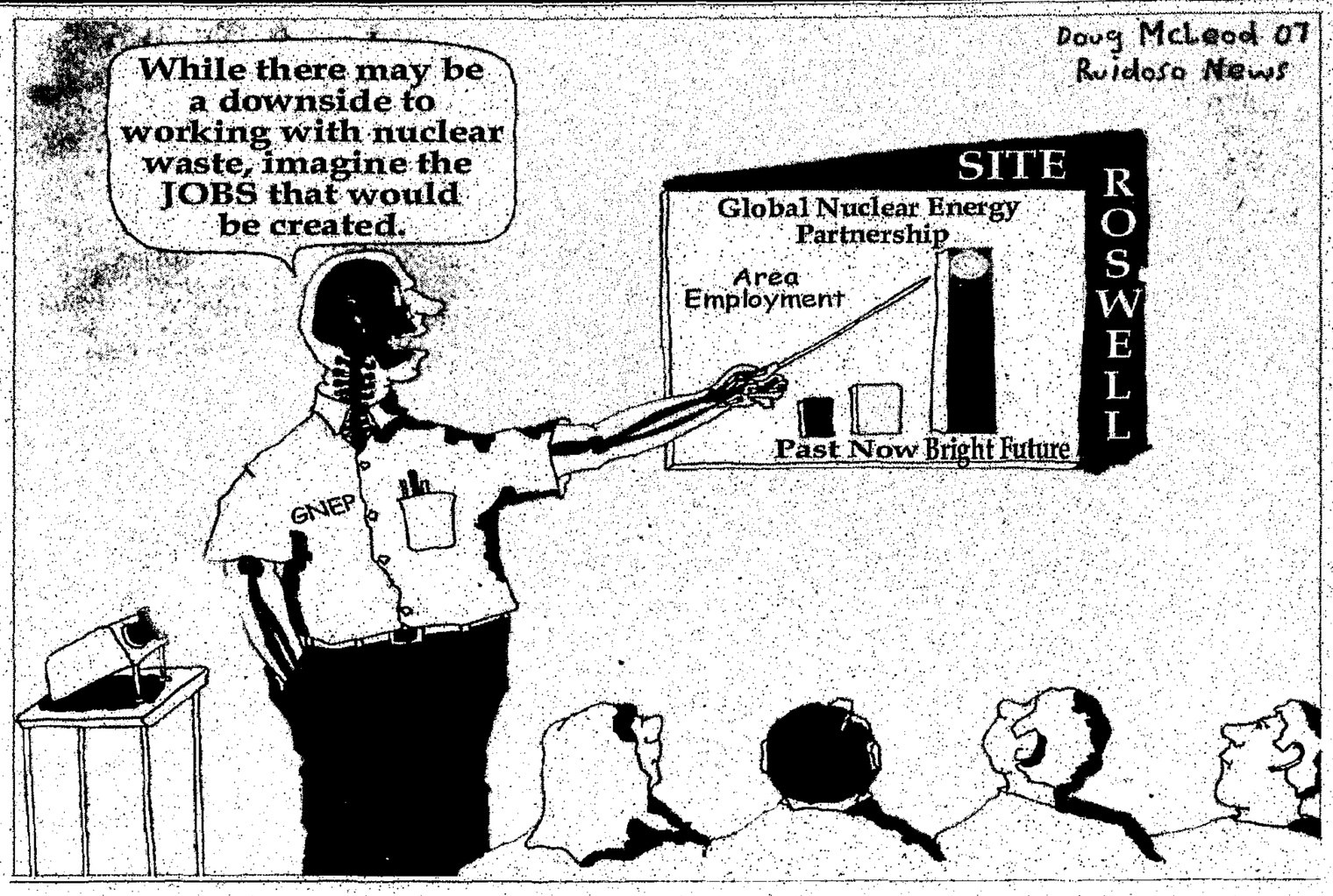
For her part, Highland High Principal Nikki Dennis said the CD should have been censored. She personally took the blame. This principal with guts deserves credit for standing up and taking the heat for teacher Heather McGuire who, we suspect, is a caring person trying her best in the difficult arena of modern teenage management.

Telling teens "no" is a risky concept these days. Ask Laura Sessions Stepp. Stepp wrote a book, *Unhooked*. Its premise is that the practice of "hooking up," entering casual, often one-encounter sexual relationships with no strings attached, can have long-term devastating damage for young women.

Sessions was roundly criticized. She is called "retro." Retro, I submit, is not always bad. Second, the author's detractors, says a *New York Times* report, claim the book is "out of sync with the current climate of high-achieving girls…"

There you go again. Back in the old fossil days we had a name for it, but it sure wasn't "high achieving."

*NED CANTWELL – ncantwell@beyondbb.com – thinks "Be Bop A Lulu" was edgy.*




YOUR OPINION

## Downs not angry at Tribe over sewer rates

To the editor:

I AM WRITING TO CLARIFY the questions and concerns that our city and governing board have voiced during our recent sewer rate hearings and council meetings.

To begin with, I would like to emphasize that the City of Ruidoso Downs and its governing body bears no ill will or negative feelings towards the Mescalero Apache Tribe. I have worked together with the tribe for many years and look forward to working with President Chino and the Mescalero Apache Tribe to acquire funding ftom our congressional delegation for the much-needed additions to the wastewater treatment plant.

As the City of Ruidoso Downs was not invited to participate in the negotiations between our partner, the Village, and the Mescalero Apache Nation, we are not a party to their agreement We are not calling for changes in their contract or increases in the tribe's rates. Those matters are strictly between the village and the tribe.

What our City Council does have a problem with is the fact that our businesses and citizens pay far higher rates than those in our neighboring village. In fact, the state tells us that our citizens and businesses in Ruidoso Downs pay a sewer rate that is higher than those in Ruidoso, Roswell, Alamogordo and Tularosa. Our citizens and businesses, who pay a sewer bill as I do, feel every month's bill as a constantly increasing strain on their fixed- and lower-income family budgets.

That problem is complicated by the fact that our citizens and businesses are again asked to raise their rates. The increase is necessary to cover the ever-increasing Village of Ruidoso billings for the operation of the wastewater plant. Citizens and businesses in both towns should be paying close to the same amount.

Sure, there might be a difference between Village and City customers due to the economy of scale, but that difference would be small, as we both operate the same wastewater plant.

As per state law, sewer and water operations are classified as "enterprise" funds. This type of fund can only be supported by revenues created by that specific operation. In layman's terms, this means money generated from sewer and water bills is the only money that can be used. Therefore, sales (or gross receipts) tax, grants, property taxes, etc. cannot be used to pay for the sewer operation. Only our residential and commercial sewer bills can pay for the big monthly sewer charge from the Village and keep our own neighborhood sewer lines clean and maintained.

The other thing that state law says about an enterprise fund is that the expenses cannot exceed the revenues. Last year the amount of money charged to us by the Village exceeded what was budgeted and approved by the Joint Use Board (and City of Ruidoso Downs) by over $21,000.

We in Ruidoso Downs do not raise these concerns to be difficult with our neighbors. We just want to pay what everyone else is paying. Our billing problems remain with our neighboring municipality, not the Mescalero Apache Tribe. I was elected to represent my proud and progressive little city to the best of my ability. I believe that I speak for the City Council when I say that we just want to be treated fairly and equitably.

*Bob Miller, Mayor*
*Ruidoso Downs*

**Sewer rate tables for Ruidoso Downs**

| YEAR | AMOUNT PAID BY CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS TO VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO FOR OPERATIONS PLUS REQUIRED RESERVE | 15 PERCENT AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR JOINT LOANS |
|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | $37,900 | |
| 1998-9 | $43,200 | |
| 1999-2000 | $70,600 | |
| 2000-01 | $80,800 | $8,000 |
| 2001-02* | $90,700 | $8,000 |
| 2002-03 | $99,500 | $0 |
| 2003-4 SEWER RATES UP 35 PERCENT | $116,813 | $13,302 |
| 2004-5 SEWER RATES UP 5 PERCENT | $140,062 | $13,833 |
| 2005-6 SEWER RATES UP 5 PERCENT | $188,132 | $13,881 |

| CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR BY PERCENTAGE | |
|---|---|
| 1997 | -18.49 PERCENT |
| 1998 | 13.98 PERCENT |
| 1999 | 63.43 PERCENT |
| 2000 | 14.45 PERCENT |
| 2001 | 12.25 PERCENT |
| 2002 | 9.70 PERCENT |
| 2003 | 17.40 PERCENT |
| 2004 | 19.90 PERCENT |
| 2005 | 34.32 PERCENT |

*Note that even though we have raised rates over the past four years, we have also reduced our own line maintenance budget by $50,000 annually. That said, we are still unable to keep up with the expenses generated by the Village and passed on to us.*

## A fitting gesture for Chavez

To the editor:

Thanks to all who flew flags and/or yellow ribbons in memory of Steven Chavez. It was a fitting gesture for a worthy young man – and support for his parents, Eddie and Novelda.

Appreciation also goes to those who provided food to feed the many who traveled to the area to honor Steven. At least five different public safety agencies kept the mourners safe, and Hondo Valley Schools was generous with the use of its facilities; it was team action at its best.

Gratitude should also be expressed to Cindy Gomez for her coordination efforts in many events surrounding the farewell to the local Marine. She and her husband Godfrey are descendants of pioneer Valley families and, fortunately, keep the traditions.

*Joe Hudson*
*Ruidoso*

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CHUCK HALL THE CULTURE ARTIST

# Ecopsychology: joining ecology and psychology

Last weekend I got a chance to drive through the rural countryside where I grew up. Much of the land has been clear-cut for rural subdivisions and shopping centers. The loss of the forests and fields where I grew up hit me hard. It was like losing an old friend. When you grow up in a rural environment, the nature that surrounds you becomes a part of you. It changes the way you think and feel about yourself.

In March I will be presenting research at the University of South Carolina on the topic of Ecopsychology. Ecopsychology ties ecology and psychology together. The basic theory behind the field of study is that the environment around us impacts our mental health. I first got interested in the subject when I read that people who live in urban settings are twice as prone to depression as those who live in rural settings. Ecopsychology show us that nature has the power to heal us mentally as well as physically.

In researching the many beneficial effects of nature, I discovered that therapists throughout the world have used the healing power of nature to enhance therapy for their clients.

Facilitated wilderness trips have been used to successfully treat everything from depression to addiction. Experiencing nature has been demonstrated to lead to enhanced relaxation and better functioning of the immune system. Nature experiences have also been demonstrated to enhance self-awareness and self-actualization. Many people have deep spiritual experiences in the woods.

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The benefits of nature are not limited to those who live in a rural setting. Studies have found that patients in hospitals who have a view of a garden heal much faster than people who don't have such a view.

People who decorate their homes with living houseplants are less depressed than people who don't. Those who have the space for a backyard garden can also reap health benefits from tending their fruits, vegetables and flowers. Home gardens have been linked to greater levels of overall relaxation and reduced stress.

If you don't have a backyard and don't have the room for houseplants, you can still reap the benefits of nature. Dr. James Gramann of Texas A & M University, in a 1999 study, demonstrated that simply listening to the sounds of nature (recordings of birds singing, waterfalls, etc.) might significantly reduce stress.

The human race lived for millennia in nature. The urbanization of humankind is a fairly recent development. By experiencing nature as often as possible in our lives we are placing ourselves back into our natural world. Losing our wild places can sometimes be as traumatic as losing a family member.

Considering the many benefits of nature, when we fail to take care of the environment, we are failing to take care of ourselves.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

# Private land conservation in U.S., New Mexico soars

SID GOODLOE
*Southern Rockies Agricultural Trust*

Capitan – A remarkable victory was declared recently by private land trusts across America, including the Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust (SRALT), which have saved three times more land per year over the past five years than over the prior comparable period, according to a new report by the Land Trust Alliance.

Between 2000 and 2005, the total acreage conserved by local and state land trusts nearly doubled to almost 11.9 million acres, an area twice the size of New Hampshire.

By comparison, land trusts in New Mexico conserved over 100,000 acres as of December 31, 2005, an increase of over 200% in the past 5 years.

The National Land Trust Census, the nation's only tabulation of the achievements of the private, voluntary land conservation movement, describes how people in their own communities are helping to safeguard water quality, preserve working farms and ranches, and protect wildlife habitat and other natural areas.

An example of conservation in New Mexico in the last three years is SRALT's holding of easements from Las Vegas to Deming. With development pressure intensifying throughout the state, our ranchers are relieved to know that their ranch will be there for their families after they are gone.

The top ten states with land protected by land trusts are (in decreasing order): California, Maine, Colorado, Montana, Virginia, New York, Vermont, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

Regional differences in the style and pace of land conservation abound in the Land Trust Alliance's bi-annual report. The regions experiencing the highest percentage growth in conserved lands were the Southwest (148 percent gain) and the Southeast (139 percent).

Another national trend shown in the report is a dramatic increase in the use of conservation easements (a voluntary private agreement that restricts future development, while allowing continued traditional uses such as ranching, farming or forestry).

Acres under easement in the U.S. more than doubled over the past five years. The report credits this increased usage both to available federal, and in some cases, state tax incentives, and the stark reality that many conservation groups – particularly in highly developed areas – can no longer afford to buy the property outright and instead are finding that conservation easements are more cost effective.

Last summer, the President signed a new law that increases the federal tax incentive for donations of conservation easements, with special provisions to help small family farmers and ranchers. This change will help average people who may own environmentally valuable land, but do not have a lot of money to do their part in conserving the fabric of their communities.

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Many states have recently passed bond referenda that leveraged millions of federal and private sector dollars for land conservation. New Mexico allows state income tax benefits for land owners who want to protect their land from development and preserve open space, wildlife habitat and family agriculture.

Recently, the 2007 New Mexico Legislative session passed HB 990 which allows state income tax credits to be sold if not needed by the land owner. Finally there will be significant financial incentive available to land owners to protect open space and family agriculture.

The Land Trust Alliance (national organization of Land Trusts) President Rand Wentworth said, "The success of land trusts and private land conservation boils down to this: when people see the natural qualities of their environment where they live being destroyed, they are willing to stand up and take action. And they are increasingly winning."

*The Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust was organized in 1999 by ranchers and community leaders to protect family agriculture, open space and wildlife habitat. It currently holds Conservation Easements on over 10,000 acres of ranchland in three New Mexico counties. The Southern Rockies Agricultural Land Trust is based in Lincoln County, New Mexico. For more information, call 505-354-2379.*


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## Capitan School Board will interview new superintendent candidates

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The Capitan Board of Education will interview three candidates for the position of superintendent of schools Saturday afternoon.

Each candidate will give a brief background followed by a question and answer period by parents or community members in attendance.

Applicants for the position are:

• Dr. William Bobbe – Currently a fourth-year principal at Estancia Elementary with five years elementary principal experience in New Mexico and 16 years superintendent experience in Wisconsin.

• Greg Spradling – Currently a sixth-year high school principal at Durango High School in Durango, Colo. with six years experience as high school principal at Roswell High School in Roswell and six years as high school principal at Cuba High School in Cuba, N.M.

• Dr. Sheri Williams — Currently a sixth-year director of school leadership at Boulder Valley Schools in Boulder, Colo. with five years elementary principal experience in Colorado and two years superintendent experience in Granby, Colo.

Candidates will meet with faculty and staff in the high school library in 45-minute sessions from 1-2:45 p.m. Parents and community members are invited to meet with candidates in the multipurpose room from 2-3:45 p.m. and the tour of the campus for each candidate will take place 1-3:45 p.m. For more information, contact the Capitan Schools administration at 354-2239.

At the March 8 regular board meeting, new board members Mitch Young and Nate Dunn were welcomed and the board reorganized the officer positions. James Fields was elected president, Ed Vinson is the new vice president and Robin Parks assumed the duties as board secretary.

## Choices explored at RHS

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"It was a stirring presentation." "It was cool – no, not really cool, you know, but really thought-provoking." "It made me really think about how some of my friends act toward people who are 'different' from them."

These were some of the student comments heard at Sunday evening's opening of a new national touring exhibit hosted by Ruidoso High School and currently on display at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center. Developed by the Center for Holocaust Education Foundation (CHEF), and sponsored by the New Mexico Foundation for Human Rights Projects, "Choices: Through the Eyes of Students" uses the Holocaust as a springboard for discussing how youth may act to prevent acts of persecution and injustice. "Choices" is a 21-panel exhibition that explores the choices that people make when it comes to issues of human rights. The main focus is the history of Nazi Germany, but attention is also devoted to modern society and the dilemmas and choices young people make today.

CHEF attempts to make the history of the Holocaust relevant to contemporary society. This implies taking the experiences of young people seriously and working with them to explore the lessons of the past and to take a close look at today's work. The emphasis is on trying to better understand the decisions that people make, especially young people, when confronted with human rights violations and injustice. What choices do we make when we come face to face with racism and racists, with bigotry and bigots? How do we resolve the dilemmas we often face when we are called upon to make a choice? CHEF does not pretend to have answers to the many questions relating to issues of tolerance and intolerance. Their educational approach, reflected in their website and educational materials, promotes critical thinking about such issues and a challenge not to seek simple and convenient answers to complicated problems.

PHOTO BY MARIN GOZA

**Student docent** Madison Wren leading a group of RHS students through the Choices exhibit at RSPAC.

While the exhibit is especially poignant for classes studying Holocaust history, it also promotes discussion of the choices students make to either contribute to or prevent acts of injustice in their own lives, such as bullying and discrimination. The exhibit also discusses practices, such as stereotyping and scapegoating, which foster mass movements of violence.

As part of the preparation for the display's arrival in Ruidoso, select Ruidoso High School students received training to act as docents for the exhibit. The training session was held in Albuquerque, and included work with a Dutch concentration camp survivor, Cor Suijk. Suijk was 16 years old when the German army invaded Holland in May 1940. He was going to school in the city of Bussum when significant changes began. All Jews in Holland had to leave public schools in 1942. Suijk decided, like most students, not to get involved when the Jewish teachers and his fellow students were sent from school. Then, when he heard about the suicide of his Jewish classmate, Joop, he was devastated. He felt that if he and others would have been more supportive of their classmate, Joop might still be alive.

Suijk then saw a round-up (razzia) where male Jews were forcefully arrested in the presence of their girlfriends, wives and children. He and his family decided to help Jews find hiding places near his hometown. One day he was caught by German troops and arrested. He was thrown into a prison and then a camp, which was horrible. People

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PHOTO BY MARIN GOZA

**Student docents** Terra Wallace, Micaiah Marshall, and Travis Romero being trained in Albuquerque by Dutch concentration camp survivor Cor Suijk.

## Community College gets grand opening

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Eastern New Mexico University diginitaries and local business leaders alike finally got to see the full finished product of the newly remodeled ENMU-Ruidoso campus at a "Business After Hours" event Thursday.

"Any time I get to come to Ruidoso is a good day," said ENMU President Steven Gamble, who had come to the mountains from Portales with several other ENMU faculty and staff to celebrate the facility's grand opening. "We got this branch campus when the getting is good. The school has since expanded 19 percent since

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TODD FUQUA/STAFF

**Former ENMU-Ruidoso** director Jim Miller pauses with a plaque honoring his committment to the community college. The plaque will appear in the school's "Hall of Fame" as a testament to his years of work solidifying the local campus and leading it to a branch campus status.

## ENMU-Ruidoso garners Legislative support

Results of the just-completed regular 2007 legislative session give ENMU-Ruidoso a financial boost in several areas. The most significant bill passed by the governor was Senate Bill 827. The Ruidoso campus will receive an appropriation of $800,000 for facilities improvements next year.

"This money will help us fully develop our existing campus and provide seed money for future expansion of our facilities," said Provost Mike Elrod. "All in all, this was a very productive session not only for ENMU-Ruidoso but for other schools and governmental projects throughout Lincoln County."

Beyond the capital outlay bill, the ENMU-Ruidoso campus will receive additional operating funds next fiscal year to further expand academic and career and technical education and Adult Basic Education classes and programs, plus give faculty and staff an average 5 percent compensation increase.

Elrod is especially thankful to area legislators and the governor for their strong support of the growing campus. Representatives Dub Williams, Dan Foley, Nora Espinoza and Senators Tim Jennings and Rod Adair are to be commended for their dedicated efforts to bring home much needed resources to Lincoln County."

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## DECEMBER BUZZY BEES

COURTESY PHOTOS

**Buzzy Bees** for December at Nob Hill Elementary. Back row (l-r) Aiden Huey, Caroline Stephens, Caleb Chee, Ezra Gonzales, Rosario Magana, Thomas Hernandez, Hailley Plata. Middle row (l-r) Alfonso Gomez, Skyler Romero, Alyssa Colmenero, Jonathan Holcomb, Paola Segovia, Erika Jarvis. Front row (l-r) Andres Castro, John Robinson, Philman Pike, Lewis Figuroa

## EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Teacher of the Year

Nominations are being sought for the New Mexico History Teacher of the year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The award is designed to promote and celebrate the teaching of American history in classrooms across the United States.

This year, only K-6 teachers are eligible for nomination. The deadline is May 15. For more information, contact Denise Johnston, New Mexico Coor-dinator, at (505) 467-2551 or djohnston@sfps.info.

### ENMU-Ruidoso classes

• April is "Spring into Art" Month. Join the fun with a variety of art workshops for adults including; watercolor, acrylics, drawing, and mosaics. For the kids, enroll today in "Art After-School." Classes start the first week of April. Space is limited so register today.

• ENMU-Ruidoso is now offering Salsa and Nightclub dance lessons beginning in April. Salsa is considered one of the hottest dances today, emphasizing lots of body movement, lively turns and fast-paced rhythms. Nightclub will introduce students to many of the dances that will often be suitable for the music played at local dance venues. Dance classes are held at the Dance Gallery in the Sierra Mall in Ruidoso and cost $35 per student. Salsa and Nightclub dancing classes will meet Tuesday evenings, April 3-24. Salsa lessons are 7:30-8:30 p.m. and Nightclub lessons will be from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration for these and other classes can take place by telephone, mail, fax or in person at the ENMU Customized Training office located in the Lincoln County Works Center, 707 Mechem Dr. For more information, call Coda Omness or Fred Reed at 630-8181 or 1-800-854-4712, or by e-mail at coda.omness@emnu.edu or reedf@enmu.edu.

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last spring, and that's phenomenal.

"Times are good now, but the best days are ahead."

The university has been recently remodeled thanks to $1.25 million dollars raised by a general obligation bond approved by New Mexico voters in 2004.

Among the new additions are a larger library and bookstore, four new classrooms and two student commons areas. Offices have also been reorganized and students and staff alike have commented how much the campus now feels like an actual campus.

"We had a few challenges at first, including a collapse of the far wall from all the rains we had this summer," said Provost Mike Elrod. "But we moved right ahead with the renovations."

The evening concluded with the presentation of a plaque honoring former director Jim Miller, who served as the school's director since its inception in 1991.

## CHOICES

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were constantly taken to be interrogated, tortured, and, sometimes, killed. Shortly after arriving at the prison, Cor recognized a familiar face. It was his classmate, Erik, who was wearing an SS uniform. He had become a Nazi. Suijk secretly asked Erik for help, but Erik barked back, "Don't count on me, bastard." Suijk remembers how he and his classmates used to always tease and bully Erik at school. Today he wonders if this influenced Erik's choices.

Another project for Ruidoso students resulted in a multimedia presentation that can be viewed with the exhibit. Based on a collaborative exchange developed at the University of Alabama, the Sticks + Stones project encourages its participants and viewers to consider ways humans (either intentionally or unconsciously) develop stereotypes and judgments based on our surface interpretations of others. Artists in the project developed portraits of others based solely on the answers to questions concerning material appearance and cultural affiliations. The subjects of the portraits then responded to the ways in which they were visually interpreted – or in some cases misinterpreted – by the artist.

Ruidoso High School teacher Marin Goza explained how, in Ruidoso's version of the Sticks + Stones project, 11th grade AP Language and Composition students answered the following questions from the original project on a 5 x 7 inch postcard.

• Male or female?
• What are the brands of clothes you're wearing today?
• What kind of car do you or someone from your family drive?
• What color are your eyes?
• How do you greet your friends? (such as a special handshake, language, or phrase)
• How long have you owned the shirt you are wearing?
• What is one item you routinely wear?

• Answer only one of the following:
• Where do you live?
• What religion do you practice?
• What is your ethnic background?

Students were encouraged to be visually and verbally creative in their responses. The postcards were then dispersed among 2-D Design students, who made digital portraits of the writers, based on their responses to the questions. Finished portraits were returned to their subjects, who responded in poetry to how they were represented in the portrait.

"Our hope was that students on both sides of the project would consider how they judge others (and themselves) based on the clothes they wear, cars they drive, and languages they speak," Goza said. "Ultimately, we are more than visual and verbal representations of ourselves, and to make a choice to understand someone beneath the surface is to make a step toward understanding."

"The Sticks and Stones project was a very rewarding experience," reported 11th grade writer Joy Patrick, "and I'm glad I was able to be a part of it. It really helped me to see that there's more to people than just what you see on the surface, and you should always get to know someone before you assume things about them."

The resulting multimedia display and the 21 panels of "Choices: Through the Eyes of Students" will be on exhibit through this Friday. Anyone interested may may preview the exhibit and download discussion information targeted for teachers from CHEF at http://www.chef.org/1_exhibition.htm. The exhibition is appropriate for students fifth grade and up, and student-guided tours are being given daily. The exhibit is also open to the public Thursday evening from 5-7 p.m. in the foyer of the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Warrior Drive.


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**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS**

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Thursday, March 29
**TIME:** 6–9:30 p.m.

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## Minimum monthly sewer charges in Ruidoso Downs

Monthly charges by year as approved by the Ruidoso Downs City Council at Monday's regular meeting

| Account Type | Dates effective | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | April 30-June 30, 2007 | July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 | July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 | July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010 | July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011 |
| Residential | $17.72 | $18.25 | $18.80 | $19.36 | $19.77 |
| Commercial | $37.94 | $38.47 | $39.02 | $39.58 | $39.99 |
| Residential outside city limits | $34.18 | $34.71 | | $35.82 | $36.23 |
| Commercial outside city limits | $74.61 | $75.14 | $75.69 | $76.25 | $76.66 |
| Institutional-Industrial | $49.16 | $49.69 | $50.24 | $50.80 | $51.21 |
| Availability charge | $13.23 | $13.76 | $14.31 | $14.87 | $15.28 |
| Multi-unit residential, per unit charge | $12.95 | $13.48 | $14.03 | $14.59 | $15.00 |

Above residential rates are based on a minimum of 1,000 gallons per month. Charges above 1,000 gallons are:

1,000-4,999 ..... $0.25
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**"We inherited this thing from 30 years ago. We are being dictated to how much we have to pay, and it keeps going up every month. I'm not really for this hike, either, but we have to keep the sewer pipe flowing."**

Bob Miller
Mayor, Ruidoso Downs

# RATES

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accepted?"

Holman said that while he holds no grudge against Mescalero for the deal in question, he made sure everyone knew whose interests he was concerned with.

"They did nothing except make a good business deal on their part and we have no ill feelings," he said. "We like those people, but we don't represent them. We've sworn to do the best we can for Ruidoso Downs."

### Sewer ordinance

With that said, the board moved on to the public hearing regarding the new sewer service ordinance, which raises sewer rates again and would make residential sewer rates the 17th highest in the state, based on the NMED's annual rate report.

Councilor Sue Garrett said she understands the frustration people feel over the increase in rates, but said the council really has little choice.

"We can't increase our enterprise funds to improve this system without increasing rates," Garrett said.

"We also can't take money from any other fund and transfer it to the enterprise fund. It's against state statutes to do that.

"Also, we inherited this thing from 30 years ago," added Mayor Bob Miller. "We are being dictated to how much we have to pay, and it keeps going up every month. I'm not really for this hike either, but we have to keep the sewer pipes flowing.

"We're asking the public for input right now, and if there's a better idea, we're more than happy to listen," he added.

Miller and other councilors clarified that this increase is not due to the state's environmental department's requirements to improve and modernize the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant – voters recently passed a special bond issue to deal with that. The increased rates are simply due to regular maintenance.

Under the new ordinance, base residential sewer rates – effective April 30 to June 30 – will be $17.72 per month, increasing to $18.25 July 1 of this year. Prices will continue to rise every year to a high of $19.77 on July 1, 2010.

A commodity rate will also be charged for additional gallons above 1,000 used by residential users. Additionally, minimum monthly charges to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Sports Theater are repealed and will be charged the same as any other commercial entity.

Councilor Judy Miller also raised concerns over section 4-4-12, which stipulated any property in the city capable of being served by the sewer system must be connected within 30 days after notice.

"If people can't afford to pay the bill now, how can they hire a plumber and get connected in that time?" Miller asked.

City Attorney Dan Bryant said the state's anti-donation clause keeps them from providing connections free of charge, but that the council does have the discretion to create some sort of amnesty program to allow unconnected residents more time to save up the money required to connect to the system.

Waters said the city has been working on a case-by-case basis to get people connected in a timely manner.

While Mayor Miller had asked for public input on the ordinance, no one from the assembled gallery spoke for or against it before it was passed unanimously by the council.

### Some good news

An increase in sewer rates may be bad news, but Waters also had an increase of a better nature to report, stating gross receipts for the last eight months have been steadily increasing.

"They went down after taxes on groceries were taken away, and we'd been shorted on a number of checks we'd received from the state," Waters said. "But we've had steady gross receipts for the past eight months, and there will be new money coming in with new businesses going up across from Wal-Mart.

"If the rest of the year is this good, we might be able to look at funding bigger items for the next fiscal year," he added. "The first part of our new budget process is complete, and our budget committee is now going over it. The outlook is great and the snowfall and rainy season helped us out a lot. It was a great Christmas check, the best we've ever had."

Councilors also voted to approve a budget adjustment for municipal court to cover unexpected overtime pay. The council voted to move $7,975 from budget items covering full-time positions in the court to pay for part-time jobs in the past month.

Bonnie Richardson, representing the Ruidoso Gymnastics Association, reported to the council recent triumphs by the gymnastics team in state competitions.

The Level 4 girls took first at state in Albuquerque, while the Level 4 boys won state last weekend.

The Level eight girls were second at state, while John Hobbs was first place all around for Level 6 boys, and Daniel Hobbs was first all around for Level 5.

"We're very proud of these gymnasts and would like to acknowledge that they're hard working," Richardson said. "They've worked themselves into top physical condition and deserve the community's commendation and congratulations."

STORY SO FAR: Foster kid Ben Quigley has arrived at a farm in upstate New York, near where his dad is in prison. A cloud of suspicion follows Ben, and some folks wonder: is he a firebug like his father?

CHAPTER TWO

**Hoofbeats in the Fog**

*a breakfast serials story*

The next morning Ben was awake early, disoriented by the countryside silence. For a few moments he lay with his arm thrown across his face and replayed last night's dinner: Mrs. Brennan coming in breathless with two bags bulging with Chinese take-out, and a shrimpy kind of guy called Leo right on her heels with two more fragrant sacks. Leo was short and old and leathery, and had a kind of crooked, bent-out-of-shape look to him, like he'd fallen off of horses at high speed so many times he'd run out of bones to break. As they'd begun setting out plates several more people arrived and the kitchen was filled with noise, and people grabbing for egg rolls and heaping their plates with General Tso chicken and pork lo mein. Ben noticed one of the men trying to pay Mr. Brennan back for a share of the take-out but without success. Mr. Brennan just laughed and held his hands up, saying, "Forget it."

There seemed to be a lot of people associated with Wind Rider Farms and a lot of houseguests who were really into horse racing. The talk was all about races and trainers, and they'd all just come from the track in Saratoga Springs; as far as Ben was concerned, the conversation might as well have been in a foreign language. He was careful to avoid meeting anyone's eyes, in case someone started asking questions, but nobody tried to drag him into the conversation. Ben wasn't sure if they were all being sensitive and giving him space to settle in, or if they were ignoring him, or didn't know anything about him-or were just used to finding new people at the Brennans'. It seemed like the kind of home where the welcome mat was always out, the porch light was always on, and there was always room for one more guest at the table.

Now, rolling onto his side, Ben looked out the window into the branches of a broad, leafy tree. He'd never had a tree outside his window before; he'd always had the same view of the airshaft in his apartment building. One leaf on this tree was already fiery red: signs of autumn came early in upstate New York, he realized. It was still August.

Urgently, as if summer were disappearing before his eyes, Ben hauled himself out of bed, pulled on jeans and a T-shirt, and stepped into flip-flops. The digital clock beside the bed said 6:35.

He eased himself out of his room onto the landing, listening to his own breaths. The house was full of dogs, and he didn't want to rouse them. Careful not to let his flip-flops slap against his heels, he made his way downstairs through the empty foyer and opened the front door.

Through the door was another world, wreathed in mist as thick as smoke. An orange cat appeared almost magically, padding on silent feet, a limp furry thing dangling from its jaws. The cat slipped through the door with its prize.

Too late, Ben lunged for the cat. "Don't bring that inside!" he whispered. But the hunter was too nimble for him and was on its way up the stairs in a blur of orange legs.

"Yuck. Don't leave it on my bed," he muttered. Grimacing, Ben shut the door and took a few steps out onto the drive. The air was visible, tiny jiggling swarms of water vapor snaking and sliding past Ben's face. Instantly his skin was clammy and his eyelashes were beaded with droplets. He put his hands out like a swimmer, pushing the mist aside. He couldn't see to the other side of the drive, and after two or three steps the house was swallowed by the fog.

Under the thin rubber soles of his flip-flops, the gravel crunched and grated. He narrowly missed stepping in a pile of horse manure, and Ben began to regret his flip-flops. A cold drop splatted onto his head from the tree above; he shivered. It was so quiet Ben could hear his own heart beating.

The thumping grew more and more noticeable, until at last it was obvious that it wasn't his own heart he was hearing, but hoofbeats. They were muffled, coming from nowhere. Ben turned one way, then another, straining to make out which direction the horse was approaching from. If anything, the mist seemed to gather in around him even more thickly, and now Ben's heart was pounding in his ears. Now the hoofbeats were grating on gravel, and Ben understood that the horse was on the same stony drive he was standing on, coming toward him, but from which side? The house had disappeared behind him-or was it in front of him? And he couldn't tell which direction would take him to the edge of the driveway, the safety of the lawn, and out of the path of the oncoming horse that was louder and louder. Ben's mouth was dry with fear.

He was caught, trapped, pinned like a mouse in the jaws of a cat, and just as he cried out in desperation, "STOP!" the mist parted in front of him and the horse shied back and leaped in an explosion of hooves, spurting gravel, and a lashing whip.

(To be continued.)

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## Legislature awards Tribe $1.4 million

When the dust settled last week, members of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, whose reservation abuts Ruidoso, was awarded $1.4 million from the New Mexico State Legisla-ture for capital outlay projects.

Out of that pot, $850,000 is designated for an early childhood development center, $214,000 for a new well and $75,000 for water tank repairs.

The remainder is divided among a senior center vehicle, emergency medical services vehicles and installations of street lights in one of the reservation subdivisions.

# RIDIN' THE RANGE

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
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**Bar W** cowboys bring in cattle from the pasture for the annual spring branding.

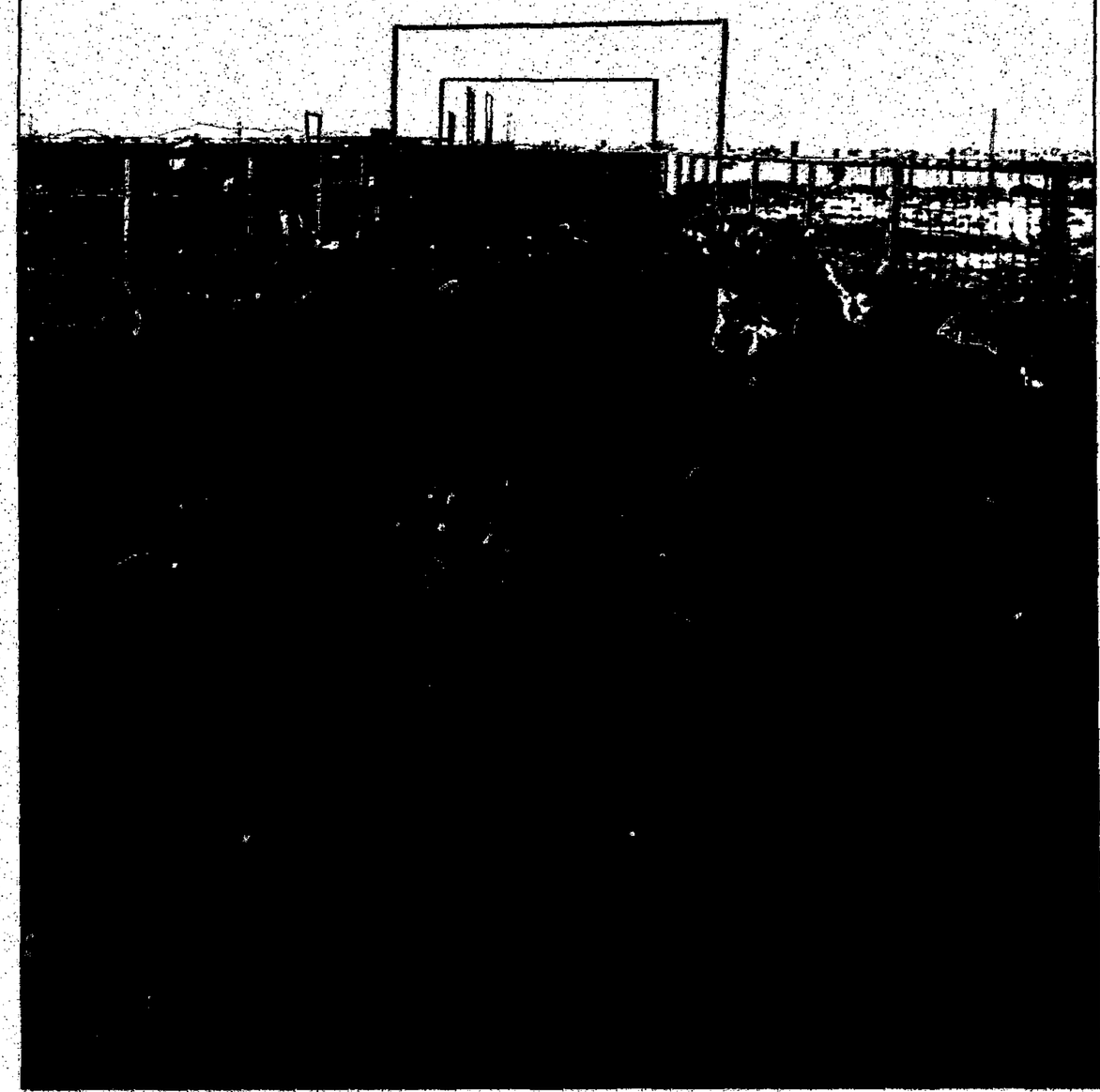
**Above** Henry Vega stamps a brand on one of many calves to be identified during the day's work.

**Right** Lil' cowpoke Anthony Montes flashes a smile as he thinks of the day he'll be leading cattle to the pens on his trusty steed.

## Branding at the Bar W

Spring brings an age-old tradition in ranching, the branding of the new crop of baby calves. Ranchers start working through their herd, some a pasture at a time, others an entire ranch in one working. Neighbors come to help, big meals are fixed to feed the crew and while the work is not always easy, the event always finds a smile on the cowboys because it heralds the end of the winter work.

Bar W cowboys have been branding cattle on the lands around Carrizozo for more than a hundred years. Equipment and methods have changed but the basics of a hot branding iron and singed hair for identification have not.



**Above** Cattle await their turn in the pen beneath an expansive New Mexico sky.

**Left** Irons heat up in the fire. How hot a brand has to be isn't an exact science. A good brander just knows when the iron is just hot enough for a good brand.

# Gold rush: Meeting today should shed light on mining plans in Capitan Mountains

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When Lee Arnone walked out into his backyard one day, he noticed a crop of little yellow sticks growing on adjoining U.S. Forest Service land in the Capitan Mountains.

Later he learned that each stick represents a $5 gold mining claim. He heard that the property he treasured for its natural beauty might be turned into part of a pit mining operation, he told Lincoln County commissioners last week.

He said he was aware that commissioners have no jurisdiction over activity on Lincoln National Forest land, but he wanted them to know what was happening.

Buck Sanchez, who heads the Smokey Bear Ranger District, said an informal meeting with neighboring residents is scheduled for 1 p.m. today at the administrative office of the Capitan Schools.

"We hadn't planned on a crowd, the meeting was more to dispel rumors and gossip and give them some understanding of the real situation," Sanchez said Tuesday. "They can ask questions and we will try to clarify and provide information in an informal setting."

To date, the Forest Service has received no plan from El Capitan Mining other than a proposal for a couple of exploratory core drills, he said.

"There's been a lot of confusion about this," he said. "We've been talking (to mining representatives) for two months about the possible extension of the claims north of Capitan. I don't know the company's current status, but there was some mining in the past."

The company has recorded claims with the Bureau of Land Management, Sanchez said.

"But if they wish to exercise the mining rights, they must submit a proposal to the Forest Service and it will be subject to provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act."

But, he emphasized, "none of this has even started yet."

Commissioners Eileen Lovelace and Don Williams urged Arnone to involve the EPA because of the possible use of water and cyanide in the mining operation and the potential to negatively impact private land and property owners adjoining the forest.

Arnone told commissioners six residents live near the El Capitan gold mine. With high gold prices and a potential for platinum, the exploration area covers three miles in trying to define the boundaries of the mineral deposits and could damage the forest forever, he said.

"We're talking open pit mining," he said. "The area is used by hikers and hunters. There's elk and deer and all kinds of animals."

He called the pit process "ugly" and contended it could put neighbors at risk.

"When the market drops, it would be nothing but a big ugly hole in the side of the Capitan mountains," Arnone said. "Most important is the water," which could become contaminated, will flow out of the mountains into pasture and soak into the aquifer, he said. Air quality also could suffer, he contended.

"It impacts so much on the quality of our lives," he told commissioners.

Arnone said allowing the exploration without advance notification "Seems like giving them dynamite and saying go out and play."

Officials with the mining company in Toronto, Canada, could not be reached for comment. But according to information about the operation on the Internet, the El Capitan Property is composed of about 10,000 acres of 500 BLM claims and four patented claims in Lincoln County, and a mine site is situated at the western end of the property, located about six miles north of the Village of Capitan on Highway 246.

The site states that the owners of the property, Gold & Minerals Co., Inc., and El Capitan Precious Metals Inc., are seeking to sell the property instead of putting the mine into production.

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codes, wind loads. You are in a seismic zone, so if you add a second floor, you will have to bring the entire building up to the new codes with additional steel bracing and concrete walls. That's a very costly effort, typically."

County Assessor Rick Silva said on the south wall of his office, "Every one of my window panes has buckled and it's been that way since 1982."

"It almost seems best to drop this and look at a new building," County Manager Tom Stewart said. Commissioner Dave Parks and Chairman Tom Battin agreed.

"You'll make you own decision," Calvani told commissioners. "We just supply the information, but it could cost more to add on than to build new. We've done it both ways. In Eddy and Luna counties, we built on. In Torrance and McKinley, we built new courthouses."

District Judge Karen Parsons has asked commissioners to consider expansion or a new complex for her busy court. A new building would presumably allow the district attorney's office to be moved from the old courthouse, more space could be created for jurors and district court clerks, as well as for the judge. The vacated offices in the old building then could be used to provide more space for other departments and elected officials.

# Lady Warriors jump out to a strong beginning

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The RHS ladies won a big twin-bill Tuesday, March 20th, beating the Hot Springs Tigers, 11-0 in five innings and taking the next one, 16-1 after four. The first game ended on the ten-run rule after five innings and the second contest was stopped at the end of four because of the 15-run rule.

"Our bats are beginning to come around and we've really been hitting the ball lately," first-year co-head coach Sal Beltran volunteered. "We have some good defensive players and Breanna Mails is really bringing it on as a pitcher."

Prior to Tuesday's games, the Warriors started their season at the Hot Springs tournament March 15. There they took two out of three, nailing Hatch Valley, 12-1, and defeating Deming, 10-1, before finally losing to Santa Teresa, 10-3, where they faced some very good pitching.

Friday, the Lady Warriors traveled to the Dexter tournament and opened up with a loss against Loving, 13-3.

"The girls couldn't get their bats going in this game but in all fairness, the Falcons have a very good pitcher," Beltran offered. "Loving also has a very good year-round softball program and as a result, produces teams with experience that are sound both on offense and defense."

In the second game of the day for RHS, the girls came back strong, defeating Estancia, 9-4. Early on, the Lady Warriors found themselves down 4-0 in the second inning, but consistent good pitching by sophomore Khicky Fernando, kept the Bears at bay until RHS could take the lead in the fourth, when they scored eight runs.

MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

**Breanna Mails** pitches a strong win against Capitan, March 10.

"Everyone put the ball in play in this contest." Beltran said. "And that's what you would like to see in every game."

In the third game of the series, Saturday, the Ruidoso girls took down the Eunice Cardinals, 11-9. Although this was a hard-fought game and Eunice has some solid offense, the Lady Warriors' defense stepped up when they were needed and made some very good plays.

Sophomore Aimee Vasquez did a commendable job at shortstop in the tournament and was selected to the All-Tournament team.

Off to a good start with a six-win/two-loss record they are optimistic about the season ahead. And well they should be after losing five seniors last year.

"Although we lost some good players last season, some of the younger girls, such as our shortstop Vasquez, who always gives 110 percent, have really stepped up to fill the void," Beltran maintained.

When they're not playing games the Lady Warriors can be seen practicing, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. during the week under the watchful eyes of both coaches, Beltran and Steve Baker.

"We try to teach the kids that during a game, each player is involved in every pitch and every play," Beltran stated. "They must maintain focus at all times and refrain from any mental lapses. Both Baker and I believe in aggressive baserunning and to take advantage of any and all opportunities the runners are given."

Good things can be expected in the future from this blossoming team, but they won't know how good they can be until the face-off against frontline squads, such as Portales.

"When you need to know just how good you really are the only way to do it is to face-off against other good teams – to challenge yourself so the best will come out," Beltran concluded.

Everybody seems fit and ready to play a twin-bill in Socorro, Thursday, at 3 p.m.

# Ruidoso track and field teams – are consistent winners

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Why does one school athletic program yield such successful results year after year and others not? Maybe it just might be due to a coach who has been on the job since 1979 and a constant source of young, dependable competitors who are able to overachieve. The Ruidoso High School track and field teams are fortunate to have both and that's why people in the area should take pride in their accomplishments.

Warrior coach Ronnie Maskew has been at his position now for 28 years and every season he knows the area will produce an excellent pool of talent for him to develop and mold.

"We've always had good kids to work with," Warrior track and field coach Maskew says. "That's why RHS usually does well every season. Our athletes work hard, produce and perform to the very best of their abilities."

To prove that point the Warrior track and field teams have done extremely well in the last six meets, especially the New Mexico qualifying events which both the boys and girls teams have finished second in each.

This is gratifying for all concerned because many of the schools they compete against are 4A and 5A establishments.

Places such as Carlsbad, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Goddard and Artesia, all have been beaten at one time or another this season by the Warrior teams.

"Maybe it's because I've been here so long and the kids know what to expect from me," Maskew offers. "Still and all, it's always satisfying to see their performance exceed their expectations. And it happens every year – when there are those we need to depend upon, they usually come through with flying colors."

Take Alex Ramirez, for example. She has already qualified for the State meet in the javelin throw, and in fact is No. 1 in 3A schools in that event. Not only that, but she has also qualified in two other events – the shot put and the discus throw. Ramirez comes from an athletic family – her father, originally from New Jersey, competed in track and field and her mother was a dancer in high school.

Alex has been throwing the javelin now for three years and fully expects to excel at the State Track and Field Meet, May 11-12 in Albuquerque.

A senior this year, her plans after high school include the field of medicine at Texas Tech or possibly the University of New Mexico.

Ramirez is not the only senior to have done well so far this year. Other stellar performers include Nathaniel Mays in the hurdles and relays, Lucas Lindsey and Damon Broussard, sprints and relays and Samantha Bagley at middle distance running.

Ben Sanchez came off the basketball court and has already qualified for State in the shot put and javelin throw.

It looks like another outstanding spring for the Warrior outdoor athletes and all involved eagerly anticipate their upcoming meets.

The Rose Relays, at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at Tularosa, might prove somewhat tough as the spring break will see a few of the Warriors missing in action.

Others, however, will take up the challenge and fill in for those not available. After that, RHS will host their own meet, the Ruidoso Invitational, April 13, at 1 p.m. and then prepare for the District 4-3A event, which will take place here, May 5, at 11 a.m.

Come on out and get the opportunity to see some fine athletes.

MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

**Alex Ramirez** shows the winning form that earned her No. 1 in 3A.

MIKE CURRAN/STAFF

**Lucas Lindsey** gives 100 percent concentration going out of the blocks.

## side line

### Ski Report

**Ski Apache**
For ticket prices and latest snow totals, call 257-9001
Ski report culled from www.skiapachesnowreport.com
**New snow past week:** 1 inch
**Weather for Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Windy, with a southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.
**Midway depth:** 26 inches approx.
**Season total snowfall:** 155 inches
**Surface conditions:** Spring conditions and groomed
**Skiing conditions:** Spring conditions
**Trails open:**
**Least Difficult:** Bunny, Easy Street, The Ramp, Lower Deep Freeze, Snow Park, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Upper Spruce, & SBT
**More Difficult:** Ambush, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, East of East, Geronimo, Bone Yard, Chair 7 Lift Line, Capitan Lite, & Capitan Heavy
**Most Difficult:** Wild Onion, Rover, Screaming Eagle, Dead End, The Terrible, Incredible, Upper Pebbles, Lower Pebbles, Chute, Mescalero, Caliente, Roy's Run, Upper Snow Park, Lincoln Lift Line, Gondola Lift Line, Top Notch, & Sunny Side
**Lifts open:** Chair 1, Chair 2, Chair 3, Chair 4, (Chair 7 Closed Today Operating on Saturday and Sunday Only).
**Trails groomed:** Easy Street, SBT, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Capitan Lite, Chino, East Meadows, East of East, Smokey Bear, Snow Park
**Snowmaking past 24 hours:** No
**Forecast:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Windy, with a southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

### Prep Results

**Thursday, March 22**
**Baseball**
Capitan 14, NMMI 7

**Friday, March 23**
**Girls Softball**
Loving 13, Ruidoso 3
Ruidoso 9, Estancia 4

**Saturday, March 24**
**Girls Softball**
Ruidoso 11, Eunice 9

### Preps on Tap

**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Thursday, March 29**
**Girls Softball**
Ruidoso at Socorro, 3 p.m., 5 p.m.
Lordsburg at Capitan, 12 p.m., 2 p.m.

**Friday, March 30**
**Tennis**
Ruidoso at Artesia Tourney

**Saturday, March 31**
**Track and Field**
Ruidoso at Tularosa Invite
Carrizozo at Tularosa
Corona at Tularosa
Capitan at Tularosa
**Rodeo**
NM High Schools in Belen - 2 days

### On Deck

**Mens Golf League**
2-Man partnership at Cree Meadows Country Club, beginning April 5. For more information call Cree Meadows at: 257-5815.

**1st Annual Montana Sprint Tri**
The First Corazon de la Montana Sprint Triathlon will be held Saturday, May 5th, 8 a.m., at the Ruidoso Athletic Club. The course includes: 500 yard swim, 10 mile bike and a 3.1 mile run. Early registration: $40, adults, $25, 18 and under. Late registration: $50 adults, $35, 18 and under. Portion of proceeds go to Special Events Resource Group, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corp. For more info: Linda or Devin at 257-4900 or see ruidosoathleticclub.com.

**Ten Star All-Star Basketball**
Registration is now open for the Ten Star summer basketball camp by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to All-American Team. Camp locations include: Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Commerce, Texas, Atlanta, Ga., Hickory, N.C., Blacksburg, Va., Babson Park, Fla., Champaign, Ill., Ypsilanti, Mich., and others. Summer camp also available for boys, girls, ages 16-18 of all skills. For info, call: 704-373-0873.

# Ruidoso grad pitches for ENMU

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**"Always work fast on the mound, fielders like it."**

Bob Gibson
Former pitcher, St. Louis

RHS 2004 graduate, Justin Sergeant, got the chance to start the second game of a doubleheader, March 18, for Eastern New Mexico University-Portales against Central Oklahoma University and made the most of his opportunity by winning, 7-4.

By nailing down a win in his first start ever for the Greyhounds, sophomore Sergeant was able to help his team stop a 12-game losing streak. This big win for the Ruidoso native earned him a start in a doubleheader at East Central University (ECU) in Ada, Okla., March 25th.

On Sunday, Justin got his promised chance in Ada and came through with flying colors. He likes to work fast and he did.

He went three and a half innings, in a seven inning game, recording two strikeouts, giving up two runs on four hits and getting the win.

This big victory helped the Greyhounds sweep both ends of a twin-bill and put Seargeant's record at 2-0.

Red-shirted as a freshman, he got his chance this year as a sophomore at ENMU and made the most of it. Consistency is the name of the game in pitching though, as in any other sport, but if his prior performances while at RHS are any indicator, he should rise to the occasion.

Sergeant has been pitching since he was nine years old and with the Warriors, he recorded the most strike-outs in the state his senior year.

Also notable, he started that year against NMMI and Lovington and beat them both.

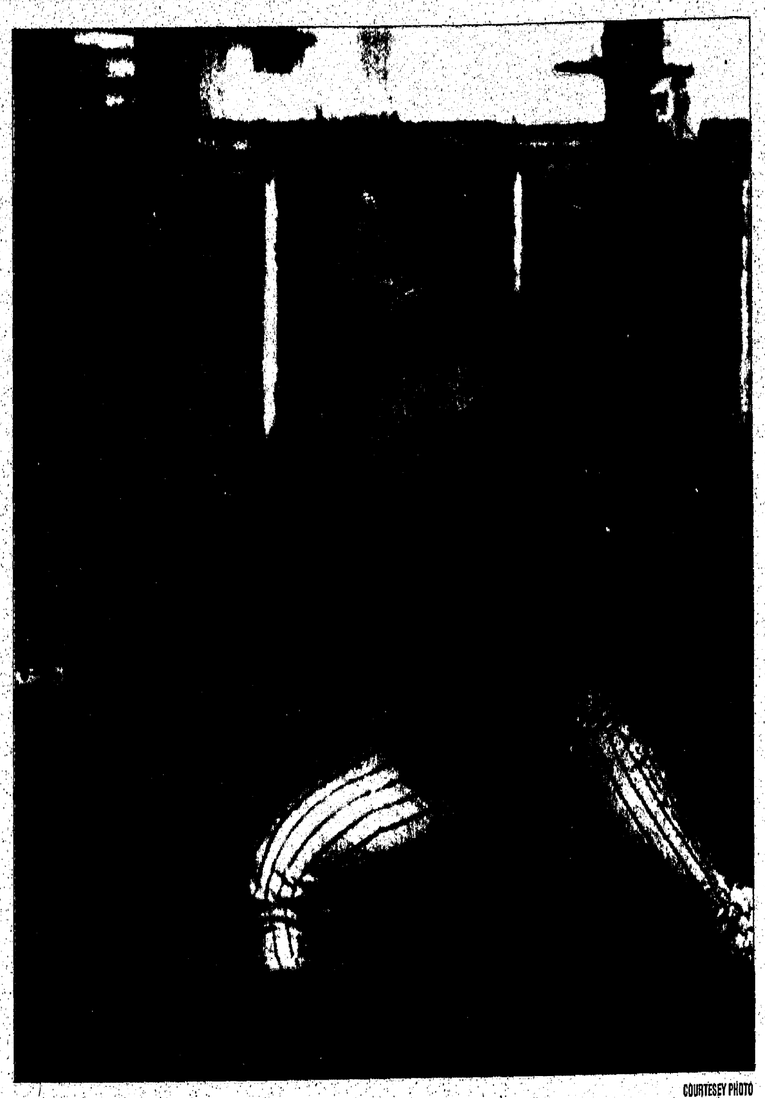
At 6 feet 4 inches in height and weighing 260 pounds, he has the size it takes to succeed and last on the mound.

He mixes his pitches well but primarily throws curves and sliders.

At ENMU he majors in computer science and enjoys his field of study so much he would like to return to Ruidoso when he graduates and teach it at RHS.

Coaching baseball is something else he would like to do once he comes back.

As his father has told him on occasion, "When you do well it's possible to move on to greater things." Justin seems to have listened well.



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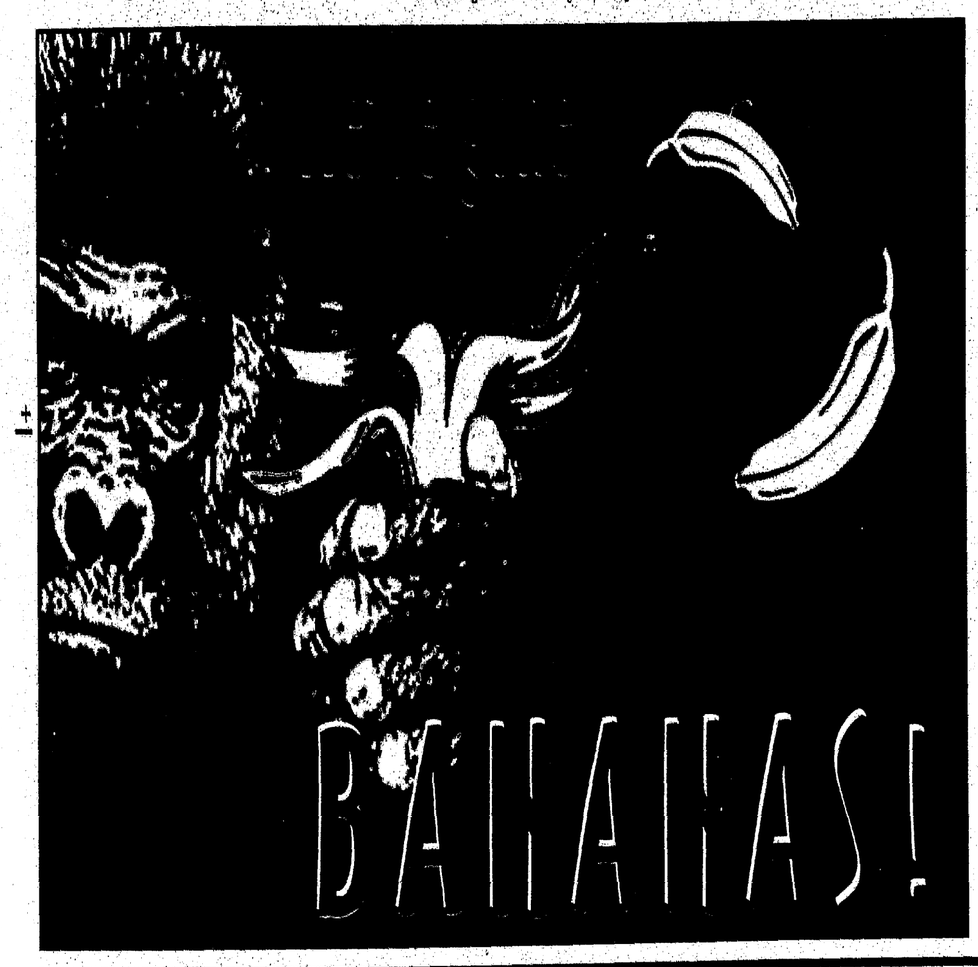
**Justin Sergeant** shows some good pitching mechanics as he delivers one to a Lovington batter in 2004.




## Capitan beats NMMI

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Good things happen to those who work hard, and they came about for the Capitan Tigers, Thursday, when they soundly beat a strong competitor, the NMMI Colts, 14-7.

Once again, Paedon Herrara came through and put a very strong pitching performance in the hopper, going seven full innings and getting the win for the Tigers.

NMMI didn't help themselves at all by committing more than eight errors.

Although Herrara had thrown quite a few pitches for the evening his arm was sound throughout the contest and he struck out the last Colt batter he faced.

"Our team played well defensively and we brought our bats to the NMMI game," Tigers coach James Weems offered. "This will give the boys a much-needed boost of confidence.

Capitan will have played Dexter, Tuesday and will travel to Loving, Saturday.


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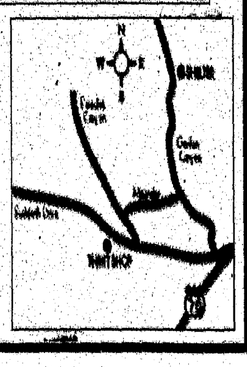



# Canadian seafood boycott called to help save baby seals

Officials with the Humane Society of the United States are asking supporters to help save baby seals by signing a pledge to boycott Canadian seafood.

The organization's members are fighting to stop the largest commercial slaughter of marine mammals on the planet, said HSUS President Wayne Pacelle.

Last year, many fishermen clubbed and shot more than 350,000 seals in the North Atlantic.

Almost all of them were babies, some as young as 12 days old, and reports indicate that some were skinned while alive and conscious, he said.

Seal hunting is an off-season activity for Canada's east coast commercial fishermen.

They earn a small fraction of their incomes from selling seal skins to the fur industry, a reported $17.5 million (Canadian) annually, compared to the nearly $3 billion taken in by the Canadian fishing industry from seafood exports to the United States, Pacelle said.

## Canadian connection

The connection between the commercial fishing industry and the seal hunt in Canada gives consumers all over the world the power to end the vicious slaughter of seals, he said.

"This year, we are excited to report that the boycott is working. The Canadian fishing industry suffered a $350 million (Canadian) decline in the value of snow crab exports to the United States," Pacelle said. "Help us keep the pressure on Canada's fishing industry by teaming up with the more than 340,000 people who have joined the boycott. Sign the pledge today. And pass the pledge to friends."

Canada is sensitive to world opinion, and its fishing industry is vulnerable to the choices of the hundreds of thousands of people who refuse to buy Canadian seafood, Pacelle said.

"When the first stage of the hunt unfolds this March in the North Atlantic, the HSUS will once again be there with our cameras to show the world the ugly truth from the ice," he said.

## Check the progress

Check on the progress of the campaign, sign a petition and read about more steps that can be taken at www.ProtectSeals.org.

April 1 thousands of advocates will gather at ProtectSeals house parties across the United States and Canada to help stop the hunt.

Pacelle said hosting a house party to support the Humane Society Legislative Fund is a way to let people know that the seal hunt is still happening and how they can help.

Contact the Humane Society of the United States at 2100 L Street, NW Washington, DC 20037 or on the Internet at protect-seals@hsus.org, or call 202-452-1100.

# Tornadoes rip through eastern New Mexico

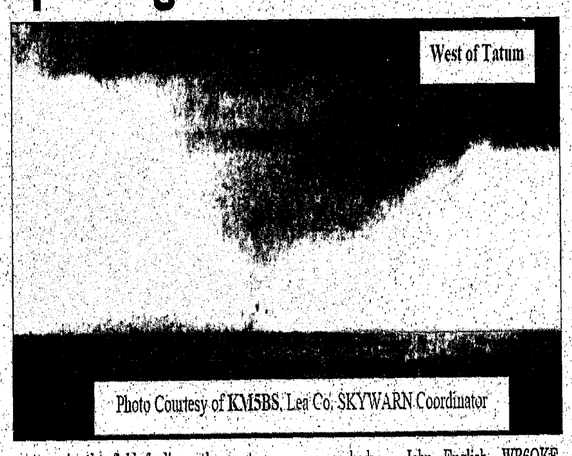


Photo Courtesy of KM5BS, Lea Co. SKYWARN Coordinator

The weather turned nasty on Friday afternoon in eastern New Mexico.

Thirteen tornados were reported from Tatum to Logan, but the work of Keith Hayes, KC5KH, Skywarn Coordinator and National Weather Service (NWS) Meteorologist was credited with saving lives, said Charlie Christmann, public information officer for the New Mexico Amateur Radio Emergency Service said.

Twenty-four hours ahead of the storms, Hayes sent messages to ARES district emergency coordinators and county emergency managers warning of the potential for severe weather.

With the warning, ARES members and Skywarn weather spotters were in the field ready for action, Christmann said. As the clouds gathered, spotters in southeastern New Mexico using ham radio were talking directly to Hayes at the Albuquerque National Weather Service office, WX5ABQ, by way of the New Mexico Mega-Link repeater system.

Hams in Clovis were in contact with Jory McIntosh, KJ5RM, in the Fort Worth National Weather Service office on the Echolink node provided by Joseph Flores, KK5OV. The Weather Service was able to feed minute-by-minute updates to the spotters. McIntosh was able to pinpoint the exact course and path of the destructive Clovis tornadoes, Christmann said.

Early warning and trained spotters in the field feeding timely, accurate information to the Weather Service and local authorities allowed extra warning time to residents and helped to save lives.

The weather started looking bad about 1 p.m., Friday, when Alf Lindsey, W5ALL, the Chaves County disaster emergency coordinator, opened a Skywarn on the Caprock repeater located on KOBR television antenna.

Robert Tice, W5TIC, spotted a tornado from the same storm west of Tatum about 5 p.m. Jim Morrison, KM5BS, tracked storms just south of Roosevelt County where he observed a large tornado on the ground about 5:45 p.m., prompting the first of many tornado warnings for the counties along the Texas-New Mexico line, Christmann said. The first warning for Clovis was issued about 7:30 p.m. The tornado struck the city about 7:45 p.m.

Saundra Creiglow handled net control duties in Clovis as the storms approached. Eastern New Mexico Amateur Radio Club operated three teams in and around Clovis before and after the twister.

From 1 p.m. on, there were more than 30 hams in southeastern New Mexico and West Texas monitoring the repeater and relaying observations through Lindsey to the Albuquerque weather office.

The New Mexico State Emergency Operations Center was activated as well as the Bernalillo County EOC.

During the tornados, the State EOC lost contact with Clovis, Logan, Texico, Carlsbad and Portales. Mile Scales, K5SCA, Sandoval County DEC, relayed information to the State EOC from the storm areas using the state-wide Mega-Link repeater system to talk with hams in the tornado damaged areas. Scales also kept the State EOC informed on localized flooding from Carlsbad as storms trained across that city.

John English, WB6QKF, operated from the American Red Cross office in Albuquerque was on the air assisting the shelters being set up in Logan and Clovis.

In the aftermath of the storm, a 4.5 mile swath was carved through Clovis. Thirty-five victims of the storm were hospitalized, two with critical injuries, Christmann said.

Blaine Smith, KB5UOT, in Clovis commented that, "We have always trained for a single tornado, but not eight of them at the same time."

In Logan, 24 mobile homes were destroyed. Tatum officials reported four tornados in the span of a half an hour.

Christmann said American Red Cross representatives requested Ham Radio assistance, via the State EOC, to man shelters in Logan and Clovis.

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## New businesses open in Lincoln

So many family and friends paid their last respects to Peg Pfingsten last week.

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He was very good at jewelry, among his many talents. He was so fortunate to have had Sara Walley with him and Leota these many months.

LINCOLN TRAILS
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It is spring time with the fruit trees blooming, vegetation turning green and the Bonito River running full.

The Brent Racher Company of Corona is busy clearing brush at the Double Crossing area.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Roberson had 22 people attend the "55-Alive Program" last week at ENMU-Ruidoso, last week.

Parts of Lincoln County had heavy rain, hail and snow. And the eastern half of New Mexico had 13 tornados which did a lot of damage.

Lincoln has an eating place now. Phil and Debi Poremba have opened The Curry, serving hamburgers, a variety of sandwiches, ice cream, drinks, apple pie, cheesecake and specialty tea. They are open 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Patty Dunbar will be opening the Timeless Treasures. She will have gift items and whimsical treasures. She will open in May. Her shop will be just west of The Curry.

Both businesses hope to be open seven days a week.

Welcome to both businesses!

Olga Elam has been visiting her daughter in Miami, Fla. and helped to celebrate her daughter's birthday.

Ted and Glenda Allen and sons made a quick trip to Lincoln. They are living at Taos and both are working.

While at The Curry we met a very interesting person. Michael Mitchell, of Hobbs, and his friend Richard Nicholas, of Fort Worth, are touring the country.

They had been in the Big Bend country and points in between.

They were visiting in Lincoln, then heading for White Sands and other points of interest. Michael had been to Lincoln previously so he visited in The Curry while his friend took in Lincoln.

Drew Gomber and friend were also there and they were headed for White Oaks and Tularosa.

## DOGGONE GOOD

**The New Mexico Derby Classic** field trials were held Feb. 24 at the Heiker Vega Ranch south of Carrizozo.

Remi, an orange and white English setter female clinched the victory for owner Robert Sexton, of Mesa, Ariz. Remi was handled by Bill Gibbons, of Phoenix, Ariz. Runner-up laurels were awarded to Englishire's Redman, Red, a liver and white pointer owned by Mike English of Capitan.

**Top photo:** Derby Classic winners were, l-r front, John Beauchamp, of Phoenix, Ariz., with winner, Remi, and Mike English, with Red and Steve North, of Roswell, with Dottie. Standing are Bill Gibbons, Remi's handler, George Musser, Robert Sexton, region 12 president Dave Higgens, Charlie Siepel and Emily North.

**Center photo:** The Amateur Walking Derby winners were, front, Mike English with Red, Charlie Siepel with Thorn and Steve North with Dottie. Standing are Dave Higgins and trial participant Kevin Thompson, of Albuquerque.

**Bottom photo:** The Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship results are, front, runner-up champion , Gut, with owner Eric Ulrich, champion Odie with owner John Beauchamp. Standing are Dave Higgins, Jason Raal, scout for Gut, Mike English and Charlie Siepel.

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## 'Zozo school announces board vacancy

Carrizozo Superintendent Sergio Castañon announced the resignation of newly-elected school board member, J'Lane Zamora.

Castañon said Zamora resigned for "personal reasons" and the position would be filled by an appointment voted by the remaining board.

Interested persons should apply in writing to board president Steve Harkey, c/o Carrizozo Schools, P.O. Box 99, Carrizozo, NM 88301 or deliver the letter to the administration building on campus at 800 D Ave.

The deadline for the letters of application is April 12. Interviews will take place at 5 p.m. April 17 prior to the regular board meeting.

For more information, contact the school at 648-2348.

## School burglary nets laptop computers

JULIE CARTER
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Carrizozo Schools reported the theft of nine Hewlett Packard laptop computers, taken sometime in the night March 22.

Two laptops were reported stolen earlier in the same week.

Thursday night's theft was from the middle school with thieves entering by cutting a screen and opening a window into the classroom.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Department deputy Charlie LaBelle investigated the scene and was able to lift a number of fingerprints from the window area.

The computers are valued at $1,400 each make the crime a third-degree felony.

The Carrizozo Police Department said the investigation into the theft is ongoing.

Persons with information or knowledge of the theft should contact the department at 648-2351

A $200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves is being offered by the school.

Carrizozo Police Chief Carrie Spencer warned that knowingly receiving stolen property is a felony offense unless the property was turned into the police department and then there would be no crime committed.

**County news tip?**
**Call Julie at 257-4001 or email**
**jcarter@ruidosonews.com**

## Carrizozo youth put on notice for curfew enforcement

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Carrizozo police are enforcing the 10 p.m. curfew for minors.

The Town of Carrizozo's curfew ordinance makes it unlawful for any parent, guardian, or persons with custody of minor under the age of 18 to allow those minors to be out and about the town of Carrizozo after 10 p.m. or before 5 a.m., seven days a week.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Carrie Spencer said her department will enforce the curfew effective immediately.

The ordinance does not apply to minors accompanied by an adult or acting by authority of a parent or guardian upon an errand of necessity, attending religious services, any legitimate athletic event, legitimate shows or public events. It shall not apply to a minor on his way home from those events.

This weekend is the Carrizozo High School prom, and Chief Spencer said there will be no exceptions for the event.

Minors are expected to travel directly from the event to their homes unless accompanied by a guardian.

The town has a warning whistle that goes off at 9:30 p.m., giving youth a 30-minute notice to be off the streets.

As per the ordinance, the parent or guardian is liable for the offending youth. The adult in custody will receive the citation for the curfew infraction which is a petty misdemeanor.

It is the duty of the police officer t take into custody any minor under the age of 18 found in violation of the curfew.

The officer will then notify the parent or guardian, in no event unduly detaining the minor except where the minor has been found to violate any provision of the Criminal Code of New Mexico.

In the event a parent or guardian cannot be located, the minor will be turned over to the proper juvenile authority. If there is no proper juvenile authority available, the police department will make all effort to locate a responsible relative or adult willing to take the care and custody of the minor until the parents are located.

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## COUNTY BRIEFS

### Thanks from Smokey

The Smokey Bear Playground project held a St. Patrick's Day basket raffle that was won by Tinnie Bullock. The basket included a dinner for two at the Horseman's Grill, glassware and kitchen towels from Elite Outfitters, kitchen utensils from the Not 2 Shabby Shop and recipe cards for traditional Irish meals and desserts. The Smokey Bear Hometown Association and the playground committee acknowledge the hard work of Gayla Skeen for heading up the project. They extend a huge "thanks" to everyone who participated.

### Capitan Library book sale

April 14 the Capitan Public Library is hosting a book sale. Books will be sold for $5 a bag. Library volunteers recommend shoppers come early for the best selections. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. – noon at the library. For more information, call 354-3035.

### Easter egg hunt

The Carrizozo Fire Department, City Bank, Rocking Horse Daycare and the Happy World Playground committee is sponsoring an Easter egg hunt to be held at 10 a.m. April 7 at Spencer Park.

The hunt is for children 12 years old and under.

The organizers of the event invite other organizations and businesses to join them in sponsoring the egg hunt for the children of Carrizozo.

For more information contact J'Lane Zamora at 648-2802.

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## Domenici supports cowboy resolution

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Pete Domenici announced today that he is supporting a resolution recognizing the "National Day of the American Cowboy."

Domenici joined a bipartisan group of Senators to cosponsor a resolution introduced by Senator Craig Thomas (R.-Wyo.) that would recognize July 28, 2007 as "National Day of the American Cowboy."

The measure encourages individuals to mark the day with appropriate ceremonies and celebrations.

"New Mexico has a history that is steeped in traditions of the 'Old West.' To this day, New Mexicans regularly take part in activities that pay homage to the legacy that America's early cowboys and *vaqueros* left us," said Domenici. "It is only fitting that I support this measure. I hope that New Mexicans will take the opportunity to enjoy the day and the history it represents."

The resolution recognizes the cowboy men and women who contributed to the settlement of the West for their display of "...honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, respect, a strong work ethic, and patriotism..."

It continues, "...to recognize the American cowboy is to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of the United States to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct..."

New Mexico hosts a diverse array of activities, many which relate to the state's history of cowboys and the Old West.

A National Day of the Cowboy celebration will be held in Carrizozo July 28. A committee of ranchers, cowboys and businessmen formed a committee to create an event worthy of the history of the cowboy in Lincoln County.

The celebration will begin with an old-time roundup at the century old Bar W Ranch. A large parade is planned along with a chili cook-off, music, rope twirling, cowboy poetry and much more.

A book is being compiled reviewing all the Lincoln County brands since the beginning of recorded history. It will be available to buy the day of the event and copies will be gifted to local libraries.

## Ranchers' workshop allows regional comparisons

The growth of New Mexico's cattle industry into a $960-million-a-year business is no accident: Ranchers seek the latest information and use the best techniques to get the most from their animals.

A workshop by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, set for April 12 at the De Baca County Extension Office in Fort Sumner, is one way for ranchers to closely analyze various aspects of their cow-calf operations. The 2007 Standardized Performance Analysis Workshop will allow ranchers to compare their performance to regional or statewide benchmarks.

COURTESY NMSU

**A workshop** by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, set for April 12 at the De Baca County Extension Office in Fort Sumner, is one way for ranchers to analyze the production and financial sides of their cow-calf operations.

"SPA provides ranchers an opportunity to analyze both the production and financial sides of their cow-calf operations," said Clay P. Mathis, Extension livestock specialist in NMSU's Extension Animal Science and Natural Resources Department. "By comparing the performance of a single operation to benchmarks, producers gain an enhanced ability to monetarily prioritize changes to management practices."

The New Mexico Cow-Calf SPA database currently has 61 cow-calf herd years of data from ranches ranging in size from 28 cattle to more than 2,000 head.

Each cow-calf enterprise is evaluated using 30 key production and financial performance measures. When the analysis is complete, the ranch representative receives a report card that compares performance of each of the key measures to state benchmarks.

"For example, SPA benchmark data indicates that the average cost to run a cow in New Mexico is $421, and the average percent return on assets, using cost basis, is 1.6 percent," Mathis said. "The SPA program will help each operation compare their herd production and financial measurements to benchmarks like these."

Upon completion of the analysis, an agricultural economist and NMSU Extension beef specialist will work with individual ranches to jointly develop a plan to improve profitability. Producers' financial and performance data will be kept confidential.

The workshop will be held the day after the De Baca County Livestock Producers Seminar. The seminar will focus on calf marketing: how producers can find ways to develop and better control the marketing of their product, even as the cattle industry changes, the market continues to be volatile and production expenses increase. The seminar also will be at the De Baca County Extension Office.

The annual SPA workshop will be limited to only 10 new ranches. Early registration is encouraged so a pre-workshop packet can be sent to participants, which will help them start organizing ranch data.

A downloadable registration form is available at http://cahe.nmsu.edu/ces/animal. Completed forms should be faxed to 505-646-3164. The registration fee of $100 per ranch will be collected at the workshop.

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## FUNERALS DEATHS

### Avyce B. Reeder

Visitation for Avyce B. Reeder of Ruidoso is 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29, in the First Baptist Church of Ruidoso. Officiating will be the Rev. Allen Cearly, Rev. Charles Clary and Tom Hiser performing the services.

Burial will be private at the Ruidoso Hondo Valley Cemetery with family and close friends.

Mrs. Reeder slipped away in the early morning Sunday, March 25, to be with the Lord and have a reunion with her family and close friends who preceded her to Heaven.

She fought a gallant fight with lymphoma cancer for more than 10 years. She was born in Loraine, Mitchell County, Texas, May 7, 1927 to Robert H. and Stella E. Bennett.

She attended Highland High School, Hardin Simmons University and Texas University in Austin prior to working for Shell Pipe Line Company in Colorado City, Texas.

She married Joe F. Reeder May 1, 1948 and they honeymooned in Ruidoso at the Whispering Pines. They decided this was the place of their dreams.

They bought their first cabin in Ruidoso in 1959.

After living in Colorado City and Eastland, Texas, Uncle Sam requested their presence for a tour of duty in the Army.

Avyce went with Joe to all of the assignments, including: Camp Chaffee, Ark.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla.; and Fort Kobbe, Panama Canal Zone.

After their military service they lived in Abernathy, Texas, eventually moving to Midland, Texas; Odessa, Texas, Irving, Texas and a short time in Gastonia, N.C. In 1986 they moved to Ruidoso as their permanent residence where they built their present home on McBride Drive.

She is survived by her husband Joe F. Reeder; daughters, Karen E. Reeder and Sue Ann Reeder both of Ruidoso; a brother, R.C. Bennett of Midland; nieces, Jane Bennett and Jean Bennett of the Vail, Colo. area; several nieces and nephews; several cousins and her beloved dog, "Misti."

Honorary pallbearers consist of Lane Bachman, Bill Carlton, Marian Culver, Bill Estep, Bill Everett, Bob Ford, Bob Golightly, Charlie Harrison, Wayne Hildreth, Windor Lacewell, R.J. Murray, Myron Townley, and George Westall.

Her quick wit, tender love, passion for life, compassion for family and friends and the grace with which she lived her life will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to Ruidoso Hospice, J Bar J Country Church Building Fund, and First Baptist Church Library Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

### Taz Balderrama

Funeral service for Taz Balderrama, 13, of Mescalero will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 30, in the Mescalero Community Center.

Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Taz passed away Friday, March 23, at his home.

He was born July 21, 1993 in Ruidoso and had lived in Mescalero all of his life.

He was an eighth grader at the Mescalero Apache Schoo.

He attended the Mescalero Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Sheila Michel; his father, Terry K. Balderrama; four brothers, Beau Michel, Riskey Balderrama, Don Balderrama, and Darran Ahidley; two sisters, Deana Evans and Lesley Evans; grandparents, Letitia Balderrama, Karl and Virginia Kazhe and Vince Michel.

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## Esmeralda Torres

Went to be with the Lord on March 14, 2007. She passed away surrounded by her loving family in Alamogordo... On that day I lost my beloved sister and my best friend... Esmo as we all called her was a very loving person, she loved to walk, swim and spend time with her family. We will never forget the day you called and said, "Guess what? I got my driver's license!" We did not know she was learing to drive in her early sixties. She was a huge inspiration to all of us. She is survived by two daughters and a son in Alamogordo and a daughter from Japan. She is the sister to Trudy Lopez and Neva Garcia of Ruidoso. Today it rains in my heart and there is no umbrella. Sleep in the peace that you deserve my beautiful sister, sleep in peace in the presence of our Lord.

We the Lopez family will miss you at all our holidays.

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## Robert S. Gomez

[illegible] away on February 21, [illegible] at 82.

Earlier in his [illegible] a Soil Scientist with the Soil Conservation Service and had accepted a position with the Inter-American Geodetic Survey in the Panama Canal Zone. On this assignment, Gomez had the primary responsibility as Headquarters Soil expert for South and Central America. He dealt with the relationships of soils with other disciplines in integrated, rapid natural resources inventories, and assisted in blending soils, men and agencies into such programs.

He held Bachelors and Masters degrees from New Mexico State University.

While employed by Soil Conservation Service, Gomez was headquartered in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Deming, Las Cruces and Springer, New Mexico. For 5 years [illegible] Venezuela for eight months on a resource study of the Lower Orinocco River Basin.

During his employment with the Soil Conservation Service, he was the recipient of several commendations in recognition of his work. While at Deming he received a "Letter of Commendation" from the regional conservationist for his overall contributions to the conservation program. While at Springer, he received a cash award for an employee suggestion on a system he developed for [illegible] information. After a Soil Survey [illegible] Principal Correlator's Office in Portland, Oregon, requested that Gomez write his procedures [illegible] making Soil Surveys [illegible] could be distributed [illegible] entirts in the [illegible]

[illegible] the agricultural development of their natural resources. He retired in Lima, Peru in 1974 as a GS14.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dolores R. Gomez; a daughter, Olivia K. LeFevre and husband Lonnie; four sons, Hector S. Gomez and wife Charlotte, Edmund Gomez, Andrew M. Gomez and Victor A. Gomez; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Of his 13 siblings [illegible] is his [illegible] is preceded in [illegible]

## Robert S. Gomez

**Wish to express their thanks to our relatives, friends & neighbors for their kind words, prayers, cards, [illegible] food and [illegible] to the [illegible] & [illegible]**

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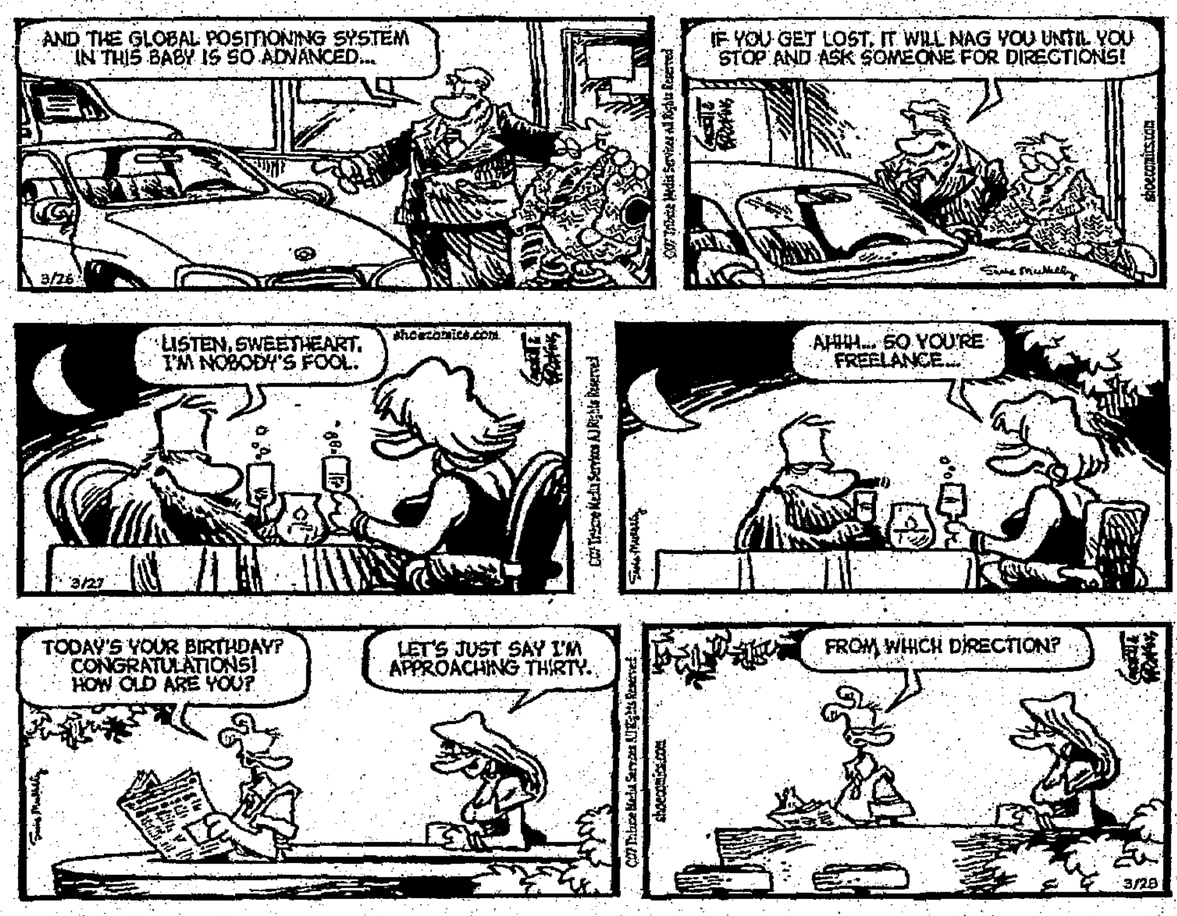
## SHOE

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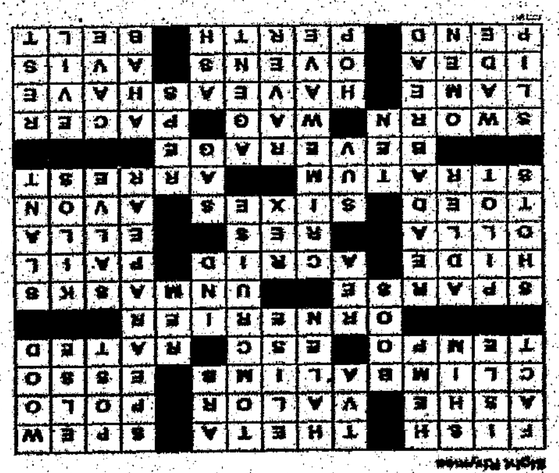


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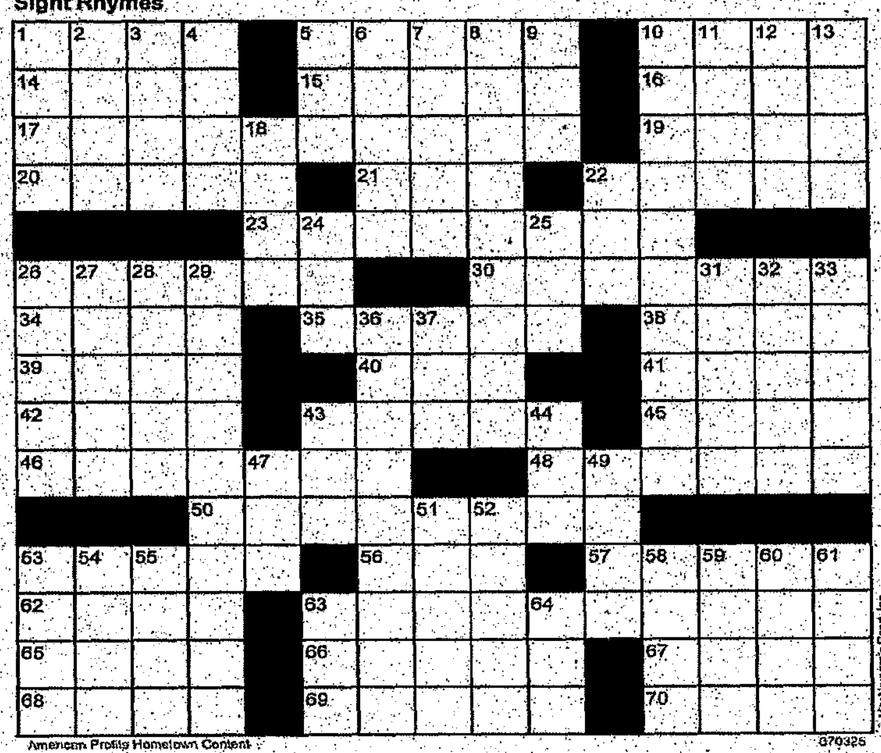

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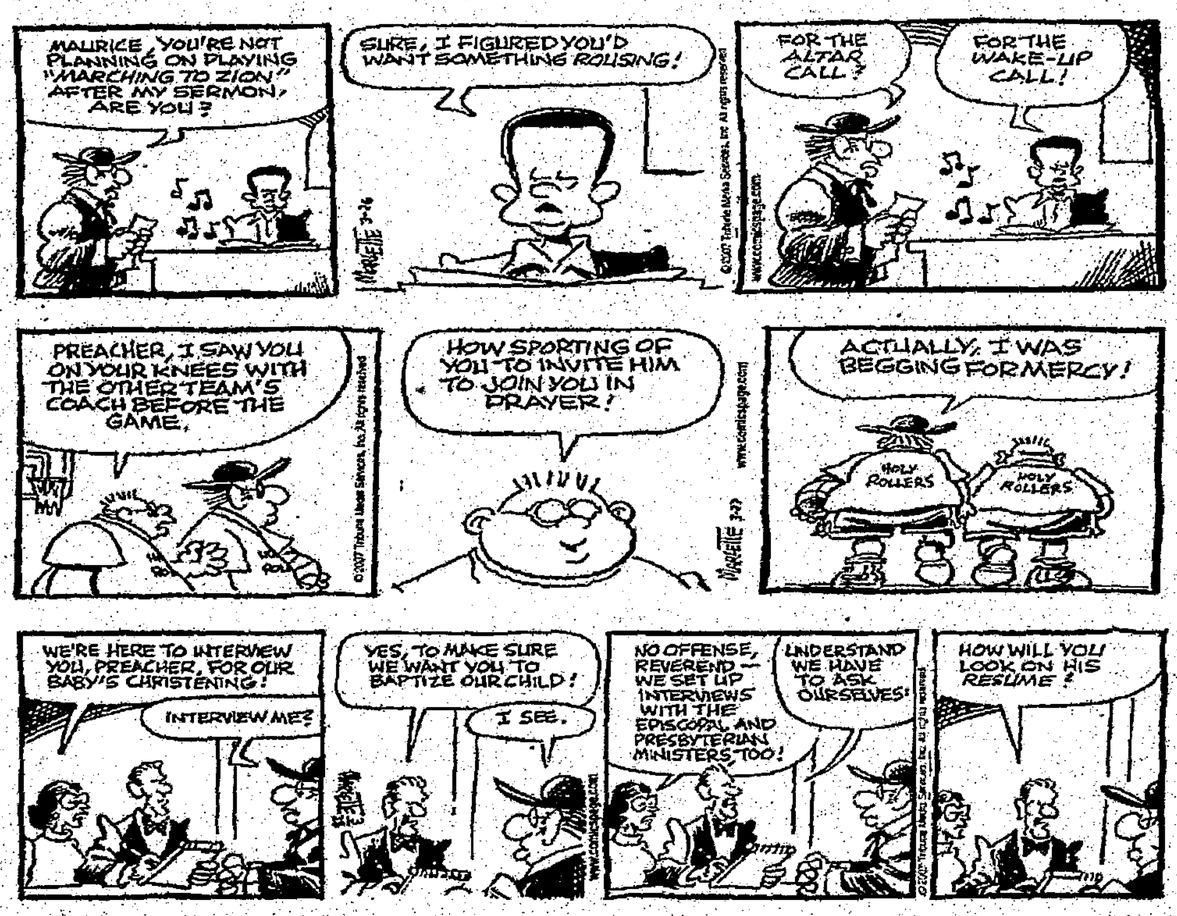
**ACROSS**
1. Pike or perch
5. Letter before iota
10. Release forcibly
14. Queens, N.Y. tennis stadium
15. Medalworthy behavior
16. Game of chukkers
17. Ascend in a tree?
19. Old U.S. gasoline brand
20. Metronome setting
21. Upper-left PC key
22. Gave an "R" to, say
23. More mean-spirited
26. Far from dense
30. Exposes at a costume ball, perhaps
34. Sweep under the rug
35. Pungent-smelling
38. Beach plaything
39. __ podrida (spicy stew)
40. Hi-__ graphics
41. Cinders of old comics
42. Open-__ shoes
43. Boxcars, in dice
45. Bell-ringing cosmetics company
46. Rock layer
48. Slap the cuffs on
50. Coffee or tea
53. Bound by oath
56. Tail motion
57. Horse in a harness race
62. Poor, as excuses go
63. Get rid of the stubble?
65. Light bulb, in comics
66. Kitchen fixtures
67. Hertz rival
68. Hang in the balance
69. Western Australia's capital
70. Boxer's prize

**DOWN**
1. Almanac tidbit
2. Vacation destination
3. Leveling wedge
4. Rope fiber
5. FDR power project
6. Rock's Van __
7. Beethoven dedicatee
8. "Top Gun" actor
9. Wall St. figure
10. Stab a fruit cup morsel with a fork?
11. Place to trade
12. Choice word
13. Club selection
18. Bleachers serenade
22. Sleep activity, for short
24. Stephen of "Still Crazy"
25. Politically unaffiliated: Abbr.
26. Scotch servings
27. Chuck Yeager, e.g.
28. "Inferiority complex" coiner Alfred
29. Check a loaf's freshness date?
31. Soothing stuff
32. Drug bust units
33. Apply spin to
36. Concern for Batman
37. T. __ (fearsome beast)
43. Lincoln Aviator, e.g.
44. Mattress problem
47. Royal flush part
49. Gym iterations
51. Frenzied sort
52. G-man, e.g.
53. Go sprawling
54. Enjoy the kiddie pool
55. Black cat, to some
58. Ill-fated whaler of literature
59. Bat's hangout
60. Like Darth Vader
61. Take five
63. Short flight
64. Cheroot residue

## KUDZU




## JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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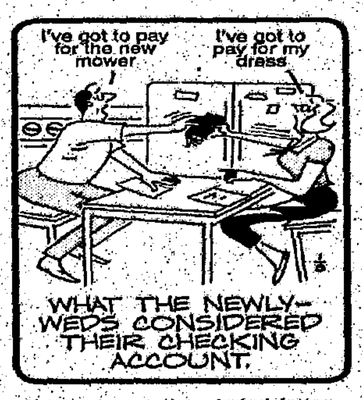


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: A "_____" _____

Jumbles: LUSTY MOUSY FLUNKY ADRIFT
Answer: What the newlyweds considered their checking account — A "MUTUAL" FUND

## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By Michael Mepham

Level: 1 **2** 3 4

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| 3 | | | | | | | 5 | |
| 6 | | 1 | | | 9 | | | |
| 4 | | | | 3 | 7 | | | 2 |
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*Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk*

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| 9 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| 8 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
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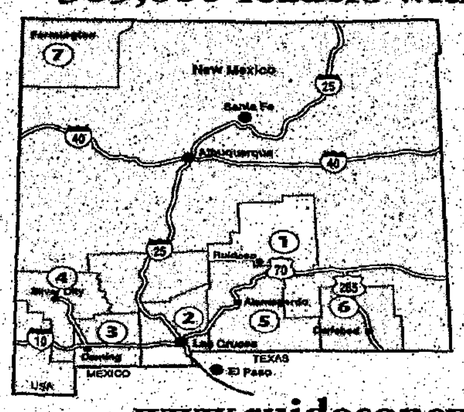


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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
RAYMOND L. SCHRUP,
Deceased

PROBATE NO. PB-07-15

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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 at P.O. Box 903, Capitan, New Mexico, 88316 or to the attorney for the personal representative, Charles E. Hawthorne at 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

Dated:

/s/
David W. Schrup
Personal Representative of the Estate of Raymond L. Schrup, Deceased, P.O. Box 903, Capitan, New Mexico 88316

Attorney for Personal Representative, Charles E. Hawthorne, 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM, 88345 (505) 257-1323, (505) 257-1327

#7614 2T (3)23,28

TWELFTH JUDICIAL
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COUNTY OF LINCOLN
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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
MARY A. CUPP,
Deceased

PROBATE NO. PB-07-16

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Dated: March, 2007

/s/
Charles E. Hawthorne
Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary A. Cupp, Deceased, 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345

Attorney for Personal Representative, Charles E. Hawthorne, 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345 (505) 257-1323, (505) 257-1327

Legal Notices 152

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will hold a public hearing on April 19, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club clubhouse to hear public testimony and vote on the application of Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club for the granting of a Conditional Use applicable to the property located at #1 Country Club Dr., commonly known as Alto Lakes Country Club.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A.,

Plaintiff,

v.

W. GLENN DENNIS and
KATHLEEN DENNIS,

Defendants.

No. CV-06-229

NOTICE OF SALE FORE CLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the following real property which is situated in the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, and is described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE S/2 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, N.M.P.M., LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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The street address of this property is 9604 US Hwy 380, Lincoln, New Mexico 88338 (hereafter "Subject Property").

The Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure (hereafter "Judgment") was entered on March 13, 2007.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 4, 2007, at the entrance to The Village of Ruidoso Municipal Complex, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash, free and clear of all liens, of the parties hereto and all persons claiming under and through the parties or any persons claiming an interest by an instrument filed for record after the date of filing of the Notice of Lis Pendens in the records of Lincoln County, New Mexico. The purchaser of the Subject Property will take it subject to any unpaid property taxes, municipal charges, assessments or liens not foreclosed in this action. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale all of its judgment amount or any portion thereof. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to pay the expenses of the sale, including special master's fee, then for any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, then to satisfy the judgment in favor of Plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., against Defendants.

As of March 13, 2007, the sum necessary to satisfy the judgment is, as follows:

1. The remaining principal balance: $76,225.97.

2. Accrued interest: $28,601.43.

3. Late fees: $100.00.

4. BPO fees: $462.50.

5. Payment to Lincoln County Registrar: $2,264.20

6. Reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses: $1,671.47.

TOTAL: $109,325.57

Interest shall continue to accrue at the rate of $22.45 per day thereafter until the judgment is satisfied. In addition, reasonable attorney's fees and any additional costs of collection and suit (to include the cost of publication of this notice, recording fees, and special master fees) may be awarded upon application to the Court and would be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds remaining after the satisfaction of the above will be applied as determined by the Court.

/s/
Sarah Prothro
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OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations (20.6.2.3106 NMAC), the following discharge permit application(s) has been submitted to the Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("NMOCD"), 1220 S. Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3440:

(GW-089) Transwestern Pipeline Company, Larry Campbell, Division Environmental Specialist, 6381 North Main Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, has submitted a renewal application for the previously approved discharge plan for their Corona Compressor Station located in the NW/4 of Section 36, Township 4 South, Range 15 East, NMPM, Lincoln County, New Mexico, off Highway 247 approximately fifteen miles north on County Road B007. Approximately 25 gallons per week of wash down water will be temporarily stored onsite in an aboveground storage tank within a bermed area prior to disposal or recycling at an NMOCD approved facility. Groundwater most likely to be affected by a spill, leak or accidental discharge is at a depth of approximately 552 feet below the ground surface, with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 1,500 mg/l. The discharge plan addresses how oilfield products and waste will be properly handled, stored, and disposed of, including how spills, leaks, and other accidental discharges to the surface will be managed in order to protect fresh water.

The NMOCD has determined that the application is administratively complete and has prepared a draft permit. The NMOCD will accept comments and statements of interest regarding this application and will create a facility-specific mailing list for persons who wish to receive future notices. Persons interested in obtaining further information, submitting comments or requesting to be on a facility-specific mailing list for future notices may contact the Environmental Bureau Chief of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The administrative completeness determination and draft permit may be viewed at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or may also be viewed at the NMOCD web site http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd/. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the application and draft permit may contact the NMOCD at the address given above. Prior to ruling on any proposed discharge permit or major modification, the Director shall allow a period of at least thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, during which interested persons may submit comments or request that NMOCD hold a public hearing. Requests for a public hearing shall set forth the reasons why a hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if the Director determines that there is significant public interest.

If no public hearing is held, the Director will approve or disapprove the proposed permit based on information available, including all comments received. If a public hearing is held, the director will approve or disapprove the proposed permit based on information in the permit application and information submitted at the hearing.

Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud en español, sírvase comunicarse por favor: New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (Depto. Del Energía, Minerals Recursos Naturales de Nuevo México) Oil Conservation Division (Depto. Conservacion Del Petróleo), 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New México (Contacto: Dorothy Phillips, 505-476-3461)

GIVEN under the Seal of New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on this 22nd day of March 2007.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION
DIVISION

SEAL
Mark Fesmire, Director

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

CROWN POINT OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,
a New Mexico
corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CV 07-06

EDWARDO CHAVEZ, HENRY AND WILLA CLAY, OSCAR CONTRERAS, BARRY DAVIS, DONNA DELANCY, EARL HOWARD, CARLOS AND SUSANA JIMENEZ, WALLACE JOHNS, JEFFREY MESAROS, VIRGIL RAMSEY, RODELIO RIVERO, FLOREN THOMPSON, WILLIAM VANLANDINGHAM, ALAN WHITEHEAD AND JESS WILLIAMS,

Defendants.

COMPLAINT TO
FORECLOSE

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Crown Point Owners Association, Inc., a New Mexico corporation, by and through it's attorney of record, Charles E. Hawthorne, and for it's complaint for foreclosure hereby states:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Plaintiff is a New Mexico corporation, with its principal place of business located in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Defendants are residents as follows:

New Mexico Residents: Henry and Willa Clay, Floren Thompson;

Texas Residents: Oscar Contreras, Earl Howard, Carlos and Susana Jimenez, Wallace Johns, Rogelio Rivero, William Vanlandingham, Alan Whitehead and Jess C. Williams;

Mexico Residents: Edwardo Chavez;

Phippine Residents: Virgil L. Ramsey;

Nevada Residents: Donna Delancy;

California Residents: Barry Davis;

Florida Residents: Jeffrey Mesaros;

(collectively "Defendants").

ALLEGATIONS FOR
FORECLOSURE

2. Defendants are the owners of the time share intervals and are delinquent in the payment of maintenance fees owed to Plaintiff as set forth on Exhibit A ("the Intervals").

3. Despite demands made, Defendants have failed and refused to pay the sums due.

4. In accordance with the terms and provisions of the Declaration, and in accordance with the law, Plaintiff is entitled to a lien against the Intervals, and to have its lien foreclosed, the Intervals sold at public sale, with the proceeds of such sale to be applied upon all amounts owing to Plaintiff.

5. In accordance with the condominium declarations, Plaintiff is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees from Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against the individual defendants in the sums as set forth on Exhibit A, together with interest accruing thereafter at the rate of 8.75% per annum until paid, together with costs of court, and reasonable attorney's fees; and the Intervals be ordered sold as provided by law; that a Special Master be appointed to sell the Intervals, and that the proceeds of such sale applied first to discharge the costs of this action and of the sale, and then to the satisfaction of Plaintiff's judgment herein, that any excess proceeds from the said sale be deposited into the registry of this court pending its further order; and for any other and further relief the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Hawthorne
900 Sudderth Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico
88355, 257-1323, fax
253-1327

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CORRECTED NOTICE

CITY OF
RUIDOSO DOWNS
LODGERS' TAX
COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lodgers' Tax Committee of the City of Ruidoso Downs will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in the City Hall Hubbard Room at 122 Downs Drive, Ruidoso Downs.

Agenda will be posted Twenty-Four (24) hours prior to meeting date. Meetings of the City of Ruidoso Downs are open to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the City Clerk at City of Ruidoso Downs City Hall at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

/s/Carol Virdon
Clerk/Treasurer

#7626 1T (3)28

Members of the public are invited to provide comment on hearings for the issuance of or transfer of liquor licenses as outlined below. All hearings will be conducted at the NM Alcohol and Gaming Division offices on the dates specified for each Application in the Toney Anaya Building, 2550 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Hearing Officer assigned to this application is Annette Brumley. She can be contacted at 505-476-4548.

Application #A513032B License #0253 for the Transfer of ownership of a Liquor License on April 3, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m. Branding Iron, Inc., located at 157 W. Hwy 70, Ruidoso, Lincoln County New Mexico.

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

Full Time [illegible]

Gen. Help Wanted 224

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HIRING
HOUSE KEEPING STAFF. Competitive wages based on exp. APPLY AT 97 CAMELOT DR 257-3600

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Join our great staff with part-time positions in housekeeping. Thursday & Fridays ONLY. $8.00 per hour + tips + incentive bonus. Submit application at office 220 Crown Dr. Ruidoso. No Applications on File

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Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club is seeking persons for the following positions:

Cooks, Pantry, Dishwashers, Servers, Busers, Hostess and Grounds.

Full and part time, days and evenings. apply in person.

Gen. Help Wanted 224

Delivery/Warehouse Worker Needed
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Ruidoso Downs
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L6790

Employment 204

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Employment 204

LAS CRUCES SUN-NEWS

CIRCULATION MANAGER

The Las Cruces Sun News seeks a Circulation Manager to design, implement and manage a multifaceted circulation operation that reflects the readership goals of this organization, with circulation growth as the main focus. This position oversees the service and operations of the department to ensure each area is on task and is responsible for meeting annual budgeted volumes and expenses for local and regional properties.

Prefer four years of circulation experience. Bachelor's degree a plus. The Management skills of this employee are constantly challenged in an ever-changing circulation department. Must have the ability to analyze information and data in order to translate it into successful programs to increase readership, which is critical to the the growth of our business. Nurturing the group dynamics in order to build a solid team will take successful communication and inter-personal skills. Fluent in Spanish is a plus. Must knowledgeable in Microsoft Office Suite.

We are an equal opportunity employer. We recognize and appreciate the benefits of diversity in the workplace. Those who share this belief or reflect a diverse background are encouraged to apply. In addition to a competitive salary, we offer excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision, vision, spending account, 401 K and an opportunity for outstanding growth potential. Our concern is for the health and safety of our employees, therefore, we offer a smoke-free work environment and conduct pre-employment drug testing.

Contact
Human Resources
256 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Fax: 505-541-5497
jluna@lcsun-news.com

Sales/Agents 222

Advertising Sales Reps Yellow Page Co. is seeking sales reps. Great comm. structure $60-$100K/yr. potential + benefits. Travel required. Call 888-249-6920 ext. 253

Gen. Help Wanted 224

ALTO CAFE
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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Kokopelli

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Gen. Help Wanted 224

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Civigenics, Inc.
Camp Sierra Blanca
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32-36 hr/wk, must have high school diploma or GED.
All Applicants must be able to pass a criminal background check required by Children, Youth and Families Department. Please forward resumes to cheryl.gerthe@civigenics.com or fax to (505-354-8006)

Employment 204

Maintenance Worker

Salary $10.01 hourly. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 pm Thursday, April 5, 2007. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax: 258-5848. Website: www.ruidoso-nm.gov. *"Drugfree Workplace"* EEOE

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Salary $9.45 hourly. Excellent benefit package included (vacation, sick, retirement & insurance). Applications accepted until 4:00 pm Monday, April 2, 2007. Complete job description and applications at the Village of Ruidoso, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Phone 258-4343 or 1-877-700-4343. Fax: 258-5848. Website: www.ruidoso-nm.gov. *"Drugfree Workplace"* EEOE

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**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

DUTY OFFICER- FULL-TIME.

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**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

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**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

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124 E. Hwy 70 Ruidoso Downs

**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

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124 E. Hwy 70. Ruidoso Downs

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**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

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HELP WANTED:

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- Laborers
- Yearly Maintenance Personnel

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**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

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OFCU offers excellent benefits which may include:401(k) pension plan,paid vacation &sick leave,and paid holidays.

If you would like to become part of our creative and challenging work environment,submit your application to: HR Department,Otero Federal Credit Union, P.O.Box 2800,Alamogordo,NM by 5:00 p.m.Wednesday,April 4,2007. EOE/M,F,H,D,

**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

CIRCULATION COORDINATOR

We are seeking a Circulation Coordinator who will be responsible for achieving aggressive growth in paid circulation while crafting, implementing and evaluating promotional programs year 'round. Duties for which this individual is responsible include but are not limited to: overseeing independent contractor drivers and able to fill in this role by handling and delivering newspapers; all aspects of customer service for subscribers, dealers and other affiliates within the community and developing and growing the Newspapers In Education (NIE) Program. This individual must be able to quickly and thoroughly master specialty software packages for circulation management and classified advertising as cross training is required to cover the\classified advertising desk.

High school graduate or the equivalent is required. Previous experience in a print media circulation department is highly desirable. Must possess excellent customer service, interpersonal, communication, bookkeeping, typing and spelling skills. Experience in sales or customer service is a plus. Must be 18 years of age or older, able to work early morning hours, evenings and weekends as required. Computer expertise and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite, e-mail and networking is strongly preferred. Capable of lifting newspaper bundles, must have reliable transportation, a valid drivers license, proof of current liability insurance and a safe driving record.

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**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

WANTED

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GOLDEN YARN FLOORING is looking for a motivated person to work in the showroom and learn the flooring business. Computer skills helpful... People skills and a smile required. Inquire at 240 Sudderth Dr.

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Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for a Temporary/Full-time CDL Driver, experience in driving a Garbage Truck preferable. Position will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be Monday, April 9, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for Temporary/Part-time Laborer, Valid New Mexico Driver's License required. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 33 Gravel Pit Rd., La Luz, NM or call (505) 424-1338, or (505) 973-1735. Applications deadline will be Monday, April 9, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for Temporary/Full-time Yard Attendant/ Equipment Operator, Valid New Mexico Driver's License required. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso Downs, NM or call (505) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be Monday, April 9, 2007, at 2:00 p.m.

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Ramada Inn needs Front Desk Person. Apply in Person @ 2191 Hwy 70 West.

Receptionist for Law Office wanted please submit resume to Ruidoso.law.office@Yahoo.com NO LATER THAN APRIL 20TH 2007

**Gen. Help Wanted 224**

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Send resume, references and salary requirements to: Email: hr@nmohc.com FAX 505-796-3069.Drug free environment/ EOE

SECRETARY POSITION

The Carrizozo branch of the 12th Judicial District Attorney's office currently has an opening for the position of Secretary. The successful applicant will assist in overall management of case files in a high volume office. This position requires knowledge of general office skills, effective word processing skills, grammar and reading comprehension, proper telephone etiquette, ability to communicate effectively, and follow directions and policies. Applicant must have a High school diploma or GED and at least two years work experience and/or education in related field.

Please submit your resume and letter of interest to the 12th Judicial District Attorney's Office, P.O. Box 893, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301 no later than April 16, 2007. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Tender Tots Child Care HIRING MON-FRI Teacher/Housekeeper $7.00 per hr.257-5784

TREATMENT COORDINATOR

Provides supervision, support and training to Treatment Foster Parents and clients. Must have a Bachelor's degree in a human service-related field and two years experience working with SED population and their families. Must be flexible and a team player. Rotating on-call and CRC required. Please submit resume to: Raindancer Youth Services, 1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 11, Ruidoso NM 87401 or fax 505-258-3663.

VILLAGE LODGE SUITES Hiring experience House keeper with Ref. Apply @ 1000 Mechem 258-5442

**Employment Wanted 230**

Complete Handyman: Maint., repair, carpentry, tile, painting. References available, Local Call Tim Sergeant at Cell-Phone # 505-808-0414.

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EMPLOYMENT

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**Furnished Apts. 312**

2 bd, 1 ba. Mobil Home. Freshly remodeled $450/mo + utilities. 505-937-3059.

**Mobile Home Rental 308**

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3 bd. Mobile home. Nice yard & deck. Unfurnished. Appliances, w/d, $650/mo. Next door to Alto Cafe. 937-2853

2 bd/2 ba, Nice, wtr, gar, sew, pd, on river near Walmart. (915)-526-8329 or 378-7099

2 bd/1 ba, 14x56 wtr, gar, sew, pd, on river near Walmart. $395/mo (915)-526-8329

**Parks/ Spaces/Sites-Rent 310**

Warehouse or storage space available up to 2400 sq. ft. 3 12 ft garage doors & 1 walk-in door. Take all or part. $1,200/mo. Located behind Deckers Mountain Laundry II, Ruidoso Downs. Call 257-7667 or 937-3075.

**Furn. Apts. - General 314**

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1 person efficiency Bills Paid $500. Mo. + Dep. w/d,dishwasher, non-smoker ,No Pets 378-4195

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**Unfurn. Apts. - General 328**

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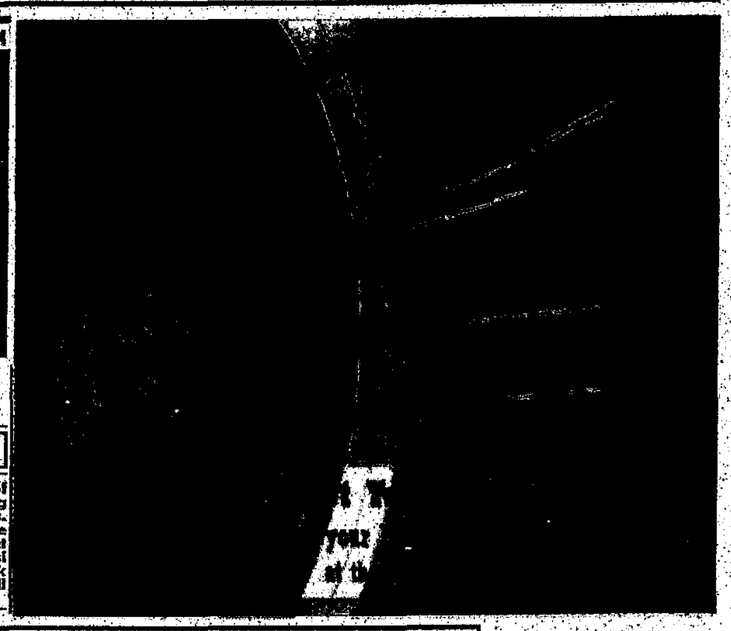

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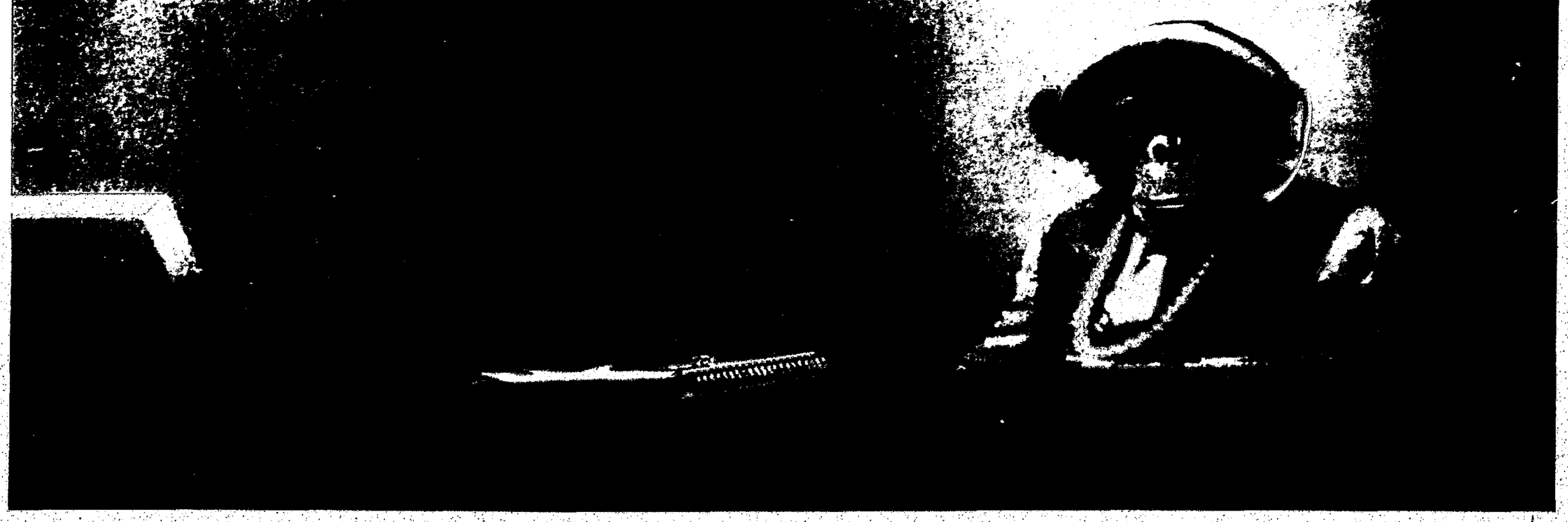

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