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'Taking care of your own'

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AT RUIDOSO'S FIRST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT, THE PRESIDENT OF SANTA FE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INC. DELIVERS INSPIRING MESSAGE

— First of four reports —

The toughest challenge faced at the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Summit Friday by Catherine Zacher was trying to leave.

Village councilors and others in the audience of about 100 people attending the all-day session were so impressed by the message from the president of Santa Fe Economic Development Inc. they didn't want to let her go.

She began by illustrating the commitment of residents in Santa Fe to their community.

"It's the only place I've lived where people introduce themselves and how

long they have lived there," she said. "It shows commitment."

Long-time president of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce and president of the state chamber for two years, Zacher earned a bachelor's degree in political

science and philosophy from Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill.

She found many years ago that if she attended a meeting of the Santa Fe Economic Development group every three months, she hadn't missed much,

Zacher said. The group owned a business park and when members ran out of money, they would sell one of the lots in the park "and go to lunch again."

"Sometimes I think (those involved in economic development groups) get carried away with themselves and forget what they are supposed to be doing," she said.

Ten years ago, she received a call from a member of the development group asking for help to shut it down, and they only had two months' salary left.

"I spent one month reviewing everything and found they had not billed the

See **SUMMIT**, page 7A

HOLDING ON



COURTESY CHIP NEWTON

An unidentified cowboy holds on desperately during Saturday's "Bulls Gone Wild" bull-riding event held at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the 4th annual Smokey Bear Days in Capitan. See the Photo Page, 10A, for a pictorial view of Smokey's big day.

Workshop to address wastewater treatment woes

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Residents worried about the \$35 million price tag attached to a new wastewater treatment plant mandated by state and federal environmental agencies and the focus of a lawsuit, are urged to attend a workshop Thursday.

Councilors from Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, municipal managers and Lincoln County Commissioner David Parks who sit on the Joint Use Board that governs the plant will meet with State Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry to discuss a proposed agreement.

'Backs against the wall'

While the workshop is open to the public, comment is not allowed, but Mayor L. Ray Nunley said it is a chance for people to "see what a difficult issue is confronting us and maybe appreciate what both towns have been dealing with."

"We have our backs against the wall," he said. "It's tough to find grants. We've been told by Washington, D.C., that we will get help, but we don't know what or when. They are asking us to do something that is very difficult."

The session that begins at 4 p.m. at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs may help residents understand how the state came up with the strictest standards in the nation for phosphorous and nitrogen discharge into the Ruidoso River. Failure to meet the phosphorous standard as required by the plant permit in 2004 prompted the lawsuit by Forest Guardians against the village and plant.

Since then, nitrogen standards also were tightened in the 2006 draft permit for the plant. While voters in Ruidoso approved general obligation bonds for \$12.6 million and in Ruidoso Downs for \$1.4 million toward the renovated plant, more than \$11 million still is needed after

all grants and awards are added into the mix.

At a workshop last week, Ruidoso Wastewater Director Ken Mosley said even with other rate changes, the cost of supporting the new plant operation, repaying the bonds and covering the remaining construction deficit would amount to about \$27 per month per customer in the village.

Nunley explained that under a proposed settlement agreement, the agencies and Forest Guardians would give the two municipalities 39 months to build the plant and two more years to come into compliance.

"We want two years to test and then an additional three years for compliance," Nunley said. "Our experts think that the river will respond when the plant is finished. Under the worst-case scenario, we would face adding a tertiary treatment at the end, but we're keeping our fingers crossed."

Budget blues

Village finance director delivers balanced budget but warns it won't make many happy

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The financial cupboard is so bare in Ruidoso that services may be cut back, employee cost of living raises are on hold and village councilors are considering additional taxes and creative new ways to generate income for departments.

In two budget workshops, councilors looked at looming financial obligations and stagnant revenues with "bare-bone" expenditures in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 calculated at nearly \$29.5 million and income at \$25.75 million. New Village Manager Dan O. Higgins told them they face four options: a more efficient operation; increasing revenue through tax increases, rate increases and fees; cutting services; or a combination of the other three.

Village Finance Director Elaine Beltran delivered a balanced budget to councilors. She warned it would not make them happy, but would satisfy state Department of Finance and Administration officials, who want a balanced budget submitted by June 1.

The budget is about 3 percent higher than the current year that ends June 30, Beltran said.

Mayor L. Ray Nunley set the next workshop at 4 p.m., May 14 at village hall. Higgins said in the meantime, he will look at new revenue sources and possibly outsourcing work at a lower cost than it can be performed by village employees, such as payroll, water department billing and special services in the planning department.

Cory said, "We need a budget that provides basic ongoing services whether it's balanced or not, and then we can look at way (to fund it)."

Two ideas suggested by

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Mother's Day Celebration at Laughing Sheep Farm
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Toastmasters open

Toastmasters International is open to the community. Meetings are held from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU), 709 Mechem Dr. in Ruidoso.

For further information contact George Brown at 505-257-1569 or e-mail geocarlbrown@hotmail.com.

Circus coming to town

The Ruidoso Optimist Club is hosting the return of the Carson & Barnes Circus near the end of this school year at the White Mountain School Complex on Thursday, May 17.

There will be two performances with show times at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., featuring a herd of performing elephants, per-

formers from around the globe, rings of horses and ponies, and a traveling zoo featuring over one hundred exotic animals.

Proceeds from ticket sales will fund local Optimist Club children and youth projects. The Ruidoso Optimist Club receives a larger portion of proceeds from advanced sales and circus goers save 25 percent by purchasing tickets before show day at local ticket outlets.

Tickets are available at First Federal Bank, City Bank, Pioneer Bank and First National Bank. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Circus day tickets are \$8 for children and \$16 for adults.

School children in Lincoln County and Mesalero can watch the circus tents set up on the morning of May 17 at the White Mountain School complex. Lesson plans will be made available for elementary school

teachers and day care center staff in advance of the date to assist in creating an effective learning experience from the event.

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

CPR training

Ruidoso will offer CPR training from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in room 103 at the ENMU-Ruidoso college campus on Mechem Drive.

According to the American Heart Association, each year, cardiovascular disease and sudden cardiac arrest claim the lives of 325,000 Americans before they reach a hospital.

Almost 80 percent of cardiac arrests occur at home and are witnessed by a family member. Being trained to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can mean the difference



Ruidoso's new Starbucks is partnering with The Nest domestic violence shelter to provide coffee and pastries for women living at the shelter. From left to right are Nest volunteer Lynn Salas, Javier Gandara and Robi DePalma of Starbucks and Coleen Widell, Executive Director of HEAL. COURTESY PHOTO

between life and death for a loved one.

Without CPR, the current survival rate of cardiac arrest victims is approximately 6.4 percent.

CPR can double a victim's chance of survival by maintaining vital blood flow to the heart and brain until more advanced care can be given.

The cost of the class is \$45 which includes the student workbook. The instructor is Mr. Cory Myers, a Paramedic with Lincoln County EMS. Seating is limited.

To register, or for more information, call Coda Omness or Fred Reed at 630-8181 or 1-800-854-4712. They can also be contacted by e-mail at coda.omness@enmu.edu or reedf@enmu.edu.

ing gourmet coffee and pastries to the Nest, Lincoln County's first shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The concept for Starbucks "adopting" the Nest was hatched by Nest employee Sarah Chambers and volunteer Lynn Salas. They approached Starbucks Store Manager Robi DePalma with the idea of donating fresh coffee and pastries for the women living in the shelter.

Salas further pitched the idea to Starbucks District Manager Javier Gandara at a chamber-sponsored open house. Gandara supported the idea of helping families break free from violence and endorsed the partnership.

Starbucks has a tradition of supporting local charities in the communities in which they operate.

According to the company's Web site, "Starbucks has many community building programs

that help us be good neighbors and contribute positively to the communities where our partners (employees) and customers live, work and play. We encourage and reward volunteerism and participation in organizations that are important to our partners."

The Nest opened March 1 to serve local victims of domestic violence. During its first month, 18 clients received services ranging from emergency shelter and assistance with housing, employment, daycare, education, crisis intervention and legal advocacy.

The Nest is operated by HEAL - Help End Abuse for Life.

Starbucks officially opened for business on March 30, 2007. The Ruidoso store is located at 2722 Suddearth Dr.

For further information, call the Nest office at 378-6378 or the crisis hotline at 1-866-378-6378.

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Wed 5/9	Thu 5/10	Fri 5/11
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New Mexico At A Glance

Moon Phases

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Wed 5/9 Extreme, Thu 5/10 Extreme, Fri 5/11 Extreme

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

Area Cities

City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.
Alamogordo	81	50	pt sunny	Grants	71	39	r/a	Santa Fe	49	39	mixed
Albuquerque	70	51	t-storm	Guyton, OK	69	47	t-storm	Santa Rosa	72	47	rain
Carlsbad	78	51	t-storm	Hobbs	74	52	t-storm	Silver City	71	39	n/a
Chama	49	34	mixed	Las Cruces	80	64	mt sunny	Socorro	76	48	pt sunny
Clovis	70	44	rain	Las Vegas	49	38	mixed	St. Johns, AZ	81	46	pt sunny
Deming	81	49	mt sunny	Lordsburg	84	51	mt sunny	Taos	49	34	mixed
El Paso, TX	80	58	mt sunny	Lubbock, TX	68	50	t-storm	Trinidad, CO	62	40	t-storm
Espanola	75	46	rain	Odessa, TX	72	56	t-storm	Truth or Consq.	78	54	pt sunny
Farmington	75	41	pt sunny	Flaton	49	37	mixed	Tucson, AZ	93	62	mt sunny
Gallup	71	37	pt sunny	Roswell	75	51	t-storm	Tucuman	69	42	rain

National Cities

City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.	City	H	L	Cond.
Atlanta	81	60	sunny	Houston	85	82	pt sunny	Phoenix	97	74	sunny
Boston	81	58	cloudy	Los Angeles	77	57	sunny	San Francisco	76	52	mt sunny
Chicago	77	57	rain	Miami	86	69	t-storm	Seattle	64	44	mt sunny
Dallas	82	66	t-storm	Minneapolis	83	59	pt sunny	St. Louis	85	68	rain
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County may require more timely lodgers tax applications

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A last minute application for county lodgers tax money prompted Lincoln County commissioners to say they may consider a rule change to require applications at least two months in advance of an event.



Marsh

But their criticism of a last-minute request for the Fiber Fest at the Lincoln Monument didn't stop commissioners from approving \$1,000 to help advertise the event of May 19-20.

Commissioner Don Williams was worried a precedent would be established for groups to bypass the county lodgers tax committee and request lodgers tax money directly from the commission.

A representative of the Partnership in Preservation that works with the State Monument said illness delayed an application and then they learned no meeting was scheduled for the lodgers tax committee in April.

Last year, the committee approved \$400. The application this year was for \$1,500, but Commissioner Jackie Powell, who offered the motion for \$1,000, pointed out there is little time left to advertise.

The PIP representative said artists from around the area who work with natural fibers weaving and spinning attend and participate. This is the second year of sponsorship and ads will be placed in newspapers in El Paso, Roswell and Las

Cruces, she said.

Stewart told commissioners that after he received the request and knowing the committee was not scheduled to meet, he talked to a few members and they seemed to favor allocating \$1,000. But he suggested implementing a two-month cut-off policy for the future.

"They were told last year to bring (requests) in earlier," Stewart said.

Battin said the event is important for the historic settlement of Lincoln and he favored an allocation.

Stewart said the committee had a balance of \$21,000 remaining in budget for the year with one month left. The fiscal year ends in July. The requests approved by commissioners will leave about \$10,000.

Because the committee did

not meet in April, Herb Marsh with the Lincoln County Historical Society attended the commission meeting to ensure that group received approval for \$4,000 in lodgers tax dollars for advertising expenses connected to a symposium on Billy the Kid and the Lincoln County War planned for the weekend of Sept. 29.

Based on recommendations from the lodgers tax committee, commissioners also approved \$3,000 to promote the Ski Run Road Challenge to benefit White Mountain Search and Rescue, \$1,000 for the Corriente Cowbells to advertise and provide insurance for the 21st Annual Team Roping, and \$4,450 for Fort Stanton Inc. and the Fort Stanton Foundation to advertise Fort Stanton Live!, an annual celebration at the historic fort northeast of Ruidoso.

County projects budget deficit; may rely on reserve

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Before funding any requests from external agencies, Lincoln County's manager projected a \$179,957 deficit of expenses over revenue during the county commission's first budget session earlier this week.

But Tom Stewart said commissioners can manage the situation, because they accumulated a \$829,031 cushion in excess of the state-required three-twelfths of the budget reserve.

The county reserve over requirements previously was \$1.15 million, but commissioners used \$325,000 to buy a building for the new Hondo Senior Citizens Center.

Out of the \$8.58 million general fund, Stewart forecast \$5.33 million to operate departments, \$1 million for the county detention center in Carrizozo, \$1.93 million to supplement the road department, \$175,000 for juvenile detention, \$177,846 in supplements to the Zia Senior program and \$33,856 for special programs.

Stewart based his revenue projection in part on the county

tax base, which is expected to jump from \$721.9 million in 2006 to \$815.56 million in 2007, a \$93.6 million increase. At that rate, one mill of property tax would produce about \$815,560 in tax dollars.

If additional revenue is required, Stewart listed different gross receipts taxes, a discretionary tax and an operational tax that could be imposed for a total potential increase of \$1.94 million annually.

Tentative commission agreement on external requests included:

- \$54,125 for the New Mexico State Extension Office, \$75,652 to be split between predator control at \$57,042 and Animal Damage Control at \$18,610. Commissioners told representatives to seek some money from municipalities, because about 20 percent of their work occurs within those borders.
- \$7,500 for the County cooperative Noxious Weed Management
- \$2,500 for Big Brothers Big Sisters
- \$4,140 for White Mountain Search and Rescue
- \$600 for Special Olympics

• \$2,000 for the Lincoln County Food Bank

• \$3,300 each for the libraries in Capitan and Corona, and \$25,000 for the public library in Ruidoso

• \$25,000 for Help End Abuse for Life, HEAL, and its domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs

• \$15,000 for EcoServants

• \$12,500 for the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

Society President Kai Brown requested \$25,000 to help offset a \$70,000 financial shortfall in 2006, and that the society has not asked for any money from the county for four years, but has continued to accept lost, relinquished and stray animals from residents in unincorporated areas of the county.

In approving a similar amount to the contract the county pays to the town of Carrizozo for animal control, the commission, which has added several new members since 2003, acknowledged the shelter's assistance to county residents and pets.

Lost animals are reunited with owners. Unwanted litters have a place to be taken where the kittens and puppies can be

safe and have a chance for adoption. Residents from anywhere in the county who find stray animals can bring them to the shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road, society representatives pointed out.

The vote also may signal that commissioners favor efforts to find new homes for animals and are willing to help toward the costs of care while that goal is pursued. That attitude is in contrast to opinions of some previous commissioners, who did not want to support the cost of anything beyond the required 72 hour waiting period.

Society representatives presented detailed financial records, a membership list and a breakdown showing that 30 percent of strays come to the shelter from areas outside of the three municipalities that now contract with the shelter and 40 percent of owner-relinquished animals come from outside the Ruidoso area.

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OUR OPINION

Proposed wastewater deal no panacea

Public is invited to Thursday's workshop on issue

You'll excuse the municipalities if they feel like they've got a gun pointed at their heads.

Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and the Joint Use Board that governs the operation of their wastewater treatment plant are considering a settlement that could help them avoid whopping fines over failure to meet environmental standards.

But in accepting the settlement, the entities would have to agree to a target number for effluent discharge into the Ruidoso River they claim is impossible to meet.

At first, phosphorous levels were considered the culprit in effluent discharge. Now at issue is a 2006 draft permit for the treatment plant issued by the federal EPA that, for the first time, set standards on nitrogen limits that can be discharged back into the river — in

this case, 1.0 milligrams per liter. Violations at the end of the three-year permit would likely draw high penalties under the Clean Water Act and through citizen lawsuits.

Hence, a settlement pushing back that deadline sounds like a welcomed reprieve, except that engineers and scientists advising the JUB still contend the 1.0 standard is not realistic.

We can thank a former village council for designating the Rio Ruidoso as a coldwater fishery that mandates such a low nitrogen standard; today's council is in many ways coping with decisions of the past.

Thus, councilors invite the public to attend Thursday's 4 p.m. workshop (at the Hubbard Museum of the American West) on the proposed settlement. They want an educated citizenry and, just maybe, someone to feel their pain.

What I (don't) like about New Mexico

Here are a few things I like about New Mexico. It is a state where on any given day I can open the newspaper and find a story about our thoroughly modern Spaceport in a place called Upham.

On the same day there will be an email reminder about our past, a plea to "Save our Wild Horses." This message will bemoan the fact there are now only 400 wild

horses left on New Mexico federal lands, compared to 6,000 of them back in 1974. Don't you know those 400 will scatter when a rocket carrying a rich guy blasts into space from Upham?

I like New Mexico because our governor, who is running for president of these United States, looks like he gets clipped for five bucks at Albuquerque Barber College.

That's not criticism, it's a compliment. Candidate John Edwards demonstrated he is out of touch when he shelled out \$400 each for two haircuts in Beverly Hills.

He can afford it? Who cares, when millions can't afford a quart of milk? John boy, get a \$10 cut and find 39 homeless guys and buy them a haircut as well.

I like New Mexico because her statewide paper has a guy named "Trip" who is assigned to write about the state airplane, where it goes and who it carries. Trip Jennings wrote in the *Albuquerque Journal* one of the executive jet's frequent fliers is Johnny Cope of Hobbs, a state highway commissioner. Johnny points out it is a long-standing tradition for commissioners to fly in style, so I guess that makes it okay.

Maybe that last part is something I don't like about New Mexico.

Here are a couple of other things I don't like about New

Mexico.

I do not like that its largest school district won't let cars carry guns onto school campuses.

Recently, then, when there was the hint of trouble at a high school in Albuquerque, the campus police had to scurry to auto trunks to retrieve their weapons. How smart is that? I am one of those liberal

law enforcement should be armed, but not the rest of us.

Okay, NRA, come get me. I'm yours. Send your ugly, nasty emails warning that when the foreign troops come marching down my street I'll be the only guy in the neighborhood without an Uzi to protect my home.

Tell me the problem with this country is sushi-eating, left wing whacko columnists who refuse to admit Jesus packed a pistol. Keep those emails coming. And be prepared to be quoted.

Another thing I don't like about New Mexico is that its governor is arguably the most qualified of the gang running for the Democratic nomination, but he can't get the attention of the electorate.

And I don't like the fact that although Bill Richardson is not a cookie cutter candidate packaged like eight slices of cellophane-wrapped bologna, he still fell into the trap of broadcasting to the enemy our exit from Iraq.

Look, his administration is bumbling and deceitful, but George Bush is still the Commander in Chief President of the United States. We can't do war by committee. Shut up, Democrats, give the troops the money and hope America has more sense next time we elect a president.

So, there. That's how I feel about things. How about you?

The columnist welcomes response at ncantwell@beyond-bb.com, but asks you to be gentle.

If gold miners do return to the Capitans, they surely won't look like these two.



YOUR OPINION

Carrizozo project due to team effort

To the editor:

WITH GREAT PLEASURE, the Carrizozo Woman's Club announces that the club and the Town of Carrizozo have been awarded \$90,000 in Capital Outlay funds. The money is to be used for a Community Improvement Contest called Happy World Playground. Playground equipment will be built on land known as Spencer Park donated in 1961 by the late Mrs. Jackie Spencer. Community members as well as staff from the Lincoln County Medical Center and Wal-Mart have volunteered to participate in a community build day, the date of which will be announced shortly.

In 2006 County Commissioner Eileen Lovelace attended that year's Legislative Session as a member of the Leadership Lincoln Class and presented a request for capital outlay. However, no funds were allocated.

A second request was presented by Deborah Abingdon, a member of the 2006-2007 Leadership Lincoln Class, to Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish for the amount of \$90,000. As a result of Ms. Abingdon's presentation, Lieutenant Governor Denish took a special interest in the Happy World Playground Project. Governor Richardson, in the spirit of bipartisanship, signed the Capital Outlay Request Bill, which included the funds for the Carrizozo project. Ms. Abingdon was also instrumental in involving Wal-Mart in the project. We wish to thank Wal-Mart manager Raymond Simpson for his enthusiasm and support.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our legislators, State Senator Rod Adair, as well as Representatives Dan Foley and Dub Williams. Without their long hours of service to our communities, suc-

cess stories such as this would not be told. We also thank Hubert Quintana, Executive Director for SNMEDI, Council of Government for seeing this Capital Outlay Request through the legislative process.

The project is and will continue to be a community effort in the truest sense. The CIC Happy World Playground Committee will see this project completed and will continue to work for its improvement. This is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when individuals work together for the betterment of all. We thank all of the committee members, fundraisers, volunteers, local artists, city and county officials, and members of the Woman's Club for their support.

Peggy Najar
Committee Chairperson
Carrizozo

Poor service mars otherwise lovely visit

To the editor:

MY WIFE AND I VISITED your lovely area over the weekend from Shawnee, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City. We had a great time.

We were shopping in one of the many fine jewelry stores and asked the owner where we should eat dinner. They suggested an eating establishment but recommended that we make reservations. They even gave us the phone number.

After we had made our purchase, we went outside and called the restaurant. We were told the times available were either 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. We made reservations for 7:30 p.m.

We arrived at 7:30 p.m. There was a young couple already seated in the waiting area. Right in front of us was a couple from Alto. They did not have a reser-

vation and were told it would be a half hour wait. They did not have a problem with that and said they would be in the bar. The hostess had our reservation and asked that we wait in the waiting area. Right after us came a party of at least six, maybe eight people.

The hostess, who happened to be the owner or owner's wife, then left and went and checked on something. We were seated in such a way that we could see the walkway from the bar into the dining area.

The hostess sat the couple from Alto. She then came back and seated the young couple that had been waiting before we came in. She then sat the large group plus another couple that had reservations for 7:30 p.m. that had come in while she was away from the hostess

desk.

When she came back, I told her we were canceling our reservation. She had the nerve to say we had only been there a few minutes and that it would be just a little while longer. I informed her that when she seats people without reservations before people who called and made reservations, that she does not deserve our business. She did not dispute my statement.

When establishments within an area such as Ruidoso that depends heavily on tourists do not cater to tourists, the whole town suffers.

I thought the code of the West was a person's word was his bond. Not with this establishment.

Mike Clifford
Shawnee, Kansas

Confusion reigns over animal donations

To the editor:

I RECENTLY CAME TO Ruidoso for the funeral of Earline Phillips, who was affectionately known as "my other mother." Those who were extremely close to Earline, and those of us who participated in her trust, believe that she would have wanted donations in her name to go to P.A.W. (Partnership for Animal Welfare), since that is the organization she supported most recently. For that reason, P.A.W. was named in her obituary.

However, as most people know, the Humane Society was co-founded by Earline, and for many years she was actively involved in its management. In the past couple of weeks the Humane Society has run a solicitation for donations in Earline's name for the purpose of funding a spay-neuter clinic that would be named in her honor. This seems to have confused some individuals, leaving them wondering to which organization they should donate. And it has upset oth-

ers, who cite reasons as to the relationship between Earline and the current Humane Society administration.

It hurts me to see this type of conflict, because it takes the focus away from the dream Earline had and the gifts she gave us. Her dream was to promote the welfare of all animals and to eliminate the existence of unwanted and abandoned animals, primarily through promoting the spaying and neutering of animals and educating the public as to its need. Among her gifts was courage in the face of adversity, acting with dignity and integrity at all times and showing compassion, particularly to those in need, including God's four-legged creatures.

With this having been said, let me suggest that those who wish to give donations in Earline's name, do so. And let your conscience be your guide as to which organization receives them. I can't think of a person more deserving of permanent public recognition than Earline

Phillips, for all that she has given to her community.

On the other hand, I would never give money to any organization that I did not think was worthy of receiving those funds. Members of any community must keep its charitable organizations honest by scrutinizing them closely, looking carefully at expenditures to see if there is waste or unnecessary overhead and to see whether such organizations are properly promoting the purposes for which they were founded. A charitable organization's financial records are accessible to the public. The public can also ask professionals (veterinarians in this case) about the legitimacy and efficiency of organizations to which they are thinking about donating.

I believe Earline would say, "Keep focused — the issue is animal welfare, and do whatever will best promote it."

Kay S. Kuns
Santa Ynez, Calif.

Guild offering free wildfire certification training for forest workers

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Aware of the high risk of catastrophic wildfires in New Mexico, and with the fire season beginning, the Forest Guild is offering free Safety Certification Training for local forest workers throughout the state.

The four-day training program, funded by the New Mexico state legislature, is open to all forest workers, contractors, sub-contractors, sawmill owners and private landowners who employ forest workers. It provides forest workers with First Aid and CPR certification, power saw mechanics, operation, bucking and falling safety training.

The program also provides forest workers with OSHA and HAZMAT information and key information on workers' compensation insurance.

The Forest Worker Safety Certification Training Program plays an important role in helping to prevent catastrophic wildfires in New Mexico in two ways:

- Preventive measures (including forest worker safety training) are much more cost-effective than fighting fires and recovering from them.

- Providing a solution to reduce extremely high workers compensation rates for forest workers removes a major obstruction to locally-based forest protection work.

Thinning a priority

Living in the shadows of the Cerro Grande and other major wildfires since 2000, much has been learned about preventing catastrophic wildfires.

Experts concluded that the risk of future devastating fires can be dramatically reduced by "fuels reduction," or thinning out the densely growing younger trees that provide the fuel that produces rapidly advancing, scorching and out-of-control blazes. The 2000 Cerro Grande Fire, for example, cost \$34 million for fire suppression and burned area recovery.

Extremely high workers' compensation rates in New Mexico represent one of the greatest barriers to local businesses being able to win fuels reduction and wildfire hazard reduction contracts. New Mexico workers compensation insurance rates for forest workers were higher than any other Western state, and as a result, the majority of thinning and logging work in the state was awarded to out of state contractors, according to Forest Guild's Southwest Region Director Michael DeBonis.

New Mexico employers paid \$79 in premiums for every \$100

In New Mexico, through unfortunate experience, we have learned a lot in recent years about preventing catastrophic wildfires

in payroll in 2005, while other states paid an average of \$25 out of \$100 in payroll.

In contrast, New Mexico employers whose workers were Safety Certified in 2006 through the Forest Guild's training program are entitled to an immediate reduction in rates to \$30 per \$100 in payroll reported.

In the past, to avoid high premiums which slashed into their profit margins, many New Mexico contractors have kept their company size to fewer than three employees, a decision which has prevented them from bidding on large contracts, DeBonis said.

Other contractors simply did not provide insurance for their employees, risking not only the health and well being of their workers, but also their business.

Either of those choices has been a losing proposition for the

forest contractors, forest workers, forest-dependent communities, and of course the health of forests in New Mexico, he said.

Economically, forest protection jobs that are focused on fuels reduction generate approximately \$7 million per year.

Almost half of that money goes to out-of-state contractors which translates into a significant financial loss to rural, forest-dependent communities in New Mexico.

Economic benefits

Now with the Forest Guild's Forest Worker Safety Certification Program in place, DeBonis said the new rate "goes a long way toward helping forest workers in New Mexico attain affordable worker's compensation insurance, compete for local forestry contracts and support the local economy."

Since March 2006, 240 New

Mexico forest workers have been trained and certified through this program. It is estimated that more than 300 forest workers await training. The Forest Guild is offering the New Mexico Forest Worker Safety Certification Training Programs in May in the following locations around the state:

- May 14-17, Ruidoso

- May 15-18, Silver City
- May 21-24, Santa Clara Pueblo

- May 22-25, Taos area

Training programs will also be held in June in Grants, Magdalena, Taos, Las Vegas, El Rito, Sandia Pueblo, Ruidoso, and Silver City.

For more information and detailed training schedules,

contact the Forest Guild at 505-983-8992 x13 or online at www.forestguild.org/workers_comp.html.

The Forest Guild is a national association of more than 600 professional foresters and associated resource professionals whose mission is to promote ecologically, economically and socially responsible forestry as a means of sustaining the integrity of forest ecosystems and the human communities which depend upon them. The Guild is headquartered in Santa Fe, with regional offices in California, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts.

Feds fund disaster projects for Lincoln County entities

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Federal funding was awarded to several entities in New Mexico, including Lincoln County, to undertake preventive measures to improve disaster responses during emergencies.

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, a Republican from New Mexico who serves on Homeland Security authorizing and funding committees, said he is pleased to hear that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering \$325,542 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program grant funding to support safety projects.

The projects are proposed by the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Tech, and Otero, Lincoln and Sierra counties.

The funding meets the 75 percent federal match for these projects, which are authorized under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

"Taking preventative actions can help lessen the impact of an emergency or disaster. These projects will work to ensure that should a natural or other disaster

occur, there will have already been actions taken to mitigate its harm to people and property," Domenici said.

The federal PDM awards to New Mexico, selected from among 470 applications nationwide, will support cost-effective mitigation projects, the senator said.

The awards to UNM and New Mexico Tech, for example, would support efforts to implement plans to mitigate potential disasters that could affect their specific campuses.

The project that requires a 25 percent local match are:

- UNM Multihazard Mitigation Plan - \$185,158
- New Mexico Tech Hazard Mitigation Plan - \$66,384
- Otero County Hazardous Mitigation Plan - \$30,000
- Lincoln County Multihazardous Mitigation Plan - \$29,000
- Sierra County Mitigation Plan - \$15,000

FEMA operates under the administration of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Domenici serves on the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee that approved \$100 million for the PDM grant program in Fiscal Year 2007.

OFCU's National Youth Week Winners!

Reyes Jaramillo
Northside Branch Winner

Jordyn Tillman
Holloman Branch Winner

Travis Tillman
Ruidoso Branch Winner

Midtown Branch Winner Gregory Sanchez (not pictured)

Thank you to all that participated! We had a great turn out. There was a total of 302 Youth deposits!

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EDUCATION

Students make music (instruments, that is)

Some students simply make music, these students make musical instruments.

Every April, as the final project in the "sound is energy" unit of music education at White Mountain Elementary, students participate in a music instrument-making project, with any student that takes a try at it automatically making an A+.

Students have the choice to work independently or in a group effort, with friends or with the help of an adult. There were 76 applicants this year, and judges voted on creativity and workmanship on each project.

This year, the grand prize went to Evelyn Mendoza, who, with the help of her father, carved as pair of instruments—a hot pink wooden violin and a rawhide and wooden drum carved with mountains and pine trees.

Outstanding merit medals and blue ribbons were also given to six students who demonstrated originality and craftsmanship.

Travis Mosher created a bongo set using various sizes of plastic coffee containers and a



White Mountain Elementary students show off their home-made instruments constructed during the "sound is energy" unit taught this semester.

pipe stand. He also included mallets made with dowels and rubber balls.

Branton Shaw, Avery Reed and Gavin Simpson made a sturdy Native American drum, with leather stretched across the top and bottom of a hollowed-out log.

Drey Smith created several

maraca-style instruments using dead sea urchins filled with various items like rice, BBs and popcorn. Smith also made a rainstick, covered with yarn and which makes authentic rain sounds.

Alexa Chavez and her father worked together to create a hand-carved harp, using

the strings from a broken guitar. The harp was carved from the branch of an old cottonwood tree.

Kasha Salte made an Ruidoso Rainstick, covered in a leather-like fabric and decorated with various strips of leather and hung with pine cones. It was designed and filled to provide a long duration of rain sounds.

Shelby Denney and his father created a pipe xylophone, taking pipes of various lengths and diameters to create different



Evelyn Mendoza puts in time in her father's workshop to make a carved wooden drum. That instrument, along with a hot pink violin, won Mendoza the grand prize at the school. She poses with the pair of finished instruments.

pitches. A base of wood, topped with strips of foam, allowed for the pipes to vibrate and ring when struck with a mallet.

First place blue ribbon winners were: Esmeralda Balderrama, Kate Barleen, Shelby Denney, Alexa Chavez, Ryann Flack, Dhuwa

Ganjawala, Regan Garner, Jessika Grant, Veronica Herrera, Paige Hofmeister, Dominique Jordan, Maria Martinez, Evelyn Mendoza, Travis Mosher, Avery Reed, Natasha Salas, Kasha Salte, Gavin Simpson, Branton Shaw, Drey Smith and Regan Werito.

Journalism workshop at UNM

Applications are being taken for this year's high school journalism workshop at the University of New Mexico, and time is running out for future journalists that want a unique chance to experience the job first-hand.

There are 25 slots available, but only nine have applied. The workshop will be held June 3-6 at UNM and covers editorial, editing, advertising and photography. It is open to students who will be juniors or seniors in the next school year.

Participants will live in a dorm on campus and eat in the dining hall, spending the rest of their time in intense study and practice of jour-

nalism, culminating in the publication of a paper titled Future Press. Cost is \$150 per student, with financial aid available for those who need it.

Applications can be downloaded from www.nmpress.org. Students will also need a letter of recommendation from their journalism or English instructor or their local newspaper.

Those wishing to contribute to financial aid for this project can also download pledge forms from the Web site. Altruistic souls can also donate directly to the New Mexico Press Association Foundation, which supports journalism education.

Thomas named as Daniels Scholar

Picacho native Morgan Thomas, currently a high school senior at New Mexico Military Institute, has been named a Daniels Scholar, allowing her to receive funding to attend the college or university of her choice.

Thomas, who will graduate this month, is a Staff Sergeant in the Corps of Cadets and has been a member of both the Lady Colt basketball and track teams since entering the academy in 2003.

Thomas plans to attend

Arizona State following her high school graduation.

Close to 250 high school seniors in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming have been named as Daniels scholars this year, chosen from a field of more than 800 applicants. The Daniels Fund is named for Bill Daniels, a graduate of NMMI and veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy as a fighter pilot and intelligence officer.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1958, Daniels became a pioneer in the cable television industry and recently matched funds to help build the Daniels Leadership Center on the NMMI campus.

'Big Book Lady' coming to Ruidoso

Wilma Salzman, the "Big Book Lady" from El Paso, will be in Ruidoso Saturday at the Ruidoso Public Library to teach workshops for children and adults on the subject of "Music, a magical link to language and literacy."

The children's workshop runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m., with the workshop for teachers and adults beginning immediately

thereafter and lasting until 2:30 p.m. The workshops will be held in the classroom in the children's department.

Registration for the summer reading program opens May 15 and continues through June 2. The last two weeks in May have been reserved for registration and school field trips at the library.

On June 2, the reading pro-

gram begins with a full day of events, with the theme set as "Get a Clue @ Your Library." The morning will feature crafts, activities and prizes for younger readers, and a play will be performed by the Ruidoso Public librarians at noon.

Steve Sederwall will give a presentation on the mystery surrounding the death of Billy the Kid at 1 p.m.

EDUCATION BRIEF

CPR training

Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso will offer CPR training from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in room 103 at the college campus on Mechem Drive. According to the

American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease and cardiac arrest claim 325,000 Americans, with almost 80 percent of cardiac arrests occurring at home. Being able to perform CPR can mean the difference between life and

death for a loved one. Cost for the class is \$45, and the instructor is Cory Myers, a paramedic with Lincoln County EMS. To register, call Coda Omness or Fred Reed at 630-8181 or 1-800-854-4712.

Hondo Valley Public Schools honor roll 3rd nine weeks, 2006-07

<p>Secondary Honor Roll 3rd nine weeks Superintendent's Honor Roll (3.7 and above) Seniors: Dylan Goldston Juniors: Alice Manning Sophomores: Rebecca Trujillo Freshmen: Geraldo Medina, Anthony Valdes</p> <p>Honor Roll (3.0-3.69) Seniors: Justine Candelaria, Alicia Gallegos, Angelle Garcia, Mercedes Lopez, Maegan Parmley, Byito Leo Salcido Juniors: Brian Aragon, Amanda Gomez, Janis Gonzales, Patrick Gonzalez Sophomores: Jasmine Candelaria, Conrad Gonzales, D'edra Romero, Camille Sandoval, Leticia Vazquez</p>	<p>Freshmen: Esther Gonzales, Rico Lopez, Ralph Miranda, Faviola Ramirez Eighth graders: Stephanie Gomez</p> <p>Elementary Honor Roll 3rd nine weeks Superintendent's Roll (All A's) First Grade: Joyce Ann Cooper, Melissa Guillen, America Quezada, Karla Noriega Second Grade: Natalia Ceniceros, Paulina Ceniceros, Simon Gonzales, Oscar Guillen, Christiana Martel, Shaun Montoya, Christopher Torre, Antonio Vazquez Third Grade: Jake Devine, Adriana Gandarilla, Alyssa Gomez Fourth Grade: Bobbi Chavez</p>	<p>A Honor Roll (A Average) First Grade: Hailey Barela, Rhiannon Sanchez, Ozzie Robinson, Jorge Flores, Blanca Villanueva Second Grade: Genesis Gutierrez, Justin Sanchez, Bryant Skinner Third Grade: Juan Chacon, Jesus Guillen, Serina Hernandez, Alex Lucero, Edwin Prudencio Fourth Grade: Cash Ficke, Kaya Godac, Lauren Gomez, Shania Gutierrez Fifth Grade: James Chavez, Travis Crawford, Valeria Lerma, Victor Noriega Chacon</p> <p>B Honor Roll (B Average) First Grade: Carolina Salcido Second Grade: Robert Robinson Fifth Grade: Yvette Medina</p>
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DIANNE STALLINGS/STAFF

Catherine Zacher of Santa Fe offers Ruidoso officials and business people tips and lessons learned from her experience with an economic development council in Santa Fe.

SUMMIT

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city for six months of their contract," Zacher said. "I told the secretary if she could get that money in three months, I would give her a bonus. It took her two and that got us going."

"I told them they shouldn't own a business park because they were competing with private business. They sold it and while that was happening, I put together a group and we had a great reality check."

Santa Fe boasts the third largest art market in the country. Tourism was the main business and government was the largest employer.

"We realized we couldn't do (traditional) economic development," she said. They saw too many cities that recruited companies and once incentives expired, the firms would lay off workers and relocate.

Instead, they came up with the term economic gardening versus recruiting. They determined the first step was to retain and expand existing businesses.

"We want jobs created by our local businesses," she said. "I kept hearing that they never were contacted by (city officials) after they opened and were never offered things like low interest loans or other help."

"If you don't have a healthy (business environment) to start with, no one will want to come. You have to take care of your own, first."

But while Santa Fe offers stunning views and cultural amenities, Zacher said the city also suffers from a high cost of living, of housing and of land. The public school system was

considered "lousy," and water is limited.

"I told (development officials), if they give me a recruitment tool, I'll recruit," Zacher said. "We have to build our business community."

A living wage law was passed, but she discovered the businesses she worked with already were paying more than the minimum. Hotels and restaurants were the type of employers most affected.

She told those attending Friday to "take a good look at your community and be realistic."

Santa Fe is a major retirement community, "but at the age of 55, that doesn't mean people stop working," she said. "They like a community and the outdoors and many hope to start the business they've always wanted, or to put that brain power to use."

In her research, Zacher also discovered a 1996 study on what types of businesses people wanted to see in Santa Fe - biotechnology, publishing, new media and informational - all clean, requiring little water and attracting people with plenty of brains.

"We took that list and figured out what we needed to get them, but we found they already were there," she said. Zacher said they discovered 22 biotech companies, 29 book publishers and 18 magazine publishers.

"One publisher said he and his wife decided they wanted to raise horses here and told their staff in Chicago they were moving. Half came with him," she said.

Part of the thrust was to cluster like-businesses and show them that while they are competing, they can get more

accomplished by working together, she said.

"Only one cluster approached us and asked to go through the process and that was private schools. There were 83 in Santa Fe with a city population of 62,000 and 149,000 in

the county," she said. "It tells me that the kind of people moving to Santa Fe won't tolerate second-rate education."

She found that the tourism industry already operated in clusters with associations for lodgers, restaurants and gal-

leries, "So they didn't need us. They did the cluster development all on their own."

"Ruidoso can't be Santa Fe and Santa Fe can't be Albuquerque," she said. "We don't have that kind of draw. But economic gardening now is

an international movement. A strong economic community will bring in more, and then you can pick and choose. We can't recruit the numbers like Albuquerque. I don't know where we would put them."

Zacher said she's "big on collaboration," and focused her attention on workforce development by eliminating competing job fairs, "instead of 15 that no one goes to."

"It avoids duplication," she said.

An internship collaboration was formed by pulling together separate programs to share their money. With no age limit, an intern can be subsidized for 100 hours at a business, she said.

They also instituted a leadership program called Santa Fe Future, with 10 people who spend one year interviewing people about issues in the community and then offer solutions in presenting their findings each June.

"I think leaders are challenged, not taught," Zacher said. "A community needs to develop people to move into leadership positions."

She urged more meetings like the summit and ended, "I'm not from Nike, but just do it."

Editor's note. See Friday's and next week's papers for more on the economic summit that was sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, ENMU-Ruidoso, REDTT, the Small Business Development Center and the Ruidoso News.

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BUDGET

FROM PAGE 1A

Councilor James Stoddard were to sell the village fire station on Eagle Drive and to change the law to allow the confiscation of a person's vehicle on a second drunk driving offense.

"Rather than sit by a hole and howl, we need to get off our butts," Stoddard said. "There

are things we can do. It's silly not to sell it (the fire station). We have to come to grips with this soon."

Councilor Ron Hardeman said after the municipal court is moved from the village building on Wingfield and Center Street to the police station on Mechem Drive, that building could be sold or the land could be used for much-needed parking in Midtown and for special events at Wingfield Park, he said. He



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Ruidoso Finance Director Elaine Beltran, at right, addresses Village Council during a budget workshop that offered some sobering news.

advocates selling unused village property, because in private hands, property taxes would be collected on the land, he said.

Councilor Don Williams said he wants to see a list of village property, noting that Cory and he tried to assemble a list, then Stoddard found more and Forestry Director Rick Delaco even more property that could be considered surplus to village needs.

Higgins was directed to proceed with gathering information on all available village land and to advertise a request for proposals for a real estate agent. Stoddard said the list should include 180 acres on Ski Run Road and 70 acres around Grindstone Dam.

Beltran laid out different taxes available, some that would require voter approval, such as a quarter of a cent gross receipts tax that would generate another \$600,000 a year.

"That would put us the highest in the whole state, because we have the 1 percent water supplementary GRT with Raton," she said. The village's GRT rate would hit 8.0625 percent, she said, adding that it could be designated for infra-

structure needs. Gross receipt taxes are one way to ensure that visitors pay, as well as full-time residents, Nunley interjected.

Other options include increasing property taxes collected for the village from 6.368 mills to the maximum 7.65 mills. One mill equates to \$1 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value. The action would require an ordinance change and the tax would be subject to a yield control formula imposed by the state, Beltran said.

Nunley said the downside of using the last of the available GRT is that the two quarter-cent taxes wouldn't be available for other needs down the line.

"Based on this budget, what choice do we have?" Cory asked. "We're at that point now."

Hardeman agreed, saying, "This is my fifth budget year and every year it's more difficult and more things are not adequately funded. We've got to do something. I think this ship is sinking."

Two of the departments suffering the most from the balanced budget are Parks and Recreation and Streets.

Street Director J. R. Baumann said as submitted,

the budget wipes out most of his street materials, which means no overlays or chip sealing projects. About all his crews could do is fill potholes, he said. It also doesn't include dollars required for a 25 percent match, about \$225,000, on cooperative projects with the state Department of Transportation, he said. "It would be a shame to lose a 75 percent match from the state," he said.

"Will you be able to keep your crews busy?" Hardeman asked.

"With this budget, no," Baumann replied.

Parks and Recreation Director Rafael Salas said he's cut from holiday lighting and municipal pool maintenance and is turning to private donations to avoid cutting events such as barbecues for senior citizens. Nunley said the Area Agency on Aging should help pry some money loose from the State Legislature.

Hardeman wondered if municipal court revenues might help, but Beltran said the village's general fund already subsidizes that court to keep it going.

"It could (help) with higher fines and then not cost the general fund," Cory observed.

Councilor Angel Shaw said she wants serious consideration of proposals from department heads to raise revenues, such as

batting cages in the recreation department and an impound area for police, who could collect a daily rate on storage until a vehicle was claimed.

"At least look at that," she said. "Batting cages would be instant revenue with just the cost of a ball machine."

Cory said he sees the amount of money brought in each year from grants shrinking, but Beltran said some of the reduction from \$442,000 in FY2005-2006 to \$148,000 in the FY2007-2008 reflects her not entering money until a grant contract is signed.

Hardeman said councilors should follow through and add a good grant writer, who would bring in many dollars more than the salary paid. Nunley said Planning Director Bob Decker was sent to a special school in Albuquerque for grant writing. Decker said much of his time in that line is spent documenting reports on grants already received in reference to the wastewater treatment plant.

Cory asked if the council could tap into \$200,000 set aside for emergency medical services to help furnish the new fire station and buy equipment there, because the village now contracts with the county hospital for ambulances. Beltran said she's asked for an opinion from the State Auditor.

Higgins said a 3 percent across the board cost of living adjustment wage increase for employees would be costly, about \$250,000. Nunley suggested waiting until mid-year to see if money is available. That means employees of enterprise funds, which are self-supporting, will receive nothing until all employees do, in the sense of fairness, Higgins said.

Cory also pointed to mounting contractual legal services and suggested more items be handled internally, if possible. Any charges for use of credit cards should be paid by the customer, not the village, he said.

Water Department Director Ken Mosley said \$176,000 in impact fees collected from developers will be spent on a sewer line extension in the Grindstone-Resort Drive area.

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Lodgers Tax Committee hopes to convert byways building into state welcoming center

Recent attempt failed in the state Legislature.

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Although the concept of converting a scenic byways building on U.S. 70 into a state welcoming center for Southeastern New Mexico was backed by

state tourism officials, the idea fizzled in the state Legislature. Cindi Clayton-Davis with the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee told village councilors last week that members of the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee hope the conversion of the byways interpretative center occurs in 2008 and that item can be removed

by the lodgers tax budget. The change would free up about \$46,000. Mayor L. Ray Nunley said representatives from the lodgers tax committee should go to Santa Fe to pitch the transfer. They need face time with legislators, he said. Davis said one thought was

for the village to continue to pay, but for state tourism to take over the center and then everything would be in place for a real transfer in 2008 when they ask again. Councilor James Stoddard suggested the building could be sold to help the financially strapped village. But Councilor Angel Shaw

Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley suggests that representatives of the lodgers tax committee go to Santa Fe to pitch the transfer, which would free up about \$46,000

said it was built with federal dollars and can only be used for specific purposes.

High-profile cases go to jury trials

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A 53-year-old Alto man is getting his day in court this week after three years of legal maneuvers and delays.

Martin Grier was charged with 13 felony counts in 2004 including criminal sexual penetration of a child, forced or coerced criminal sexual contact with a minor, and distribution of marijuana to a minor.

Grier was indicted by a grand jury May 2006 on all 13 counts. His jury trial is this week in district court in Carrizozo before Judge James Counts.

A former Village of Capitan clerk was number two on the docket Tuesday to face a jury this week in Carrizozo before Judge Counts. But with the Grier trial "a go" with the same judge, the Griffin trial will be rescheduled for sometime before Sept. 7.

Two years and three judges later, Kathryn Griffin faces 28 counts of embezzlement allegedly taking place between May 2002 and February 2003. She was indicted by a grand jury on all counts August 2005.

LCSWA board approves sealed bids for new recycling center

FROM REPORTS

At a May 4 special meeting, the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Board approved soliciting sealed bids on \$1 million of equipment and furnishings for the new Green Tree Operations and Recycling Center in Ruidoso Downs.

The State of New Mexico recently moved up distribution of bond funds already approved for the authority when other funds for projects in other areas of New Mexico were not spent in a timely manner.

In other action, the board also approved the purchase of a tire cutter in the amount of \$38,674.50 from TSI Equipment Inc. for the La Luz convenience site in Otero County.

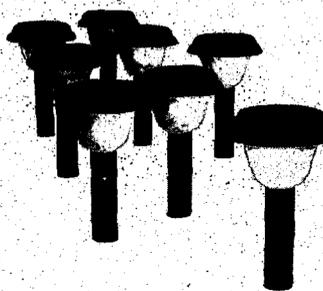
At its recent April 30 regular meeting, the board accepted a \$1 million state appropriation and approved a resolution for grant signatory.

The next Authority Board meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, May 24. For more information, contact Supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697, toll free 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valor-net.com.



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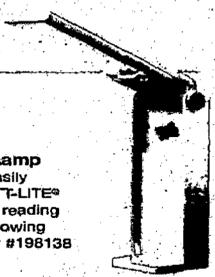
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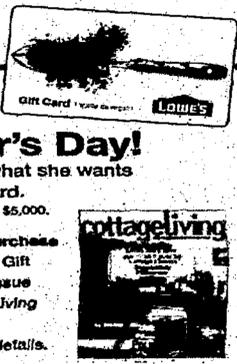
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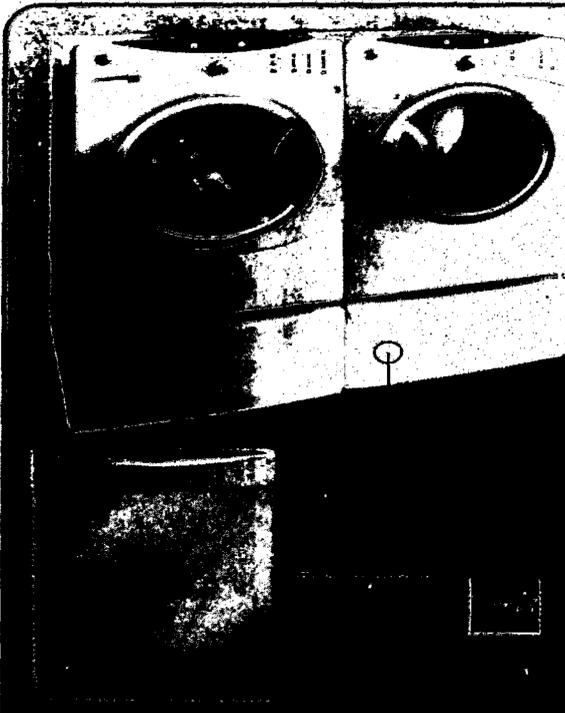
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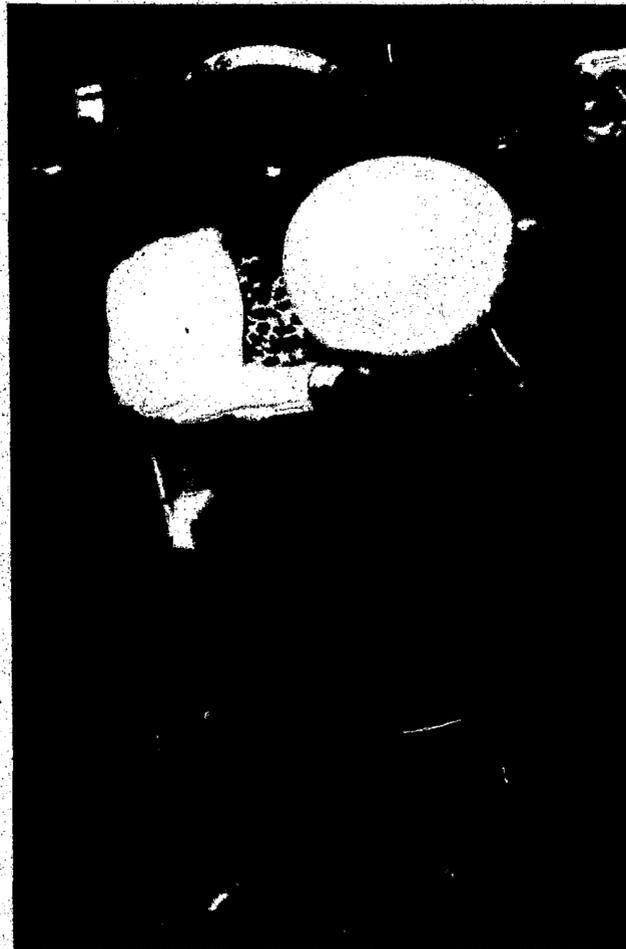
Smokey Bear Days

The 4th Annual Smokey Bear Days received a windy reception over the weekend in Capitan. Nevertheless, Smokey Bear Boulevard filled with hundreds of Smokey fans Saturday who came to see the parade, shop the vendors and, of course, get Smokey Bear hugs. There were plenty of hugs to go around.

In spite of high winds that buffeted tents and balloons off and on throughout the day, people of all ages enjoyed the event that turns a small town into an annual fan club gathering.

The Bulls Gone Wild bull-riding event at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds Saturday afternoon drew a large crowd and was a photographers' playground for great shots of courage, exploding "bull" power and the countdown between cowboys and bulls.

Clockwise, from upper right: Rebeka Macho begins carving in the chainsaw carving contest; George Tippin Sr. offers "kisses" to passersby; Elizabeth Fackler of the Capitan Women's Club passes out information and badges at the club's booth; one of many vendors who set up downtown; Smokey gives another hug; Isis Lucero of Ruidoso only needs a balloon to be happy; the Kettle Corn tent has become a fixture at the event; Wayne Ellison of the band Tilted Floor rocks out. Ellison, of Ruidoso, teaches music in Capitan Schools.



SPORTS

'Zozo track boys take first in state

side
line

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The Grizzlies did Lincoln County proud Friday and Saturday at the State finals in Albuquerque, taking first place in track and field. Carrizozo outdistanced the second place finisher, Hagerman, 89-56.

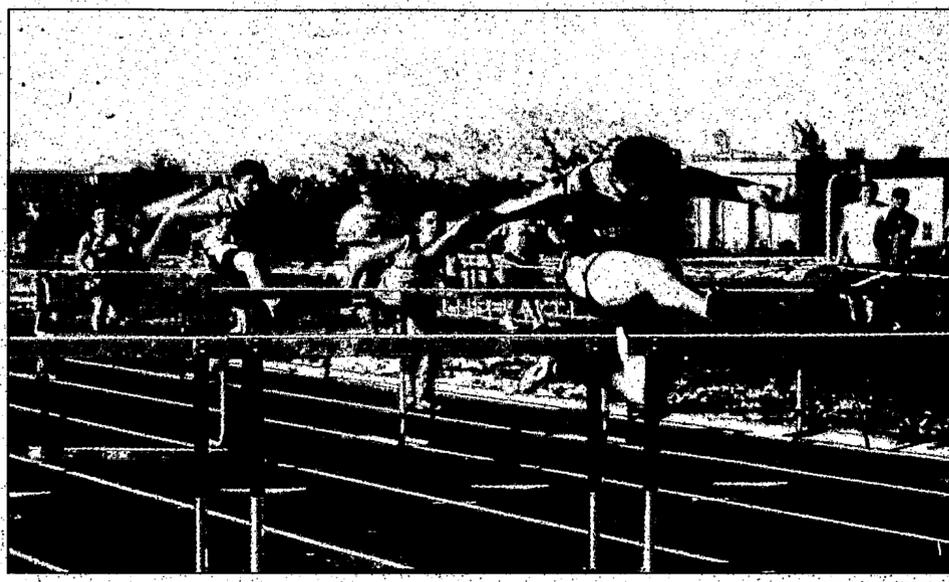
Johnny Beltran was the high point athlete for the two-day competition. Carl Lueras came through with a second place finish in both the discus throw and shot put. He also was a major contributor in the relays. Eric Koroscil likewise pitched-in on the relays in addition to taking a second place in the long jump and a well-deserved third place in the 300-meter hurdles.

"All 11 kids performed great, they had to, for us to come in first," Zozo coach Brad Holland proudly maintained. "They showed a lot of heart in Albuquerque."

Other worthy finishers who pushed the Grizzlies into the top spot were Mark LeBlanc, who grabbed second place in the 200 and 400-meter dashes, Jeremy Zamora placed second in the 300-meter hurdles, Adam Zamora contributed with a third place in the discus throw and all three ran in relays. Troy Koroscil succeeded with a fourth place in the long jump, as well as running in all four relays.

"This was a big win for everyone, especially all the kids who worked so hard, both mentally and physically," Holland explained. "Equally as important, it's great for the school, and hopefully it will carry-over into next year."

Although the girls team didn't make it into the top scoring, one senior girl, Kaitlyn Vega, won the discus throw with a spectacular 109 foot-plus effort, ran in the mile relay and placed third in the shot put.



Johnny Beltran and Greg Vigil cross hurdles in 110-meter race at the district meet, April 27.

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Ruidoso trackers finish first in district

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Saturday proved to be a great day for the Ruidoso track and field team as the boys finished first to Lovington, 155.5-95.5 and the girls did the same, beating their nearest competitor, Portales, 175-104.

"The kids did extremely well, in fact, they put as much effort into the events as any Ruidoso team ever has," Warrior coach Ronny Maskew said. "It didn't matter if they were first or sixth - they gave it everything they had and that made the difference."

RHS will now prepare for the upcoming State finals, May 11-12. "We can't let this big district win go to our heads, we have to now focus on what's ahead," Maskew stated. "Everyone will have to be at their peak at states if we expect to finish in the top."

The district results Saturday were as follows:

	Boys	Girls
100 meter dash		Ericka Olvera, 2nd
200 meter dash		Amber Gardner, 1st
400 meter dash	Lucas Lindsey, 1st	Amber Gardner, 1st
100 meter hurdles		Tabitha Sportsman, 2nd
110 meter hurdles	Nathaniel Mays, 1st	
300 meter hurdles	Nathaniel Mays, 1st	Angela Gardner, 1st
		Haley Williams, 2nd
800 meter run	Joel Salas, 1st	
1600 meter run	Jordan Comanche, 2nd	
3200 meter run	Jordan Comanche, 2nd	
	Thomas Rodriguez, 3rd	
4x100 meter relay	Ruidoso 1st	Ruidoso 1st
4x200 meter relay	Ruidoso 1st	Ruidoso 1st
4x400 meter relay	Ruidoso 1st	Ruidoso 1st
1600 meter relay	Ruidoso 1st	
High jump		Megan Mirau, 1st
Pole vault		Lauren Sportsman, 1st
Long jump		Haley Williams, 1st
Triple jump	Lance Dettmer, 1st	Leslie Sanchez, 1st
	Curtis Hobby, 2nd	Tabitha Sportsman, 2nd
	Ben Sanchez, 1st	
Discus Flight 2		Alex Ramirez, 1st
Javelin		Asher Shaw, 3rd
Javelin Flight 2	Ben Sanchez	
Shot put		Alex Ramirez, 2nd
		Asher Shaw, 3rd



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Warrior medal winners from l-r; Lucas Lindsey, Nathaniel Mays, Joel Salas and Darrell Carr.

Noon Lions held first outing

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The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club held its First Annual Operation Kidsight Golf tournament, April 28 at Cree Meadows Golf Course.

It was a complete success that far exceeded our expectations with over \$3000 being raised.

The funds will be used for the Club's Operation KidSight Program which screens the eyes of children (six years and younger) in Lincoln County and Mesquero.

The screening can identify children whose eyes may have

some type of defect, which if left untreated may lead to a lifetime of vision problems or blindness.

Funds for glasses

The funds will also be used to pay for eye exams and glasses for children whose families can not afford them.

The success of the tournament was due to the gracious support of the golfers who played and the businesses and individuals who purchased sponsorships, namely:

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The Ruidoso Noon Lions Club appreciates all who supported this fundraiser.



COURTESY

Lions' golfers l-r; Ray Alborn, Ned Cantwell, Dave Parks and Frank Turella.

Prep Results

Saturday, May 5

Baseball
Ruidoso 22, Portales 21
Portales 13, Ruidoso 5

Preps on Tap

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, May 11

Tennis
Ruidoso at state individual competition, 2 days.

Girls Softball

Capitan at state finals in Farmington, 2 days.

Saturday, May 12

Rodeo
N.M. high school rodeo in Mesquero, 2 days.

On Deck

Senior Olympics

Minimum ages 50 as of Aug. 1. All doubles, mixed doubles and teams will play down to age of youngest partner. \$5 registration fee entitles you to participate in all events offered. Must compete locally to qualify for state & national games. Competition by gender in 5-year age groups. State registration: \$45. Deadline: May 25. Extra fee for bowling, golf, swimming and triathlon. Golf, starting May 12, 1 p.m. at the Links. For info call Sandee Jourden: 257-4565.

Basketball Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for the Ten-Star All-Star summer basketball camp. The camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Players from 50 states and 17 foreign countries attended the 2006 camp. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American team. Camp locations include: Prescott, Ariz., Thousand Oaks, Calif., Sterling, Colo., Babson Park, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., Glassboro, N.J., Hickory, N.C., Commerce, Texas, and Blacksburg, Va. There is also a summer camp available for boys and girls ages 6-18 of all skill levels. For a free brochure on these camps please call 704-373-0873.

NMSU men and women ride to victory

The New Mexico State University men's and women's rodeo teams are National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Grand Canyon Region champions after hosting the final rodeo of the season this past weekend.

NMSU's Bailey Gow, of Roseburg, Ore., finished up the season as women's all-around champion for the region with a lead of nearly 1,000 points over the second place cowgirl.

"We finished first in the region, and that's what our goal was," said Jim Brown, NMSU rodeo coach.

NMSU athletes finished well in the region individually; in fact, they were in the top three in every event.

Brooklynn Chester, of Carlsbad, was the second place overall breakaway roper in the region.

All-around cowgirl Gow finished an outstanding season as regional barrel-racing champion and teammate Staci Stanbrough, of Capitan, placed second in the region.

NMSU athletes held four of the top five places in the region in the goat-tying for the season.

Megan Corey, of Bremerton, Wash., claimed the top prize overall with Jonna Bizzell, of Los Lunas, and Gow coming in second and third, respectively.

Means was the highest-scoring calf roper in the region, winning the tie-down event, Santa Fe native Clay Acuna placed second and Wacey Walraven, of Datil, placed third overall in the region.

NMSU's Jared Nicholson, of Bosque Farms, placed third overall in steer wrestling.

Chance Means, of Cliff, and partner Matt Garza, of Mesquite, are the top team ropers in the region and JoDan Mirabal, of Grants and Aaron Shelley, of Gila, placed third.

Dean Daly, of Belen, placed second in the region in the saddle bronc scores.

Chad Steele, of Alamo, Nev. and Daren Albrecht, of Vevy, Utah, placed second and third overall in the bull riding standings for the region.

NMSU's cowboys and cowgirls not only dominated the regional scores, they had an outstanding competition in their final rodeo of the season, much to the delight of NMSU

rodeo fans who turned out to cheer them on.

The men's team placed second overall at the contest, missing the winner's circle by the slender margin of 45 points.

The men's team from Cochise College, in Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., won the event. The NMSU women's team won first place. Gow was all-around cowgirl for the event.

Tori Bilberry, of Elida, and Chester shared the top spot in breakaway roping this weekend with an identical score.

Gow placed first overall in the weekend's barrel racing with teammates Stanbrough and Brittany Striegel, of Aztec coming in at second and third.

NMSU women ruled the goat tying this weekend, holding each of the top six spots.

Corey won the event and Gow and Striegel placed second and third overall.

Ty Winterton, of Gilbert, Ariz., was the number one tie-down roper this weekend, the cowboy's first top three showing of the season.

Nicholson was the overall champion steer wrestler this weekend, helping secure his

spot in the regional standings.

Mirabal and Shelley won the team roping and Jared Gonzales, of Las Vegas, and partner Eric Mascarenas, a student at New Mexico Highlands University, came in a close second.

NMSU athletes made a more than respectable showing in the rough stock events, with Crofts and Daly winning second and third in the saddle bronc event, respectively.

The only cowboy to compete in the event this weekend, Clay Geronimo, of Mescalero, won the bareback bronc riding.

Tony Steele won the bull riding by a margin of nearly 60 points overall and Albrecht placed second.

Currently, both NMSU rodeo teams are ranked first in the nation, but not every region has finished the rodeo season yet.

NMSU will send 15 competitors to the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., June 10-16.

"We'll have great representation at the finals. Hopefully, we can keep our momentum going," Brown said.



JULIE CARTER/STAFF

Kelsey Campbell clears a hurdle at the Grizzlies' Relays in April.

Capitan boys get 2nd in State

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Lincoln County track teams have done extremely well lately, and the Capitan boys track and field team is no exception — winning second place Friday and Saturday in Albuquerque at the state 2A finals.

The Tigers had 16 participants in 13 events and all contributed to a most remarkable finish in the meet. Consider that this year's district champs finished 13th last season at state, coming all the way to the No. 2 position is quite a feat.

The Tigers took first in the 1600 medley relay with a 3:40.41 and were only one second off the state record while doing so.

That team was composed of Pierre Quiroz, Will Kern, Jimmy Thomas and Kevin Kelsey.

That same group of boys grabbed second place in the 4x100 relays. Nick McCullough came through with a second place in the javelin throw, a fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles and another second, photo finish in the 300-meter

hurdles.

Kevin Kelsey accomplished a season-best school record of 2:01.71 in the 800 meter run. Kern scored another Tigers' record when he took second in the triple jump with a mark of 42 feet, 7 inches.

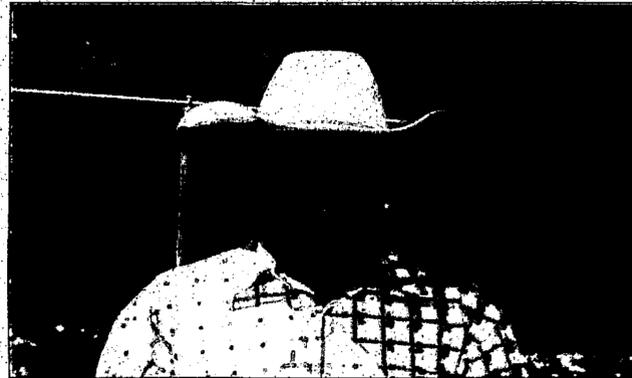
The team of Kelsey, Thomas, Christian Quiroz and J.T. Eldrige breezed to the second spot in the 4x400 medley relay.

"It was fun — it was exciting and I thank everyone for such a fine effort," Tigers coach Julie Scott exclaimed. "It shows a real commitment on their part to do as well as they did and bring the second place trophy back to Capitan."

Although the girls finished 6th, nine points out of 3rd, they still had some accomplishments to cheer about. Kelsey Campbell was 3rd in 300 meter hurdles, 4th in the 100 hurdles and 6th in the long jump. Brittany Lamay scored 1st in the javelin, 3rd in the shot put and 4th in the discus. In the pole vault, Kora Lofton scored 4th, Brittany Caughron took 5th and Aleah Topper placed 6th.



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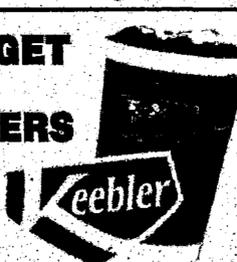
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 March 1, 2007, a girl, Lezlyn Kay Hummer, 8 lbs, 11.6 oz, 19", to Allouette Moquin and William Hummer.
 March 1, 2007, a girl, Gracyn Savannah Haas, 9 lbs, 3.1 oz, 21", to Lori and Robert Haas Jr.
 March 2, 2007, a boy, Guson Gomez, 8 lb, 6.5 oz, 21", to Aide and Eduardo Gomez.
 March 2, 2007, a girl, Gabrielle Mia Vance, 6 lbs, 8.6 oz, 20", to Angelita and Michael Vance.
 March 2, 2007, a boy, Xavier Manuel Zarate-Ruiz, 7 lbs, 14.7 oz, 20", to Kawaunye Beck and Alejandro Ruiz.
 March 4, 2007, a girl, Harmony Marie Artrip, 11 lbs, 6 oz, 21", to Cora LeAnne Artrip.
 March 5, 2007, a girl, Athena Elizabeth Sanchez, 6 lbs, 11.1 oz, 19", to Amanda and Christopher Sanchez.
 March 6, 2007, a girl, Jadellyn Shaneya Robinson Olivias, 7 lbs, 2.1 oz, 20", to Emily Robinson and Johnny Olivias.
 March 8, 2007, Twins, a girl, Stone Raven Mandoza, 5 lbs, .05 oz, 18" and a boy, Justus Slade Mandoza, 5 lbs, 3.8 oz, 19", to Alexis and Shawn Mandoza.
 March 11, 2007, a boy, Jesus Efrén Gutierrez Armendariz, 6 lbs, 9.09 oz, 18", to Karen Armendariz and Jesus Gutierrez.
 March 11, 2007, a girl, Grace Elizabeth Hohle, 5 lbs, 15 oz, 19", to Jode Price and Douglas Hohle.
 April 16, 2007, a boy, Hayden Harm Flanary, 8 lbs, 8.5 oz, 20", to Florence and Jason Flanary.
 April 18, 2007, a girl, Jasmine Sunshine Jim, 6 lbs, 7.9 oz, 20", to Julie Pesewonit and Jerrick Jim.
 April 19, 2007, a girl, Katelyne Guillen, 8 lbs, 11.7 oz, 20.5" to Claudia and Oscar Guillen.
 April 21, 2007, a boy, Brayden Keesan Rocha, 8 lbs, 4.9 oz, 21", to Alice Tahrito and Terence Rocha.
 April 22, 2007, a boy, Skylar Homer Gene Monongye, 8 lbs, 1.1 oz, 21", to Rebekah and David Monongye Jr.
 April 23, 2007, a girl, Rihanna Raenell Apachito, 6 lbs, 2.5 oz, 19", to Alicia Orasco and Rory Apachito.
 April 24, 2007, a girl, Genevieve Katri Sanchez, 7 lbs, 9 oz, 19", to Erika Hamilton and John Sanchez III.
 April 27, 2007, a girl, Alyssa Marie Adams, 5 lbs, 13.3 oz, 20", to Lilia Linares and Joshua Adams.
 April 30, 2007, a girl, Heather Nicole Linfoot, 4 lbs, 15.6 oz, to Kimberly Linfoot.

Editors note: The births from the last two weeks in March and the first two in April were not received from Lincoln County Medical Center.

FUNERALS DEATHS

Maud Ruth Wardlaw

Maud Ruth Wardlaw, 79, died Friday, April 27, 2007, at an Abilene nursing center.

A memorial service will be held at Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2007, in Ruidoso.

Local arrangements were made by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene, Texas.

The daughter of Lois and Howard C. James, she was born Sept. 1, 1927, in Alice, Texas.

She graduated from Hendrick School of Nursing as a registered nurse and worked for Dr. Ron Annala in Ruidoso for many years. She moved to Abilene to be in the care of her sister after living in Ruidoso, for 47 years.

Wardlaw was a member of the Episcopal Church of the

Holy Mount in Ruidoso.

Survivors include stepdaughters, Ruth Wardlaw Covington and Mary Louise Wardlaw, both of Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Lillie Jo Crain and husband, Charles, of Abilene; and Mary Harless of Midland; a granddaughter, Heather Covington, and several nieces and nephews.

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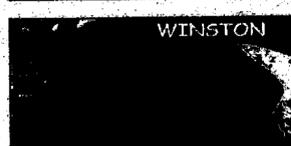
The following couples were issued marriage licenses from the office of Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox in Carrizozo on the last day of February and during the month of March.

- Manuel Robert Tejada, 32, and Vanessa Arciero Hickman, 27, issued Feb. 28 and used March 10
- Justin Daniel Martinez, 20, and Shiloh Marie Perry, 24, issued March 6 and used March 10.
- John Michael Cardone, 25, and Destiny Sashay Mills, 19, issued March 6 and used March 10
- Jacob Anthony Rocha, 26, and Jessica Ann Davila, 23, issued and used March 8
- Michael Jackson Riska, 31, and Kaaren Leslee Mahan, 35, issued March 9
- Jimmy J. Reagan, 25, and McKamee Lynne Harman-Lujan, 17, issued March 12 and used March 17
- Clintan Wayne Dunn, 43, and Tina Mae Hinsley, 43, issued and used March 16
- Travis William Rodriguez, 25, and Adelina Marie Garcia, 18, issued March 16
- Cody James Turnbow, 28, and Joyce Ann Robbins, 28, issued March 16
- Chris Carson, 25, and Josie Connelly, 50, issued March 20 and used March 25
- Bobby Mack Byrd, 33, and Anita Esperanza Trujillo, 33, issued and used March 25
- Fernando Marmolejo, 21, and Brenda A. Herrera, 23, issued and used March 28
- Dustin Jay Bolden, 21, and Jana Renee McNabb, 19, issued March 29 and used March 31.

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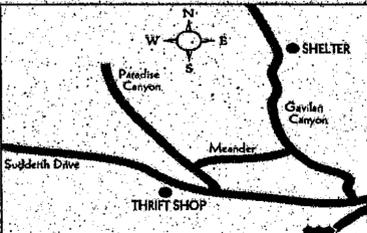
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Capitan foster care facility offers family and community to troubled youths

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May is National Foster Care Month with the attention put on the organizations and foster parents who make the programs possible.

In Capitan, every month is foster care month at Family Pride Foundation. A Las Cruces-based company, the Capitan office for treatment foster care is managed by Lisa Daniel and staffed by treatment coordinators Rhonda Weitner and Rich Lemmon and in-house therapist Elizabeth Candelaria.

The facility has 17 youths in placement homes in Capitan. There are ten licensed families in the Capitan area and the numbers are growing.

"We give these kids a sense of what family is really like and families do," said Daniel. "They are not used to that kind of support but respond beautifully to it. They learn new coping skills, life skills and stay until they are strong enough to make better choices."

Daniel, a graduate of Oral Roberts University with a Bachelors of Science in Christian Counseling, worked with Raindancer Youth Services in Ruidoso for 10 years before becoming a treatment coordinator then program manager for Family Pride two years ago. Daniel and her husband, Scott, have been foster parents for 10 years.

According to Daniel, placement averages about one year but often, if funding allows, one-to four-year placement isn't unusual.

Youth range in age from 3-21 years old and are children and adolescents with a diagnosed emotional and/or behavioral disorder.

Family Pride works closely with the state Children Youth and Families

About Family Pride
Founded in 1997, Family Pride has helped hundreds of at risk youth reach their full potential and be well prepared for adult life.

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Family Pride Foundation in Capitan is honoring National Foster Care Month. L-r, treatment coordinator, program manager Lisa Daniel and Rich Lemmon, treatment coordinator.

Department and the Juvenile Justice System, encompassing children discharging from an institutional care facility or from homes the state has declared an unsafe or unfit environment for the youths.

Daniel said that the key to their success is offering structure and safety to kids who never had that before. Using family as a source of stability and security, the kids are integrated into the school system and the com-

munity with positive support from both. "I can't say enough good things about the Capitan community and the Capitan Schools for their willingness to step up and help the Foundation

and the kids," said Daniel. "It's what makes it such a success in this community. I truly believe the rural atmosphere offered here is a huge part of the success ratio."

Often adolescents that leave the program will seek the military for a career, Daniel explained. "They are driven to the structure the armed forces offer and they opportunities they afford."

Some of the youth come to Family Pride after not being in school for a month or two, and yet through the positive reinforcement from the counselors and the school, over 80 percent of the current placements are A-B students.

After assessing a child's needs, those needs are matched with a family that can address and work with those specific issues.

A series of visit take place, including a 72-hour pre-placement visit, to ensure the match is successful.

Emphasis is put on the strengths the child currently possesses, and after assessment, an individualized treatment plan is created listing goals and objectives. The ultimate goal is to return the child to his/her home.

Donations are a major source of funding for the non-profit organization and Family Pride happily accepts any generosity offered. Currently, they have field trip and birthday party funds for the children in the program.

Family Pride, located at 123 Smokey Bear Blvd., also offers outpatient therapy and counseling services in Lincoln County. They are always seeking new foster families.

For more information about the Family Pride Foundation see their Web site at www.familypridefoundation.org or call 354-1085.

Spinning wheels bring friends and education

Dick and Susie Kuns have returned to their home in Scottsdale, Ariz. They spent sometime in Lincoln, then attended Susie's father's, Bill Shreengost, wedding.

It is a small world. We had gone to Roswell one day last week and had to have our stop at Dairy Queen. There was the couple that had bought a spinning wheel from Ralph and promised him some mesquite wood. They had already been to Lincoln and left the wood for Ralph. We did have a nice visit.

There are two dates to remember: the Fiber Fest to be held at the museum May 19-20. May 25-26 is the Lincoln estate/collectible garage sale from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. It will be at the Torreon Trading Company.

Many items of interest will be offered including household goods, tools, furniture, kitchen items, china, bedding, tables, chests and trunks.

Hopefully there will be others participating.

We were going by the Green Bridge at Picacho to see how the dismantling was progressing. Jeffery deMars of KOAT-TV of Albuquerque was covering the dismantling. It is going well and should be finished this week.

Punk Cooper and Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap participated in the Mesa Verde Ranch Ag Days for the Otero County fourth

graders. There were about 800 students. Punk sheared the sheep and showed the youngsters a couple of new lambs. A big hit! Ralph spun the wool and Rosalie did the weaving.

Wednesday afternoon there came the tornado warning from Holloman and the activities were shut down for the day so the children could get home.

We were in a store later and one

of the clerks received a photo of one of three tornadoes on his cell phone. Fantastic but scary.

Janice Gnatkowski will be sadly missed. She was a lady of many talents from building a livestock trailer to photography, writer, mother and many other talents. She helped get the Sheep to Shawl organized at the New Mexico State Fair, helped Pete and Mel with their show sheep and was always willing to help those that needed help.

Lincoln had a large quantity of large items put in the commercial dumpsters provided by the Lincoln County Waste Authority. There was also a collection of electronic items.

The weather has been very windy. Ralph's brother and wife were coming from Wilcox, Ariz. for a visit but it was blowing there so hard there they decided to come Sunday.

The church members are enjoying the coffee hour at the Curry Cafe.

Happy Mother's Day to the mothers, grandmothers and others in your family.

HONDO FFA



The Hondo FFA will host their 2nd Annual Hondo FFA Project Sale, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Hondo Schools Ag Ed Building. The 2007 Hondo FFA officers are l-r, advisor Brandon Devine, Secretary Angelo Prudencio, President Janice Gonzalez, Vice President Alicia Gallegos, Student Advisor Megan Parmley, Sentinel Lawrence Gonzalez and Reporter Collette Lopez. The event offers for sale projects created by FFA members. There will be woodworking, metalworking, and leatherworking projects as well as greenhouse starter plants and house plants. Lunch will be served for \$6 a plate. All projects are by Hondo Ag Ed Students and all proceeds go toward Hondo FFA activities. For more information contact Brandon Devine at Hondo Schools at 653-4411.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Council meetings postponed

Carrizozo and Capitan have postponed their May council meetings from May 8 to May 15. Carrizozo's will be at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall and Capitan's is at 6:30 at Village Hall.

Tea to honor Zumwalt

Phyllis Zumwalt will be honored with a tea at 1 p.m., May 17, at the Otero Coop. Electric Building located

on 12th Street in Carrizozo.

The tea is hosted by the Carrizozo Roadrunner Extension Club for her 50 years with New Mexico extension clubs.

Zumwalt joined her first club in Torrance County in 197 and continued in Lincoln County in the 1960s as a member of the Ruidoso-Hondo Valley, LaJunta and Carrizozo Roadrunners clubs.

She has served in leadership positions at the club, county, district and

state levels. She is currently a member and treasurer of the Carrizozo Roadrunners Extension Club.

For more information contact the Roadrunner club at 648-2345.

Dr. Becky time correction

The Capitan Citizen of the Year event in honor of Dr. Becky Washburn-Brown will be held 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

A potluck dinner will be offered to those that want to bring a dish and participate. Paper goods for the meal will be provided.

Live music, visiting and time spent honoring Dr. Becky will fill the afternoon. Friends and community members are welcome to attend.

Event organizers ask that no pets be brought to the event to prevent conflict between them.

For more information contact Marilyn Quinell at 354-6026.

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Learning to avoid confrontations with bears

ALBUQUERQUE — A hiker's encounter with a black bear in the Sandia Mountains was the latest of several reports of bears on the move and looking for food in the mountains, foothills and bordering communities throughout New Mexico.

From Taos and Raton in the north to Silver City and Ruidoso in the south, black bears are out and about. Residents and visitors in bear country statewide are reminded to take appropriate precautions to protect themselves, their property, and the bears.

The hiker who came upon a black bear May 6 in the Sandias put himself in danger because he wasn't sure what to do when encountering a bear or other large predator.

The man ran from the bear, and the bear followed him. Fortunately, he was able to contact Department of Game and Fish Conservation Officer Darrell Cole on his cell phone, and Cole advised him to hold his ground and fight back by throwing rocks at the bear.

The strategy worked — the bear sniffed a rock and walked away, and the hiker returned home with a good story.

"Bear attacks are rare, but whenever you come across a bear, it's very important not to run, no matter how scared you may be," Cole said. "Running may prompt a bear to give chase, and you cannot outrun a bear."

The Department of Game and Fish publishes a booklet, *Living with Large Predators*, which is available on the

Department Web site at www.wildlife.state.nm.us or by calling 505-476-8000.

The booklet contains important information about bears, cougars and coyotes and how to avoid conflicts with them.

Here are some suggestions about safely coexisting with bears.

If you see a bear:

• Stop, and back away slowly while facing the bear. Avoid direct eye contact, as the bear may consider that a threat.

• Never get between a mother bear and her cubs.

• If the bear has not seen you, stay calm and slowly move away, making noise so the bear knows you are there.

• Do not run. Make yourself appear large by holding out your jacket. If you have small children, pick them up so they don't run.

• Give the bear plenty of room to escape, so it doesn't feel threatened or trapped. If you are on a trail, step off on the downhill side and slowly move away.

• If a black bear attacks you, fight back using anything at your disposal, such as rocks, sticks, binoculars or even your bare hands. Aim for the bear's nose and eyes.

If you live or camp in bear country:

• Keep your camp clean, and store food and garbage properly at all times. Use bear-proof containers when available. If not, suspend food, coolers and garbage from a tree at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet out from the tree trunk.

"Running may prompt a bear to give chase and you cannot outrun a bear."

Darrell Cole
DF&G officer

• Keep your tent and sleeping bag free of all food smells. Store the clothes you wore while cooking or eating with your food.

• Sleep a good distance from your cooking area or food storage site.

• Store toiletries with your food.

• Remove bird feeders. Bears see them as sweet treats, and often they will look for other food sources nearby.

• Keep garbage in airtight containers inside your garage or storage area. Place garbage outside in the morning just before pickup, not the night before. Occasionally clean cans with ammonia or bleach.

• Never put meat or sweet-smelling food scraps such as melon in your compost pile.

• Don't leave pet food or food dishes outdoors at night.

• Clean and store outdoor grills after use. Bears can smell sweet barbecue sauce and grease for miles.

• Never intentionally feed bears to attract them for viewing.

If you intentionally feed a bear and he becomes a nuisance, you could be fined up to \$500 — and the bear eventually may have to be killed.

HONORED IN CAPITAN



Capitan Schools National Honor Society held their induction ceremony Monday. Top photo: A \$500 check was presented to the Ashley Bear Foundation with Mr. and Mrs. Goar present. Front row (l to r): Paige Jones, Kelsey Campbell, Katie Polley, the Goars, Chelsey Jensen, Kallie Griffin, Meghan Tucker and Aleah Topper. Back row: Tim Atkinson, Kevin Kelsey, Brittany LaMay, Dean Fowler, Calley Cox and Jarret Lovelace. Courtney LaMay not pictured. Bottom photo: New inductees into the National Honor Society were front row: Julia Polley, Gabrielle Goodwin, Lindsey Brown and Ashley Dubose. Back row: Hannah Sullivan, Nick McCullough and Morgan Gibbs.

Corona gets \$500,000 CDBG money for wastewater system

Nearly \$500,000 was awarded to the village of Corona in Lincoln County to help pay for installation of a wastewater system, as part of \$14.3 million in state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars awarded to 31 communities.

The 13-member Community Development Council, appointed by the Gov. Bill Richardson, determined the community awards at its April 25 meeting.

Rural communities throughout the state can use the money for a range of activities including improvements to basic infrastructure such as water, sewer, streets and drainage; construction and improvement of public service buildings such as community centers, senior centers, public safety buildings and health clinics; and development of various plans and feasibility studies.

"These funds will aid rural communities in New Mexico, enabling them to address critical community development needs," Richardson said in announcing the award Friday. "CDBG funds will help meet the growing need for infrastruc-

ture improvement projects."

The state Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division, which administers the CDBG program in New Mexico and serves as staff to the Community Development Council, received 37 requests for funding totaling over \$18.2 million.

Of the 37 funding requests, 33 were approved, of which 31 were funded. Applications were reviewed for eligibility and completeness, rated utilizing an approved set of criteria and presented to the Council for final action. Corona received \$495,555.

The CDBG Program was created by Congress in 1974, with funding provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Since the Local Government Division assumed administration of the program from the federal government in 1983, nearly \$250 million in CDBG funds have been provided to New Mexico's municipalities and counties to assist in meeting their community development needs.

Corona will host June diabetes benefit

The Corona Health Clinic Lincoln County Medical Center is sponsoring a Fun Run, Bike or Walk to benefit the American Diabetes Association and a Health Fair June 2.

The Friends of the Village of Corona Lending Library will host a sidewalk sale the same day and the Village of Corona

will sponsor a fishing day at the new pond at Simpson/Sloan Park.

The New Mexico Department Game & Fish will host some fishing clinics and there will be a pond naming contest.

For more information contact the Village of Corona offices at 849-5511.

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Tough Gila fire season looms

M. JOHN FAYHEE
For the Ruidoso News

SILVER CITY — After 2006's record monsoon season and the snowiest winter in more than 10 years, it's hard for some people to remember that, this time last year, the Gila National Forest was experiencing its worst pre-season fire conditions ever.

In May 2006, the fire professionals who work for the Gila Forest were concerned enough about the upcoming fire season that they proactively applied for a specialized federal grant called "severity funding" before the first spark ignited. Tension levels among local firefighters were as high as the fire conditions.

With all the precipitation that has fallen on the area since last summer, it may seem like the upcoming fire season would be not only less severe, but maybe even negligible. But,

according to the Southwest Area 2007 Final Fire Season Outlook, which was released Tuesday to the Forest Service by the Southwest Coordination Center, the area is predicted to have an "above-average" fire season.

That's cause for concern, but not nearly as bad as this time last year.

"Last year, we had record fire indices," said Fred Hernandez, forest fire management officer for operations for the Gila National Forest. "That is a measurement of the relative energy composition of the forest, combined with predictive weather patterns. Last year, it was the worst ever. This year is looking relatively good, but we're still predicting an above-average season."

Hernandez took over his position with the Gila in August after working in the Cibola National Forest, which,

by mid-May 2006, was closed to all public use because of the severity of the fire conditions. He said the desert lowlands of southern New Mexico are just now inching their way toward "moderate" fire danger ratings, while the fire-danger ratings north on Silver City are still "low."

"This time last year, they were severe," Hernandez said. "More than severe."

Indeed, those dire predictions were realized, as the Gila experienced 180 conflagrations during the "fire season," which according to Hernandez, generally runs from the middle of May to the middle of August.

That number is well above normal. And, even though most of those fires were relatively small, some, like the Bear Fire, which burned some 80 square miles of forest, and the Skates Fire, which burned more than 13,000 acres, were huge and

required the services of hundreds of firefighters and cost tens of thousands of dollars to battle.

The irony of the good precipitation situation hereabouts in the past half-year is that the local grasslands became happy and productive plant communities.

"The grass loading was severe," Hernandez said. "All that moisture caused the grass to grow thick and high. Now, it's starting to green up, but all that new growth will soon sure up, which means more potential fuel."

The Final Fire Season Outlook states, "Unusually warm, windy and dry conditions (are) expected to displace moist conditions across the southeast half of the region from mid-May to mid-June, with sustained hot and dry conditions not expected west of the Continental Divide until mid-June."

University workers vote to join union

BRYAN KIRK
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — Supporters and members of New Mexico State University's first organized union celebrated Thursday night after workers voted 492-15 in support of a three-year collective bargaining agreement.

They are known as members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, and for the first time in a long time, they said they felt like the playing field was even.

Inside the Moose Lodge, labor union organizer Charles Harster shook hands with employees and the handful of NMSU students who'd helped in the process.

The movement to create AFSCME Local 2393 began nearly three years ago as a way to help nonexempt employees — hourly employees — to earn a fair wage and lower insurance costs.

Harster, a records specialist in the NMSU registrar's office, said the vote was an historic event that he felt privileged to be a part of.

"This is fantastic," he said. "We had full-time employees who were making between \$11,000 to \$14,000 a year."

At the front of the room, surrounded by a sea of green balloons, the ballots were poured out and counted.

The count started strong, with the first 25 being "yes" before the first "no" vote appeared.

Charles Morgan, an NMSU employee, was not fazed by the first "no" vote.

"I think the people who showed up didn't vote no," he said.

As those votes were counted, everyone waited.

Everyone, including NMSU students Alejandro Duarte and Jennifer Stewart, both freshmen who'd helped organize the AFSCME.

Although young, Stewart and Duarte knew why they'd helped in the movement.

Stewart was heavily involved in the process, and even spoke on the union's behalf to the state Appropriations Committee in Santa Fe.

Meanwhile, Duarte didn't know anything about the movement until he saw Stewart and other students working and passing out flyers on campus.

"They told us about how some of these employees had to take on three jobs just to support their families. I thought that was wrong and they should get better pay," Duarte said. "I was surprised. I thought university workers were paid pretty well."

Before long, Duarte found himself making speeches and passing out flyers on campus.

It took volunteers slightly more than an hour to count the more than 500 votes.

Now, the rest is up to the NMSU Board of Regents, who will vote whether to accept the collective bargaining agreement.

The board will convene inside the Education Service Center, but they'll be missing at least one of their own.

Bob Gallagher, who expressed his support for the agreement, said he would be unable to physically be at the meeting, but he would be phoning in his vote.

"I think this agreement is a wonderful thing for the university, and this is coming from someone who initially did not believe that we needed to have collective bargaining," Gallagher said. "But through the process, it is obvious to me that a certain group of employees felt the need for that."

Gallagher said it was up to the university to take care of not just those who teach, but those who support those who teach and those who come to learn.

"We should not create two classes of employees," Gallagher said.

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STORY SO FAR: While on a visit to a neighboring farm, Ben wonders about the mysterious Joe Pastore. He can't be the same person he met in the fog because Joe Pastore is dead. At the same time, Ben is falling in love.

CHAPTER EIGHT A Ghostly Warning

a breakfast serials story

Most of the household spent the afternoon at the track again. And once again, dinner was a noisy affair among guests and friends. Ben sat at one corner of the long table, hoping Rachel would speak to him and knowing that he was a mutt for thinking she could ever see him as anything but a kid. As the conversation veered onto polo, Ben pushed his chair back and slipped through the screen door.

The chatter of voices faded as he scuffed across the grass. He walked aimlessly, hands shoved deep in his pockets and his gaze on the ground until his path was blocked by a fence. From the barn, just a few yards to his left, Ben heard a horse's hoof thump against wood. Unable to resist, he looked back toward the house. Sure enough, one of the brightly lit kitchen windows framed Rachel's head and shoulders like a portrait.

"Pretty, huh?"

The hair on the back of Ben's arms stood up. To his left stood the kid from the fog.

"The sunset. Pretty, isn't it?" He nodded toward the west.

Ben tried for the same casual tone. "So, you must be related to that guy who killed himself. Joe Pastore?"

The boy narrowed his eyes. "Oh, you heard about that?"

The warmth of the day was seeping away, and Ben felt a chill creep over him. He was suddenly frightened, and now the hairs on the back of his neck prickled, too. "Yeah," he said. "So I guess you're a relative . . . Because you can't be him."

"If you say so."

"What's your name, anyway?" Ben asked, raising his chin.

"Joe."

"Joe what?"

"Pastore. Joe Pastore."

Ben ignored the uncomfortable jolt behind his ribs. "Yeah, sure."

"Yeah."

"Funny guy," Ben said.

The guy-Joe-grinned, and something behind his gaze seemed to flare like flames and then subside.

Standing so near him, Ben felt an even deeper chill in his bones, and he thought he caught a whiff of smoke, like cold ashes. He wanted to say, 'Okay, so you're a ghost,' but his throat closed up and he could not make himself speak. If this was a joke, it wasn't funny. He followed Joe's gaze to the



barn, thinking. It was the barn that caught on fire. Joe Pastore died in there.

"It's a bum deal for guys like us," Joe mused.

Ben tried to repress a shiver. "What do you mean, guys like us?"

"Well, we ain't the Brennans of this world, living large."

Ben thought of the big house with bare floors and dark patches against the wallpaper where paintings used to hang, echoing rooms nearly bare of furniture . . . He shook his head. "I don't think they're rich, if that's what you mean."

"Yeah, sure," Joe interrupted. "They pull this humble routine like they're just plain folks, but this place is actually full of stuff you'll never have in a million years."

In spite of himself, Ben glanced at the house again, and his heart squeezed at the sight of Rachel. Even as he watched, she tipped her head back and laughed. It was like watching TV with the sound off—she was an untouchable star behind glass.

"Yeah, they're the purebloods and we're the mutts," Joe went on, his cold, harsh voice twisting like a knife in Ben's heart. "They like to keep a few around to show how nice they are, but it's an act."

Ben tried to think back to Brennan at dinner, asking him if he wanted to go out for ice cream later on. He shook his head; his mind wasn't working properly. Dizzy . . . sick to his stomach. He dug his fingernails

into the top rail of the fence as he held himself upright. He wasn't arguing with a ghost. He couldn't be.

"It's not an act," he quavered. He cleared his throat and tried again. "They're nice people."

"So long as you behave," Joe scoffed. "First time you mess up, you're out of here, believe me. Believe me," he said again, but this time his lips didn't move: Ben was looking right at him, but the guy's lips didn't move. Ben simply heard the words hissing in his brain.

To his shame, Ben felt his knees tremble. He started backing away.

"I don't believe you."

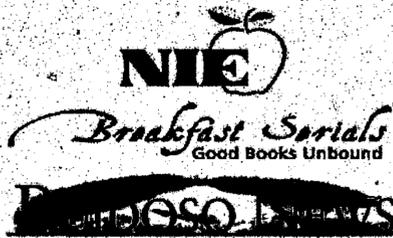
"Don't trust him, that's my advice," Joe called after him. And then he snickered, a sound like flames crackling.

Ben stumbled away, trying to put as much distance as possible between himself and Joe, but the laugh followed him through the gathering dark.

As Ben stepped off the grass and onto the drive, he kicked something small and hard, and a silvery glint caught his eye. He bent down and picked up a cheap disposable lighter. Hands shaking, he fumbled his thumb down over the striker. The flame flicked on, and he let it go out. Nervously, Ben flicked the lighter on and off a couple of times, like the fireflies that were beginning to blink in the shadows.

Then he shoved it in his pocket and kept on walking, determined never to talk to that guy again. Especially if he was a ghost.

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Fighting border crime

DIANA M. ALBA
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES — Doña Ana County Sheriff Todd Garrison has joined with other border law enforcement officials seeking more funding to fight border crime.

Garrison recently wrapped up a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., and plans a trip next week to San Diego to meet with other border sheriffs. He said the group is gaining momentum.

"I think because we're coming together, we're becoming somebody they're starting to listen to," he said. "We're speaking with one voice, and they see we have the same problems and the same concerns."

Garrison said officers are most concerned with the extra crime they must deal with as a result of illegal immigration, such as human and drug trafficking. He said, however, that sheriffs are clear on one point: They don't want to enforce immigration law.

"We're not interested in keeping up with illegal (immigrants)," he said.

"We're concerned about the crime levels that are increasing because of the people that are coming across."

In the past six years, 13,887 — or 26 percent — of detainees in the Doña Ana County Detention Center were illegal immigrants, according to county statistics. Garrison said while the detention center gets federal reimbursement for the detainees, the Sheriff's Department doesn't, despite the work involved with arrests.

Paul Martinez, president of the state League of United Latin American Citizens, said the group favors more funding for border law enforcement.

"LULAC ... passed a resolution against human smuggling," he said. "It endangers the lives of innocent people. We've said all along we don't want civilians engaging in the work of law enforcement. We need to make sure (officials) have the tools necessary to do the job of enforcing the law of the land."

New Mexico U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici in February unsuccessfully attempted to attach some \$50 million in funding for border law enforcement agencies to a Senate bill. The money could have been spent on extra personnel, equipment or overtime costs.

Bingaman spokeswoman Jude McCartin said a similar measure backed by the senators cleared the Senate last year, but didn't make it through the House.

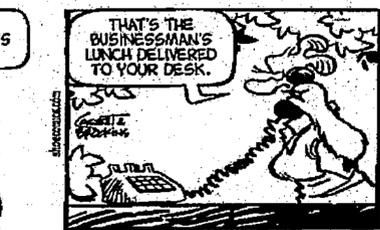
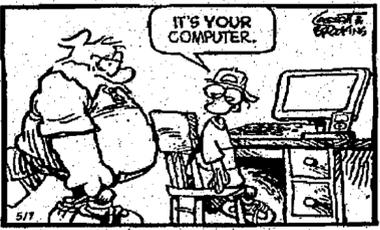
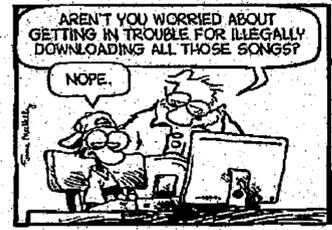
She said they'll continue to push for the funding. "We're feeling pretty optimistic since we had Senate support for it in the past," she said.

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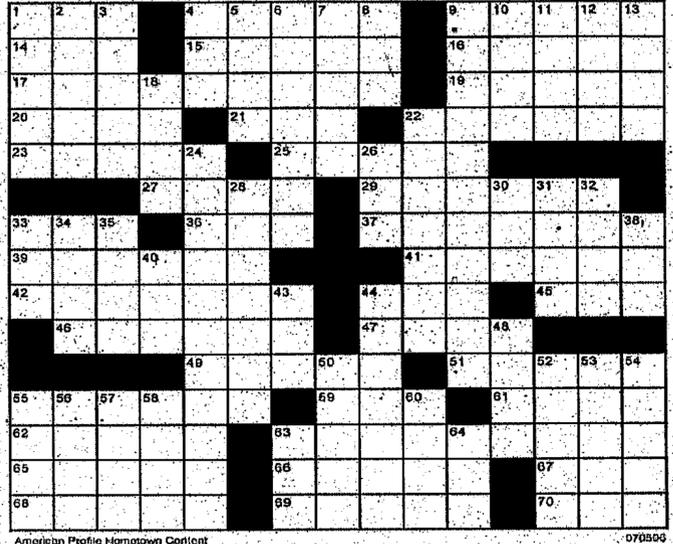
SHOE



ACROSS

- 1. Stetson, e.g.
4. Mother-of-pearl
9. Malcolm Warner of 'The Cosby Show'
14. 'Much ___ About Nothing'
15. Loud, like a crowd
16. Wipe clean
17. 'Fables in Slang' author
19. Small recess
20. Choir voice
21. Biol. or chem.
22. Medusa's hair consisted of these
23. 'Drying out' program
25. Old Testament book after Daniel
27. Scruff of the neck
29. West Point freshmen
33. Doo-wop singers ___ Na Na
36. Matador cape color
37. Claimed without proof
39. Oxygen-utilizing bacterium
41. In recent times
42. Quick snoozes
44. Mai tai ingredient
45. Rink org.
46. More precious
47. List-ending abbr.
49. Saudis and Syrians
51. 'Unsafe at Any Speed' author Ralph
55. Hollywood VIPs
59. Ben-Gurion Airport city
61. 'Fiddling' emperor
62. Florida citrus city
63. 'Jurassic Park' actress

In the Bushes



- 65. Gin go-with
66. 'Lou Grant' star Ed
67. Stylish, to a '60s Brit
68. More than just trim
69. Club used in traps
70. ___-Blo fuse
9. 'Dharma & Greg' actress
10. Oratorio highlight
11. Big name in trucks
12. Queens tennis stadium
13. Vintner's sediment
18. Horse coloration
22. Standing-room-only affair
24. Mrs. Ringo Starr
26. Massage locale
28. Eyes, slangily
30. Paese cheese
31. Narc Eddie (Popeye) ___
32. Clockmaker ___ Thomas
33. Cul-de-
34. Brewski topper
35. Johnson of 'Laugh-In'
38. First state: Abbr.

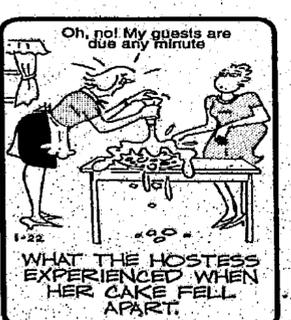
DOWN

- 1. Comic strip '___ the Horrible'
2. Simphon of fashion
3. Canine or molar
4. Broken-down horse
5. Greek war god
6. Helped out with Little League
7. Dashboard device
8. Before, to bards

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 Champion's Run Condominium Association,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Ubaldo Torres,
 Defendant.

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 IN CV-2006-266
NOTICE OF SALE
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on May 22, 2007, at 10 o'clock a.m., at the northeast door of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Corrales, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above named defendant in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:
 Unit No. 212 of Champion's Run Condominiums, formerly known as Triple Crown Condominiums, Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as the same is set forth and established by that certain Declaration recorded May 3, 1985 in Miscellaneous Book 99, pages 539 to 581, both inclusive; Amendment recorded in Miscellaneous Book 100, pages 19 to 21, both inclusive; Articles of Amendment recorded in Book 1970-

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 9, pages 809 and 810; Articles of Amendment recorded in Book 1990-9, pages 811 to 814, both inclusive; Articles of Amendment recorded in Book 1991-4, pages 799 and 800; and by that certain Amended and Restated Declaration recorded in Book 1991-15, pages 537 to 605, both inclusive, all in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico; and as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico on May 1, 1995 in Cabinet D, Slide No. 302; together with said Unit's undivided interest in and to the common areas and facilities of Champion's Run Condominiums, attributable thereto. Commonly known as 819 Highway 70 Unit 212, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.
 SUBJECT TO the lien in favor of Mortgage Tru Inc. recorded in Book 1998-10, Pages 175 to 185; having been assigned to Fidelity Bank, FSB on

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 evidenced by the assignment recorded on June 5, 1998, pages 185 and 186, and further assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as shown by that assignment recorded on October 31, 2000 in Book 228, page 182, all recordings in the records of Lincoln County, New Mexico and that certain foreclosure proceeds in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.
 Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 15, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, said suit foreclosed the following liens:
 A. A first lien held by the above named plaintiff and wherein plaintiff has been adjudged to have a lien against the above described real estate in the sum of \$ 14,757.75, as of the date of the judgment thereafter at the rate of 8.75% per year on the entire judgment, until the

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 judgment is satisfied together with costs of sale, plus any additional attorneys' fees and costs actually expended from the date of the judgment until the date of the special master's sale.
 C. Including the Special Master's fee of \$250.00, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit his bid verbally or in writing. The plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.
 At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.
 Notice is further given that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements,

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 all recorded and unrecorded liens, no foreclosure herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.
 Notice is further given that the purchaser of such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a nine (9) month right of redemption.
 Dated at Alamogordo, New Mexico, this 20 day of April, 2007.
 /s/ Peter Baca
 Peter Baca,
 Special Master
 #7681 2f (5)9,16
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY LINCOLN
COUNTY PROBATE
COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
DAVID WAYNE
GOLDBERRY SR.

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 Cause No. 2203.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
JOSE LORENZO GALLEGO has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estates of **DAVID WAYNE GOLDBERRY, SR.**, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o PO Box 912, Corrales, NM 87048 or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: All Customers and the General Public
 New Mexico Department of Transportation

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 "DRAFT" FY2008-FY2011 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)
 is available for Public Comment at the following websites:
 New Mexico DOT: <http://nmshtd.state.nm.us/mofn.asp?scid=11408>
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 Farmington MPO: <http://www.farmingtonmipo.org/mpo>
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 The "Draft Public Comment Document"

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 describes proposed projects that have been recommended for inclusion in the FY2008-FY2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The document includes projects reprogrammed from the previous Commission / FTWA / FTA approved FY2006-FY2011 STIP. Included with each STIP is a comment sheet. Your comments, where applicable, will be considered in drafting the final version of the program. The New Mexico State Transportation Commission will approve the final version of the FY2008-FY2011 STIP during their May 18, 2007 meeting of the Mid-Region Council of Governments building in Albuquerque.
 Please return your comments via e-mail, fax, mail, or in person by May 30, 2007 to the addresses listed below.
 You may also request an electronic copy of the STIP document from the e-mail address listed

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