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Weekend lightning fires

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A band of 22 lightning strikes across the counties of Lincoln and Otero ignited 13 fires Friday afternoon.

Public Information Officer Darlene Hart said if a front with cooler temperatures, high humidity and light precipitation had not rolled through the area Saturday, the blazes could have been devastating.

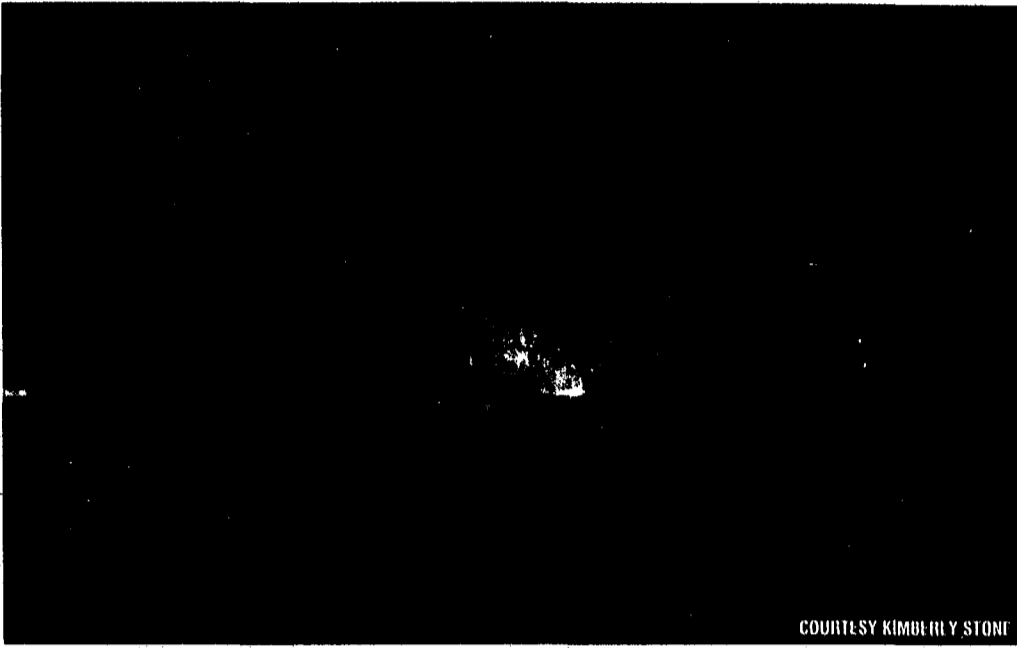
"They thought they had a lot of them handled," she said. "They were very small, but they realized Friday, if we don't get moisture, it could be disastrous."

The three largest fires burned a combined 44,000 acres of mostly rangeland north of Capitan and grasslands, piñon and juniper in the Arabela and Picacho area, she said.

"The East Transwestern Fire was 100 percent contained by Saturday evening, but burned 18,533 acres," Hart said. "At one point, some structures were threatened, because there are two ranches there, but no structures burned, no one was injured and there were no human fatalities."

"If it hadn't been for the firefighters, that county road would not have stopped the fire from heading on west. Thank God for all of them. They did an amazing job."

Melanie Dinwiddie



COURTESY KIMULILY STONE

The Vista Fire, separated from the East Transwestern by only a few miles, scorched 14,100 acres and also was contained by 6 p.m., Saturday.

The Fresquez 2 Fire blackened 9,980 acres, primarily on private land, and was also encompassed by the Nelson Fire, which was swept into the larger fire's path. The fire was considered 100 percent contained by 6 p.m., Sunday. It was named Fresquez 2, because it

began in the same area of a fire last year.

"Years ago there was nothing out there, but now there's a scattering of ranches and quite a few people off NM Highway 368 near Arabela," Hart said.

The driving winds sent the inferno at least 12 miles along the north side Highway 246, from the Transwestern pipeline road at approximately MM 21 west to the county road at MM 9.

After it was first thought to be contained Saturday morning, somewhere in the vicinity of the Bogle Ranch, it picked up velocity again and rolled a fast-moving wall of fire down through more ranches, taking everything in its path, including fences and livestock.

Early reports indicated ranches belonging to Bogle, Hutcheson, Stokes, Armstrong, Hanley, Eldridge/Dinwiddie and possibly others suffered fire damage in different amounts.

The Eldridge/Dinwiddie Ranch reported major grass losses along with an undetermined number of livestock losses.

"The fire rolled this way with an unbelievable fury," Melanie Dinwiddie said by phone Monday. "But the main thing is, everybody is safe. No one got hurt."

Dinwiddie is hosting a wedding this week for her eldest son, Ronnie Eldridge, and said the fire didn't change those plans. "It came close to Ronnie's house, but didn't get it. And it didn't hurt the view here," she said. "If it hadn't been for the firefighters, that county road would not have stopped the

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



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Tyler Hamilton of Ruidoso, who graduated with honors from ENMU-Ruidoso, smiles for the camera Thursday night at the Spencer. For more details see page 6A.

Good news for Sierra Blanca Motors

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For the 33 employees of Sierra Blanca Motors the news was good; so was the news they didn't get.

"We've been accepted by the new Chrysler," Sierra Blanca Motors owner and General Manager Ted Durham said on Monday. "We have not received official notification from GM but they called this morning wanting us to order more cars and I don't think they would do that if we were going to be on their list."

Chrysler and GM are each closing about 25 percent of their dealerships. They are just doing it in different manners. Chrysler is using their recent bankruptcy filing to close 789 dealerships across the country, including four in New Mexico. GM is not renewing the contracts with about 1,100 dealerships through late next year.

"No news is good news," Sierra Blanca Motors Sales Manager Joe Gomez said. "Chrysler put out a list of the dealers but GM has said they are not going to publish a list, they are going to notify the dealers individually."

New Mexico Chrysler dealers on the list included Quality Jeep-Chrysler in Albuquerque, Sandoval Dodge in Las Cruces, Brewer Jeep in Clovis and Cimino Brothers Chrysler/Plymouth in Raton.

"We won't know anything else

about the Chrysler deal until probably July," Durham said. "Until Chrysler gets to the final stage of the bankruptcy, we won't know much about the future."

Chrysler, which has received \$4 billion in government loans, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on April 30. The company has asked a bankruptcy judge to approve the sale of all its assets to a new Chrysler controlled by Italy's Fiat Group SpA.

With Fiat as a partner, the U.S. government has said it will provide up to \$6 billion more in financing to help Chrysler get through the bankruptcy process.

"I don't think Ruidoso is going to be a very good Fiat market," Durham said. "Our main sellers are Dodge trucks, SUVs and Jeeps."

GM has said that they plan to close up to about 40 percent of their dealers by the end of 2010. Most of those dealers will be in urban areas.

"I have heard that five New Mexico dealers got the ax from GM," Durham said.

The Durham family has owned and operated Sierra Blanca Motors since January 1965 when Johnny Durham purchased the two-year-old dealership from founder Charlie Seeds.

With reporting by Dan Strumpf and Tom Krisher, AP Auto Writers from Yahoo News

Forest Service official – 'closure unlikely'

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A U.S. Forest Service official said Tuesday he does not anticipate even a partial closure of the Lincoln National Forest this year.

Chad Stewart, acting head of the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the national forest that adjoins Ruidoso, told Lincoln County commissioners weather conditions appear likely to skirt past the dry and windy phase this year.

"At this point I don't anticipate even a partial closure," he said. "It would take a two-week hot period and a drying wind, but we're past that time. The clouds in the sky are

carrying moisture. It's a little different weather pattern this year. I was told it's almost monsoonal."

Last year, the forest closed because of drought and tinder-dry conditions, but reopened in time for Memorial Day visitors. A few times, closures extended into the summer tourist season, reopening for the July 4th holiday.

Although lightning strikes Friday ignited more than a dozen fires, the rain associated with the same weather front help restrain the fires, Stewart said.

However, Stage 2 fire restrictions were adopted for the forest, which include no campfires and smoking limited to inside vehicles

or in certain designated cleared areas. "We really don't want you smoking out there," he said.

In a related action, commissioners voted to renew fire restrictions in unincorporated portions of the county for another 30 days.

County Manager Tom Stewart said eight fires ignited by lightning Friday are being referred to as a group under the title The Southeastern Fires, and burned about 45,000 acres. Four of the fires were east of Arabela and others were north of Capitan. Two other recent fires were caused by hot exhaust from vehicles on dry grass, he said.

Once the commission declares a

fire danger emergency from extreme drought, ongoing critical fire weather, or any combination of conditions that pose a significant and continuing risk of uncontrolled fire, all open fires are prohibited within the county, unless a burn permit is issued by the county. The declaration must be reauthorized every 30 days. The towns of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have similar bans on outdoor smoking and open flames.

Even under normal conditions, the restrictions ban disposing of hot ashes in any manner. Ashes must be cooled in place for a minimum of 48 hours, extinguished with water or sand.



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Governor's 'wish-list time' brings hope for justice complex and more

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municipalities and several settlements met with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson Monday to find out if any stimulus money may be coming their way.

Richardson called the session in the Lincoln County courthouse in Carrizozo his "wish-list time," as each mayor or manager walked to the podium to pitch their projects for competitive grants under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The governor said he's looking for shovel-ready projects that will create jobs and won't stall waiting for engineering.

"From the county's perspective, we asked for help with the new justice com-

plex," County Manager Tom Stewart said, reviewing the results of the session.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin agreed that the \$5 million judicial complex was the most critical for Lincoln County.

"Essentially, it's an unfunded mandate," he said Tuesday. "We've been told to anticipate another district court judge in addition to the problems created with a deteriorating courthouse."

Although the projects mentioned by various entities didn't synchronize well with what the governor called his top three priorities, smart grid energy projects, broadband telecom-

munications and health information technology, Richardson seemed interested in water-related projects in Nogal and Corona, particularly because Nogal lacks a water treatment capability, Battin said.

"He also asked about the partnership between the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts and Eastern New Mexico University. I told him I think the final agreement will be ready in July. The token funding from the state will be enough to get the partnership going and we hope more will be coming," Battin said.

The chairman called the meeting very productive and said he was impressed the governor would take the time to come to the county and bring three staff members with him. "Everyone told him how grateful they were for the funding for the regional wastewater treatment plant (that serves Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and portions of the Mescalero Apache Reservation)."

County Treasurer Beverly Calaway also briefed the governor on the \$158,000 withheld by the state treasurer from Lincoln County along with

Governor Richardson discussed stimulus funding in Carrizozo on Monday, expressing interest in water-related projects.



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more staggering amounts from other counties and cities to cover potential losses in the state investment pool from one portfolio that contained Lehman Brother stocks, a financial firm that collapsed in September.

After she questioned the constitutional authority to hold the money, Richardson pledged to look into the situation.

Later Monday, Richardson applauded the decision by U.S. Department of Energy officials to increase maximum award available under the Smart Grid Investment Program. The Department of Energy also increased the allowable amount for grants for Smart Grid Demonstration Projects.

"Increasing these guidelines will allow consideration of projects of the size and scope needed to help

the United States move toward a modern, well-functioning grid that integrates diverse technologies, not just clean energy sources," Richardson said.

The new DOE guidelines expand the amount of grant funding possible for individual Smart Grid Investment Grants from \$20 million to \$200 million, and increase the amount available for Smart Grid Demonstration Projects from \$40 million to \$100 million.

Richardson expressed his concerns directly to President Barack Obama when the two spoke in Albuquerque last week. The governor cautioned that while the announcement is a positive step, he still worries about the requirement that states provide a 50 percent match for project funding under the grants.



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Cemetery Board

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Village of Ruidoso Cemetery Board is set for 11:30 a.m., today at the Village of Ruidoso council chambers in Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr. Members will discuss Mark Younger's assessment of cemetery sites and may take action.

Alpine Village

Members of the Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District board will meet at 5:30 p.m., June 1, in the District's building, 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

Regular business for the District will be conducted, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

Additionally, the agenda may contain discussion regarding the proposed 2009-10 budget, new security fencing, revised fees for meter installations and committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the District are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time. Monthly meetings are conducted the first Monday of the month.

LCSWA grant awards

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority has received \$30,400 in three recycling or illegal dumping grants from the New Mexico Environment Department's Recycling and Illegal Dumping grants program.

One grant of \$3,000 will purchase and install surveillance cameras at site plagued by illegal dumping throughout Lincoln County.

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Camera footage is expected to be turned over to law enforcement officials for prosecution by the District Attorney.

A second grant will help step up coordinated illegal dumping prevention efforts by the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the US Forest Service. A third grant will purchase a large conveyor belt for moving recycled material at the new recycling center nearing completion at the Green Tree Transfer Station and Recycling Center east of Ruidoso Downs across Highway 70. The new recycling center is scheduled to open later this summer.

The grant-funded projects are part of a broader illegal dumping prevention strategy crafted late last year by a countywide Illegal Dumping Task Force made up of law enforcement and code enforcement officials, Forest Service personnel, County and Ruidoso solid waste officials and other interested citizens.

Various parts of the strategy would focus on cleanup, prevention, citizen education, public awareness and prosecution. The plan is in its final stages and awaiting final adoption by the task force and other local government entities.

The Smokey Bear Ranger District - Solid Waste Authority grant will offer citizens from the Capitan area the one-time opportunity to assist in the clean up of a major illegal dumping site on the Cora Dutton road southwest of Capitan.

A multi-agency, citizen volunteer clean up day will be scheduled later this summer to clean up a major illegal dumping site of discarded furniture, appliances, hot water heaters and construction waste on Forest Service land.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. General solid waste disposal and recycling informa-

tion is available at www.lcswa.org.

'Open Office'

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Chairman Sandy Jones from District 5 that includes part of Lincoln County, will conduct "Open Office Hours" from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., today, in Ruidoso.

The meeting in Room 103 at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso in Sierra Mall on Mechem Drive is open to the public.

Jones will bring Commission staff with expertise in all areas to Ruidoso to answer any questions on current issues and industries the NMPRC regulates, such as utilities, telecommunications, transportation, managed health care, state fire marshal and consumer affairs.

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For more information, contact Jones at 505-827-8020 or the NMPRC Public Information Office at 505-827-4446.

Highway improvement

A hearing on proposals to improve U.S. 380 from Mile Post 91.5 to Mile Post 102.5 in the Lincoln Historic District is set for 10 a.m. to noon, May 30, at the Lincoln Community Church on U.S. 380 in the settlement of Lincoln.

The purpose of the project is to enhance the roadway and improve safety and drainage conditions while preserving the rural and historic character of the surrounding community. The project includes the following components:

- replace the Priest Canyon Bridge
- construct drainage improvements in the Village

of Lincoln

- improve the rural section of U.S. 380
- improve the village section of U.S. 380 in Lincoln.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation staff prepared an environmental assessment that evaluates two-build alternatives and a no-build alternative. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the findings of the environmental assessment, obtain comments from the public, and select a preferred alternative to advance to final design.

The environmental assessment will be available for review during a 30-day comment period ending June 15. The environmental assessment may be viewed on the Internet at www.nmshtd.state.nm.us under the link for NMDOT Projects. The EA may also be viewed at the Lincoln State Monument Museum, U.S. 380 in Lincoln and the NMDOT District 2 Office, 4505 West Second in Roswell.

Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or they may be mailed, faxed, or to Eric Johnson, Marron and Associates, 7511 Fourth St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107, 505-898-8848, fax 505-897-7847, and email, eric@marroninc.com.

Childbirth classes

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, will offer childbirth delivery classes for expecting mothers and coaches on Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Classes will be held in the conference room at LCMC, 211 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso. Cost is \$20 per class.

Classes will focus on relaxation and breathing techniques, vaginal and cesarean births, pain management, newborn care and breastfeeding.

Pregnant mothers expecting to deliver now through April are encouraged to attend. Attendees should bring pillows, something to drink and snacks.

For additional information, contact the LCMC OB Department at 575-257-8275.

Fire wise

Do not let this cooler weather and isolated showers fool you into thinking we are out of fire danger. Wildfire season is still upon us. Until the area receives significant widespread amounts of rain, we will remain in Very High Fire Danger.

Assistant Fire Manager Terry Garner cautions for-


est users that, "We have a little more than a month before monsoonal rains are predicted, so we want to advise everyone to use caution while out visiting the public lands." The Lincoln National Forest is currently under Stage 2 Restrictions.

Reminder: No campfires, charcoal briquettes or open flames of any kind are allowed. People can still

cook with propane or gas-fueled stoves, as long as it has an on-off switch. There is no outdoor smoking.

Any internal combustion engines are prohibited during the hours of 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

For current fire restriction information, call 1-877-864-6985. You may also contact the Smokey Bear Ranger Station at 575-257-4095.



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OUR OPINION

Unruly fan behavior must not be tolerated

School district must assume some blame

The word "fan" is shortened from the word "fanatic": "a person with an extreme enthusiasm or zeal, as in religion; zealot ..." according to *Webster's Desk Dictionary*.

Being a fan of a sports team – whether amateur or professional – carries with it a fickle burden, a burden that can be lifted by the joy of winning; a burden that weighs heavily when your team or player loses. It's a longtime commitment that, drip by drip, reminds you that sports are a metaphor for life, season after season of successes and failures, of tiny victories and gut-churning losses, of fleeting moments of hope and despair.

To be a sports fan requires a strong emotional investment, to the point where it can be wrapped into one's very sense of self-worth, which is then transferred to the participating community, team or school. It doesn't make sense, and it makes all the sense in the world. It's only a game, right?

In the end, it seems to be a fair trade-off; the emotions spent rooting for or against a team, or an individual, are usually regulated and dissipated harmlessly enough through the rules of the game, a prevailing sense of justice as dictated by the final score and an unwritten code of conduct for spectators.

When that code is broken, the fan indeed becomes a fanatic, enthusiasm turns to the insufferable and everyone in the way just wants the episode to end.

By his own admission, Kyle Flack, father of Ruidoso High School baseball player Brendan Flack, gets "very passionate" about his son's athletic endeavors. As for the code, Ruidoso High baseball coach Billy Page claims Flack broke it during a game against Lovington May 1. According to a lawsuit filed by Page against Flack and the school district, Flack called Page a "expletive) moron and idiot," among other things, and threatened to have Page fired from his job.

Flack also allegedly threatened Ruidoso Athletic Director Todd Garelick when Garelick tried to intervene, by saying, "I'm taking this to the parking lot."

On May 8, District Court Judge Karen Parsons issued a restraining order barring Flack from attending any Ruidoso High School activities. That order was subsequently modified, allowing Flack to attend a May 14 play-off game in Albuquerque in which his son was the starting pitcher.

RHS was defeated, ending the school's season.

An umpire quoted in Friday's *Ruidoso News* story about the case says Flack's history of misconduct dates as far back as 1993. And on April 4 of this year, the umpire said he had Flack escorted from the field during an RHS game against Portales.

If this, indeed, has been a pattern of behavior, Ruidoso Schools Superintendent Bea Harris and the Ruidoso Municipal School Board have been derelict in their duties in allowing it to continue.

If May 1 was truly an isolated incident, or if it finally was just a wake-up call for the perpetrator, Kyle Flack deserves to get on with his life. We all make mistakes. And it can be heart-wrenching, we know, to watch your son or daughter compete.

Superintendent Harris did attempt to reinstate Flack as a spectator at games through a confidential signed contract that was obtained by the *Ruidoso News*. The contract mandated that Flack not use profanity at games or interact with others in a hostile or aggressive manner.

Regardless of Flack's history, regardless of whatever empathy one might have for a father who thinks his son has the right stuff for the Major Leagues, in light of the lawsuit, the superintendent's action was precipitous. It was disrespectful to coach Page and, by extension, all RHS coaches. Coaches should not have to come to the ballpark, the field or the court wondering if this is the day they'll encounter a hostile work environment.

It is up to the superintendent and the school board to ensure that teachers teach, students learn, coaches coach – and parents behave. When parents act immaturely to the point of disruption, the superintendent and the school board must stand squarely behind their coaches.

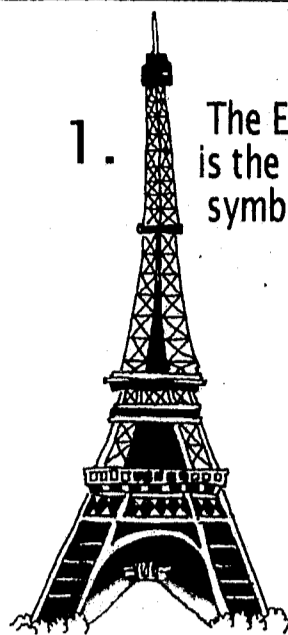
You either back your employees or risk losing them – along with the school district's reputation.

This is not just about Kyle Flack. It's about respect for the game, respect for the coaches and being adult role models for the players. Nationally, parental anger in the stands has been known to escalate into serious violence, resulting even in fatal assaults. In Ruidoso, any behavior even hinting at these extremes must not be tolerated.

No one individual, regardless of standing in the community, must be allowed to trample on the code. And now that the issue is out in the open, perhaps voters in the next school board election will demand candidates who would show the courage to defend that code, candidates who would hold parental misconduct accountable.

Otherwise, athletics and all they stand for – teamwork, fair play, sportsmanship – are degraded into an exercise for fanatics. And that very behavior will be passed down to the youngsters who are only trying to have fun, to be a kid, to win a ballgame that day, within the rules.

When the fanatics take over, it's no longer a game. By that final score, everybody loses.



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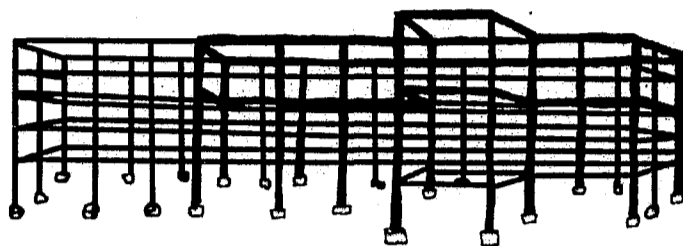
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YOUR OPINION

Don Dutton responds to TV report

To the editor:

Last week, Larry Barker [KRQE Ch. 13 investigative reporter] made an attack on me. As Paul Harvey used to say, here is the rest of the story:

1. I was confirmed for this [Gaming Control Board] position by the Senate twice. (Had I done anything wrong, I doubt that I would have been confirmed.)

2. My duty station was changed to Ruidoso to prevent any appearance of a violation of the Open Meetings Act, since all commissioners were in the same office, all in a row (6200 Uptown address).

3. I broke no rule, regulation or statute.

4. My "pricey" office in Ruidoso initially cost \$285 per month, equipped with furniture. The special agent for the board is right in the next larger office, which was pointed out to the

story's producer.

5. There are four satellite offices within New Mexico for the Gaming Control Board – Las Cruces, Farmington, Hobbs and Ruidoso. Special agents are located in each satellite where there is a racetrack/casino.

6. When Tony Knott of Hobbs was appointed Gaming Commissioner, his duty station was out of the Hobbs Satellite Office.

7. I am a registered lobbyist for the Gaming Control Board and it is part of my duties to attend legislative sessions to address bills which affect New Mexico Gaming.

8. I attended meetings of the Racing Commission for a number of reasons, including the fact that at one time there was an effort to combine the two commissions; to learn about applications for the last track/casino license to be issued, etc.

9. As with other state agencies, when monies are available, the agency pays for necessary licensing and trainings. I am the statutory lawyer member of the board and until this year the agency has paid my annual Bar dues and training.

10. The figures which Mr. Barker shouts about were incurred over a period of 6.5 years.

11. I have contributed to the success of gaming regulation in New Mexico, which accounted for revenue in excess of \$180 million to the state during the last fiscal year.

12. I did nothing against any law.

All of this was told to Mr. Barker in my interview with him. What is the reason for the attack and who is behind it?

Don E. Dutton
Ruidoso

'Economic clusters' define state's rural areas

Clusters – geographic concentrations of complementary businesses – offer a useful framework for thinking about local and regional economies. That's because clusters reflect the real world to some degree. Cluster analysis also offers economic developers an opportunity to look at gaps, an activity of value to other firms in the cluster that for some reason isn't available locally.

Rural economic clusters get major attention in the "2009 Colorado College State of the Rockies Report Card."

CC, as it's called, is one of two top-echelon small private liberal arts colleges located in a geographically congenial place (Colorado Springs) in the West, near skiing. St. John's College in Santa Fe is the other one. CC has 673 alumni in New Mexico.

The State of the Rockies project began in 2003 and covers eight states, including New Mexico, with policy reports and statistics.

Clusters share "technical, skill, financial or distributional advantages with specialized buyer-seller relationships" in addition to geography, says a mid-'90s definition from DRI / McGraw Hill.

The CC report says, "While the urban areas of the Rockies region grow into mega-regions, the rural areas will continue evolving into economic clusters."

The analysis, done at the county level where one community usually dominates, provoca-

tively flips common economic development logic by starting with services, especially retail, considered support sectors by economic developers. The switch makes the approach worth some thought.

Rural service, resource extraction and recreation clusters are identified. The rural service clusters appear to be a harbinger of the evolving West. These communities don't do anything in particular. In that sense, residents get their cake of living in the smaller community while getting to eat the cake through enjoying broadband



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Internet, decent health care and at least mid-level retail offerings.

In the top 25 rural service clusters, two-thirds of the economy is in service businesses, after subtracting leisure and hospitality.

Las Vegas, N.M., with a 72 percent service economy, gets a feature as "a beautiful little town ... a perfect example of a rural service cluster."

Las Vegas is a nice community. Estrella's serves some of the best New Mexican food in the state. The report's warm words suggest a need for deeper digging. San Miguel County lost 1,300 people between 2000 and 2007.

Six other New Mexico cities are listed as rural service clusters.

Identifying the resource extraction and recreation clusters starts with counties having at least half the economy in service industries, which establishes a strong service base and "a

well-rounded economy." Then counties are ranked by employment in leisure and hospitality or mining and resource extraction. A minimum of 1,000 employees is required to make the cluster list.

Lea County leads New Mexico's resource counties with Eddy, Curry and Chaves among the top 16.

Taos is 14th among the recreation counties, followed by Colfax, Roosevelt and Santa Fe, a metropolitan county, in the top 25.

A separate retail index brings the real world further into each cluster.

This index gives validity to Wal-Mart and Home Depot, a rare accommodation from a college, much less a liberal college. Hospitals get the largest weight on the retail index; Home Depot weighs the least.

The counties are also ranked by the natural-amenities scale developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The scale incorporates warm winters, winter sun, temperate summer, low summer humidity, topographic variation, and water area.

For more information about the State of the Rockies program, go to <http://www.colorado-college.edu/stateoftherockies>. The Report Card is posted at the new Capitol Report New Mexico website and blog, www.capitolreportnewmexico.com.

Other topics include rivers and wildlife. The material is interesting for policy types and provides a one-stop, multiple-topic comparison to other states.

Besides, a photo of Gov. Bill Richardson is on the back cover. © 2009 NEW MEXICO NEWS SERVICES

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COMMISSIONER'S NEW VENUE



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Lincoln County commissioners set up shop in the lobby of the County Courthouse in Carrizozo Tuesday to take advantage of the skylights for about a half hour after a power outage threw the commission chambers into darkness about 8:30 a.m. Power officials said the outage covered the towns of Alamogordo and Cloudcroft in Otero County, as well as most of Lincoln County, including Ruidoso, Capitan and Ruidoso Downs. Clint Gardner, manager of member services for Otero Electric Cooperative, said PNM, which serves Alamogordo and Ruidoso, lost some type of equipment that in turn caused Tri-State Power to lose its transmission line feed until PNM crews finished the needed repairs. OEC serves rural areas, including Hondo, Capitan, Carrizozo and Alto. From left are Commissioners Jackie Powell, Dave Parks, Tom Battin, Don Williams and Eileen Lovelace Sedillo. County Attorney Alan Morel and Manager Tom Stewart are standing at right.

Stream flow forecast down

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The stream flow forecast between May and June for the Rio Hondo Basin was estimated at 32 percent of average by staff with the Natural Resource Conservation Service in their May 1 outlook report.

The flow relates to the March through June

runoff forecast of 2,500 acre feet or 34 percent of average at the Holly-wood station on the shared Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs border. An acre foot equates to about 325,800 gallons of water or covering one acre with one foot of water.

Richard Armijo, with NRCS, in the water supply

outlook report, stated that little if any precipitation was received in the Hondo Basin in April, down from last year's 187 percent. Year-to-date precipitation is 84 percent of average, down from last year's 126 percent.

On May 1, no snowpack remained in the Sacramento or Capitan Mountains.



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Gross Receipt Taxes down

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The bad news is gross receipts taxes collected in Ruidoso in March and received last week from the state were down about \$100,000 from the previous year.

Gross receipt taxes, collected on sales and service at a rate of 7.8125 cents on every \$1, brings in more than \$9 million to the village annually. The tax accounts for a significant portion of the municipality's revenues, along with lodgers and property taxes.

The check for March GRT is only about \$2,000 lower than the historical average for the month, even though Ski Apache closed early on March 22. Seven of the 11 months posted for Fiscal Year 2008-09 exceeded the totals for corresponding months in 2007-08.

Checks are received two months after collection. A fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The months that fell short of the mark were:

- October 2008, with the check arriving in December at \$744,847 compared to \$775,107 in October 2007
- November 2008 at \$678,343, arriving in January 2009 compared to \$716,030 the previous year
- January 2009 at \$510,849 arriving in March 2009, compared to \$747,885 a year before, the worst drop at \$237,000 down
- March 2009 at \$708,364, received in May, compared to \$804,183 for March 2008.

Gross receipts taxes collected in May – September 2008, distributed July – November 2008, ranged from \$50,000 to \$130,000

higher than the corresponding months in 2007, despite a record flood July 27, that impacted the lodging industry in Upper Canyon. Several shop owners reported the flood damage, including the destruction of 13 bridges, drew sightseers, who also shopped and ate while in town.

After lower months, the GRT collected in December 2008 hit \$953,821 compared to \$908,826 in December 2007, and \$837,198 in February 2009 compared to \$761,327 in February 2008, possibly helped by a substantial snow just before President's Day, Feb. 16.



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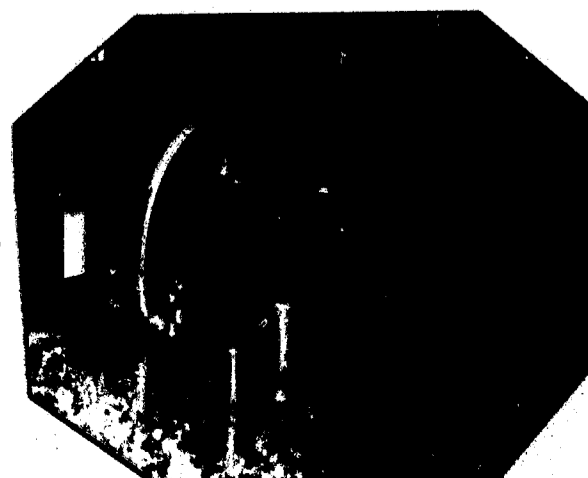
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EDUCATION

ENMU-Ruidoso graduation at the Spencer

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Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso graduation was held at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts Thursday, May 14, starting at 6 p.m.

Thirty-eight students graduated from the GED program and 30 received college diplomas from ENMU-Ruidoso.

The guest speaker for graduation was Ray Fleishman, the longest-serving member of the ENMU-Ruidoso faculty.

Leonard Dale Bowden, Roberta G. Everett, Jamie

L. Furney, Opal Elizabeth Greer, Aquilina Ana Herrera, Barbara Diane Latham, Sarah Jean Pullen, Lisa A. Spurr, George W. Tippin and Rachel Frances Weber from the Ruidoso area are among the 322 graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University this spring.

Degrees

The graduates and their degrees are:

Bowden, Bachelor of Occupational Education in professional technical education; Everett, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (summa cum

laude); Furney, Bachelor of Science in Education in elementary education (cum laude); Greer, Bachelor of Science in history (summa cum laude); Herrera, Master of Education in education; Latham, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Pullen, Bachelor of University Studies in university studies; Spurr, Bachelor of Science in communication; Tippin, Master of Business Administration; Weber, Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Bowden, Greer and Weber received their diplomas during Thursday's ceremonies.



COURTESY

ENMU-Ruidoso graduate Maria Maureen Hamilton gets a hug from her mother Holly Braden at graduation Thursday at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Braden is the ENMU-Ruidoso Department Chair for Language Arts.

Walmart scholarships awarded

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Three local high school students were among the 25 New Mexico students awarded Walmart Foundation Scholarships.

To offset rising tuition costs, the Walmart Foundation will award \$75,000 in academic scholarships to help ease financial concerns for these college-bound students.

Tabitha Sportsman, of Alto, Jackie (J.T.) Eldridge, of Capitan and Jake Ordorica, of Ruidoso, will each receive a \$3,000 Sam Walton Community Scholarship to use toward tuition, fees, books and on-campus room and board for the 2009-10 academic year.

Part of \$8 million that the Walmart Foundation gave nationally to college-

bound students, the scholarships awarded in New Mexico hold an added importance this year when higher education endowments are shrinking and states are cutting back on appropriations.

Need growing

Even more, colleges are dealing with decreased funding this year and requests for financial aid are expected to grow by 20 percent, according to the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

"Too often, this means funding for scholarships and other essential services may be cut at a time when students and families need them most," said Kenneth Redd, director of Research and Policy, National Association of College and

University Business Officers.

"We know that college tuition costs are rising, scholarship opportunities are decreasing and Walmart's commitment to education is more important than ever," said Margaret McKenna, president of the Walmart Foundation. "In these tough economic times, every dollar counts when it comes to assuring that parents can afford to send their children to college. By providing deserving students with financial support from the Walmart Foundation, we are continuing to do our part to help assure that students can access the education they need for a better life."

The recipients of the 2009 Sam Walton Community Scholarship are students across the country who have excellent academic scores, have shown financial need and are involved in their communities. This year's scholarship recipients are from all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico.

Walmart Stores, Inc. and the Walmart Foundation have a long history of supporting education initiatives and in 2008 contributed more than \$67 million to support local schools and universities, student scholarships, educational organizations and more.

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COURTESY

Spring is here, and each spring high school seniors graduate and enter a new phase in their lives. Teen Spotlight would like to feature seniors that have made a difference in their community. Travis Berryhill is a 2009 Capitan High School graduate in the Spotlight. Travis is the son of Chris and Jami Berryhill and will graduate this May. Berryhill is involved in a variety of activities at his school and in his community.

At Capitan High School, Berryhill is active in sports and has participated in football, basketball, and track. Berryhill was named to the All-District Basketball team for three years and was chosen to participate on an All-Star Basketball team that will compete in Albuquerque this summer.

He is also involved in FFA and his Chapter's Adopt A Highway Project. It is obvious Berryhill is busy with extracurricular activities at school, yet he still maintains high grades and is on the honor roll.

Community is also important to Berryhill. One area where Berryhill gives his time is with younger students. He volunteers as a Capitan Youth League Basketball coach and referee. Berryhill also finds time for church activities and to compete in downhill mountain bike racing.

Berryhill attributes his success to the influences in his life. He lists his family and past and present teachers as influences in his life. Berryhill is also busy planning for the future. His plans include attending college at New Mexico Tech and pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. This 2009 senior has a bright future ahead of him.

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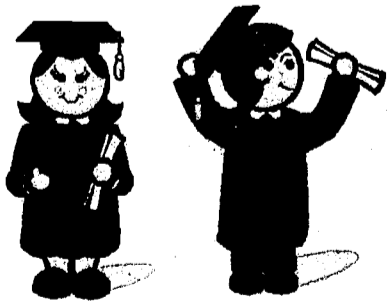
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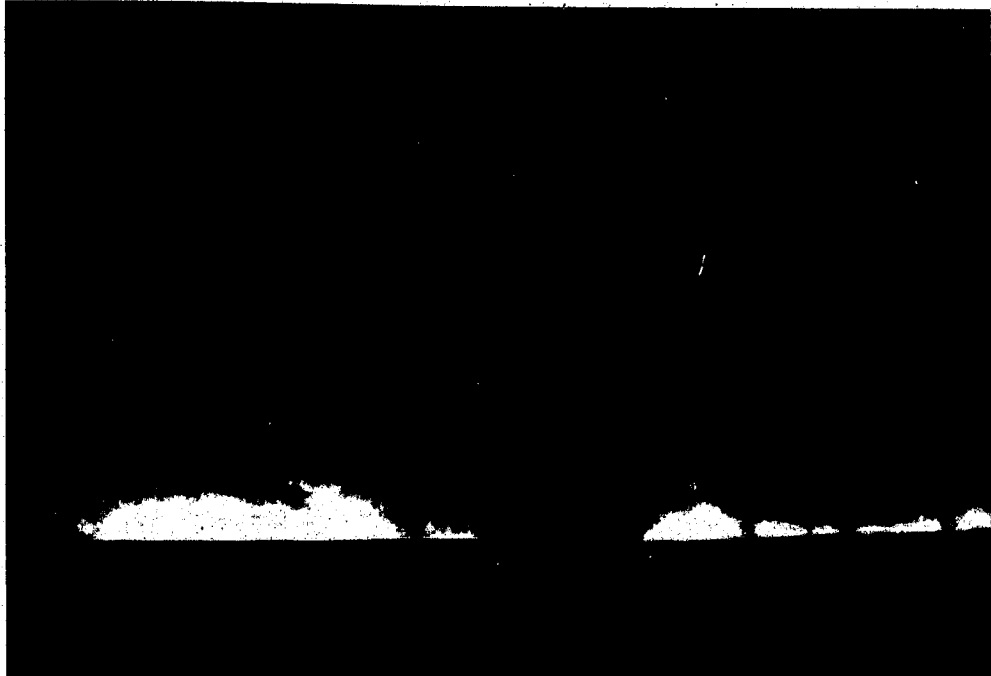
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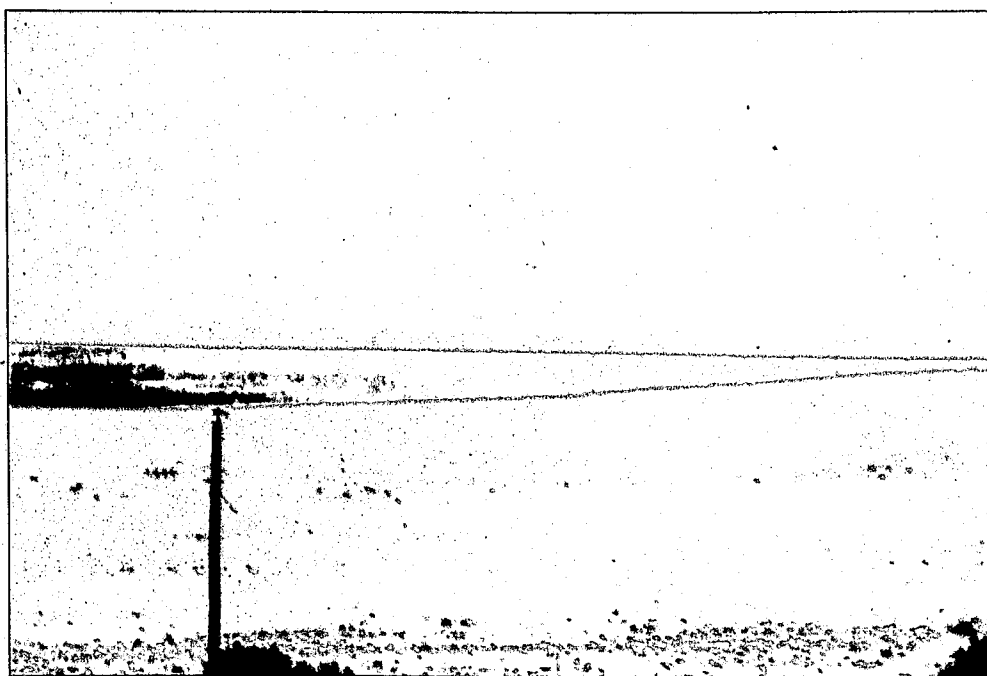
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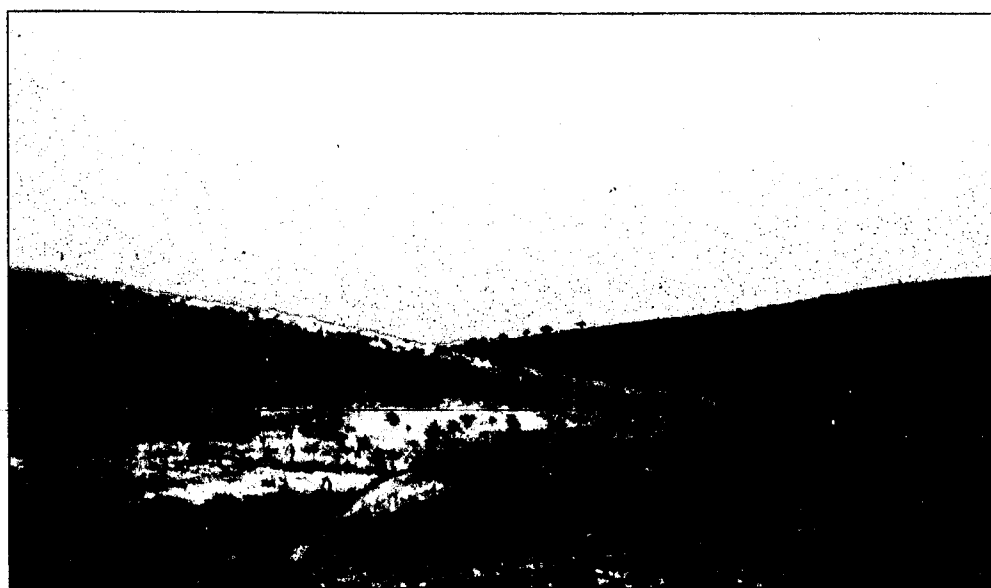
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COURTESY BETH KEENEN

Wildfires that ravaged tens of thousands of acres in Lincoln County over the weekend were some of the worst ever seen by residents in the area. Top photos: Kimberly Stone photographed the flames she could see from her home early Saturday morning. The Stone Ranch is north of the Capitan Mountains but was south of the fire area. The other photo was taken Sunday after the fog had lifted and the devastation could be seen in daylight. The burned area was so wide it couldn't be captured in a single photo. The bottom photo shows some of both the burned and unburned Mendiola pasture land in the Arabela and Picacho area.

FIRES

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fire from heading on west," she said. "Thank God for all of them. They did an amazing job."

Kimberly Stone awoke about 3:30 a.m., Saturday, because of the strong winds blowing against the ranch house on the north side of the Capitan Mountains. When she went to get a glass of water, she could see the huge wall of flames roll across pastures to the north of Stone Ranch, across Hwy. 246. That was when she photographed the fire as it leaned hard to the west in its race in that direction.

"The old grass out here is knee-high to a saddle horse," said ranch owner Preston Stone. "It's ready fuel for a lighting strike and this time of year we just keep praying because we know it could happen any day at any time."

Meanwhile, in Picacho, Beth Keenen and her boyfriend Gary Mendiola, both volunteers for the Hondo Volunteer Fire Department, were dropping off some heifers at their ranch, the Bar Guitar Ranch, when they saw the lightning strike that started the fire in that area north of U.S. Highway 70.

They saw two fires start almost simultaneously from the lightning strikes and immediately called it in.

"We raced to help fight the fire here on the ranch," Keenen said. "We couldn't get ahead of it. It was moving at incredible speed."

There were times during the firefighting that Keenen and Mendiola didn't know if the pickup and loaded stock trailer they'd left on the road to go fight the fire was burned or not. "We didn't know what we'd find when we went back to it," she said.

Keenen said at least six volunteer departments responded to the fires as well as units from Roswell. "Gary and I want people to know that the incident commanders did an outstanding job. We want to commend them. They, and the volunteers, don't ever get enough pats on the back for doing such outstanding jobs on these fires."

Keenen and Mendiola had not yet been out to check for livestock loss but said they watched 90 percent of the ranchland burn.

All three fires were managed by the Pecos Zone Interagency Type III Team, she said.

"We had so many agencies and departments on scene, I'm afraid I might leave someone out," she said. "The U.S. Forest Service, the state Forestry Division and Bureau of Land Management were there and numerous local departments, from as far away as Bulls Acres past Alamogordo on the way to El Paso."

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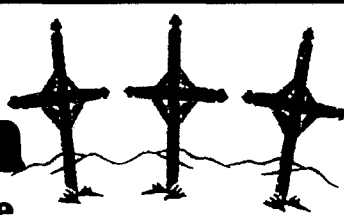
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Golfers raise money for Military Appreciation Week

MESCALERO—Golfers from around the states of New Mexico and Texas enjoyed sunny skies and exquisite playing conditions at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Championship Golf Course in Mescalero last Thursday as part of the Military Appreciation Week golf outing sponsored by the *Ruidoso News*.

More than 160 golfers and 42 teams played the challenging layout in an effort to raise money for the continuance of Military Appreciation Week in Ruidoso.

At the end of the day, more than \$6,000 was raised in donations and contributions for MAW, and a num-

ber of golfers went home with prizes ranging from closest-to-the-pin and other silent auction items.

Local winners

Team Indulgence, a local team sponsored by Indulgence of Ruidoso, won the team portion of the event, as they shot an amazing 20-under par 52 to win the first prize package.

Team members Chris Stettheimer, Gary Renfro, Alan Archer and Carroll DuBose won a golf package at Inn of the Mountain Gods and Best Western hotels.

"It was a great day to be out playing golf," said Terry Fitzwater, tournament chairman and publisher of

the *Ruidoso News*. "The weather was great, the golf was outstanding, and everyone had a lot of fun. My hat is off to the staff of the Inn and to my committee who put on a first-class show for the military and the other golfers."

Sponsors for the outing included: *Ruidoso News*, *Alamogordo Daily News*, *Las Cruces Sun-News*, Inn of the Mountain Gods, Artesia Chamber of Commerce/KROB TV, Best Western Hotels, Pine Cliff Village, and Coors Beer.

The tournament committee included: Charles Meeks, Doug Kacena, Lynn and Traci Crawford, Sheri Parker, Jamie Estes, C.J. Bowker and Chairman Terry Fitzwater.



TERRY FITZWATER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Students from Ruidoso Schools participated in the Military Appreciation week activities by interacting with units from Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range. Top right, a student takes aim while getting lessons from sapper units based at White Sands Missile Range. Above, members of the military, both active and retired, were asked to line the putting green before the Military Appreciation Week golf outing last week. The military represented Fort Bliss, Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Missile Range, Kirkland Air Force Base, Cannon Air Force Base and the New Mexico Air National Guard. Golfers who were not members of the military shook hands with both retired and active military golfers prior to last week's MAW golf outing and thanked them for their service. More than \$6,000 was raised in the benefit outing.

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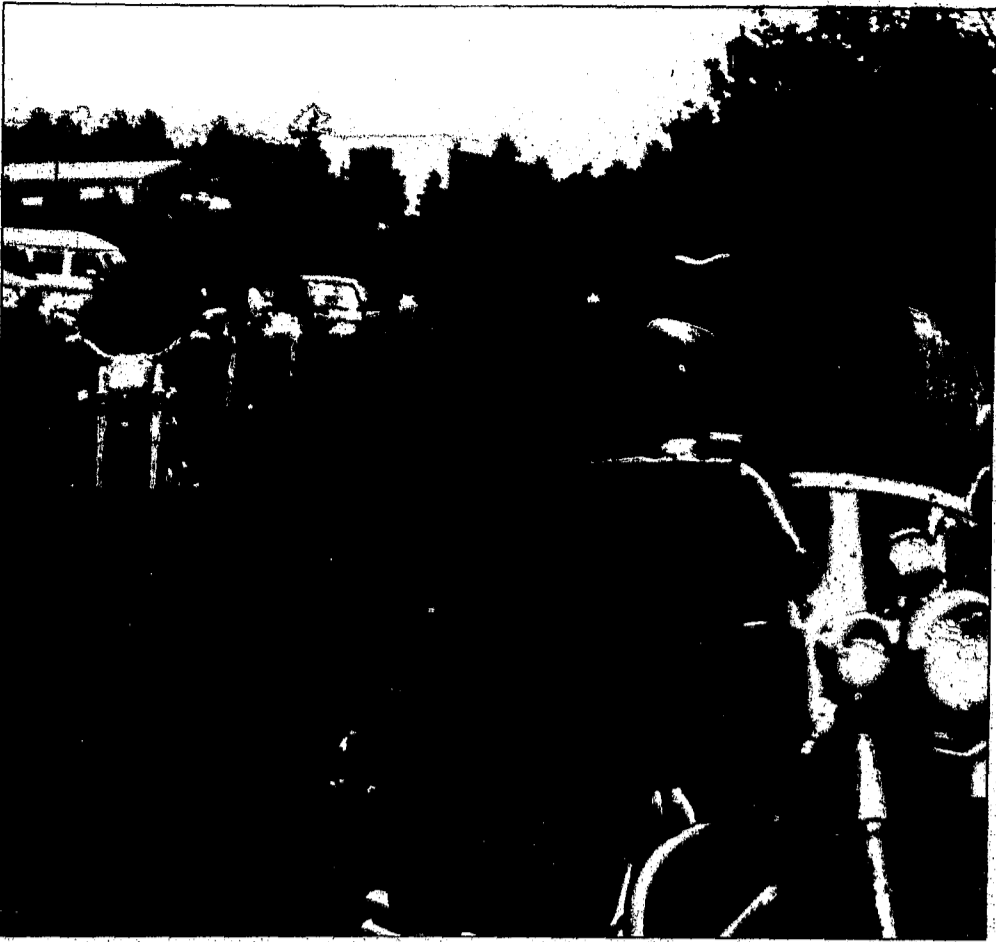
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Bikers in town for the AspenCash Motorcycle Rally found plenty of ways to be entertained besides riding through the countryside. Clockwise from top left, hundreds of bikers arrived at the convention center Saturday morning in the mist of the morning's weather. At right, style and garb for the group were as individual as they were. Dancers at the Win Place and Show were a mix of cowboy and biker and it was all fun. Trey's Tattoo Parlor reported a booming business during the rally. The Quarters saw their fair share of social moments from the crowds.



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Sports Results

Girls Softball

State Playoffs

Thursday, May 14

Santa Fe Indian School 7, RHS 0

RHS 5, Sandia Prep 1

Friday, May 15

RHS 13, Miyamura 3

RHS 11, Dexter 1

Cobre 14, RHS 3

Capitan 14, E. Mountain 2

Loving 9, Capitan 4

Saturday, May 16

Capitan 6, Jemez Valley 5

Capitan 6, McCurdy 4

Jal 6, Capitan 3

Sports On Tap

Charity Golf

Thursday, May 21

The Spencer's 4th Annual Golf Tournament is set for Thursday morning, May 21, on the gorgeous greens of the five-star resort Inn of the Mountain Gods. The day of play is \$125 per person, and all proceeds benefit children's programming at the non-profit, state-of-the-art performance hall. All greens fees, golf carts, goodie bags full of gifts, hot coffee and lunch are courtesy of the Inn, which is generously sponsoring the Spencer's charity tournament for the fourth year in a row. To request a sign-up sheet for play — or to sponsor a hole — call Spencer Development Assistant Janet Duarte at 336-0014.

On Deck

Little League Football

Lincoln County Little League football will hold early registrations for players 7-12 years old at the White Mountain Elementary School cafeteria, May 20, 5 to 7 p.m. The May registration fee is \$80. The August fee is \$85. All players who did not play in 2008 must bring proof of age. For more info, call Kalama Davis at 378-5678.



Lacy Walker goes up to bat against Loving.



Brooke Ceballos makes a play at second base.



Alisha Autrey pitched all five games at state.

Lady Tigers lose tough

MIKE CURRAN
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The Capitan softball squad lost in the state play-off semifinals in Las Cruces to Jal, Saturday, 6-3, thus ending their 2009 season. The brass ring eluded them. They came close. But that's not the real story for this talented bunch.

With a perfect 6-0 district record this season, they claimed the district title for the third straight year in a row. Not too shabby for a team that's only been in existence for three years.

Back on March 28, they sported a sub-par 3-5 record and then proceeded to reel off 11 successive wins, including non-district and district foes alike. A regular season overall mark of 14-5 heralded them as a force to be reckoned with. In fact, once they started their one-shy-of-a-dozen string of wins they never lost again — until Friday's 9-4 loss to the Loving Falcons in state play. Their initial game that day with the East Mountain Timberwolves kicked off at 12 p.m. and the Lady Tigers (seeded No. 4) took down a tough East Mountain crew (seeded No. 5), 14-2.

The Timberwolves' coaches may have underestimated Capitan or at the very least, they may have been looking ahead to an expected game with the Falcons. In stead of going with their primary speed-



Bonnie Keller plays third base while Rodney Griego looks on.

burner (with a good change-up) on the mound they chose to pitch a secondary hurler. The Lady Tigers posted a pair of runs in the first inning and took a 2-0 lead going into the second. The Timberwolves came back with a solo run in their second and closed the gap to one. Jordan Dalton clubbed a run-producing sacrifice fly in the third to give Capitan a 2-run advantage.

Expecting to keep the game close, the Timberwolves brought their dominant pitcher to the mound in the Capitan fourth. The Lady Tigers brought the roof down with

seven runs and went to the fifth with a 10-1 lead.

The Lady Tigers put four more runs on the board in the top of the fifth. East Mountain could only respond with one run in the bottom of that inning and the Capitan girls won the game-shortened, 10-run-rule verdict by 12 runs.

Brooke Ceballo and Ashley Pruett each went 3-for-4, while Jamie Fields and Jordan Dalton each hit twice in three trips to the plate. Alisha Autrey went the distance on the mound and also pitched the next four games.

Later in the day, at 6 p.m., Capitan faced off



Jordan Dalton fields a ball against Loving.

against perennial 2A powerhouse Loving (No. 1 seed) in an expected donnybrook. Capitan went three-up and three-down in the first two innings while the Falcons scored three in their first and two in their second and

two more in the top of the fourth to take a 7-0 lead. The Lady tigers answered with three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Loving kept the heat on and added

See **TIGERS**, page 3B

Ruidoso Downs Race Track opens Friday

TY WYANT
For the Ruidoso News

An afternoon filled with trials to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity starts with a special noon first post time on Friday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Memorial Day weekend racing starts with the 17 Ruidoso Futurity trials, each at 350 yards, on Friday.

Racing runs through Monday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs this weekend.

Next week, racing runs on Friday through

Sunday.

Opening weekend combines the premier horses on the grounds racing on the track and country music star Joe Nichols performing on Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Tickets are still available at the Ruidoso Downs ticket office.

Nichols is known for his crowd-pleasing "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" and "She Only Smokes When She Drinks."

On the track, following Friday's trials to the Ruidoso Futurity, will be the trials to the Grade 1,

\$310,000 (est.) Ruidoso Derby on Saturday, the Norgor Derby on Sunday and the expected appearance of three-time defending distance horse of the meet Tricky Dust on Monday afternoon in the Fine Loom Handicap.

Varsity Girl, a 31-1 winner of the Grade 1, \$251,000 West Texas Futurity, makes her first start since that upset win in the Ruidoso Futurity trials.

Shake Em Money Pop was second for trainer Blane Wood and Mark It Famous, the 2-1 favorite at post, got third for train-

er Wes T. Giles, who had won the previous two West Texas Futurities.

The Ralph Muniz-trained Varsity Girl has the fifth post position in the fourth trial with Oscar Rincon riding

Jim Pitts' Shake Em Money Pop won his first two starts before finishing a neck behind Varsity Girl in the West Texas Futurity.

Freddie Martinez has been aboard Shake Em Money Pop for each of his three starts and has the fifth post position in the second trial.

Trainer John Bassett,

winner of two All American futurities, has returned to Ruidoso Downs this summer and sends out Dixie Downs Futurity winner Chasin Savanna B in the 16th trial.

Saul Ramirez Jr. rides with the eighth post position.

The Jackie Riddle-trained GBH Steppin Johnny, winner of the New Mexico Spring Futurity, is undefeated in three starts, all against New Mexico-breds.

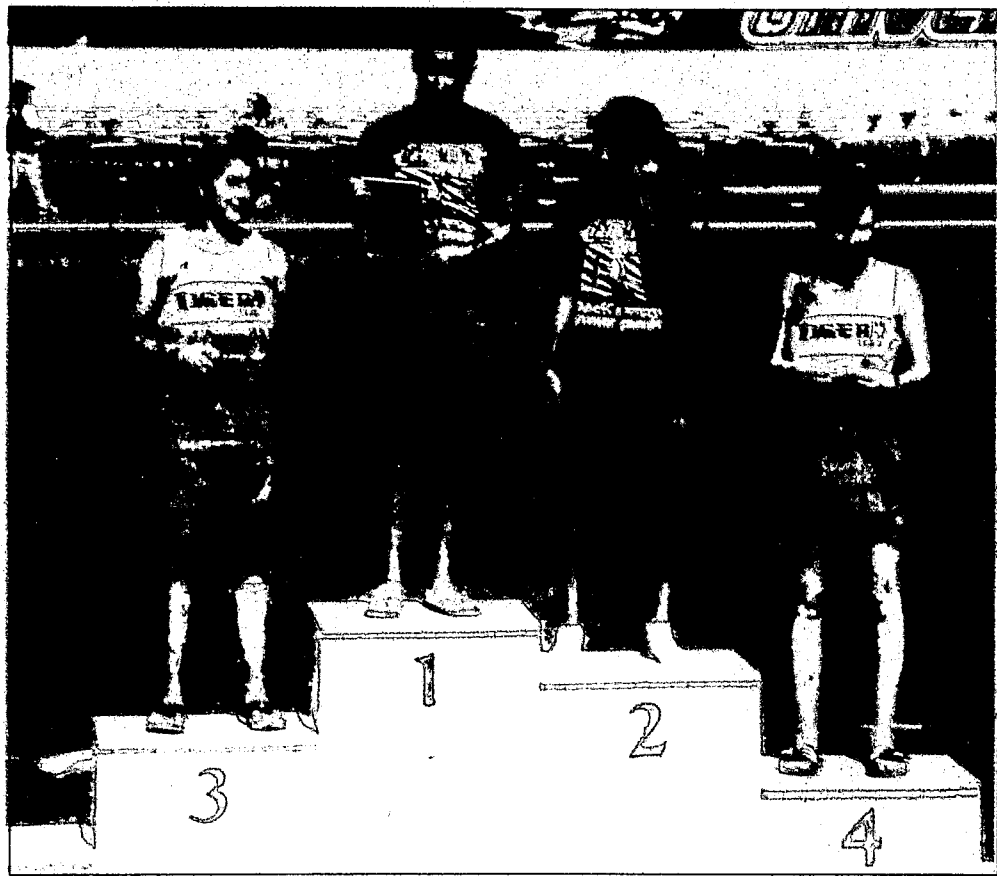
He has the second post position in the 11th trial with Joe Martinez riding

for the first time.

Expected to head the Ruidoso Derby trials is Brenda Beautiful, the 2008 champion 2-year-old filly from the Paul Jones barn.

The R.D. Hubbard and Johnny Jones Jr.-owned miss made her championship run last fall at Zia Park with wins in the Grade 1, \$300,000 Southwest Juvenile Championship and the Grade 1, \$272,000 Hobbs America Futurity.

She will be returning from a nearly six-month rest in the Ruidoso Derby trials.



COURTESY

Dustee Rae Eldridge and Sheryiah Romero receive their third and fourth place medals respectively in the state pole vault event.



COURTESY

The Capitan boys track team celebrates individual accomplishments and a third place state finish.

Capitan track teams perform well at state games

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The Capitan track teams competed in the state 2A competitions Wednesday and Thursday at the UNM facilities in Albuquerque.

The boys squad won third overall.

The 1,600m relay team of Giovanni Quiroz, J.T. Eldridge, Craig Barton and Christian Quiroz grabbed first-place with a time of 3:30.9.

The previous day they had set a school record in

qualifying with a 3:29.

The same team won a fourth place finish in the 4X200m relay with a 1:34.14.

Christian Quiroz, Eldridge, Giovanni Quiroz and Daniel Darrah took third in the 1,600 medley relay with a 3:46.6.

Eldridge also claimed a third place in the 800m run with a time of 2:02.3.

Barton grabbed third place in the triple jump with a lunge of 41 feet 4 inches, a second in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet 2 inches and another sec-

ond in the long jump competition with a leap of 21 feet 4 inches.

Andrew Chavez took a fifth place in the shot put with a toss of 43 feet 1 inch.

Christian Quiroz cleared the bar at 11 feet to capture sixth-place in the pole vault.

John Goodwin finished seventh in the 110m high hurdles with a mark of 16.8.

For the girls, Dustee Rae Eldridge took third in the pole vault, Scheryiah Romero claimed fourth in

the pole vault and Brittney Liggins won two fifth-place finishes in the 100 and 300m hurdles.

Kylee Osborn competed in the 3,200m run.

The Capitan Varsity and Middle School teams would like to thank Gary Caughron of Pine Mountain Realty of Ruidoso for his dedication

to today's youth.

Caughron took time from his business to train the girls and boys pole vault teams as well as the middle school athletes.

Spencer Theater holds golf event

KATHLEEN McDONALD
For the Ruidoso News

There's still time to sign up for a day of charity golf. The Spencer's 4th Annual Golf Tournament is set for the morning of Thursday, May 21 on the gorgeous greens of the five-star resort Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Set against Lake Mesclero and the 12,000-foot Sierra Blanca Peak, the emerald green course is one of the finest in the Southwest.

All greens fees, golf carts, goodie bags full of gifts, hot coffee and lunch are courtesy of the Inn, which is generously sponsoring the Spencer's charity tournament for the fourth year in a row.

The day of play is \$125 per person, and all proceeds benefit children's pro-

gramming at the non-profit, state-of-the-art performance hall.

Sign up your friends for a foursome, or sign up individually and be placed in a foursome.

Generous supporters may also get their favorite high school team on the course to join in the tournament scramble – surely a great way to get youth involved in a fun and meaningful form of community outreach.

Sponsorship of a high school golf player is \$125.

Registration for the shotgun start and scramble tournament is at 7 a.m. at the Inn's Apache Tee pro shop and restaurant, at which time a hot breakfast will also be served.

The official tee-off is at 8 a.m. Just bring your favorite clubs and lucky charms.

Excellent prizes are in store for golfers making a hole-in-one on three different greens: No. 8 is a new Golf Cart, courtesy of ASCO Club Car in Alamogordo; No. 12 is a new set of Ping Golf Clubs, courtesy of First National Bank of Ruidoso and No. 18 is a new vehicle, courtesy of Sierra Blanca Motors of Ruidoso.

Additional fine prizes – like a Pendleton Blanket and handcrafted jewelry – are being provided by area businesses for various hole winners.

The day's first, second and third place teams will all receive sizable gift certificates for use at the IMG Pro Shop.

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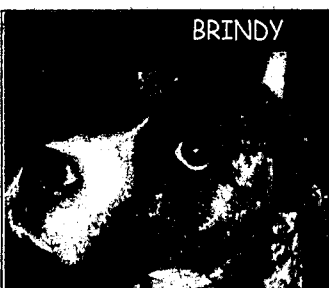
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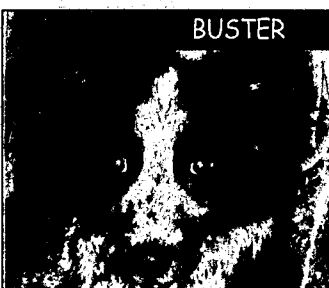
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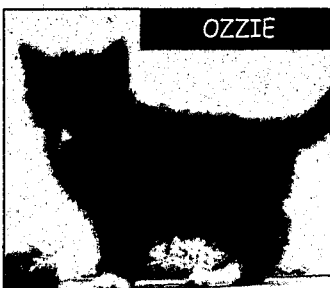
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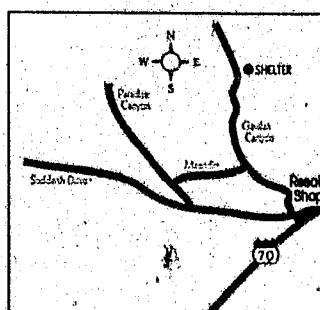
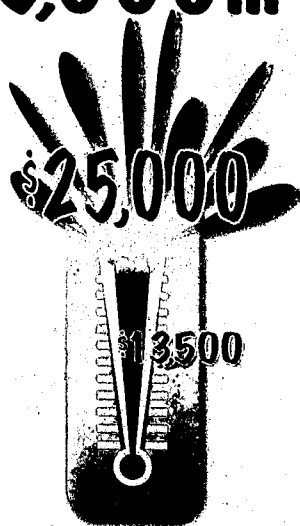
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RUIDOSO SOFTBALL SQUAD ENDS SEASON



STACY WREN/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Ruidoso softball team finished their successful season after losing to Cobre, 14-3, Friday in the state playoffs. They posted an overall mark of 22-9 and won district with an 8-4 record. They are shown here celebrating after crushing Lovington, 10-0 and 9-2, May 8, to win the D4-3A title.

Robert M. Richardson

RICHARDSON - Robert M. Richardson age 81 of Socorro, NM, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009 in Albuquerque. He was born on August 11, 1927 in Arabela, NM to Granville and Amanda Richardson. He married Helen H. Chavez on March 1, 1952 in Carrizozo, NM. Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, Priscilla Richardson. Mr. Richardson was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict serving with the United States Army. He was a current member of the San Miguel Catholic Church of Socorro, NM. He was a retiree of the Federal Government at Stallion Site after 30 years of service as well as 10 years with E.M.E.R.T.C. located on the grounds of New Mexico Tech. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen, of Socorro, NM; his children, Annette M. Richardson of Socorro, Phillip D. Richardson of Albuquerque, Robert Richardson Jr. and his wife, Peggy, of Hondo, NM, Lavinia Herrera and her husband, Joe, of Roswell, NM;...12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Olivia Vigil of Santa Fe and Rebecca Torrez of Corrales; brothers, Albert Richardson and his wife, Emma, of Ruidoso Downs, Billy Richardson of Roswell, Philbert Richardson of Ruidoso; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Pristinia Jimenez, Lucera Montes, Edward Richardson, Andrew Richardson, Alfred Richardson and Johnny Richardson. A Memorial mass will be celebrated

Friday, May 22, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at Risen Savior Catholic Community, 7701 Wyoming Blvd., NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Please visit our online guestbook for Robert at RememberTheirStory.com

TIGERS

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two runs in their fifth and six to go up 9-3. The Lady Tigers could only come up with a solo score in the bottom of the seventh and lost the contest by five runs.

Now in the loser's bracket, the Lady Tigers faced off with the Jemez Valley Warriors in a 9 a.m. Saturday tilt.

The Capitan crew drew first blood and put up three runs in their first on a walk, a triple and an inside-the-park home run by Pruett. The Warriors came back with two in the top of the third and went to the fourth with Capitan up 3-2. Pruett answered that with another inside-the-park four-bagger in the top of the fourth to put the Lady Tigers up by two. Capitan added two more runs in their fifth to claim a 6-2 advantage. Jemez tried to come back in the last inning but could only push three across the plate, falling one short.

Autrey went the distance. Pruett went 3-for-3 in the hitting department, including two home runs. Kim Kotilla was 2-for-3.

Barely two hours after their 9 a.m. start with Jemez, and a brief bus trip to another field, the Lady Tigers took on the McCurdy Bobcats (seeded No. 3) in another battle royal.

The Bobcats' coaches took a page out of the East Mountain playbook and chose to go with a secondary pitcher against Capitan and may have elected to save their ace for an anticipated contest with Jal.

McCurdy quickly scored two runs in the first but Capitan pounced for five big runs in the second. It was in the middle of the second that the Bobcats opted to bring in their pri-



COURTESY

Sidni Hughes steps up to the plate at the state playoffs.

mary pitcher. The Lady Tigers came back with another run in the third. The Bobcats put one run on the scoreboard in the fifth and another in the sixth but Capitan held the line with fine defensive play to give the Lady Tigers a one-run victory.

Eighth-grader Sidni Hughes went 3-4 in the hitting department and contributed great defensive action to the cause.

Two hours after the McCurdy start, the Capitan squad went up against the Jal Panthers at 1 p.m. The Lady Tigers scored their three and only runs in the opening inning. Jal came up with two runs in the first and second innings and four decisive runs in the fourth to give them a three-run win. Loving later went on to defeat Jal, 12-6, for the state championship. The Panthers have appeared in 13 of the last 14 state championship games.

In the Jal loss, the middle of the Capitan lineup acquitted themselves well. Both Hughes and Bonnie Keller went two-for-three.

The Lady Tigers are an accomplished group of athletes and they should bode

well next season. They will only lose two seniors - third baseman Keller and right fielder Kotilla.

Five juniors, two sophomores, three freshmen and three eighth graders make up the rest of the team. Head Coach Sherry Gowen and Assistant Coach Rodney Griego should have a dominate squad which, hopefully, will be a real force to be reckoned with as they battle non-district and district foes alike.

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John Marvin Crow, a long-time resident of Ruidoso passed away on May 5th after a lengthy illness. He was born in Dallas, Texas, on March 3, 1938. His family moved to Abilene, Texas, where John received his education--Abilene High School and McMurtry University. He completed his Professional Golfer Association qualifications and served as a pro at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth and the Abilene Country Club.

In the mid 1960's John won the Texas PGA thereby qualifying for the National PGA championship tournament in Tucson, Arizona.

He earned the reputation of being an astute golf teacher and coached some well-known touring pros. After operating a public golf course in Amarillo as a private concern, he moved to Ruidoso where he was for many years connected with the golf and tennis activities at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

John is survived by a brother, Jack, of Dallas, Texas; a sister Margaret Ann, of Abilene, Texas; nephew, Trey and niece, Jessica of Abilene, Texas; sons, Tommy of Ruidoso; David of Amelia Island, Florida; grandsons, Greg and Brian of Ruidoso, and Jason and Joshua of Amelia Island, Florida. He is also survived by several ex-family members who will never forget him.

The family will have a private memorial service. Friends wishing to offer a remembrance should make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

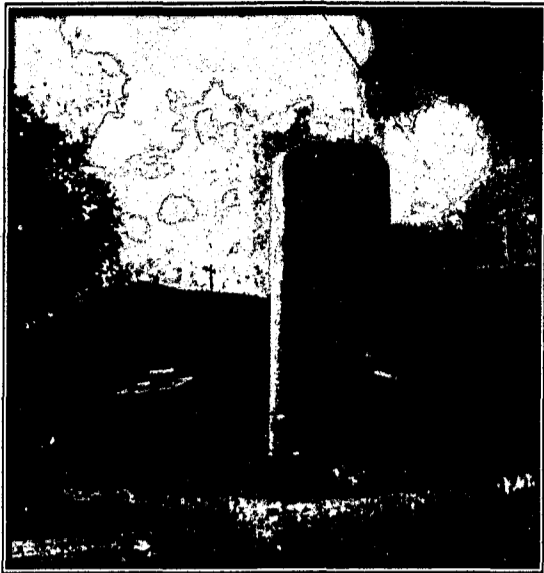
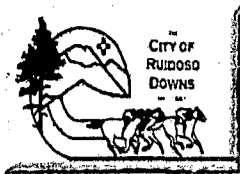
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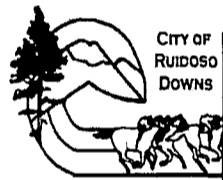


Table A: Areas Serviced by the Ruidoso Downs Municipal Water System
Every service connection in City of Ruidoso Downs.

City of Ruidoso Downs Municipal

Water System

2008 Annual Consumer Report on the Quality of Your Drinking Water

For areas serviced by the Ruidoso Downs Municipal Water System.

This is an US EPA-required report that is a result of an unfunded mandate added under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act amendment of 1996. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) was signed into law on December 16, 1974. The purpose of the law is to assure that the nation's water supply systems serving the public meet minimum national standards for the protection of public health.

This brochure explains how drinking water provided by the City of Ruidoso Downs is of high quality. Included is a listing of results from water-quality tests as well as an explanation of where our water comes from and tips on how to interpret the data. Law requires this "Consumer Confidence Report". We're proud to share our results with you. Please read them carefully.

Our drinking water currently meets or surpasses all federal and state drinking water quality standards.

Overview

In the calendar year of 2008, your water department produced 259 million gallons of water to Ruidoso Downs's area customers. Our system consists of 22.7 miles of water distribution and transmission lines spread throughout the Ruidoso Downs area and in Lincoln County. The Water Department office is located in City Hall at 122 Downs Drive. City water main leaks should be reported to City Hall at 378-4422 (M-F, 8 AM to 5 PM) or the Police Department at 378-4421 (after hours, weekends, and holidays). Water billing is handled through the Finance Department at City Hall. Billing inquiries can be directed to the Water Department Customer Service at 378-4422 (M-F, 8 AM to 5 PM).

Water Sources

The City of Ruidoso Downs is serviced by two sources - Griffith Spring and the Denton Well (see Map below). Approximately 99% of Ruidoso Downs's water is supplied by groundwater originating from a flowing spring (called Griffith Spring) located near the southern corporate boundary of Ruidoso Downs (identified as in Map below). The aquifer from which this water comes from is located in the Yesso Formation. The City of Ruidoso Downs, under the authority of its new ordinance (Ordinance 2002-06), maintains and enforces a Water Conservation Program and are working on a Wellhead Protection Program to protect your water from contamination and depletion.



Map A: Geographic Location of Griffith Spring and Wells

The Denton Well is used primarily to supplement the Griffith Spring. This well is 300 feet in depth and pulls water from the same aquifer as the Griffith Spring. The City has drilled a new high-capacity, deep well, which is now online.

The SDWA covers all public water systems with piped water for human consumption with at least 15 service connections or a system that regularly serves at least 25 individuals. The SDWA directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) to establish national drinking water standards. These standards limit the amount of certain contaminants provided by public water. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



DEFINITIONS OF WATER QUALITY TERMS

- Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.
- Gallons per minute (gpm)** - Quantity of water that flows through meter in one minute.
- Non-Detects (ND)** - Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) - or Micrograms per liter** - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Parts per trillion (ppt) - or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/L)** - One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picogram/L)** - One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Millirems per year (mrem/yr)** - Measure of radiation absorbed by the body.
- Million Fibers per Liter (MFL)** - Million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** - Nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- Variances & Exemptions (V&E)** - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
- Treatment Technique (TT)** - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Chemical Detections:

- 1. Dichloromethane .56 UG/L
- 2. Xylenes (Total) .96 UG/L
- 3. Ethyl benzene .28 UG/L
- 4. Toluene .27 UG/L

These chemicals were detected in the Denton Well third quarter reports. The una gram detects do not rise to the level of Action. Chemical analysis done in the forth quarter showed zero detection for these chemicals.

Lead & Copper

In August 2008, water samples were collected and analyzed to determine if the quality of your water would affect any lead and copper appurtenances in local households. The results indicated that 400% of the samples met the Federal Guidelines with 0% exceeding these standards. The highest content from all tested locations for lead was .00647 mg/l and for copper was .04273 mg/l. The action level for lead is .015 and copper is 1.3 mg/l. As you can see, our results are well below the federal guidelines for an action level. Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Ruidoso Downs is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water testing. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>

Radon

Testing in 1997 showed a radon level of 334 to 479 pCi/l for Griffith Spring. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing a regulation, which will specify a Maximum Contaminant Level for radon. Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally in ground water and is released from water into the air during household use. At high exposure levels it can cause lung cancer. The amount of radon exposure from your drinking water amounts to only a small fraction of the overall household exposure that the average person receives and should not be a cause for concern.

Required Additional Health Information

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes limits on the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, stormwater runoff, and residential uses. (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems. (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be occur naturally or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Other Important Water Characteristics

Other water characteristics, which are not categorized as contaminants, are also tested. This information can be valuable for those on very specifically restricted diets, for determining how the water would serve in special applications such as photo developing, water softeners and other chemistry sensitive areas, or in balancing chemical characteristics in sensitive environments such as aquariums. The following is a summary of the test results as of the end of 2001.

CARRIZOZO ¡BRAVO!



COURTESY

Carrizozo ¡BRAVO! awards for March in grades K-2 went to: **Front:** Samantha Chavez, Joanna Vega, Kaitlin Guevara, Suintana Zamora, Tazia Swift, Sydney Zamora, Keegan Gattis, Max Sanchez, Matthew Negrete, and Dalton King; **Second row:** Sebastian Montano, Ryslyn Lueras, D'anna Willingham, Noah Dugger, Duncan Daugherty, Nathan Montes, James Gonzales, Marcus Vallejos, Ethan Ortiz, Jacob Parkhurst; **Third row:** Jared Guevara, Patrick Hooten, Detrick Miller, Samantha Miller, Savannah Sanchez, Orion Wyatt, Isaiah Ysasi and Julian Garcia; **Top row:** Tristen Barela, Austin Vega, Daniel Daugherty, Robert Gonzales, Nickolas Archuleta, Bowen Perry, Dominic Barela and Mya Zamora.



COURTESY

Grades 3-6 ¡BRAVO! winners are: **Front row:** Janae Willingham, Kristie Gallacher, Adrianna Samora, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora, Cody Carter, Emily Comstock, Lashae Lueras, and Angel Miller-Barela; **Second row:** Taylor Thornton, Garrison Ventura, Nikko Chavez, Alex Randolph, Mikhail Barela, Desirae Zamora, Dominic Garcia, Anthony Vallejos; **Third row:** Christian Najer, Dillon Najer, Tyrrell Barela, Isaac Ogden, Gracie Hooten, Hannah Perry, Kadee Sedillo and Caleb Ventura; **Top:** Fantasia Dennis, Deline Arteche, Jennifer Caleb, Lexi Zamora, Dominique Zamora, Hannah Ventura, Cirsten Barela, Lindsay Chavez and Miccah Hamilton; Not Pictured: Gene Gore, Jacie Thornton, Tiffany Vega, Lisa Ventura and Joshua Ventura.

Chemical Characteristic	Average Level	Comments
pH	7.98	Normal
Total Hardness	About 20 grains/gallon	Moderately Hard
Chlorides	46 mg/L	Normal
Sulfates	541 mg/L	Above average for southeastern NM, high nationally
Fluorides	0.391 mg/L	Normal

Susceptibility Ranking for Ground Water Source

	Denton Well	Griffith Spring
Sensitivity Ranking	Low	Moderate
Vulnerability Ranking	High	Low
Susceptibility Ranking	Moderate	Moderate

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

This report is an unfunded mandate required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act amendment of 1996. Each year, the City is now required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to provide this information to all users of our water and publish a copy in the local newspaper. For more information, call the City of Ruidoso Downs Environmental Services Department at 887-1191.

News for You:

The City received \$200,000 in grant money from Governor Richardson to install radio read devices on all City water meters. In addition to this, the installation will include a computer program to keep track of your water usage on an hour-by-hour basis for up to 72 days. This will help you, as a consumer, identify the times of water usage and also identify leaks on your system. This system is now complete.

The City received a Community Development Block Grant and constructed 2470 linear feet (0.45 miles) of 12" water line on the north side of Highway 70 starting on the east side of the new Avalon Falls development and extending to the west. A new 12" crossing of Highway 70 was also constructed at Friedenbloom as a part of this project. These improvements will allow a more reliable service to existing uses and provide for future development. Total cost of the project is \$334,121.00. The City also installed 1200 LF (0.23 miles) of 10" water line on Joe Welch to connect the new Riverside Well to the City water system. Work on the new Riverside Well is scheduled for completion during May of 2009 and provide more flexibility in the city water system. Total cost of this project is approximately \$557,000.00.

Public Participation:

Issues dealing with the planning for and protection of your water system are posted in the Council Agenda at the Ruidoso Downs Municipal Building and decisions are made at the corresponding City Council Meetings. Check with Ruidoso Downs City Hall for City Council times and dates. If you are interested in participating in the planning and protection of Ruidoso Downs' drinking water, please plan to attend one soon.

High Water Bill? Here are some tips for lowering your water usage.

Never use your toilet as a wastebasket.

Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.

Take short showers instead of tub baths.

Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.

Operate the dishwasher only when completely full.

Use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.

Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.

Wash the car with water from a bucket.

If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter. Lower pool water level to reduce amount of water splashed out. Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation when pool is not being used.

Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day. To detect leaks in the toilet, add food coloring to the tank water. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.

Install ultra-low flow toilets, or place a plastic container filled with water or gravel in the tank of your conventional toilet. Be sure it does not interfere with operation of the toilet's flush mechanisms.

- Install low-flow aerators and showerheads.
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine, which can save over 50% in water and energy use.
- Try xeriscaping. Plants, which are adapted or bred to live in arid or semi-arid areas, require less water.
- Water your lawn in the early pre-dawn or late afternoon hours. On a hot day in Ruidoso Downs, up to 50% of the water sprayed onto your lawn in the middle of the day can be lost to evaporation.

Water is Life, Help us Conserve and Protect it.



TAMARA HAAS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Dennis Haas shares information about Operation Honor Flight at the Military Appreciation Weekend event at White Mountain Sports Complex.

Honor Flight takes WWII vets to D.C.

HAROLD OAKES

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While watching NBC News about a year ago, Dennis Haas saw a story that inspired him to get involved.

The story was about Operation Honor Flight, a program developed to provide funding for World War II veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"After we moved to Ruidoso, I contacted them about a group in New Mexico," Haas said.

Ruidoso hired Haas to be Fire Marshal in July 2008. "They directed me to a group in Las Cruces, the Southern New Mexico Honor Flight."

The first group of 40 veterans from southern New Mexico made the trip to Washington last year.

"They all went at no cost to the veterans," Haas said. "All of their expenses are funded through donations."

Another Southern New Mexico Honor Flight is scheduled for October 2009.

"We have 86 veterans on the waiting

list and we are hoping to raise the money to send them all," Haas said.

"This is not something that will wait for very long because we are losing our World War II veterans at a rate of about 1,000 a day.

"Here in southern New Mexico, some of those on the waiting list have already passed away before we could get them on a flight."

Trip volunteers

Some of the veterans need assistance and Honor Flight takes volunteers who are willing to pay their own way to accompany and care for the veterans during the trip.

Haas was at Military Appreciation Weekend at White Mountain Sports Complex taking applications from veterans who want to be added to the waiting list, accepting volunteers to accompany the veterans and accepting donations.

He can be contacted him at denishaas@ruidoso-nm.gov to find out more information about volunteering to help.

To learn more about Operation Honor Flight visit www.honorflight-nm.com

How to Read This Table

This report is based upon tests conducted up to December 31, 2008 by the City of Ruidoso Downs Public Water System and the New Mexico Environment Department. The table refers to water tested from the Griffith Spring and Denton Well (see Table B). Terms used in the Water-Quality Table and in other parts of this report are defined below.

Key To Table B below:

AL = Action Level	ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level	ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	ppt = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
MFL = million fibers per liter	ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units	ppq = parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)	TT = Treatment Technique

Table B: Griffith Spring & Denton Well Contaminants. If you live or work in service area (see Table A above), use this table:

Contaminant	Date Tested	Unit	MCL What's Allowed	MCLG	Denton Well Detected Level What's in your Water	Griffith Springs Detected Level What's in your Water	Detected Range	Major Sources	Violation
Inorganic Contaminants									
Arsenic	09/29/06	ppm	0.01	0	0.001	0.008	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits. Runoff from orchards. Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.	NO
Barium	09/29/06	ppm	2	2	0.015	0.02	N/A	Discharge of drilling wastes. Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural formations.	NO
Chromium	09/29/06	ppm	0.1	0.1	0.006	0.0206	N/A	Discharge from steel and pulp mills. Erosion of natural formations.	NO
Nickel	09/06/05	ppm	0.1	0.1	0.004	0	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from metal refineries and electroplating.	NO
Selenium	09/06/05	ppm	0.05	0.05	0.003	0	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from metal refineries.	NO
Nitrate/Nitrite as N	02/12/08	Mg/L	10	10	0.72	0.7	N/A	Runoff from fertilizer use. Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Discharge from mines. Erosion of natural formations.	NO
Fluoride	10/06/06	ppm	2	4	0.369	0.39	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits. Water additive which promotes strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.	NO
Radioactive Contaminants									
Uranium	11/01/05	pCi/L	0.03	0	0.0033	0.0027	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits.	NO
Deca/Thoron emitters	11/01/05	pCi/L	50	0	1.74	4.63	N/A	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	NO
Radium 226/228	11/01/05	pCi/L	5	0	0.14	0	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits.	NO
Volatile Organic Contaminants									
Total Trihalomethanes	09/12/07	ppb	80	0	0.500		N/A	Erosion of natural deposits.	NO
Halocetic Acids (HAA)	09/12/07	ppb	60	0	5.07		N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection.	NO

Explanation of Violations

There were 2 violations during the 2008-year.

1. Operator took a monthly sample from an address not listed on the site-sampling plan. Re-sampled at the correct location.
2. We had a Bac T sample come back positive for Total Coliform but negative for e-coli. After flushing the line, and re-sampling there have been no further positive results.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Lost in the '70s

The recent Smokey Bear Days affair in Capitan was what small town, rural America is.

Sort of fun, sort of hum-ho and fairly predictable. People with baby carriages, people with dogs on leashes, some who have lived in the area all their life and those just passing through.

People mingled and spoke in that small-town manner. Doesn't matter if we know you or not, we still speak and pass the time of day.

There were at least two bands in the area and one radio station. Some people sat and passed the time listening to the music, and some listened to a song or two and moved on.

In the '70s, when I am sure most bands, at least the local bands, got started, they were rebels, had long hair and rocked out.

They were very cool and the girls made eyes at them. Now their wives waited in the wings.

I laughed at the passersby. One man with a grey-haired pigtail played the air guitar to a Nazareth tune. He had a poodle on a leash and was wearing sandals with socks. Remember when we used to make fun of old folks who wore socks with sandals? He was about my age.

You do remember right? We didn't trust anyone over 30? Now our kids are over 30 and we don't trust them either. Our grandkids have weird music. What I can understand is horrible. Not at all liked the music we listened to.

I wanted to rock out myself but

noticed a fat-bottomed, grey-haired lady doing what I wanted to do. I got afraid if I rocked out in the least amount, my fat bottom would look just like her's, so I contained myself. Besides that, my niece and nephews were laughing at all the "old folks jamming." The old folks were about my age.

I did however sing along to "Leave them long-haired country boys alone." You know, the one with, "I get stoned in the morning, get drunk in the afternoon."

I couldn't help it. I had a flashback to the Crystal Bar in Alpine, Texas, during my college years and that was one of our sing-along songs.

(Please refer to my comment above that our music is not like this trash the kids listen to these days.)

My "flashback" is this: 30-years-ago we were not grey-haired people with grandchildren. We were not respectable business people. We were *hot!* We were skinny and buff. When we jammed, we looked good doing it. We wore jeans so tight and so starched that one of the reasons we "held our liquor" so well is because the jeans could stand up when we couldn't. We had music that was so good that even now it makes us feel like teenagers on the inside. Where did I store my old records? I feel a '70s moment coming on.

Dang! It's going to be hard to teach Sunday School tomorrow!

Written by a local person who has not worn starched Rockies in the last 30 pounds.



Welda McKinley Grider

IT'S STILL THE WEST



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSONEWS

You know you still live in the country proper when you see a horse getting new shoes in the back parking lot of a local restaurant. Dan Bell, left, of Corona, met farrier Jason Danely, of Tularosa, so he could put new iron on Jag. The horse, Jag, belongs to Bell's daughter Sage, 11, who runs barrels on him.

CPL seeks badly needed volunteers

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Volunteers to work in both the Capitan Public Library and the Not 2 Shabby Shop are seriously needed to prevent a cut in service hours at both facilities.

The Capitan Public Library has been serving Capitan and the surrounding area since 1996.

In comparison to the usual growth of a library, this organization has experienced off-the-chart rapid growth.

The success of CPL is owed fully to the dedication of volunteers. This, too, differs from the norm as most

libraries are overseen by government of some sort and have paid employees.

The library also provides a resale shop that has been in operation since 2006. It, too, is run entirely by volunteers.

Both the library and the Not 2 Shabby Shop have recently lost volunteers due to illness or people moving away from the area.

It would be regretful to have to cut hours for the library and the N2SS, but if the volunteer staff is not increased soon, that will be the outcome.

Rewards are there

"Those in the community that care about the

library and resale shop, we hope you will step up and volunteer," said library board president Pat Sullivan.

"No, there is no paycheck, but the rewards are many. We have so many programs and events to raise money, I think you would find, as we have, your skills are needed and you would have an opportunity to meet many new friends and have fun participating in the activities you enjoy. Please come and join us."

A few hours of time holds high value to both the facilities. To offer to volunteer or for more information, call 354-3035.

COUNTY BRIEFS

History volunteers

The Lincoln County Historical Society (LCHS), needs volunteers to help staff the LCHS headquarters building (Dr. Woods Annex), this summer.

The restored Dr. Woods Annex is part of the Lincoln State Monument. The building will be open to the public this summer, (Saturday and Sunday only) from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10 a.m., until 4 p.m.

For more information, call Ray Dean, 575-648-5586.

Turned-wood exhibit

The Mountaintop Turners wood turning club will be exhibiting their hand turned vases, bowls and other unique art pieces at the Ruidoso Public Library during June, July and August.

A total of 15 club members will be exhibiting their wood work and some will also be displaying paintings to round out the show.

Mark your calendars. A reception will be held June 12, 5-7 p.m., at the library to meet the artists and view the artwork. The public is welcome and art items are for sale.

The club was chartered in 2002 and as it's yearly project, the members will be working to turn 100 wooden pens for the Turning for Troops national project.

The pens are then distributed to members of the Armed Forces who are stationed overseas.

The monthly meetings normally feature a demonstrator and are held the third Saturday at Steve and Madeleine Sabo's woodshop in Nogal.

Capitan Summer Arts

The Capitan Women's Club is sponsoring a Summer Arts program for children ages 8-12.

The sessions will be held at the Capitan Public Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., on the following

dates, free of charge. Class sizes are limited to 6-10 children per class.

The classes are as follows: June 2 and June 4 - Watercolors; June 9 and 11 - Gourd Painting; June 16 and 18 - Rock Art; June 23 and 25 - Jewelry Making; July 7 and 9 will be a two-part session of *The Exquisite Corpse* book. Call Heidi at 354-5480 to sign up or for more information.

July 4 Parade

Parade applications are once again being accepted for entry into the July 4th Parade.

The parade will be held on Saturday, July 4, at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Capitan, A Lot to Like."

Entry forms are available at the Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 433 W. Smokey Bear Blvd. or online at www.villageof-capitan.com.

Completed entries may also be mailed to the Chamber at P.O. Box 441 or faxed to 354-3666.

Deadline for all entries is Friday, June 26, at 4 p.m. Late entries will be placed at the end of the line and will not be judged.

For more information, call the Chamber at 354-2273.

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JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

An early morning cattle drive and breakfast of biscuits and gravy are part of the line up for Carrizozo Cowboy Days. Last year, a few head of cattle challenged the cowboys when they escaped into an adjoining pasture, making for a little extra excitement for the crowd that was watching.

Carrizozo Cowboy Days coming up

The American cowboy - an independent soul, with a rough and ready nature, driving cattle across the wide-open plains - is alive and well and heading to Carrizozo this June for the annual Cowboy Days.

What began as a one-day celebration now fills three days, June 12-14, with music, heritage, vitles and, of course, cowboys, horses and cattle.

Events and activities are being scheduled to entertain youth and seniors alike.

Top entertainers in the Western music field are booked and facilities remodeled in anticipation of the large crowds that are

expected.

Returning this year is the popular sunrise cattle round-up on the Bar-W Ranch, with biscuits, gravy and cowboy coffee.

Entertainment will feature Western bands and vocalists, cowboy poets and story tellers, a street dance, a large exhibit hall filled with vendors, and a cowboy parade complete with Longhorn cattle.

Also planned are a Range War shoot-out on Carrizozo's main street; a Kid's Rodeo (non-livestock); a golf tournament; a Wild West Ranch Rodeo and Pony Rides; cowboy church services; and other events still in the planning stages.

"Polish your boots, shine your spurs, dust off your hat and ride on down to Carrizozo for Cowboy Days," said Michael Cerletti, Secretary of the New Mexico Tourism Department.

"This down-home celebration gives New Mexicans and their visitors the opportunity to explore one of the state's most scenic areas, and at the same time, share in a family experience sure to be treasured."

For more information visit www.carrizozocowboydays.org; call 648-2265, 648-2312 or 648-2319; or send an email to zozoban@carri.com.

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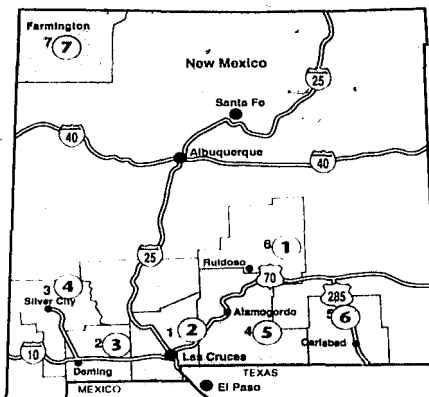
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Lost
In Capitan
1 dog
female collie
leopard in color
AND
Male border collie
Mix Brown and White
lost on SUNDAY THE
REWARD
PLEASE CALL
505-469-3341

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**ALTO LAKES
WATER & SANITATION
DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING TO
CONSIDER
ADOPTING AN
ORDINANCE**

The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting to discuss and adopt an Ordinance. This public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009, beginning at 9:45 a.m. at the District Office, 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, New Mexico 88312. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Ordinance 2009-02 amends previously adopted Ordinance(s) and will affect all properties located within the Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District boundaries as well as external water customers. Amend- ment's include: provides enforcement provisions when solid waste is disposed outside of the Alto Lakes Solid Waste Convenience Station (Section 8) and provides for changing rates, fees, and as required by NM 3-21-55 which becomes effective on May 21 (Section 30).

Following the public hearing, the District Board may choose to adopt or table the proposed Ordinance. The Board does table the proposed Ordinance, it may do so indefinitely in which case it is brought back at a future date and place and if so the Board may again consider the Ordinance. A copy of the proposed Ordinance may be inspected at the District offices at 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, NM 88312 or online at www.Wsd. AltoLakes.net.

Dave Winans,
Secretary
Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District

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Budget Hearing No

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The Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District Board will hold a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010 during its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room at the District Office located at 214 Lake Shore Drive, Alto, NM. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Delores Brewington

Asst. District

Secretary

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(5)20,22

REQUEST

FOR PROPOSALS

Region IX Education Cooperative Related Services Providers (Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech/Language Pathologists, Motor Speech Assistants, Licensed School Psychologists, Family Therapists, Social Workers, Educational Diagnosticians)

Minimum

requirements:

1. State Department

of Education License

use

2. State of New Mexico

license, as appropriate

Complete Request for

Proposal information

at Region IX

Office Proposal sub

mission deadline is

Friday, June 5, 2009 @

4pm. Only fully qual-

ified candidates need

inquire for addi-

tional information, please

call (575) 257-2368

Fred Romero or

Bernadette REC

IX is an equal oppor-

tunity employer.

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Region IX Education

Cooperative

Coordinating Council

meeting Tuesday,

May 26, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

-REC IX Conference

Room.

The meeting is open

to the public. Agenda

items include: budget

approval, budget

adjustments, project

updates, Executive

Director's report, and

re-employment

recommendations/resi-

gnations. In accord-

ance with the

Americans with

Disabilities Act,

community members

are requested to

contact Cathy Jones

at (575) 257-2068, if

public accommoda-

tions are needed.

Is/

Cathy Jones,

Executive Director

#8620 1T (5)20

State Energy

Program

American Recovery

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Demonstration

The completed

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Energy Projects

Program Request for

Application (RFA)

The Energy Conservation and Management Division (ECMD) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in support of the State Energy Program (SEP) and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBGP) to achieve specific ARRA goals.

Purpose: This RFA's

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Project funding is

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from DOE.

Only public entities

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Please mail resume to
PO Box 2528
Roswell, NM 88202

Gen. Help Wanted 224
Alto Lakes Golf & CC has an opening for Accounts Receivable / Reception person. min. 1 year experience preferred. Apply in person Tues thru Fri from 9 to 3 pm or e-mail resume to accounting@alto-lakesgolf.com. For directions call 575-336-4231

Kokopelli Golf
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Please apply in person at 1200 High Mesa Road, Alto.

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All positions full & part time. Casa Decor 1214 Mechem.

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financials 239-250

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Ruidoso, NM 88345
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Spacious, stucco 1700 sq. ft 3/2, FP, views, garage 975/mth 378-4159

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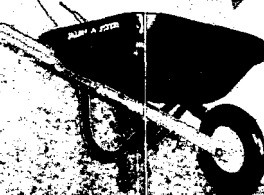
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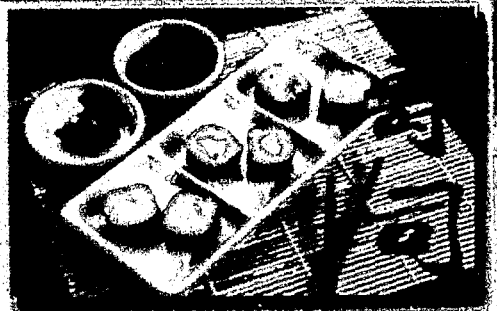


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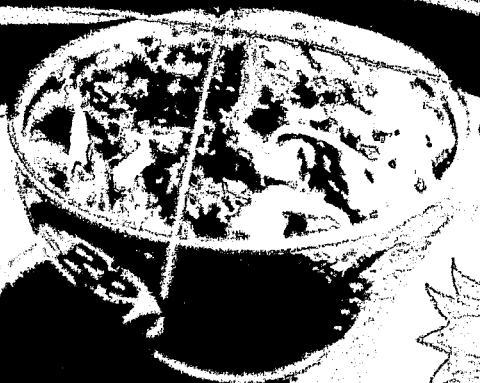
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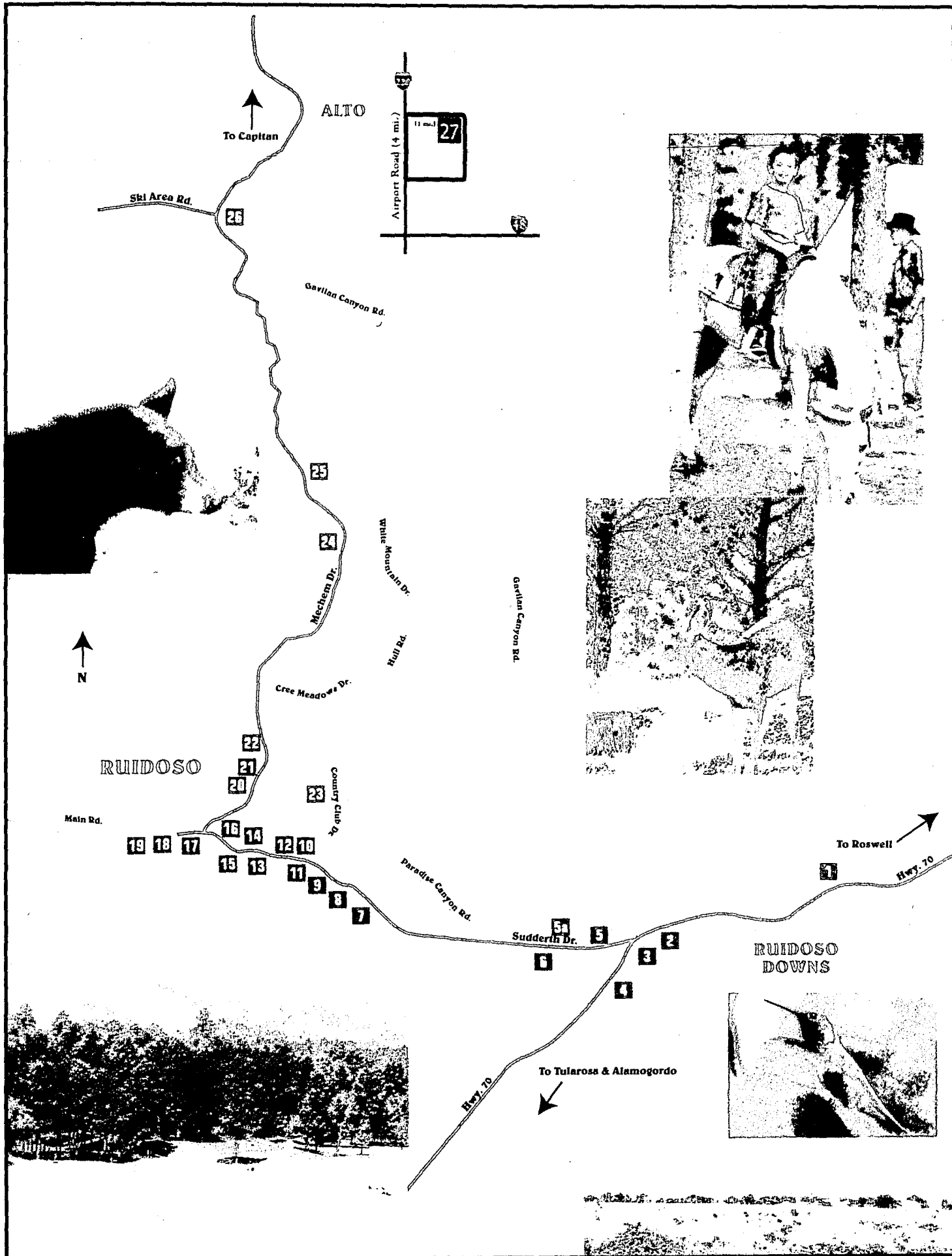
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Willmon's Prime Grille



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By now, gentle readers, you know that Ivana is always up for any good time that involves food, drink and fun. But sometimes Ivana really likes to be pampered and, as the saying goes, put on the proverbial dog.

One of Ivana's favorite spots for a spot of pampering is Willmon's Prime Grille. Let me first assure those of you who remember any of the previous incarnations, that owners Scott Willmon and Bob Mulrone have made some minor decluttering adjustments, but have maintained the elegant, yet cozy interior.

They have also let their chefs, Rob Childs and Brian Flowers, out to play.

"We've both worked in this building before, but this time we've got all the freedom we want," Flowers said. "Basically, the owners just said 'you guys have fun.'"

— And fun they are having, flying in cheeses from Italy, lobsters from Australia and fresh fish from Hawaii, Alaska, Scotland and Norway. The fish varieties - which are "never frozen," according to Childs - include Arctic char, fresh halibut, Mahi mahi, Ahi tuna and salmon. All the steaks are USDA prime, grass-fed beef so tender that you can cut it with a fork.

Ivana would like to make a meal of the appetizers, because it's very hard to choose just one. For fun, there's

Mac 'n Gruyere, a grownup take on a classic kids' favorite. "It beats the blue box," Childs said.

The lobster bisque en crouste is both creamy and tomatoey, with sherry and tarragon and nice bits of lobster, all covered with a flaky puff pastry crust. Ivana's was topped with a lovely little flower made from a scallion, its little petals brushed with amber chile powder.

The jumbo lump crab cakes are everything a crab cake should be, lots of crab and a whisper of egg, with a light Parmigianino crust and served with a little zingy Key lime mustard sauce.

Steaks and seafood are prominent among the entrees. The Arctic char - a delicate fish, something like a cross between a trout and a salmon - is sashimi grade, which means you can eat it raw, according to Chef Flowers. But take Ivana's advice and have it nicely cooked and topped with a creamy sauce of shallots, chopped tomato and asparagus. Other choices are the pan-seared duck breast, served with either pineapple mango or dark cherry sauce. (Who could choose? Tell 'em you're a friend of Ivana's and ask for both.) The grilled free range chicken is first given a nice soak in olive oil and Mediterranean spices, then encrusted with Parmesan and seared golden brown.

Go for the desserts - you're being pampered, remember? The Key lime cheesecake is garnished with dollops of real whipped cream and an artistic slice of fresh lime. The apple crumb cake is served warm with hard rum sauce, and the wild berry tart is topped with fresh whipped cream. And just to make the choice harder, there's also dark chocolate creme brulee and Jack Daniels pecan pie with vanilla ice cream.

With more than 150 wines to choose from, many from the Willmon Vineyards, you and your dining companions should be in a pleasant, well-fed stupor by the end of the evening. Linger at your table by the window and watch the hustling throng on Sudderth. Celebrate Life's small moments. As J.R.R. Tolkien wrote, "If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."



Hall of Flame

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The Hall of Flame is justifiably famous for their burgers, great atmosphere and exceptional service. Walking through the door at 2500 Sudderth Dr. in the 4 Seasons Mall, just one whiff makes the mouth water, and the sizable crowd attests to the quality achieved by owners Cindi and Luis Espinoza. They have been in Midtown for six years, with the last four years at the current popular location.

Freshness is what sets Hall of Flame apart. Everything, from the hand formed patties (100 percent Angus beef!), to the fresh produce and the locally roasted chilies, are prepared fresh every day. Even the cheese is sliced every morning. This attention to freshness is what earned them the "Best of Lincoln" award for "Best Hamburger" and keeps their loyal local customers coming back.

Luis and Cindi have also added 2 new items to their menu - a Southwestern Burger and a Chicken Sandwich. Starting with a fresh hamburger patty or chicken breast, they add bacon, avocado, pepper-jack cheese and round it out with their homemade chipotle sauce.

When we surveyed some customers, two items seemed to be the favorites - the Green Chile Cheeseburger and their Steak Tacos. "I can confirm that

both of these are excellent," reported one Flame fan.

The Espinozas have invested in remodeling the kitchen, which is allowing them to get your orders out faster, a real positive during their frenzied lunchtime. They also expend time and effort supporting our community, from local youth projects to school band and little league. They are also quite proud of their son Julius and new daughter, Julianne, and their employees Lorena and Amanda

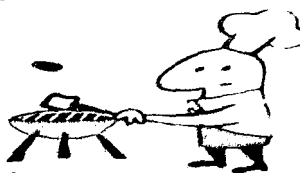
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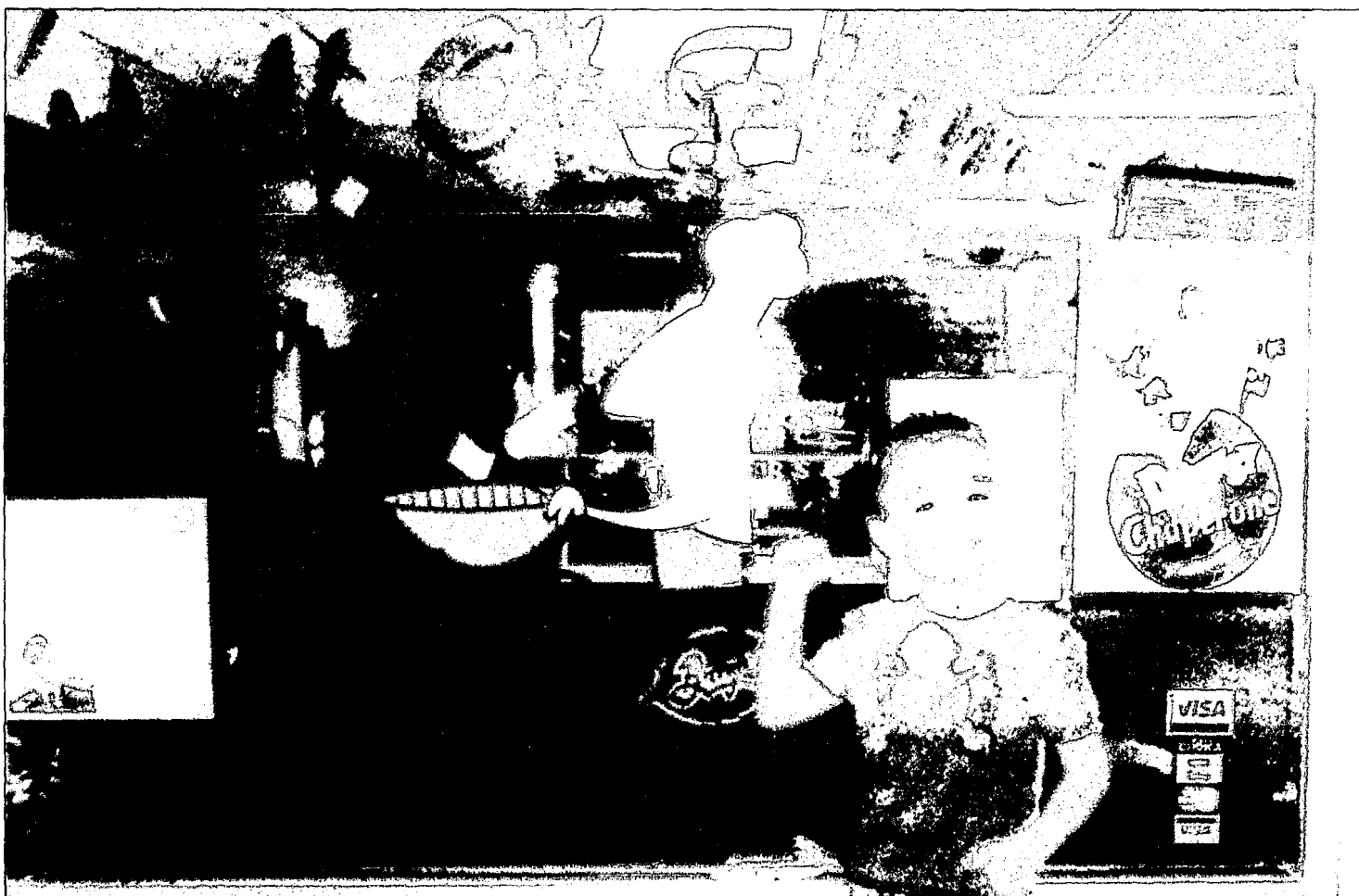
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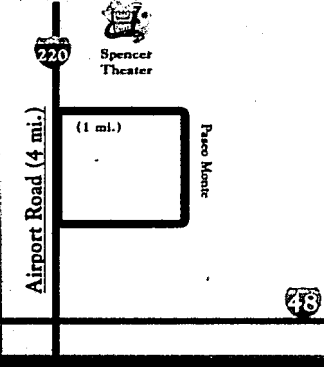
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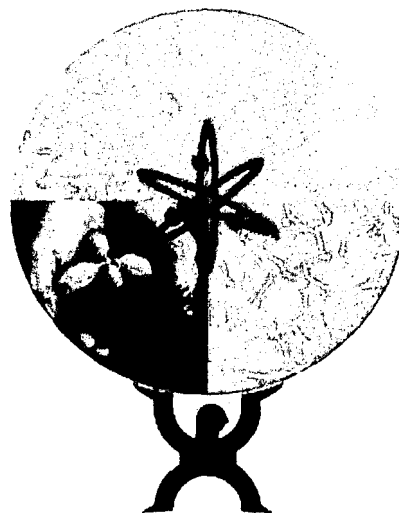


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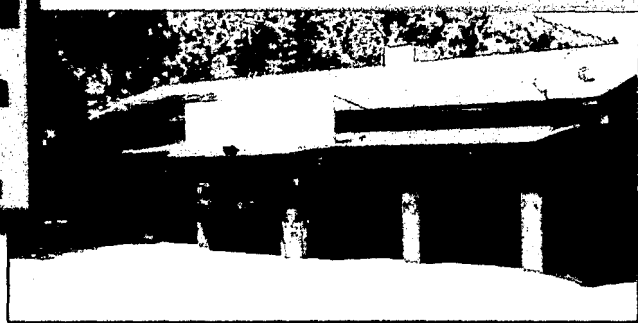
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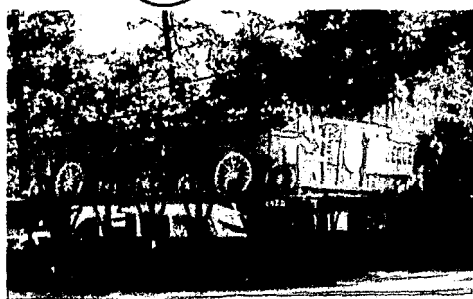
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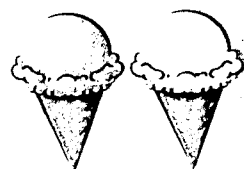
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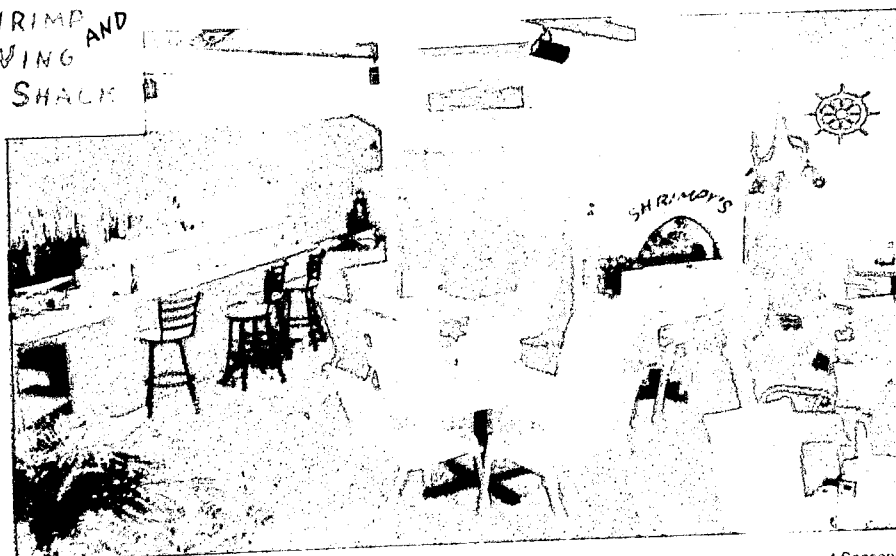
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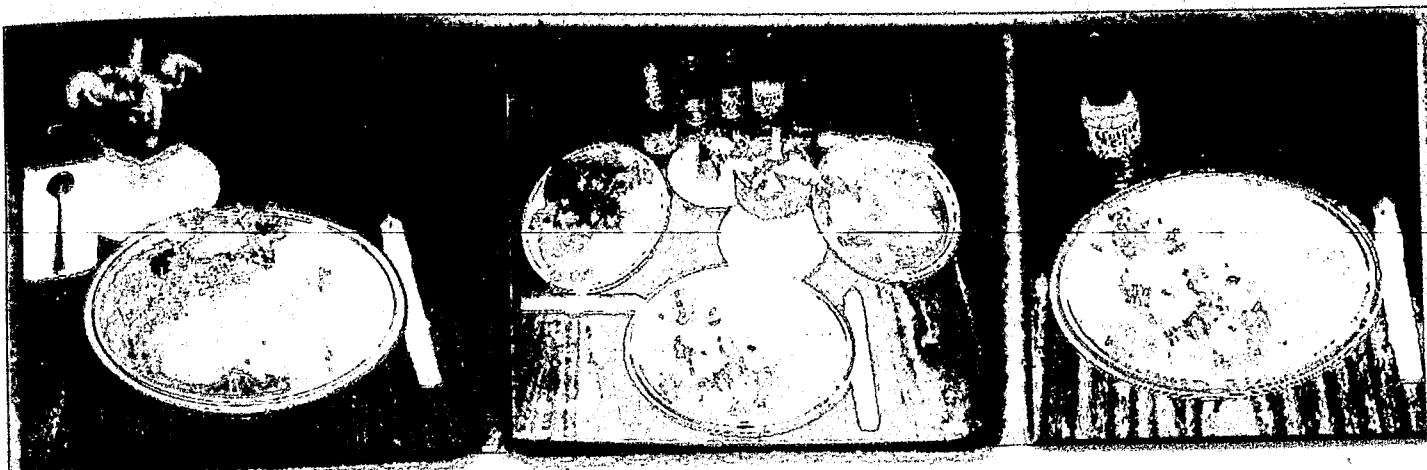
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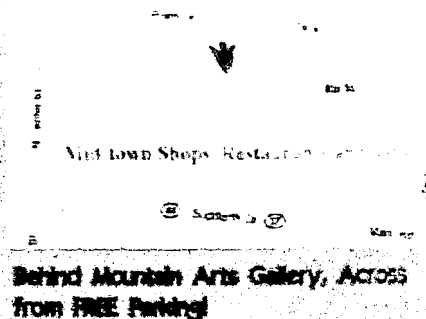
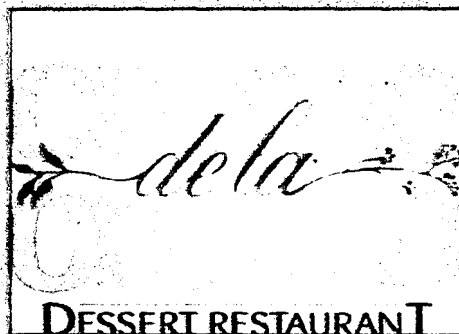


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Gentle readers, Ivana has a suspicion that the restaurant that we've been waiting for is finally here. Rick and Elizabeth Moreno have opened the Global Grill, offering world cuisine with fresh ingredients and very reasonable prices.

"What part of the world do you want to try today?" is Rick's standard opening. The straightforward menu offers four selections in four different categories: pastas, rice bowls, salads and tacos and burritos. Within the first three categories, the four choices reflect the cuisine of four different countries.

Now that Ivana has you confused, let her sort this out. Under "pasta," for example, you have Venice (Italian sausage and fresh ground beef on linguine with fresh Parmesan), Sicily (an Alfredo with a light creamy sauce, blackened chicken and green chiles), Thailand (grilled chicken, scallions and bean sprouts with a pad Thai sauce), and Greece, Ivana's personal favorite (grilled chicken in a cilantro lime pesto with sun-dried tomatoes and more fresh Parmesan.)

If you are the sort of person who doesn't like much adventure in their food (well, Ivana would first like to know why the heck you're reading this-some form of culinary voyeurism, perhaps?), you can safely opt for the aforementioned Venice or for Japan (grilled chicken, steak or pork and some roasted veggies on white rice with soy sauce). Or have the charbroiled chicken with rice and black beans and ask for the citrus salsa on the side. (Don't be selfish--your

dining companions may want to sample the combination of Mandarin oranges, mango, lime and jalapenos.)

The salads are meals themselves, including chicken, fish or shrimp and a variety of yummy original dressings.

Everything is served a large, shallow white china bowls, and Ivana is certain that the wait staff have no need to pump iron after lifting crockery all day.

Rick and Elisabeth met while working in The Mayan in Salt Lake City. "It was a huge restaurant," Elisabeth said. "It could seat 1,000, it had three kitchens and cliff diving inside the dining room." She was kitchen supervisor, cracking the whip over 30 cooks. "When I saw her managing all that," Rick said, "I thought, 'That's the woman for me.'" The couple has three small sons who are still too young for the business, but "when they get a little older, they can help," their mother said. Just a "heads up" there, kids.

Rick learned Thai cooking from his employees when he opened a Thai restaurant. Most of his employees have followed him to Ruidoso from his other restaurants. His older children will soon be managing a juice and smoothie bar, Global Juice, in the A-frame complex in Midtown.

By the way, Rick would like to mention that he has no fryer, so tell your hardened arteries to just forget it.

There is one dessert, however-a mango passion cheesecake that Rick says "clears the palate." Works for Ivana.



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"I've been carrying this stuff around with me all these years," he said, gesturing to the surfer posters, nets, coral and other nautical items that decorate the restaurant.

Rick and his wife Janice operated a bed & breakfast in Cripple Creek, Col., for 12 years. "Rick got up and cooked breakfast every morning for 12 years," Janice said. "It was a pretty good deal." They moved to Ruidoso last year, helped out at Dreamcatchers and started thinking about having their own place.

They must not have come to their senses, because here they are, serving up steamed shrimp, six varieties of wings and English-style fish & chips, while dancing to "Surfin' Safari" and "Little Deuce Coupe."

Ivana would just like to say right here that the breeding for the fish, the cole slaw dressing and all the sauces are made right there. Rick has gone with a high grade of Atlantic cod in the fish & chips, and Ivana could taste the difference. The chips (a.k.a. "French fries," although they're really Belgian-a little food trivia) are twice-fried-once to put a quick seal on the surface and keep the oil out, and a second time to cook them all the way through. And there is malt vinegar for the chips, for those who understand that particular condiment.

Shrimp by the pound will make your sports party guests put on a gleeful look. You can also have shrimp grilled on a bamboo skewer and served with melted butter, cocktail sauce or Cajun tartar sauce.

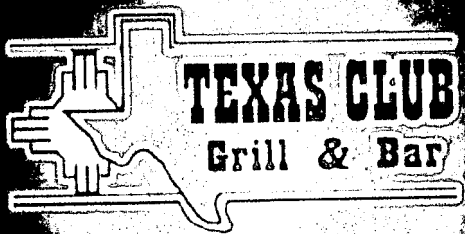
And now let's get on to the wings, gentle readers. In ascending degree of "ah-hoooo-ah," there is the "naked" version for the unadventurous. Then comes the sweet barbecue style and the garlic Parmesan. Ivana found the teriyaki version sweet but spicy, and the Cajun kickers went up another level on the heat index. The "Lip Rippers" lived up to their name and had Ivana happily grabbing for her smoothie (strawberry, but other choices are mango/orange/peach and coconut/pineapple.)

Snow is in the air, my dears, and while we all love that white stuff, if you need a little beach getaway, head for Shrimpy's. While the Beach Boys croon in the background, you can play in the sandbox (with real sand and shells), sip your tropical smoothie and have your own island day dream.



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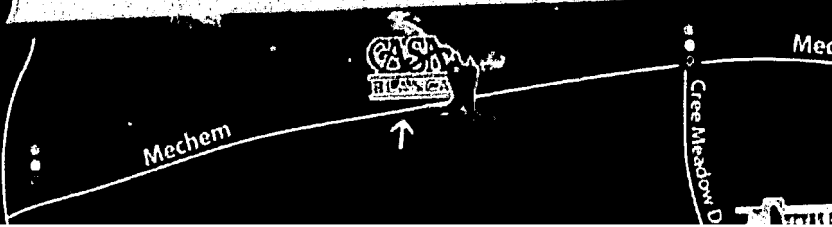


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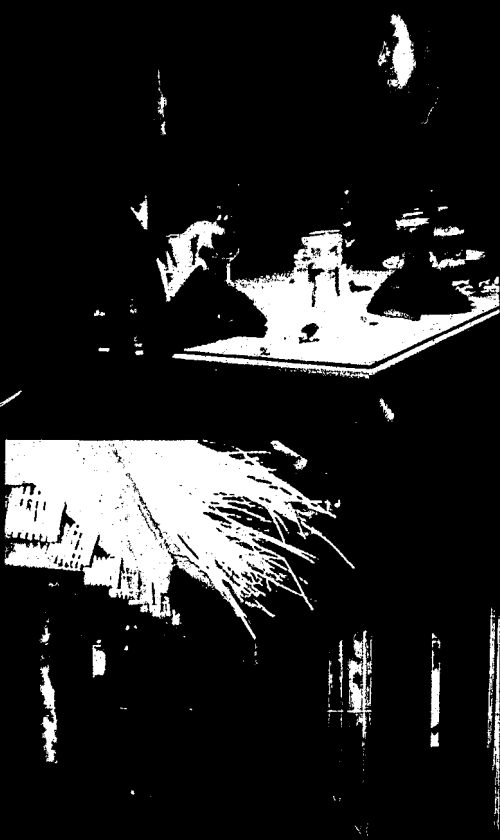
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