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DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Children lined up to travel through a "time tunnel," kite Sunday, one of the favorites at the annual Ruidoso Kite Festival. Sunny skies with plenty of wind brought out kite enthusiasts over the weekend despite a rocky beginning Friday when a tent collapsed. For the tent story and more festival photos, see page 8A.

Museum shocker

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The director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West will call it quits.

Jay Smith delivered a letter of resignation to Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong, Monday evening during a meeting of the city council. The city acquired the museum from racetrack owner R.D. Hubbard in August 2005.

Smith said his resignation will take effect July 30, and will let him "pursue new opportunities that will allow me to fulfill personal and

Jay Smith, director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, resigns

professional goals. I will miss my friends around the state, especially those around Lincoln County who have dedicated themselves to advancing the tourism industry and preserving the history and culture of this area.

"It has been a pleasure to work

with the staff of the Hubbard Museum of the American West as they are among the most talented group of professionals serving any museum in the state of New Mexico."

Smith said he has no other job currently lined up.

"Everything changes and evolves with time," Smith said Tuesday. "What was once a good fit is no longer a good fit."

The resignation notice followed some recent rumblings over the city's funding for the museum.

In February, Smith pleaded before the council to avoid further funding cuts for the facility.

"Since 2005, when I became the director of the museum, we have cut one-and-a-half positions. We have combined two positions that were full-time to create three part-

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Student-teacher arrested

Daniel Dean Draughon registered .24 blood alcohol level

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A student-teacher at the Ruidoso Middle School registered a blood alcohol level three times the state's legal limit after being told to leave the school campus.

Daniel Dean Draughon, 43, was arrested April 19 by Ruidoso police after getting behind the wheel of his vehicle.

Police had been called to the school just before 9 a.m. because of a smell of alcohol on Draughon's breath. A school official requested that he undergo a breathalyzer test or leave the school building.

Refuses test

Draughon refused to take the test and was told to exit the building, according to a police report.

Police told Draughon not to drive, and instead call for a cab. Police watched the man walk to his vehicle in the school's parking lot, and was asked by an officer if he had called a cab. Draughon said he called for

a taxi, according to the report.

Police later observed Draughon leave the parking lot in his vehicle, and he was stopped on Hull Road at Ovella Estes Way.

'Two vodkas'

The officer said the driver smelled of alcohol. Questioned about how much he had to drink, Draughon reportedly replied he had consumed two glasses of vodka.

Asked to perform a standardized field sobriety test, Draughon said he would be unable to, pass the test, which he did fail, according to the report. He also refused a breath or blood test at the scene.

Taken to the police station for booking, Draughon asked if he could then undergo a breath test. Two were performed. Both registered a blood alcohol concentration of .24.

The state's legal limit is .08.

Draughon was charged with aggravated DWI, second offense.

Draughon had been a student-teacher as part of a practicum phase of his teaching instruction. A practicum is designed to give college students supervised experience before receiving a degree.

He was scheduled to graduate this spring from ENMU-Portales with a bachelor in special education in elementary education.

Not an employee

Ruidoso Middle School Principal George Heaton said Draughon was not an employee and he is not continuing his practicum at the school.

In 1998, Draughon had pleaded no contest in a New Mexico court to charges of aggravated driving while intoxicated and causing great bodily harm while driving impaired. He was later ordered to pay \$158,391 in restitution resulting from the great bodily harm conviction.

First in the Ruidoso News

Sanchez leaving Smokey Bear Ranger District

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Buck Sanchez will be leaving his post as Smokey Bear District Ranger in the Lincoln National Forest around Ruidoso.

He wrote Lincoln County commissioners that he accepted a new assignment with the U.S. Forest Service in the White River National Forest in Colorado.

His reporting date in May 24.

"I would like to thank the Lincoln County Commission and County Manager (Tom Stewart) for the working relationship we have enjoyed for the last seven years," Sanchez said. "I will provide information on who will serve as the Acting District Ranger while the LNF arranges for (his permanent replacement)."

Sanchez was appointed to the post in the Smokey Bear District after long-time local



SANCHEZ

ranger Jerry Hawkes retired in 2002.

White River encompasses eight wilderness areas and the ski towns of Aspen and Vail. Located near Glenwood Springs, the national forest covers 2.3 million acres in two sections and is considered the top recreational forest in the nation.

"I'm going to hate to see Buck go," Stewart said.

Commission Chairman Tom Battin agreed, telling Sanchez, "There has been a spirit of cooperation and a great relationship while you were here."



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

A Capitan town portrait was taken by David Tremblay on March 19. Sponsored by Capitan's Oso Art Gallery, owner Gregg Russell reminds participants in the photos to come in to the gallery and sign the 3-foot by 5 foot photos and pick up their free print. One of the photos will be displayed permanently in Capitan Village Hall, the other in the Chamber of Commerce offices in Capitan.

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THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Smokey's Garden

The Smokey Bear Ranger Station in Ruidoso will break ground at 10 a.m., today, on Smokey's Garden, a community garden from which the Lincoln County Food Bank will receive produce this summer.

Ruidoso Mayor and Food Bank Director Ray Alborn will attend.

In addition to the groundbreaking, raised beds will be built on Wednesday.

Road work

Staff with the Bureau of Land Management's Las Cruces District Office announce that work has begun on resurfacing the Aguirre Spring Road with oil and rock chips and renovating some of the campground facilities at the site.

The camping, hiking and picnicking area be-

tween Alamogordo and Las Cruces is popular with Ruidoso residents looking for a high desert experience and warmer temperatures.

Contractors will be performing various improvements and renovations over the spring months into early summer, but BLM intends to minimize the impact to the recreating public as much as possible.

Occasionally, the road work or site reconstruction will preclude public use, and the office will update the BLM's website with

that information and announce the interrupted use periods.

"The public should feel free to check in with the BLM's Las Cruces office to get updates on the status," said Bill Childress, District Manager. "Our main number is 575-5250-4300."

Laughter Day

A celebration of World Laughter Day is planned for 3 p.m., May 11, at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Earth Day

Earth Day, considered the largest secular event in the world, recently cele-

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RealFeel 72° Humidity 21% Windy with lots of sun Wind: SW 15-25 mph	RealFeel 58° Humidity 17% Very windy; mostly sunny and cooler Wind: WSW 40-60 mph	RealFeel 61° Humidity 24% Partly sunny Wind: W 8-16 mph	RealFeel 59° Humidity 25% Breezy with variable cloudiness Wind: WSW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 61° Humidity 29% Breezy with plenty of sunshine Wind: SW 12-25 mph	RealFeel 66° Humidity 24% Windy with a full day of sunshine Wind: SSW 20-30 mph	RealFeel 68° Humidity 29% Mostly sunny Wind: WSW 10-20 mph

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Regional Cities

Albuquerque 74/48
Santa Rosa 81/49
Mountainair 76/39
Socorro 82/45
Las Cruces 84/58
Chaparral 85/53
El Paso 86/65
Ciudad Juárez 86/64

Almanac

Ruidoso

Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 57°/39°
Normal high 68°
Normal low 32°
Record high 82° (1996)
Record low 16° (1980)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.92"
Normal month to date 0.59"
Year to date 3.89"
Normal year to date 4.10"

Pollen:
Grass Moderate
Trees High
Weeds Moderate
Mold Low
Predominant Mulberry

Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo

Statistics through Monday

Temperature:
High/low 82°/44°
Normal high 78°
Normal low 48°
Record high 92° (2000)
Record low 33° (2008)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.52"
Normal month to date 0.26"
Year to date 2.14"
Normal year to date 2.02"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: Bees and what type of storm occur in swarms?

National Forecast for April 28, 2010

Legend:
Cold
Warm
Stationary
Showers
T-storms
Rain
Flurries
Snow
Ice

National Cities			Regional Cities		
City	Today	Thu	City	Today	Thu
Abilene	81/64/s	86/59/s	Albuquerque	74/48/pc	64/38/pc
Anchorage	56/42/c	55/40/s	Artesia	87/60/s	85/47/s
Atlanta	70/49/s	81/55/s	Chama	64/31/pc	46/18/sn
Austin	83/60/s	89/72/s	Clayton	82/47/pc	66/33/pc
Baltimore	63/40/s	69/44/s	Cloudcroft	67/39/s	47/13/s
Boston	50/42/pc	60/45/s	Farmington	79/46/pc	54/28/pc
Chicago	62/43/s	72/55/pc	Hobbs	85/54/s	83/45/s
Dallas	82/64/s	87/67/pc	Los Alamos	68/36/pc	54/23/pc
Denver	78/37/pc	50/28/r	Portales	83/51/s	74/35/s
Des Moines	69/52/s	75/50/pc	Raton	76/41/pc	60/24/pc
Detroit	60/39/s	67/52/pc	Red River	60/30/pc	46/13/pc
El Paso	86/65/s	84/55/s	Ruidoso	72/51/s	46/13/pc
Las Vegas	78/50/t	67/50/pc	Santa Fe	74/40/pc	58/26/pc
Los Angeles	65/52/c	67/52/s	Silver City	80/49/s	70/39/s
Minneapolis	68/51/s	68/49/c	Taos	70/37/pc	52/17/pc
New Orleans	76/58/s	78/70/s			
New York City	58/46/pc	66/54/s			
Philadelphia	60/42/s	69/48/s			
Phoenix	90/62/s	77/55/s			
Reno	46/33/sn	48/32/pc			
San Francisco	61/48/c	62/47/pc			
San Diego	64/54/pc	64/54/pc			
Seattle	56/43/sh	54/41/c			
Tucson	89/59/s	74/48/s			
Tulsa, OK	76/62/s	84/60/pc			
Wash., DC	64/46/s	70/51/s			
Wichita	78/58/s	76/47/pc			
Yuma	88/57/s	79/55/s			

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu
Acapulco	90/72/pc	90/70/pc
Cancun	88/72/t	86/70/t
Chihuahua	80/52/s	88/50/s
Ciudad Juárez	86/64/s	84/55/s
Leon	88/50/s	88/47/s
Mexico, DF	84/54/pc	84/54/s
Monterrey	86/64/s	108/68/s
Morelia	88/54/pc	89/53/s
Oaxaca	95/57/pc	95/63/pc
Pto. Penasco	84/55/s	77/49/s
Tijuana	66/52/c	66/52/pc

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:19 a.m./7:43 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 8:24 p.m./6:03 a.m.

Moon Phases

Full Last New First
Apr 28 May 5 May 13 May 20

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 100° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 10° in Laramie, WY

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 115° in Matam, Senegal
Low: -39° in Summit Station, Greenland



COURTESY ELLEN BIZZELL

Seeking shelter from the rain, 57 Ruidoso students in grades third through fifth at the White Mountain school complex, above, gathered under a tent on Earth Day for a tree planting ceremony at the Kids Connection Park. After learning about the origins and purpose of Earth Day, the benefits of planting trees and about the evils of littering, the students went back to their classrooms with a "goodbye" bag of educational materials. Staff from the village Parks and Recreation Department and volunteers with Keep Ruidoso Beautiful braved the downpour later to plant three pear and one locust tree. Below, the Love Revolution Belly Dancers performed to several songs, adding gaiety to the event.

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brated its 40th anniversary and had a week-long observance locally that included a community picnic, workshops and cleanup opportunities held at various locations around town and throughout the week.

Thanks to the efforts of entities such as Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, ENMU, the Chamber of Commerce, The Noisy River Cigar Lounge, Print Write Now, Art Connection, Dance Gallery, The Herb Stop and the local media such as the Ruidoso News, event organizers labeled Earth Day a success.

The celebration began on April 18, with a picnic at Wingfield Park. Mike Morrison from Alpine Recording Studio donated his expertise, sound equipment and even his drums for the event. He, along with Chris Pope, Thomas Radcliff and the Ellison Family played a variety of sounds pleasing to the crowd.

One of the noted successes of the event was the diversity of the crowd. Seeing babies to seniors sharing the beautiful outdoors with their pets and community was a pleasant sight. Ruidoso City Councilor Denise Dean and her husband brought their pooch to the event and Bart Young and his wife, Mary, also enjoyed the festivities. There were guests from Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Alto, Mescalero and El Paso who braved sprinkles of rain. The local Ampgard group also attended, participating in their usual Sunday battle.

Activities at the picnic were plentiful. Angie Fernandez, representing Rainmakers, had an artistic booth encouraging attendees to make an earth-friendly commitment by writing their commitment on a hand-made leaf and placing it on a large tree designed by local artist "M.J." EcoServants were on hand sharing information about being eco-friendly and assisted in planning

and set-up of the event.

The Chamber of Commerce had a booth and gave away recycle bins and information on how to recycle in Lincoln County. Local "green" expert Dr. Jim Miller promoted a free "Renewable Energy Conference" to be held at the convention center on May 25th.

A clothing exchange booth organized by Teresa Montez, belly dance instructor and owner of New Illuminations, was a fun addition to the event. The Love Revolution Belly Dancers performed to several songs that promoted peace and healing. They even had the crowd dancing.

In addition to the picnic, free informative workshops were held throughout the week and around town and included topics such as how to recycle, knowing your local herbs, how to sprout, rainwater harvesting and the concept of "Leave No Trace." Other earth-friendly activities included a clean-up sponsored by ENMU and the 13th Annual Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Bank Challenge Clean-up.

Organizers plan to continue Earth Day as a yearly event with even better programs and partnerships.

Radio Club

The Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club will operate a "Special Event" ("Ham") amateur radio station (Call Sign K5S) as part of the annual Smokey Bear Days celebration to be held in Capitán May 7-8.

The public is invited to attend.

The station will be in contact with other amateur radio operators in North America and elsewhere to promote the event and increase awareness of wildfire prevention here in the Lincoln National Forest and the role amateur radio operators play in providing emergency communications during natural dis-



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OUR OPINION

Downs should revisit animal ordinance

2-1 vote might have passed measure

Somebody in Ruidoso Downs obtain a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, which sets the standard for municipal governance.

On April 12, the Downs city council voted 2-1 in favor of an updated animal control ordinance. Because Councilor Tommy Hood abstained, and the "yes" votes did not constitute a majority of the four-person panel, City Clerk Carol Virden ruled the measure failed.

No, the measure passed, according to an interpretation of Robert's, which states, in part:

"The phrase 'abstention votes' is an oxymoron, an

abstention being a refusal to vote. To abstain means to refrain from voting, and, as a consequence, there can be no such thing as an 'abstention vote.'

"In the usual situation, where either a majority vote or a two-thirds vote is required, abstentions have absolutely no effect on the outcome of the vote since what is required is either a majority or two thirds of the votes cast.

"The word 'majority' in this context means, simply, more than half."

Since a majority of the votes cast favored the motion, Council should revisit the matter.

Distractions hinder streamlining of state government

The report opened this way: "In this current climate of distrust of government..."

An introduction like that could be found in a lot of places these days, but it was in "The Structure of Government in New Mexico," a 1994 report from New Mexico First. The organization's Town Hall had examined how to make government more efficient, but participants were at least as concerned with making state government more responsive.

Efficiency and responsiveness — two sides of the coin. During good times we concern ourselves with responsiveness and during bad times, with efficiency in the form of a smaller state payroll.

In the last 10 years, we've seen the pendulum move both ways. In 1999, then Gov. Gary Johnson often bragged that state government was more efficient because there were 1,200 fewer state employees. At the time, I didn't hear anybody marveling at how efficient state government had become. What I heard was a lot of complaining about the length of time it took to get permits and licenses, pass inspections and transfer water rights.

During the supposedly business-friendly Johnson-Bradley administration, it took Intel five years to get an air quality permit, and telecommunications deregulation stalled because regulators were backlogged. Getting anything from the State Engineer's Office, which hadn't computerized its records, required divine intervention.

The Legislature joined the party, and the injudicious budget chopping moved even Johnson to ask for \$30 million for underfunded agencies. The same groups that now demand leaner government were then demanding that agencies be staffed up and funded properly.

There was a realization in a lot of sectors that "responsiveness" meant having enough qualified people to do the work. If your fishing license, or court record, or tax inquiry, or business permit or water transfer

was sitting in a pile on the desk of some beleaguered state employee, what was that costing you?

When Bill Richardson took office, he had a big to-do list and wanted enough hands to do the work. Fair enough. But the numbers rose. And rose. And we saw some unfortunate muddling of politics and hiring.

So now a legislative task force is staring at state government as if it were a pork roast and trying to figure out where to slice.

We're hearing words like "reorganization" and "down-sizing," but what does that mean?

Look back at the New Mexico First report, and there are some ironic suggestions. It called for an education secretary. Done. Good idea. It also called for combining the Corporation Commission and the Public Utilities Commission. Done. What a disaster. This cumbersome organization is simply unmanageable.

Candidate Diane Denish's proposal to marry the departments of Tourism, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development and throw in state parks might save some money. It might also slow down decision-making, and for both economic development and tourism, timely decisions are important.

Many remember how former Gov. Jerry Apodaca in the mid-1970s tamed an unruly mob of 117 agencies into 12 departments. The streamlining reduced waste and introduced accountability. So we know it's do-able.

But distractions from the sidelines aren't helping. The public employee unions should quit while they're ahead; their members still have jobs. The government haters also need a reality pill: Lots of those employees do necessary work.

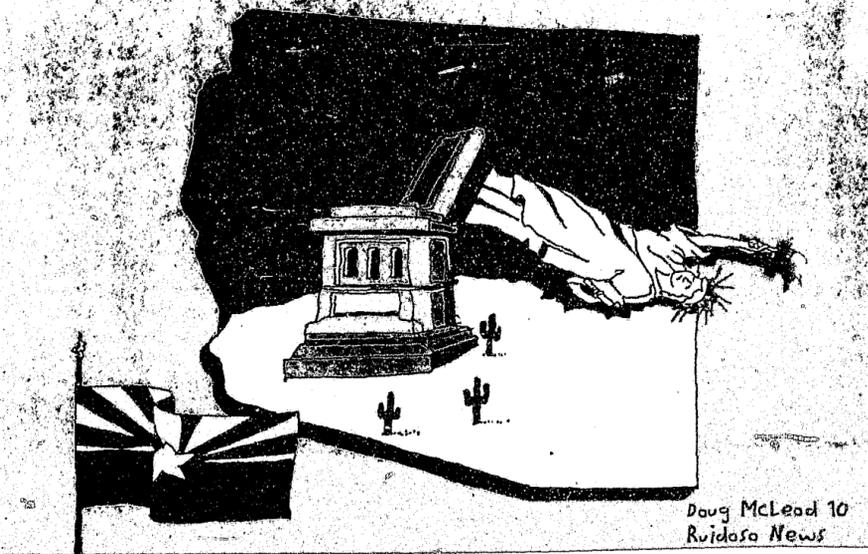
The task force will examine laws and court decisions and then will look at agency budgets, staffing and organizational structure. We hope they can look impassively at what people do on their jobs and not be tainted by political intrigue or hollering from the bleachers.



SHERRY ROBINSON

ALL SHE WROTE

Arizona's Immigration "Reform"... (sb1070)



YOUR OPINION

Museum developments devastating

To the editor:

SOMETIMES, UNTIL we lose a special event, dedicated employee, or institution, we do not realize how much they meant to the fabric of our community, of our culture or heritage. Many times we take people, employees as well as the general public, for granted. Sometimes we cut budgets, or just simply do not understand how important they really are, until we lose them or curtail their activities to the point of being a morale buster.

It is my understanding that one such institution, the Hubbard Museum of the American West, gracefully and solidly a part of Ruidoso Downs for several years, is once again on the chopping block in terms of funding. Some even want to close the place for three days, and totally disconnect from a viable part of the community. Apparently, Jay Smith, a fine and dedicated director, has submitted his resignation to the city council. All of this is devastating news not only for a fine staff, but for all of Lincoln County.

A limited focus and vision are obviously at hand here. The Hubbard gets very little from the main city budget. It is already largely self-sustaining, though most museums, parks and monuments need public support.

Our museums, parks, music and arts are the first to go when we "need" money. Yet, give your money to these arenas and you will see that dollar stretched further than many projects where I see only waste, fraud, or little in return for each dollar allotted.

I wonder if the council or "concerned citizens" actually realize how much the Hubbard Museum brings to the city and the area through programs, exhibits, events, book signings, workshops, demonstrations and collaboration with other historical and community organizations. Do they realize how precious a Smithsonian affiliation is or that history is one reason why people come to our region? Do they understand that staff members are valued in the community, state and nation for their expertise? Do they understand that the question is not so much "how can we afford this institution" as it should be "how can we help the staff develop new funding sources so that the museum can thrive into the future?"

R.D. Hubbard established the museum, and for that we are grateful. Do you know how much such a facility would have cost to develop? By donating it to the City of Ruidoso Downs, he acknowledged that the city was a worthy caretaker. That move cost some money for the city, but not because it was a money-loser. It also entails responsibility, and that is an important marker in terms of how a city or government

body matures enough to handle a multimillion dollar facility with class and style. Since that day, I have, as an author, historian and retired educator, seen the "Museum of the Horse" blossom into one of the finest museums anywhere, and I have been to some of the finest worldwide.

Museums are part of the totality of a place that tourists visit. We in Lincoln County know how important tourism and rural economic development are to our region. Jay Smith and his staff are more than dedicated and talented. Their public outreach has grown to include the entire area and through their inspired leadership they have made a difference in the county in terms of Fort Stanton, Lincoln, the Hondo Valley and beyond. Our visitors from Texas and California marvel at this area and museums like the Hubbard.

Visits to the Hubbard are planned, as are tours to Lincoln, Fort Stanton and other places in the county. Next year, the 150-year-old Historical Society of New Mexico will hold its annual conference in the county, attracting more than 300 people. This July, the Wild West History Association plans to hold a conference here, bringing about 250 visitors. The Centennial in 2012 once again has the Hubbard taking a leadership role. We must remember that if the county prospers, so do the towns, and vice-versa. Many of these people are potential donors, and they, too, can be influential to the future of our county tourism attractions. We need the Hubbard Museum to remain a county jewel, not a shell of itself should the proposed closure and cuts be enacted.

It is my understanding that the museum's budget has been cut before, yet they soldier on during hard economic times. Is the city focusing fairly here? Are you making even and fair cuts elsewhere, or is a museum the first in line for cuts because you really don't find them to be that important? As you slash and burn, consider these questions: How can you even consider retaining good people when present salaries do not match other areas? And other than the race track, what attraction brings tourists to Ruidoso Downs? When you start closing down a place, that is basically the kiss of death. What about your responsibility to the Hubbard family who donated the place to you, and also to its many visitors?

So, please, think again, look at your resource and the children it has served, the programs it has fostered, and the incredible public outreach it has made. Santa Fe, Taos, Las Cruces and other areas do not destroy institutions because they are politically "inconvenient"; rather, they honor

them and try to sustain them through good times and bad because they know that a people who do not cherish and protect, or understand their own heritage and history have no future. Let us not make this excuse or mistake with the Hubbard Museum.

Lynda A. Sanchez
Lincoln

To the editor:

THERE IS AN effort in this community by some negative thinkers to limit the Hubbard Museum of the American West's operation to four days a week. This would be devastating not only to the museum but also to the finances and prestige of all of Lincoln County. I am a volunteer in the museum/tourist industry and am familiar with the need for full-time operations.

Cultural Impact: The Hubbard Museum is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C., one of a handful of museums with this prestigious status. The museum presents numerous displays and programs through collaboration with Fort Stanton State Monument, Fort Stanton, Inc., Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso, Historic Lincoln, Spencer Theater, Mescalero Tribal Cultural Center, and New Mexico Humanities Council. These affiliations allow the full-time staff and full time operation to present displays and programs of interest to Lincoln County visitors and citizens; the only museum of its type in Lincoln County.

Economic Impact: More than 65 percent of museum visitors are not from New Mexico. These visitors have a huge financial impact on Lincoln County. Visitors expect a museum to be open. Continued full-time operation will maintain this positive impact on every facet of Lincoln County. The museum has an annual payroll of approximately \$400,000 for 11 full-time and four part-time employees — in keeping with current economic conditions, a reduction in staff since 2006. Most of the museum's expenses are paid to local vendors. The financial impact of the museum in Lincoln County approaches \$700,000 annually. Only \$80,000 of the museum's funding is from the general fund. The remainder comes from Gift Shop sales, fundraisers, grants, foundations and private donations.

Plans for the future: With full-time operations and some private funding, the museum plans a new children's play area, gallery redesigns, new exhibit cases, new displays and new programs. This gem of Lincoln County needs to continue, and continue on a full-time basis.

Charlotte Rowe
Alto

Who's on first? JUB discusses point of order

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On a request by Ruidoso Municipal Clerk Irma Devine, members of the Joint Use Board that governs a regional wastewater treatment plant, backtracked Wednesday and cleaned up a few messy motions from their previous meeting.

Devine told members, who represent the Village of Ruidoso, the City of Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County, that when she checked the tapes on the March meeting, she discovered in appointing new officers, an incorrect process occurred.

A motion was offered by Ruidoso Councilor and JUB Member Angel Shaw and seconded by Ruidoso Downs Municipal Clerk Carol Virden to appoint Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn as chairman, but Virden subsequently withdrew her second. Therefore, no motion was on the floor when she offered an amendment to Shaw's motion to switch the chairmanship to Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong.

Sitting in for Virden Wednesday, Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards made a motion to ratify the election of Armstrong as chairman, Alborn as vice chairman and Devine as JUB Clerk, which passed unanimously.

Traditionally, the mayor of Ruidoso has served as chairman, because the village is fiscal agent for most of the grants and loans, operates the plant and is responsible for 85 percent of the financial obligation based on plant usage.

Next, Devine asked for clarification on actions at the same March 17 JUB meeting regarding the operation and organization of the board in the future, specifically covering a possible shareholder's approach.

Richards offered a motion to remove the item from the agenda until the completion of Phase 1B of the plant, scheduled for early next year. The motion passes 4-1 with Alborn voting against.

"I think the shareholder plan is valuable and I was looking for some discussion on it," he said when contacted later. "In talking to our people, who are very educated on this possibility, it is a valid way to determine the split (of financial responsibility)."

Devine explained if the item is "postponed," it must be addressed at the next meeting and the maximum it can be carried is three months. If it is postponed indefinitely, it cannot be brought back up.

"If the intent is to be able to bring it back after completion of the plant, the motion to remove is correct," she said.

The attorneys for the village and for the city then launched into the history of the JUB, for the new as well as long-term members. Ruidoso Downs City Attorney H. John Underwood, who for many years served as the village's attorney, said the report reflected the terms of the agreements struck between the participants, but that over the years, not all of those terms necessarily were followed in how the board functioned.

He said a 1974 joint resolution created the JUB, which was to act under a

More funding announced for wastewater treatment plant

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A \$2.9 million award for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration was announced Friday by U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman.

The money will be used to buy equipment for the new court-ordered \$36 million treatment plant operated by the Village of Ruidoso in partnership with the City of Ruidoso Downs. The plant also serves portions of the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico, said the old plant was damaged in a July 2008 flood.

"This \$2.9 million grant is an investment in the future of the region," the senator said. "I am very glad the federal govern-

ment can assist with this extremely important project."

According to Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee, the \$2.9 million isn't new or unexpected dollars.

"It is the \$3 million we have been talking about and waiting on," she said.

The wastewater project, a major obligation hanging over the two municipalities, because of the old plant's degrading effect on the Rio Ruidoso, already received about \$9 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help pay for construction, she said.

Budget next week

"We are setting a meeting next week with (the Ruidoso Downs city clerk and finance official) and our finance folks to create a budget that represents all funds for construction and operating," Lee said. The budget will be pre-

tentious and problematic."

"We're talking about real money and obligations," he said. Over the next year, what's been done to accomplish the operational aspects of the system needs to be reviewed, revised and the duty of the board is to make sure the board is operating correctly, he said.

presented to the JUB in a May workshop, she said, adding that the city of Ruidoso Downs may be handling some money that came directly to that entity.

As fiscal agent for the treatment plant, the village and its employees must juggle, track and justify expenses for the majority or all of grants and loans received.

Funding tracked

To help sort out the multiple sources of funding for the plant, Lee provided the following breakdown.

Grants came from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for \$400,000; from the New Mexico Environment Department in the amounts of \$2.5 million, \$346,500, \$25,000, \$200,000, \$742,500, \$489,000, \$321,750 and \$3.269 million; and from

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for \$1.576 million and \$2.380 million.

Loans were granted by the NMED for \$100,000 and the U.S. Department of Agriculture for \$8.755 million.

General Obligation bonds were issued by the Village of Ruidoso for \$12.6 million, requiring a surcharge on utility bills to create a revenue source to repay the bonds.

The City Council of Ruidoso Downs opted to raise property taxes as that town's guaranteed revenue source to repay \$1.4 million the city issued in G.O. bonds.

With the \$2.9 million grant from the Economic Development Administration, the total generated is \$36.807 million.

Village records show the current drawdown on that figure as \$14.44 million.

what it was supposed to be."

"Did the auditors criticize Ruidoso Downs too?" asked County Commissioner and JUB Member Dave Parks.

"No, the City of Ruidoso Downs never acted as fiscal agent," Underwood said. "The village has it in their budget."

Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee said that in order to relieve the audit criticism, staff suggests creating an agency fund with its own source of revenue, accounted for separately.

Bryant said the step that has been missing is the budget wasn't brought to the JUB for approval, "except for a couple of times in the late 1970s or early 1980s."

Next month, a proposed budget will be brought to the JUB for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year, he said.

In line with that issue, Shaw on a recommendation from Lee offered a successful motion to set a budget session for 8 a.m., May 19, before the regular meeting at 10 a.m. in the council chambers at Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

The councils for Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs both meet before the JUB and can preview the preliminary budget, Lee said.

"There will be some changes," the manager warned. "There will be actual expenses and revenue as a separate agency." A preliminary budget must be submitted to the state by June 1.

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ENMU renews property lease

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A lease agreement for property that could someday become the location of a new Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso campus in the Alto area is approved by the local college board.

The \$75,000 annual lease would yet require an approval from the ENMU Board of Regents.

The agreement would be with the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, which was given the 139-acres of land and a partially constructed building from the Jacqueline Spencer Morgan Trust in 2008.

The lease is fashioned at the \$75,000 per year level for five years. For the following 95 years the annual cost would be \$1.

"That was so nobody else can come along and do anything with that property now," said ENMU-Ruidoso College Board member Tim Harkins.

The agreement also does not require an approval from the New Mexico Higher Education Department because the term is

less than 25 years and the amount is less than \$100,000.

Legislation that would have firmed up the lease faltered earlier this year in Santa Fe. While the New Mexico Senate unanimously approved a joint resolution that would grant the Department of Cultural Affairs the authority to lease the property long-term, the measure faltered in the House in February, near the end of the regular session of lawmakers.

College President Clayton Alred had said at the time the process of establishing the Cedars Campus in Alto will take time.

"The expansion of the campus has always been seen as a long-term process," he said.

The lease had been reviewed by the Higher Education Department's Capital Outlay Committee earlier this year.

Several contingencies were placed on the proposed new campus, including the Department of Cultural Affairs ownership of the building, legislative approval for the lease, ENMU's inclusion of the Capitan Municipal School

District boundaries in the college's taxing district, ENMU submitting a local general obligation bond to support 50 percent of the renovation of the building, and no operational and maintenance funding would be supplied for the building until it is run as an instructional facility.

ENMU-Ruidoso established a goal of a Long Term Master Facilities Plan to include options for financing and construction of new campus facilities.

That would include a feasibility study to include architectural and design work for development of a college campus on the Spencer property and adjoining land across the road from the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts.

A performing arts academy has been eyed for the satellite campus. By providing educational and training programs in the performing arts area, ENMU-Ruidoso would be able to partner with and benefit from the proximity to the Spencer Theater in the areas of mentorship, internship and faculty participation.

Salas resigns from board

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A five-year member of the Ruidoso Municipal School District Board has tendered his resignation last week, and a replacement was selected Monday.

Rafael "Rifle" Salas will depart the education board effective May 25. He was elected to a first-term as a Ruidoso village councilor in early March.

The education board tapped Mark Beatty, a Ruidoso High School graduate, said board vice-president Frank Sayner, who made the motion to appoint Beatty.

Salas had been first elected to the school board in February 2005, and reelected to a second term in February 2009.

Salas said he had gotten a better understanding of the commitments after serving a month-and-a-half on the Village Council and the school board.

"This was a difficult decision to make, but given the amount of time needed for either position, I felt the need to fully dedicate that time on one elected position," said Salas. "I carefully evaluated and considered the amount of time to dedicate for each service."

The other contender for Salas' remaining 33-month term was Devin Marshall.

Sayner said the appointment was made Monday evening during a special board meeting. "The reason for the replacement now is to attend the annual School Law Conference in June. It's done by the New



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Ruidoso School Board President Susan Lutterman presents resigning board member Rafael "Rifle" Salas with the Distinguished Warrior Award.

Mexico School Board Association."

Sayner said when Salas was elected to the Ruidoso Village Council people knew there would be a school board vacancy. "It was pretty apparent that he would resign," he said.

At the April 20 school board meeting Salas was presented with the Distinguished Warrior Award by board president Susan Lutterman.

"The great thing about Rifle is, you know he's been on the board for the past five years, he's been in parks and rec for years and years, and he's been celebrating children and the community all that time," said Lutterman. "Now that he is a councilman he's

going to go ahead and still continue to represent us, but in a different capacity."

Salas said he was "very honored" to have served with the other board members and Bea Etta Harris, the district's superintendent.

"I hold the utmost respect for these servants and consider myself taking a demotion. For these members and all previous board members of the Ruidoso School District have given of their time and expertise to invest in our most valuable assets, our children."

Salas said he hoped that the federal No Child Left Behind Act would be changed to "every child will be taught."

One less SRO for Ruidoso

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The end of "double dipping" for public employees in New Mexico will impact the number of school resource officers (SRO) next year in the Ruidoso Municipal School District.

Legislation signed by Governor Bill Richardson last month prohibits public employees who retire, and then return to public employment, from collecting their pension in addition to a paycheck.

"When officers retire they come back in positions like school resource officers," interim Ruidoso Police Chief Dick Swenor told Ruidoso school officials. "They draw a minimum wage to help them in their retirement which is less than they made full-time. We've got some highly qualified people not only here but school districts all around the state that, effective the first of July of this year, are going to lose those school resource officers."

Swenor said he understood the Albuquerque School District could lose

about 75 percent of their SROs.

The Public Employees Returning to Work Act will take effect July 1.

Under the measure retirees who return to work cannot collect their Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) pension.

Retirees must wait out 12 months before returning to public employment, including as an independent contractor.

And current return-to-work employees must pay the PERA employee contribution.

"So what we've been doing is trying to make sure we can get the money together," said Swenor. "We've looked at several options. It seems like financially the one option available to us is one fully qualified, full-time school resource officer that would have to work all three campuses."

Currently there are two SROs attached to Ruidoso High School and Ruidoso Middle School.

"I had sincerely hoped that this year we would have been able to put in a

"The school resource program works."

Dick Swenor
RPD Interim-Chief

third position, into the White Mountain complex," said Swenor.

"Regrettably police handling of incidents on school campuses has gone up 30 percent in this school year. I stay awake at nights, as Dr. Harris knows, worrying about something that might happen on one of those campuses. The school resource program works."

A joint powers agreement between the Village of Ruidoso and the school district would place the one SRO for regular school days for the coming school year.

The agreement would be in effect from Aug. 1, 2010, to July 31, 2011.

"The Village of Ruidoso and the Ruidoso schools each pay half of the salary and the benefits," said Susan Lutterman, the president of the school board.

"That's how we can get by with a school resource officer which is a win-win for everyone."

Author LaFaye to speak at RMS

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Young readers author A. LaFaye will be at the Ruidoso Middle School next Monday to talk with students, staff, parents and others in the community.

LaFaye, is the author of *Worth*, a story about a New York orphan who ends up on a farm in Nebraska.

"I'd read about the Orphan Train and felt sympathy for those kids who were plopped down in a new world after facing great family tragedies," said LaFaye. "But I began to wonder about the families who took them in, especially those families that already had children. I wanted to look at how the new additions shaped the family."

Worth is the middle school's One Book, One Community selection, a program that encourages students and community members to read the same book during the same time period, and then discuss issues raised in the book, said school librarian Michael Sinkovitz.

From April 19-30 students have been reading and discussing *Worth* in the humanities and other classes. On May 3, LaFaye, who is an award-winning author, will be speaking to the humanities classes during the day, and then discuss her book with students and others during the evening, from 6-8 p.m.

"As an added attraction to the evening events, the middle school seventh grade drama class will perform scenes from *Worth* on



A. LAFAYE

the stage in the commons area," said Sinkovitz. "Middle school art students will also be designing posters for Ms. LaFaye's visit."

The One Book, One Community program was started during the 2006-07 school year.

The LaFaye visit is the second by an author since the program started at the Ruidoso Middle School.

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Rio Ruidoso restoration stalls County GRT collections down

■ Meeting set for May 26 to clear 'log jam'

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Clearing up a log-jam is how Ruidoso's deputy village manager described a planned May 26 meeting with the attorney who represents the environmental group that sued over the deteriorating water quality in the Ruidoso River.

That lawsuit filed by WildEarth, Guardians and several individuals who live in Hondo Valley led to a court settlement requiring the construction of a \$36 million advanced technology wastewater treatment plant to reduce the level of contaminants discharged into the river, and a requirement to spend \$1 million improving the water quality in other ways.

During a meeting last week of the Joint Use Board that governs the plant, members noted that JUB Attorney Ned Kendrick sent a memorandum about the authority of the Ruidoso River Restoration Committee, appointed to select projects to be funded by the \$1 million.

He explained the RRRC is not incorporated and is not a governmental entity subject to state procurement laws. It was created by the parties to the consent judgment to approved projects to restore and protect the Rio Ruidoso, he wrote.

The projects may include work initially proposed by the village or the city or the JUB, or projects proposed by the RRRC. The composition of the RRRC was intended to represent the interests of the parties to the judgment and to provide expertise relevant to the selection of projects. A majority vote of the RRRC is required to approve a project.

"Because the RRRC is not independently funded, it must coordinate with the village, the city and the JUB to obtain money," Kendrick wrote. Of the \$1 million that must be encumbered by the village and the city, \$850,000 must come from Ruidoso and \$150,000 the city of Ruidoso Downs.

"Because VOR and CORD, parties to the consent judgment, jointly own and operate Ruidoso's wastewater treatment plant, the JUB currently must also approve the funding of river restoration projects," Kendrick wrote. "In summary, the RRRC is responsible for approving the scope and budget for each qualifying project. The (village, city and/or JUB) are responsible for funding and implementing each project with the oversight of the RRRC."

Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards told JUB members in a memorandum that Stream Dynamics was approved by the three entities to develop criteria for selecting projects and will evaluate those proposed by the two towns. The cost of the study is \$40,000 and will be an expense credited to the \$1 million. The company's contract runs out Aug. 30, and the RRRC will not approve any projects until then, he wrote.

"Under the terms of the consent judgment, funds are to be encumbered for the approved projects commencing in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and within five fiscal years, the VOR and CORD shall encumber

funds for and implement at least \$1 million in approved projects," he wrote.

"The RRRC needs to acknowledge their delay in approving projects and agree to a time extension for completing projects. The CORD submitted the Riverside Park project to the RRRC on May, 2009 for consideration, with no action to date."

He added that the Stream Dynamics study was not provided for, nor was it a prerequisite for project selection.

"The RRRC was structured to provide adequate expertise and given authority to evaluate and approve projects," Richards wrote. "The VOR and CORD must not be penalized for not meeting consent judgment deadlines. If necessary, the terms of the consent judgment must be extended."

Morris said the May 26 meeting will involve Kendrick, WildEarth Guardian attorney Steve Sugarman and members of the RRRC, and should "clear the logjam."

"I think we need direction from Sugarman, who represents the other side of the house and the RRRC needs to get going. They don't have to wait for Stream Dynamics," he said.

Failure to meet deadline could result in fines and additional court sanctions.

Under another agenda item, JUB members who

are the mayors and other officials from the two towns and one Lincoln County commissioner, approved the first amendment to a contract with Stream Dynamics Inc., which allows a time extension to complete the work contracted to them from May 22 to June 30, and extends the scope of work from July 27 to Aug. 30, because of adverse weather. Heavy snow delayed the beginning of the work.

The firm is preparing maps of tributaries, including Carrizo Creek, Gavilan Canyon Creek Cedar Creek and Alto Reservoir, looking at ecological conditions of the waterways, potential recreation sites, urbanized areas and features, and will do other layers as determined by the RRRC on a task order basis.

They are to rank all river improvement projects based on criteria approved by the RRRC and JUB and present them to the two bodies with cost estimates within one month of the projects being approved by the two or by Aug. 30, whichever is later.

Present mapping and preliminary assessment of potential projects to result in an improvement to river health and enhanced water-based recreational opportunities, should be ranked by June 30.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

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While informing Lincoln County commissioners last week, County Manager Tom Stewart mentioned that the gross receipts tax collected by the county is down 11.7 percent.

"We get the GRT check on about the 19th of each month, and it represents collections two months behind, so the last was through January 2010," he said.

"So that includes most of the ski season?" asked Commission Chairman Tom Battin.

Stewart said it did not cover the busy spring break week. He added that lodgers tax collected in the county increased during the same period, indicating a successful ski season.

A breakdown of county lodgers tax collection since Fiscal 2006-07 provided by County Treasurer Beverly Calaway shows the effects of the national economic downturn in 2008-09, but with three months of the fiscal year left to go, 2009-10 looks promising.

In 2006-07, the county collected \$59,261 in lodgers tax. The total went up by nearly 14 percent in 2007-08 to \$68,709.55, but dropped to \$57,933 in 2008-09. Monthly figures this year don't mirror 2007-08, but look better than last fiscal

year, except for September 2008. The high lodgers tax that month reflects the massive flood on the Rio Ruidoso, which necessitated that many home owners to leave their houses for temporary shelter in area motels, and the event brought tourists into the village to see the damage.

As of the March lodgers tax payment, the county this fiscal year collected \$53,088, with three months left to go. The county collects only from motels, cabins, campground and RV parks in unincorporated portions of the county. Municipalities levy their own lodgers taxes.

The county levies a 1/8th of 1 cent gross receipts taxes on the sale of goods and services anywhere in the county. Out of 10 months of the current fiscal year collected to date, only two exceeded the tax collected in the 2008-09 fiscal year, September 2008 and March 2009, and then by only a few thousands of dollars.

But one month, July 2008, collections fell by \$16,000 compared to last fiscal year. With two months of the current fiscal remaining, the county has collected \$485,735 compared to \$644,712 for the previous 12-month period.

In other financial business, a special county commission budget meeting is set for 9 a.m., May 4, at the

county courthouse in Carrizozo. The county manager will give an overview and then 17 external agency requests will be reviewed that total \$390,159.95. A detailed breakdown will follow of each budget request of county departments, unfunded internal requirements, the medical care related budget and the infrastructure capital improvement list.

The manager will submit his recommendations and receive guidance from the commission.

In other news from the manager's report:

- on April 8, the state auditor approved an audit contract for Fiscal Year 2009-10 with Accounting and Consulting Group of Albuquerque under a multi-year contract request for proposals response. The audit is due to the state by Nov. 15.

- a Federal Emergency Management Agency flood plain review was conducted March 9 at the county's substation in Ruidoso with Flood Plain Administrator Curt Temple. A flood plain assistance visit is set for 10 a.m., May 5, at the substation.

- the Deer Park Special Assessment District project bid was advertised in area newspapers. A pre-bid conference is set for May 5, at county commission chambers in Carrizozo. The bid opening will occur May 12.

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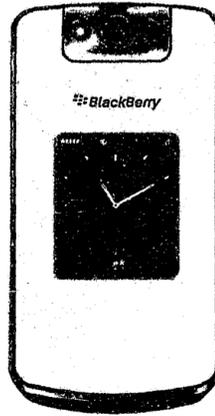
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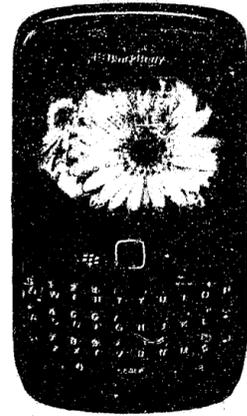
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Two injured in collapse of kite tent

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Two people were injured when a large tent at the Ruidoso Kite Festival collapsed in strong winds Friday afternoon.

The incident happened about 1:30 p.m., a half hour after the annual kite-flying event began.

The two injured volunteers at the event were taken by ambulance to the Lincoln County Medical Center. Their ages were listed as 18 and 27.

Responders from Lincoln County EMS and the village's fire department were called to the location of the White Mountain Sports Complex soccer field near White Mountain Drive and Hull Road.

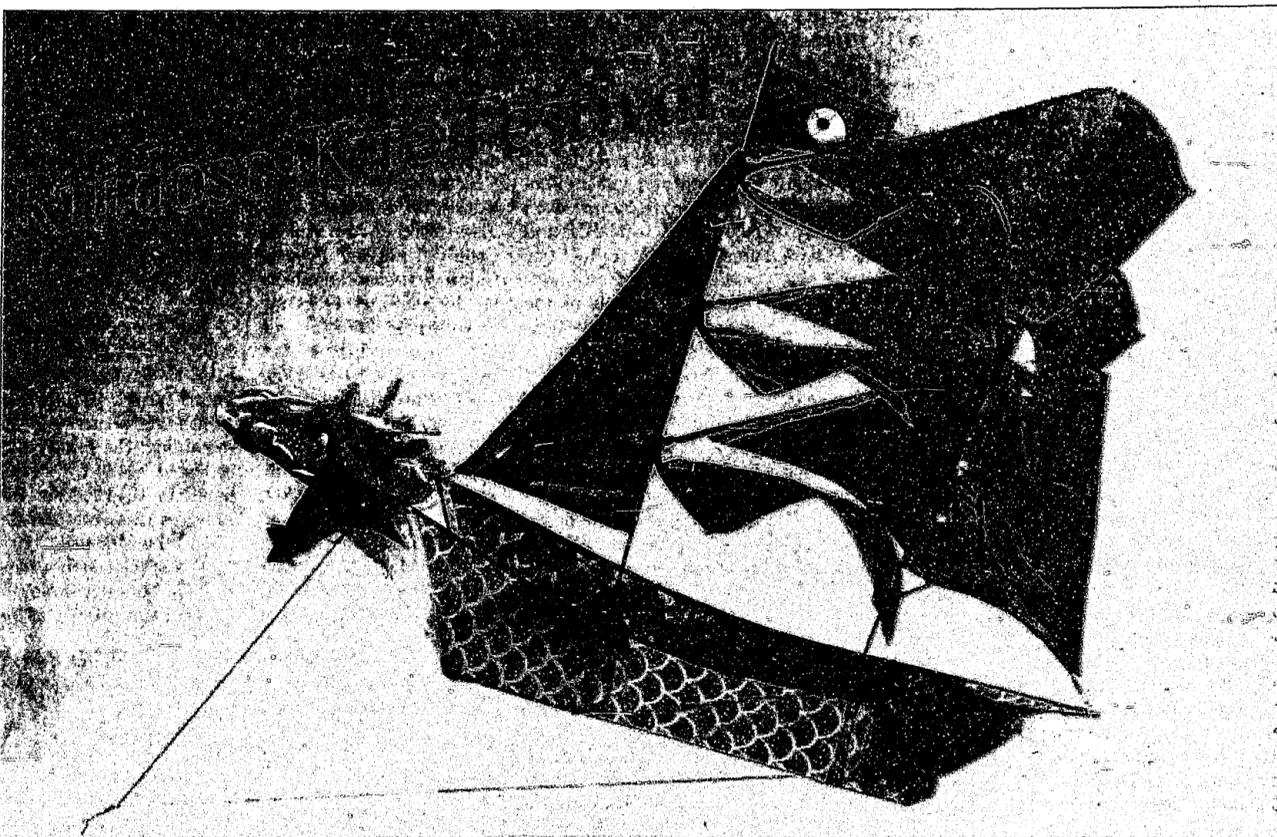
Bill Morris, Ruidoso's deputy village manager, said the big tent began to roll and then took off in the wind, which pulled its stakes out of the ground.

A crew from the village's Parks and Recreation Department was brought in to disassemble the damaged tent.

Morris said because of the strong winds the kite festival was officially cancelled, but in reality it resumed on Saturday and Sunday.

Wind gusts on Friday exceeded 50 mph at times. On Saturday the strongest winds were a bit subdued, at around 40 miles per hour.

Last weekend marked the fourth anniversary of the Ruidoso Kite Festival.



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Allens, lizards and dragon ships visited the skies over Ruidoso during the annual kite festival, which resumed over the weekend after a tent collapsed due to high winds Friday.

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MAW 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 07

11:45 Convoys arrive from El Paso, Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Roswell. Public on street to welcome troops
Welcome & Greeting - All visitors are encouraged to join the Welcome Line to greet the troops as they enter the Race Track Infield.

12:00 Noon Convoys arrive at Race Track Infield
1:00 BOWMAN and GRAUNKE arrive Sierra Blanca Regional Airport

SATURDAY, MAY 08

8:00 Open to public
8:00 NM Space Museum rocket launches
8:30 Sierra Blanca Steppers
9:00 OPENING CEREMONY
Honor Guard. From Pelican Rapids, Mn., Lt. Col. Chaplain Gary Garvey, USAF, ret. to deliver the Invocation
9:04 Lou Chamales and Jason Leary, El Paso Skydivers to Jump
9:44 Army Band Ensemble and RHS Band play National Anthem...

MAW 2010 Wounded Warrior, Mark Graunke
Sgt. 1st Class Dana Bowman, ret. Former Golden Knight to Jump
9:45 Brigadier General Doug Murray presents award to

the winners of the 2010 Essay Writing Contest.

1st place, grade 9-12, Megan Meyer, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond+ \$50. Personal check
1st place, grade 6-8, Morgan Lynskey, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond
2nd place, grade 6-8, Xena Yankee, \$50 U.S. Treasury Bond
3rd place, grade 6-8, Britanni Kelley, \$25 U.S. Treasury Bond
1st place, grade 3-5, Aaron Foster, \$100 U.S. Treasury Bond
2nd place, grade 3-5, Brennan Stewart, \$ 50 U.S. Treasury bond
3rd place, grade 3-5, Sydney Annala, \$25, U.S. Treasury Bond
K-2 winner, Alycia Alagi, Pizza Hut classroom pizza party

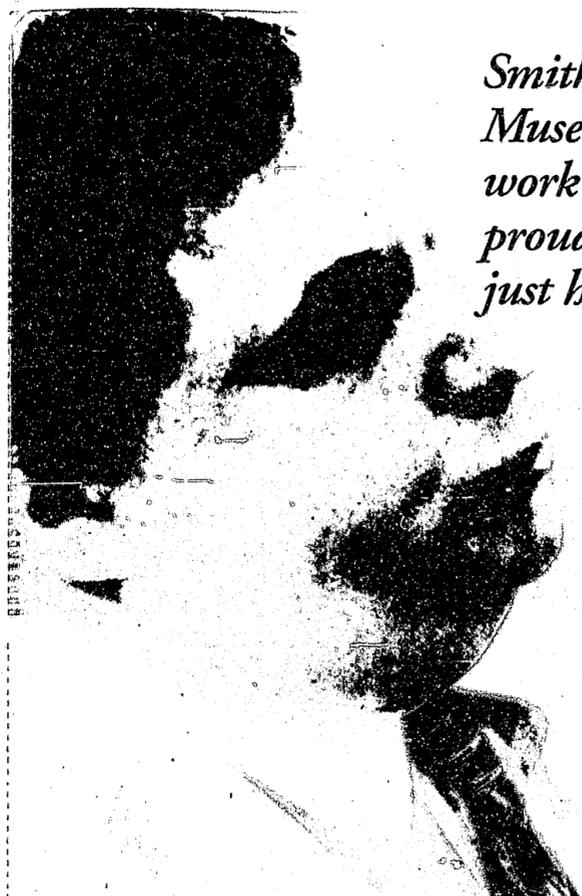
10:00 The EST, shooting skills training center is open, N.M. Space Museum will be launching rockets
10:15 Sierra Blanca Steppers perform a dance routine
10:45 Ron Massey in his home-restored Piper L21B Super Cub. Flown in Korea
12:45 El Paso Skydivers and Dana Bowman perform Jumps
1:30-2:30 Brian Scott, USA Karaoke Champion & Reggie Penniger on stage
(2:00 Reception in Turf Club - See Reception Schedule)
2:30 NM Space Museum rocket launches
3:30-4:30 44th Army Band Ensemble in Concert on Demo Field Stage

SUNDAY, MAY 09
1:00 Farewell to the Troops Parade- from the Race Track to the "Y"

This project is sponsored in part by the Lodgers Tax Association, Village of Ruidoso Downs, Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County and N.M. Dept. of Tourism



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SMITH

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time positions. That savings alone for those actions was \$85,000 a year," Smith had said.

He said what had been a \$1.5 million annual museum budget when the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard owned the facility has been trimmed by \$500,000 over the more than four years as a city enterprise. The initial pledge of \$150,000 in annual support from Ruidoso Downs' general fund had now been cut to \$80,000, according to

Smith.

"I dare to say there is no other department that has come anywhere close to those numbers," Smith had told the mayor and council. "So when you ask us to be 'team players,' I believe we have been more than just team players."

The city began looking Tuesday toward a budget for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1.

Earlier this month resident Joyce Gustafson recommended the museum trim down its seven-day a week operation to four days.

"Cities all over our state and nation are having to

cut back on their museum costs in order to survive this bad economy," Gustafson said. "Why doesn't someone in our city government try using some common sense when it comes to spending the taxpayers' dollars."

Speaking to Mayor Tom Armstrong, Gustafson urged him to make good on changes promised during his 2008 campaign.

"Rewrite this contract, or better yet, give the museum and what's left of his money, back to R.D. Hubbard."

Smith said he believed it would be difficult to give the museum back to the

Hubbards because the nature of municipal ownership.

The museum has a staff of 15, with an annual payroll of about \$400,000.

"I love the Hubbard Museum," Smith said Tuesday. "I'm proud of the work we've done here. I'm proud of the staff. We were just hitting our stride, and that is a special moment for museums," he said of the employees.

Smith was hired by the city in October 2005, coming from the Kansas City Museum.

Jim Kofakis, who is in charge of funding and special events at the museum, told the mayor and city councilors he was shocked to hear Smith present his resignation.

"I must have talked to him 50 times today (Monday) and didn't know what was coming," said an emotional Kofakis. "For the record, in the 35 years I've been out of college I've had lots of bosses, lots of supervisors. Jay is the most loyal, hardworking, dedicated boss I've ever had. He will be missed and I think you will all see that when he leaves," he told city officials.

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JUB sets signing protocol

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After a lengthy discussion Wednesday, members of the Joint Use Board that governs the regional wastewater treatment plant agreed to a simple answer to questions about who should sign official documents.

The members represent the Village of Ruidoso, City of Ruidoso Downs and the Lincoln County Commission. The municipal members agreed that to avoid going back to their respective councils for approval of contracts, projects and grant application, the signature of a representative of the fiscal agent should be added to documents, along with the chairman's signature and an attestation of validity by the JUB clerk.

In this case, Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn is vice chairman and represents the village, which is the fiscal agent. He can sign with JUB Chairman Tom Armstrong, mayor of Ruidoso Downs.

Ruidoso Village Attorney Dan Bryant said that, with a \$36 million obligation to pay off the new court-ordered treatment plant, it is better to be safe in the eyes of the attorney general and the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

The fiscal agent accepts grants, issues contracts, incurs contractor costs, write checks to contractors and asks for reimbursements from grant agencies, the attorney said.

"It's not a matter of who has the power or the control," Bryant said. "It's do we do it right to get reim-

bursed under various programs."

In other action dealing with meeting procedures, JUB members established by resolution:

- that the meeting agenda will be formalized one week ahead and a preagenda meeting involving one member from each of the two municipalities will be scheduled. More members can't attend, because then a quorum would be created.
- that any member can schedule an item on the agenda
- that two members or a majority are needed to cancel a meeting
- that the meeting will not be subheaded with new business and old business, which Bryant said is an antiquated approach
- that the minutes will be summary unless verbatim transcripts are requested by a member and approved by the board
- that a provision for public input be left in the procedures on Bryant's advice based on an opinion from the state Attorney General's interpretation of the Open Meetings Act and situations when the National Environmental Policy Act might require public input.
- that a provision be left for a consent agenda to cover items that fall under a spending cap for staff. Consent agenda items are acted on by the board without discussion and as a group in one motion.

JUB member and Ruidoso Councilor Angel Shaw said the best aspects of establishing policy by resolution is that the members can quickly change something that is not working.

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Jan's Skin Spa creates younger, healthier skin

By Beth Phillips, Special Advertising

The team here at Jan's Skin Spa opened up in downtown Ruidoso. Jan's Skin Spa is now looking younger and feeling rejuvenated.

Microdermabrasion is being in clients from all over the state. The high-tech procedure isn't the same old, same old. "They're like a mini-laser but for those that don't want to go under the knife," said owner, Janice Elliott, who is a beauty enthusiast for South Lyon, Michigan.

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Results

Baseball

Saturday, April 24
Ruidoso 5, Portales 4
Portales 11, Ruidoso 1
Lordsburg 15, Capitan 14
Capitan 14, Lordsburg 4

High School Softball

Friday, April 24
Dexter 14, RHS 2
Dexter 13, RHS 11

Sports On Tap

Track

Friday, April 30
Ruidoso girls and boys teams host District 4-3A competitions.

Baseball

Friday, April 30
Dora at Capitan, DH, 1 & 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 1
NMMI at Ruidoso, DH, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Lordsburg at Capitan, DH, 1 & 3 p.m.

Tennis

Friday, April 30
Ruidoso at Portales, District 3A championship

High School Softball

Thursday, April 29
RHS at Mesilla, DH, 3 & 5 p.m.
Friday, April 30
Portales at RHS, DH, 4 & 6 p.m.
Capitan at Lordsburg, DH, 3 & 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4
RHS at Dexter, DH, 4 & 6 p.m.

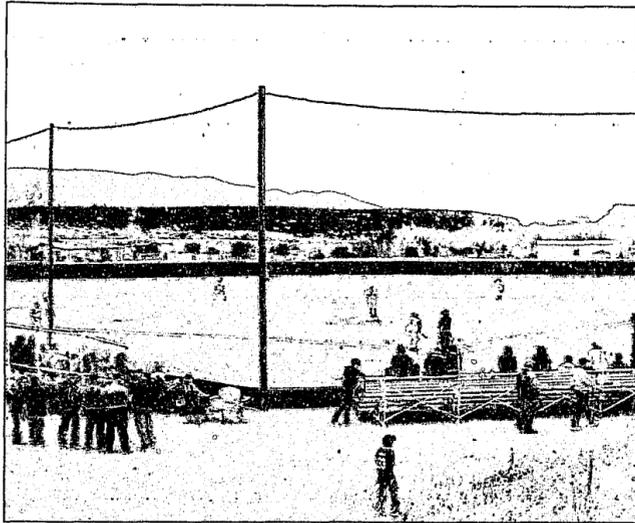
Little League

Wednesday, April 28
Minors, Angels vs. Dodgers, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Marlins vs. Rays, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Thursday, April 29
Majors, Cubs vs. Indians, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Majors, Red Sox vs. Rockies, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Friday, April 30
Minors, D-Backs vs. Cubs, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Saturday, May 1
Majors, Rockies vs. White Sox, 12 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Rays vs. Dodgers, 3 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Tigers vs. D-Backs, 6 p.m., Gavilan
Monday, May 3
Minors, Cubs vs. Angels, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
Minors, Tigers vs. Marlins, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek
Tuesday, May 4
Majors, Indians vs. Red Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan
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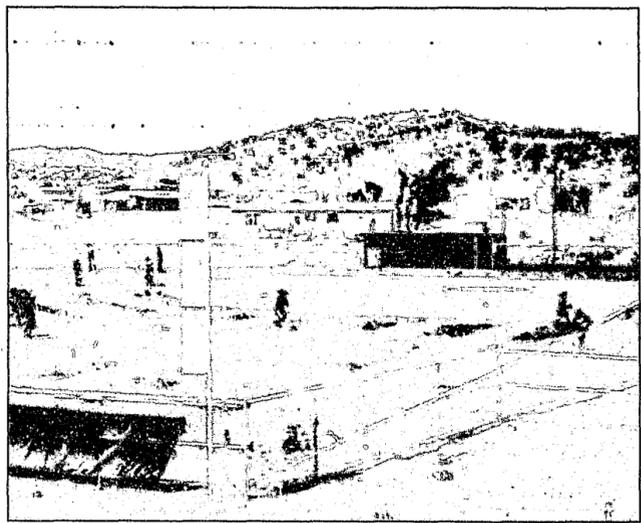
Hershey's Track Meet

The annual Hershey's Track Meet is being held at the Ruidoso High School track facility on May 15. Girls and boys ages 9-14 can participate in 9 different running and field events. Ribbons will be awarded and you will have a chance to qualify for the state meet in Roswell and an all-expense paid trip to Hershey, PA. Competitive events include 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter dash, 4X100-meter relay, 800-meter run, 1600-meter run, standing long jump and softball throw. There will also be "Fun Runs" for the younger kids. Call 257-5030 for more information or see our flyers around town.



FILE PHOTO

Alpine Field began its first scheduled baseball game on March 10, 2007, in a game between the Tigers and the Eunice JV Cardinals.



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Hamilton Field began softball action on the same day as Alpine Field in a scrimmage game between the Lady Tigers and the Lady Warriors.

Capitan complex progresses

The Tigers' baseball and softball fields are fast becoming a meeting hub

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Capitan's original plan to redefine their neighborhood and showcase the Tigers' athletics and extracurricular activities is coming together as scheduled.

"Our high school is the center-piece of our community," Capitan High School Principal Jerrett Perry said. "The baseball and

softball fields, which were finished three years ago, and the just-finished "concession" structure, are showing us just how important athletics are to the populace in the area.

"It gives our residents a well-designed and comfortable place to congregate, visit and be entertained and regaled.

"It's exciting to have our baseball and softball teams do well. Our girls have won

district softball titles the last three years in a row."

Both, the baseball and softball programs were started in 2006 with both teams on probation because they were first-year teams in district play. Hamilton Field (softball) and Alpine Field (baseball) first saw action on March 10, 2007, which coincided with the first official season for both teams. The Lady Tigers scrimmaged the Lady Warriors while the Tigers' baseball squad split a doubleheader with the Eunice JV Cardinals.

It was commented on at

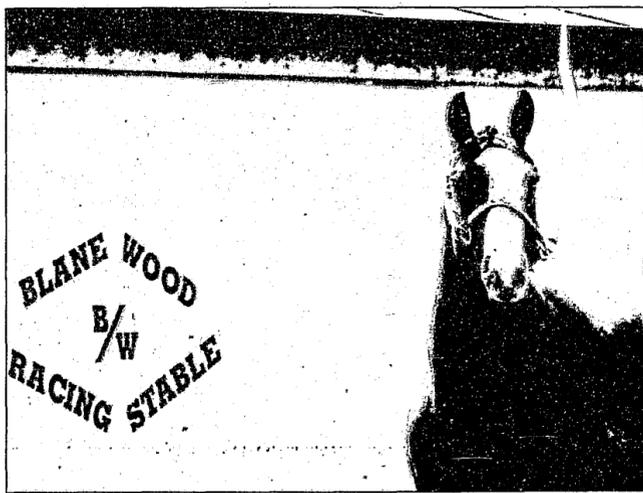
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The newly constructed "concession" structure houses a refreshment area and men's and women's bathrooms and locker rooms

THE BEGINNING: A GATHERING OF HORSES



COURTESY TY WYANT/RUIDOSO DOWNS TRACK PUBLICIST

A just-arrived athlete gets some needed exercise at the Blane Wood barn. Horses began arriving at Ruidoso Downs Race Track Monday and the influx will continue during the week. The simulcast of the Kentucky Derby will be shown at the track May 1.



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Residents of Carl Draper's barn settle in for the coming race meet which begins May 28 with Ruidoso Futurity trials. The track will open for workouts May 3.

Tigers split doubleheader with Lordsburg

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The Capitan Tigers lost the first game of Saturday's twin-bill 15-14 in seven innings but roared back in the second contest to take down the visiting Mavericks, 14-4, in five innings and put their overall season mark at 6-9.

On April 9, the two teams split a doubleheader at Lordsburg in like manner, with the Tigers losing the first game, 19-7, but winning the second competition 21-11.

Junior right-hander Rudy Chavez started the first game for the Tigers and was relieved by freshman Raul Villegas.

Although Villegas is slight of

stature he possesses sound pitching mechanics and consistently puts the ball in play.

A hurler like Villegas needs dependable defense behind him and this was not always the case in his outing. Normally, 14 runs is enough to win a high school game.

"We are struggling in the outfield," Tigers' head coach James Weems said. "We need to correct this: Offensively, we hit well, but defensively my kids could be more aggressive at times. On the positive side, Christian Quiroz has come through for us at the plate."

Leo Villegas slammed a four-bagger with one on in the first inning of Saturday's initial game to give the



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Leo Villegas tries to connect. He hit a 2-run homer in the first game.

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Aggies split final non-conference twin-bill

LADY TIGERS SOFTBALL

SUN-NEWS REPORT
Las Cruces Sun-News

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — The New Mexico State softball team split a double-header against Cal State Bakersfield at the Roadrunner Softball Complex Monday afternoon winning game two 5-1 after a 7-1 loss in the opener.

NMSU moves to 22-25 overall while Cal-State Bakersfield goes to 19-29 on the year.

In game two, NMSU scored first. Junior Ashley Maroda singled to start the second inning. Senior Angie Ortega hit a sacrifice bunt to advance Maroda. Freshman Amber Olive hit an infield single to move Maroda to

third. A ground out by senior Ali Baumhover allowed Maroda to score.

In the top of the third, Aggie sophomore Tiare Jennings blasted a home run to left center to record her seventh four-bagger of the season and make it 2-0.

The Aggies extended their lead in the fourth. Ortega ripped a one-out single down the left field line to reach first. Sophomore Shaleese Javillo came in to pinch run for Ortega and subsequently stole second. Olive laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Javillo to third. Baumhover drew a walk off of Roadrunner starter Shawna Truan to put runners on the corners. Freshman Tehani Kaaihue

blooped a single to shallow left to score Javillo and give the Aggies a 3-0 advantage.

NMSU posted another pair of runs in the seventh. The Aggies' 5-1 lead held for the final margin.

Freshman Carissa Theis pitched her first complete game of the season to earn the win and move to 6-9 this season. Truan took the loss to fall to 6-10.

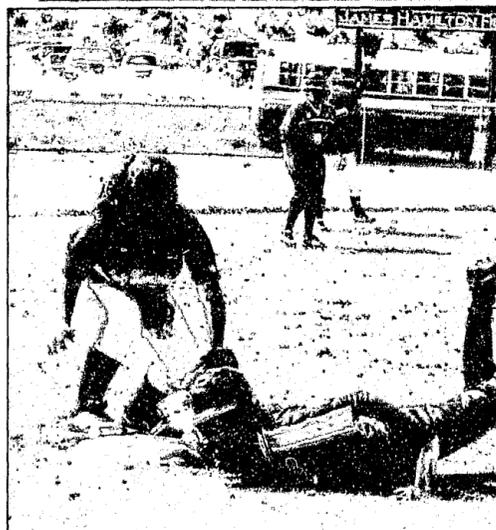
In the opener, Bakersfield started the scoring in the bottom of the first. Third baseman Kelli Bailey opened with a single off of Aggie starter Torrey Schroeder. Center fielder Jill McClelland hit into a fielders choice to reach first. Roadrunner Ryane Petersen hit a home run to left field to

drive in two runs. CSUB second baseman Kristen Archuleta and catcher Jaimie Kleinsmith drew consecutive walks to chase Schroeder from the circle.

Freshman Alex Newman came into pitch for the Aggies with just one out. Roadrunner designated player Danielle Lyman hit an RBI single to score Archuleta for a 3-0 lead after one.

After two scoreless innings, NMSU got on the scoreboard with a solo shot to left by Maroda. Her 10th home run of the season cut the CSUB margin to 3-1.

NMSU returns for its final WAC regular-season home series against Utah State.



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Kymbra Espinosa slides safely back to third in the April 20 double-dip win over Lordsburg, 17-0 and 10-0.

FIELDS

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the time, "This is history in the making. Fifty years from now people will reflect back on today's achievement."

Both parks are set amidst the beautiful surroundings of the Capitan Mountains and the shirt-sleeve weather of that March 10, Saturday, may well have been a harbinger of good things to come for the Capitan community.

Alpine Field is a hitter's park, 310-feet down the lines, 348-feet to straight-away centerfield and clearly marked 8-foot outfield fences with 6-foot wind-

screens. The sun sets behind the batters making it easier to track the ball.

The softball is well laid out and in close proximity to the baseball field and concession building. It is also conducive for 8- to 10-year-old Little League games. Both fields have hosted USSSA ball games for the last two years.

The recently finished concession premises does not merely contain space for food and refreshments, it also houses men's and women's bathrooms and locker-room facilities along with an electrical alcove which maintains the electric for the complex.

The main structure is 60-feet by 27-feet with a 4-foot overhang on the two

60-foot sides to protect bystanders from the elements and an 8-foot overhang on one end to allow BBQ grills to cook hamburgers and hot dogs that are sold in the refreshment area.

The outer face of the structure is comprised of split-face decorative cinder block.

"The completion of the concession building marks the second phase of our complex," Perry explained. "So far, we are about \$800,000 in expenditures."

Phase three for the complex would include lights for both fields and although this is only in the talking stages it might become a reality if the money for the cost can be procured.



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lady Tigers warm up for a game last year on Hamilton Field.

TIGERS

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Tigers a 4-2 lead at the time, going into the fourth inning the hometown boys led 9-3 but the roof fell in on the Tigers in the bottom of that inning when the Mavericks scored seven to take a 10-9 advantage.

Lordsburg pushed five more runners across the dish in their fifth and took the contest by one run. Chavez cracked a homer in the Tigers' sixth but it wasn't enough to overcome the Mavericks.

Junior Logan Eshom stepped on the rubber for

the Tigers in the second game and went the distance only giving up four runs over five innings.

This marks the second occasion Eshom has beaten Lordsburg this season, going the distance each time.

Good defense and timely hitting made the 14 runs Capitan scored stand up for a nice 10-run win.

Among the hits was a mighty 3-run blast over the center-field fence by Chavez for his second round-tripper of the day.

"Our infield played well in both games but our overall defense in the second contest was decidedly better," Weems said. "Left-

fielder Justin Young made All Tournament at the NMMI event March 26-27. We need that kind of play in our outfield.

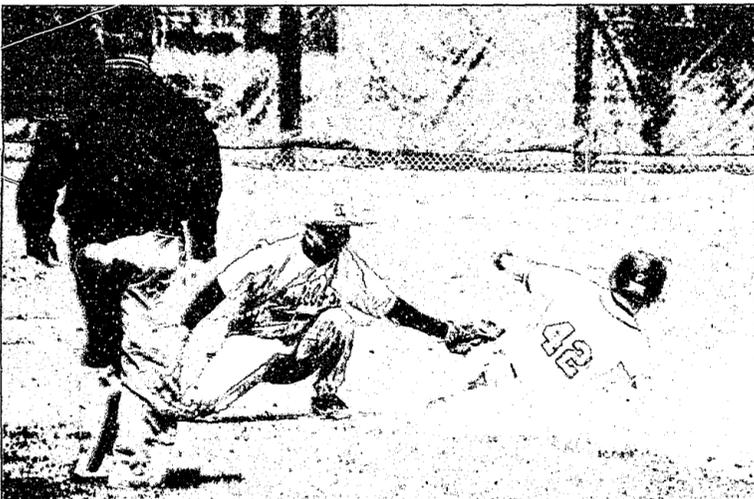
"Pitching, hitting and good glove-play won the second game."

Josh Bellin-Gallagher did a good job on third in both games. He was previously a first-baseman.

Tuesday, Capitan will have played at Mesilla Valley and Friday the Tigers will host Dora at 1 and 3 p.m.

Next season the Coyotes and the Tigers will play in the same district.

Monday, the Tigers will entertain Mesilla Valley at 3 and 5 p.m.



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Christian Quiroz successfully steals second base.

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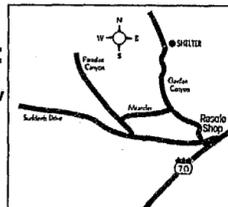
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STANLEY

Stanley is a handsome cat with attractive tabby markings. He has short hair and is a brown tabby with white on his chest and paws. Stanley is excellent with other cats and does very well with dogs. So much so that he is the official "dog tester." What that means is we use Stanley to learn how dogs react with cats because we already know how great Stanley is with dogs! He is about one year old, neutered and current on all his vaccinations.

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LYLE

Lyle is a happy-go-lucky guy who's also full of spunk! He is very outgoing and playful (not to mention talkative). Lyle has a beautiful, soft coat which is brown and he has white on his chest paws and the tip of his long tail. Lyle appears to be a Boxer mix, is about 7 months old and weighs 50 pounds. He is also neutered and current on all his vaccinations.

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CONAN

Conan is a frisky guy, about 1-2 years old. He loves people and does well with other dogs. Conan weighs about 75 pounds.

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LEVI

Levi is a handsome Chihuahua mix about 1-2 years old. He weighs about 16 pounds and is very friendly. Levi has beautiful brown and tan markings.

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HALEY

Haley is a 6 month old kitten with short soft fur. She is shy, but very sweet. Haley has brown tabby and white markings.

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BROOKE

Brooke is a striking tortle and white cat, about 1-2 years old. She is very independent, but still friendly. She loves to be pet and brushed.

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SHELLY

Shelly is very sweet and friendly. She loves people and gets along great with other cats. She is young, probably about 1 year old.

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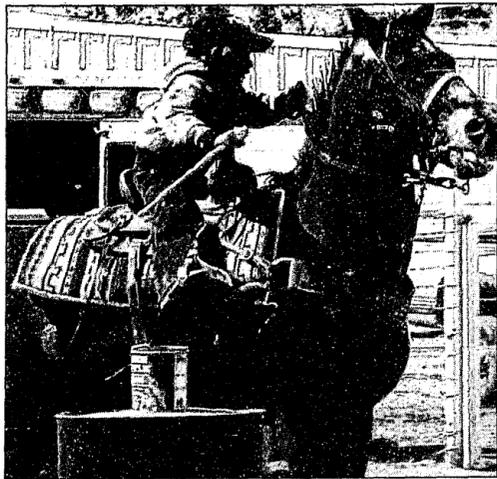
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Memories with Leota

Another month has almost gone by with snow, wind and then turned hot the past two days.

We went to the first Onion Festival in Old Mesilla. It was put on by the DACCA college students. It turned out to be our really first day of being warm and no breeze.

There were several demonstrations on the various ways that onions can be cooked and the various varieties of sweet and pungent onions. A very interesting and educational day.

We ate at the Village Inn this morning and I got into a conversation with a couple that went in at the same time as us.

He had a very interesting cane and the conversation went from there – both of us not having what we have in Las Cruces and vice-versa with Lincoln and Alto. I never know who I will be talking to, and where they are from. I enjoyed talking with you this morning Hanno and Judi.

Judi said they were in Ruidoso last week and it rained all day Friday and

snowed all day Saturday. There was more snow on Sierra Blanca.

A very belated "Happy Birthday" to Leota Pfingsten. Our friendship began in the early '50s. Leota would tell how she and Peg met and beginning her teaching career in the Hanno Schools. She and Peg later moved to their ranch on Nogal Mesa (now subdivided). I don't remember when, but she got a trailer home in Capitan so it would be easier to get to school and not have to drive the bad roads in the winter.



LINCOLN TRAILS ROSALIE DUNLAP

Leota, Myrtle Williams, Opal Peters and Lois Aldrich were among some of the teachers that taught in the Capitan School until their retirement. Leota taught the second grade until she retired. In 1980, she and Peg built their beautiful home west of Lincoln.

Leota was active in many activities and very artistic. She loved to carve and did several beautiful carved Indian heads. She also liked to do small animals. She could be seen at the county fair and enjoying the extension clubs.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

LCRC cowboys and cowgirls from around the state gathered in Capitan Saturday and Sunday to open the 2010 season of youth rodeo competition. Top left, Capitan cowgirls Regan Pruett and Robbie Lee Richardson were crowned the new LCRC Princess and Queen, respectively. Center, a young cowboy grabs the flag in the Flag Race and heads his horse for the finish line. Top right, Tad Dictson, 8, carries on a family tradition in the steer riding. Above, l-r, Payton Hall, 8, Capitan; Calvin Autry, 4, Estancia; and Chaeli Hoehn, 8, Hondo, sit on their horses ready to compete in barrels, poles, flags and goat tying. The rodeo competition will continue into the summer. The LCRC sends a "thank you" to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse for all their help.



COURTESY

Carrizozo sixth graders listen to presentation by Carrizozo Womens Club members and received books by local author Rick Geary.

Geary books distributed to students

Carrizozo sixth graders were recently treated to a presentation by Deborah Geary and Tona Macken of the Carrizozo Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club received a grant to buy books for their local schools and the club chose to purchase works by the well-known local author Rick Geary.

Geary moved to Carrizozo two years ago and is an

eminent cartoonist and author of dozens of best-seller books for young adults.

Geary has won numerous awards, including the prestigious Eisner Award for illustration.

His work has appeared in *National Lampoon*, *Mad Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, the *New York Times Book Review* and many other well known publications.

A wide variety of

Geary's work was chosen by the Woman's Club to enrich the school's curriculum.

The children were excited about the new books being added to their library and they had many questions for Mrs. Geary and Mrs. Macken.

Carrizozo School Librarian Rosemary Shafer will work to get the new books ready for circulation to the students of the school.



COURTESY NMDA

Capitan FFA members tour the NMDA Petroleum lab with chemist Barry Swanson during a tour of NMDA career possibilities in Las Cruces earlier this month.

Capitan FFA learn NMDA roles

LAS CRUCES – New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) was host to some of the state's FFA students while they were participating in State FFA Career Development Event at NMSU. Among them was the Capitan FFA chapter.

"Our NMDA staff was excited to meet these bright students – our future agricultural leaders. We wanted to take the opportunity to teach them about the

important role our department plays in our state's agricultural industry," said NMDA Director/Secretary Dr. Miley Gonzalez.

In all, an estimated 150 FFA students participated in the NMDA/FFA cookout and tours.

"This year NMDA decided to include a tour of our department to give the students an idea of all the different careers involved in the agricultural industry.

"For instance, they could

be involved in marketing New Mexico grown and processed products and students who like science could some day be an NMDA entomologist, a chemist in our NMDA petroleum lab, or maybe a dairy inspector," said Noreen Jaramillo, NMDA public information officer.

NMDA would also like to thank the Las Cruces Walmart Supercenter and area Albertson's for their donations.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Grizzlies Garden

Grizzlies Garden is now open in the science lab of the Middle School. Buy locally – potted plants, perennials, bedding plants, gifts for Mother's Day, tomatoes and cucumbers, peppers and more.

Student horticulturalists will be available daily from 1:40 - 3:35 p.m., to

assist in selecting plants.

The greenhouse can also be opened before or after school or by appointment.

Thank you for supporting the local students.

Music in the Parks

Music in the Parks is sponsoring a concert at McDonald Park on Saturday, May 8, with a noon

potluck or picnic and concert 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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For the second time this month a vehicle was totally destroyed on U.S. Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. Both were consumed in fire.

A vehicle that New Mexico State Police said had been traveling east-bound in excess of 90 miles per hour, left the pavement and overturned just before 10 a.m. on April 4, west of the Valley of Fires.

An accident report stated the driver, Richard Bergsrud, 66, of Ruidoso, had reached for a cell phone on the passenger seat.

The only person in the

car, Bergsrud was not wearing a seat belt.

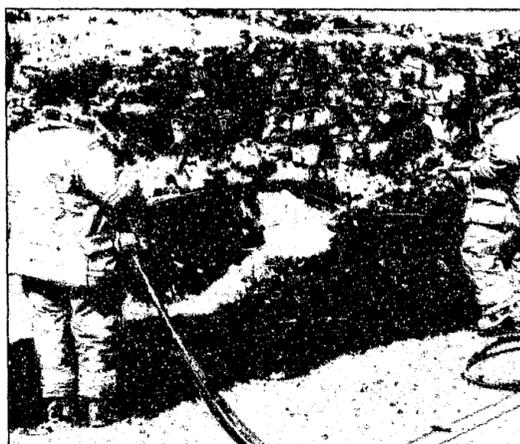
He was able to get out of the vehicle, which became completely engulfed in flames.

Bergsrud was taken by ambulance to a hospital. The extent of his injuries was unknown.

There was no indication if Bergsrud was ticketed.

On April 12 a recreational vehicle was destroyed by flames after the driver left the highway to avoid an oncoming car in his lane. That incident happened about 24 miles west of Carrizozo.

The driver, Johnny R. Black, 64, was also from Ruidoso.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

A one-vehicle rollover accident 4 miles west of Carrizozo was called into the 911-dispatch center at 9:45 a.m., Saturday. The driver was the only person in the car and was able to exit the burning vehicle. The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department responded to the scene along with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the New Mexico State Police.

Paying a tribute to the multifaceted Mike Line

LYN KIDDER
For the Ruidoso News

Mike Line plays many roles in the Ruidoso community — lawyer, judge, drummer, athlete, patient — but when I met him he was a yoga instructor.

He led our class in triconasana or "triangle pose": legs spread in an inverted V, one hand stretched down to grab the front foot, the other hand stretched up to the ceiling.

"Come on now," he urged us in his East Texas

accent, "if the fat boy can do it, so can you."

Line didn't fit the physical stereotype of a yoga instructor. Big and bald, he looks more like a linebacker, and he did play football at the University of Texas. After graduating from law school, his level of physical activity diminished while the eating habits of his football days continued.

In 1994, he was diagnosed with breast cancer and endured bouts of chemotherapy for seven

years. With the steroids, he ballooned to 305 pounds.

Overweight and now debilitated by chemotherapy, he ran into yoga instructor Myra Romero at a party.

"She took one look at me and said, 'You need yoga,'" he remembered. "At that point, I could barely walk, lift weights, run or do anything that I used to do."

He was too self-conscious to attend classes, so he studied in private ses-

sions for more than a year.

Romero, herself a vegan, suggested that he try the vegan diet. By the end of the first year, he had lost 72 pounds and managed to drop several of his medications.

"There was a dramatic change in how I felt," he said. "I started walking three miles a day and went for training to become certified in teaching yoga."

After the training, he began to teach a few classes a week in Romero's stu-

dio. He was often the least flexible person in the room, but that didn't bother him. Being competitive is practically essential for becoming a lawyer, but Line has gotten beyond that aspect of his personality.

This ability impressed me far more than any physical ability — the willingness to let go of competition and focus instead on helping others to do themselves some good.

"Mike is like a combination Buddha and Baptist preacher," one student

said.

"I'd say that's just about right," Line drawled.

"Just a few more seconds," he told us human triangles. "That's okay, even if you can't touch the floor, you're still doing the pose. Ain't no way you can get it wrong. That's what my daddy used to say when he was trying to teach me the Texas two-step. He'd say, 'Ain't no way you can get it wrong. Just do it.' And that was when I stopped worrying and just started to dance."

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 2
11:59 a.m. — An officer was dispatched to Walgreens, 138 Sudderth Dr., for a delayed report of a shoplifting that happened on March 23. The event was shown on a surveillance video recording. A man left the store with a 30-pack of beer without paying for the merchandise. An employee of the store provided an identification of the man. An arrest is pending on a shoplifting offense.

April 15
8:29 a.m. — A case of tampering with a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Jerry Shaw Place. The victims told police that the tires on a car were slashed sometime overnight. A suspect in the incident said they did not slash the tires.

April 17
1:55 a.m. — A report of criminal damage to property was written after a

motorcycle was pushed over at Win, Place and Show, 2516 Sudderth Dr. A police report said damage appeared to be minimal.

April 18
9:45 p.m. — Officers responded to a residence in the 200 block of Hemlock Circle on a report of a domestic incident. The suspect had left the location before police arrived. A woman said an argument broke out during a custody exchange of a child.

April 20
4:22 p.m. — Officers responded to a 9-1-1 caller that said her mother needed help at an address in the 400 block of Hull Road. An argument between a woman and her son was reported. The two were separated to allow for time for everyone to calm down.

April 21
11:47 a.m. — A stolen check was reported to Ruidoso police. The victim said the check had been

cashied electronically three times at Walmart in Ruidoso Downs. The amounts were \$400, \$300 and \$400. Walmart returns checks after they are electronically processed, according to a police report. There was no bank statement yet to cover the period. The case was turned over to the police department's Criminal Investigation Division.

April 22
8:52 a.m. — Missing equipment was reported by the Lincoln County Emergency Services Office. Two hand-held radios were unaccounted for. It was unknown if the portable radios were lost or stolen. The two radios had a value of \$1,400.

1:16 p.m. — Police were called to the New Mexico 12th Judicial District Drug Court, 143 El Paso Rd., in reference to a possible attempted arson. A case manager told police that

sometime overnight the gas cap lock on a government vehicle had been broken off and a rag placed in the gas filler tube.

The rag was apparently ignited. A nearby surveillance camera had snapped a picture of several people in the area. The case was forwarded to the Criminal Investigation Division.

7:32 p.m. — Officers were dispatched to a location in the 200 block of Hemlock Circle on a report of a verbal domestic. Neither the man nor the woman at the residence said there was any violence.

There was a broken living room window that the man claimed the woman broke. He left the residence.

April 23
1:37 p.m. — Criminal damage to property was reported at a home in the 300 block of Brady Canyon Road. A couple from Hobbs said they found two broken

windows and two rocks outside the residence. It was believed no one entered the house. The couple said it had been about six months since they were at the home.

8:10 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a vicious dog in the 300 block of Mary Drive. A German shepherd was found and Johnnie Green, 67, was cited into municipal court for allowing an animal to run at large.

Green told the officer he had been warned about letting the dog run loose three days earlier by a code enforcement officer.

April 24
11:10 a.m. — Windows broken to a home in the 100 block of Sandstone Place resulted in a report of criminal damage to property. A

woman provided the name of a possible suspect, alleging there was an argument over a drug deal. The she then told an officer that she did not need police, and added "thanks for nothing."

1 p.m. — An officer was sent to a residence in the 300 block of Country Club Drive on a report of a check taken from an envelope in a mailbox.

The woman at the location said she had placed the \$500 payment in the mailbox that morning, and when the U.S. Post Office employee came to pick up the mail he said there was only an open envelope with nothing inside.

The case, turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division, is classified as a burglary and fourth degree felony larceny.

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

April 19
4:04 p.m. — An officer arrested Stephanie Smith, no age or hometown provided, during a routine traffic stop.

Smith was wanted on a Ruidoso Magistrate Court warrant for failing to appear in court. She was being held at the Ruidoso Downs police department on a \$1,000 cash only bond.

11:09 p.m. — A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of a man after his driver's

license was run. That check showed two outstanding warrants for Wesley T. Roller, 23, no hometown provided.

April 20
5:03 p.m. — Police arrested Adrian Maldonado, 44, of Ruidoso Downs for driving on a suspended or revoked driver's license. Maldonado was transported to the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo and had a \$1,000 cash only bond imposed.



Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday April 28, 2010, at South Park Cemetery for Ryan Wesley Gluff, of Roswell, who passed away April 24, 2010.

Baby Ryan was born on April 22, 2010, to Wayne and Sheridan Gluff.

He is survived by his grandparents: Stephen and Cheryl Patterson of Roswell, Brent and Shawna Wheat of Ruidoso, and Randy and Becky Gluff of Indianapolis, Ind.; aunt: Brittany Lumb of Roswell; uncles: Kasey Wheat of Ruidoso and Curtis Gluff of Albuquerque. He is also survived by his great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Grace

Perhaps we will forget
Your warm, wrinkled body
next to ours

The way you are wrapped
Like a wonton in blue and
white,

Tiny strands of hair
Sweeping over your brow
your toes pushing out
in search of the walls
that once cocooned you,
close to us your mouth
opening in a circle

as if the world rest
there for a minute and then
your first hungry cry
But, Lord let us always
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That moment of grace
When you reached down
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ER "Bud" Bagley, 83,

of Corona, NM passed away on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 in Mescalero, NM. Bud was born in Odessa, TX on June 30, 1926 to Richard Jennings and Lois (Murchison) Bagley. He married Dorothy Williams in Odessa, TX on May 17, 1947. Bud had lived in Corona for the past 64 years, having previously lived in Odessa. He was a life long rancher. He was a member of the NM Mounted Patrol, serving as Colonel and Chief for 53 years and on the Board of Supervisors of the Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District for 50 plus years. Bud also served in the Navy during WWII. Bud was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Dorothy Bagley, who passed away in 1997 and Betty Bagley who passed away in 2004; son Richard Ray Bagley and his wife Ivy; brother Frank Bagley and daughter-in-law, Lee Bagley. He is survived by his son, Jim Bagley of Corona, NM; daughters Jannie Freeman and her husband Glen of Ruidoso, NM, and Donna Glover and her husband Frank of Melrose, NM; brother, George Bagley and his wife Pat of Dimmitt, TX; sister, Allene Sultemeier of Albuquerque, NM; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. The Funeral Service were at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Corona High School Auditorium with Cal West officiating. A reception followed the service at the Corona High School Recreation Room. Pallbearers were Jim Bagley, Rick Bagley, Rocky Bagley, Drew Bagley, Cooper Glover, and Kole Glover. Honorary Pallbearers were all of Bud's friends and neighbors. Burial followed at the Corona Cemetery.

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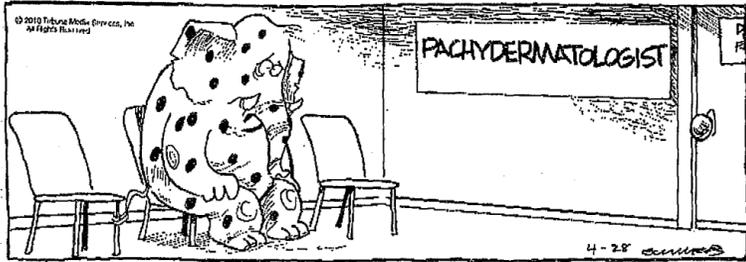
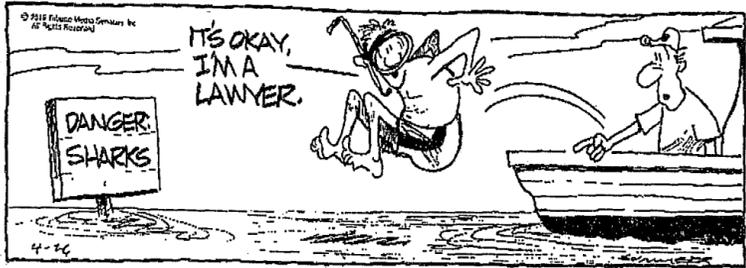
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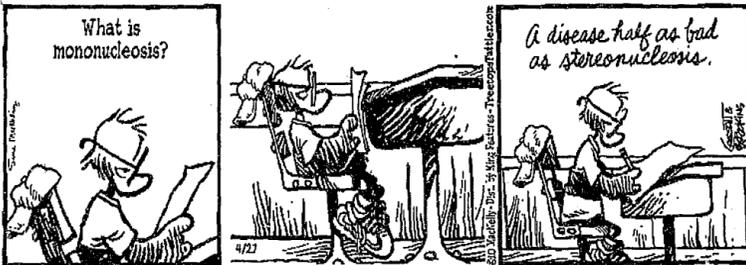
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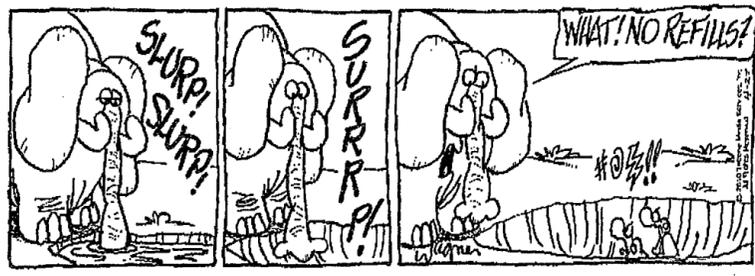
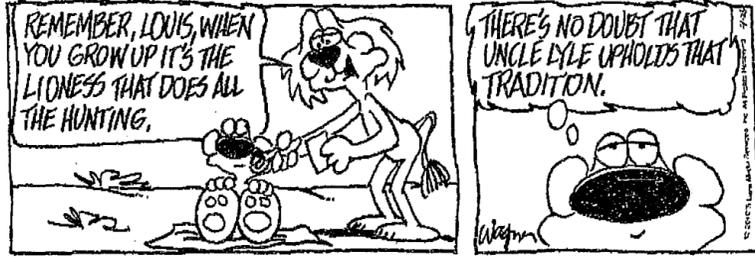
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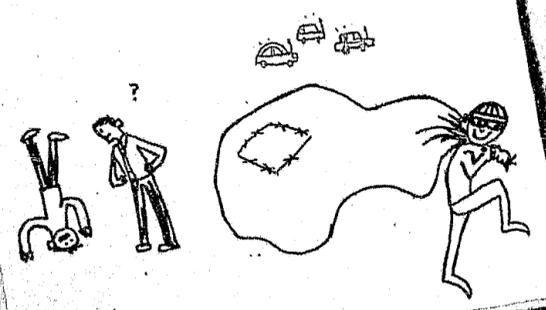
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