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Ortiz gets probation

Ruidoso Downs police chief was asked to resign Monday following a councilor's allegation of racial profiling

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Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Alfred Ortiz has been placed on probation for six months after an initial request for his resignation.

The probationary decision, which was unanimously approved by the city council Monday night, followed words of support for the chief from 10 residents.

A reason for placing Ortiz on probation was not provided by city officials. City Attorney H. John Underwood said the matter was a personnel matter.

Ortiz said Tuesday that a combination of issues, including a racial profiling allegation, led to the council agenda item titled "Discussion of Chief of Police."

A month ago, the police department was accused of racial profiling after City Councilor Rene Olivo said he had heard the department has targeted Hispanics.

Ortiz responded his officers were not into profiling any nationality.

Speaking to the mayor and city councilors before a three-hour closed session, resident Dianne

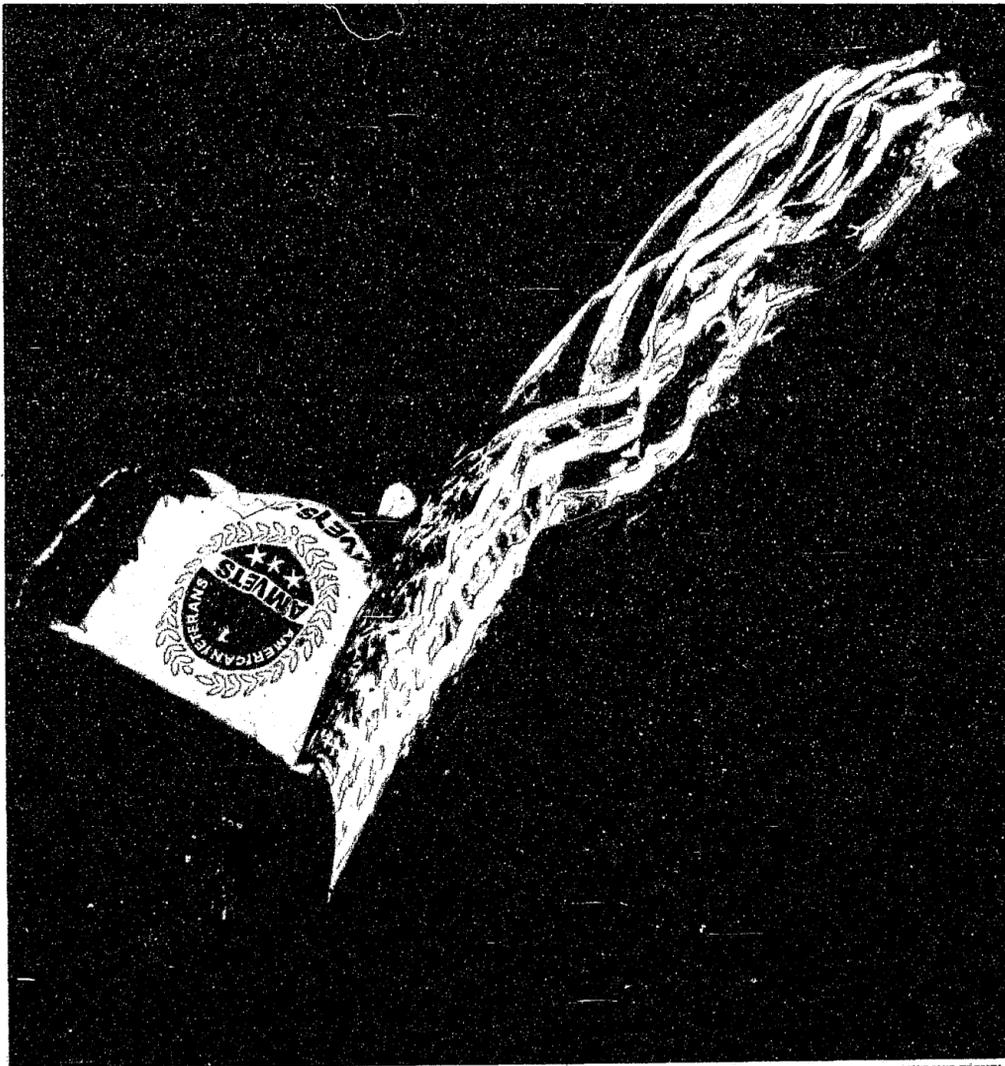


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With Police Chief Alfred Ortiz listening in the background, Ruidoso Downs resident Dianne Beavers voices support for Ortiz before a hearing on his future as the chief.

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UNFURLING THE FLAG



COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

At 9 a.m. Saturday, former Golden Knight Dana Bowman officially opened the Military Appreciation Weekend in Ruidoso when he jumped from a plane and unfurled his chute and the American flag over the infield of Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Bowman lost both legs in a 1985 mid-air collision with another skydiver who was killed.

Special election for track unlikely

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Judging by remarks from Lincoln County commissioners last week, voters will have a chance to express their support or to reject a proposed gross receipts tax to benefit Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino.

But that chance won't be at a special election.

As County Manager Tom Stewart was walking commissioners through the county's proposed 2010-2011 Fiscal Year budget, Commissioner Don Williams asked, "Can we elim-

inate (the money for) the special election?"

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said she would support that move.

"If we can have (the vote) with the general election (in November), there's no reason to spend that," she said. Stewart placed \$25,000 in the budget to cover a possible special election.

"Should we hold that decision until we pass an ordinance to conduct the election?" Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked.

"(The ordinance) may not pass," Williams replied.

"Then until we take action on an ordinance," Battin modified.

"I'm for voters to vote, I'm just not for a special election," Sedillo said.

Stewart said he had to put the money aside, but just because it is listed, does not mean it has to be spent.

"It's a question. I had to put it aside," he said.

"We have to decide whether to pass an ordinance if we are going with an election and then decide if it is a special or general election," Battin said. "If it's the latter, that won't cost the extra \$25,000."

"The last (special election) cost \$30,000," Sedillo recalled.

Stewart said that particular process was the county's first all-mail-in special election to vote on a property tax for the support of the county hospital in Ruidoso, rural health care clinics and ambulances.

"I think \$25,000 is a good estimate," he said.

Race track officials contend the additional tax support would create tax equity with two casinos operated nearby by the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

A *Ruidoso News* exclusive

Mailbox check thefts ongoing

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The number of reported cases of the theft of outgoing mail, to obtain checks, continues to rise in Ruidoso.

Police have four new incidents of checks being used by a mail thief to make purchases.

Detective Doug Babcock said checks can be "washed." A chemical had been used on the checks to remove or wash the ink from a pen.

"Don't put outgoing bills in unsecured mail receptacles," said Babcock. "Mail them in post office-approved boxes on the corner or take them to the post

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County workers see raises

■ Commissioners OK 6 percent 'adjustment'

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While many private business owners for the past two years were too strapped to award raises to their employees, Lincoln County commissioners last week approved a 6 percent Cost of Living Increase Adjustment for the county's 118 employees.

County Manager Tom Stewart also was directed to hire a professional service to look at the equity of wages paid to county employees in different departments.

The manager preferred not referring to the

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Widell wins prestigious award

Coleen Widell, president of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV), was presented a prestigious award in Albuquerque Friday.

The Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women, an initiative of the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, is presented annually to 20 recipients who have made exceptional contributions to the state through exemplary leadership and advocacy. Speakers at the May 7 Hotel Albuquerque dinner included Gov. Richardson and Lt. Gov. Diane Denish.

Widell serves as the Executive Director of the Ruidoso-based non-profit organization HEAL (Help End Abuse For Life) which operates the Nest domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs and whose mission is to end domestic violence in Lincoln County. HEAL is a member NMCADV, for which Widell serves as board president.

NMCADV provides leadership at the statewide level as a voice for victims and survivors of domestic violence and the programs that serve them, and as an advocate for social and policy change.

NMCADV Executive Director Pam Wiseman stated, "This award underscores what a privilege it is to have Coleen serving as president of



the NMCADV Board. The governor and the Commission on the Status of Women could not have chosen a more deserving candidate to honor, nor a more pressing issue to highlight than the problem of domestic violence in our state and the contributions of individuals like Coleen who have committed their careers to battling it."

was preceded in death by his father, Sig E. Line, and a brother, Sig E. Line Jr.

The family requested memorials to the Michael S. Line Scholarship Fund at First National Bank of Ruidoso. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

U.S. 380 sealing

Officials with the New Mexico Department of Transportation advise a crew will be fog sealing on U.S. 380 between Carrizozo and Capitan.

Only one lane will be open and drivers should expect delays possibly through Friday.

VOR workshop

A Ruidoso Village Council workshop today will include a presentation on the background for the village's Wildland Urban Interface Plan.

The session is set for 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Transit closes

Riders of Lincoln County Transit will need to find alternate transportation on Friday, May 14.

Transit manager Patricia DeSoto said the service will be shut down for one day because of mandatory training.

Patrons should call in by Thursday to schedule rides for Saturday and Monday. Lincoln County Transit can be reached at 257-1188.

Prescribed burn

Officials with the Lincoln National Forest in cooperation with White Oaks Volunteer Fire Department are planning to conduct a prescribed

burn on the Smokey Bear Ranger District through Friday, weather conditions permitting.

The Reventon prescribed burn covers about 1,700 acres off Forest Road 72, south of Jicarilla. Smoke will be visible for several days during and after ignition operations.

The objectives for this prescribed burn are part of the Southwestern Region's Central Priority of restoring fire-adapted ecosystems, which includes reducing the risk of crown fires and protection of private resources and communities.

Slash generated from previous thinning activities are the primary target for consumption, but fire will be allowed and/or set in grasses and uncut stands of the project area in order to achieve a more natural mosaic pattern throughout the burn area.

The desired result of the burn will be to reduce hazardous fuels and to improve range, watershed, wildlife habitat, and overall forest health conditions.

For more information about the prescribed burn, or the Lincoln National Forest, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 575-257-4095, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sonic booms

Officials with the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman AFB have announced the flying schedule through May 14.

Sonic booms could occur Wednesday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.; Thursday, May 13, from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m.; and Friday, May 14, from 8:

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THESE TIMES ARE GOOD FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Judge Line's service

A Memorial Service for Ruidoso Municipal Judge Michael S. Line, 56, is set for 11 a.m., Thursday, at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Line died May 6, in Lubbock, Texas, after a long battle with cancer.

Ruidoso Village offices will close at 10 a.m., to allow employees to attend the service. The offices will reopen at 1 p.m. The service was moved from Gateway Church of Christ

to the convention center on Sierra Blanca Drive off Mechem Drive, to accommodate Line's many friends.

Line was born Oct. 30, 1953 at Snyder, Texas. After graduating from Snyder High School, he attended Abilene Christian University and later transferred to the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his bachelor's degree.

He went to Texas Tech Law School, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

He moved to Ruidoso in December 1988 and practiced as an attorney and served the past 16 years as municipal judge for the village.

Line married his wife, Karan, on July 10, 1982 at Snyder.

He is survived by his wife, Karan Line of Ruidoso; two daughters, Robin Peterson and her husband Eric, of Johnstown, Colo., and Carrie Line of Lubbock; son Tyler Line of Lubbock; and his mother, Marie Line of Ruidoso. He

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RealFeel 67°	RealFeel 68°	RealFeel 64°	RealFeel 70°	RealFeel 76°	RealFeel 75°	RealFeel 78°
Humidity 15%	Humidity 25%	Humidity 67%	Humidity 51%	Humidity 37%	Humidity 37%	Humidity 40%
66° 39°	64° 44°	60° 40°	66° 47°	72° 47°	75° 54°	73° 49°
Sunny and windy	Sunshine, breezy and cool	Overcast	Mostly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Intervals of clouds and sunshine
Wind: WSW 20-30 mph	Wind: SSE 10-20 mph	Wind: E 7-14 mph	Wind: S 7-14 mph	Wind: E 7-14 mph	Wind: S 10-20 mph	Wind: SSW 6-12 mph

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National Forecast for May 12, 2010

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

Regional Cities

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Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 73°/55°
Normal high 71°
Normal low 35°
Record high 83° (2000)
Record low 21° (1970)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.03"
Normal month to date 0.27"
Year to date 3.95"
Normal year to date 4.46"

Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees High
Weeds High
Mold Low
Predominant Pecan

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

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 84°/58°
Normal high 82°
Normal low 53°
Record high 96° (2009)
Record low 41° (1958)

Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.20"
Year to date 2.14"
Normal year to date 2.27"

Weather Trivia™:
Q: In which state would you be most likely to encounter a tornado?
A: Oklahoma.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset
6:06 a.m./7:53 p.m.

Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset
4:52 a.m./6:56 p.m.

Moon Phases

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May 13 May 20 May 27 Jun 4

Extremes

Monday's National High/Low:
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 103° in Fort Stockton, TX
Low: 18° in Embarrass, MN

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 116° in Bilma, Niger
Low: -9° in Shepherd Bay, Canada

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	88/64/s	73/54/r
Anchorage	55/42/r	56/42/c
Atlanta	84/68/pc	88/68/s
Austin	90/74/pc	90/70/pc
Baltimore	77/54/r	70/55/pc
Boston	50/40/r	59/48/pc
Chicago	52/48/r	69/47/r
Dallas	90/72/pc	85/65/r
Denver	48/30/sn	49/37/pc
Des Moines	54/42/r	61/43/c
Detroit	58/46/c	66/53/r
El Paso	83/54/s	82/55/s
Las Vegas	79/55/s	82/61/pc
Los Angeles	75/57/s	75/57/pc
Lincoln	48/40/r	53/42/r
Los Angeles	86/71/pc	85/69/s
New York City	58/47/r	60/53/pc
Philadelphia	66/48/sh	66/52/pc
Phoenix	83/60/s	86/66/s
Reno	66/40/s	69/44/pc
San Francisco	64/49/s	67/51/r
San Diego	68/57/s	69/59/pc
Seattle	65/48/pc	72/49/s
Tucson	81/51/s	84/57/r
Tulsa, OK	84/58/r	63/51/s
Wash., DC	80/58/r	65/60/pc
Wichita	78/47/r	63/46/c
Yuma	88/62/s	93/64/s

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-hc.

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	70/45/s	71/49/s
Artesia	88/47/s	75/52/s
Chama	56/28/pc	59/34/pc
Clayton	70/34/c	61/37/c
Cloudcroft	60/22/c	62/33/s
Farmington	83/35/pc	69/43/pc
Hobbs	86/50/pc	80/55/pc
Los Alamos	60/30/s	63/39/pc
Portales	81/41/pc	72/43/c
Raton	66/34/pc	58/33/r
Red River	54/22/c	55/32/r
Ruidoso	66/39/s	64/44/s
Santa Fe	66/36/s	68/41/pc
Silver City	72/41/s	77/46/s
Taos	63/28/c	61/36/c

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	90/73/s	80/75/pc
Cancun	90/75/s	90/73/s
Chihuahua	91/54/pc	91/54/s
Ciudad Juárez	82/54/s	82/55/s
Leon	90/57/pc	90/57/c
México, DF	82/55/r	81/54/r
Monterrey	97/70/r	65/72/pc
Morelia	89/60/r	89/60/c
Oaxaca	97/59/s	93/64/pc
Pto. Penasco	81/59/s	85/56/s
Tijuana	72/54/s	72/55/pc



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Beth Hood, Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission chairman, took time during the regular board meeting Tuesday to praise Building Official Shawn Fort, above, for passing multiple tests for certification in several inspection disciplines. Fort shared the credit, saying all three inspectors for the village are certified in several fields. Deputy Village Manager Bill Morris said administration is proud of the inspectors and that Fort's certification in green building and in asbestos inspections will prove extremely valuable. He pointed out that when the old fire station on Eagle Drive was torn down, work was delayed as village officials waited on direction about asbestos in some of the material. "We had to pay other people," Morris said, but now the village has a qualified inspector on staff.

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a.m. to 11 a.m.

Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

Governor forum

The GOP candidates for governor will be in Ruidoso this week.

The Southern New Mexico Republican Gubernatorial Forum will be held Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

"The Republican gubernatorial primary election will now be a lot less confusing," said John Billingsley, political director for the Republican Party of Lincoln County. "Lincoln County Republican voters will have an opportunity to meet all five Republican candidates in the primary race for the gubernatorial nomination, ask them questions, and then make up their minds as to who is best for New Mexico."

Susana Martinez, Allen Weh, Janice Arnold-Jones, Doug Turner and Pete Domenici, Jr. have agreed to attend the forum.

The public will have the opportunity to submit questions before the forum begins.

Other Republican candi-

dates for statewide offices are planning to attend the forum and will meet voters and discuss their campaigns, said Billingsley.

Coffee and cold drinks will be available compliments of the Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County.

"Our goal, like all of the candidates, is to restore ethical leadership and accountability to the State of New Mexico," said Roger Allen, chair of the Republican Party of Lincoln County.

Birding field trip

On Thursday, the Lincoln County Bird Club is sponsoring a birding field trip to the Mescalero Fish Hatchery and Nogal Canyon in Bent.

The field trip will be led by Cap Naegle (cap@naegle.com; 257-7452). Plan to meet at Beall's parking lot at 8 a.m.

Tribal award

The Mescalero Apache Housing Authority is scheduled to receive an award of more than \$2.5 million.

U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) reported Thursday that two New Mexico tribal housing authorities were awarded more than \$3.9 million for affordable housing activities in their communities.

Money was provided through the U.S. Depart-

ment of Housing and Urban Development for the Mescalero Apache Housing Authority, whose reservation abuts Ruidoso, and to the Jicarilla Apache Housing Authority.

"The funding awarded today will help these tribal communities address the backlog of housing needs of their residents," Bingaman said. The Jicarilla will receive \$1.39 million and the Mescalero Apache Housing Authority is in line for a \$2.558 million award.

The money comes from HUD's Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, Indian Housing Block Grant Program. The tribes can use the funds to implement a number of affordable housing activities.

Library class

A free introductory class covering beginning computer office basics of word processing and spreadsheets will be offered at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library on Saturday, May 15, at 2 p.m. Stan Israel of

Sierra Blanca Computer Support teaches the class. Seating is limited to 15 registrants, so call early (973-4570) to reserve your spot.

If you need additional assistance on computer basics, be sure to tell Israel at the start of the class. This class is for the attendees, so tell the instructor what you need to get started using the these office applications.

For general library information visit www.yousemore.com/ruidosopl.

Pet care

If you have an emergency plan for your family, did you remember to include the family pet? May 8 was National Animal Disaster Preparedness

Day for all domestic animals.

Local communities and pet owners can get information from FEMA's Ready Campaign at www.ready.gov, including a pet preparedness video, brochures and a Community Pet Preparedness Toolkit.

Federal officials suggested a few things to do in advance. They are:

- Prepare a pet emergency kit including three days' worth of food and water for each pet. Include any medical records, medications, a pet first aid kit, collar with ID tags, harness or leash, crate or other pet carrier and don't forget pet sanitation like a litter box

and a favorite toy.

• Plan what you will do in an emergency. Create a plan to get away or shelter in place depending on the situation. If you evacuate how will you assemble your pets and where will you go? Keep in mind that if you go to a public shelter your pet may not be allowed inside. Check with local officials for guidance. Keep a list of pet friendly hotels in your area. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and family members in case you are not home when disaster strikes.

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OUR OPINION

Planners should be encouraged to site visit

Open Meetings Act is the main consideration

In our litigious culture, county and municipal attorneys are paid to steer their clients away from trouble on any number of actions on their agenda. The lawyer's role is in large part advisory. So it is not surprising that both the county's attorney, Alan Morel, and village Planning & Zoning Commissioner Don Dutton, an attorney himself, are leery for various reasons about planners or assorted committee members viewing application sites in person. Yet it's one thing to worry about the nuances of the state's Open Meetings Act – if, for example, a quorum were to

gather at a site. It's quite another to be so politically correct that we must fret, as Morel did in a recent P&Z session, that, hey, somebody might stub his or her toe at a site and expose the governing body to a lawsuit. Morel acknowledged that "it is incredibly helpful to see something." And deputy village manager Bill Morris says community planning is contextual and that it's important to be able "to kick the dirt." We agree with both men and rue the day we've gotten so afraid of our own shadow that it paralyzes a rational course of action.

Lessons learned on the Llano Estacado

If you live in the mountains or a river valley, you're probably a scenery snob. Admit it. You speed across the High Plains until you reach a place with more varied topography. Next time, slow down and take a better look. Once you marvel at the vast, level distances, you're inclined to look up, and the great bowl of sky out here never disappoints, with its cloudscapes and palette of pastels. Ranchers here say they like to see the weather coming. The Llano Estacado, or Staked Plains, is a historical, geographical and economic terms, should rank as high as mountains or the Rio Grande.

"Grasslands are very special places on the planet," said John Miller Morris, author of *El Llano Estacado*, during the Historical Society of New Mexico's recent annual meeting in Hobbs. "Eastern New Mexico has a lot of what geographers really like – space."

Geography and geology allowed three Roberts – Goddard, Oppenheimer and Anderson – to do their work. And that's just a start. You want history? Lea County and southeastern New Mexico have as rich a heritage as anywhere in the state: Coronado, Apache and Comanche buffalo hunters, John Chisum, Buffalo Soldiers, cattle drives, homesteaders, cowboys, and pioneer oilmen.

The scatter of abandoned dwellings were once somebody's home on the range. The Llano Estacado had a few brave souls trying to wrench a living from the land in the late-1800s, but after 1900, settlement picked up momentum; for anyone with a yearning to own some land, it offered some of the nation's last big parcels.

Of course, there were promoters who stoked this land rush with photographs of bountiful harvests. Some would-be farmers expected to pay off their debts and make a living raising corn. They learned the hard way that you can't grow corn, or much of anything else, on the llano. Many homesteaders

weren't farmers at all; they were poor, urban young people with dreams of a little house on the prairie. Drought and the risky economics of agriculture destroyed a lot of those dreams. "We are just as vulnerable to economic schemes as our ancestors," said Morris. "We counted our chickens before they

hatched, without even understanding what a subprime chicken was." And yet, he reminds us, "Dreams and illusions are what make history." The key to survival here was a different economic combination: cattle and land on a grand scale.

Giles Lee operates the Swamp Angel Ranch, named for the steam rising off water in a riparian area next to the original cow camp. In 1925 his family bought the eastern portion of the famous Hat Ranch. His is a medium-sized ranch in a region where ranches, measured in sections and not acres, could be eastern states or Texas counties.

Lee, who's been called "the cowboy's cowboy" and the "rancher's rancher," operates the Swamp Angel alone but hires some occasional help, and neighbors pitch in. "Neighbor is a verb out here," says Jim Harris, director of the Lea County Museum in Lovington and tour guide to a passel of city slickers.

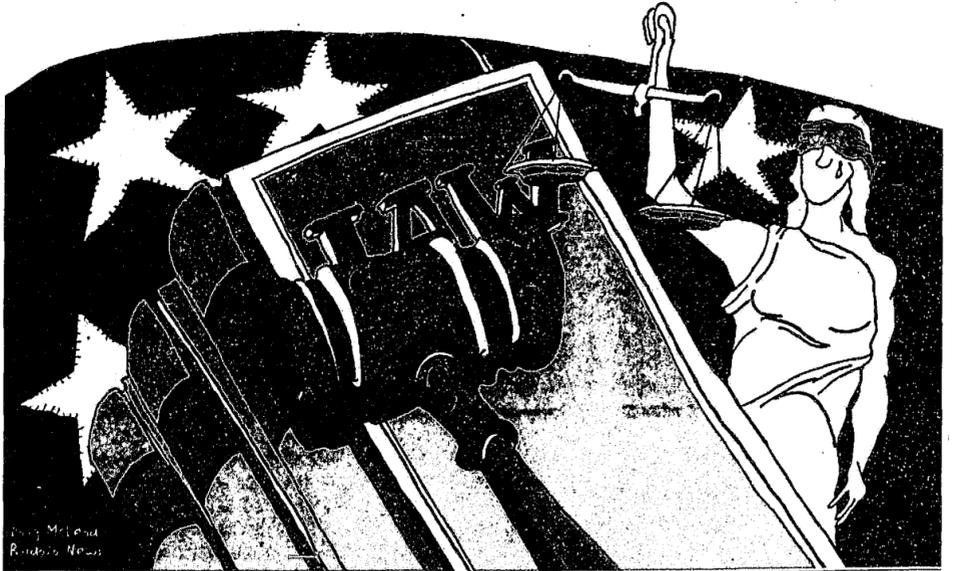
Lee is rightfully proud of his elaborate corral, which he welded from pipe donated by the oil company that owns mineral rights under the land. (The oil company is also a good neighbor, he says.)

Asked about horses, he gestures to an all-terrain vehicle. "For 75 years I rode horseback," he says. "Three years ago a horse threw me against a shed and hurt me pretty bad. My wife said, that's it. For a while, I felt ashamed for not riding a horse, but when you get to be 87 years old, you have to slow down a little."

But not too much. "Rodeo was my hobby," he says. "This is my business and my hobby. I love it."

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YOUR OPINION

Credit Debi Lee for having a goal

To the editor:

YOUR EDITOR'S note from a letter by Phillip H. Shelley, Ph.D. stated "On her application for village manager last year, Lee, who has no record of a Bachelor's degree, indicated she was working towards a Master's degree."

I do not know Debi Lee, but I have seen her in action at Village Council. I have read about her work and her comments to help Ruidoso.

And, she appears to be a real asset to the village's operations. She knows her work and does it well. She is an experienced professional.

I would like to dwell on the word "towards." That word indicated from Webster's College Dictionary refers to "in the direction of." Mr. Shelley dwells on the academics to a Master's degree.

With Debi Lee, I believe "towards" means a goal to strive for. And that is a very positive goal for anyone.

I worked as an extension educator for Montana State University and the University of Arizona for 29 years. For the first 10 of those years, I was always working "towards" a Master's degree. That was a goal of mine.

That was a professional dream, so to speak.

I believe we have to give Debi Lee credit for having this same type of dream, of working towards a Master's degree. It may or may not happen. But, to know that you want it, is an important academic step in the right direction.

Let's give Debi every opportunity to do her professional work for us, here in Ruidoso, and let us wish with her that her academic dream "towards" a Master's degree comes true.

Deacon Bob Racicot, M.S.
Ruidoso

Losing Jay Smith a blow to community

To the editor:

AS A FORMER employee of the Hubbard Museum of the American West, I am deeply shocked by Jay Smith's resignation. I don't know the cause, but I do know that I myself quit, in disgust, in 2005 after six years of watching the personal power of others supercede the needs of the museum.

Time after time, I witnessed good, professional people who had the best of intentions made miserable by others who were more interested in culling favor and apparently more importantly, having others answer to them. This is no reflection on the former owners, as they were always

decent to the employees. Nevertheless, such things were done in the name of the museum that it gave many people a great distaste for the museum itself.

Therefore, after my departure, when the City of Ruidoso Downs took over the museum's operation, it was a wonderful surprise when I met and got to know Jay and found that, at last, the Hubbard had a director who put the interests of the museum above his own. For the first time since I left, I found myself wanting to support the museum and all of its endeavors.

Jay's professionalism, warmth and devotion to the citizens of Lincoln County were a wonderful

surprise, to say the very least. I have worked with museum professionals in the past, and Jay, by far, outclassed them all. Because of Jay, for the first time, I actually regretted my decision to leave and in fact considered giving up my disability benefits with the thought of going back to work for the museum.

To lose Jay is a blow, not only to the museum, but to the community itself. The organization itself has survived a number of setbacks, but I personally have my doubts that it can survive this one.

Drew Gomber
Historian
Lincoln

Let's review convention center policy

To the editor:

The *Ruidoso News* reported on April 30 that the Village of Ruidoso has amended the requirements for sanctioned events at the convention center. To help the VOR pay for "renovations at the center to give it a facelift with some snap," 10 local sanctioned events will soon receive only a 50 percent discount, instead of the current 75 percent discount, from the normal convention center rental fees.

Not only will the discount go down over the next few years, an automatic Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be applied to the center fees in the future.

In order to be sanctioned and get a convention center fee discount, annual events such as the Chamber of Commerce Art Festival, the Lions Club Antique Show and the Greeters Christmas Jubilee are required to give a portion of the proceeds from their events to nonprofit endeavors such as domestic violence shelters, schools or other groups in the community.

As the rental discount goes down, and a CPI is applied, the sponsors of the 10 local sanc-

tioned events will pay increased fees for use of the convention center, and the amount they will be able to donate to nonprofit groups will go down.

The article in the *Ruidoso News* goes on to report that the changed policies for the convention center allow the village manager to waive fees for governmental entities, although it was pointed out to the village councilors that "Most government entities have a budget for meeting space rental."

The policy of increasing fees on 10 local sanctioned events while in the same document allowing the waiver of fees for who-knows-how-many governmental entities is inexplicable to me.

In looking "at increasing the efficiency of the center's operation to ensure it becomes less dependent on money from the general fund," the convention center task force must have spent a great amount of time and effort in rewriting these requirements. But I think they turned the values of the village upside-down to come up with this particular policy.

Only councilor Michele Reb-

stock voted against the new policy. The citizens of Ruidoso should urge the other village councilors to take another look at these changes before they take effect in 2012.

Nikki Murphy
Ruidoso

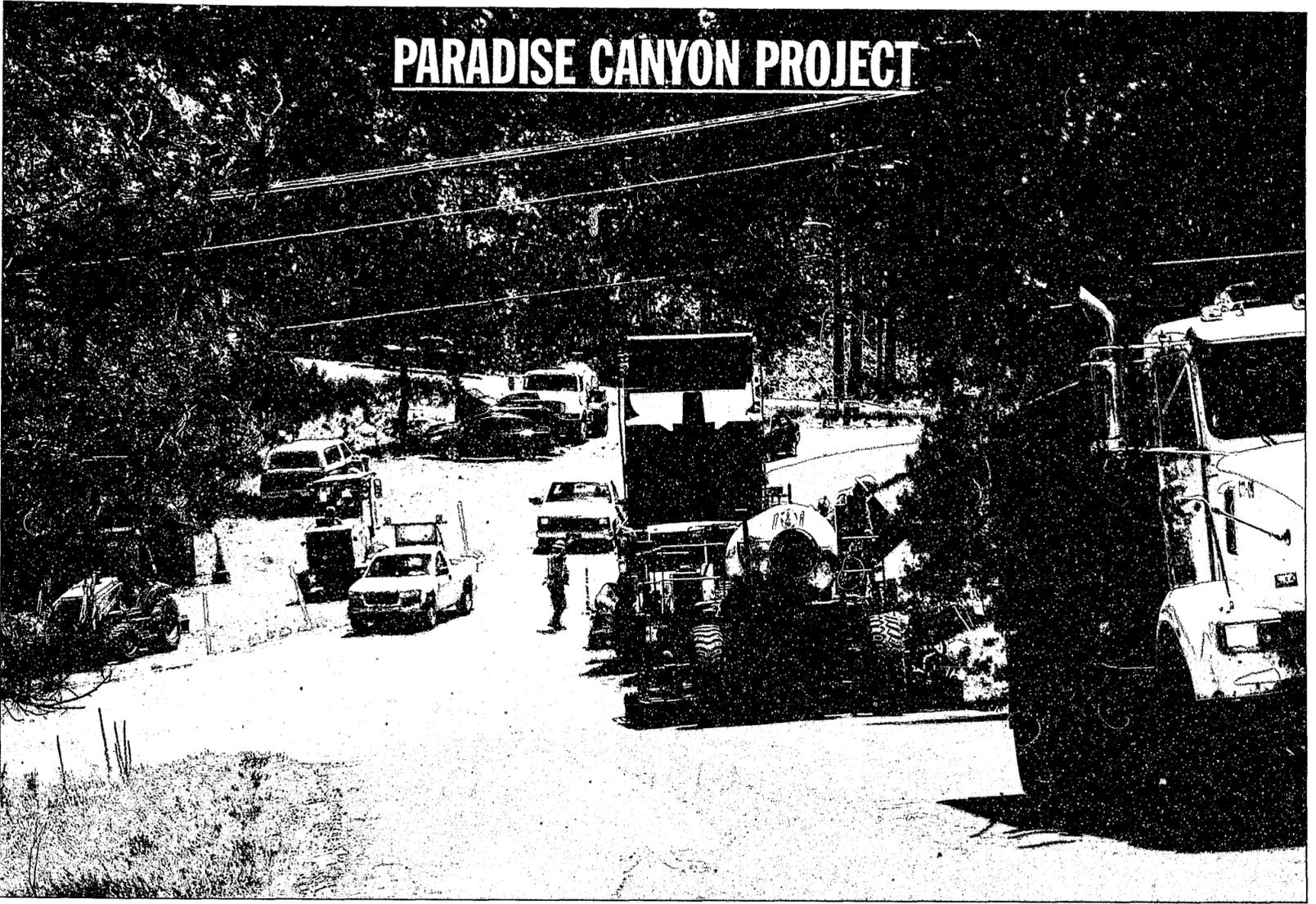
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PARADISE CANYON PROJECT



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Crews from FNF New Mexico LLC, the successful low bidder for the resurfacing of Paradise Canyon Road, hauled in equipment last week and were onsite Monday to begin the project. The village received \$352,520 from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act for the long-awaited project, which is expected to wind up by Friday.

County must readvertise two requests for proposals

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Two requests for proposals must be readvertised by Lincoln County, the first because the county manager said the only response "was not in the best interests" of the county and the second, because no bids were received.

County Manager Tom Stewart told county commissioners at their April meeting that Mesa Verde Enterprises in Alamogordo bid \$7.59 per ton on the annual base course supply for the county road department, with pickup in La Luz.

The price would be \$22.50 per ton delivered to the Capitan road yard.

"Acceptance of the single proposal is not in the best interests of Lincoln County, because of the 150 mile

round trip required to La Luz to pick up and return to the Capitan road yard," Stewart wrote in a memorandum to commissioners.

"Why do you think there only was one bid?" Commission Chairman Tom Battin asked.

"Our local providers were asleep at the switch and they regret it," the manager said. "Even at no charge, it wouldn't be worth driving to pick it up. They vowed to pay attention to the next deadline."

No responses were received for janitorial services and that proposal also will be rebid, Stewart said.

Under applications for county lodgers tax distributions, an appeal was listed from Millie Woods, president of Military Appreciation Week. The County Lodgers Tax Committee recommended commission-

ers award \$1,500 out of the \$8,000 Woods requested.

"The feeling of the (committee members) was that the impact on the lodgers in the unincorporated area of Lincoln County was not as large as the gain of the lodgers in the municipalities involved," Stewart said. "Additionally, the \$8,000 request was fully 13 percent of the anticipated \$60,000 county lodgers tax receipts and the village of Ruidoso, with a much larger budget, also contributed \$1,500 to the effort."

Commissioner Jackie Powell offered a motion to deny the appeal and uphold the \$1,500 award. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eileen Sedillo and passed unanimously.

Battin said he noticed that the county and village lodgers tax committee use

the same recording secretary, Brad Cooper, and that they are trying to measure the impact of the different events on tourism. "I think that is so helpful," Battin said. "I encourage them to do it more."

Before moving to approval of the other five applications for lodgers tax dollars, resident Kathryn Minter questioned allocating \$2,000 for Film Lincoln County. While she said she doesn't oppose supporting the film effort, she suggested the money might more appropriately come from a fund dedicated to economic development than tourism. The money will not promote an event to draw tourists, which usually is the use for lodgers tax dollars.

"It's for a brochure to promote the county as a location for movies,"

Stewart said.

"Is Film Lincoln County the joint effort of the towns and county?" asked Commissioner Don Williams, who also is a Ruidoso village councilor. He was told the group is a collaboration.

"I think it could go either way," Battin said. "It certainly is an economic development effort, but if they come here, they will fill up beds."

"Do we have any account earmarked for economic development?" Commissioner Dave Parks asked.

"I thought lodgers tax was for advertising the county for tourism," Williams said. "I don't know if economic development fits."

Curt Temple, county planning director and State Film Office liaison, said when the presenters talked to the committee, two of the

lodgers "really liked it."

"They said filming really fills up their beds," Temple said. "Especially in the surrounding area of Carrizozo, they thought if they could get one or two projects, even small ones, it could help the motels."

"If we start to question each one, they all might have good reasons why we should or shouldn't approve them," Sedillo said. "I move to approve all applications." The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners approval covered \$2,300 for the Chamber Music Festival July 30-31, \$750 for the Alto Artists Studio Tour Aug. 5-8, \$1,000 for the Christmas Jubilee, Nov. 12-14, \$3,000 requested by Fort Stanton Inc. for Fort Stanton Live, Aug. 6-8, and the \$1,500 for Film Lincoln County.

U.S. Supreme Court hears Mescalero restitution case

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Oral arguments have been presented before the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case involving restitution arising from a vicious attack on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

The nation's highest court is looking at the question of a federal district court imposing a restitution order beyond the time limit spelled out in the country's Mandatory Victims Restitution Act (MVRA).

On Sept. 11, 2006, then 26-year old Brian Russell Dolan picked up a fellow tribal member who was hitchhiking along Tribal Route 6. A heated argument turned into a fight. The hitchhiker suffered some serious injuries, resulting in \$105,599.78 in medical attention.

After Dolan pleaded guilty to assault resulting in serious bodily injury, the district court on July 30, 2007, sentenced him to 21

months in prison and three years of parole. At the sentencing hearing the court also noted that restitution was required by the restitution act. But because the court stated there was insufficient information about the victim's medical expenses, and it left the matter open.

On Oct. 5, 2007, probation officials provided the medical care costs to the court, and noted "the court shall set a date for the final determination of the victim's losses, not to exceed 90 days after sentencing, which in this case shall be Oct. 28, 2007."

The district court waited until Feb. 4, 2008, for a restitution hearing.

The Dolan defense argued the court no longer had authority to order restitution because the 90-day deadline had passed. The court acknowledged it had erred, but ruled the timeline did not deprive the court of entering a restitution award.

On appeal, the U.S.

Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit upheld the district court decision.

The three-judge appellate panel wrote on May 29, 2009, that "Nothing in the MVRA suggests that a defendant should be freed of the obligation of paying restitution just because the district court was slow in ordering it.

Congressional intent

"Such a result would thwart rather than effect Congress's express desire that all victims of covered crimes receive restitution."

Appearing before the Supreme Court on April 20, Dolan's counsel, Pamela Karlan, argued that once the court has started the sentencing process, it had 90 days to complete the process.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg questioned if the issue might not be a technical argument.

"Because it's true that this defendant, from the probation officer's report, knew within the 90 days

what restitution was going to be recommended," said Ginsburg. Karlan agreed, but reiterated that the district court failed to hold a hearing in time.

"How is your position consistent with the thrust of the victims' rights legislation that Congress has enacted in recent years, including the statute that's before us here?" asked Justice Samuel Alito. "Now in this case, the victim's medical bills were paid by the United States. But that's isn't always going to be the case, and sometimes victims are going to have a lot of lost income. So you have the victim, like the victim here, who is beaten to a pulp by a defendant and loses a substantial amount of future income as a result, and you say that if the judge makes a mistake, it's just too bad for the victim. Do you think that's what Congress had in mind?"

Karlan said that not what she said, and not what Congress wanted.

"What Congress had in mind was to strike the balance it struck in this statute, which was to give victims the right to receive restitution as part of a criminal sentence, as long as it was done within 90 days of sentencing," responded Karlan.

Unfair to victim

Justice Anthony Kennedy called Karlan's argument unfair to the victim and inconsistent with the thrust of MVRA.

Arguing for the U.S. Department of Justice, Toby Heytens, Assistant to the Solicitor General, said indeed restitution must be ordered within 90 days. But he noted MVRA is without a specific consequence for missing the deadline.

"Well, the consequence is the usual consequence when trial courts make errors, which is to appeal," responded Chief Justice John Roberts.

Pointing to a similar case, Heytens noted an

appeals court deemed there was an initial judgment that noted restitution would follow.

"The original judgment in this case says the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act is applicable; however, the court does not have sufficient information to calculate restitution at this time. What the First Circuit reasoned in (the) Cheal (case) is that that can be interpreted as a judgment imposing a restitution obligation."

"Even though there's no amount given?" asked Justice Antonin Scalia.

"Yes, Justice Scalia," responded Heytens. "Because the one thing we know for certain is that even if it had stated an amount, the fact that the amount can be amended later doesn't deprive the judgment of finality."

Following the one hour of arguments, the case was submitted, though a date for an opinion was not set.

A Ruidoso News exclusive

EDUCATION

Tuition increase approved Grandmother graduates

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An almost nine percent tuition increase for in-district students attending ENMU-Ruidoso later this year has been approved by the Eastern New Mexico University system's Board of Regents.

The current \$28.50 charge per credit hour will increase to \$31.

For out-of-district New Mexicans, a 14.3 percent increase will take effect, upping the credit hour cost from \$35 to \$40.

Out-of-state students will also pay \$40 per credit hour, up to six hours.

That's a reduction from an earlier proposal advanced by the Ruidoso college. More than six credit hours will result in a tuition amount of \$110 per hour, beginning with the first credit hour.

Senior citizens 65 years of age or older will have a charge of \$5 per credit hour, up to six hours. Going beyond six hours during a semester will result in a charge of \$40 per hour, beginning with the first credit hour.

Clayton Alred, the president of the Ruidoso college, said last month the driving factor for the tuition increases was legislation

adopted during the March special session of state lawmakers to deal with New Mexico's financial problems.

The approved legislation requires that nine percent of tuitions collected be delivered to the state. The higher ENMU-Ruidoso credit hour charges would cover the upcoming new payments the school will have to make to the state's coffers.

Last month the ENMU-Ruidoso College Board approved increased credit hour charges and advanced their recommendations to the ENMU Board of Regents.

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A Ruidoso-area grandmother will graduate from college this week.

"Never under estimate yourself. Set your goals and go for it," is the advice from Gwen Long. "Just because you reach a certain point, don't give up."

Long will receive a bachelor's degree in university studies with a concentration in business and psychology from ENMU-Portales.

Having taken some college courses about thirty years ago, Long realized last year that just 17 more credit hours would add up to a degree.

The 61-year old she hopes her story will be an inspiration for others to pursue a dream no matter what and keep their minds active.

"I just keep learning," said Long. "When I came back here a year ago, I began searching. I thought about graduating from college. Then I hit a point where I said 'Oh really. Watch this.'"

Her first college degree was accomplished by taking online courses at ENMU-Portales.

"It's wonderful for us here without a big campus," said Long. "But it



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

"Go for it," is the attitude of Gwen Long, who will receive her first college degree this week.

took a lot of discipline without a professor telling you to do this, and this, and this."

The semi-retired mother of three, with three grandchildren, one of whom is a teen, has had other professions. She was a licensed massage therapist, a real estate agent, and sold insurance. Long said she may next go for a master's degree, or perhaps take

graduate classes to go into counseling, especially for women.

Long said she had lived in Ruidoso until the middle of the past decade when she moved. In 2009 she returned, but will be moving to Dallas to be close to family.

"I'm not sure about what employment I want," said Long. "But that's OK, because I'm still learning."

Middle school dedicated

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Although put into service nine months ago, the new Ruidoso Middle School was officially dedicated on Monday.

The 109,000 square foot building and campus cost \$33.5 million. The New Mexico Public School Finance Authority provided \$8.3 million of the funding. The Ruidoso Municipal School District covered \$25.2 million of the cost.

School board president Susan Lutterman said a \$26 million dollar loan, approved by district voters in February 2006, helped provide much of the school district's cost.

During the dedication, Lutterman thanked the voters for their support. The school replaced a more than 50-year old middle school.

"It takes a caring community to make a school a home," said Lutterman. "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

She said the school is only a building until it is filled with bright students.



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Ruidoso Municipal School District Superintendent Etta Bea Harris opens a dedication ceremony for the district's new middle school.

Construction began on June 4, 2007, and was completed shortly before the start of the school year last August. Some additional

outdoor work at the campus is planned. The school's band and choir performed for those that attended the dedication ceremony.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Movie at ENMU

ENMU-Ruidoso Community Education will show *The Atomic City*, part of its series of movies filmed in New Mexico, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, in Room 111. One of the first movies allowed to film in Los Alamos. A short discussion about the film pre-

cedes the showing and a comparison of current restoration practices in Bandelier National Monument and Puye on the Santa Clara Pueblo follows the film.

There is no charge for the movie, but people interested in viewing it are asked to call ENMU-Ruidoso Community Edu-

cation at 257-3012.

Science Model Fair

The sixth annual Ruidoso Middle School Science Model Fair will be Friday, May 14, at the school. Seventh grade science teacher Russell Wilcox said everyone in the community is welcome to stop in and check out some impressive projects.

The science fair will be held in the commons area of the middle school, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.



COURTESY

First grade Ruidoso Sierra Vista Primary School STARS (Safe, Trustworthy, Accountable, Responsible, Respectful), top photo, Front row: l-r, Harley McCloskey, David Klein-Kinnick, Ethan Glass, Myriam Mills, Jesus Gallegos, Dustin Dubay; Middle row: Devin Stevenson-Gutierrez, Bryana Badillo, Audree Morales, Mayhah Cervantes, Liliana Mendoza, KC Romero; Back row: Hunter Edmister, Hannah O'Bryant, Anna Belle Hair, Bryan Sanchez, Cody Fitzpatrick, Dillen Romero.

Second grade Ruidoso Sierra Vista Primary School STARS, bottom photo, Front row: Mariyah Cowan, Donnie Ensor, Alexis Munoz, Zaticia Flores, Brody Carbo; Middle row: Langley Rudwalt, Luis Rey, Moreima Aguirre, Stacy Gutierrez, Anthony Porras, Nayeli Picazo, Christopher Bradley; Back row: Emily Rey, Alessandra Hernandez, Taj Kellogg, Gil Sarinopoulos Jr., Bo Perry, David Berry, CJ Knox, Hansen Kazhe.

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RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

April 20
1:55 p.m. - Officers responded to a location in the 2700 block of Sudderth Drive in reference to threats reportedly made.

A woman said her ex-mother-in-law had badgered her verbally and grabbed her arm. At the time, the woman said she did not want to press charges.

One week later the woman contacted police and said she now wanted charges filed. The case was forwarded to the district attorney's office.

April 26
12:06 p.m. - A report of a fight in progress involving two women sent police to the 500 block of Sudderth Drive.

One of the women fled to the area of the Rio Ruidoso where officers were unable to locate her. She was later found on Paradise Canyon Road and returned to the Sudderth Drive location.

The other woman, who was taken to the Lincoln County Medical Center, said she did not want to press charges.

May 1
3:38 p.m. - A traffic stop on Mechem Drive near University Drive resulted in several charges.

The vehicle was pulled over because the officer said the windshield was so severely damaged that the driver's view was obstructed.

A report stated that the officer smelled marijuana in the vehicle. Roger Chee, 54, of Mescalero, admitted he had a small bag of pot. Chee was cited for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, an obstructed driver's view, and failing to show proof of insurance.

May 3
7:56 a.m. - Graffiti was found on a wall on the west side of the building at 207 U.S. Highway 70.

An employee at Auto Zone told police that the graffiti happened sometime overnight. Photographs were taken of the unwanted black spray paint art.

10:16 a.m. - A burglary and criminal damage to

property was reported at Lookout Estates, 220 Lookout Dr. The manager said \$110 dollars in paper money was missing from a cash register. A back door at the location was damaged, and some items in a hallway were said to be out of place.

11:30 a.m. - Police responded to a shoplifting call from Walgreens, 138 Sudderth Dr.

A store employee said the shoplifter was being detained. David R. Kazhe, 35, of Mescalero, was arrested after he admitted he had "made a mistake," and had taken a \$29.99 bottle of vodka without paying for it, according to a police report.

Unable to post bond, Kazhe was taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

6:53 p.m. - Police were called to the 100 block of Monica's Court on a call about a reckless driver that reportedly had driven over a dog, but did not injure the animal.

A vehicle was found, and police talked with Aaron Ortega, 19, of Mescalero. After an officer said he smelled alcohol, Ortega reportedly said he had consumed four beers.

Two breathalyzer tests pointed to blood alcohol levels of .032 and .02, below the adult legal limit. But Ortega was issued a citation for being a minor who had been drinking.

April 4
9:45 a.m. - An employee at the Village of Ruidoso Water Department, 305 Center Dr., notified police that items had been taken from three village vehicles. The theft happened sometime overnight.

The employee said it was not the first time items had been removed from trucks. With an approximate value of \$600, the case was categorized as a fourth degree felony.

6:02 p.m. - An officer responded to a report of vandalism in the 100 block of Duff Street. A homeowner said a front window had been broken with a large

rock. Inside the residence a six-pack of beer was missing from a refrigerator. A bicycle and a weather alert radio had been taken from a storage area. The homeowner said the episode happened sometime in the previous four weeks.

May 6
8:31 a.m. - A call of a possible burglary in progress sent officers to a home in the 100 block of Hummingbird Lane.

The person who reported the incident told police that as an officer entered the residence, a man fled the area.

A detective was able to collect a fingerprint. With a broken window in the rear of the home, police are investigating the incident as a breaking and entering and criminal damage to property.

9:57 a.m. - Lincoln County Transit, 2957 Sudderth Drive, reported a criminal trespass and larceny overnight. Gas had been siphoned from two of the organization's passenger busses.

The incident was detected when an employee notices gas caps were not screwed in.

11:11 p.m. - Two people were arrested as a result of a call of loud music at a unit of the Camelot Place Apartments, 210 Crown Dr. An officer said he saw a man with a smoking pipe.

Eventually allowed inside, police found the pipe, which contained a white crystal-like substance, a zip lock bag with additional possible methamphetamine, a syringe, and a spoon.

The substance tested

positive for meth. Frank Apodaca, 51, of Ruidoso was charged with possession of a controlled substance and having drug paraphernalia. A \$10,000 cash bond was ordered. Michelle Hepner, 53, of Ruidoso, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken into custody without bond because she was on probation.

May 7
10:33 a.m. - An officer was sent to the Community Youth Center Warehouse, 200 Church Dr., for a report of criminal damage to property.

A motion-activated outdoor light had been broken. The cost to replace the light was estimated at \$100.

May 8
11:03 a.m. - Graffiti was reported to a sign at Sierra Blanca Cabins, 215 Country Club Dr.

The property's owner said the vandalism was done sometime overnight. A criminal damage to property report was written.

A black spray paint can was found and taken into evidence.

11:18 a.m. - A man reported someone had tampered with his vehicle.

A flat tire turned out to be the result of an air valve stem that had been snipped from the tire. The damage was estimated at \$60.

4:17 p.m. - Police responded to a location in the 200 block of Carter's Lane on a call of a man attempting to get into a residence.

An effort to locate the man, who was identified by the reporting party, was unsuccessful.

Unwanted visitors

Some vacation homes in Ruidoso may have had occupants uninvited by the homeowners. A Texas couple with a second home in the 100 block of Bloodworth Street called police after arriving April 28 because it appeared someone had been living in the home for as long as the past month. The couple had been at the home in March.

A rear window was discovered broken and furniture inside had been moved. Items were reported missing from the home including a revolver. Other items had been added,

including a bit of food. A ring not belonging to the couple was found inside the residence.

April 29, a woman who had arrived at her vacation home in the 600 block of 1st Street spotted a man walking outside in the back of the home. She called police after discovering a bedroom door open and a window shattered. Police were able to locate the man who was positively identified. Police interviewed the suspect and turned the case over to the department's Criminal Investigation Division.

- Jim Kalvelage



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ORTIZ

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Flores said she supports Ortiz.

"As you can see, I am Hispanic," said Flores. "Since the appointment of Mr. Ortiz, I have seen the presence of police down my street. Not because we need to have them there, but because they're looking out for our citizens. The profiling issue, as an Hispanic person, I think and I hope that isn't the issue."

Flores said she feels Ortiz has been a professional department leader.

Resident Sharon Paul echoed the praises.

"He's impeccable," said Paul. "I'm impressed with his integrity. I appreciate the way he has protected this community. I think it would be a grave error to do anything that would jeopardize that. If you guys are considering anything to do to Chief Ortiz, I think it should be commending him."

Paul said she did not believe Ortiz ever racially profiled anybody.

Elke Cooper said a traffic stop by the police in



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Police Chief Alfred Ortiz, above, Councilor Dean Holman, City Attorney H. John Underwood and Mayor Tom Armstrong, left to right, exit Monday's three-hour closed session. At right: With city resident Dianne Flores in the foreground, Ortiz listens to Flores' support of the chief.



mistake for him not to be here."

Joe Blaney called Ortiz "the best thing that has happened here in a long time." He urged the mayor and council to abandon any discussion about the chief.

Fellow Ruidoso Downs employee Jay Smith, who

is resigning his position as the director of the Hubbard Museum of the American West on July 30, called Ortiz a tremendous individual.

"He is of impeccable character," said Smith. "I find him to be one of the finest people I know. I think he's the type of person that we need to emulate. And I think it would be a sad, terrible loss to the city of Ruidoso Downs to lose Chief Ortiz."

The closed-door session of the council, which included Ortiz and the city's attorney, clerk, and payroll/personnel director, concluded at 9:10 p.m.

Ortiz told the Ruidoso News that there has been a lot of hearsay recently, and he wanted an opportunity to provide an explanation after being asked to step down.

"That was what I really wanted was due process, for them to hear my side of the story. They didn't have the full facts and I told my side of the story."

City Councilor Tommy Hood made a motion to place Ortiz on a six-month trial basis probation, during which some "stringent" guidelines would go into effect within the police

department. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gary Williams.

Mayor Tom Armstrong, City Clerk Carol Virden, and attorney H. John Underwood will develop the guidelines by late next week.

In April, Ortiz said he would look into the allegation of racial profiling. Tuesday he said he discovered the charge to be unfounded, based on state statutes and federal regulations. Ortiz said a specific incident, cited by Councilor Olivo, involved a language translations matter.

"I'm very grateful. I can't say enough about the support that I received. The support from those who came to the meeting and from those who called in," Ortiz said.

The 35-year law enforcement officer, who was hired as the Ruidoso Downs police chief in October 2006, said despite the effort to remove him, he'll continue to do his job.

"I have the same attitude as a year ago," said Ortiz. "That is to be positive and do the best I can for this community."

Following the meeting, Armstrong told Ortiz, "You can do it. I know you can."

THEFTS

FROM PAGE 1A

office."

The Ruidoso cases of

missing mail from private mailboxes at the end of a person's driveway began in the middle of April. Soon afterward some village residents discovered their check, written to pay a bill,

had been used by someone else to make purchases.

"Times are hard, and people think of creative ways to make money," said Babcock.

The latest larceny case

was reported on May 3. A woman who had placed six payments in her mailbox during the morning later checked the mail to find a note from the letter carrier. It read, "Your flag was up

but there was no outgoing mail in your box to pick up."

She contacted her bank.

The same day a similar message from the carrier was in another personal

mailbox. The resident had placed a payment voucher, along with a \$10 check, in an envelope and put it in the mailbox at 7 a.m. By noon the envelope was gone.

Because of the dollar amount involved, another recent mail theft case is being considered a fourth-degree felony by Ruidoso police.

Two checks to pay bills, in the amounts of \$71 and \$50, were mailed. The bill payer was unable to remember if the payments were placed in a mailbox on the street or taken to the post office. In late April it was discovered that one of the checks has been used at Walmart for \$915.59. The other was cashed at the Inn of the Mountain Gods for \$250.

Another case involved a personal check taken from a woman's mailbox. The draft had been altered and cashed at Walmart in Ruidoso Downs. What was a \$25 payment ended up being \$250.

Those crimes, and four similar cases, are being investigated by the police department's Criminal Investigation Division.

Babcock said he is working with Walmart.

Meanwhile, police are looking for a dark-colored, early-to-mid-1990s Honda or Accura sedan, said Babcock. And officers are paying more attention to certain parts of the village.

One of the earlier reported larcenies involved two checks taken from a mailbox that soon were used at Walmart stores in Ruidoso Downs and El Paso for nearly \$200 each time.

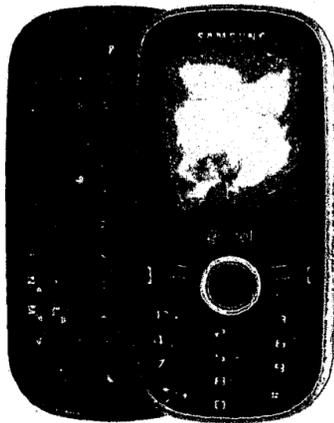
Walmart, and some other merchants, use electronic funds transfers to automatically receive a payment using the check's account and routing numbers. The check is then handed back to the person that presented it to the checkout clerk.

The National Check Fraud Center said check washing has increased at an alarming rate.

U.S. postal inspectors report there has been an epidemic of mail thefts, as criminals swipe outgoing checks from mailboxes that have their red flags up. The thieves will steal a check in the morning and cash it by the afternoon, the center said.

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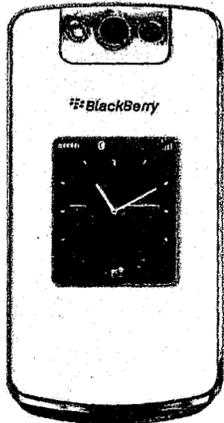
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Jan's skin Spa creates younger, healthier skin

By Katie Phillips
 SPECIAL WRITER

The town hasn't looked the same since Jan's Skin Spa opened up in downtown South Lyon several months ago. Clients are now looking younger and feeling more confident.

Microcurrent facials are bringing in clients from out of town because the high-tech procedure can't be found anywhere else nearby. "They're like a mini-face lift for those that don't want to go under the knife," said owner Janice Flores, who is a licensed esthetician and South Lyon resident.

Facial is a procedure that improves the delivery of Microcurrent into the face through specially designed conducting wands that are applied at specific acupuncture points.

The experience is described as wonderfully relaxing and euphoric, causes no pain or swelling, and the age-defying results are remarkable. Clients are not just more relaxed, but look more radiant than other non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

Although microcurrent is popular in Europe for several years, the technology is only recently gaining popularity in America, particularly in Hollywood, where most cosmetic trends originate.

For two years in a row, celebrity features have reported this as one of the hottest cosmetic procedures in the world before the Academy Awards. Now more celebs are publicly confessing to being regular clients of this age-defying technology. (Just to name a few: Britney Spears, Leeanna Chan, Hilary Swank, Drew Barrymore, Gwyneth Paltrow, Sandra Bullock, Susan Sarandon, Rose McGowan, Michelle Pfeiffer, Jane Fonda, Halle Berry, and more).

If you already have signs of aging, you can expect to look younger once you complete your recommended program. Some respond better than others, but everyone gets age-defying results.

Facials that complement your program include a healthy diet, drinking lots of clean water, only avoiding overexposure to UV rays, and exercising regularly.

Benefits from the Facial Sculpting include:

- Diminishes or eliminates fine lines, creases, and wrinkles
- Hydrates and revitalizes skin, making it smoother and softer
- Improves blood circulation and lymphatic drainage
- Regenerates the "junk" out of your facial lines
- Tightens sagging jowls, doubling chin, and baby cheeks
- Clears up or reduces acne and blemishes
- Reduces dark circles or puffiness under eyes

Janice can also help skin of a younger, fresh look with Glycolic peels that will help diminish fine lines, even out skin tone, and plump up collagen and elastin fibers - like a natural and microcurrent non-invasive treatment. Clients will soon get to try out Janice's InnoBody Sculpting that can also reduce all the red and firm up problem areas, while reducing cellulite.

The facial, skin care also provides body wraps, full body wrap, leg, armpit and eyebrow waxing and eyelash extensions.

Jan's Skin Spa can be found in the upper level of a historic downtown building, at 106 N. Lafayette St. It is open Monday through Saturday by appointment only. Gift certificates are available. Reach Jan's Skin Spa at (248) 518-8897 or e-mail jan@jansskinspa.com.

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Baseball

Friday, May 7

First round of state play:
Ruidoso 20, Socorro 9

High School Softball

Friday, May 7

Capitan 13, Mesilla Valley 1
Capitan 14, Mesilla Valley 0

Sports On Tap

Baseball

Wednesday, May 12

Capitan at Rio Rancho High School against Questa High School, 2 p.m. for state play-offs.

Thursday, May 13

Ruidoso at Rio Rancho High School against Bloomfield High School, 2 p.m. for Round 2 of state playoffs.

High School Softball

Friday, May 14

Capitan at Field of Dreams in Las Cruces against the winner of Friday's Eunice/Tucumcari game at 8 p.m.

Little League

Wednesday, May 12

Minors, Tigers vs. Angels, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan

Minors, Marlins vs. Dodgers, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

Thursday, May 13

Majors, Cubs vs. Red Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan

Majors, Rockies vs. White Sox, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

Friday, May 14

Minors, Marlins vs. D-Backs, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan

Minors, Rays vs. Angels, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

Saturday, May 15

Minors, Tigers vs. Cubs, 2 p.m., Capitan

Minors, D-Backs vs. Rays, 5 p.m., Capitan

Monday, May 17

Minors, Angels vs. Marlins, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan

Minors, Dodgers vs. Tigers, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

Tuesday, May 18

Majors, Rockies vs. Red Sox, 6:30 p.m., Gavilan

Majors, White Sox vs. Indians, 6:30 p.m., Eagle Creek

On Deck

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. Call 257-5030 for more info.

Monday Run/Walk/Jog

Ruidoso Wilderness Pacers are continuing to run/walk/jog every Monday evening at 5:45 p.m. The locations change from week to week so be sure and check your schedules or call your friendly recreation coordinator, at 257-5030. This Monday, May 17, we run at Cedar Creek Fitness Trail. It's not a race but whoever gets closest to their predicted time for either the 1-mile or the 3-mile distances gets a T-shirt with the Ruidoso Wilderness Pacers on the front. (Quite unique, don't you think?)

The formidable Lady Tigers

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The Capitan High School softball team is 19-2, has won district for the fourth year in a row (all of the seasons they have been eligible to compete), has blanked opponents eight times (including two forfeits) and won its last 14 consecutive games.

They are currently seeded No. 2 (behind Loving) in state 1A-2A play.

What's next for head coach Rodney Griego and his stellar group of athletes? Ask any of them and they will immediately answer, "The state championship."

"In each of the last four years of state competition we have gotten progressively closer to the title," Griego said. "Last year we made it to the semi-final, double elimination contest before losing."

The Lady Tigers received a first-round bye in this week's state action and will face the winner of the earlier 2 p.m. Eunice/Tucumcari game Friday at 8 p.m. at the Field of

Dreams in Las Cruces. This year's playoffs will be single elimination.

"We seem to be peaking at the right time," Griego said. "Alisha Autrey is hitting over .500 and four others are over .400.

Our defense looks solid all the way around - at every position.

Capitan has no JV program and so it's up to underclassmen to excel enough to make the varsity squad.

One has ... Kymbra Espinosa, who starts at first base.

Senior, Autrey, is the team's starting pitcher and looks to be healthy and ready to go ... like she has all season.

Freshman Sidni Hughes is prepared to step on the mound should the need arise.

The Lady Tigers will lose four stalwart players to graduation this year. Besides Autrey, center fielder Ashley Pruet, shortstop Jordan Dalton and third baseman Brooke Ceballos will have completed their high school years.

Waiting in the wings are



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The Lady Tigers ham it up after winning their fourth district win in a row.

a host of 2010 eighth-graders, who, although they haven't recorded large blocks of playing time, "show a lot of promise" according to Griego. In addition to Espinosa, Kayla

Padilla, Tara Herrera, Teyna Montoya and Natalie Barnwell look forward to their starting turns on the varsity team next year.

Regardless of what hap-

pens in the coming three days of state competitions, Capitan looks to have another strong squad for next season.

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Warriors bulldoze Socorro in state play

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The Ruidoso hardball crew journeyed to Socorro Friday for the first round of state play and came away with a scorching 20-9 win in five innings.

That important victory (one loss and out) now gives the boys their fifth straight win and upped their season mark to 14-10. This was the first time the two had played each other this season.

Meaningful, also, is the momentum and confidence they will carry into Thursday's second-round 2 p.m. action against Bloomfield (13-8-1) at Rio Ranch High School. These two teams have played no common opponents.

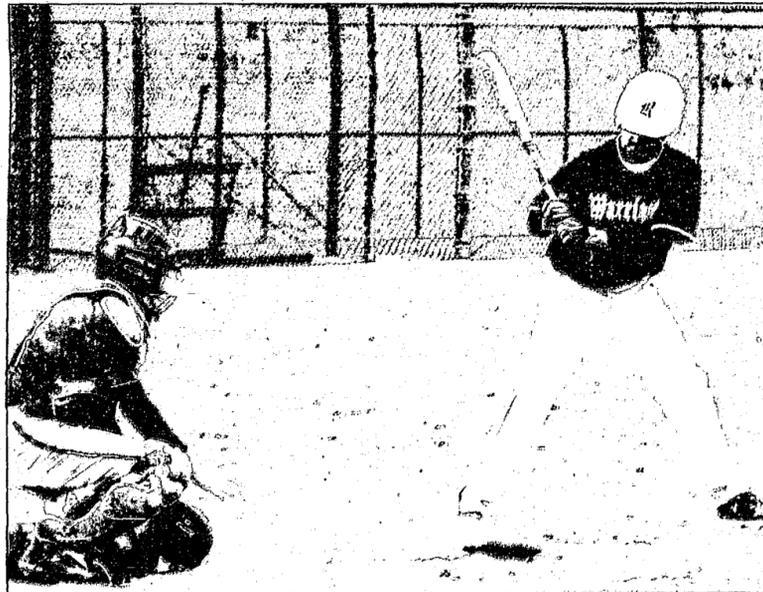
"Frierson will start the Bloomfield game. He earned it in the Socorro win by only throwing 29 pitches."

Gilbert Alvarado
Head Coach

Head coach Gilbert Alvarado seems to have his players firing on all cylinders and attuned to his style of "team play" at just the right time.

In the Socorro contest Tanner Perrin started on the mound and went 2 1/3 innings before Kayle Frierson came on in relief. With the bases loaded, he served up a first-pitch gopher ball, which cleared the bags, and then settled

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J.B. Lewis watches a NMMI-pitched ball go low in the dirt in Ruidoso's doubleheader win May 1.

CAPITAN DOES WELL AT STATE MEET



CRYSTAL ELDRIDGE/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The 2010 state pole vault champion is Capitan's sophomore Dustee Rae Eldridge who cleared 8-feet 6-inches. Earlier in the year she broke a Capitan school record when she cleared 9-feet 3-inches.



CRYSTAL ELDRIDGE/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Capitan's John Goodwin, left, is the state champion in the 110-meter high hurdles.

NMSU men's golf heads to NCAA Regional in San Diego

SUN-NEWS REPORT
Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES - The National Collegiate Athletic Association announced Monday that the New Mexico State men's golf team will be the No. 12 seed in the NCAA Regional tournament at the Carlton Oaks Golf Course in San

Diego, Calif., May 20-22. "San Diego is a place that we go and play almost every year so we are familiar with that area," head coach Scott Lieberwirth said.

"Looking at the draws I don't see one that is easy but I think this is one of the more favorable regional tournaments we could have

gone to. It's a good golf course.

"I played there a few times in college. I think this is a great place for us to be selected too."

This is the third straight trip to the NCAA Regional Tournament for the Aggies. NMSU won its fourth WAC Championship last week, earning a spot at the

regional tournament.

The Aggies will send Tim Madigan, Ryan Word, Gaston De La Torre, Justin Shin and Justin Knauber to the regional tournament. Madigan, Word and De La Torre all competed in the 2009 regional tournament.

Joining the Aggies, who just won their third

straight Western Athletic Conference title, will be the following teams ranked in order:

- Oregon, UNLV, Augusta State, Tennessee, San Diego State, California, Chattanooga, Central Florida, Arizona, UC-Irvine, Missouri, New Mexico State, Oral Roberts.
- Last year at the 2009

NCAA Southwest Regional Tournament, the Aggies carded a final-round team score of 24-over par, 308, placing 11th overall.

For the tournament the Aggies shot 57-over par, 909. Senior Travis Reid finished the tournament tied for seventh overall with a three round score of 4-over par, 217.

TIGERS

FROM PAGE 2B

Here is a personality and statistical portrait of the four graduating seniors.

Alisha Autrey

Uniform: No. 13
Bats: right
Throws: right
Position: Pitcher
Years played: 7
No. 1 fan: "My dad"

Favorite quote: "To get somewhere you've never been ... you have to do something you've never done before."

Favorite eating place: Olive Garden
Favorite food: Peanut butter sandwiches

Favorite softball moment: "At state last year when Kymbra tripped over the tee and 'biffed' it."

Accomplishments: "All district every year, all state my junior year and all tournament my sophomore and junior years."

Future plans: To attend Northern Arizona University and find her life goals

Brooke Ceballos

Uniform: No. 12
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Position: Second base
Years played: 5
No. 1 fans: "Nino and mom"

Favorite quote: John 14:6 "I am the

way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me."

Favorite eating place: Olive Garden

Favorite food: Fajitas or Mexican food

Favorite softball moment: "Betting Jordan \$29 I could hit nine home runs in practice and winning the wager. P.S. You still owe me!"

Accomplishments: "All district every year, district champs every year and starting the program and kicking butt."

Future plans: To attend West Texas A and M University and go into the U.S. Navy Reserves

Goals: To finish college, get a job in Arts and Graphics and retire from the Navy

Jordan Dalton

Uniform: No. 10
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Position: Shortstop
Years played: 12
No.1 fans: "My family - all 99 of them"

Favorite quote: "Embrace those that love you, and whom you love, and rid yourself of those who will only bring you down."

Favorite eating place: Olive Garden

Favorite food: Guacamole salads, quesadillas and chicken

Favorite softball moment: "There are so many - when Brooke found that dead bird in her glove, rapping on bus rides back from Lordsburg, spitting seeds at one another in the dugout and when Kymbra tripped over the tee on home plate."

Accomplishments: "All district every year, MVP sophomore and junior years



CHRISTEL GRIEGO/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

The four graduating Capitan seniors are, l-r, Ashley Pruett, Jordan Dalton, Brooke Ceballos and Alisha Autrey.

and being selected for the North/South All Stars in basketball"

Future plans: To play college softball

Goals: To take the state title

Ashley Pruett

Uniform: No. 5
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Years played: 2
No. 1 fans: "My parents and Jamie"

Favorite quote: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit (Aristotle)."

Favorite eating place: Quiznos

Favorite food: Anything involving meat, vegetables and bread

Favorite softball moment: "Too many - just being with my team and everyone involved. It was special."

Accomplishments: "All district, highest team batting average and most runs scored in my first year of softball - ever."

Future plans: To attend college and major in either criminal justice or coaching

Goals: Be a successful person who has changed the lives of the younger generation

RHS

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down to blank Socorro for the next 1 1/3 innings.

Going into the fifth inning Ruidoso led 8-6, but major fireworks were about to be set off in the top of that inning when the Warriors pounded their way for 12 big runs - 10 of them with two outs.

Cole Davis stepped on the rubber when Socorro

came to bat and answered with three runs in the bottom of the inning, but it was too little, and RHS grabbed a 10-run-rule win.

Remarkably, the Jacob Vasquez 3-run bomb over left field was Ruidoso's only homer. RHS collected 17 hits and four walks.

"Everybody in the lineup got at least one hit, one RBI and one run scored except Frierson who garnered three walks and one hit batsman," Alvarado said.

"And that sure didn't hurt his batting average one iota.

"Frierson will start the Bloomfield game. He earned it in the Socorro win by only throwing 29 pitches."

Alvarado knows he's not deep in the hurling department and has employed a "pitch by committee" type of pitching rotation as exemplified by his pick of Frierson to start the next game.

"We're playing good

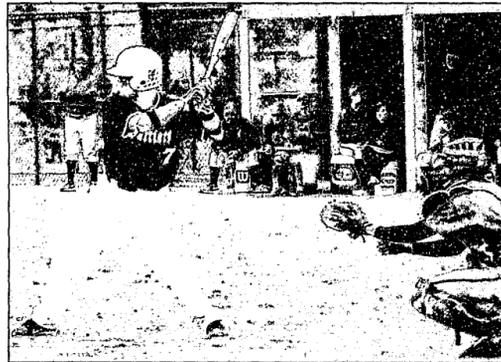
team baseball at the perfect time," the Warrior's skipper said.

"My boys can score runs when they play like they can. Any team in 3A is beatable, including us.

"What I especially liked about the Socorro contest was our No. 7, 8 and 9 hitters scored seven runs and knocked in eight.

"That epitomizes the value of good team play."

If the Warriors can manage two more wins they would be in the title game.



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Cole Davis gets set to hit in the May 1 NMMI game.

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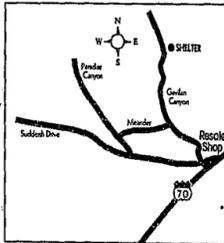
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KARA

Kara is a cute terrier mix. She has very short hair with brown and white markings. Kara weighs about 25 pounds and is about 2 years old. She walks great on a leash and is excellent with other dogs and puppies. Kara is a very sweet, quiet dog and we are confident she will be a great addition to any family.

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CODY

Cody is a very handsome Aussie, probably just under a year old. He is a glutton for attention and very friendly. Cody weighs just over 50 pounds and will need a home where he can have regular exercise.

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DAISY

Daisy is a very sweet Border Collie mix. She is housebroken, good with children and good with other dogs. Daisy knows how to sit and stay and also fetches. She is just over 1 year old and weighs about 40 pounds.

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LENA

Lena is a beautiful cat with very unique markings. She is very affectionate with people and excellent with other cats and dogs. Lena is one year old.

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SYLVIA

Sylvia is a beautiful grey tabby with bright green eyes. She is very friendly and affectionate. Sylvia is also good with other cats and good with dogs.

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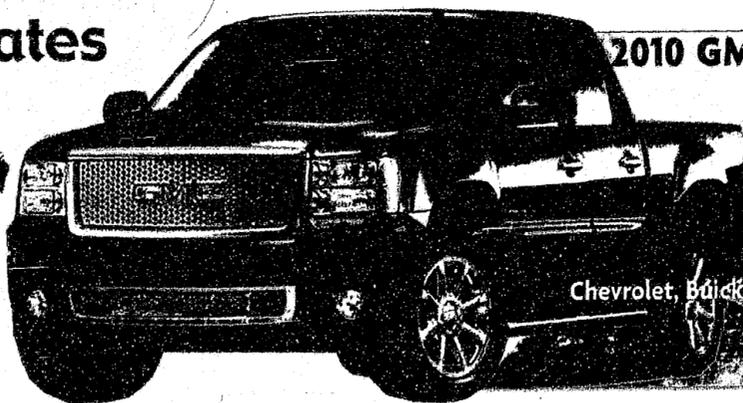
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010

A tribute to Rob Krentz

EDITOR'S NOTE:
This is part one of two about Rob Krentz, an Arizona rancher found murdered in March near the Mexican border on the his ranch March. Part 2 will run Wednesday, May 19.



ROB KRENTZ

Don called Rob up one day and said, "Hey Rob, I've got this prolapsed cow over at the Double Adobe Ranch locked up in the corral and I was wondering if you could give me a hand?"

"Sure," says Rob, "just come on over and get me on your way."

So the two men headed over to the Double Adobe Ranch which is about an hour away from Don's main ranch at Apache. They didn't take a horse with them because Don had trapped the cow in the water lot earlier.

Upon their arrival they found a mean old hussy who was none too happy about her current uncomfortable condition or the arrival of the two "would be" cowboy doctors.

"You run her up the alley and I will catch her with the head gate," Don instructed.

After giving Rob quite a run around in the alley, he finally got her headed up the lead-up. She was really moving fast as she hit the front.

As a matter of fact, she hit the front with such a force that the old bolts holding the head gate in place just popped like buttons on a shirt!

The old gal then proceeded to run around the water lot with the head gate on her head and Don still holding on to the lever.

Don didn't want to let her go for fear she would escape, or worse yet, chase him around while wearing the head gate.

After a minute or so of dragging Don around, the cow smartened up and backed out of the contraption till she was free of it. She then chased Don around the lot until at last she cleared the top rail of the fence like a hurdler at a track meet.

Laughing at the sight of all this, Rob says, "Well now what are we going to do boss?"

It would take about two hours to go back to the main ranch and get a horse, so Don rummaged around behind the seat until he came up with an old catch rope.

"We'll rope her using this old truck," declared Don. "You drive!"

Rob says "Your ranch ... your cow ... your truck ... you drive ... I'll rope."

So off they went across the mesquite flat dodging bushes and arroyos chasing after the prolapsed cow.

The rope was tied to the gooseneck ball in the back and Rob had fashioned a hand hold onto the headache rack for balance and support.

After chasing the cow far enough that

she finally began to wear out a little bit, Don was able to line out on her in a fairly level area.

As Don pulled up beside the cow, Rob swung a time or two and then landed a loop that should have made a professional roper proud.

Rob threw the trip and Don turned the pickup off to the left just as if he was in Cheyenne at the

Frontier Days.

The truck didn't quite work like a good Quarter horse would have, so the cow was difficult to throw down.

Don figured that after a while, the old cow would just choke down enough that they could tie her up and doctor her.

The ole gal was too smart for that though and she always kept just enough slack in the rope to keep her breath.

As Don and Rob tried many different methods of getting the cow down, about all that was accomplished was she was mad. Very mad.

So mad as a matter of fact that she spent all of her time trying to chase the two cowboy doctors.

Around the truck, in the cab, on the back, it didn't matter; she was after her antagonists with a vengeance. Finally the two men came up with a plan; they had rummaged around behind the seat and came up with another catch rope. This one they tied off to the base of a larger mesquite bush.

Don says, "Let her chase you by here, and I'll heel her."

Rob says, "You're skinny and fleet of foot ... you chase ... I'll rope."

So as Don let the cow chase him around like a champion bull fighter, he finally got her to go by the spot where Rob waited.

With a heel shot that was sent by the Gods, Rob snagged a hind leg. Don jumped in the truck and took out the slack; the cow was tied down. Then, and only then, was she given slack.

Well they got her stuffins put back where they belonged and sewed her up, then they cautiously let her go. Both men were wore out from the ordeal.

As they headed back towards Apache Don told Rob, "I sure do thank you for helping me out pard. That would have been quite a job for one man."

Rob's reply? "Well that's what friends are for."

This is a true account as told by a neighbor when asked, "Just what kind of friend was Rob Krentz?"

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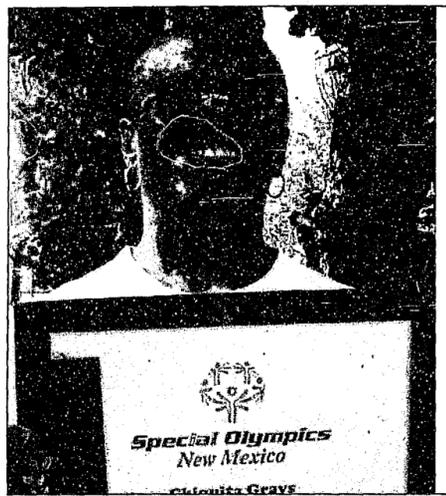
CLASS OF 2022



COURTESY

Carrizozo Kindergarten Graduation is at 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 14, in the Old Gym at Carrizozo Schools. This graduating class will attend their senior graduation in 2022. Front: L-r, Melissa Barela, Bella Bartz, John Bayless, Jameal Garcia, Kelsie Guevara and James Hemphill; Back: Erollyn Luera, Robert Luera, Daniel Najer, Dylan Romero and Mathias Zamora.

Athlete of the Year



COURTESY

The Carrizozo Special Olympics team, "Lincoln County Outlaws," competed in Carlsbad on April 24. Chiquita Grays won the Athlete of the Year award for Area Four. This is an honorable feat because Grays competed against very large delegations in southeast of New Mexico. Grays has been competing for five years. According to a New Horizons' spokesperson, where Grays resides, "She is a very special lady, always wears a smile and is very helpful to her teammates and other athletes. She always excels in the games she participates in which include bowling and bocce."

HELMETS FOR KIDS



COURTESY

Gerald Champion Hospital Trauma Unit, Alamogordo, presented bike helmets to all Carrizozo kindergarten through sixth grade students. Lori Haden, representing the unit, encouraged students to wear helmets while riding bikes and skateboards to avoid accidents. She measured each child's head circumference to ensure a proper fit for their helmet. Pictured: l-r, Michael Trone, Max Sanchez, Ali Hernandez, Kaitlin Guevara and Patrick Bradley.

COUNTY BRIEFS

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Carrizozo Little League registration for ages 5-18, will be May 12, 4-6 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose room at Carrizozo Schools.

The cost is \$10 per child.

For more information, call J'Lane Zamora at 648-2802 or Amanda Garcia at

Prehistoric dig

The Carrizozo Heritage Museum is hosting a presentation of the new discoveries from the prehistoric site on U.S. Highway 54 south of Carrizozo. The presentation is at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 19, at

Heritage Hall, 103 12th St., Carrizozo. Admission is free.

Railroad Q & E

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad is hosting an all-day safety seminar at Carrizozo Schools, Wednesday, May 12. Operation Life Saver

will be presented to grades K-12.

At 6 p.m. at the Carrizozo Town Hall, a question-and-answer session will be held for adults. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Town clean up

Carrizozo will host a

town cleanup 8 a.m. until noon, May 22. Dumping at the rolloffs located on south E Avenue (McBride Property) and at the dumping station off Hanger Lane will be free.

The grappler truck will be available for white goods and a special section will be available for electronic e-waste.

Volunteers will be available to help unload at the dumping stations. If assistance is need to haul items to the dumpsite, reservations must be made with City Hall by May 19.

There will be charge assessed for the service with payment due by May 22.

Dairy heifer clinic

Crystal and Jay Eld-

ridge will hold a Dairy Heifer Clinic at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 12, at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

Thomas Montes will be there to trim hooves.

Tried-True Sale

The Carrizozo Woman's Club Annual Tried But True Sale will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday, May 14, from noon - 6 p.m., and on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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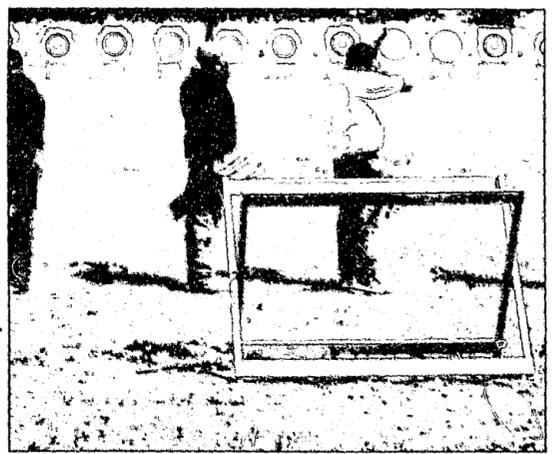
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COURTESY ROBERT VANCE

Lincoln County 4-H shooters scored well at the state 4-H shooting contest in April at Whittington Center near Raton. Three of the teams placed in the top five in the state. Above, left to right, J'Nae Wood, Gary Sweat, Forrest Sweat Josh Reynolds, Lance Dale, Wade Sulteimer, Zach Shearer, Connor Hall, Jerami Vance, Robert Vance and Royce Black.

County 4-H shooting teams score well at state competition

Nine Lincoln County 4-H members traveled to Raton, April 30 - May 2, to compete at the 2010 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports competition held at the NRA Whittington Center. The nine members fielded four teams (two in compound archery, one in .22 rifle and one in air rifle).

Three of the teams placed in the top five in the state. The Archery Team 1, comprised of Connor Hall, Jerami Vance, Forrest Sweat and J'Nae Wood took second place honors, just 134 points out of first. Additionally, Hall placed fourth high individual in the competition. Archery

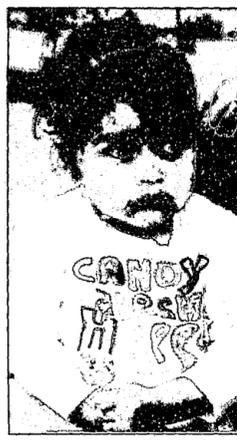
Team 2, comprised of Wade Sulteimer, Royce Black and Lance Dale were ranked eighth in the team competition. The .22 Rifle Team, comprised of Zach Shearer, Josh Reynolds and Forrest Sweat took third place honors. The Air Rifle Team comprised of Josh Reynolds,

Royce Black and Lance Dale took 5th place. Royce Black also was recognized for earning the CMP Silver Achievement Award which means his 3-Position score in air rifle is among the top 20 percent of scores nationwide. All had a great time at the event and already have

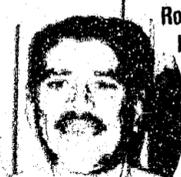
their sights set on returning to state competition next year with the goal of winning and being invited to nationals, scheduled to be held in Kerrville, Texas. To accomplish this, they are planning to hold fundraisers throughout the year to purchase the much needed training aids to

sharpen their skills. Anyone interested in helping these shooters achieve their goal can contact Robert Vance at 336-1840 or the Lincoln County Extension Office. If interested in joining 4-H to participate next year, contact the County Extension Office at 648-2311.

SMOKEY BEAR DAYS 2010



Robert D. Young



Robert Douglas Young, son of Mary Lois (Young) Paxton and Douglas Talmadge Young, found his final peace on May 2, 2010.

Robert was born November 10, 1947 in Carrizozo. He attended school in Alamogordo and graduated from Alamogordo Senior High School in 1966. After graduating from high school, he attended vocational school and began working in construction as a sheet-metal worker. As a sheet-metalist, he worked on such local projects as the Tombaugh Planetarium and the WIP Project. He had been a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union since 1968.

He is survived by his mother Mary Lois; a sister, Mary Pieper; step sister, Deadra Paxton; step brothers Mark Paxton and Joe Dale Paxton; his four children Douglas, Robert, Jerri, and Dusty Young and grandson Benton Young, as well as, his niece, Janet Mathis and nephew, Duane Pieper.

Graveside services were held at the Ruidoso Downs Hale Cemetery on May 8, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The Young family entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home who directed the funeral services.

To sign the online register book, please visit www.alamogordofuneralhome.org.

Capitan district gets wildfire prevention funds

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The Capitan District of the State Forestry Division received \$1.8 million this week to help prevent catastrophic wildfire and improve forest and watershed conditions.

Gov. Bill Richardson announced that \$15 million in federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have been allocated to the Division for work on state, private and tribal lands across New Mexico.

The Capitan District money will be targeted for Fort Stanton, Alto Mesa, Moon Mountain and Cox Canyon.

"The 10-year anniversary of the catastrophic Cerro Grande fire reminds

us that wisely managing our forests is critical to our health, safety and quality of life," Richardson said. "These funds also create jobs and stimulate local economies."

The projects are funded by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service through the ARRA. The funding will be administered by the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Forestry Division. The funding will help continue and expand similar projects statewide, and help smaller communities establish and sustain their own forest treatment programs.

The Capitan District falls under the heading of Statewide Hazardous Fuels Treatment, which

received a total of \$4.5 Million, with the remaining \$1.4 million going to the Cimarron District covering Black Lake, Colfax Riparian Restoration, Red River, Angel Fire; and \$1.3 million to the Chama District in San Juan County and Mesa de las Vejas.

A New Mexico Forest Inventory Analysis will receive \$4 million. The project will focus on filling a significant gap in forest inventory information.

While data was collected in all but a few states each year, to guide forest management decision making, no new data has been available for New Mexico for the last decade. In the meanwhile, New Mexico forests have experienced large scale wildfires, widespread tree mortality due to

drought and insect epidemics, and differing pressures from forest industries from previous decades.

Forestry officials say the information derived from the project is essential to correcting unhealthy forest conditions, seizing economic opportunities to match available and accessible wood supply and tracking the impacts of climate and other ecological changes on New Mexico's forests.

Thelma Victoria Wilson

Thelma Victoria Wilson, 95 of Alto and Mescalero, passed away on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010. Thelma was born on August 31, 1914 in Ellinwood, Kansas, the daughter of Dr. Joseph Raymond Zecha and Margaret Mary Frank. Thelma was the wife of three husbands, who have preceded her in death, Hubert Nolen, John Lester and Richard Wilson.

She was the beloved mother and best friend of Milda Nolen Mason, wife of Troy Mason of Alto and the grandmother of Mark Lynn Mason and his wife Carol of Houston.

Thelma was a retired insurance rater and writer.

She is written in Ripley's Believe It or Not as having the longest correspondence with a pen pal, Isabel Burns Jean of Otisville, Michigan. In 2010 they were both 95 years old having written each other regularly since they were 11 years old. They met only once; on their 57th anniversary.

Goodbye, mother, goodbye.

No services are planned at this time and cremation has taken place. Condolences may be made at: www.Lagroneruidoso.com

Judge Michael S. Line,

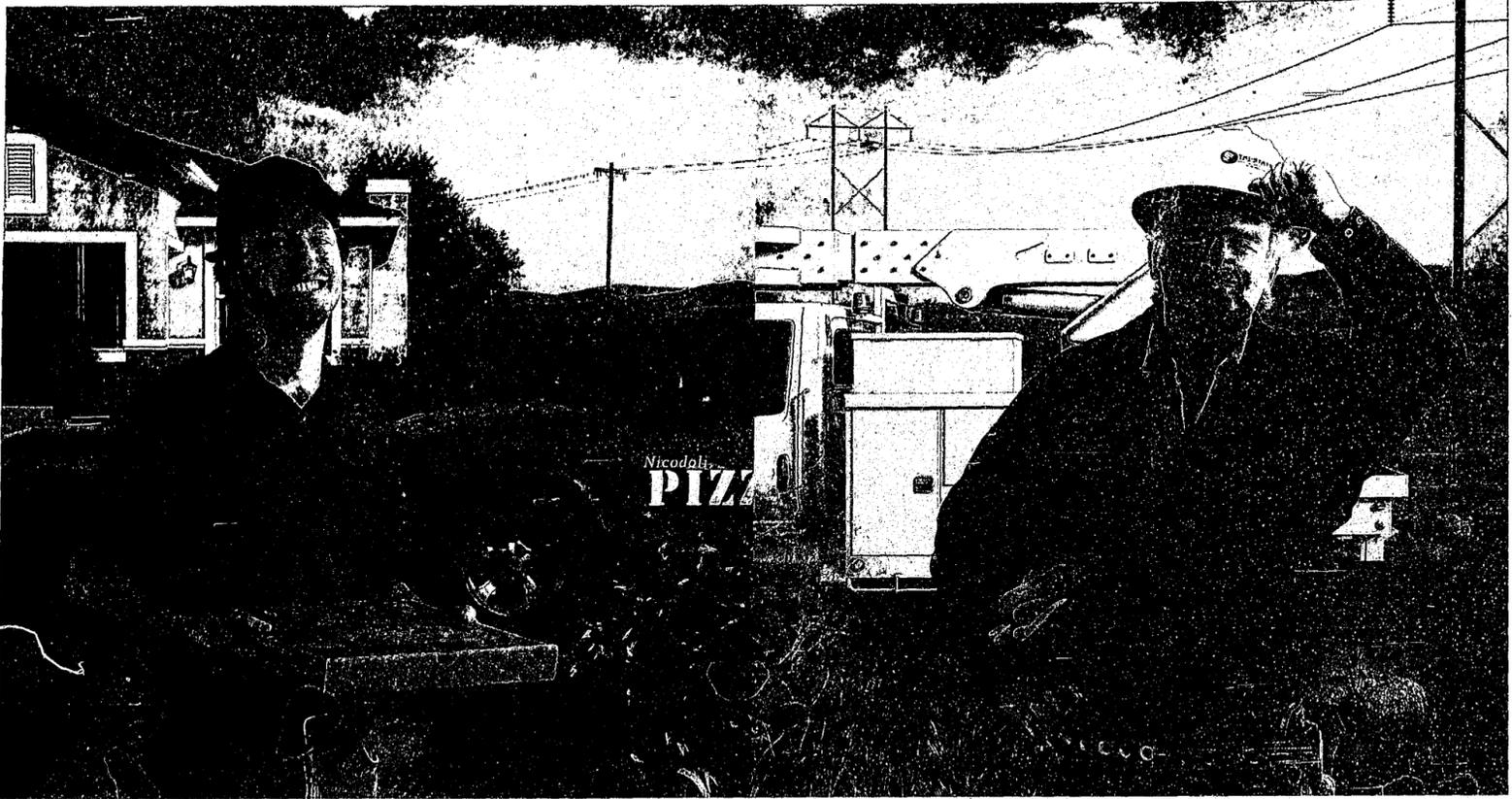
Memorial service for Judge Michael S. Line, 56, of Ruidoso will be held Thursday, May 13, at 11:00 AM at the Ruidoso Convention Center. Mr. Line passed away Thursday, May 6, in Lubbock, Texas. He was born October 30, 1953 at Snyder, Texas.

After graduating from Snyder High School he attended Abilene Christian University and then transferred to the University of Texas at Austin where he received his Bachelors degree. He then went to Texas Tech Law School where he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence. He moved to Ruidoso in December, 1988 and practiced as an attorney and served the past sixteen years as Municipal Judge for the Village of Ruidoso. Mike married Karan on July 10, 1982 at Snyder, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Karan of Ruidoso; two daughters, Elizabeth Peterson and her husband Eric of Johnstown, Colorado and Candice Line of Lubbock, Texas; son Tyler Line of Lubbock, Texas and his mother, Kaye Line of Ruidoso. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl H. Line, and a brother, Steve H. Line Jr.

Funeral services will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 11:00 AM.

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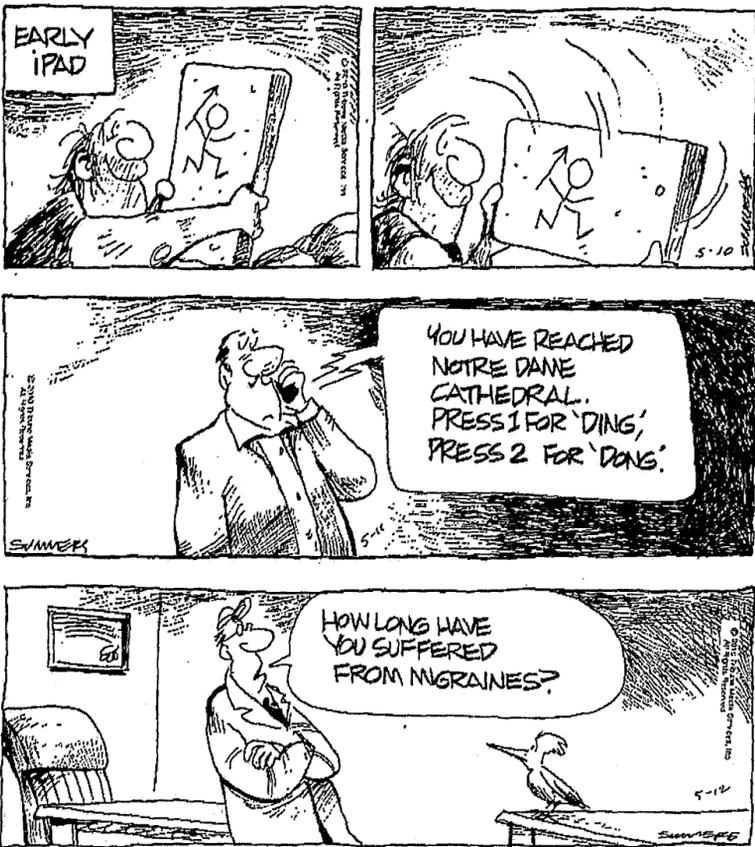
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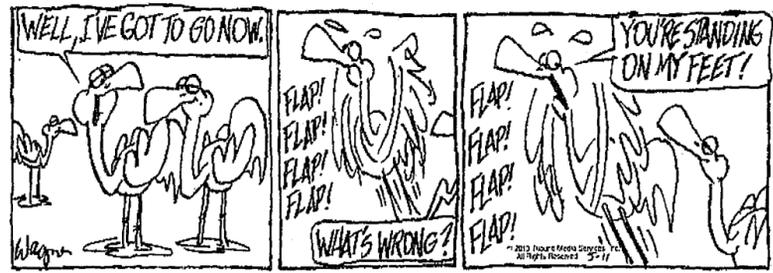
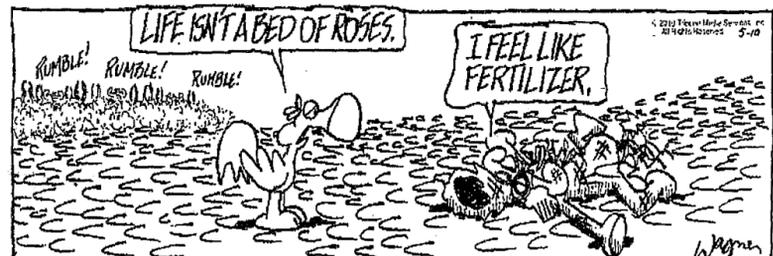
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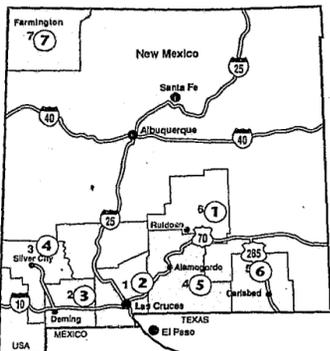
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO

ALTO LAKES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., a New Mexico corporation

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOROTHY L. GRAY, in her capacity as the Trustee of The Trust of Dorothy L. Gray,

Defendant.

CV 2010-00041 Div. III

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER FORECLOSURE JUDGMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of that decree of foreclosure entered by the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 13, 2010 in Case No. CV 2010-00041, the undersigned will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash at the front entrance of the Ruidoso Municipal Building of 200 Horton Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico on May 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. all rights of the defendant to the following described real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico:

Lot 35, Block 9, HIGH MESA SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County on April 29, 1971 in Tract No. 405, (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").

It is further given that the court directed foreclosure of the claim of lien on the Property and that the amount to be realized at said sale, after payment of the amount of \$250.00.

The terms of this sale are that the purchaser must pay cash at the time the Property is sold to him, except that Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club, Inc. may bid all or any part of its judgment plus interest without paying cash.

Witness my hand this 15th day of April, 2010.

Jennifer Flores
Social Master

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LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Food Service Management Services for the Ruidoso Municipal School District

RFP NO: 2009-105Y #6

The Board of Education, Ruidoso Municipal School District is requesting Proposals for Food Service Management Services.

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STATE OF LINCOLN COUNTY OF LINCOLN DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF TAMARA JONES FOR CHANGE OF THE MINOR CHILD ANTHONY JONES

No. CV-10-153

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice of a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 27th day of April, 2010 requesting that the minor child's name be changed from Vanover to Jones.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name which will be held before the Honorable Karen M. Posons at 8:15 am on the 7th day of June, 2010 at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final order changing the minor child's name from Vanover to Jones.

Tamara Jones
100 Roswell St. #C
Ruidoso, NM 88345
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VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

BY: Irma Devine, Village Clerk

#9058 1T (5)12

INVITATION FOR BID

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico is requesting bids for the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. The Village of Ruidoso may receive multiple awards under this solicitation.

In accordance with NMSA 1978, §13-150 through §13-154, a multiple source award may be made when awards to two or more offerors are necessary for adequate delivery or service. All bids must be submitted by 6:00 p.m. (6:00 days subject to action from the Village.

Bids will be received at the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Department located at 311 West 2nd Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Submitted bids will be transported and opened at the Village of Ruidoso, 421 Winsfield St., Ruidoso, NM. After closing time will be rejected and returned to the offeror. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained from the person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 311 West 2nd Street, or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Vicki Eichelberger, Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent, at 575-257-4051.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all informalities deemed and accepted by the Village. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered.

Vicki Eichelberger
Village of Ruidoso
Purchasing Agent

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Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Executive Directors Office. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget adjustments/submissions, updates, employee re-employment recommendations/presentations, and executive session to discuss limited personnel and evaluation and position of the executive director. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, interested community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at (575)257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

Is/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, on May 25, 2010, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a new Off Site A Wine Growers (laurer license). The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

The name of the applicant is Noisy Water Artwear, Inc. whose address is 2342 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. To be used for the business of Artwear, Inc. (575) 258-4343. Ext. 1002 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Purchasing Agent

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Region IX Education Cooperative Coordinating Council meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Executive Directors Office. The meeting is open to the public. Agenda items include budget adjustments/submissions, updates, employee re-employment recommendations/presentations, and executive session to discuss limited personnel and evaluation and position of the executive director. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, interested community members are requested to contact Cathy Jones at (575)257-2368, if public accommodations are needed.

Is/ Cathy Jones, Executive Director

#9056 1T (5)12

ALTO LAKES SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will hold a public hearing on June 3, 2010, during its Regular Meeting, which begins at 9:00 am in the Alto Lakes Golf Club clubhouse to hear public testimony and vote on the application of Brian Rebbettes for the proposed variance applicable to the property located at 120 Mulligan.

Is/ Ron Duncan Secretary

#9053 1T (5)12

Non-Discrimination Statement

Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is recipient of Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, national origin, age, disability and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, and sexual orientation. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a new Off Site A Wine Growers (laurer license). The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

The name of the applicant is Noisy Water Artwear, Inc. whose address is 2342 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, 88345. To be used for the business of Artwear, Inc. (575) 258-4343. Ext. 1002 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Village of Ruidoso is requesting sealed proposals for the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. The Village of Ruidoso may receive multiple awards under this solicitation.

In accordance with NMSA 1978, §13-150 through §13-154, a multiple source award may be made when awards to two or more offerors are necessary for adequate delivery or service. All bids must be submitted by 6:00 p.m. (6:00 days subject to action from the Village.

Bids will be received at the Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Department located at 311 West 2nd Street, Ruidoso, NM 88345 until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Submitted bids will be transported and opened at the Village of Ruidoso, 421 Winsfield St., Ruidoso, NM. After closing time will be rejected and returned to the offeror. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered.

Copies of the Request can be obtained from the person at the office of the Purchasing Agent at 311 West 2nd Street, or will be mailed upon written or telephone request to Vicki Eichelberger, Village of Ruidoso Purchasing Agent, at 575-257-4051.

The Village of Ruidoso reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive all informalities deemed and accepted by the Village. The fact that a bid was dispatched will not be considered.

Vicki Eichelberger
Village of Ruidoso
Purchasing Agent

#9057 2T (5)12,19

VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico will hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico, on May 25, 2010, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building of the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The public hearing is concerning the approval of a new Off Site A Wine Growers (laurer license). The State of New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department Alcohol and Gaming Division has given preliminary approval of this license.

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Business for Rent 304
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Furnished Efficiency
rooms, utilities paid,
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Studio Apt. on quiet
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Mobile Home Rental 300
2br, 2ba; 2br, 1ba,
from \$425.
Water, garbage pd.,
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Located in Scenic
Canyon, 3 bed, 2
bath, 14 x 30 ft.
Town & Country
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required.
117 E. Cedar
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Cabin, Midtown, Util
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Furn. or unfurn W/D,
incl. yd. No pets.
\$500/mo. + gas + elect.
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LG 1bd furnished in
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Light & airy Apt w/
furn. incl. \$450/mo
May 15- Mid Aug 575-
257-2120 ext 399/602-
574-4409

Unfurn. Apts. - General 328
1/1 mid town on river
\$550.
helmyrentals.com
844-227-5016 ext 2

128 High St. 2 bd, 1
ba. \$675/mo. A Util,
pd. \$200 dep. Close to
midtown. 937-2494

2 Bd, Gas/water pd, Ap-
pliances, central loca-
tion, W/D hookup, no
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or call 806-993-6766**

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dining, fr, patio, car-
port. \$750/mo. 378-4159

homes 400-502
Small 2 bd, 1 ba, wash-
er/dryer, \$475/mo +
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172 N Oak 575-937-0381

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furnished and
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2 oversized
master suites w/
additional 1/2
bath downstairs.
Central heat and
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Oversized garage
and storeroom.
Soft SB views.
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site manager.
\$219,000
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(817) 878-1320

Home - General 412
60K Price reduction
in town w/ob SB
views 32 2050sqft, 3
car garage Byrs
trade poss. \$299,500
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Home - General 412
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Weekend or fulltime
home in Ruidoso.
Remodeled LG 2bd
w/lot, river + mtn
views, work shop,
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\$194,500. Meeting
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\$1000 a month
rustic log cabin 433
1st St in Ruidoso -
Gentry 866-654-1339**

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F, S, B, O, 1 Bed Cabin,
1 Acre, Nice, Nogal
Mesa Area Approx. 10
Miles N. of Alto.
Horses Allowed -
Fenced 24x24 Pole
Barn \$70,000
575-937-0643

**goods &
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79 Beach Motor Home
reasonable condition -
needs some motor
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**Building Materials, 3
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ble 106 Alexander,
Siding, Roofing,
2x4s, 2x6s, Household
Items, doors, ap-
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8am-2pm
Collectible glassware
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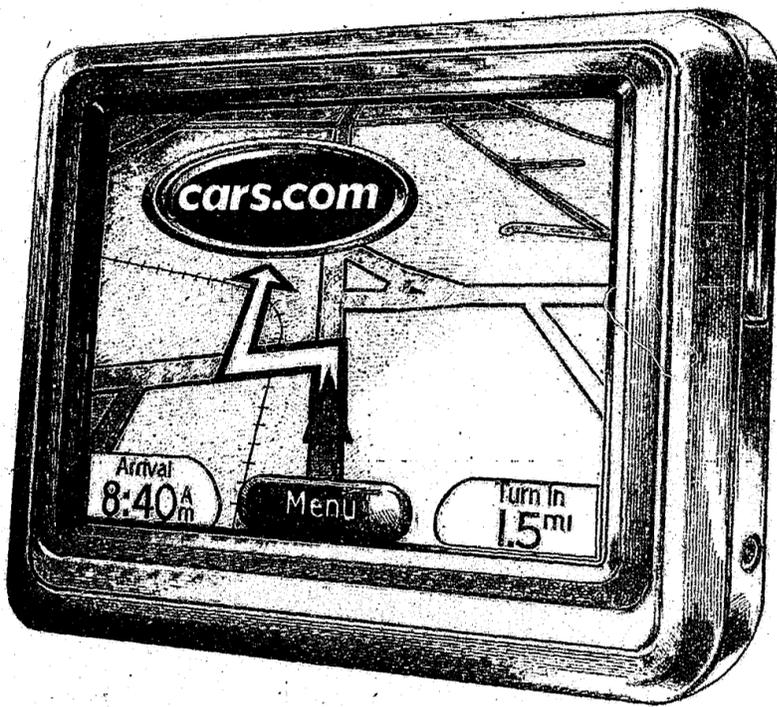
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