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Mescalero, track oppose casino

Tribal president, racetrack official say Anthony, N.M., project would hurt business

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Both gaming businesses in the Ruidoso area are opposed to the effort to locate a new casino in south-central New Mexico, near El Paso.

Northern New Mexico's Jemez Pueblo last year renewed an

almost decade-old plan to obtain federal approval for a tribal casino and resort at Anthony, N.M., near the New Mexico-Texas border.

"I feel a little bit perplexed as to why the Obama administration chose to resurrect, if you will, this particular project," Mescalero Apache Tribal

President Mark Chino said. "The project, for all intensive purposes we thought, was dead. And all of the sudden, it's been resurrected along with a few other similar projects nationwide. I fail to understand how the Bureau of Indian Affairs can say, 'Well, we opposed it back in '05 or '06, and we didn't approve it based on the

EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), and now, five years later, you have virtually the same EIS, and now you have the BIA saying it's going to benefit the Jemez people and it's going to allow the Jemez Pueblo to be self-sufficient. I don't understand how you can come to a 180-degree shift."

Chino said, in his opinion, the change fails the "smell test."

Speaking Tuesday at a gathering of the National Congress of American Indians in Milwaukee, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk said the Department of the Interior will

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Official defends foster system

Teens arraigned for murder

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When a San Patricio foster care mother was allegedly murdered last week by the teens she had taken into her home, state officials could hear potential foster parents shutting their doors to the program.

Alexis Shields, 15, and Desiree Linares, 15, have each been charged with nine felonies, including murder, theft of a motor vehicle, theft of the victim's laptop and cell phone, tampering with evidence and conspiracy in the death of Evelyn Miranda, 53. The victim was found deceased at her Whitecat Road home on June 8 by a nephew around 4 a.m. Shields and Linares were gone from the home, having allegedly fled in Miranda's van, according to court documents.

In an affidavit for arrest warrants, Lincoln County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Kenneth Cramer found Miranda in a bedroom, her hands bound with a "cell phone cord and that her feet were bound with some other kind of electrical cord indicating she may have been murdered."

The two teens were arraigned in District Court in Carrizozo Friday afternoon.

But Enrique Neal, public information officer for the Protective Services

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CELEBRATING THE FLAG



Boy Scout Pack 58 leaders Richard Harris, left, Denise Harris and BSA Pack 59 leader Lay Powell prepare flags for the retirement ceremony during the Flag Day Celebration at Wingfield Park in Ruidoso Tuesday. The field of stars is cut from the flag in preparation for the ceremony during which unserviceable flags are prepared then ceremoniously burned.

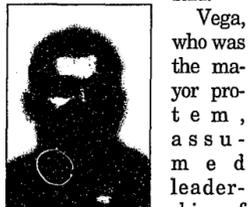
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 RUIDOSO NEWS

New 'Zozo mayor selected

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CARRIZOZO — Carrizozo's trustees selected one of their own as mayor Monday.

"I nominate Dennis Vega," Trustee Dusty Voss said.



Dennis Vega

Following the resignation of Mayor Mike Petty.

"It was pretty much a surprise to all of us," Vega said of Petty's resignation.

Vega said he had asked Petty to call the special meeting for Friday to discuss the police officer situation. Carrizozo had been without a police officer since Gary Lindsey, a part-time officer, resigned

■ New police officer hired, see page 4B

March 30.

Vega said he had received several phone calls about an increase in the crime rate in town.

"I just said we have to act now, we have to make a decision on a police officer," Vega said of his conversation with Petty.

After the Friday meeting, the town needed a police officer and a mayor.

"He (Petty) opened it up and stood up and said for mental and physical health reasons he was resigning," Vega said.

The trustees continued the meeting and agreed to hire Steve Barnett as a patrol officer.

At Monday's meeting, Town Attorney Julie Ann Leonard explained that Vega would serve the remainder of Petty's term.

"The majority vote of the trustees can put a mayor in office for the remainder of the term,"

Leonard said. "If he wants to continue he, and others can run for election."

The vote for Vega was unanimous.

Petty won the mayor's job in the March 2010 municipal election, defeating former mayor Manny Hernandez, 254 to 154 votes.

"The mayor appoints a trustee," Leonard said of Vega's vacated trustee position.

Vega appointed Chris Ventura to replace himself on the council.

"I have considered several people for this position," Vega said.

The trustees unanimously approved Ventura for the position.

"I was born and raised here," Ventura said. "I am here to help the people. I will be here for you all."

Municipal Judge C.O. Rominger III swore Vega and Ventura into office.

Ventura will serve until March, when the position will be contested in the municipal election.

Fate of ETZ in Ruidoso's hands

Endeavor could be costly

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As long as the village of Ruidoso bears the expense and expends the effort to rewrite the ordinance and revamp the maps of a one-mile extraterritorial zone around the village, Lincoln County commissioners

won't move to dissolve the overlapping zoning district.

Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo and Commissioner Kathryn Minter advocated leaving the existing ETZ ordinance in place while the village staff accomplishes those

See ZONE, page 5A

A guide to the TV guide

The "As Seen on TV" television guide will no longer be seen in the pages of the Ruidoso News and the Alamogordo News but a new guide will be available Friday in this week's edition of Vamonos, RN General Manager Rena Walsh announced Monday.

"With continued changes in technology and a decline in the use of print guides, we thought it would be a better fit from a practical and economical sense to be placed in Vamonos," Walsh said. "It makes the guide more accessible and completes the entertainment-guide aspect of Vamonos."

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Parks and Rec

The regular meeting of the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled for 5:40 p.m. Monday at the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Center, Council Chambers, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

Items on the agenda include a presentation by Hubert Quintana, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, Council of Governments, Bo Nelson on the Bicycle-Motocross Course; and Aimee Bennett on a community center.

Members also will receive an update on past events, including the Sierra Blanca Opener involving 63 teams May 20-22; King of the Mountain with 91 teams on Memorial Day Weekend; Queen of the Mountain with 70 teams, June 3-5; the Mountain of Blues Festival, June 4; Youth Fishing Day, June 4; the Hershey Track Meet, June 4, Wilderness Camp registration June 6, the Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon, Kids Triathlon & Walk in the Woods Health Fair, June 11, and Cool Pines Classic, set for June 17-20. The Wilderness Camp runs from June 27 through Aug. 12.

The Return of Smokey's Revenge set for July 3, is canceled because of the closure of the Lincoln National Forest, but the Ruidoso Outlaw Scramble & Shootout still is a go for July 10, as well as the Last Chance Qualifier, July 15-17.

Fundraiser planned

The family of Susan Schwarzenegger, who recently died, has organized a silent auction to help pay for her interment.

The 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. fundraiser will take place at the Cree Meadows Country Club on Saturday, June 18. Appetizers will be available beginning at 5 p.m. with the club's restaurant also available from 5 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided.

In addition to a silent auction, a treasure chest

will contain gift cards of up to \$100 each from area merchants. Keys for the chest will be sold for \$2 each. Almost half of the 50 keys will open the treasure chest.

Climate program

The director of the New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies, who has been involved in educational programs, will present a program Saturday at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Eric Blinman will discuss how, in some instances, the modern debates about the cause and consequences of climate change miss the point.

Southwestern archaeology provides detailed records of both climate change and human response for the past 2,000 years.

During the period, at least seven changes in climate were of sufficient magnitude to influence Native American economic and social systems.

The "Mystery of the Anasazi" is a small but dramatic plot line in the larger rhythm of change and adaptation, with some changes for the better and some for the worse.

The interplay between past economies and climate change are useful models for reviewing the stability and sustainability of current society in the face of climate change.

The presentation, in the museum's Johnny and Marty Cope Learning Center, will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday.

There is no additional charge for the program except for the regular museum admission of \$6 for adults. Reduced admission is available for seniors, military personnel and youth. Museum members always receive free entry.

Army graduate

Army Reserve Pfc. Samuel O. McBurney has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

ALTRUSA OFFICERS



COURTESY

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso began its new fiscal year with the installation of incoming officers for the coming year. At the June 7 meeting, outgoing President Jill Van Gilder installed: President Pam Gervais, Vice President Barbara Dickenson, Secretary Cindy Buzan, and Treasurer Doris Wallace. New directors Terri Trotter, Carol Mound and Helen Woodfin also were installed at the meeting. At the same time, the club welcomed new members Marci Butchofsky, Judy Atkins and Paula Allen. For the current fiscal year, Altrusa has planned projects in support of literacy, scholarships, the Food Bank and The Nest domestic abuse shelter, among others. The new officers and club members also are working with Lincoln County Medical Center to plan for the annual Low-Cost Mammogram program in October. Altrusa Club of Ruidoso is part of an International service organization. For more information about the club or its community service projects, call Membership Chairwoman Judy Griffin at 575-937-5437, or visit www.AltrusaRuidoso.com.

'DEM' HIGHWAY CLEANERS

The Democratic Party of Lincoln County had its highway clean-up this past Saturday, June 11. Pictured are Milly Mastin, Beth Hood, Marcia Wilhelm, Joyce Westerber, Brenda Restivo, and Dick Mastin. Not pictured, but also participating: Paul Vordermann, Paula Tipton, and Tony Davis.

ALTRUSA OFFICERS

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics. He is the son of Carla Duke of Fourth Street in Ruidoso. McBurney graduated from a home school program in 2006.

Navy graduate

Navy Seaman Recruit Caleb A. Wilcox, son of Valari M. and Hank W. Bartlett of Capitan, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Wilcox completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor. Wilcox is a 2009 graduate of Capitan High School of Capitan.



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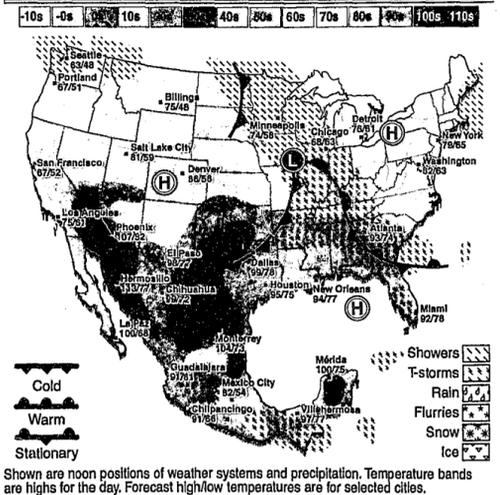
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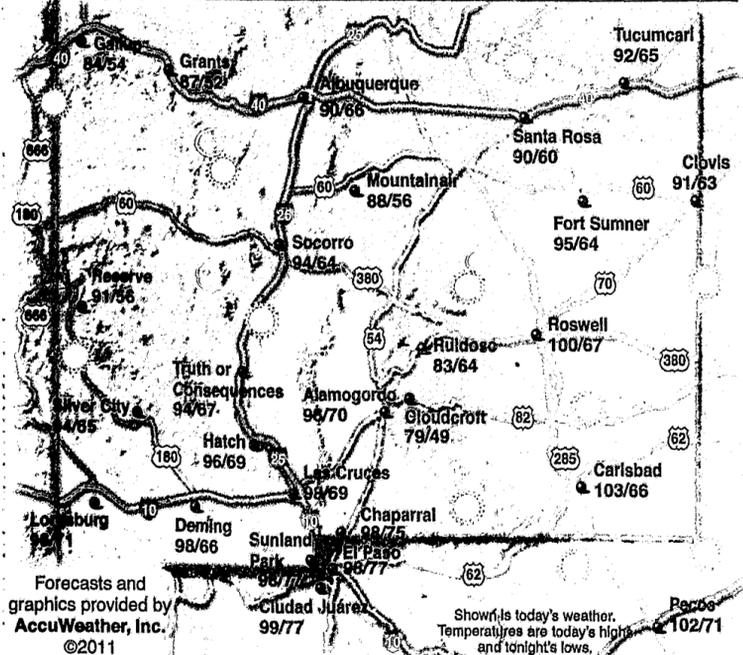
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National Forecast for June 15, 2011



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



Almanac

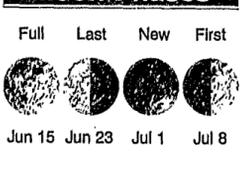
Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 84°/59°
Normal high 82°
Normal low 43°
Record high 90° (2002)
Record low 30° (1969)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.78"
Year to date 0.88"
Normal year to date 6.04"
Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees Moderate
Weeds Low
Mold Low
Predominant Pine Tree
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 100°/64°
Normal high 94°
Normal low 63°
Record high 103° (2002)
Record low 53° (1979)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.17"
Normal month to date 0.32"
Year to date 0.63"
Normal year to date 3.01"
Weather Trivia™:
Q: What is the more common name for a fair weather cloud?
A: Cumulus.

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 5:54 a.m./8:13 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 8:23 p.m./5:37 a.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 110° in Pecos, TX
Low: 27° in Bellemont, AZ
Monday's World High/Low:
High: 114° in Bordj B Mokhtar, Algeria
Low: 15° in Maquinchao, Argentina

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Abilene	101/72/s	105/74/s
Anchorage	61/49/pc	61/52/s
Atlanta	93/74/pc	91/71/t
Austin	96/74/s	100/76/s
Baltimore	81/58/pc	78/54/t
Boston	72/58/pc	77/60/s
Chicago	88/63/sh	76/60/pc
Dallas	99/78/s	103/77/s
Denver	88/58/s	91/57/s
Des Moines	80/62/c	83/69/pc
Detroit	78/61/pc	77/61/c
El Paso	98/77/s	104/78/s
Las Vegas	102/83/s	99/81/s
Los Angeles	75/61/pc	73/60/pc
Minneapolis	74/58/sh	80/61/pc
New Orleans	94/77/s	91/76/pc
New York City	79/65/pc	82/65/pc
Philadelphia	80/61/pc	80/63/pc
Phoenix	107/82/c	108/81/s
Reno	89/58/s	84/55/s
San Francisco	87/62/pc	84/61/pc
San Diego	69/63/pc	69/63/pc
Seattle	63/48/c	68/50/pc
Tucson	101/75/s	103/74/s
Tulsa, OK	90/71/s	93/78/pc
Wash., DC	82/63/pc	79/68/t
Wichita	90/68/s	92/73/t
Yuma	104/78/s	100/76/s

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	90/68/s	93/64/s
Artesia	103/70/s	107/73/s
Chama	80/50/s	80/41/s
Clayton	92/58/s	99/61/s
Cloudcroft	79/49/s	79/40/s
Farmington	90/57/s	92/56/s
Hobbs	100/67/s	102/68/s
Los Alamos	82/54/s	83/51/s
Portales	94/63/s	98/62/s
Raton	86/51/s	93/51/s
Red River	74/51/s	74/40/s
Ruidoso	83/64/s	89/66/s
Santa Fe	88/55/s	92/63/s
Silver City	94/65/s	95/67/s
Tiños	84/50/s	88/44/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	80/75/t	80/75/pc
Cancun	91/73/pc	91/73/pc
Chihuahua	89/72/s	89/72/s
Ciudad Juárez	99/77/s	104/79/s
León	83/61/pc	91/67/pc
México, DF	82/54/t	81/55/t
Monterrey	114/73/s	100/73/s
Morelia	91/61/t	89/60/t
Oaxaca	88/63/t	88/61/t
Pto. Penasco	99/75/s	97/74/s
Tijuana	72/61/pc	70/61/pc

Re-bidding process short changes Downs' street projects

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After rejecting street improvement projects a month ago because the bids were below state and federal funding pledges, the Ruidoso Downs City Council Monday approved expanded projects. But now the funding is short of completing the enhanced road work.

The earlier low bids for roadway improvements to North Central Drive and River Lane would have used about 60 percent of Community Development Block Grant money awarded through the federal program. The previous bids for Nevada Lane road upgrades would have tapped less than 80 percent of state COOP funding. The city's engineering firm recommended redefining the scope of the projects to optimize the use of the available funds.

"When we made the publication originally, the two bids were below what

was recommended by the engineers," City Council Gary Williams said Monday during questioning about the re-bids. "At that time the engineer's bid was quite a bit higher than what you had anticipated. And that cost didn't really diminish much from the original one. The issue is (the estimates) went down and the bidders went up."

Richards said the higher bids were because of the increased scope of the work.

Richards said the expanded projects wouldn't be completed with the pledged funding.

"Neither project will be completed," Richards said. "We'll get the majority of it done but because of the cost increase, no, we can't."

Richards estimated the North Central and Riverside projects would be about 70 percent completed, while the Nevada Lane work would be around 60 percent finished.

"Knowing this now, the

percentage that we're going to be short of, what are we doing on our behalf to find funding to finish these projects?" questioned Williams.

Richards said additional CDBG and COOP monies would be requested.

But Williams said CDBG monies should be used for other work, too.

"We have a lot of concerns or projects that we need to be involved with," Williams said. "Funding centralized on one area and leaving other areas outdated until we can find funding for that which would go how long we don't know," responded Williams. "We're talking about the water and sewer in sections of town that are lacking, that we don't have funding at the moment or the foreseeable future."

Williams noted a memorandum from Richards stated there was \$390,976 currently in the city's CDBG fund. Along with the balance of city's Street

Improvement Fund, there was \$540,976 to fully award the projects. But Williams added he did not want to deplete the Street Improvement Fund.

"We can go back (to the CDBG program) to complete North Central and River Lane," said Virden.

The city council was unanimous in accepting the low bidder in the second round, Star Paving Company. The construction costs for all the projects total \$496,303.

Williams also questioned the amount of money already spent for non-construction costs, such as engineering and surveying.

"Councilor Williams, if you could come into the office tomorrow we can certainly give you the exact dollars that we have spent from CDBG funds for not only engineering but the total of the bidding," Virden said. "Please do remember that we do have North Central and River Lane and Nevada Lane that is

collated with costs for engineers and these legal publications."

Williams said there had been a comment made by a city resident about the cost

of engineering impacted by going out for new bids on expanded projects.

"There was no additional cost for re-bidding," Richards said.

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Commissioners concerned about flood maps

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The new flood plain maps prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for Lincoln County take effect Nov. 16, says the county's planning director.

"We've had our six-month letter and have to come up with a new ordinance, which should be at the Aug. 16 commission meeting for adoption, reflecting the new map numbers and codes and effective date," he told county commissioners during a special meeting Monday. "All the maps are on CDs and are digital now. People can go on line and get them from the FEMA map store or stop at our office (at the Ruidoso substation on Kansas City Road next to the Ruidoso Public Library) to see them."

But Temple warned that because FEMA was strained financially, it used old maps from the 1970s of Carrizozo with some updates. The homes of many residents in

that town may be vulnerable to flooding in the future, but probably are not included in a flood plain. He urged homeowners there to take advantage of low flood insurance rates because of that shortcoming to protect their property.

Commissioner Tom Battin noted several other areas with land that will not be reflected properly on the improved maps.

Temple said the map scale was so big, some pieces of property aren't delineated properly. Those who want to protest their land's inclusion in a flood plain can have surveys performed and submit the data to FEMA for an exemption to the requirement to carry flood insurance.

Battin said in the past, large developments ran into problems because a small portion of a tract might fall within a flood plain, but the entire block of land that was delineated as being in a flood zone. That approach impeded

development, he said.

Temple said a letter of map revision probably would be required for proposed big commercial developments and that can cost as much as \$6,000.

At least there appears to be more flexibility in the new system, Battin said.

"A couple months ago you were talking about all the issues you were trying to work through," Commissioner Mark Doth said. "Did you resolve all of them or do you still have some concerns?"

Temple said FEMA officials looked at the concerns, but many didn't have scientific backup. The agency sent a letter to the county saying it didn't have money to do a detailed study of Carrizozo, for instance.

The county sent letters to its Congressional representatives, and one was upset about the way the map issues were handled by FEMA, "But they obviously were constrained by money," he said.

"What happens to the people in areas that are undecided?" Commission Chairwoman Eileen Sedillo asked.

"There are a lot in Carrizozo who could be in a flood zone, but are not (shown) in it," and the opposite also is true, Temple replied. "It's a federal program."

He said generally 65 percent of the property that should be in a flood zone is not and the homeowners carry no insurance, then added, "A lot of communities are concerned enough to pay for their own maps, because they are not satisfied with quality of the FEMA work." Sedillo, who lives in Carrizozo, said using the old maps as a start, then adding a dose of common sense and a review of improvements since the last flood, should show people probable flooding areas. "Everyday common sense is going to tell you if you build up a highway and move a ditch, that will change the way water flows."

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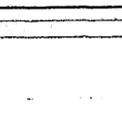
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YOUR OPINION

Wages left behind

To the editor:

Our country is at a stalemate.

While the rich in this country cry for more tax breaks, low-income workers are looking for ways to afford gasoline for their cars and food for their dinner tables.

Ten years ago, the federal minimum wage in this country was \$5.15 an hour. At this time, you could buy a loaf of bread for

.99 cents, a gallon of regular gasoline for \$1.46, three bottles of rubbing alcohol for \$1 and tires for a small car at \$25 each. Minimum wage has gone up a little over \$2 an hour in the last 10 years. Now, bread is selling for \$1.95 a loaf, gasoline has gone to \$4 or more a gallon, rubbing alcohol has tripled and small car tires is selling for \$50 each.

Jack Hemby
Ruidoso Downs

Juveniles and Billy the Kid

To the editor:

Each year, Lincoln County stages, "The Last Escape of Billy the Kid Pageant." Pageant: "An outdoor drama celebrating a historical event" — like the "out-law," Billy the Kid, murdering jailer (James) Bell and Deputy Sheriff (Bob) Olinger and getting away scot free during his last escape.

I had a friend, Earl Canady, who was murdered. I don't believe that murder is glorious and that murderers are heroes. Reader, do you disagree?

Lincoln County has a juvenile delinquency, including gang, problem. I have no problems with juvenile justice boards;

juvenile probation-parole offices; gang task forces; teen courts and juvenile detention centers; however, I truly believe that preventing children from becoming juvenile delinquents is far better than rehabilitating juvenile delinquents.

Most kids turn out all right — no matter their environments. However, the character of many children is influenced by their parents, peers and community. Unfortunately, the positive influenced that proper parents have on their own kids is often overwhelmed by the rampant, outside, negative influences that the juveniles face almost daily.

When I was in the army, we platoon sergeants were often called "platoon daddies" because we were the young soldiers' surrogate fathers — 24/7. I worked with too many young soldiers, from rural or urban areas, who had been screwed up by their parents and/or peers and/or communities and even by some of their adult-youth program leaders. Therefore, I'm reasonably sure that Lincoln County's glorification of the so-called Kid and outlawry negatively influence some kids, especially the unfortunate children who don't have stable homes.

For the children's sake, our county's adults, including our politicians and judges, must stop glorifying or silently condoning the glorification of Billy the Kid and outlawry.

Per Colin Powell, "Ask not what is wrong with today's children, ask what is wrong with today's adults."

Franklin L. Boren
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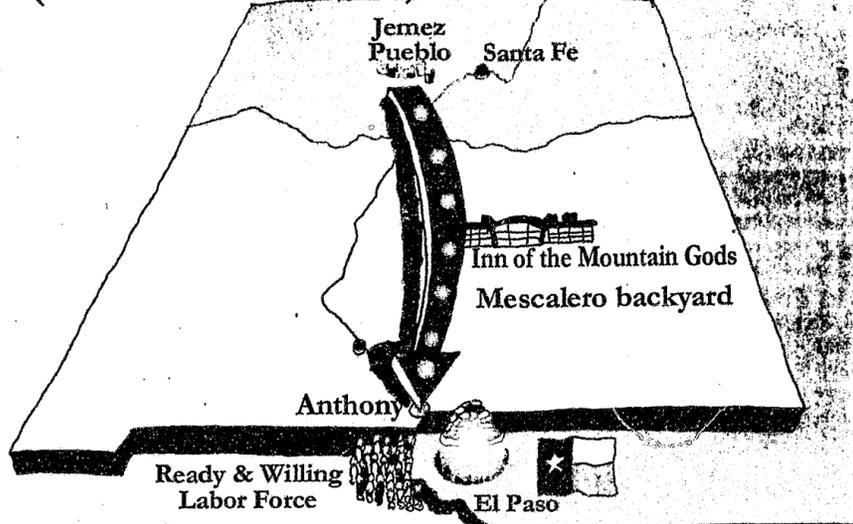
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Proposed Indian Casino (from 300 miles north)



Say goodbye to the underfed gorilla

We won't have Qwest to kick around any more. We have a new provider to kick around.

If you think this doesn't affect you because you have another provider of telephone and Internet services, think again. Like the song says, the thigh bone's connected to the hip bone. Everybody in New Mexico is connected to Qwest, one way or another, and so are our plans for improved broadband (high-speed) connections.

Following an acquisition, Qwest is now CenturyLink, which promises to make good on Qwest's commitment to expand broadband into 75 percent of the rural areas in its service territory.

On the National Broadband Map (<http://www.broadbandmap.gov/>), New Mexico still looks like undiscovered country.

We see dense concentrations of color in all the places you would expect, and our neighboring states all have their hotspots, but New Mexico looks like it wasn't invited to the party.

However, the site's tools, which allow you to rank states and counties, indicate we're not entirely backward.

New Mexico is 37th in speed, 46th in technology, and 19th in providers. (Tools also allow you to enter your address, community or reservation and see the broadband service area and providers.)

More interesting are the county rankings. Los Alamos

County (surprise!) ranks first for speed, technology and number of providers.

The heavily populated

Bernalillo County is only

fourth in speed, third in technology and second in providers, while Lea County is third in speed and second in technology. Valencia County is second in speed and fourth in technology.

We hope CenturyLink has broad enough shoulders to help us catch up, but

we still have work to do in the regulatory arena.

Qwest faced an unresolved Catch 22 in New Mexico: It lost so many landlines to cell phone users that it lacked the revenues to improve services, and unregulated providers were eating its lunch.

In the last legislative session, Qwest made another stab at deregulation. SB 4, by Sen. Carlos Cisneros, D-Questa, would have allowed the Public Regulation Commission to decide whether Qwest and Windstream had enough real competition to be removed from PRC jurisdiction.

The interim Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee endorsed the bill, and it passed the Senate Corporations Committee.

Supporters included PRC Chairman Patrick Lyons and two other commissioners; Windstream; the Association of Commerce and Industry; Charles Farrell, lobbyist for the state's 13 rural phone com-

panies; and Adriana Badal, of Sacred Wind, which provides services on the Navajo Reservation.

Farrell and Badal both said that if Qwest was no longer a viable company, it would affect every other telecom organization in the state because they all interconnect with Qwest.

PRC Commissioner Jason Marks was opposed, warning of the threat to rural areas if Qwest were deregulated. Marks always called Qwest the 800-pound gorilla but didn't notice the gorilla was malnourished.

The bill died; another, more innocuous telecom bill also died.

In 2000, when US West became Qwest, I wrote: "When big becomes bigger, we consumers don't buy the usual propaganda about how our services and choices will improve under Goliath Unlimited. But in the case of US West, we have a sense of resignation — even relief."

US West, once a good corporate citizen, had become one of the state's most disliked companies as a result of bad management and bad regulation.

One single decision, a rate cut ordered by the former State Corporation Commission, kept New Mexico in the Dark Ages of high-speed telecom because it hurt the company's ability to pay for new services.

New Mexico has been stuck in a dated regulatory approach. When the very organizations that might suffer from an unleashed Qwest stand up to support deregulation, elected officials should pay attention.

If we want broadband, if we want to join the new millennium, a few lawmakers and commissioners need to leave their comfort zones.



SHERRY ROBINSON

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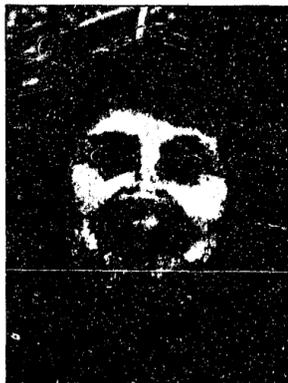
THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What is Lincoln County's best-kept secret?



Casteel Martell
Ruidoso

"For me it's Ace Hardware. There's everything you need and then a bit more."



Pat Schrader
Ruidoso

"We have a lot of people pass through and tell us how much they loved the disc golf course at Grindstone Dam."



Serena Gudgel-Beasley
Ruidoso

"The Wild Herb deli, where they make you lunch with a smile and love in their hearts."



Eddie Hedin
Ruidoso

"Highway 82 from Cloudcroft has some great curves to ride through on a motorcycle."



Sean Stafford
Ruidoso

"There's a ghost town off Forest Road 72 called Jicarilla that's a sight worth seeing."

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County commission seeking probate judge candidates

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Lincoln County residents who would like to serve the last 1 1/2 years of the term of Carrie Spencer as county probate judge should submit applications and resumes by July 11.

Spencer resigned at the end of last month to take a job in another state. County commissioners are charged

with filling elected position vacancies by appointment until the next election. The only exception is selecting a successor for the seat of another commissioner, which is handled by the New Mexico governor.

"We've had a lot of inquiries, five letters," Commission Chairman Eileen Sedillo said Monday during a special commission session in Carrizozo. "I sug-

gest we advertise for anyone in the public who is interested to send in their application with their qualifications before the regular meeting in July. Then we can look at them and decide."

Stewart suggested setting a deadline of July 11 to submit letters and resumes, and that candidates for the appointment be given a chance to make presenta-

tions at the commission's regular meeting July 19.

"That way the public will have a chance to examine them in a fair way," he said.

"Yes, because we all have our favorite people we know and who we think deserve it," Sedillo agreed. "This way everyone has a chance."

Commissioner Tom Battin agreed and asked how long an appointee would serve. Stewart said an elect-

ed probate judge would take office Jan. 1, 2013.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter offered a successful motion setting the deadline and specifying presentations at the regular commission meeting.

The position of probate judge pays \$20,024 annually and does not require a law degree. The judge oversees wills and the distribution of assets, and the

estates of people who die without wills.

Spencer first was elected to the probate judge post in November 2004, took office in January 2005 and served through 2008. While judge, she was appointed as Carrizozo police chief, a post she held for about a year. She was elected in November 2008 for a four-year term that would have expired at the end of 2012.

CASINO

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continue a balanced course involving off-reservation gaming and will take into account the views and concerns of tribes, federal, state and local elected officials and affected residents.

"Our balanced and considered approach to reviewing off-reservation gaming applications was affirmed during deliberate consultation with tribal leaders," Echo Hawk said.

In June 2010, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar issued a memorandum that noted the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act generally prohibits Indian gaming on lands acquired in trust after Oct. 17, 1988.

One requirement for off-reservation Indian gaming is the tribe generally must have land placed into trust by the Department of the Interior. In addition, the

tribe must receive a determination from the department that the off-reservation casino is in the best interest of the tribe and not detrimental to the surrounding community. Concurrence also is required from the governor of the state where the gaming facility would be located. A gaming compact between the tribe and the state is necessary.

Chino said Monday that there were a number of issues that both the Mescalero Apache Tribe and the New Mexico Indian Gaming Association have with tribal gaming by the Jemez Pueblo some 300 miles south of the pueblo.

"First of all, the question of who would benefit by the Jemez project if it ever came to fruition," Chino said. "In the opinion of not only the Mescalero Apache Tribe but other gaming tribes in New Mexico, is that the people

of the Jemez Pueblo would not benefit from this proposal. The developer, Gerald Peters, is going to be the primary beneficiary of this project, which is contrary to the intent of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act."

Peters, an art dealer and developer, would construct the \$55 million casino and resort at Anthony. Chino said common sense means Jemez Pueblo residents would not travel back and forth between their homes and jobs at the resort-casino.

"Another concern is that were this proposal to come to fruition we believe it would set a very bad precedent for other non-gaming tribes, nations or pueblos across the country to 'reservation shop,' so to speak, for land that could be far removed from their homelands on which to conduct gaming."

In elaborating, Chino said it could open the door

for the Mescalero Apache Tribe to seek trust status for land in New York State and open a gaming establishment.

"We have no aboriginal connection, no historical nexus to New York State as an example," he said.

Chino cautioned that an Anthony casino could upset the gaming compacts in place with tribes and pueblos in New Mexico.

"I would venture to say the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and I would venture to say probably some or all of the other gaming tribes in New Mexico, would consider this Jemez proposal to be an expansion of gaming. That, in turn, would be contrary to the gaming compacts, which we've all negotiated with the state. So, were that to happen, then the gaming tribes could argue, well, since this is an expansion of gaming, it's a breach of our compacts and any revenue

sharing (to the state) would go away."

An official with the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Billy the Kid Casino also expressed opposition to an Anthony casino on Tuesday.

"We definitely are against it," said Jean Stoddard, the track and casino's general manager. "We think it's a bad precedent. You start with the off-reservation casinos and it could just go on."

Stoddard said the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino has voiced its opposition.

"And we certainly support Sunland Park and the horse racing industry," she said. "It would hurt the horse racing industry."

In written comments last month to federal overseers, both the New Mexico Horsemen's Association and the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association said an Anthony casino would impact the horse racing

industry. Both Chino and Stoddard said a local concern is more gaming competition.

"There's just not enough population to support another casino," Stoddard said. "It probably would impact Billy the Kid (Casino) because we get a lot of El Paso visitors, we sure do."

Chino said right now the tribe's casinos have to compete with Ruidoso Downs and a similar operation in Hobbs.

"So if you throw in a fourth casino in the area, it's going to decimate our hospitality industries because that's a major part of our market that we draw up, that El Paso, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, Juarez, northern Mexico area."

Chino cautioned that other tourism-related businesses in and around Ruidoso would also be impacted.

TEENS

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Division of New Mexico's Children, Youth and Families Department, was quick to point out that the two girls were not part of his agency's foster care program, under which abused and neglected children are removed for their safety from a home situation and placed with a volunteer foster parent.

Instead, Neal said the two girls were part of the state Behavioral Healthcare system's foster care treatment program through Mesilla Valley

Hospital on Las Cruces. The foster care treatment program is aimed at troubled youths, many under the supervision of the courts because of some criminal activity.

"These kids are in the program because of behavioral problems," Neal said.

He said one of the girls had been ordered into treatment care by a court in Chaves County as an alternative to a mental health institution or hospital.

"It's mental health care in a home setting and the parents are highly trained individuals who receive payments as high as \$2,500 per month per

child, whereas foster parents are paid nothing," Neal said. "Treatment foster care is only 'lightly regulated' by the Children, Youth and Families Department," Neal said.

"We license the hospital or agency and it is up to them to hire and train the parents. Evelyn Miranda was not in our system."

Neal emphasized that, "This type of incident is an isolated tragedy, an aberration."

Court documents show that Shields reportedly told Cramer that she had allegedly placed Miranda in a chokehold while Linares allegedly tied her hand and feet with cords.

Shields then placed a pillow over the foster mother's face until she stopped breathing. The teens fled the home after Shields observed there was no pulse.

The court documents reveal that Linares confirmed to Cramer that she had tied Miranda's hands and feet and later observed the foster mother was not breathing and believed Miranda was dead. A pillow was observed on the bed in the room Miranda was found along with an open purse.

Miranda's car was found later on June 8 in Roswell. The girls were arrested that evening at a

home in Carlsbad.

During Friday's arraignment, Assistant District Attorney Joanna Zimmerman told the 90-plus San Patricio residents who attended the hearing that Shields and Linares would be charged as adults. District Judge Karen Parsons told the teens that they were facing about 97 years in prison and \$60,000 in fines if convicted as adults on all counts.

Public Defender James Walker entered "not guilty" pleas for both teens on Friday.

Parsons ordered the teens remain in custody, stating they were consid-

ered to be a threat to the community and themselves, as well as flight risks. They were returned to the Chaves County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Zimmerman said the case would go before a grand jury.

Shields was originally from Mescalero while Linares' home was Roswell. Placed separately in Miranda's residence under foster treatment care, the girls had been there two weeks or less.

Harold Oakes, Dianne Stallings, and Duane Barabati contributed to this report.

ZONE

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tasks. They said constituents from the district have contacted them concerned about the types of structures being built near them and asking why the codes are not enforced.

Commissioner Mark Doth eventually went along with the majority, but initially said if the ETZ ordinance is unenforceable and "a mess," the best approach would be to dissolve the district and begin again.

At a special meeting Monday, Sedillo recalled that in 2005, she attended several sessions of the ETZ Commission, a seven-member board that rules on applications for development, when heated issues were being debated. But after she was elected, something happened and the commission stopped meeting.

County Attorney Alan Morel explained that the ETZ ordinance passed in 1983 used a Roswell ordinance as a template and many items really didn't fit Ruidoso. It was amended in 1999 to provide for Ruidoso to administer the district and to enforce the codes. In 2005, the ordinance was recompiled with sections removed, amended and added.

"I worked on revisions for eight to 10 years and with sever-

al different village attorneys," Morel said. "The ordinance needs serious revisions." The zone's configuration has changed as the village annexed land, but maps never were updated officially with assigned zoning, he said.

"It will cost a lot of money to go in there and identify all the property in the zone and actually zone it," he said. "It will take new maps, a lot of public notification. It is an expensive endeavor to fix it. There will be a public hearing process for the maps and for the ordinance itself."

Sedillo asked if Ruidoso would bear the brunt of the expense, because the village operates under zoning, but not the county.

"It occurs to me that the ETZ ordinance is for the benefit of the municipality to try to control development around its borders so it is not incompatible as they move boundaries outward, as they do," Commissioner Tom Battin observed. "I'm not opposed to the ETZ, but seems the municipality is the greatest beneficiary, although it would afford some protection for county residents within the zone. It seems to me the ball is in the municipality's court. They should design something and come to the county for concurrence."

Morel said the zone is created under a state statute that

allows the village to have some control along its borders.

Cost seemed to be the major issue with commissioners and with Morel, who estimated a base of about \$25,000.

"My problem is with the village of Ruidoso and its current management," Doth said. "Most have not been there very long and lack institutional memory. Things are said and there is very little understanding of what they are saying. Even though the ordinance says it is aimed at the borders of Ruidoso, the ETZ does not extend automatically one mile beyond. Maps have to be filed with the state of New Mexico and procedure needs to be adopted."

Morel agreed that identifying and zoning all of the property within the one-mile zone as now constituted will be "a huge undertaking," and much of the land use would probably be grandfathered in, even if it is nonconforming.

The county has no code enforcement, only deputy sheriffs to enforce code, Morel said. Although Ruidoso has code enforcement officers, some question whether cases can be referred to municipal court, if they occur in the unincorporated area of the county. If they go to magistrate court instead, the village will receive no money from prosecuted cases, he said.

"The ordinance needs clarification on the enforcement issue," Morel said.

Doth said he sensed reluctance by the village to tackle enforcement, but Morel said the real problem has been that people are not applying for ETZ Commission review of projects as they should. Without a full-time person to ride through the district to watch for illegal projects, codes can't be enforced. Appeal of an ETZ Commission decision goes to an ETZ Authority, composed of two county commissioners and one village councilor.

Minter said she receives complaints regularly about issues in the ETZ district and creating a new ordinance that provides some protection would benefit county residents too.

"I think people are taking advantage of the situation," she said.

County Planner Curt Temple said without enforcement, the existence of the district gives prospective buyers there a false sense of security.

Although village staff proposed dissolving the district because it was not being enforced, Ruidoso Councilor Denise Dean assured county commissioners that her board was in unanimous agreement to preserve the district, correct the maps and to rewrite the ordinance. New councilors were disappointed to see

the poor condition of the district when they were elected, she added.

"The council is on board to revitalize the district," she said. "We've had a large turnover in planning and zoning in the last few years and I think that's why it died out. It's huge for Ruidoso to keep the zone in place. We just want to try to revisit the idea and get it back together. We don't expect county financial involvement. It's our issue and staff needs to get maps together and get enforcement out there. We're just asking not to dissolve it and give us time to put it back together."

"If it was completely dissolved, then it all goes away. We need the agreement in place while we work on it."

Minter and Sedillo agreed that the better option is to maintain what is in place, as imperfect as it is, and allow the village time to come back with a more effective ordinance and new maps.

Battin questioned if the county could unilaterally dissolve the district anyway, because it was a joint agreement. He offered the county's cooperation and help.

Responding to a question from Doth, Morel said the county has little liability by allowing the district to remain in place.

"It is not entirely enforceable now, but it is not entirely unenforceable now," he said.

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EDUCATION

Elementary teachers get literacy training

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A K-5 literacy program in the Ruidoso Municipal School District started earlier this month with teachers as students in the Balanced Literacy Institute. Nearly 50 elementary school educators were in training on the literacy initiative.

"This is the first step," Lois Whitmire, a literacy coach in the school district, said. "Our teachers have willingly come back on Tuesday and Wednesday for the first steps on what is balanced literacy and how that will better serve our students."

The initiative will turn around the idea of one size

fits all. "Often, when most people went to school, we were given a textbook and we're trying to fit every student into that textbook," Whitmire said. "It's like buying one shoe. So here you go - everybody read this. With the balanced literacy approach, we're tying reading and writing to match the needs of the student. The bottom line is we're matching text to reader."

Whitmire said a fifth-grade student who reads at a second-grade level is only listening.

The literacy program will be a two-year initiative with teacher training divided into 15 sections involving literacy.

"And it's really refining

our practices rather than one book fits all, and now turn to the next page," she said.

Anne Ziegler, a literacy expert who has been in the education field for more than three decades, led the Balanced Literacy Institute at the Horton Complex.

"She (Ziegler) will work with us this coming year and into the following year to help make the needed changes to really increase the literacy in this district," Whitmire said.

Two months ago the Ruidoso Municipal Schools education board adopted the literacy plan to revamp reading instruction in the early grades.

The continued struggle to reach Adequate Yearly

Progress and the need to prepare for the end of social promotion from the third to fourth grade prompted the change.

Whitmire said she believes the program will make a difference.

"I'm going to go out on a limb. I expect to see maybe 20 to 40 to 50 percent increase (in literacy)," Whitmire said.

While the late May, early June institute was the initial training, another institute is scheduled for August 8-9. All K-12 teachers will receive the training.

"And our teachers are hungry for this. I guess the best analogy would be, think about emergency rooms. Years ago, the doc-

tor didn't have to have the same skill set because we didn't have people coming in with a drug overdose or people that had been in an auto accident, or whatever a hundred years ago. How has education responded to changes in our community?"

Teachers have switched grade levels and rooms, literacy rooms have been established and staff development and training will continue through the summer.

Three literacy coaches in the district will support K-5 teachers as they learn new reading and writing techniques.

"We know we can do a lot better," Whitmire said. Whitmire said Ruidoso

Schools Superintendent Bea Etta Harris has posted a quote from renowned educator Richard Allington for district teachers to read.

"It stated," Whitmire said, "In the end it will become clear that there are no proven programs, just schools in which we find more expert teachers. Teachers who needed no script to tell them what to do. Are we creating schools which every year, every teacher becomes more expert?"

"Richard Allington has really hit the nail on the head. If we don't invest in our teachers and their knowledge base, how can we expect student improvement and student learning to occur?" Whitmire said.

LIONS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS



COURTESY PHOTO

The Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club presents two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. The recipient on the left is Scheryiah Romero from Capitan High School. She has volunteered at National Honor Society food drives, Run for the BEACH and worked at Operation Christmas Child. She intends to pursue a career in Physical Therapy at New Mexico State University. The recipient on the right of Noon Lions President Dennis Haskel is Jocelyn Hernandez, a graduate of Ruidoso High School. She has served in various charitable events including the local River Clean Up, Relay for Life, Salvation Army and Memorial Park Clean Up. Jocelyn intends to take her pre requisites for a career in optometry at UNM in Albuquerque.

Handful of Ruidoso students on ENMU Dean's list

FROM REPORTS

A handful of students from the Ruidoso area are among the 549 students on the 2011 spring semester Dean's Honor Roll at Eastern New Mexico University.

From Ruidoso, they and their majors are: Lauren Cook, music; Cheryl Gerthe, business administration; Kimberly Rapp, university studies; and Aninida Thomasi, social work.

Morgan Gibbs, a psychology major from the Capitan area, also made the honor roll.

To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours for the semester and maintain a 3.25 grade point average, according to information from the Portales campus.

ENMU enjoyed a record enrollment of 4,864 students for the 2011 spring semester. The university offers 70 undergraduate and graduate programs.

Nearly one in five failed to graduate in four years

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In 2010, nearly one in five Ruidoso High School students failed to graduate in four years.

But the 80.7 percent graduation rate for Ruidoso

was much better than the statewide level of 67.3, according to numbers released last week by the New Mexico Public Education Department.

"These numbers from 2010 confirm that there is plenty of work to be done when it comes to turning around New Mexico's schools," said Gov. Susana Martinez. "It is unacceptable that a third of our students fail to complete high

school within four years." The latest Ruidoso number was slightly lower than the 81.6 percent rate a year earlier.

The 2010 rate for Capitan High School was 76.9, compared with 63.1 percent in 2009. Carrizozo High had a 77 percent graduation level, down from 2009's 90.9 percent. Corona High School was at 86.1 percent versus 91.8 percent in 2009. At Hondo

Valley, the 86.4 percent rate in 2010 was just slightly less than the previous year's 87.2.

Public Education Department Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera said the report, from the publication Education Week, showed New Mexico ranked 49th out of 51. The state, on average, lost 71 students per school day.

"And what this report makes perfectly clear is that we need reform in New Mexico as soon as possible," Skandera said. "When we are losing 71 high school students a day, there is no time to waste

because this is our future."

To measure graduation rates, the department uses what is called a four-year cohort. It tracks students who enter high school and whether or not they graduate in four years. In the past, the state only looked at incoming seniors to calculate the graduation rate, leading to inflated numbers.

The governor had directed the Public Education Department to expedite the calculation of graduation rates. In the past, the department has taken more than a year to compile and release the rates.

NOTICE TO EAGLE CREEK RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

In 1984, Eagle Creek was described as "a perennial, high quality creek" by the US Forest Service. The NM Environment Department designated Eagle Creek as a "high quality coldwater fishery" in its 2004 listing of impaired surface waters. We now know it as a dry stream bed.

Recently, the Village of Ruidoso applied for a special use permit to continue unregulated pumping of the Eagle Creek North Fork wells. These wells have operated without a valid permit since 1995. Eagle Creek residents have an opportunity to submit comments to the US Forest Service documenting the effects of loss of stream flow in Eagle Creek due to the North Fork wells. Comments and photographs will be considered in the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the US Geologic Survey.

Residents along Eagle Creek are urged to submit statements and photographs documenting the environmental effects on their property of the loss of stream flow. Examples of the detrimental effects documented thus far include:

- Changes in the water table requiring deepening of domestic wells
• Dead, dying, and fallen trees
• Effects on fish, wildlife, and vegetation
• Appearance of sinkholes and other evidence of environmental degradation

Statements must be submitted by July 30, 2011 to:

Mr. David Warnack
Smokey Bear Ranger Station
901 Mechem Dr.
Ruidoso, NM 88345

Members of the Eagle Creek Conservation Association, an organization formed by Eagle Creek residents concerned about the loss of stream flow, will gladly provide examples of testimonials and assist property owners in preparing their statements. Please contact Ab Keus (akeus@valornet.com) or Bill Midkiff (billmidkiff@valornet.com) for assistance or further information. This is an important opportunity to help restore our creek and preserve the environment and our quality of life.

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White Fire rehabilitation work gets underway

JIM KALVELAGE

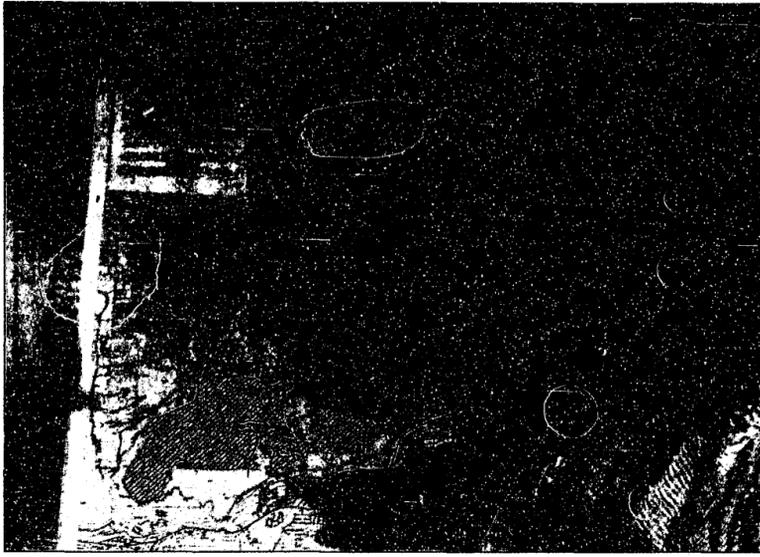
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Rehabilitation and mitigation work is underway on the scorched acreage of April's White Fire. U.S. Forest Service public information officer Beth Mitchell said the goal is to complete treatments prior to the onset of the monsoon season to lessen the threat of floodwaters and mud slides.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Lincoln County, City of Ruidoso Downs and the New Mexico Department of Transportation are working together to acquire and place cement barriers in an effort to reduce potential runoff to private property from barren forestlands. Sand bags and technical assistance are available to help landowners and residents protect their properties.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong had said in the days following the blaze that he wanted protection from possible impacts because of the lack of vegetation. He noted Burn Area Emergency Rehabilitation officials said six to 10 times the amount of typical water could come off the scorched hills and canyons.

"Because some of the properties where the waters come out of Johnson Canyon to the west would affect them and some of the residents in that area," Armstrong said. "So we've



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Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong points to a residential part of the city immediately east of the racetrack that could face flooding during the summer rainy season because of the April White Fire.

been very involved in what they're going to do and how they're going to do it."

Armstrong said the plans from the federal Burn Area Emergency Rehabilitation team hopefully would keep water from moving into Ruidoso Gardens and other residential and business areas.

"Some of the water that comes down Johnson Canyon West, they want to hold it for a time period and kind of let it off in a timely manner," Armstrong said.

"We cannot just protect ourselves against everything if it comes all at once. We're working very hard with the (Burn Area Emergency Rehabilitation

team) and trying to assist them in how well we know the area and what we think would be the best. They've been very good at listening to that. I feel a lot more comfortable than I did a week ago, or two weeks ago, when they said everything will be alright."

The filled sand bags are especially for those who need to protect wells from contamination.

"We did a sandbagging effort over the weekend and we have about 1,000 sandbags available now," said Cleatus Richards, the city's public works director.

Members of the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs fire departments, along with

some juvenile probationers volunteered Saturday to fill the bags. Additional sandbagging is likely for the next couple of weekends.

"We're also working very closely with the racetrack," Richard said. "We had initially donated some 50 Jersey (concrete) barriers."

The Village of Ruidoso has also offered some of their barriers. Another 200 Jersey concrete berms are in Deming.

"And we can only haul about nine at a time," Richards said. "We're trying to get assistance in having those hauled. These are being donated by the (New Mexico) Department of Transportation. But it will

take us probably a good week to do 50 of them as you can do maybe one load a day. It's about a 190-mile distance from our community."

Richards said the city is trying to nudge the Transportation Department or others to help transport the barriers.

The mitigation plans focus on holding back some potential floodwaters and channeling the water away from buildings.

"We've also asked the Forest Service for permission to cut a trench along North Drive to help divert waters that would be coming into that area," Richards said. "We are making a fairly effort to try to protect our citizens."

Other locations of concern are Highland and Johnson East canyons.

"Most of the water that we're channeling will be going to the river," Armstrong said. "It will probably have to follow down the streets but this is something that we can handle."

The efforts by the city might qualify for some federal reimbursement.

"It wasn't our fire but we're the ones in harm's way," Armstrong said. "We have to protect our citizens."

The U.S. Forest Service began aerial drops of grass seed over the weekend on moderately and severely burned federal lands within the fire area. A covering

of straw mulch will be spread over the areas to protect the seeds, retain moisture and encourage germination.

The combination of grass seed and straw mulch has proven to be successful in re-establishing ground cover, stabilizing the soil, slowing runoff and reducing erosion, Mitchell said.

Other response efforts will include restoring and cleaning earthen tanks on the forest to hold runoff, installing check dams and erosion control structures, felling hazard trees, restoring forest roads, and protecting cultural heritage sites.

While the treatments will occur exclusively on Lincoln National Forest lands, the activities are expected to positively influence adjacent private and government-owned lands. Mitchell said it is imperative that landowners, business owners and residents take their own measures well in advance to protect themselves, their animals and their properties.

AeroTech, a Clovis company that has done a number of seeding projects for the U.S. Forest Service, is conducting the aerial seeding.

The White Fire, which raced west to east immediately north of Ruidoso Downs, started on April 3 and went on to burn almost 10,500 acres and five homes.

Commissioner takes issue with Wilderness policy

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When Lincoln County Commissioner Mark Doth heard that officials with the Bureau of Land Management contemplated declaring wilderness areas by administrative action instead of Congressional approval, he was steamed and took the issue to the full county commission.

Commissioners, along with many other county-level government entities in New Mexico and Arizona and private groups, passed resolutions opposing the possibility.

Letters of opposition also were sent by the Lincoln County Commission to members of the county's Congressional delegation, demanding that a bureaucratic entity not usurp the role of an elected Congress.

The tone from the Interior Department was significantly different Friday with Secretary Ken Salazar leaving no uncertainty that Congress will have the last word in designations.

But the shift doesn't satisfy Doth's concerns, he said Tuesday.

"I don't trust him," the commissioner said of Salazar. "I think he has lied and manipulated the system and it's all been in favor of closing more and more public land to any kind of further development, especially energy, oil and gas."

"The week before this admission, he tried to strengthen and reinterpret the Endangered Species Act. There is a bigger movement afoot."

In a letter sent to members of Congress and a subsequent Webcast, Salazar asked members of Congress to suggest

"crown jewel" areas of public lands that have strong local support for permanent protection as Wilderness under the Wilderness Act. The request is part of his push to build a bipartisan wilderness agenda that can be enacted in the 112th Congress, according to a news release from the Department.

The Obama Administration's 21st century conservation agenda that marked the enactment of the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 and implementation of the President's America's Great Outdoors initiative, includes designating wilderness as a key component in preserving the country's natural heritage for future generations.

Noting the bipartisan success of Congress and the Obama Administration to designate about 2 million acres of Wilderness in 2009, Salazar said that he will deliver to Congress by Oct. 15, a list of areas overseen by the Bureau of Land Management that he believes are ready for immediate Wilderness designation by Congress.

In a memorandum last week, Salazar announced plans to work with members of Congress, states, tribes, and local communities to identify public lands that may be appropriate candidates for congressional protection under the Wilderness Act. Salazar's letter Friday asked members for input to help Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes develop recommendations for how the land management bureau should manage the millions of acres of public land that are not protected under the Wilderness Act, but that have wilderness characteristics.

In a Webcast appearance Friday, Salazar said in the current session of Congress, several members already introduced legislation to create new areas of Wilderness. For example: H.R. 41, the Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act from U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.); H.R. 113, the Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act from U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson (R-Idaho); S. 667/H.R. 1241, the Rio Grande del Norte Conservation Establishment Act by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) and U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.); and S. 766/H.R.1413, the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act by U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Oregon) and U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Oregon).

"I believe these bills and others that have been introduced with strong local support, provide a foundation from which we can build a strong, bipartisan wilderness agenda in this Congress," Salazar said. "To help advance this effort, the Department of the Interior will, by Oct. 15, 2011, submit to Congress a list of 'crown jewel' areas that we believe are ready for

immediate Wilderness designation by Congress. This list will include some areas that would be protected by bills that are currently pending before Congress and that have strong local, state, tribal, and congressional support. It may also include some areas that are not currently being considered for protection, but that the Department of the Interior believes have widespread support and are worthy of Wilderness designation."

Salazar also referenced Hayes' job of developing a management strategy for millions of acres of public land that are not protected under the Wilderness Act, but that have wilderness characteristics.

"Because public lands with wilderness characteristics can offer unique hunting, fishing, and recreational opportunities, along with potential energy, mineral, and other resource values, it is important that the BLM have clear guidance when undertaking its multiple-use land management planning and when making project-level decisions that could impair wilderness characteristics," Salazar said. "I welcome your input on this important policy matter as well."

Hot cars, pets don't mix

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With years of public education by a multitude of animal rights groups, the message by now should be clear — dogs should not be left in cars on hot summer days, even with windows cracked open, says the former president of the Humane Society of Lincoln County.

After a trip to Walmart recently where she spotted several panting dogs left in cars while their owners shopped, Diane Gremillion decided she couldn't sit by without trying to alert owners to the danger.

"It was around 84 degrees and according to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, if it's 78 degrees, the temperature can soar to over 100 degrees within minutes," she said. She intends to print a flyer to warn pet owners of the danger to which they are subjecting their dogs and put them under windshield wipers of cars containing animals waiting for their owners to return.

A recent release from the United Animal Nations implores pet owners not to leaving their dogs in hot cars this summer, a practice that quickly can injure or kill a pet.

"Often people leave their dogs in the car while they

shop or run errands, but doing so when the weather is warm can literally be a death sentence for your pet," said UAN President and Chief Executive Officer Nicole Forsyth. She offered five reasons why leaving a dog in a hot car can be deadly:

- Dogs are especially vulnerable to heat-related illness because they can only cool off by panting and through the pads in their feet.

- Even on seemingly mild days, an enclosed car can be deadly. In a Stanford University study, when it was 72 degrees outside, a car's internal temperature climbed to 116 degrees within one hour.

- Enclosed cars heat up quickly. In a study by San Francisco State University, when it was 80 degrees outside, the temperature inside, a car rose to 99 degrees in 10 minutes and 109 degrees in 20 minutes.

- A dog's normal body temperature is between 101 to 102.5 degrees. A dog can only withstand a high body temperature for a short time before suffering nerve damage, heart problems, liver damage, brain damage or even death.

- Studies show that cracking the windows has little effect on a car's internal temperature.



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Visitation for Donald A. Williams, 73, of Ruidoso will be Monday, June 13, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a graveside service on Tuesday, June 14, at 10:30 AM at South Park Cemetery in Roswell.

Mr. Williams passed away Wednesday, June 8, 2011 in Ruidoso. He was born May 21, 1938 at Syracuse, NY. He served in the Air Force and was a retired Aerospace Quality Engineer. He moved to Lincoln County in 1978 from Santa Barbara, CA. He married Mary McMan on December 31, 1963 at Roswell, NM and he survived by his wife.

The family has requested memorials to your favorite charity or the Seventh Day Adventist Building Fund, PO Box 10, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Condolences may be sent to the family at
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Rollover kills 'Zozo man' Police arrest 14-year old for Midtown crime spree

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A single vehicle rollover Thursday on U.S. Highway 380 claimed the life of a Carrizozo man.

Chilo C. Rimple, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene by the New Mexico Office of Medical Investigator.

Rimple, who was travel-

ing eastbound, lost control of the pickup truck he was driving just east of the highway's intersection with New Mexico Highway 37, according to New Mexico State Police Captain Keith Duncan.

The vehicle left the roadway, Rimple attempted to steer back onto the pavement, and he overcorrected resulting in the loss of con-

trol. The pickup rolled an estimated three times, ejecting the driver. He was crushed as the truck continued to roll.

A police report stated Rimple was not wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle was registered to AC Recovery of Carrizozo.

Duncan said alcohol was not involved in the about 10:30 a.m. incident.

Police arrest 14-year old for Midtown crime spree

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Ruidoso police charged a 14-year old with several crimes in the Midtown area, including burglary, larceny and breaking a windshield on a state police vehicle.

"He has just been raising all kinds of hell," Ruidoso Police Detective Sgt. Wade Proctor said.

Proctor arrested Paul N. Burgess June 8 on four counts of burglary, four counts of larceny, attempted auto burglary, attempted breaking and entering, and two counts of criminal damage to property.

The owner of one of the Midtown businesses that had been burglarized reported Burgess as being a suspect. Her description of where Burgess lives led police to his door.

"Out front was this red go-cart," Proctor said. "He had tried to steal gas from his neighbor. He said he couldn't get the gas to siphon, but the tank was full before and it was down to half a tank when we checked it."

The owner of the vehicle was also the owner of one of the businesses Burgess is accused of burglarizing. He allegedly went in through the windows and took cash from cash registers and tip

jars. Proctor said Burgess came walking up through the woods while the officers were checking on the gas theft from the vehicle.

Proctor started talking to Burgess and one thing led to another

"He had buried the money over behind Comfort Inn," Proctor said. "He ended up taking us over there and showing us where it was."

Burgess is also accused of breaking and entering and flooding a business.

"When I asked him about that he hung his head and started to cry," Proctor said. "He said he did that because the owner had yelled at his brother for walking across her property."

Proctor said they are also including charges from the New Mexico State Police.

State Police Officer Kieth Hankar had his patrol car windshield broken by a rock while on a traffic stop.

"I talked to the officer and he said he had gotten back in his car and was doing the paperwork and he just heard this loud boom and he thought someone was shooting at him," Proctor said. "He said the motorist said 'Hey, someone just threw a rock at

your window.'"

Proctor said Burgess admitted to throwing the rock at the state police car.

State police are charging him with criminal damage to property and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

"There are going to be some other charges," Proctor said.

Proctor said Burgess was cited into Juvenile Probation and Parole and released to his father.

Proctor said Burgess' father consented to a search of the home and there were some items there that may have been stolen.

Proctor said the key to stopping and solving crimes like this is public vigilance.

"We are asking that if anyone sees anything suspicious, please call us," Proctor said. "We will follow up on all leads."

Proctor also recommended that people fill out an inventory sheet of their valuables, listing make, model and serial number.

"That is the information we need to get the stolen property back to the rightful owner," Proctor said.

The property inventory sheets are available at the Ruidoso Police Department front desk during normal business hours.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

May 30

9:20 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 100 block of Westbury Drive for a report of a burglary.

Freeman reports an X-Box, laptop and a safe containing cash and important papers were stolen from the home.

11:28 p.m. - Freeman reported making contact with Robert Guzman, 46, of Mescalero, and being aware of a warrant for Guzman's arrests.

Freeman arrested Guzman on the Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear and reports that while searching Guzman he found a small amount of marijuana in the coin pocket of Guzman's pants.

Freeman issued Guzman a non-traffic citation for possession of marijuana.

June 3

7 a.m. - Officer Eric Ament responded to the Ruidoso Municipal School District's maintenance yard at 301 Gavilan Canyon Road. A gas fueling station in the fenced yard had been damaged.

A police report stated that it appeared someone had climbed over the fence and possibly siphoned 10 gallons of gasoline.

7:33 a.m. - The police department's dispatch center received a call on a non-911 phone line that a bomb would be detonated at the state's district courthouse in Carrizozo.

The call was made from a pay phone at a gas station at Sudderth and Mechem

drives.

A clerk provided police with a description of a man who had used the pay phone minutes earlier. Video surveillance at the convenience store was also being sought.

Police also included a list of cases that were on the court's docket for June 3 with the incident report.

12:54 p.m. - Officer Christopher Bryant was dispatched to a residence in the 100 block of Carter's Lane for possible squatters.

A real estate agent told Bryant that the vacant home, which was for sale, appeared to have had residents.

Trash, a jacket, and two unaccounted for mattresses were in the home.

The house was only supposed to have a couch. A window was believed to be the entry point.

1:07 p.m. - A woman went to the police station to report a larceny.

She had been at a Mechem Drive business the day before when she said she was intentionally distracted.

She believed a second person removed money from the purse she had set down.

Between \$180 and \$210 in cash was reported missing.

5:06 p.m. - Officer Josh Snodgrass went to a home in the 400 block of River Trail.

The out-of-town owner of the house said he arrived to find a front window and a side window broken.

The damage was estimated at \$800.

10:20 p.m. - Officer Curtis Rodgers responded

to the 100 block of Kirkman for a report of a burglary.

Rodgers reported the sliding glass door being shattered and drawers opened and ransacked throughout the home. Reportedly the only item the homeowner noticed missing was a small clock.

Two fire extinguishers had reportedly been emptied inside the home.

June 4

7 a.m. - A case of larceny was reported to police.

A man said a chainsaw he had in his truck was removed that morning while parked at a Sudderth Drive business. The value of the chainsaw was \$600.

Corporal Aaron Frost responded to the 400 block of High Loop Drive for a report of a burglary.

Frost reports a HDTV and remote, 15-in. laptop computer and satellite radio receiver were stolen.

The homeowner also reported a spare set of car keys were missing.

June 5

3:04 a.m. - Police were dispatched to a home in the 400 block of 2nd Street on a report of a shot fired.

There was no evidence of a shot having been fired but a man released from jail was found with a beer in his hand.

A magistrate judge told police to arrest Cash S. Peso, 18, of Ruidoso for violating conditions of his release and being a minor with alcohol.

Compiled from Ruidoso Police Incident reports

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

May 29

2:02 a.m. - Officer Joseph Bailey observed a blue F-250 pickup eastbound on Highway 70 traveling at a reported 51 mph in a 40-mph zone and failing to maintain its lane.

Bailey reported smelling alcohol on the driver and reported Pablo Rabasa-Youcham, 45, was unsteady on his feet.

Bailey arrested Rabasa-Yoacham, of Anthony, N.M., for driving while intoxicated, and cited him for speeding and failure to maintain lane.

May 31

9 a.m. - Officer April Keck responded to milepost 263.5 on Highway 70 for a report of a motorcycle crash.

Keck reports she found the motorcycle rider lying on his back and he was complaining of shoulder pain.

Saul Enriquez Jr., 36, of Artesia, N.M., reportedly said that a gray pickup truck turned left in front of him and he crashed when he swerved to avoid hitting the truck.

Keck cited Enriquez for failure to provide proof of insurance.

May 31

4:44 p.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to the Billy the Kid Visitor's Center for a report of criminal damage to property.

Valenzuela reported that a worker at the Center said when she arrived at 9:45 a.m., she noticed a vehicle had hit the fence at Highway 70 and Champions Run.

Valenzuela reported observing tire prints and recovering the front license plate holder from a Honda utility vehicle.



'Shiny Boy' Watermelon

One of the best parts of summer is gorging on fresh, juicy watermelon. 'Shiny Boy' melon, an All-America Selections (AAS) winner in 2010, is ready for harvest 90 days from planting seeds, which is earlier than many watermelons of this size. The globe-shaped melons, weighing an average of 20 pounds or more, won high marks for sweet, tropical flavor. Skin is glossy and dark green with wide green stripes. Prolific vines spread 12 to 13 feet.

Common name: 'Shiny Boy' watermelon
Botanical name: Citrullus lanatus 'Shiny Boy'
Plant type: Fruit
Zones: Annual
Width: 12 to 13 feet
Family: Cucurbitaceae

Growing conditions
• Sun: Full sun
• Soil: Rich, humusy loam
• Moisture: Medium

Care
• Mulch: Use straw or hay to retain soil moisture and provide a place for fruits to rest,

so they don't sit directly on wet soil. You can also place boards under fruits.

• Pruning: None needed.
• Fertilizer: Use plenty of compost and other organic fertilizer.

Propagation

• By seed

Pests and diseases

• Cucumber beetles, aphids, squash bugs, cutworms, and squash vine borers
• Powdery mildew, bacterial wilt, blossom-end rot

Garden notes

• In colder zones, start seeds indoors about three to four weeks before the last frost date. In warmer regions, sow seed directly in the ground when the soil temperature is at least 70°F. Leave 8

to 10 feet between plants.
• If you support the heavy fruit (with slings, for instance), 'Shiny Boy' will do well on a trellis or other support.

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• Other familiar food crops in Cucurbitaceae include pumpkins, squash, and cucumbers.
• Watermelon originated in southern Africa. The genus Citrullus contains only three species, all of them annual vines.



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Sports On Tap

Race Track
Ruidoso Downs Race Track holds racing Friday through Monday. Post time is 1 p.m. each day. Parking is always free.

Pro Baseball
Wednesday-Friday, June 15-18
Ruidoso Osos at Las Cruces Vaqueros, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, June 19
Roswell Invaders at Ruidoso Osos, 4:05 p.m.

On Deck

Warrior challenge

Community 5K run, USATF NM Association 5k Championship, and Native American 5k National Championship will be held Saturday, June 18, at 8 a.m., on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. Additional events include: 1- and 2-mile fitness walks, kids 12-and-under competitive 1k, toddler non-competitive 400-meter dash. This event also serves as a Haskell Indian JUCO/University Track & Cross-Country reunion and all former athletes are encouraged to attend. Two individuals, Gerald "Jerry" Tuckwin (Mayetta, KS) and Esther Felipe (Acoma, NM) will be given special recognition for their lifelong service to the health, fitness and education of tribal communities. For more information call (505)710-3323, email: Sports-WarriorsTC@aol.com; visit: www.sportswarriorstc.com.

Summer Soccer Camps

At White Mountain Elementary Soccer Complex, Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24. Led by Ruidoso High School Soccer Coach Kelly Brown, UEFA Certified Soccer Coach. Ages 2-3 Soccer Activities/Games, 1 hr 8:30-9:30 a.m. - (max 10) - \$55/child. PARENTS MUST ATTEND FULL HOUR. Ages 3-5 Beginning Soccer, 1.5 hrs 9:30-11 a.m. - (max 15) - \$65/child. Parents encouraged to attend. Ages 6-10 Basic Improving Skills, 3 hrs, 11:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. (max 25) - \$80/child. Ages 11-14 Improving Skills / Intermediate, 3 hrs, 4-7 p.m. - (max 30) - \$80/child. Contact Kelly Brown, PO Box 2074, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

SADSP Tennis Fundraiser

The first annual "Raise a Racket" Senior Doubles Tennis tournament will be held June 27-July 1 to benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program (SADSP). The tournament will be for players over 50 years of age and will be played at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts. Competition matches will feature women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event and all proceeds go to SADSP, which is one of the oldest adaptive ski schools in the country. It depends on fees, grants, donations and fund-raisers to operate. The program is in need of a "bi-ski," which enables a non-ambulatory person to sit and experience skiing with the aid of a volunteer. The Raise a Racket tournament hopes to raise \$4,000 to purchase a new and updated bi-ski for next season.

Record-holder Valiant War Hero dies after colic bout

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Dena Pitts and Pam Baber's record-setting West Texas Futurity winner Valiant War Hero died following a bout with colic eight days ago, according to his trainers, the father-son team of Blane and Trey Wood.

"He was sick on Sunday and we immediately took him to the vet clinic in Lamesa (Texas)," said Trey Wood, who was his trainer for the West Texas Futurity. "Surgery was done that night and he died on Tuesday."

"It's been a tough week." The Wood's primary jockey Ricky Ramirez was injured in a riding accident at SunRay Park last Saturday. He is expected to ride Valiant War Hero's brother Valiant Valor in the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity, according to Trey Wood. Valiant Valor was fourth behind Valiant War Hero's record-setting victory in the West Texas Futurity.

Valiant War Hero was the fourth-ranked juvenile in the latest AQHA Racing/Horseplayer.com national poll.

The gelding won each of his three starts, highlighted by his world-record-setting victory in the Grade 1, \$253,000 West Texas Futurity when he raced the 300 yards in :14.594.

In his last race, Valiant War Hero won his Ruidoso Futurity trial at Ruidoso Downs racing for Blane Wood.

He overcame a trouble-laden start to win by one length, however, his time was not fast enough to qualify for the Ruidoso Futurity.

"Even though he set the world record, he was always just one of those tough luck kinda horses. It's sad, really sad," Blane Wood said.

Valiant War Hero was a top prospect for the Grade 1, \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity and the Grade 1, \$2,400,000 All American Futurity later this summer at Ruidoso Downs.



FILE PHOTO

Valiant War Hero, winner of the \$253,000 West Texas Futurity and one of the first-place finishers in the Ruidoso Futurity trials, dies Tuesday a week ago, after coming down with colic.

Silver For Me claims Ruidoso Futurity win

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Silver For Me paid big dividends to his owners and his wagering supporters with his victory in the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The gelding's owners, G.W. Hartstack with B and B Electric, paid the \$15,000 late supplemental fee to enter the Ruidoso Futurity trials and they were rewarded with a \$250,000 first-place check.

Silver For Me was sent off as an 11-1 longshot and

with 22-1 Back In The Pack finishing second and 9-1 Ochoa racing to a third-place finish they combined for a \$4,953.80 trifecta payoff.

The Jackie Riddle-trained Silver For Me is now the only horse eligible for the \$4 million All American Triple Crown Bonus, the largest bonus in quarter horse racing. To earn the bonus he must also win the Grade 1, \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity and the Grade 1, \$2.4 million (est.) All American Futurity, the world's richest quarter horse race, at

Ruidoso Downs.

Silver For Me got off to a rocky start and displayed the talent to overcome adversity. He broke inward at the start and bumped with Sure Shot B before going on to win by a neck in :17.481 for the 350 yards.

"We didn't get away (from the gate) the best," said Carlos Madeira of his biggest win in a quarter horse race.

"At about 50 yards he just kicked it in." Madeira is one of the top thoroughbred jockeys in New Mexico and was the only rider to pilot the undefeated win-



COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

The Jackie Riddle-trained Silver For Me wins Sunday's Futurity.

ner of 19 starts Peppers Pride, who is being inducted into the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame on Friday.

It was a neck margin to Back In The Pack and Ochoa was three quarters

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Ruidoso Osos win in spite of adversities

Local pro team has won last four games while dealing with difficulties

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In a four-game home set from Wednesday through Saturday, the Ruidoso Osos swept the Las Cruces

Vaqueros in spectacular fashion. Wednesday's game was a slugfest which ended in an 18-16 win for the hometown boys, followed by a 13-7 victory the following day. The next two days

the Osos grabbed two one-run wins with a 7-6 triumph Friday and a 9-8 success Saturday to sweep the visiting Vaqueros.

Since June 1, the Osos have gone 9-2 despite extraneous problems such as the recent May 31 resignation of General Manager Clyde Woods. One day later, Billy Page took over as the new GM and the team responded with nine

wins. As of this report, the Osos are listed as one game out of first place in the six-team Pecos League with an overall 16-7 record. The White Sands Pupfish are currently recorded in first place with a 17-6 mark.

In Saturday's 9-8 contest the Osos scored five big runs in the seventh inning to take a 9-6 lead. The Vaqueros tried to come back in the ninth but could

only muster two runs and fell short by one run. Right-handed pitcher, Chris Weldon got the victory and Josue Iniguez got the save in relief.

Catcher, Kip Masuda (.357), went 3-for-4 with one home run (four, total) and two RBIs. Third baseman, Case Rigby (.377), continued his consistent

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Llano Teller races to richest Ruidoso Derby win

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Llano Teller, owned by Wootan Racing with Reed Land and Cattle Company, parlayed a sharp start and a game finish into a professional victory in the record-setting Grade 1, \$702,896 Ruidoso Derby on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The \$702,896 purse surpassed the previous record purse of \$569,143 set last year and the \$351,449 first-

place check earned by Llano Teller is more than the total purse of \$308,267 in the 2009 running.

Llano Teller, with hall of fame jockey G.R. Carter Jr. aboard, covered the 400 yards in :19.553 to win by a neck over Dominyun while JD Baccarat was another three quarters of a length back for third place.

Llano Teller, in the second post position, raced side-by-side with second-place finisher Dominyun, in the first post position, in what

turned out to be a virtual match race.

"He warmed up like a pro and it was uneventful in the gate, just what we want," said Carter, who scored his first Ruidoso Derby win. "He broke about a neck in front and Dominyun may have gotten his head in front about halfway down there. But, he took on the challenge and got the win."

The son of All American Futurity winner Teller Cartel had a consistent and productive 2-year-old cam-

paigned and now is leading the top-tier of the 3-year-old division.

"It really looks like he can run on down the track (440 yards)," said winning trainer Heath Reed. "He tore up a quarter (part of his hoof) last year and we've changed his shoeing. He lost a shoe in his trial, but he didn't hurt himself."

Llano Teller's tenacity last year resulted in a win in the Grade 1, \$200,000 Remington Park Futurity and a close third-place finish

in the Grade 1, \$1,000,000 Heritage Place Futurity from his first four starts, all at Remington Park. He then came to Ruidoso Downs and qualified for the Grade 1, \$625,000 Rainbow Futurity and moved on to Lone Star Park near Dallas to qualify for the Grade 1, \$1,037,000 Texas Classic Futurity.

The gelding earned \$485,388 last year and pushed his career earnings to \$837,987 with the record-setting Ruidoso Derby first-place check.

"This is really a nice little horse. He lasted all of last year and has matured this year," said Carter.

Following minor surgery and a six-month rest, Reed brought Llano Teller back for the Ruidoso Derby trials and the gutty gelding stepped up with a one-half length win while losing the shoe. In that trial he defeated Dominyun by one-half length while Unanchored, who also qualified for the Ruidoso Derby, finished third.

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of a length behind Back In The Pack for third.

Silver For Me started his career in Texas and then moved to Ruidoso for the summer futurity season. In Texas, he showed promise with a second-place finish in the Sam Houston Juvenile Stakes

after having problems in the gate.

"We really worked with him in the gate and that made a big difference," said Madeira.

The gelded son of Corona For Me made his first local start in the Ruidoso Futurity trials and lived up to those \$15,000-supplemental expectations with a three quarter length win.

His :17.629 time for the

350 yards was the fourth-fastest qualifying mark from the 21 trials on opening day, May 27.

Silver For Me will now try the increased distances of the 400-yard Rainbow Futurity and the 440-yard All American Futurity in his All American Triple Crown quest.

"Longer distance will not be a problem," said Madeira.

Debra Gotovac's second-

place finisher Back In The Pack, the only filly in the Ruidoso Futurity, responded with a second-place finish that will make her one of the favorites for the rest of the summer season.

Another offspring of Corona For Me, Back In The Pack began her career for trainer Brad Bolen in Oklahoma and qualified for the \$326,000 Oklahoma Futurity.

The \$9,000 purchase at

the Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale finished second in her Ruidoso Futurity trial and her time of :17.635 was the 10th and final qualifying time to the Ruidoso Futurity.

Third-place finisher Ochoa also surprised after being fractious in the gate before the start.

The Sleepy Gilbreath-trained gelding then broke out at the start and gamely rallied for third in just his

second career start.

The gelded son of Tres Seis impressed in his career debut when he battled to win his Ruidoso Futurity trial by a neck and his time of :17.630 was the fifth-fastest qualifying mark.

Following Ochoa under the wire were Tex Cartel B, TMF Cash Dynasty, Sure Shot B, Fly First Down, Feature This Cold, Valiant Valor and Separate Cartel.

OSOS

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output with a 2-for-3 day, including two RBIs, which gives him 25 for the year.

"The Osos players focus on baseball and the matters at hand on the ball field," Page said.

"They don't worry about adversities off the field. Field Manager Kevin

Griffin does a great job. He understands the game and knows what pitchers need to be on the mound at any given time.

"We have a solid infield and outfield and it's hard for opposing pitchers to pitch to our hitters, one through nine."

Another strength of the Osos is that, reportedly, it is one of the teams in the six-team conference that has made no transactions

regarding the releasing or trading of players.

Tuesday's home exhibition game with a New Mexico Collegiate team was cancelled but the Osos will have four games in Las Cruces from Wednesday through Saturday.

On Sunday, the Osos will entertain the Roswell Invaders at 4:05 p.m.

The Father's Day game will feature a buy-one-ticket-get-one-half-price pro-

motion.

Sponsors like Motel 6 and Sierra Blanca Motors are still needed to ensure the continuance of the team.

The Osos currently use three dozen baseballs per game and at \$30 a dozen, together with umpire fees, not to mention salaries, equipment and food, the costs quickly add up.

Five or six of the Osos players try to make ends

meet by umpiring softball games at the Eagle Creek Complex.

"This is like the old days in the farm leagues where players played for the love of the game and to follow a dream," Page said. "My job is to help some of them achieve that dream. I would hope, that if my kids one day needed help, someone would step up to the plate and come through."

"And let me say, without

host families in Ruidoso, we couldn't survive."

A \$500 game sponsorship will include 50 free tickets. Group outings - with hamburgers and drinks - are available to businesses and families as well as birthday celebrations.

Charities are given 50 percent of the proceeds from pre-sold tickets. For information contact Billy Page at 973-0029.

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CAPRICE

Caprice is a bright-eyed, spunky, and affectionate kitten, about 8-10 weeks old. She was found on a side street in Ruidoso Downs and was hungry and fighting a bit of a respiratory infection. We could tell Caprice was a sweetheart from the beginning and is now healthy and ready to be adopted.

GYPSY

Gypsy is a very sweet Catahoula mix, about 7 months old. She has a beautiful brindle coat with white on her chest and paws. Gypsy is friendly, walks very well on a leash and did come from a home with other dogs.

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Kate is a sweet, reserved border collie/heelor mix about 8-10 months old. She will likely bond very well with her new owners, but since she has been at the shelter she has had her guard up with the staff and volunteers. Kate weighs about 45 pounds and is still perfecting her leash skills.

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Callahan is a handsome shepherd/husky mix. He loves going on walks and being around people. Callahan weighs about 65 pounds.

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BURTON

Burton is a laid back dog, weighing about 97 pounds. He was found running loose in the Nogal area and was picked up by a county Sheriff Deputy. Burton was dirty, exhausted and in pretty bad shape when he got to the shelter. He is now cleaned up and much happier. Burton has blue merle and white markings with both ears being black and a big black spot on his back.

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MORGAN

Morgan is a cute doxie/terrier (we think) mix. He is very friendly with people and dogs alike. Morgan is about 6 months old and weighs about 10 pounds. He has very short, sleek black fur with some white on his chest and paws.

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GEORGIA

Georgia is a very friendly cat who was abandoned at the shelter. She was found loose outside our office and came right up to us when we went to catch her. She is very friendly and affectionate.

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Ashton is a sweet, shy kitten about 4-5 months old. He has grey tabby and white markings and short hair.

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Tamra is a petite short haired cat with grey tabby markings. She is friendly and quite mellow. Tamra does get along well with other cats as well.

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MARTIN

Martin is a handsome adult male cat, about 2-3 years old. He is solid black, quite mellow and friendly.

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LUNA

Luna is a beautiful kitten, right at 8 weeks old. She was born on April 9th. Luna has medium length fur which is smokey grey and she has white on her chest and paws.

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5TH ANNUAL RUIDOSO SPRINT AND KIDS TRIATHLON

Local running, cycling and swimming race steadily grows year by year

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Sunny skies marked the 8 a.m. start of Saturday's 5th Annual Ruidoso Sprint

and Kids Triathlon as 150 solo participants, 20 teams and 40 children raced off into the record books.

Local athletes acquitted themselves well as Sarah

"50 and Focused" Crewe won the female division with a time of 1:06.18.

Bobby Gonzales, of El Paso, won the overall men's class with a time of :58.38.

In the team category, 2 Dogs and a Cat, consisting of Heather Messier (Albuquerque) and Cody Thurston and Paul Regalado (both of Ruidoso), was victorious with a time

of 1:02.16.

This year's event was marked with a new division for juveniles, most of whom were from out of town. At least 40 kids entered the race and all received medals.

Around 120 participants competed in last year's event and Saturday's race exceeded that by 30 additional athletes.

As the Ruidoso Sprint Triathlon grew, year by year, the decision was made to include children.

Triathlon athletes bring whole families to the area and the inclusion of adolescents to this year's race seemed to be a natural choice.

Much of the time, athletes who compete in these races, include entire house-

holds and come to be a lifestyle for those involved.

The 5th Annual Triathlon drew incredible participants from all over New Mexico as well as places like Columbus, Ga., Juarez, Mexico, and Marfa, Texas. El Paso was well represented with a large turnout.

Next year's triathlon will be held the weekend before Father's Day.



COURTESY JOE ARCURE



COURTESY TY WYANT

The 5th Annual Ruidoso Sprint and Kids Triathlon saw an increase in participants from last year.

Saturday's race started at 8 a.m. and saw 150 solo entries, 20 teams and 40 kids participate.



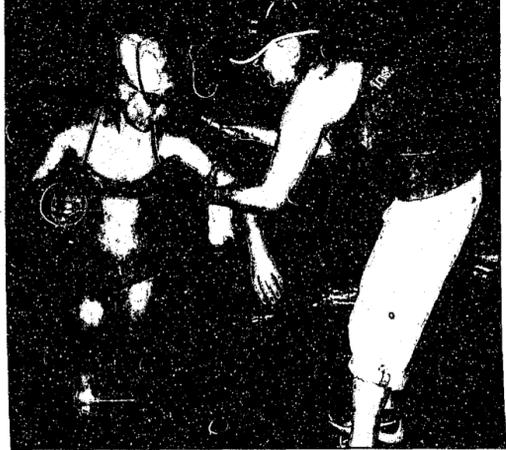
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Campbell Owen, of El Paso, heads for the finish line.



COURTESY HARVEY FOSTER

A group of runners traverse a hill by Grindstone Lake.



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Talia Gilmour, of Albuquerque, completes a 200-yard swim and is "checked off" by Carol Ast.



COURTESY JOE COAKLEY

Tyler Barfield and Aaron Forster, of Ruidoso, round a corner together in the kids division of the Sprint Triathlon.



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A sea of bikes await runners coming to the transition area.



COURTESY TY WYANT

An interested spectator watches the women's start.



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Ruidoso resident Cody Thurston and his team, 2 Dogs and a Cat, won the team class event.



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Local favorite, Sarah Crewe, won first place in the female class.



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Flip Lyle, of El Paso, shows the colors as he races to the transition area for the bike leg of the race.

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Carrizozo to put cop on the beat

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For the first time since the end of March, Carrizozo will have a town police officer on patrol Monday.

"The patrolman was hired today, he will start at 8 a.m. Monday," Carrizozo Mayor Dennis Vega said Monday at the Town Council meeting.

The patrolman Carrizozo hired is a 33-year veteran of police work and a former Capitan police officer Steve Barnett.

"He is on a six-month probation," Vega said. "We

want to see progress. We hope he does well and makes us a good police officer."

Vega, who was sworn in as mayor of Carrizozo Monday evening, had pushed for hiring police officers to replace the two full-time and one part-time officers Carrizozo had until January.

In January, Police Chief Rachel Weiser resigned to take a job in Texas. Officer Darrell Chavez resigned and took a job with the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and in late March part-time officer

Gary Lindsey also quit to take a job in Texas.

Vega said that the intent had been to hire a new chief of police and let the chief hire the officers. That process took a setback in March when John Parker notified former Mayor Mike Petty that he was taking another job.

"On the first chief of police, we had a John Parker, I believe was his name," Vega said. "On the day that we hired him he took a job in Montana."

That put Carrizozo back on the search for a chief of police.

"So now we are back to square A again," Vega said. Square "A" means Alaska, where Petty recruited Parker. Now Carrizozo is recruiting another Alaska officer to be the chief.

"If this one doesn't work out, can we go to another state," someone in the audience asked.

"He called from Alaska and he heard a rumor that there was no mayor," Vega said. "We need a letter from him saying that he will accept the job. If not we will proceed with hiring someone else."

On Tuesday, Vega said that Ron Bishop had not called to confirm that he was taking the job and to set the date for his arrival.

Bishop is listed as the police chief in Cordova, Alaska, on the Alaska Law Enforcement Liaisons website.

"It has just been a long process," Vega said. "Mike Petty has done excessive work to try to find a qualified police chief."

Petty had been recruiting a police chief since January, when Weiser became the sixth Carrizozo chief of police to leave since

March 2005.

"The council had given the mayor the authority to go out and do all the backgrounds and checks on the candidates," Vega said. "So, he did extensive work. He really did a fantastic job of getting candidates."

Petty resigned as mayor Friday at the beginning of a meeting Vega had requested to talk about hiring police officers. Vega said there an increase in crime and criminal damage to property in Carrizozo and they need to put a police officer on the street right away.

PRACTICE THE WAVE



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Each year the Village of Capitan, celebrates the 4th of July with an old-fashioned American hometown parade and authentic rodeo. This year the parade will be on Monday, July 4 at 10 a.m. and will run from Forest Avenue to Lincoln Avenue on Smokey Bear Boulevard. The festivities also include Smokey Bear Stampede Rodeo July 1-4. Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Capitan. For applications for parade entries or for more information contact: Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan NM 88316. Phone: (575) 354-2247.

Film showcase set to roll

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The winning films of the New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase will be coming to Ruidoso on July 8.

Dick Norris of Film Lincoln County NM said Friday the films will be shown from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Eastern New Mexico University's White Mountain Annex, 203 E. White Mountain Drive. A question and answer period is scheduled with Brent Morris, director of the winning documentary "Flamenco School," who will speak about his movie.

The event is free and open to the public. Film Lincoln County NM will conduct a silent auction at 5 p.m., prior to the films being shown. The proceeds will go to Film Lincoln County NM to help bring

more New Mexican films to Lincoln County.

The New Mexico Film Office announced the winners of the 2011 New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase and its "Summer Showcase" schedule to present the winning films across the state. More than 50 local filmmakers from cities around New Mexico submitted their work to the annual four-day event, which took place May 19-22 at the Guild Cinema in Albuquerque.

Winners were announced in seven categories:

- Best Animation, "The Astronomer's Sun" by Peter Kershaw (Santa Fe)
- Best Comedy, "Energy Tap Out" by Adrien W. Colon (Albuquerque)
- Best Drama, "Torcida" by Diego Joaquin Lopez (Espanola)
- Best Horror/Sci-Fi,

"The Baby Monitor" by Jocelyn Jansons (Santa Fe)

- Best Documentary, "Flamenco School" by Brent Morris / Reinhard Lorenz (Albuquerque)
- Best Wildcard, "Shakespeare's Women" by Rudy J. Miera (Albuquerque)

• Best Music Video, "I Can't Wait" by Christopher Columbus (Albuquerque)

The 2011 Honorable Mentions were "Allison," an animation by Jeff Drew; "A Walk Through Hell," an animation by Katia Perez/Dayna Robles; and "Good Luck, Mr. Gorski," a drama by Arron Shiver.

"We applaud the local filmmakers who worked so hard on these projects and look forward to traveling the winning films across the state," said Trish Lopez, NM Filmmakers Program Director.

A history lesson: The White Oaks School

The White Oaks School House held its first classes in 1895. The school, now a museum, is under the care of the White Oaks Historical Association and is open on Saturdays. The museum is filled with artifacts from White Oaks history. More information can be obtained by calling Karen Mills at 575-648-2128.

Three years ago Carrizozo music and art instructor Dena Odell of White

Oaks originated the idea of busing students to the White Oaks School House. Wearing period clothing, the students studied in antique desks and enjoyed old-fashion recess. Claude Hobbs told stories about his school days in White Oaks.

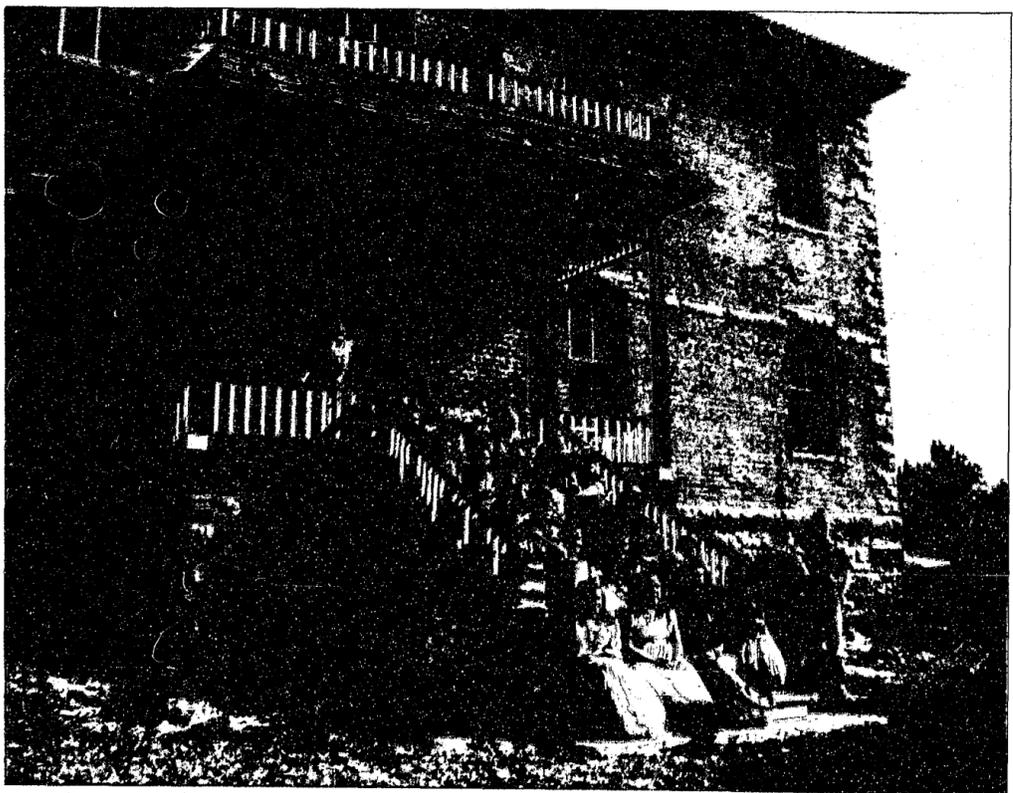


Historical Potpourri
 By Polly E. Chavez

The Carrizozo students visited the Miner's Home Museum. This home depicts the life of families in the mining camps. It features antiques from White Oaks and Lincoln County.

A tool shed museum in the backyard displays a collection of mining tools. Call Susan Gerke at 575-648-2995 for this museum information.

On a previous Pioneer School Day trip, Carrizozo students learned that there is evidence that Piro people lived in the White Oaks area, as well as in the Rio Grande Valley north of Socorro. The Apache were the next to come to the White Oaks area for its abundant



game. Apache arrowheads found nearby were shown to the students.

They learned that the first European contact in New Mexico was by members of Juan de Oñate's expedition, who arrived in the late 1500s. Although Oñate moved farther north to establish the first Spanish colony in what was to become New

Mexico, many of these people later found the area around White Oaks promising for grazing sheep herds. Gold had been discovered before in the mountains by local Hispanic and Native American inhabitants, but the discovery that set off the White Oaks gold rush was in 1879 by George Wilson.

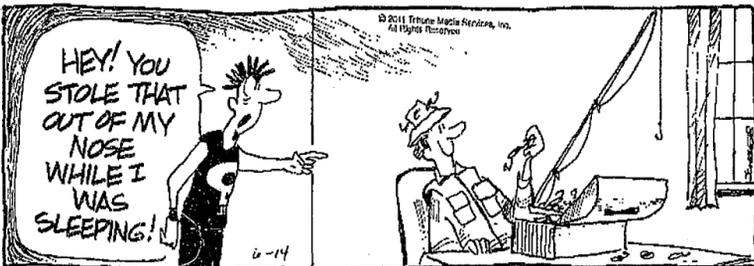
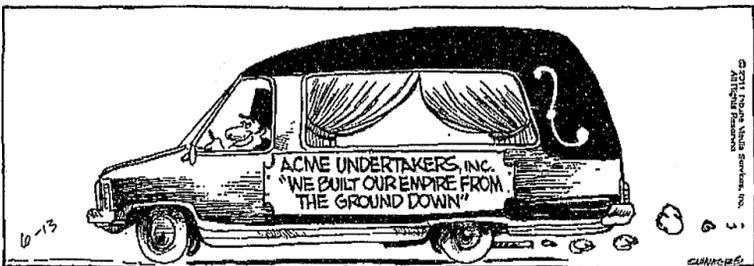
By the way, in last week's column I mention The Place Names of New Mexico that tells that the county seat was in Lincoln until the offices were moved to Carrizozo in 1909. Most research has this information, but it wasn't until 1913 when the county seat was finally established in Carrizozo. In 1909 voters elected to

move the county seat. Lincoln residents protested and the matter was finally settled by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1913, when a brick building was finished in Carrizozo. Future research of the years 1910, 1911 and 1912 will reveal the actions of the "angry mob" from Lincoln, but that is another story for this column.

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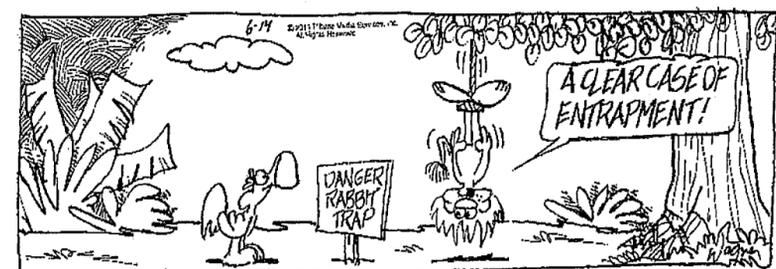
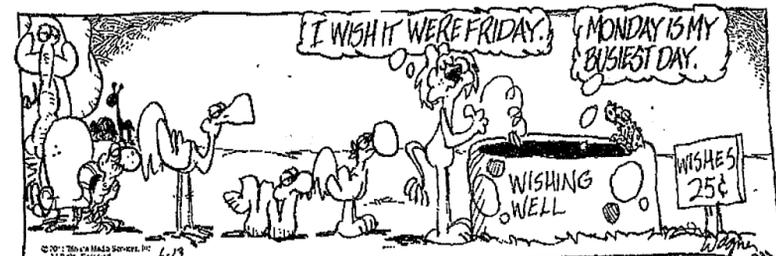
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vs.

SHANE L. JARAMA CITIMORTGAGE, INC. successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Defendant.

NO. CV-10-387

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 22nd day of June, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the undersigned Master will, at the northern entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 110 Marble Drive, Ruidoso, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 38, Block 2, WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATE, UNIT 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, February 16, 1979, in Tube No. 652.

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And Charges on Appendix A shall be adjusted by any increase in CPI since the last effective adjustment and all Commercial Rates, Tolls, Fees, and Charges on Appendix A shall be adjusted by any increase in CPI since the last effective adjustment. The Resolution further proposes penalty charges on the non-compliance with the provisions of the Ordinance to exceed 50%, during periods of reduced water supply as set forth in Section 18 Water Use Restrictions of the Ordinance.

Following the public hearing the District Board may choose to adopt or table the proposed Resolution. If the Board does table the proposed Resolution, it may do so indefinitely in which case it is proposed back in the future the Board will re-evaluate the Board may table to a specific future date and place and if so the Board may again consider the Resolution for adoption without such republishing.

A copy of the proposed Resolution and Appendix A Fee Schedule may be inspected at the District Office located at Lake Shore Drive, Alto, NM 88312 or on-line at www.wsd-18.com.

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The annual exercise allows ham operators to practice their operating skills in order to be ready to provide emergency communications during natural disasters, such as wildfire or floods that have occurred in the Ruidoso area. The hams have shown in the past that they can be the only reliable means of communications when conventional infrastructure fails.

Operating under the club's call sign KR5NM, operators will be in contact with other Field Day stations throughout the country in order to raise public awareness of amateur radio's capabilities. All communications are done by volunteer operators who provide their own equipment.

The public is invited to watch. Those interested in learning more about ham radio also can stop by.

Community calendar

Today

• Doug Fuqua performs in Wendell's Lounge at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 11 p.m.

• Mike Sanjku performs today and Saturday at Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

Tomas Vigil performs

today and Saturday at Landlocked Restaurant and Bar on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

• The Eliminators perform today at Casa Blanca Restaurant and Cantina on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

• Michael Beyer performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Karaoke with All For Fun Karaoke at the Elk's Lodge on Highway 70, next to the Ruidoso Emporium at 7 p.m.

• The Mixx Band performs at Club 49, inside Casino Apache at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino today and Saturday starting at 8 p.m.

• Brendan Dawes Band performs today, Saturday and Sunday at WPS in Midtown Ruidoso from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Saturday

• High Rolls Cherry Festival sponsored by the High Rolls Mountain Park Lions Club, in High Rolls. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

• Summer Market at First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will display and sell their wares in the park in front of the church. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks and baked goods. More info: (575) 258-4250; email: fccfrankie@valornet.com.

• Taste of the Spencer annual wine-food-fundraiser at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 6 p.m. This annual fundraising evening starts with a sampling from a half dozen of Ruidoso's finest restaurants and chefs accompanied by a selection of vintages served among the glowing Chihuly collections on both levels of the Spencer's Crystal Lobby. There will be a wide variety of silent auction items on display throughout the theater. As the silent auction ends, take your seat on stage to enjoy elegant desserts and a live auction with the entertaining Steve Talbot. Items will include

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HAROLD OAKES/RUIDOSO NEWS

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Sunday

• Illusions performs for Blues and BBQ at The Quarters in Midtown Ruidoso from 3 to 7 p.m. Live music and food specials.

• Sunday Under The Stars at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Music by The Mixx Band and the movie "Airplane." Every Sunday there will be live music starting at 6 p.m., followed by a movie; free; bring chairs and blankets; weather permitting; Children must be accompanied by an adult.

RESCUE FUNDS



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White Mountain Search and Rescue receives a check from the R. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation. The check, in the amount of \$2,500, compensates for much of the funding lost from the Lincoln County Commission and allows the organization some breathing space for this year in its operational funding. Pictured are, from left, Dick Mastin, White Mountain Search and Rescue treasurer; Robert Donaldson, Hubbard Foundation executive director; and Tony Davis, White Mountain Search and Rescue president.

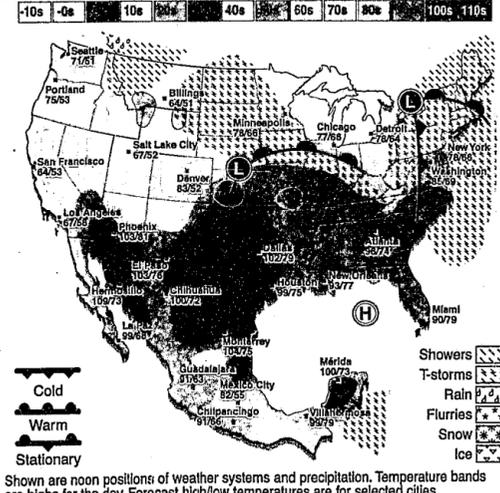
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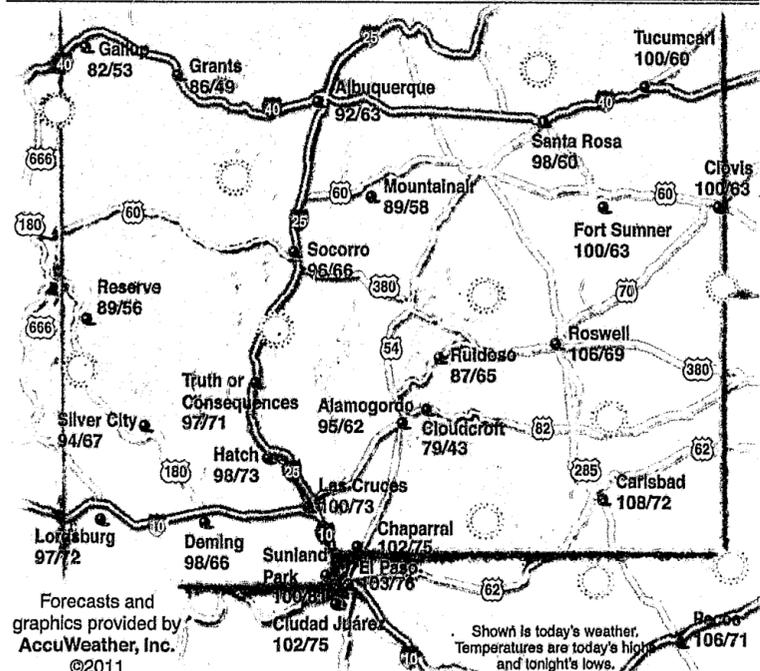
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Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 86°/63°
Normal high 82°
Normal low 44°
Record high 93° (1953)
Record low 31° (1951)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.92"
Year to date 0.88"
Normal year to date 6.18"

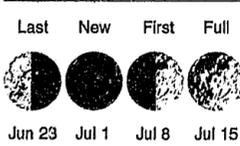
Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday
Temperature:
High/low 100°/58°
Normal high 94°
Normal low 63°
Record high 104° (1980)
Record low 50° (2001)
Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.17"
Normal month to date 0.38"
Year to date 0.63"
Normal year to date 3.07"

Weather Trivia:
Q: How much would the oceans rise if all the ice on Earth melted?
A: About 200 feet.

Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset 5:54 a.m./8:13 p.m.
Friday: Moonrise/Moonset 9:57 p.m./7:42 a.m.

Moon Phases



Extremes

Wednesday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 112° in Bullhead City, AZ
Low: 26° in Stanley, ID
Wednesday's World High/Low:
High: 120° in Sibi, Pakistan
Low: 6° in Summit Station, Greenland

National Cities

City	Today H/L	Sat. H/L
Abilene	104/78/pc	104/74/s
Anchorage	64/51/pc	65/53/pc
Atlanta	98/74/t	93/73/s
Austin	100/76/pc	101/76/s
Baltimore	85/65/t	87/67/s
Boston	75/62/sh	78/64/pc
Chicago	77/66/pc	81/67/t
Dallas	102/79/pc	101/78/s
Denver	83/52/pc	80/52/t
Des Moines	84/66/t	84/68/t
Detroit	78/64/pc	84/68/t
El Paso	103/76/s	102/79/s
Las Vegas	94/78/pc	93/78/s
Los Angeles	67/59/sh	66/58/pc
Minneapolis	78/66/c	84/64/t
New Orleans	93/77/pc	92/76/s
New York City	78/66/t	84/70/t
Philadelphia	82/67/t	86/70/s
Phoenix	103/81/s	104/79/s
Reno	80/55/pc	82/56/s
San Francisco	64/53/pc	64/53/pc
San Diego	64/59/sh	64/59/pc
Seattle	71/51/pc	67/53/sh
Tucson	102/72/s	103/75/s
Tulsa, OK	82/76/pc	97/75/s
Wash., DC	85/69/t	90/72/s
Wichita	86/72/pc	85/72/pc
Yuma	99/75/s	98/74/s

Regional Cities

City	Today H/L	Sat. H/L
Albuquerque	92/63/s	92/63/s
Artesia	108/74/s	108/76/s
Chama	76/43/s	78/39/pc
Clayton	97/61/s	94/59/s
Cloudcroft	79/43/s	78/41/s
Farrington	87/56/s	88/54/pc
Hobbs	102/67/s	102/67/s
Los Alamos	79/50/s	80/51/s
Portales	101/63/s	100/63/s
Raton	89/47/s	88/51/t
Red River	89/39/s	72/41/t
Ruidoso	87/65/s	86/67/s
Santa Fe	88/51/s	88/54/s
Silver City	94/67/s	93/67/s
Taos	83/42/s	82/45/t

Mexican Cities

City	Today H/L	Sat. H/L
Acapulco	91/77/c	91/77/pc
Cancun	90/75/t	88/73/t
Chihuahua	100/72/pc	99/72/pc
Ciudad Juárez	102/75/s	102/79/s
León	93/59/pc	90/55/pc
México, DF	82/55/t	82/54/t
Monterrey	104/75/s	104/75/s
Morelia	91/61/pc	92/62/pc
Oaxaca	88/63/t	88/63/t
Pto. Penasco	95/72/s	96/72/s
Tijuana	88/57/pc	88/57/pc

County to receive a bump in fed funds

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Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart was breathing a little easier Thursday with the announcement that the money anticipated from the government in lieu of taxes on federal land within the county's borders is on its way and a little more than last year.

According to information from the office of U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Lincoln County will receive \$1,475,786 as its portion of the nearly \$33 million shared by 32 of the 33 counties in the state from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program.

"We had budgeted what we received the previous year, \$1,437,375, and we will receive about \$38,000 more," Stewart said. "We always receive the checks about the same time of year

and I look forward each time to seeing what we get. Seeing it come in a little higher, as always, makes me a happy camper. We're always in doubt and just never know how it will turn out.

"I know the number of acres we have, but it just depends on what federal payments they deduct and the fuzzy Washington D.C. math."

PILT is a program administered through the Department of the Interior that compensates counties for federal property such as military bases, national parks or national forests that cannot be taxed by local governments.

Because PILT was shortchanged each year in the annual appropriations process, Bingaman strongly advocated for automatic full funding for the program, which many New Mexico counties rely upon

heavily. In 2008, Bingaman played a key role in negotiations that guaranteed full funding through fiscal year 2012, while also improving a separate initiative called the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. That effort resulted in significant funding for New Mexico in each of the last few years, according to the senator's office.

"PILT is always a very important part of local budgets in New Mexico," Bingaman said. "But it has

been increasingly important during the past few years, as county budgets have become tighter. The \$33 million being sent to New Mexico counties will help local governments deliver important services to all New Mexicans."

Neighboring Chaves County received the most from PILT of the 32 counties with federal land. That county is in line for a \$2,865,630 check, followed by Doña Ana County at \$2,853,799 and Otero County at \$2,658,915.

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OUR OPINION

'Is this on?'

Give us your news and views

If you would allow me a moment of indulgence I'd like to introduce the newsroom that makes the *Ruidoso News* editorial content what it is. We have almost 100 years of journalism experience combined, much of which was seen in Lincoln County and southern New Mexico.

We've won statewide and national recognition and various awards. But in the midst of all of that, in the midst of what might seem to be an exercise of ego inflation, we are lacking a credible ingredient to make this newsroom complete.

On too few occasions, we are missing "you" — our readership — whether it is a press release regarding the weekly meeting of a civic organization, or pictures from the banquet in which leaders of that organizations were installed, or letters to the editor expressing opinions about what community leaders in Lincoln County are doing or not doing. We are missing you.

I started "Bleeding the Black Ink" column in other publications during my career to help explain the inner workings of newspapers that newspaper insiders often take for granted as far as what readers actually know about the business. Why we publish this and why we don't publish that, studies into the depths of the First Amendment and some historical perspectives on the very ink that is rubbing off on your fingers at this very moment. I intend to carry on that tradition in these columns.

But first of all, lets get your news in your newspaper.

Here are a few tips that will be delved into in more depth in other columns to follow. But, for now, basically:

• When you submit a press release about an organization, include the five "w's" — the who, what, where, why, when, and include contact informa-

tion, a name and a phone number, so if we need further information, we know who to call. We don't publish telephone numbers unless requested, obviously. Submissions by email often have a faster turnaround.

• When it comes to letters to the editor or proposed guest columns, we are always going to favor what someone has to say about what community leaders or events that are happening in Lincoln County over what someone might have to say about a U.S. senator who couldn't keep his pants on. This is a local newspaper

and we want it to focus on local issues. We want this particular page, page 4A, the Opinion Page, to be one of dynamic and robust opinions in which residents can take part in lively debate. It might be that we publish some strong opinions that another publication would ignore, given a particular topic, for whatever reason. We will consider letters regarding any topics, of course, with our discretion as to whether to publish or not, giving emphasis to local authors.

• When it comes to photos, we need them at a high resolution — 200 dpi — so they publish properly in the newspaper. We can usually talk people through this if they aren't that tech savvy. Through your submissions, we also intend to enhance our website at www.ruidosonews.com

Thank you, in advance, for your contributions that will only enhance the Ruidoso News.

"Is this on?" you might ask, like the stage comedian tapping on a microphone, wondering if anyone might be listening. Oh, yes. Let me assure you. We are listening. It's on.

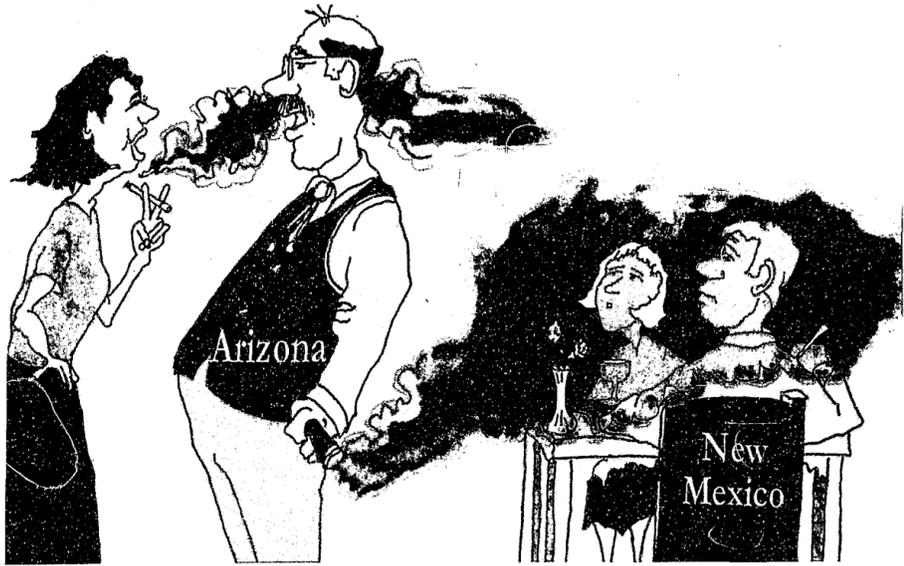
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New Mexico's 'War of Knives'

Things are obviously not peaches and cream between Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and her Republican Lt. Gov. John Sanchez.

You'll recall that following their election last November, the then governor-elect trundled into Santa Fe to begin the process of setting up her incoming administration.

Simultaneously, she cut the lieutenant governor-elect out of that process by dispatching him on a jaunt around the state to find out what business folks thought needed to be done to improve the state's economy.

It smelled fishy at the time and it still does.

Think upon it. Here were two politicians, Martinez and Sanchez, who had just spent months campaigning in every nook and cranny of New Mexico, talking to anyone they could corral, yet the newly elected governor still didn't know what the state's businessmen and women were thinking?

A person would have to be denser than those waves of smoke that billowed out of Arizona and over New Mexico in recent days to buy that piece of nonsense.

Susana Martinez wanted John Martinez out of town and out of the way.

Whereupon she and Heather Wilson, a former Republican congresswoman who became her

transition chief, joined forces to fashion the outlines of a Martinez administration.

Now, just six months later, Wilson and Sanchez are running for their party's 2012 nomination to fill the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by longtime Democratic Sen. Jeff Bingaman.

It is shaping up as Wilson's second nasty Republican primary in as many years.

In announcing his candidacy, the lieutenant governor came out with a jab at the former congresswoman by suggesting that "We don't want to return people back to Washington, D.C., who got us into this mess in the first place."

Wilson had jumped into the race almost before Jeff Bingaman had finished revealing his decision to retire, and she slapped back at John Sanchez by making it known that she looks forward to contrasting her "conservative record with his (Sanchez's) invented one."

Eloquent campaign rhetoric, it's not. Neither does it bespeak much love between the top two Republican senatorial candidates.

Which is where Susana Martinez's relations with the two Senate hopefuls enter the equation.

It's unlikely Martinez will slit her wrist if her next-in-line of succession ends up in the U.S. Senate, but her reaction

to news that he's running was hardly warm and cordial.

She began by feigning neutrality in the Wilson-Sanchez contest, wishing the candidates "well" and assuring one and all that she doesn't "intend to make an endorsement in the Republican primary at this time."

"At this time?" With those three words, John Sanchez surely knew that the sting he felt in the back was the tip of his own governor's blade.

And if there was any doubt in the lieutenant governor's mind where Martinez came down "in the Republican primary at this time," she made it clear: "To prevent this race from becoming a distraction, Lt. Governor Sanchez will not be given responsibilities in my administration beyond the select few provided in the state Constitution."

Then, just days later, unexpected and unannounced, Martinez showed up at a Wilson speaking engagement where she and the former congresswoman sat side-by-side playing coy.

Granted, John Sanchez has pronounced upwardly mobile political ambitions. After a single term in the state House of Representatives he ran for governor against a former congressman, U.N. Ambassador and U.S. Energy secretary...and lost decisively.

Now, after barely six months as lieutenant governor, he pursues a berth in the U.S. Senate.

But the war of knives being played out by the principals in that pursuit foreshadows a donnybrook within New Mexico's Grand Old Party.



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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What is the best Father's Day gift you've ever received?



Alan Pettit
 Albuquerque
 "I've received tickets to a few events, but this year I get to see Emmylou Harris perform."



Randy Hooker
 San Angelo, Texas
 "The best gift I get on Father's Day is that my girls remember it every year. That's really been great."



Kenneth Janeway
 Belton, Texas
 "A few years ago my daughter bought me tickets for a tour of the Cowboy Stadium."



Glen Watson
 Ruidoso
 "When I was 35 the kids made a surprise trip from North Carolina to Oregon. That's still my favorite gift."



Richard Miller
 Canyon, Texas
 "The best gift my kids ever gave me has been my grandkids — I'm grateful for them every year."

Board's code of ethics put on hold over wording

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Approval of a code of ethics put together by the village of Ruidoso was delayed Wednesday by members of the board that oversees the operation of a \$36 million regional wastewater treatment plant.

City of Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said while he favored adoption of such a code, he objected to using one drafted by the village of Ruidoso for its council and appointed boards and commissions. "Ruidoso Downs has one ourselves," he told other members of the Joint Use Board.

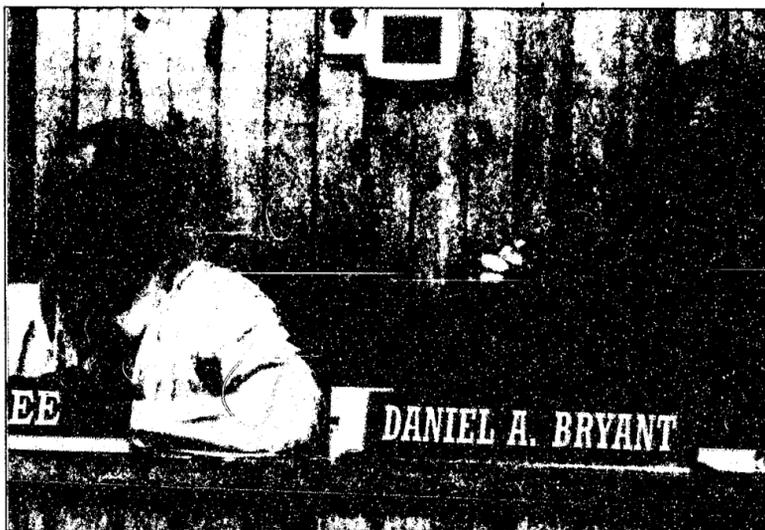
"We really don't consider ourselves an appointed board or commission," he said of the two JUB members who represent the city. "I'd ask that it be in a different format, done a little differently. I agree we should get along, but I would ask legal service to draw up one for this board. It needs to say Joint Use Board specifically."

The village attorney, Dan Bryant, who also sits in on joint use board meetings, is paid \$140 an hour, according to the village Finance Department.

Contacted later Wednesday, Village Manager Debi Lee, whose been battling for budgets that don't dip into reserves, said, "I think we need to be cost conscious."

"People need to take the time to read it for themselves and (select the words) that are appropriate for them and make those recommendations," she said. While adopting an ethics code certainly is a positive move, Lee said she thinks members need to put in the time and effort on a personal level in coming up with the wording they prefer.

Armstrong and other JUB members from Ruidoso Downs appear consistently on guard against being marginalized by the village, which operates the plant, provides administrative services and supports 85 per-



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

State Rep. Zach Cook, an attorney with the John Underwood Law Firm, which represents the City of Ruidoso Downs, and Dan Bryant, the Village of Ruidoso's attorney, listen to a request to draft a code of ethics specifically tailored to the Joint Use Board.

cent of the treatment plant's expenses.

The city pays 15 percent based on a mediation-established measure of sewage flow.

The joint use board is composed of the mayor and one council member each

from the city and from the village. A fifth member comes from the Lincoln County Commission, with concurrence of both municipal councils, and is supposed to serve as a tie-breaking entity without a direct financial interest in

the plant.

But earlier this year, the Ruidoso Downs Council rejected one commissioner, apparently, because he lived in the village, and Ruidoso nixed the second nominee, who was a critic of the old plant

and its impact on the Rio Ruidoso. Then Mayor Ray Alborn, who serves on the JUB, went a step further and declared the county should not have representation, because it has no stake in the plant, yet, the county tie-break vote could commit a municipality to a financial responsibility with which it did not agree.

Since that statement, no new commission nominee has been submitted.

Ruidoso Councilor and JUB member Angel Shaw scheduled the code of ethics on the agenda for a vote, because she said "in particular," the joint use board needed to "practice nice."

"I think we need to be very respectful to each other and what we do," she said, adding that the code also was sent to each village board for adoption.

She agreed with Armstrong's request for the legal staff to draft a code for the joint use board by its July meeting and offered a motion that was approved 4-0.

Carrizozo bans use of personal fireworks for Fourth

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No personal fireworks will be allowed in the town of Carrizozo this July Fourth because of severe drought conditions and extreme wildfire danger throughout Lincoln County,

even on the flat grassland prairies.

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department is inviting the public to view its annual fireworks display, which will begin at dusk on July Fourth at Valle Del Sol at the edge of town on U.S. 380.

"The fire department would also like to stress that no burn and no firework ordinances currently are in effect," said Department Chief Walter Hill. "Private fireworks will not be allowed before, during or after the display, because of the high fire danger. Anyone lighting

fireworks will face a \$300 fine" based on town ordinances.

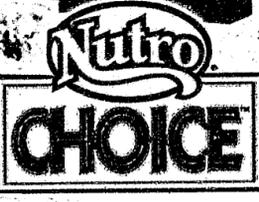
Fireworks already are banned in the mountain communities of Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Corona, and Capitan, as well as in the unincorporated areas of the county.

The sale and use of fireworks,

including spinners, stick-type rockets and missile-type helicopters, are prohibited in the county and those communities, as well as the Lincoln National Forest, which currently is closed to the public because of the fire threat. No substantial rain has fallen since February.

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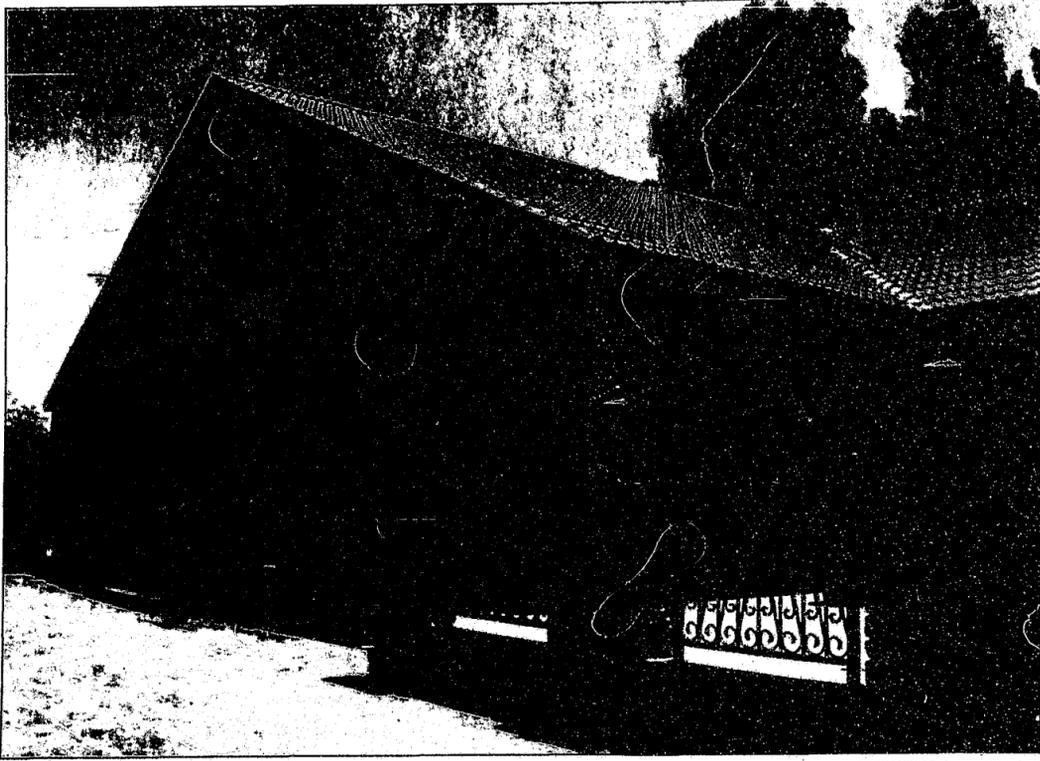
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BUSINESS

Grace O'Malley's opens this summer



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub is getting closer to opening in Midtown Ruidoso.



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Thomas Farrell, construction supervisor for Grace O'Malley's, addresses Ruidoso village councilors. Councilors approved a liquor license requested by Shari Yates Smith in the corporate name of TIRnaNOG, LLC, to be used at the restaurant/irish pub at 2331 Sudderth Drive.

An upstairs game room, with snooker and billiards, will also have a bar area.

The Midtown location had once been the home of Pasta Café. But that building was torn down and construction of what was once going to be called Shenanigan's Irish Pub started.

Since then the name of the 9,000 square-foot pub has been changed to Grace O'Malley's. O'Malley was a

16th century pirate who became a part of Irish folklore.

Farrell said he is waiting for kitchen equipment to arrive and after that the parking lot will be paved and the pub will open. The Ruidoso Village Council late last month approved a liquor license for the establishment.

Farrell said he has developed pubs all around the world.

"It's like stepping back into Ireland," Thomas Farrell, a business partner in the venture said of the pub on Thursday. "Most of the furniture, bar equipment, stone and glass and light shades all came over from Ireland."

A large horseshoe bar will include modern features on one side and a traditional old-style Irish bar. Farrell said a menu was being worked up that will include typical American fare as well as some Irish dishes.

"We definitely will have the best shepherd's pie." The pub had a stage as well. "The entertainment that we will be providing will actually be more traditional Irish music," Farrell said. "Fiddle, banjo, all that kind of stuff."

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Erin go Bragh — beginning later this summer in Ruidoso. Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub is beginning to take shape and is closer to opening.

SBA offers assistance

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Low-interest federal loans are now available to small businesses impacted by the freezing temperatures and natural gas shortages that happened in early February.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has made the working capital loans following the declaration of a disaster following a June 7 request from Gov. Susana Martinez.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the primary New Mexico counties of Bernalillo, Lincoln and

Taos, as well as adjacent counties, including Chaves, Otero, Socorro and Torrance.

"The U.S. Small Business Administration is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist New Mexico's small businesses with federal disaster loans," said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills. "We will be swift in our efforts to help these small businesses recover from the financial impacts of this disaster."

Small, non-farm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most pri-

vate, non-profit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact," said John Woosley, the SBA's Albuquerque district director.

The interest rate for businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available else-

where is 4.0 percent. For non-profits it is 3.0 percent.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application at the SBA's website, <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Application forms are also available from by calling the SBA AT 800-659-2955. The filing deadline to return applications is March 12, 2012.

All time record cold temperatures, with a minus-27 in Ruidoso, descended on the region from Feb. 2-4. Many water pipes burst because of the deep freeze. Some of the effects lingered as pipes thawed and more leaks were found.

Over 8K claims paid

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More than \$55 million in insurance claims have been paid in New Mexico because of the early February winter storm and deep freeze.

The storm resulted in the creation of a special effort by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission's Division of Insurance.

Among the initiative's first actions was distribution of bulletins to all licensed property and casualty insurance companies that were authorized to operate in New Mexico. Soon afterward, the Division of Insurance began receiving inquiries from residents and business owners impacted by the weather, the commission said Wednesday.

"I'd estimate that I received a couple hundred inquiries almost immediately," insurance investigator John Caherty said. "With the assistance of the various insurance companies, we were able to ensure that claims were processed in a timely manner."

A May report showed that of the 9,608 claims made, only 273 were denied. Another 474 were classified as "non-pay claims," meaning policy holders withdrew their claims or the damages were less than the policy's deductible.

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Recently, the Village of Ruidoso applied for a special use permit to continue unregulated pumping of the Eagle Creek North Fork wells. These wells have operated without a valid permit since 1995. Eagle Creek residents have an opportunity to submit comments to the US Forest Service documenting the effects of loss of stream flow in Eagle Creek due to the North Fork wells. Comments and photographs will be considered in the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the US Geologic Survey.
Residents along Eagle Creek are urged to submit statements and photographs documenting the environmental effects on their property of the loss of stream flow. Examples of the detrimental effects documented thus far include:
• Changes in the water table requiring deepening of domestic wells
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• Effects on fish, wildlife, and vegetation
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Members of the Eagle Creek Conservation Association, an organization formed by Eagle Creek residents concerned about the loss of stream flow, will gladly provide examples of testimonials and assist property owners in preparing their statements. Please contact Ab Keus (akeus@valornet.com) or Bill Midkiff (billmidkiff@valornet.com) for assistance or further information. This is an important opportunity to help restore our creek and preserve the environment and our quality of life.

Rabies confirmed in skunk

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RUIDOSO DOWNS – Ruidoso Downs confirmed Thursday that a skunk euthanized June 10 was rabid.

"We want everyone to be aware that there is a confirmed case of rabies in the area," Ruidoso Downs Police Chief Doug Babcock said.

The rabid animal was reported last week and con-

firmed to be rabid earlier this week.

"We got a call to Highlands Friday in the middle of the day," Babcock said. "The homeowner reported a skunk in the yard acting weird."

Babcock said animal control officer Peggy Lu Jane responded, captured and euthanized the animal.

"She send the carcass up to Albuquerque and about Tuesday we received a call saying that it was rabid,"

Babcock said. "We just want to get a notice out to everybody that if you haven't vaccinated your pets for rabies, please do."

Babcock asked that anyone seeing animals, wildlife or domestic, acting strangely notify law enforcement.

"We will have someone out there to take care of it," he said. "That goes for our jurisdiction, the county, and Ruidoso."

Babcock said he had notified the Lincoln County

Sheriff's Department and Ruidoso Police Department.

"Don't try to deal with the animal on your own," Babcock said. "You are just setting yourself up to get infected yourself."

Babcock said rabies is prevalent in skunks, but more common in bats.

"It is not so recognizable in its earlier stages," Babcock said. "Definitely a nocturnal animal being out in the day time is a clue."

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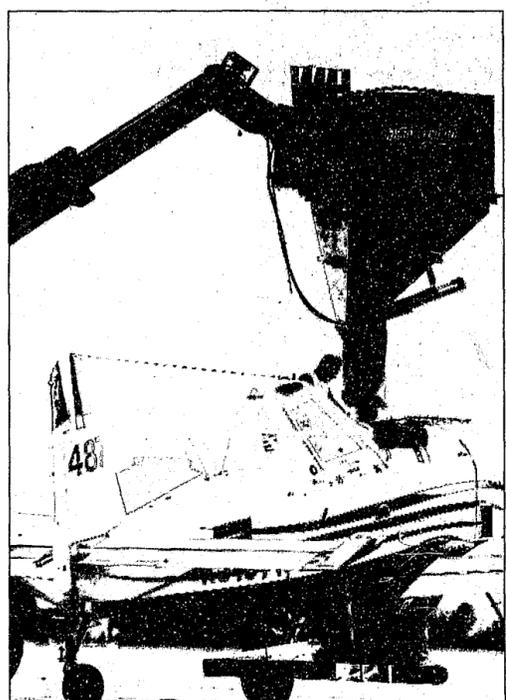
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"Good progress" was reported this week in the effort to lessen potential flood impacts from the White Fire burn area when monsoonal rainfall begins.

Aerial applications of a grass seed mix on 5,900 acres of Lincoln National Forest lands was completed on Wednesday. Some 156 tons of seed were dropped.

Officials with the BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) program said straw mulch is now being spread on about 1,800 acres that had been treated with the seed. Helicopters with large nets began applying the mulch on Wednesday, delivering about two tons per acre. The straw mulch will protect the seed and encourage germination, as well as slow runoff and reduce erosion, said forest spokesperson Beth Mitchell. The straw drops are scheduled to wrap up by July 1.

A number of projects are taking place in the White Fire cooperative emergency rehab and response effort being undertaken by the U.S. Forest Service, the City of Ruidoso Downs,



Seeds are loaded into a plane at Sierra Blanca Airport for reseeding the White Fire area of the Lincoln National Forest

Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico Department of Transportation, Lincoln County and New Mexico State Forestry.

The forest service is working on forest land in

Johnson Canyon to slow runoff and reduce impacts to the Ruidoso Downs Race Track property and the surrounding area including a number of private horse barns.

Concrete jersey barriers were being acquired by Lincoln County and Ruidoso Downs. Barriers have been put in place in Highland Canyon and adjacent to some residences in the city.

The city and Lincoln County have established drainage ditches to protect private property in Highland Canyon and along North Street in Ruidoso Downs. Additional construction and reinforcement of ditches are planned. The rainy season in the Ruidoso area typically begins around July 1.

Sand bags are available through the city and county for use by private property owners.

The potential damage from flood waters and mudslides off burn areas became a reality during the summer of 2000 following the May Cree Fire. Some areas along Lower Eagle Creek were impacted.

BAER teams include experts in soil science, water quality, engineering and ecology to identify the dangers from flooding, mudslides and other hazards.

Stabilization of slopes is a top priority of the team.

Agreement renewed for shelter

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A renewed agreement between the City of Ruidoso Downs and the Humane Society of Lincoln County will provide housing for dogs and cats from the city that need shelter.

The agreement, approved by the city council, will pay the humane society \$27,000 annually for the services at the animal shelter.

The number of cats and

dogs taken to the shelter by the city's animal control officer or city residents for the coming fiscal year would be limited to 300.

Any animals beyond 300 would be limited to only dogs at a charge of \$125 per canine.

The agreement for the soon to begin fiscal year is the same as 2010-2011.

"Did we reach our maximum this last year on the dogs and cats that were allowed?" asked City Councilor Gary Williams.

City Clerk Carol Virden shook her head.

"I think Peggy (LuJane, animal control officer) has done a very good job at keeping the numbers down," Mayor Tom Armstrong said. "I'm sure she could have overrun that three times. But she did not. She understands

the problems and I'm sure she will continue to do that."

In 2009, after going a couple of months without an agreement to take dogs and cats to the shelter, and rising costs to the city, the 300 animal-limit with a higher charge in excess of 300, was established.

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Shaw, Salas to evaluate Village Manager

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Ruidoso Councilors Angel Shaw and Rafael Salas will handle the next evaluation of Village Manager Debi Lee, who joined the village in June 2009.

She inherited a town several years behind in submission of audits and wrestling with the aftermath of a massive flood on the Ruidoso River that tore out 13 bridges and large sections of sewer lines.

Since then, the village experienced a near-record winter of snow followed by a record-breaking winter of below zero temperatures that blew water pipes in more than 400 homes and damaged many village lines, valves and pumps.

But she's survived. The village caught up this year on its audits and is on track to submit the 2010-2011 audit on time in December. She and Finance Director

Nancy Klingman balanced the village budget without dipping into reserves for the first time in years. The first bridge to be replaced with the financial help of the Federal Emergency Management Agency currently is being installed on Eagle Drive.

And the village oversaw the construction of a new \$36 million regional wastewater treatment plant, mandated by state, federal and court directives.

But there's still plenty to be done, including improving the village's water rights situation, finishing projects that will improve the quality of water in the Rio Ruidoso, laying miles of new sewer lines out of the river in Upper Canyon and repairing Grindstone Dam and the Alto Reservoir to improve the village's water storage capacity.

When hired, Lee was given a four year contract with her performance to be

reviewed annually.

Mayor Ray Alborn complimented Shaw, saying she did a great job preparing the forms for the evaluation.

Shaw explained that the process adopted lays out requirements for evaluation and that it be a shared responsibility, not just one councilor. The results of the evaluation are discussed by the council in a closed to the public session.

Alborn said Lee has been working six to seven days a week and her contract expires June 22.

"I was told the expiration was June 29 and our closed session is June 28," he said to explain the few days lapse between expiration, evaluation and action.

In other action on the consent agenda without discussion, councilors:

- approved an intergovernmental agreement with the State of New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Care

Services Department for RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) salaries and operational budget items in the amount of \$33,280 from an on-going grant.

- approved the first renewal of a land lease for an aircraft hangar with Down Time Services Inc, for a five-year period at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport at \$1,400 annually marking the completion of the first 10 years of a 30-year option.

- approved the first one-year renewal agreement with Ruidoso Rent A Car for professional services related to operation of a car rental service at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport for a fee of \$5 per rental contract.

- approved a first renewal agreement with EAN Holdings LLC for professional services for janitorial services at village hall and the Ruidoso Public Library for \$26,356.22 annually,

including gross receipts taxes.

- approved an amended third renewal agreement with Hanson Consulting for professional services as the DWI Grant Program coordinator for Ruidoso and Lincoln County in the amount of \$4,131.66 per month, including GRT.

- approved a first renewal agreement with Linda Hand for professional services as DWI Prevention Specialist for Ruidoso/Lincoln County at \$3,620.83 per month, including GRT.

- approved a first renewal agreement with Richard A. Vigil for professional services as part-time Teen Court Coordinator for Ruidoso/Lincoln County DWI Grant Program, for \$1,500 per month, including GRT.

- approved a joint powers agreement with the Ruidoso School Board regarding placement of a

school resource officer in the schools. The village is reimbursed by the district for one-half of the officer's salary. The budgeted amount is \$80,000.

- approved a joint powers agreement between the New Mexico Department of Public Safety State Police Division and the village for the lease of office space at the Police Department on Mechem Drive for a base of \$22,000, plus a consumer price index increase of 2.7 percent.

- approved an agreement with the city of Ruidoso Downs for the Ruidoso Police Department to provide public safety answering point services to the city's police department for \$24,000 annually.

- approved an agreement between the village and the city for mutual fire assistance during a variety of emergencies, including structural fires and hazardous material spills.

River Trail number one project, not funded

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Although the second phase of the River Trail along the Rio Ruidoso was ranked the number one project in the state by the Scenic Byways program, it received no federal funding this year.

That bad news was delivered Tuesday by Ruidoso Village Councilor Jim Stoddard after Councilor Angel Shaw said the project was targeted for a donation of gas lights. Shaw said the chief executive officer of Zia Natural Gas wanted her to meet with the Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee that sponsored the River Trail grant application to announce the donation.

Laura Doth is chairman and she also wrote the grant that financed the first phase design work.

"Phase Two was in front of the committee and was ranked number one in the state, but received no money," Stoddard said. "We have to revamp."

He turned to Shaw and said, "That's a pretty gener-

ous donation, I would hate to lose out on that."

Doth said Thursday the Byways committee members don't know what happened.

"That's part of the federal grant system," she said. "Our intention is to pursue it again. It may have been a timing issue. Some states received \$6 million out of the \$40 million available. Only two projects in all of New Mexico were funded. We'll do our best to work with the Federal Highway Administration and improve the grant even more."

"They send back comments and ask for more information here or there," Doth said. "We will resubmit and we are pursuing additional grant possibilities."

Why trying to find the dollars for Phase II, the emphasis will be on finishing up Phase One, which already was funded with a \$250,000 grant, she said.

"I have some preliminary things from the designers in Colorado (Loris & Associates) and we're working with the village to see what could be

done in-house," she said. "I had hoped to have my second public meeting this month, but it probably will be the first part of July, to present what they have come up with on that. We just don't get to have the overall project in place. We will continue to work to get Phase Two funded."

Phase one begins at Two Rivers Park and ends behind River Crossing, which is logical because that's where the trail will cross the river, according to Doth.

The second phase continues upstream to Eagle Drive.

To complete the second phase, Doth had requested a \$600,000 grant.

"The reason for more is that when I wrote the first one, I didn't have as realistic numbers and the terrain is much more difficult in Phase Two, and also, we are into some private ownership issues," Doth said. "Some of the variable are different."

Supporters of developing a trail paralleling the river have worked for two or more decades trying to push the project.

Only in the last few years since Doth and Stoddard took hold has the trail concept met with any substantial success.

Downs still balks at treatment plant funding

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Still balking at charging 11.5 percent of the village's administration expenses to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant budget, representatives of the city of Ruidoso Downs refused Wednesday to approve the line item increase in the final Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget.

Serving in his capacity as a city representative on the Joint Use Board that governs the new \$36 million plant mandated by federal, state and court entities, Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards said the city intends to stay at 7 percent, as approved in the \$2.2 million preliminary budget submitted to the state.

"At the last meeting, we voted to stay at 7 percent and it's back at 11.5 percent," he said, offering a motion to approve the final budget with the lower administration expense percentage. The motion died for lack of a second.

The 11.5 percent figure comes to \$216,594. Ruidoso is responsible for covering 85 percent of all expenses attributed to the plant and Ruidoso Downs, 15 percent, based on an estimate of generated percentage of sewage flow treated.

Joint Use Board Member Angel Shaw, a Ruidoso village councilor, said the staff still is working on the administration percentage, but Village Finance Director Nancy Klingman said the work already is finished.

The lower percentage was submitted for the preliminary budget, "but this is the final," she said. "We worked with Terry Mosley (Ruidoso Downs Finance Director) and explained our calculations and reached an understanding through e-mails. This is our recommendation. It's up the board to decide."

Mosley said she met with village staff and she received e-mails, and she understands how they came up with 11.5 percent, "but we haven't come to an agreement."

Shaw suggested holding at 7 percent while city and village staffs continue to negotiate a percentage. "Budgets can be adjusted quarterly," she said.

Klingman said after Richards protested at last month's joint use board session, the village removed the portion of the salaries of Village Utility Director Randy Camp and his assistant that had been charged to the treatment plant.

They hoped the compromise would persuade

Ruidoso Downs to allow the 11.5 percent administration figure to remain in the budget.

"We've already compromised several times as fiscal agent," Klingman said.

Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong, the city's other joint use board member, opened the door slightly.

"I think we all recognize (the percentage) needs to be more, whether it is 9 percent or 11.5 percent," he said. "We expect it to change. We just need an explanation, justification. I thank you for what has been done."

Shaw said with an Aug. 1 budget deadline, "We have some time and it sounds like Ruidoso Downs realizes we need to make some changes."

She offered a motion to continue negotiations as long as the deadline is met and enough time is allowed for both councils to ratify the budget.

The motion passed 3-1 with Ruidoso Mayor Ray Alborn voting against. The board currently operates without its fifth member, a representative from the Lincoln County Commission.

Armstrong said staff members should meet face-to-face, and added, "This is too important for e-mails."

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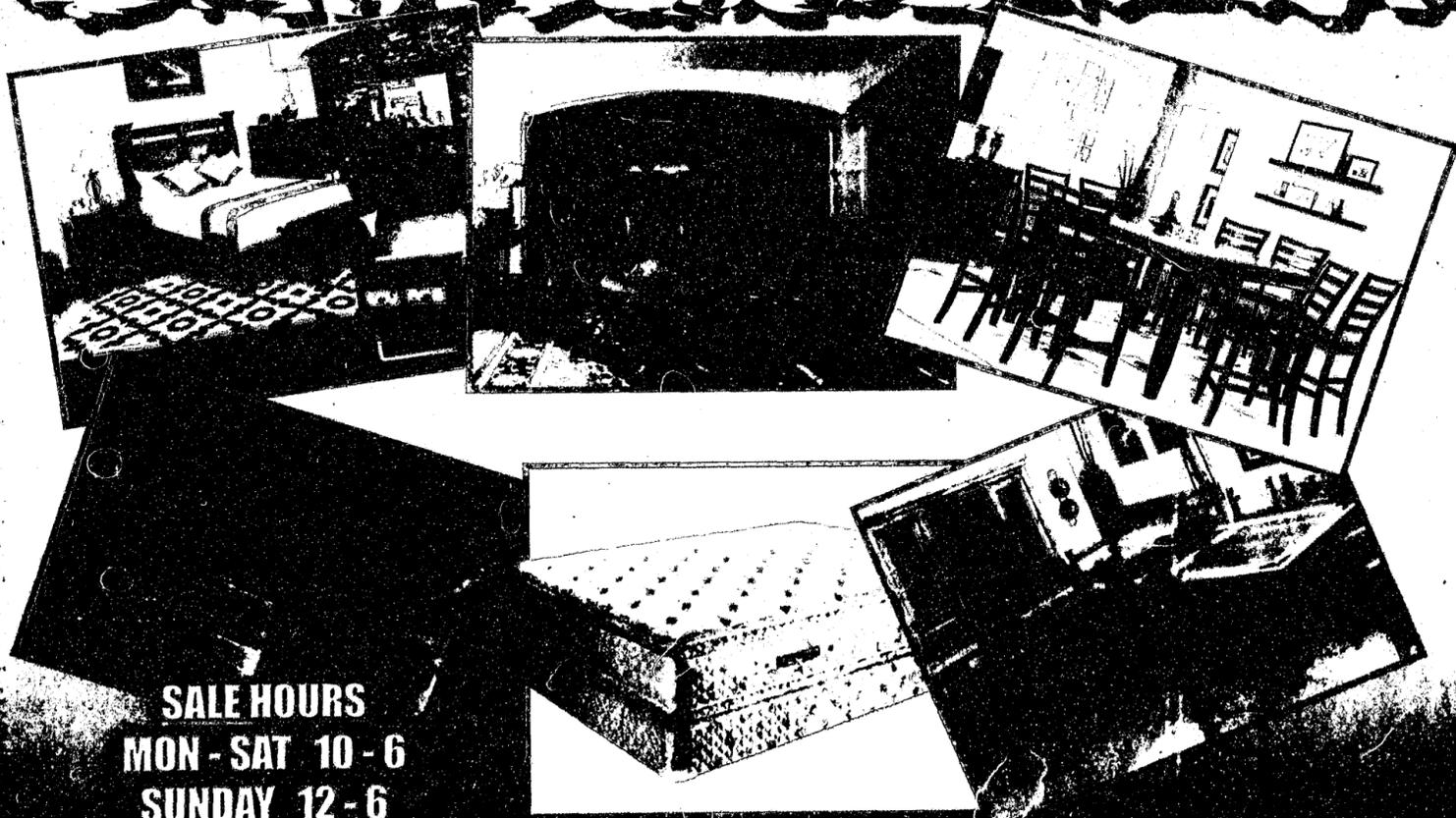
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Kids Day Camp set for July 25-29

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

Time is fast approaching for the annual Peace Village Day Camp held at High Mesa Healing Center July 25 through 29.

Children ages 7 through 13 are once again invited to spend the day participating in activities that nourish their physical, spiritual, and mental well being.

In addition to non-violent conflict resolution, media literacy, and environmental awareness classes, Andrea Reed from Common Ground will teach dancing, Lou Ann Ellison will teach music, and Lori Lamphere-Stewart will teach drama.

These three leaders in their fields will work together to integrate these three arts for a performance by campers during the graduation ceremony on the last day of camp.

Angie Fernandez will be working with Kathy Golightly to teach non-violent conflict resolution. She also will bring emphasis to environmental awareness by having children complete art projects with recycled materials.

Linda Hand and Melissa Gebhart, veteran educators who are well known in Lincoln County, will once again facilitate Envision Your Future, a program that guides youth to realize their intrinsic value and power as well as motivates them to make healthy choices.

For 12 to 13 year olds, Rites of Passage, a coming of age experience, will take place on Thursday evening. This year it will be led by Klaus Zoller, Ryan Arnold, minister of First Christian Church, and Tony Chambliss, minister of the First Presbyterian Church.

Parents/guardians of children, ages 7 to 13, who

are interested in attending may contact Kaylah Glasgow at (575) 987-0876 or ksglasgow@gmail.com or Susan Finch at (575) 258-9932 or sfinch1946@aol.com.

Cost for the week is \$90 per child. Scholarships are available. Lunch will be provided. Organizers are grateful to Victor Montes of the Warehouse for providing lunches last year as well as this. He is able to do this through a grant.

Peace Village, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 organization. Grateful appreciation is expressed to Schlotsky's, Café Rio, Can't Stop Smokin', Lucy's, the Jockey Club and Paso Monte Grill for providing lunches for counselors and volunteers.

Peace Village also is grateful for individual donations and those from organizations such as the Ruidoso Valley Greeters, Noon Lions Club, Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club, Sacramento Mountains Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Ruidoso Home Care/Hospice, Ruidoso Kiwanis Club, Capitan Women's Club, and Ruidoso Lincoln County VMA. The group also expresses their thanks to the volunteers who staff Peace Village and for Barbara Mader who allows Peace Village to be held every year at the center.

State recognizes Elder Abuse Awareness Day

SANTA FE — Gov. Susana Martinez proclaimed Wednesday as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in New Mexico and encouraged everyone to be vigilant in recognizing any financial or physical abuse against the elderly.

As part of this effort, the state Regulation and Licensing Department will kick off its two-week Red Flags public service campaign, that focuses on how to protect elderly New Mexicans from any potential financial scams and abuse.

"Financial and physical abuse against the elderly is a growing problem that should be of great concern to all of us," said Martinez. "I encourage all New Mexicans to pay close attention to both financial and physical welfare of their elderly parents, family members and friends."

"It's important that we ensure our elderly are treated with respect and dignity so they can continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and most importantly as active members and living treasures in

our communities," added the governor.

J. Dee Dennis, Jr., superintendent of the state Regulation and Licensing Department, said also starting Wednesday the agency's Securities Division will kick off a two-week public service campaign to raise awareness about financial fraud, especially against the elderly.

"More and more elderly citizens are falling victims to unscrupulous con artists with creative financial scams," Dennis said. "We want to stop these criminals from raiding life savings and retirement accounts of our elderly before it's too late. We hope this outreach will shed light on this issue and educate our citizens."

According to the 2010 Investor Protection Trust Elder Fraud Survey, more than 7 million older Americans — one out of every five citizens over the age of 65 — already have been victimized by a financial fraud. To learn more about how to protect yourself from financial fraud, please visit www.redflagsonm.com.

One night in Bangkok

They even let column writers and teachers go on vacation once in a while. Well, sort of. It's tricky business, but I've learned to mix work and pleasure when I get the chance. Have computer, will travel.



Anne Wilson Juvite

Our day of traveling from Ruidoso to Albuquerque to Atlanta to San Juan to St. Croix could not have been smoother. No car trouble. No parking issues. No hassles getting through security. No late flights. All the luggage made it. Friendly taxi service to take us to our bed and breakfast on the island. It was, by all indications, going to be the perfect vacation.

St. Croix is the largest of the Virgin Islands and is a U.S. territory. It is about 28 miles long, and boasts the eastern-most point of the United States, Point Udall. Like most of the Caribbean islands, St. Croix's main industry is

tourism. It is also the home of the Cruzan Rum distillery, founded there in 1760. The island was once covered with sugar cane plantations, but today, sugar cane molasses is imported.

The most striking feature of St. Croix's inland area is the tropical jungle, encroaching along and over roads, fences, and fields. The jungle canopy closes over roads in many places, creating perpetual leafy tunnels. It's not uncommon to see iguanas ambling about. Chickens and roosters roam free around the two small towns on the island.

The beach areas are quiet and welcoming and much prettier than they look on the postcards I sent.

The waves are practically non-existent, making it easy to snorkel and dive right from the beaches. My daughter and I took a half-day snorkel trip to nearby Buck Island, which was hands-down the highlight of the trip for us. We saw an enormous sea turtle, giant speckled lobsters, and an array of colorful fish and eels. The weather was mild, the water clear.

We alternated our days between shopping and beaching, some days on the north east side of the island near Christiansted and some days on the west end of the island near Frederiksted. Cruzans, as they are called, drive on the

wrong side of the road, but I started to get the hang of it after a few days. True to their reputations, island folk are fairly laid back and easy going. I only got honked at a dozen times or so.

As often happens with vacations, ours came to an end too soon, and we found ourselves trying to cram our treasures and trinkets and stolen corals into already full suitcases. Ah, and who can say what goes through the mind of a suitcase when it has been treated thus?

This was our question as we stood in disbelief, the last passengers leaning over the baggage carousel, arms outstretched like St. Francis over an empty and abandoned bird feeder.

The two smaller suitcases had obediently returned to me and to my father, but my daughter's and mother's large overstuffed bags had gone AWOL. An hour in the lost baggage office, interacting with the almost human lost baggage trackers, and it was discovered that the errant bags had taken a side trip to Bangkok.

Bangkok? As in Bangkok? Lord have mercy. You'd think a week in the Virgin Islands would be vacation enough for a couple of closet New Mexican suitcases.

What does it say about life, about the world, about the times we live in? It's cool that we can travel to other parts of the world and see new and different and interesting places, but there are differences and risks involved that can catch us by surprise or just downright cause us problems. Tribulation.

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Belgian endive

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Braised Belgian Endive
Belgian Endive With Rack of Lamb
D. Rattray
This is a delicious side dish, and goes well with meat or poultry. If you can find it in your area, give it a try.

Ingredients

- 4 whole heads of Belgian Endive, trimmed and cored*
- 1 tablespoon butter
- juice of 1/2 lemon, about 1 to 1 1/2 tablespoons
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- dash pepper
- 1 teaspoon sugar

Preparation
To core the endive, slice about 1/8 to 1/4-inch of the end off and cut out the small core with a sharp paring knife. In a saucepan over medium heat, saute endive in butter, turning several times. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes. Serve with beef, pork, lamb, or chicken. Serves 2.

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Council delays action on Chamber contract renewal

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Before their contract is renewed, officials with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce must lay out more details on how they spent this year's budget for the village's Visitors Center.

Councilors approved a motion Tuesday to delay action on the first renewal agreement with the chamber to handle the center until they see the figures.

Councilor Rafael Salas began the discussion with a motion to approve only \$100,000 as payment for the chamber's management center, which is housed in the chamber building, but has a separate staff. Salas said the figure, "is a starting point"

for discussion. He did not cite any specific justification for that number and the motion later was withdrawn.

Becky Brooks, chamber office manager and interim executive director, said she was leaving the next day for her son's wedding, but would try to send the breakdown to councilors, which would allow them to be ready to vote on the renewal at their June 28 meeting. To be placed on the agenda for that meeting, information must be submitted to the village clerk by 8:30 a.m., June 21.

Councilor Denise Dean, council liaison with the chamber, said the council needs the actual expenditures to verify the projected budget figures for the year beginning July 1.

"I'd like to have more

specifics to see what you did this year," she said. "I have to review it and get back to you with questions."

Councilor Gloria Sayers said all entities under contract or coming to the council for money were asked to submit detailed financial information.

"It seems like we have this discussion every year," Councilor Jim Stoddard said. "I see \$65,000 for three full-time employees and one part-time summer employee. Are they assigned to (handling walk-ins and other inquiries solely for the visitors center) or is there a cross over?"

Brooks said they work in the visitors bureau handling tourism and relocation requests, they talk to people who walk in and

call, manage the community Facebook and help find lodging for individuals and families who show up on busy weekends with no place to stay.

The bureau is open seven days a week during the summer and an entry room filled with brochures on attractions, recreational activities, events, shopping, art, lodging, restaurant and other features of the area is open 24 hours a day, Brooks said.

"The budget was cut last year and the year before. We're operating on a shoestring in reality," she said.

Mayor Ray Alborn asked how much overlap occurs between the chamber and the bureau because they are located in the same building. Brooks replied that the visitors center is in front and cham-

ber offices for an events coordinator, office manager and other coordinators in the back.

"We help each other like answering the phone, helping fold (fliers)," she said. "We work well together, but they have specific job descriptions and the financials are totally separate. We share utilities and we do their payroll and they reimburse us."

Village Tourism Director Gina Kelley said since she joined the village in January, the center has received 10,000 requests for information.

"Their help is invaluable to the tourism effort," she said.

Village Manager Debi Lee agreed a breakdown is needed. She said, "A few things have come up that may impact availability of

funds. I know this is a tourism town, but basic services come first."

Sayers said she's stopped at the center several times when friends or family visit and was impressed with the staff helpfulness.

Dean offered a motion to postpone action until the next council meeting when the chamber will present a full year's financials. The motion passed 4-1 with Salas voting against.

The contract with the chamber will expire June 30, and under State Department of Finance and Administration rules, the chamber could not be paid during a contract lapse. If approved June 28, payments to the chamber will be submitted semi-annually with the telephone and postage expenses paid monthly at actual cost.

Mutual aid agreement renewed by Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs

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A mutual aid fire assistance agreement between Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs was approved by both municipalities this week.

The five-year accord includes cross-assistance when an emergency overwhelms the resources of one of the municipalities and additional help is needed.

"We did not have an agreement last year I don't believe," Mayor Tom Armstrong said. "We've had them in the past with Ruidoso so we do not charge each other back-and-forth just for helping each other out."

Alluding to the extremely dry conditions, the mayor said there could be a lot more calls this year.

The mutual assistance would cover services that include structural fire suppression, arson investigation, wildland fire fighting, EMS, search and rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, evacuations and other emergencies.

During discussion on the agreement, City Councilor Gary Williams recommended an annual "gathering" of the two departments for joint training.

Armstrong said all the departments in the region are trained similarly year round and have worked together.

"We've already been together several times in the past. We've been called to Ruidoso. Ruidoso's been called down here. During the White Fire, they were here."

But Armstrong said mock disaster training between the two departments would be good.

While there is no cost to fire department that receives assistance, the agreement stated the department making an aid request will pay for motor fuel, lubrication oil and welfare items for firefighters from the responding department.

"It states here that we're responsible if they come into our territory," Williams said. "Are we going to have anything set aside funding-wise to have that in place?"

A line item in the final 2011-2012 budget could be established to pay the expenses incurred by the Ruidoso Fire Department, City Clerk Carol Virden said.

Williams also balked at a paragraph in the agreement titled Standing Operating Procedures. He said standard, not standing, should be the word.

"Standing is totally different," Williams said. "It has to do with position, posture, stationary, inactive."

Virden responded that each fire department may have their own standard operating procedures.

"I think that's what Harlan Vincent (Ruidoso's interim fire chief) meant by 'standing operating procedures' is what is currently being used by both departments," Virden said.

Williams responded he could go along with that, but would not.

The agreement was however unanimously approved by both municipal councils.

One year later, no news

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It was one-year ago this date that five people were killed when a Cessna twin-engine aircraft crashed shy of the main runway at Ruidoso's Sierra Blanca Regional Airport. Two passengers, Alex Richey, 16, and his 12-year old brother Kristopher, survived the fiery incident.

The boys' parents, Lowell and Keri Richey, died in the crash, as did the pilot, Rodney Duree, his wife DeLaine, and their son, Lake. Both families were from Granbury,

Texas.

The two boys required hospitalization and surgeries, but both were in a new home with a relative several weeks after the accident, according to the website Caring-Bridge. Additional outpatient care was required. Kristopher was able to return to school late last year.

A factual report on the cause of the crash has not yet been released by the National Transportation Safety Board, the agency that investigated the incident. A preliminary report had said an airport employee observed the aircraft

begin a gradual descent followed by a rapid drop. It was estimated the angle of descent was about 60 degrees when the plane went out of site. Moments later, dust was observed.

One of the two survivors said shortly before the accident the wings were rocking and it felt like the airplane was being tossed around by wind.

The wreckage was about three-quarters of a mile east of the end of the runway. Ground scars were consistent with a left wing and nose low impact followed by a cartwheel. A post-crash fire occurred.

Counts to apply for seat

A 12th District judge is one of seventeen attorneys seeking to fill a seat on the New Mexico Court of Appeals.

Judge James Waylon Counts is currently seated as one of four district judges in the 12th Judicial District, which covers Lincoln and Otero County.

Counts' court is located in Alamogordo.

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FIRE

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fire area.

Gas service was cut off to six or seven homes that were burning. Electricity was out in a larger area of Pinecliff.

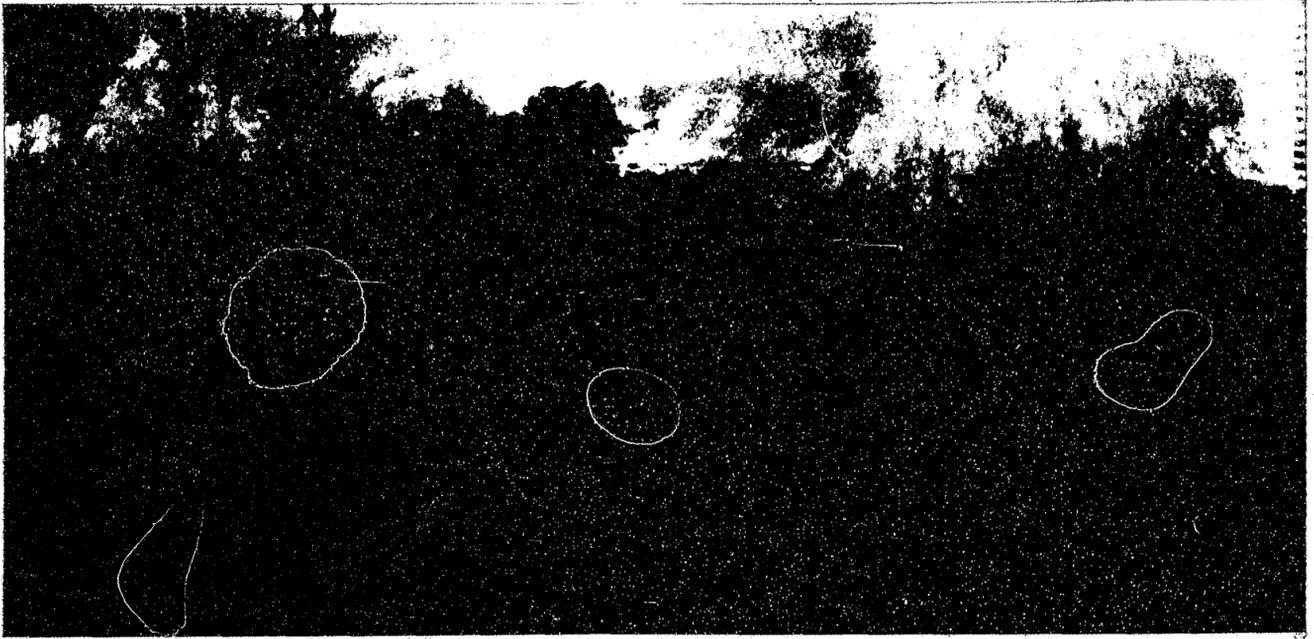
A few homeowners were escorted to their homes to bring out pets and the owner of several horses on Wood Lane also retrieved her animals.

Ruidoso, Downs Race Track was trying to find space for the larger animals, although space was tight because of racing season.

Heavy equipment, including a front-end loader, to help fight the fire was being escorted across the highway and into the fire area.

A single-engine air tanker stationed at Sierra Blanca Regional Airport loaded up with slurry and was dumping it along the edge of the fire.

A helicopter was col-



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Mockingbird Lane lost another two homes, like the one in this picture. A total of eight houses were lost in the blaze.

lecting water from Alto Lake to smother the flames.

The pilot requested that people fishing along the shoreline be evacuated.

Evacuations and witnesses

By 4:05 p.m., Walmart began evacuating its employees and Ruidoso

Ford-Mercury staff was moving cars out of the dealership lot. Electric and telephone service was lost to NAPA Auto Parts.

A shelter was set up at Gateway Church of Christ, although by 5 p.m. no one had showed up. The population of the town is used to fire, freeze or flood emergencies and many opt to stay with friends.

The fire made for a tense time for those both evacuated and those allowed to stay.

"We're about half a block down on Swallow," Bob Hicks said. "I was sitting out front and suddenly I saw smoke. I jumped in the car real quick and drove down there and I could see flames behind the house. It was going. It was pretty intense."

Hicks said the fire started near the intersection of Swallow Drive and Cliff Drive. In no time he could hear sirens from fire trucks and other responders.

"They started trying to evacuate people (at the

home with the fire in the backyard) but there was nobody there. They live in Lubbock," he said.

Hicks was not evacuated because his home was upwind of the fire.

"I know it was bad for everybody else, but I'm glad the wind was blowing the other way. At least it didn't get us."

Hicks said one firefighter said there might have been as many at 10 homes that burned.

"It's pretty well put out," Hicks said around 5 p.m., about two and a half hours after the Swallow Fire started. "You can look down the street and you can see the houses that burned up. There's quite a lot of them."

"Right now they're still coming around with the slurry and the water in the helicopter. There's a helicopter coming by right now."

Hicks praised the work of the firefighting crews.

"It's just this wind, you know. And the trees, they're

like a bunch of matches sticking up out there," he said.

Hicks said the combination of winds and dry conditions created the recipe for the disaster.

Ann Gordon resides a couple of blocks away.

"We heard the sirens zooming about 2:30 this afternoon," she said. "We ran out and could see the smoke."

Gordon said friends, including Mayor Ray Alborj and his wife, Sue, called about then.

"They stood watch for us down by Highway 70 and kept telling us which direction it was going," she said.

"It's just been a very nerve-racking day. But the most heartfelt thing is for the people that lost their homes. How sad that is. And we just pray that they have a good recovery from this. It's unbelievable."

The Gordon residence was also upwind from the origin of the fire.

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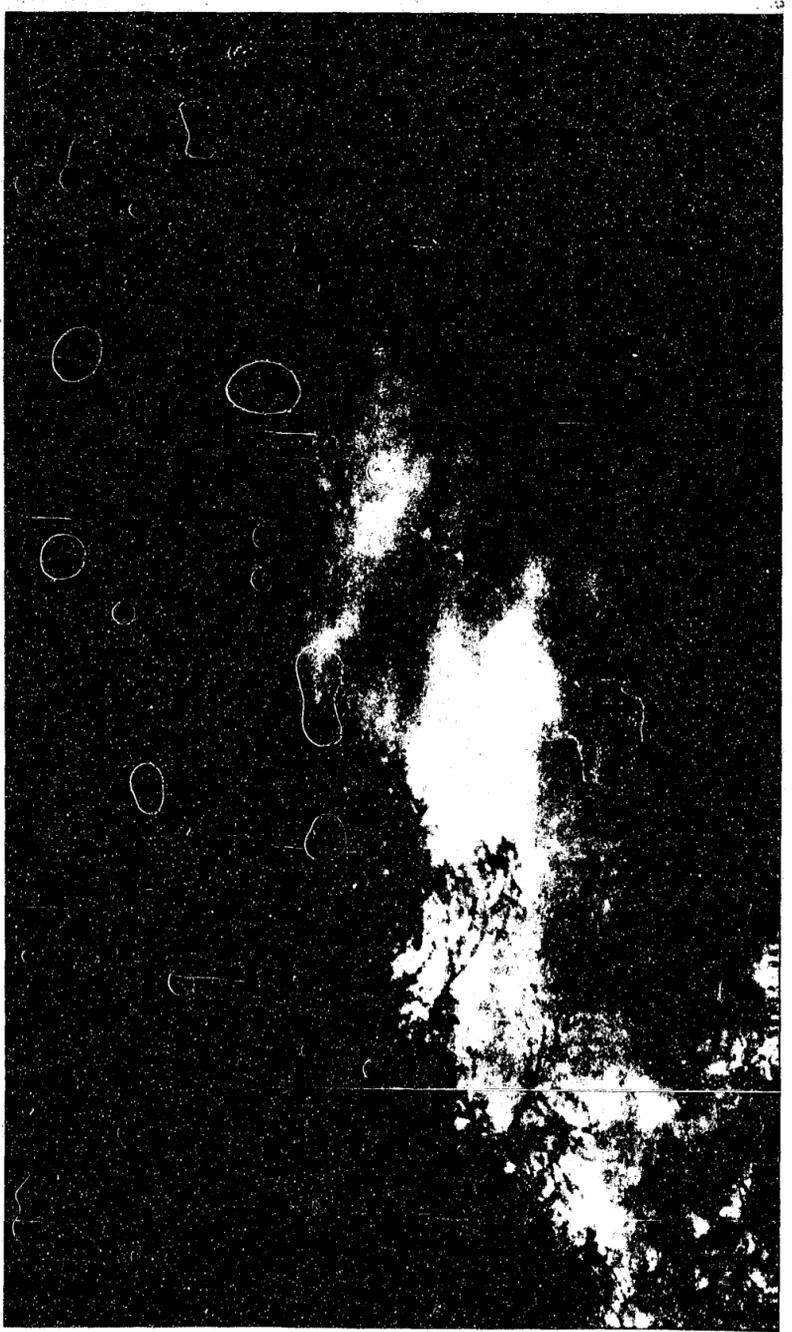
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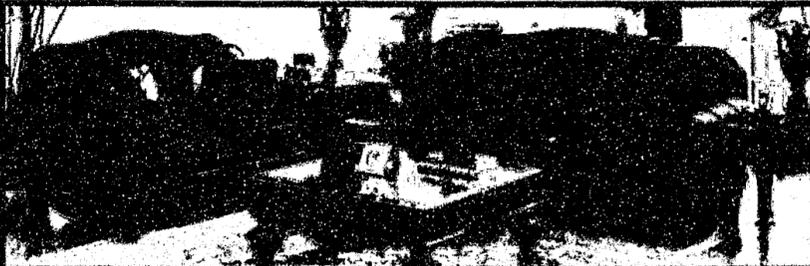
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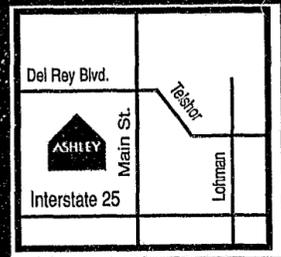
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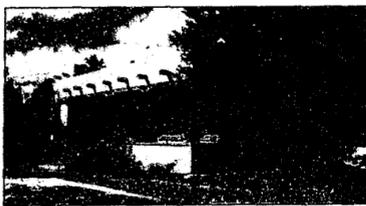


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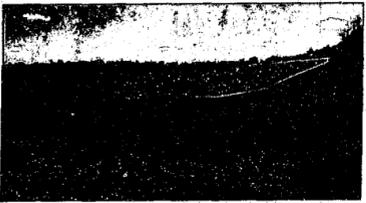
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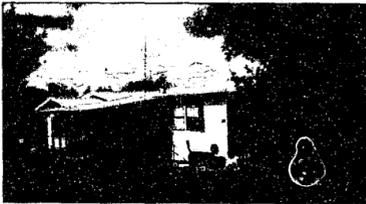
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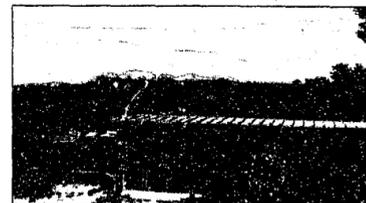
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CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE TALL PINES Mountain views off the deck. All city utilities w/paved access. Storage shed & property well kept by local owners. Ceiling fans in every room. \$93,900. #102702



BEAUTIFUL UPGRADE - VIEW OF CARRIZO CREEK Fully furnished - fireplace - recently upgraded - all tile - great views off private deck. Easily shown! One level, easy access. \$77,000. #108100



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Sports On Tap

Race Track

Ruidoso Downs Race Track holds racing Friday through Monday. Post time is 1 p.m. each day. Parking is always free.

Pro Baseball

Wednesday-Friday, June 15-18
Ruidoso Osos at Las Cruces
Vaqueros, 7:05 p.m.
Sunday, June 19
Roswell Invaders at Ruidoso Osos,
4:05 p.m.

On Deck

Warrior challenge

Community 5K run, USATF NM Association 5k Championship, and Native American 5k National Championship will be held Saturday, June 18, at 8 a.m., on the campus of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute. Additional events include: 1- and 2-mile fitness walks, kids 12-and-under competitive 1k, toddler non-competitive 400-meter dash. This event also serves as a Haskell Indian JUCO/University Track & Cross-Country reunion and all former athletes are encouraged to attend. Two individuals, Gerald "Jerry" Tuckwin (Mayetta, KS) and Esther Felipe (Acoma, NM) will be given special recognition for their lifelong service to the health, fitness and education of tribal communities. For more information call (505)710-3323, email: Sports-WarriorsTC@aol.com; visit: www.sportswarriorstc.com.

Summer Soccer Camps

At White Mountain Elementary Soccer Complex, Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24. Led by Ruidoso High School soccer coach Kelly Brown, UEFA Certified Soccer Coach. Ages 2-3 Soccer Activities/Games, 1 hr 8:30-9:30 a.m. - (max 10) - \$55/child. PARENTS MUST ATTEND FULL HOUR. Ages 3-5 Beginning Soccer, 1.5 hrs 9:30-11 a.m. - (max 15) - \$65/child. Parents encouraged to attend. Ages 6-10 Basic Improving Skills, 3 hrs, 11:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m. (max 25) - \$80/child. Ages 11-14 Improving Skills / Intermediate, 3 hrs, 4-7 p.m. - (max 30) - \$80/child. Contact Kelly Brown, PO Box 2074, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

SADSP Tennis Fundraiser

The first annual "Raise a Racket" Senior Doubles Tennis tournament will be held June 27-July 1 to benefit the Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program (SADSP). The tournament will be for players over 50 years of age and will be played at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club, Kokopelli Golf, Tennis and Social Club and the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation courts. Competition matches will feature women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$40 per event and all proceeds go to SADSP, which is one of the oldest adaptive ski schools in the country. It depends on fees, grants, donations and fund-raisers to operate. The program is in need of a "bi-ski," which enables a non-ambulatory person to sit and experience skiing with the aid of a volunteer. The Raise a Racket tournament hopes to raise \$4,000 to purchase a new and updated bi-ski for next season.

Visiting college student learns Horse Racing 101

MIKE CURRAN
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When a favorable circumstance knocks you're suppose to open the door. Problem is, some people don't hear the calling ... or if they do, they don't have the foresight to take advantage of a positive prospect.

Twenty-year-old Colorado State University (CSU) student, Elizabeth Canda, had no such problems. An opportunity was presented to her to learn the horse racing industry - from the barn up - and she eagerly embraced it.

CSU professor (Equine Sciences), Gary Carpenter, made a call to Ruidoso Downs Race Track, on Canda's behalf, and spoke to local trainer Mike Joiner about the student doing a summer internship at Joiner's barn on the backside of the track.

Canda has worked in the CSU Equine Reproduction lab for two years, but before coming to Ruidoso Downs, has never worked at a race-



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Colorado State University student, Elizabeth Canda, learns the horse racing industry while working at trainer Mike Joiner's barn.

They seem like all of us

They seem like all of us. They are jovial. They smile at us. They are natural leaders. We instantly connect with them.

I am not talking about politicians or the President, while we are at it. Deep inside them they harbor a dark secret. Layered in their DNA lies dormant genes, primeval if you will, from a million years of evolution.

The benevolent and proverbial Dr Jekyll that we see and the inner demon, Mr. Hyde, that is clawing his way to the surface with each dropped ball, missed foul shot, and fumble.

A million years ago they were the hunter/gatherers. They brutally clubbed adversaries to death fighting over scarce resources. We are here because of them. Evidence it today with a 30-2 trouncing in baseball. The scarcity of resources still exists.

This time it is a making a high school baseball, football, or basketball team, getting a college scholarship, and in the end making pro or being "successful."

In Western society the dormant DNA of the reptilian brain rules us. Life is, according to game theorists, and a majority of the population, a zero-sum game in which somebody wins and others lose.

The pie is sliced and the winner gets the largest slice. You can look at sport like you lost and received nothing. What is wrong with picking up the crumbs?

Beyond winning, in my opinion, life is a non-zero sum game where everyone can win and everyone surely loses at some point.

"Make failure your teacher, not your undertaker" - Zig Ziglar. Not everyone is going to win the little league title or be an All

Star, or play ball in high school, college and or the pros. In my high school, Frank Lando was the phenom with the baseball team.

I spoke to him last year at our 30th high school reunion. Surprisingly, two guys that could not stand each other in high school, two polar opposites, spent a majority of the reunion chatting.

"So Frank, I hear you went to Princeton, played ball for them and became an investment banker for Merrill Lynch," I said.

"Go on Bill. What else did you hear?" Frank said with that same sadistic smirk he had when he struck me out in Babe Ruth league play.

"According to Wikipedia the average investment banker makes \$645,000 per year."

"Bill, when was I ever average?" Frank said.

"Frank, I was thinking I should have tried out for that high school team - the one where you were the Captain and our

school was New York City champions."

"Bill, you would not have made it," he said with the smile of a Cheshire cat.

Uppercut-right cross and a knockout. I was on the floor. I let him hit me and I didn't have my gloves up. Strangely it was different this time. I thought.

We were no longer in competition. He was wealthier than me, had an affluent career, and he told me he married his high school sweetheart who was a year older than Frank. I asked Joan if she considered herself a "cougar" back in 1979. She laughed.

Frank and I talked about Little League and I finally realized it was a down and out slider that he always struck me out with in junior league.

"Don't think too hard about it. I could have hit you with my 95 mph fastball but I liked you," Frank said.

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OBSERVATIONS

Norgor Derby at Ruidoso Downs

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

The promising Shigeo and the versatile Trustee Tom line up against a well-matched field seeking their first stakes wins in the \$40,000 Norgor Derby at six furlongs on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time for the 10-race card is 1 p.m. There is always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs.

Walter Oshiro's homebred Shigeo is poised for his first stakes win after winning three of his six career starts. He unsuccessfully tried two turns in his latest race and is back sprinting in the Norgor. Two starts ago he set the pace in the KHEY Sprint before settling for second at 2-1 odds.

Juan Ochoa pilots Shigeo with the outside post position in the 7-horse field.

Lathrop Hoffman's Trustee Tom is competitive at

any distance up to a mile at this stakes level. Two starts ago he made a 4-wide bid in the \$50,000 KHEY Sprint over six furlongs at Sunland Park to finish behind Shigeo in third. He followed with another third-place run, this time at one mile, in the \$50,000 SunRay Park Casino Handicap at SunRay Park.

The Henry Donguez-trained Trustee Tom has been on the board in six of eight starts and is after his first stakes win.

Ricardo Jaime rides Trustee Tom with the second post position.

The Dwain Grissom-trained Mi Domsat is ready to challenge after an allowance win over six furlongs at Sunland Park in his most recent start. He grabbed a striking position soon after the start and then got up in the final strides to get the game neck victory.

Dusty Shepherd has the mount on Mi Domsat with the sixth post position.

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-Joseph A. Zagone

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Sammy James looks to step up in Mountain Top Futurity at Ruidoso Downs Race Track

National Senior games

TY WYANT
Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Isbeel Charolais' Sammy James looks to realize the potential he displayed during his fastest-qualifying trial win when he races in the \$276,609 Mountain Top Futurity for New Mexico-bred quarter horses on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The 9-race program starts at 1 p.m. with the 350-yard Mountain Top Futurity running as the eighth race.

There is always free parking and free general

admission at Ruidoso Downs.

The Blane Wood-trained Sammy James has improved in each of his two starts and could become a stakes winner in the Mountain Top Futurity.

The \$20,000 Ruidoso Yearling Sale purchase exhibited stakes-winning promise when he won his Mountain Top Futurity trial by three quarters of a length and covered the 350 yards in :17.550, the fastest time from the eight trials.

Sammy James drew the inside post position in the

10-horse field and will have regular rider Ricky Ramirez aboard.

J and M Racing and Farm's Call Me A Blazn Chic was second behind Sammy James in their trial and recorded the second-fastest qualifying mark of :17.661 for trainer Roberto Sanchez.

The Chicks A Blazin daughter is a maiden after two starts.

Alfonso Rivera is aboard Call Me A Blazn Chic with the third post position.

Felipe Flores Sr.'s Perfect Crime brings the

experience of three wins and a troubled eighth-place finish in the New Mexican Spring Futurity from four starts into the Mountain Top Futurity.

Perfect Crime, trained by Felipe Flores Jr., won his first two outs and was respected at 3-1 odds in the New Mexican Spring Futurity.

After that troubled race he followed by winning his Mountain Top Futurity trial by one-and-one-quarter lengths in :17.806.

Jacky Martin rides Perfect Crime with the fifth post position.

Two Lincoln County residents have headed to the National Senior Olympics in Houston, which take place June 15-30.

Tom Douglas, of Alto, and Christopher Carusona, of Ruidoso, are among over 10,000 competitors from all 50 states who will gather to compete in 21 sporting events.

Douglas was the gold medal winner in the 2009 games in San Jose, Calif., in doubles bowling along with Gene Nitz in the age 65-69 division. Nitz also won singles that year.

Douglas will bowl singles June 17-19, and then will team up with Ken Yoman of Scottsdale, Ariz.,

for doubles play, June 21-23.

Carusona has previously competed in running, the long jump and race-walking at the last five national meets, beginning in Baton Rouge, La., in 2001.

Both men qualified by winning at the recent 2010 New Mexico Senior Olympics.

The National Senior games is a biennial event held in odd numbered years, with the 2013 games scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio.

The 33rd Annual New Mexico State (2011) games will be held in Las Cruces, July 27-31.

STUDENT

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track.

"When I spoke to Elizabeth I impressed upon her that working in a horse barn at a racetrack is a tough, seven-day-a-week job," Joiner said. "It's a mental and physical grind every day of the week, but if you

win a big race it can be rewarding.

"She told me she came from a ranching family, had cleaned many stalls, wasn't afraid of hard work and wanted to come here and learn more about horse racing.

"A while back, there were a good number of college kids working in the racetrack barns. You don't see that so much any more

and so I was glad to have her sign on."

Canda grew up on a ranch in Westcliffe, Colo., had done some rodeos and 4H Clubs, and has always been interested in horses.

When she first attended college she thought about becoming a veterinarian but college opened her eyes to other possibilities, such as the speed of horses and how a racetrack works. That's

why she jumped at the chance to come to Ruidoso.

"I like learning," Canda said. "Working in a horse barn is not glamorous - cleaning stalls, wrapping horses and painting legs - but it's a valuable learning process. I can see how some people don't last.

"In the three weeks I've been here I've made some friends in the barn area. I've always liked being around

horses. They all have different personalities."

Working for Joiner, Canda is learning about equine wellness and other necessary basics.

"I'm trying to meet as many people as possible, make connections, and acquire all the knowledge I can," she said.

"I would advise other students, who have an interest in horses and good

work ethics, to do the same."

The visiting CSU student will continue working at Ruidoso Downs Race Track until Aug. 1, whereupon she will return to college for her junior year.

The knowledge she acquires during her apprenticeship at the Ruidoso track should prove to be of considerable importance to her continuing education.

THEY

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He explained to me that his mother, who was my math teacher pushed him, too hard at times, to excel. He told me he never had a childhood, worked exceedingly hard and now at mid-life he is happy with his family and his job but

he feels he worked a bit too much along the way. Frank told me he longingly wanted to be like me. He called me a "hoople." I thanked him for that compliment. He explained that life is about taking different paths. Success and failure is all relevant in life and particularly on the baseball diamond. If you learn different skills, progress and have fun

along the way you are successful. It may not be reflected in stats like batting average, but there are levels of personal success that batting average, GPA, LSAT scores don't show. There's also integrity and other great qualities like coach-ability, perseverance and grit that stats don't show us.

He told me he read about me years ago in on

the front cover of the New York Post for an excellent robbery arrest I made. He pointed out that they misspelled my last name. I asked Frank if life was about smelling the flowers along the way. He told me that it about smelling the roses but that doesn't mean you fall into the thorn bushes as he told me I had done for most of our school lives. Frank told me

that he lived vicariously in our twenties through me when he was working 100 hour weeks and raising babies, and he heard about my travels and what he thought was truly exciting-police work.

As we left the reunion I thanked him for calling me a "hoople" and I asked him if he meant it when he said "some part of me wanted to be like you;

carefree and fun loving."

"Bill, being a hoople is not really a term of endearment. After my third drink I may have said that but now that I'm sobering up. No, I would not want to be like you," Frank said grinning ear to ear. We departed and he regularly emails me with hitting tips for my kid because he tells me "it's too late for me."

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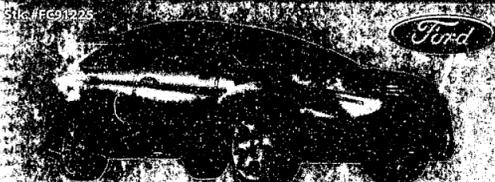
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Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

Art Connection: Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

Carrizozo Women's Club: Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 29ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Rui-doso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

Fort Stanton Museum: Thurs. - Mon., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. For group tours call 575-336-1436, or 575-336-4015.

Insighters Book Club: 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

Lincoln County Bird Club: Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 257-5352 or 258-3862.

Lincoln County Garden Club: Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Jordan, 378-5250.

Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter: 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

Mountaintop Turners: Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the workshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Center; 336-4808.

Photographic Society of Lincoln County: 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365.

Ruidoso Area Singles: Meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, dancing, games. Info: Linda, 575-258-5863, or Martha, 575-430-9808.

Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club: Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card games. 116 S. Evergreen.

Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73: Meets first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 973-0953.

Ruidoso Mommies Group: Want to meet other moms in the area through playdates or Mom's night out? Call Natasha, 640-7076, or Alice, 258-3331, or Ruidoso Moms on Facebook

Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets 1st Wed. monthly at K-BOB's. Dinner 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

Education

ESL classes: English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

First Friday Adult Lecture Series: Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

GED classes: Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every 3rd Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building. Info: 653-4718.

Help & Healing

A Course in Miracles: Attitudinal Healing study group; Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

A Course in Miracles study group: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 8 p.m. Free. Drop-ins welcome. The Wisdom Study Group. At The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., #207, (upstairs to right of and above Schlotzky's) Call Marianne 575-257-0527.

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, ground floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

Al-Anon: Meets at noon every Friday at Methodist church in Carrizozo. Come to back door; bring your lunch.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Arid Group. Daily 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Fri, Sat, Sun, 8 p.m. 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 1, (ground fl) Ruidoso. Info: 258-8885.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Ruidoso Sunny Spirit Group. Mon. & Thurs. at noon, Fri. at 5:30 p.m., Women's group meets Wed. at noon. Parish hall of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount at 121 Mescalero Trail.

Bereavement or Grief Support: For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

Co-Dependents Anonymous: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

COPE: Center of Protective Environment -1204 Mechem Drive, Suite 12. Ruidoso, NM. 575-258-4946. M-Thur. 8:00-5:00, Fri. 8-12n.

Gamblers Anonymous: Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

H.E.A.L. and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter: 515-378-6378; 24 hr Hotline: 866-378-6378.

Holiday Grief Support: Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - noon, Ruidoso Public Library conference room. Sponsored by Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation, 575-258-0028.

Meditation Practice: First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

Open Circle: Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Parenting Classes: Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

Parents of Addicted Children: New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

Sanctuary on the River: Life enrichment classes, seminars. 207 Eagle Dr. 630-1111. sanctuaryontheriver.com.

Science of Mind Study Group: Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 575-201-4203.

Stretch & Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

Working Disabled Health Insurance: State of N.M. Working Disabled Individuals Medicaid Program; call Jeanie White at 575-622-4169

Political

Democratic Party of Lincoln County: Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each at K-Bobs. Info: Dick Maston 336-2170.

Democratic Women Sacramento Mountain Area: Third Saturday at Pizza Hut, 1201 Mechem, 11:30 a.m. For information call 808-1133 or 257-6078.

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Meets 4th Monday monthly, 11:30 a.m., Ruidoso Senior Center, call 330-7258.

Republican Party of Lincoln County: Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

Service Organizations

Altrusa Club: 5 p.m. every third Tuesday, First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Rd. Info: Deb 336-1486 or www.altrusaruidoso.com.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52: 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

B.P.O. Doss: Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. Highway 70.

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; info: 257-2081, www.fbcruuidoso.com.

Friends of Capitan Library: Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raynena, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

Humane Society of Lincoln County: Gavilan Canyon Rd. shelter open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

Laughing Eyes Kennels: Nonprofit breeder and trainer of service dogs seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling, socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising, kennel upkeep. Call 575-354-4342, or www.lkennels.org.

Lincoln County Community Health Council: 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary: 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse: Meets first Sunday monthly, 2 p.m. at Posse building, Hwy. 54, Carrizozo. Groups needing volunteer security services, notify by mail one month prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1284, Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 575-354-8007.

OES Ruidoso Chapter 65: Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR: Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. Info: Gary 258-0059, Georgia 937-0564.

Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary: 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

Ruidoso Needle Crafters Club: Every Sunday at Books, Etc., 2340 Sudderth Dr., 2 - 4 p.m. 575-257-1594.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:00 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cattle Baron Sudderth. 336-2541.

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; Info: 258-1345.

Sacramento Mountain Village: Senior service & activity group, open to 55 years and older; meets 4th Sat. of month, 9:30 a.m., Cree Meadows CC. 258-2120 or sacmtvillage.org.

Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution: Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

White Mountain Search & Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church. Info: email whitemountainsearch@gmail.com, visit www.whitemountainsearch.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Veterans

American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79: 11 a.m. every third Saturday, SE corner Spring St. & Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. Info: 973-1719.

American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57: First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr.Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

VFW Post 12071 meets the third Monday of each month at Evening Lions Hut at 106 Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's) at 7 p.m. All eligible veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information call: 575-808-1227.

VFW Post 12071 Ladies Auxiliary meets third Monday of each month at 1200 Sudderth (across the street from In-Ka-Hoots) at 7 p.m. All eligible spouses, mothers, daughters, and widows of veterans of foreign wars are invited to attend and join. For more information, please call: 575-258-1345.

Otero County

Clubs/Associations

Alamo Squares: Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets

every third Friday. Mike Mosler, 437-8260.

Alamogordo Mustang Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

Barbershop Harmony Society: The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

Boy Scouts: Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

Chaparral Kennel Club: 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

The Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257.

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels. 437-3832.

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday at Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th & Washington; every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Holloman AFB Comm.Ctr. Guests welcome. Www.desertbasin.freesthost.com or call 921-4767.

Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club: Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club: Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

Experimental Aircraft Association: Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

Golden Gears Car Club: Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

The New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation: Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

Otero County Association of Educational Retirees: Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 & over welcome. 437-4035.

Solar Energy Association: Meets 6 p.m., every third Thursday (except summer) at Alamogordo Public Library. Public welcome. 682-6027.

Tularosa Basin Rockhounds: Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

White Sands Dart Association: Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delilah at 442-8750.

Education

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. \$15 for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association; 437-9987.

H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos, 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Integrated Instructional Services Department: Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building. Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

Lacy Simms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at 7:15 p.m.; 437-4011.

Help & Healing

Al-Anon: New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center: Mon. & Tues., 1 - 4 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Hats, wigs, scarves, bras, prostheses; "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions by appt.; 1212 E. 9th St., Ste. E; trained, certified "Reach to Recovery" volunteers. Free services. 575-437-6176, 430-1530, 437-0690.

Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group: Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email painted-ladies64@yahoo.com.

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093

COPE: Center of Protective Environment - 909 S. Florida Alamogordo, NM 88310

COPE: is a non profit organization founded in 1980 to address the problems of family and relationship violence by offering a range of services including: Crisis Intervention, Shelter, Advocacy, Support, Outreach, Education, Counseling. 24 Hour Crisis Line - 575-437-2673 Toll Free 1-866-350-COPE 2673.

Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group: Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m.-noon, Monday & Wednesday to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Arnigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous: Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamorosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971.

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., Monday - Saturday; Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with developmental disabilities; Donations appreciated; Fridays are Military Discount Day; 437-0144.

Zia Transportation Services: For work, work-related activities, education, training and child-care. Contact Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

Ongoing Activities

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. 575-437-1302.

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat. at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

Coffee Club: 7:30 -

RELIGION

Two rivers merge

This past Saturday, I had the privilege of performing the marriage ceremony for Sallie Eastman and Raul Sapien. They are members of the J Bar J Country Church and it was my joy to conduct the service. Over the forty-one years as a pastor, I have joined one thousand, two hundred, and twenty-five couples in Christian marriage. Seven of those have been for my own daughters. And seven have been for my own grandchildren. And I have written a special ceremony for each of them.

back to the China Wall, a huge stone cliff, miles long, and over a thousand feet high. I was told that it was part of the Continental Divide.

One afternoon, I was alone on a ridge looking down on the Sun River and a tributary that joined the main river.



Clarifications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

And I was inspired to write about two rivers.

TWO RIVERS
When two rivers come together, they each bring their own personalities, characters,

natures, and origins to mix and mingle until, after a few miles, they become one.

Sometimes, one of the rivers is racy and bubbling, while the other is slow moving and yet deep and steady. Oftentimes, one picks up the blue of the sky and the sparkle of moonbeams, while the other is clear and almost glass-like, flowing through dappled sunlight. Most

times, one brings life and the other brings the nutrients to sustain that life.

All together, they become a river, which is more beautiful, vital, productive, and fulfilling than either one, separately.

"Tis true that turbulence occurs and sometimes one overpowers the other, but becoming one is the miracle of God which enables two people to lose themselves in each other and yet not lose who they are.

You are every bit the person God made you to be and yet, each of you completes the other in the ways God intends.

So, the love you share enriches your individuality far beyond what you would be on your own.

Let nothing pollute your marriage, separate it, hinder or dam its progress. Allow Jesus, the Eternal Sun, to purify your marriage. Let Him be the solid rock that provides the life-giving stream for you marriage, and let Jesus, who is Incarnate Love, bind you together for all of life.

This is a verbal picture of marriage that gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Community United Methodist Church Pastor, Paul Salzwedel, holds a service for the community's departed pastor, Pastor Paul Salzwedel, on Friday, June 17, 2011. Salzwedel, pastor of Community United Methodist Church for 17 years, is replaced by Albert George, pastor of St. Stephen's Methodist Church in the same parish. Salzwedel replaced Pastor Dr. Bartov, who retired.

Parents Shouldn't Deny Their "Old-Fashioned" Moral Code

Despite the conservative Catholic stance on morality and Church issues we've taken all our married life, our older unmarried son and daughter have no problem with sleeping over at a lover's home, in the same bed, with the full knowledge of the person's parents.

conduct for their lives. Part of this moral education is to teach children about sexual morality. This can't be done by denying and distorting what you believe and what your faith teaches.



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

Pre-marital sex has two dimensions. The first is promiscuous sexuality, in which sex is treated as simply a morally neutral bodily function and personal urge. This is wrong because it severs the links between sex and love, sex and marriage, and sex and procreation. It's false to good sex and false to good

that you are central players in the establishment of sound sexual ethics in your kids. Even premarital sex with a loving partner brings in the ancillary issues of contraception and a potentially unwanted pregnancy. What seems like a simple act of love is actually a complex risk-taking behavior that should be avoided for the sake of physical health and moral virtue.

This teaching is basic to Catholic morality. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 6:20, "Honor God with your body." Jesus, quoting Genesis 2:24, taught in Matthew 19:4-6, "At the beginning, the Creator 'made them male and female', and said, 'for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one."

In his first letter to the Thessalonians (4:4-5), Paul taught, "Each of you should learn to control his own body. In a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God." These are old-fashioned words but they are true words and their val-

ues animate all major faiths of the world.

I live in an apartment complex with many Jewish neighbors. Although I'm not particularly religious, I was raised in the Christian tradition. My Jewish neighbors never fail to acknowledge Christian holidays, greeting me with a warm, "Merry Christmas, Happy Easter," etc. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I know little about the Jewish holidays and their appropriate greetings.

I'd love to return my neighbors' thoughtfulness but tremble at the thought of an inappropriate greeting. Could you compile a list of Jewish holy days that should be acknowledged, and the appropriate corresponding greeting? Or is there a website or online calendar I could consult? -- K., via godsquadquestion@aol.com

I'm not a "Happy Holiday" kind of guy, but I appreciate and endorse greeting religious folk with words appropriate to the holiday. I'm glad your Jewish neighbors seem to be doing that.

As for Jewish holidays, the simplest English greet-

ing is to just say, "Happy..." and then name the holiday. "Happy Passover" and "Happy Hanukah" work just fine. For the Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah, which begin the evening of Sept. 28 this year, and Yom Kippur, which begins the evening of Oct. 7, the best

greeting is, "Happy New Year" or the Yiddish/English hybrid, "Good yontif." Send QUESTIONS ONLY to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to godsquadquestion@aol.com.

Though my wife and I have always expressed our opposition to this practice, and don't allow it in our own home unless the two people sleep in separate rooms, we've been told we're the only parents who take this "extreme and old-fashioned" position.

We've also been told that even priests have sex (the evidence being the child sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church). Therefore, we're perceived not as living according to a Catholic moral code, but observing our own personal moral code and using an archaic and outdated form of Church morality as the basis for our personal choices.

How do we get through to our children when even the Catholic Church itself has completely eroded away any sense of moral standards in the eyes of today's young people? -- F., West Babylon, N.Y., via godsquadquestion@aol.com

faith. The second dimension is committed monogamous sex between two loving but unmarried people. At least this form includes love and a form of commitment, but still falls short of Catholic teachings and short of what I view as the rational ethic of sexual morality because it breaks the connection between sex and marriage.

This view may sound old-fashioned to many, but old-fashioned is sometimes a good thing when cultural trends are morally bankrupt. I believe you have an obligation to keep telling your kids what you believe and demand respect for your morality when they're sleeping under your roof.

Don't worry so much about being relevant, trendy, or contemporary. Worry about being right. The Catholic Church teaches the need for "remote preparation" for marriage, which means



Elizabeth Garcia

Elizabeth Garcia, 55, a long-time resident of Ruidoso, New Mexico, passed away on June 13, 2011.

She was born, May 14, 1956, in Memphis, Texas. Elizabeth graduated at Ruidoso High School in 1974. She attended New Mexico State University- Las Cruces, and Eastern New Mexico State- Ruidoso. She worked as a data-entry clerk and as a civil servant.

Elizabeth was the first-born child of Jerry and Neva Garcia. She is survived by her mother, Neva Garcia; brothers, Jerry Garcia and wife Terry and Ricardo Garcia and one sister, Deborah Garcia; twin nephews, Ezekiel and Nicodemous Garcia and many beloved friends and family, especially "Marmie" and "dad" Duane Adolf.

Elizabeth is preceded in death by her beloved father, Jerry Garcia, Sr., beloved brother, Steve Garcia, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Olguin, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tiburcio Garcia, and many beloved uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Services will be held at St. Joseph Mission Church in Mescalero on Friday, June 17, with rosary commencing at 1:30 p.m. and services to follow at 2:00 p.m. The family is requesting in lieu of flowers, to make donations to the St. Joseph's Mission Restoration project.

The Garcia family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the arrangements. Cremation will take place at PCS.

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



Richard J. Turner

1954 - 2011

In loving memory of Richard J. Turner. Born in Dayton Ohio on Aug. 25, 1954 passed away June 6, 2011. Richard was survived by wife Barbra Miller. He served in United States Air Force for 20 years and was a long time Associate of Wal-Mart. Richard was very well loved.

RUIDOSO NEWS
LINCOLN COUNTY

New trustee joins Carrizozo council

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CARRIZOZO – The first order of business for newly appointed Carrizozo Mayor Dennis Vega was to appoint his replacement on the council.

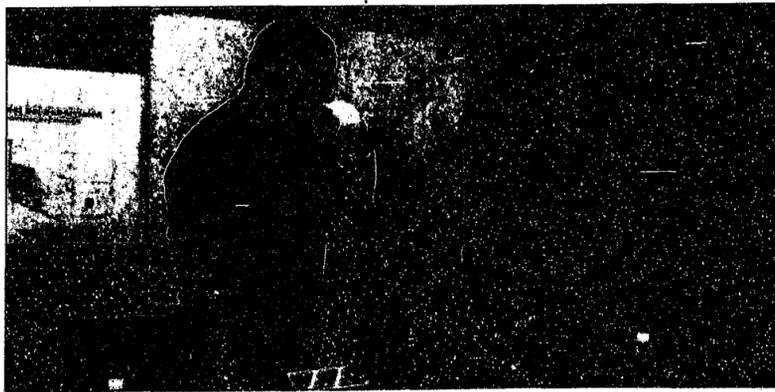
“I appoint Chris Ventura,” Vega said.

The council of trustees unanimously approved the appointment.

“I am here to help the people,” Ventura said. “I will be here for you all.”

Ventura is a native of Carrizozo who had never sought public office.

“I have thought about it,” Ventura said. “I thought, ‘You know I could do some good in this community.’”



POLLY E. CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

New Trustee Chris Ventura, left, joins the Town Council and newly appointed Mayor Dennis Vega, right, at the meeting Monday evening. Trustee Dusty Voss, center, nominated Vega for mayor. Vega appointed Ventura to fill his trustee position.

Ventura said a lot of people had asked him to run for office.

“I was going to run for School Board, but my

brother ran and I did not want to run against him,” Ventura said.

J.P. Ventura won a seat on the Carrizozo School

Board.

It could be said that Chris Ventura was in on the ground floor at City Hall.

“I worked for Carrizozo Ready Mix when they poured the foundation for the City Hall,” Ventura said. “The new part of the Courthouse, too.”

Ventura now works for Otero County Electric and continues his business rehabilitating homes in Carrizozo.

“That’s how I got this,” Chris Ventura said, holding up his bandaged left hand. “I ran a five-inch splinter through it.”

Chris Ventura said he was going to have his son pull the splinter out, but it hurt too bad.

“Good thing I went to the doctor,” he said. “I could have damaged tendons and things like that.”

Chris Ventura has a

short time to make a difference on the council before the March elections.

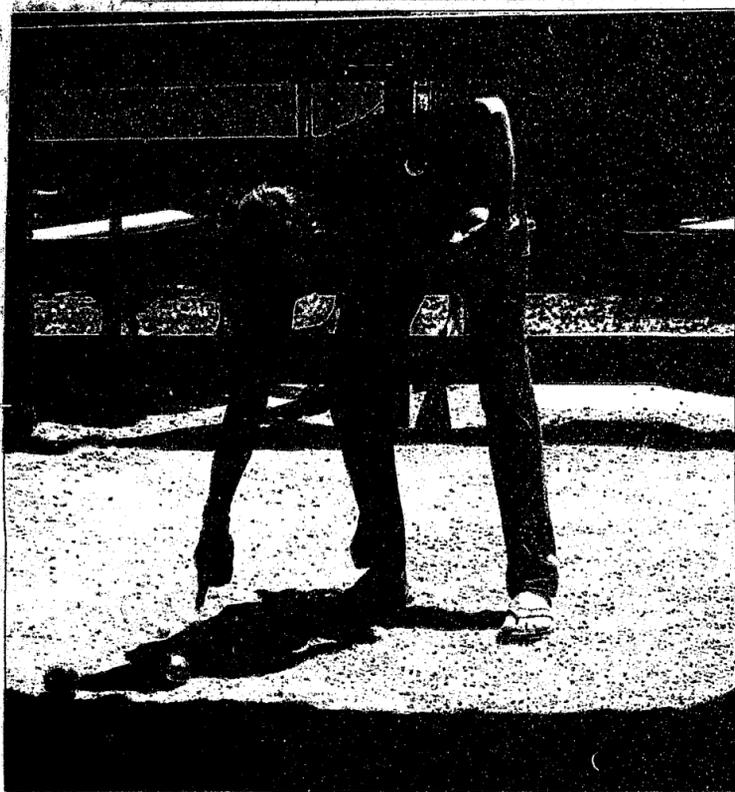
“I really want to do good for the people,” Ventura said about what he hopes to accomplish before the March 2012 election when the position will be on the ballot. “It’s like this Planning and Zoning thing, I want to do what I think is right and make good decisions.”

“Here tonight I was kind of in the dark, having just stepped into the position,” Ventura said.

Ventura abstained from voting on awarding a contract for a concrete pad at the fire station during the Monday trustee meeting.

“My brother was the low bidder,” Ventura said.

PETANQUE TITLE TO LINCOLN COUNTY



COURTESY PHOTO

Two Lincoln County teams were among the 18 teams that competed for a coveted, if unpronounceable title, in Albuquerque recently. The title is New Mexico’s Petanque Champion. Petanque is a game Gregg Russell learned in France and has played for over 40 years. The first place winner, was Gregg Russell, former owner of Oso Art Gallery, Capitan and Lee Arnone, owner of the Silly Girl Ranch, Capitan. Taking third-place were Ricky LaMay, LaMay Electric, Capitan, and Russ Goodwin, Carrizozo, former partner of Spanky’s. In the photo, Russ Goodwin surveys which ball is closest to the target during the Petanque match in Albuquerque. It is tradition to measure the distance between each ball. A \$20 cover fee was required of each participant and the winning team was to split the winnings and the other half would go to an organization who does student exchange between France and America. The winnings, from both teams, were donated back to the organization.

Fire, fear and friends

It’s been five years now, but I can promise you it will never be forgotten. It isn’t a unique incident under the circumstances, but it tore out the heart of one New Mexico ranching family and the scars will never fade.

While most people in the county were settling down in the quiet of the evening, this particular rancher was shooting, one at a time, dozens of his sheep.

It was a mercy killing but in the agony of the moment, he could personally feel the anguish he heard in the pained bleating of his ewes. Their charred bodies lay prone on the blackened ground, covered in burns from a prairie grass fire they could not escape.

These charred ewes called to their dying lambs as the tears rolled from the rancher’s eyes. He loaded his gun again and again, each shot bringing a somber silence to the decimated hillside.

That same kind of

drought-driven fire season has returned to the Southwest as well many of the surrounding states.

With more new fires cropping up daily, the media reports have begun to numb the senses of readers and viewers, but

the terror of those in harm’s way never sleeps.

The continual stream of data that reporting the burned acreage, names of responding agencies and the information about lost structures have become the measuring stick for the severity of the fire.

Behind those statistics are untold human stories of fear, desperation, helplessness and loss. Those scars will remain long after the fire crews leave and skies are clear again.

Offering some balance to the devastation are the reports of those that were spared only by the grace of God.

In 2006, drought conditions similar to the present lack of moisture, brought fires that burned more than a million acres of ranch and farmland in the Texas panhandle, wiping out structures, fences and livestock; however, it warranted only a brief blip on the national news scene.

Today, a number of Western states are covered over in smoke from a half-million acre-and-growing Arizona fire that has

forced evacuations of towns, ranchers and communities. It continues to defy firefighting measures to bring it into any kind of promising containment.

The word “fire” taunts the perimeters of men’s minds as ever-watchful eyes constantly scan the horizons for signs of impending trouble. Every hour is filled with dreading of the visual of a smoke plume or a frantic call from a neighbor speaking the words least welcomed, “We have a fire.”

And when the thunderheads finally do gather, the fear turns to a mixture of dread and hope for the rancher. With the knowledge that it is “lightning that knocks the rain out of the clouds,” he can’t let himself speak against it, but quietly prays that more than ten drops of rain will come with the thunderbolts.

Behind every acre burned and in front of each terrifying wall of flames is the human element of loss. Words don’t define it, only report it. Pictures give it reality, but even those are one-dimensional stories without the angst that is ripped from the souls of those in harm’s way.

If there is really a true “plus” to all the devastation it is that without a thought, people come together and take care of their own.

The outpouring of selfless offerings to help followed by the tangible evidence that mankind can and will put aside all differences to aid those less fortunate is a moment we need to heed.

For tomorrow, it may be we that require that outstretched hand.

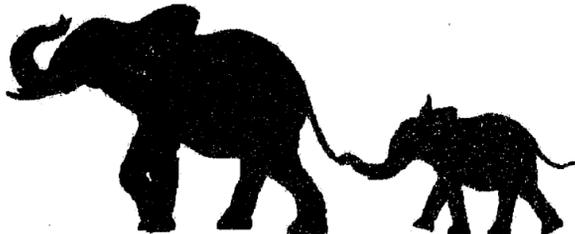
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We may believe that we can't recover from another misstep on life's journey.

But we can...so let's begin:

- Ask the question
- Look for your new answer
- Dare to re-invent yourself

How Do You Re-invent Yourself & Live Inspired

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Debbie Ford, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Best Year of Your Life*, reminds us that with a powerful, conscious intent, you can chart your journey through life with clarity and focus, and choose the particular reality you want to create.

If you allow your unconscious intent to direct your life, what you can expect is that this year will be a new version of your last. Become truly accountable for your destiny. Make a commitment to yourself and stand deeply rooted in a clear, strong and compelling vision for your best self.

- What limiting thoughts/feelings do I want to let go of that will free my energy to be able to live inspired today?
- What can I give/share with another that will inspire today? A smile, a tender touch, and word of encouragement?
- What am I most grateful for today?
- What inspires me?
- Am I committed to Extreme Self Care?

Three Steps to Becoming Tolerant Free

The first step in re-inventing you, is ridding yourself of tolerations.

Isn't life too short to put up with anything? And, I do mean anything. The



place to start is by creating a "Toleration-Free Zone." It is do-able, and it can be fun too.

Step 1.

Take your "tolerations" seriously.

We're all tolerating stuff, whether it is other people, situations, problems, annoyances, our own behavior, the dog, pressures, stress, the little hassles and sometimes even life itself. Most of us have gotten pretty good – perhaps too good – at coping and accepting these irritants.

My view is that this stuff that you're tolerating is costing you in various forms – time, energy, happiness, creativity, spiritually, freedom, opportunities and key relationships. And, it's getting pretty expensive. Needlessly expensive. There is a solution. I am a coach who understands the nature of tolerations, and I enjoy working with clients to reduce and eliminate as many of these tolerations as possible. My goal for every client to become Tolerant-Free.

Step 2.

Start by making a list of what you are tolerating.

The worksheet on my website, www.SanctuaryOnTheRiver.com under "coaching" is a good place to start. Include the big tolerations and the little ones because you never know which ones are really costing you until you reduce or eliminate them. Just by writing down as many as you can, a positive change will occur. The website includes a list of 200+ Tolerations to help you with your list on the same page.

Step 3.

Work with a friend or coach.

Tolerations are a lot more fun to work on with a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor or even a coach! Start with the easy-to-handle tolerations and work up the momentum to handle the bigger ones. You will find that the Tolerant-Free approach works.

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Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering
(no hesitating, no doubting).
For the one who wavers [hesitates, doubts] is like
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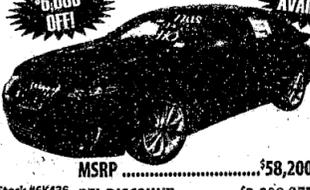


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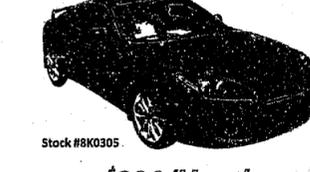


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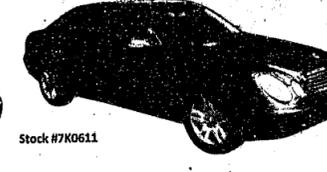


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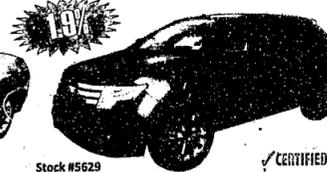


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