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Tax falling short of goal

Gross receipts taxes decline with forest closure

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Unless the summer season pumps an incredible amount of money into the local economy, projections indicate a business retention gross receipts tax will fall short of its voter-approved mission.

Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart said the collection of the 3/16th of one-cent tax for April was reported to the county on June 15 at \$56,204.53.

"The track record of the past four months is not good and is short of the envisioned \$750,000 tax break for the (Ruidoso Downs) Race Track," he told county commissioners Tuesday. "With the effect of the closure of the Lincoln National Forest (because of drought and extreme fire

danger) expected to impact the coming months, I don't expect the numbers to grow by very much."

As reported Wednesday on www.ruidosonews.com, the January collection was \$60,209.50, with \$53,912.67 for February, and \$64,224.90 for March.

With April added in, the total is \$234,551.60.

If that trend continues, the year-end figure would be about \$703,654.

Voters approved the tax in September, effective Jan. 1, as a means of keeping the race track at Ruidoso Downs with the money to be used to offset some of the owner's tax obligation and to allow him to compete with two Indian gaming casinos on the nearby Mescalero Apache Reservation.

County eyes building permits

Permitting, inspections would generate revenue

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With new rules that allow one inspector to handle multiple trades and to cross jurisdictions, Lincoln County officials are considering taking over building permitting and inspections in unincorporated areas of the county.

Although County Planning Director Curt Temple recommended hiring two people for the new department, Commissioner Mark Doth said he preferred contracting with someone qualified. That approach would avoid the county adding to the employee payroll and taking on more financial responsibility for health and retirement benefits.

Temple presented historical data on permit valuations in the county covered by the village of Ruidoso and by the state of New Mexico, the two entities now performing inspections. In 2009, the village issued permits for \$15.5 million in construction value and in 2010, \$12.2 million. The state issued permits for \$23.8 million in 2009 and \$6.1 million in 2010.

He told county commissioners at their meeting Tuesday that using a conservative estimate of 1.5 percent for permits fees, the county would have generated \$393,000 in 2009, and \$274,959 in 2010, if it issued permits for all non-municipal areas.

"As you can see the amount in 2010 was down because of the downturn in new house construction, however, the fees charged would still have covered the proposed full yearly budget of the Planning Department," Temple said.

He projected start-up costs at \$47,200, and a first-year budget of \$264,000 that would cover the Planning Department with the addition of permitting and inspec-

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OH, DEER



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Enjoying the warm morning sun Friday morning, an elk cow and her four calves roam the mesa off Airport Scenic Road.

Homeless sought in fire probe

Police discover campsite where Swallow Fire started

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The investigation into the cause of the Swallow Fire is now focused on the homeless.

"Detectives discovered a homeless encampment in the wooded area behind the Travelodge motel, which appears to be a frequent transient location," the Ruidoso Police Department stated in a press release Wednesday.

"Evidence located at the scene indicates the fire was unintentional and that an unknown person or persons attempted to stomp out the flames."

The Swallow Fire started at 2:45 p.m. June 16 in the wooded area behind Travelodge. High winds accelerated the flames into the Pincliff subdivision, resulting in the destruction of nine homes.

"Law enforcement officers are currently identifying and speaking with

homeless persons in Ruidoso and the surrounding areas," according to the press release. "At this point, there have been no arrests made and no charges have been filed."

Ruidoso Police are asking that anyone having information about homeless encampments in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and the Mescalero Apache Reservation, call 575-258-7365 or call Crimestoppers at 575-257-4545 or 575-258-7300.

Petitions push for change at resort

Signatures call for management removal at Gods

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A petition drive on the Mescalero Apache Reservation seeks changes in top management at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino. The petitions, circulated for several weeks on the reservation, were expected to be delivered to the tribal administrative offices on today. One of those involved in the drive said more than 500 tribal members had signed on.

One of the petitions calls

for the replacement of Warner Gaming from the tribe's casinos/hospitality businesses and the company's removal from the reservation. The other seeks to terminate Scott Eldredge, the chief operating officer of the Inn.

"Warner Gaming's actions have demonstrated that they are not here for the best interest of the tribe," one of the petitions stated. "They are unfamiliar with our clientele and, although our location is unique and unlike a city business, they are attempt-

ing to operate as though we were located in Las Vegas, Nevada. Furthermore, they are only on property periodically and are useless in operating our enterprises. We are wasting our money on Warner Gaming."

Warner Gaming's clients include casinos around the country, such as the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and the Station Casinos, in the Las Vegas area. The firm also has two tribal casinos in Washington State as clients.

The petition alleged that

"mischievous acts" by Warner Gaming resulted in a hostile work environment and claimed the company has discriminated and terminated "team members."

"They have instituted harassment, intimidation and belittling of our tribal members. They have conspired to falsify documents and statements, to create a false image, to convince the tribal council that they have made progress in increasing revenue for the tribe. However, through

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Violence addressed

PGA Professionals from several Lincoln County and Mescalero golf courses joined local male golfers in the release of another "Men Against Violence" poster, a campaign hosted by HEAL and the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

The Golfers Against Violence poster is the 14th in the series that features prominent and respected men in the community taking a stand against violence. Earlier posters included local men, Native American men, Hispanic men, police officers, fire fighters, doctors, body builders, pastors, fathers and daughters, athletes (the Ruidoso High School football team and coaching staff), teachers from Ruidoso High School and Ruidoso Middle School.

Copies of the earlier posters are available on HEAL's website at www.helpendabuseforlife.org.

Participating in the Golfers Against Violence poster are PGA Professionals Eric Eggleston, The Links at Sierra Blanca; Melissa

Misqueuz, Cree Meadows County Club; Daniel Nuñez, The Inn of the Mountain Gods; Alayne Lee, The Golf Club at Rainmakers; and Donald Bryant, Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

Local golfers Ted Durham Don Ratay, Dee Griffin and Ronald Travis joined as well.

The Golfers Against Violence poster is being distributed throughout Lincoln County and the Mescalero Apache reservation. Businesses can get a copy by calling the Nest at 575-378-6378.

Library lecture

Capitan Public Library's 1st Friday Lecture will feature Gary Cozzens, author of "The Nogal Mesa: A History of Kivas and Ranchers in Lincoln County."

The program and book signing is set for 7 p.m. July 1 at the library, 101 E. Second Street, Capitan.

A native New Mexican, Cozzens grew up in Portales, where he graduated from Portales High School and Eastern New Mexico University, earning a double major in history

and political science. Following graduation, he served in the United States Marine Corps for 24 years, including in Operation Desert Storm, and retired as a major in 1999.

Cozzens is employed by the Region IX Education Cooperative, where he is director of career and technical education, distance education and emergency management. He is the current president of the Lincoln County Historical Society, a former board member of Fort Stanton, Inc., assistant coordinator of the Lincoln County Site Watch program and a member of the Historical Society of New Mexico.

Cozzens and his wife, Shirley Crawford, live on the Nogal Mesa about a mile from where his grandparents homesteaded in 1924.

The Nogal Mesa has attracted people since the historic 1855 fort and state hospital and will be on display from June 20 to July 29 at the Ruidoso Public Library. The hand-made, 36-inch-by-60-inch quilt will be awarded to the winner of a drawing on Aug. 6, during the Fort Stanton Live event. All proceeds go to Fort Stanton Live and its efforts to preserve and restore the fort and to maintain the spirit of the "Old West" in New Mexico. Tickets are available at Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Drive, in Ruidoso, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce on Sudderth and the Fort Stanton Museum Gift Shop at the fort on New Mexico 220, also known as Airport Scenic Road. They are \$5 each or three for \$10.

This was the land of a gold prospecting craze, a bloody massacre that destroyed a village, generations of ranchers, the Lincoln National Forest Ranger's Station and the annual Ranchman's Camp, which still thrives. Cozzens relates these stories and more in "The Nogal Mesa: A History of Kivas and Ranchers in Lincoln County."

Refreshment will be served following the lecture and book signing.

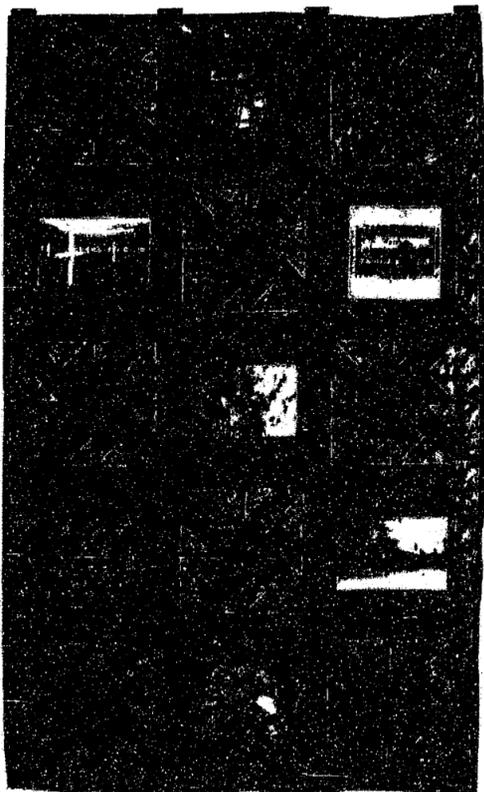
Alpine meeting

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If life is not a continuum from conception to natural death, then all of us are potential victims. If we fall out of favor with a ruling elite.
-Iai Thomas

THREADS OF HISTORY



COURTESY

The Fort Stanton Quilt depicts scenes from the early days of the historic 1855 fort and state hospital and will be on display from June 20 to July 29 at the Ruidoso Public Library. The hand-made, 36-inch-by-60-inch quilt will be awarded to the winner of a drawing on Aug. 6, during the Fort Stanton Live event. All proceeds go to Fort Stanton Live and its efforts to preserve and restore the fort and to maintain the spirit of the "Old West" in New Mexico. Tickets are available at Josie's Framery, 2917 Sudderth Drive, in Ruidoso, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce on Sudderth and the Fort Stanton Museum Gift Shop at the fort on New Mexico 220, also known as Airport Scenic Road. They are \$5 each or three for \$10.

Water and Sanitation District will meet at 4 p.m. July 4 in the District's building at 114 Alpine Meadows Trail.

This meeting will cover regular business for the district, such as paying bills, approving the 2011-2012 budget, and reporting on the operations of the water system.

The agenda also may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the bylaws and regulations.

All residents of the district are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours before the

meeting.

Community events

Friday

Lincoln County Relay for Life First Annual H.O.T.T.T. Auction to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, at 8 p.m., Quarters Bar in Midtown Ruidoso; Ruidoso's H.O.T.T.T. est single ladies and gentlemen will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, including the Ruidoso Osos baseball team.

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

forms in Wendell's Restaurant at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino from 5 to 10 p.m.

Tomas Vigil performs at Landlocked Restaurant and Bar on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

Michael Beyer performs older songs and jazz at Kokopeli Country Club in Alto from 7 to 10:00 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.

Saturday

Petting Zoo at Two Rivers Park Pavilion No. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon; for children 12 and under; free.

Sunday

Sunday Under The Stars at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino, 6 p.m.; music by Jace N Lee, followed by the movie "Sea Biscuit," free; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday

Wilderness Camp at Ruidoso Parks & Recreation, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; activities include horseback riding, fishing, canoeing, hiking, biking, disc golf, nature walks, nature crafts and archery, outdoor sports, golf, tennis, swimming, etc.; for children age 5-12 (entering K-sixth grades); cost: \$95 a week or \$32 a day for the first child, \$85 a week or \$30 a day for additional children in the same family; provide your own snacks and lunch; call 575-257-5030 to sign up; out-of-town visitors welcome; three day notice required for daily registration.

Tuesday

6-12 year old Summer Reading programs at the Ruidoso Public Library; Dutch craft for 6-9 year olds; this

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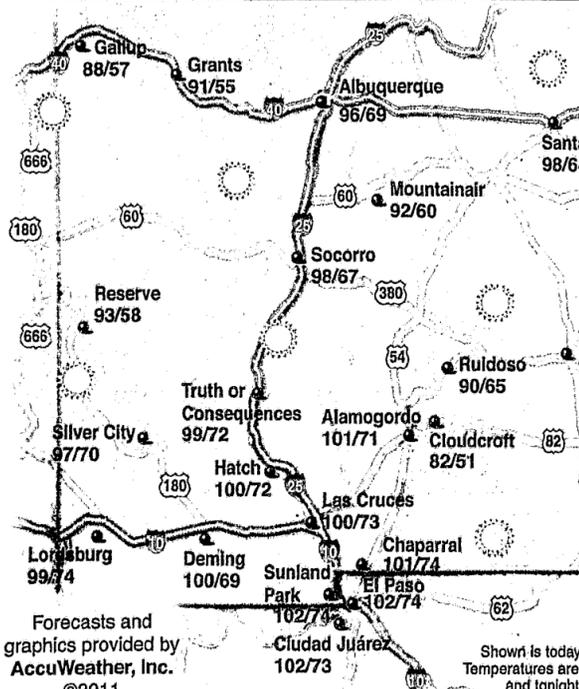
AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
RealFeel 93° Humidity 15% Bright sunshine and breezy Wind: W 10-20 mph	RealFeel 93° Humidity 16% Bright sunshine and breezy Wind: W 10-20 mph	RealFeel 94° Humidity 12% Breezy with a full day of sunshine Wind: SW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 92° Humidity 19% Mostly sunny and breezy Wind: SSW 10-20 mph	RealFeel 91° Humidity 21% Mostly sunny Wind: SSW 8-16 mph	RealFeel 90° Humidity 22% Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: S 8-16 mph	RealFeel 85° Humidity 38% Sunshine and patchy clouds Wind: SSE 7-14 mph

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RealFeel Temperature	Humidity	Wind
93°	15%	W 10-20 mph
93°	16%	W 10-20 mph
94°	12%	SW 10-20 mph
92°	19%	SSW 10-20 mph
91°	21%	SSW 8-16 mph
90°	22%	S 8-16 mph
85°	38%	SSE 7-14 mph

Regional Cities



Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 88°/55°
Normal high 83°
Normal low 45°
Record high 93° (1953)
Record low 32° (1973)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 1.46"
Year to date 0.88"
Normal year to date 6.72"

Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees Moderate
Weeds Low
Mold Low
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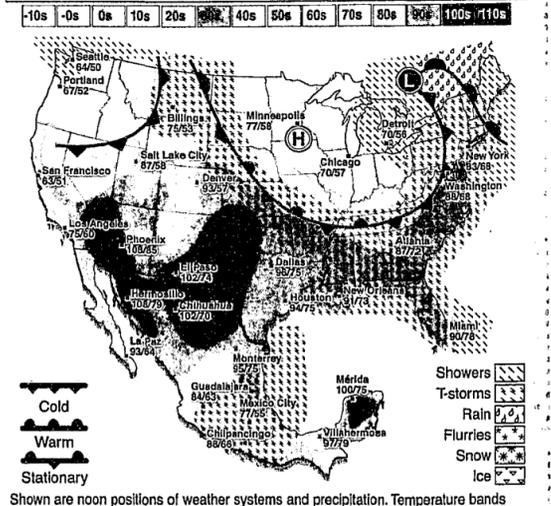
Alamogordo
Statistics through Wednesday

Temperature:
High/low 99°/57°
Normal high 95°
Normal low 64°
Record high 110° (1981)
Record low 53° (1982)

Precipitation:
Wednesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.17"
Normal month to date 0.62"
Year to date 0.63"
Normal year to date 3.31"

Weather Trivia:
Q: What is a superbolt?
A: A lightning flash over 100 times more intense than usual.

National Forecast for June 24, 2011



National Cities

City	Today H/L	Sat. H/L
Abilene	104/74/s	101/75/pc
Anchorage	68/52/s	67/55/s
Atlanta	87/72/t	91/74/t
Austin	92/75/s	97/74/pc
Baltimore	88/66/t	86/63/t
Boston	63/58/t	72/61/t
Chicago	70/57/pc	76/57/pc
Dallas	96/75/pc	96/77/pc
Denver	83/57/pc	82/57/pc
Des Moines	77/60/pc	80/69/pc
Detroit	70/56/pc	72/55/pc
El Paso	102/74/s	105/79/s
Las Vegas	102/83/s	101/84/s
Los Angeles	75/60/pc	76/60/pc
Minneapolis	77/58/pc	77/64/pc
New Orleans	91/73/t	93/75/t
New York City	83/68/t	83/65/pc
Philadelphia	88/68/t	86/63/pc
Phoenix	108/85/s	109/85/s
Reno	85/56/s	83/58/s
San Francisco	63/51/pc	65/52/pc
San Diego	69/63/pc	69/62/pc
Seattle	64/50/pc	64/50/pc
Tucson	104/76/s	104/78/s
Tulsa, OK	91/74/pc	90/77/pc
Wash., DC	88/68/t	86/65/t
Wichita	91/72/pc	93/73/pc
Yuma	105/80/s	104/81/s

Regional Cities

City	Today H/L	Sat. H/L
Albuquerque	96/69/s	94/69/s
Artesia	107/70/s	105/72/s
Chama	82/46/s	82/40/s
Clayton	96/61/s	98/59/pc
Cloudcroft	82/51/s	82/40/s
Farmington	95/58/s	94/56/s
Hobbs	107/68/s	104/67/s
Los Alamos	85/56/s	85/52/s
Portales	102/63/s	101/61/s
Raton	95/50/s	96/51/s
Red River	75/42/s	77/40/s
Ruidoso	90/65/s	91/66/s
Santa Fe	94/55/s	93/56/s
Silver City	97/70/s	96/69/s
Taos	89/48/s	88/45/s

Mexican Cities

City	Today H/L	Sat. H/L
Acapulco	91/77/t	88/77/t
Cancun	90/75/pc	90/77/t
Chihuahua	102/70/s	102/70/s
Ciudad Juárez	102/73/s	106/79/s
La Oja	82/61/t	78/60/t
México, DF	77/55/t	77/57/t
Monterrey	95/75/t	97/75/t
Morelia	81/62/t	80/61/t
Oaxaca	86/61/t	82/61/t
Pto. Penasco	95/72/s	97/75/s
Tijuana	73/61/pc	75/61/pc

EVENTS

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is a dot art craft from 2 to 3 p.m.; sign-up continues for Summer Reading Program until July 16; come by and pick up a brochure; teen summer reading program available.

Wednesday

- Preschool Story Time at the Ruidoso Public Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon; multicultural stuffed animal fashion show.

- 6-12 year old Summer Reading programs at the Ruidoso Public Library; multi-cultural stuffed animal fashion show, 10:30 a.m. to noon; Program is for children ages 2-10;

sign-up continues for Summer Reading Program until July 16.

- The Sterilizers perform at Casa Blanca Restaurant on Mechem Drive from 6 to 9 p.m.

- Karaoke with DJ Pete at Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant in Midtown Ruidoso from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Friday, July 1,

- Start of Smokey Bear Stampede at the Capitan Fair Grounds; Ranch Rodeo at the Fairgrounds in Capitan; parade is on Saturday, July 2, at 10 a.m.; fireworks will be on the Fourth of July after the rodeo; nightly dances at the fairgrounds; more info: Lincoln County Fair-grounds, 575-354-2202, www.villageofcapitan.com.

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OUR OPINION

County needs to get on the bus

All residents need a transit system

When the Lincoln County Transit System puts the brakes on much of its service area July 1, it will be a disservice to all Lincoln County residents.

On July 1, the system will only serve Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, because of a lack of matching funds provided by the Lincoln County Commission.

The Lincoln County Commission last month declined to fund the transit system for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The county had been asked to fund \$28,874.08 as part of a local match that helps to secure federal funding for the small buses operated by the Ruidoso Downs headquartered transit system. Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs also pledge nearly similar amounts, either in kind or with funding. Because Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs have ponied up their fair share, the service will end at the borders of those municipalities.

While it could be argued that, with currently few riders, the service might not be

that necessary. It could also be argued that the service itself hasn't been aggressive enough in getting the word out that this service even exists. There is some room for the Lincoln County Transit System to revamp itself so it is more efficient and cost effective. But we don't think county service needs to be dropped entirely.

Finger-pointing aside, it must be pointed out that this is not merely a transportation issue but a social issue. This is a basic service that allows some county residents to get groceries or get medical attention or even take care of legal issues.

As Glencoe resident Joe Bob Browning points out, many of his friends who would have given him a ride into Ruidoso have either moved away or passed away.

And with gas prices remaining as high as they are, ridership might see an increase as more people learn about the service and turn to it as a necessity.

We strongly urge the County Commission to pay the fare for this needed service. We won't even ask for exact change.

Fun with 'six-worder' wordplay

Six-worders arrived on the scene a few years back.

The six-worder brevity grasps a life story or current condition or philosophy.

Column readers were invited to offer their own, did so with creativity, and the invitation is repeated. Here is a current crop of mine:

She is a Tea Party heroine, a former Minnesota lawmaker and current congresswoman, has a Christian counseling practice with her husband, is seeking the GOP nomination for the Presidency of these United

States. She is Michele Bachmann:

Just like Sarah Palin, only smart.

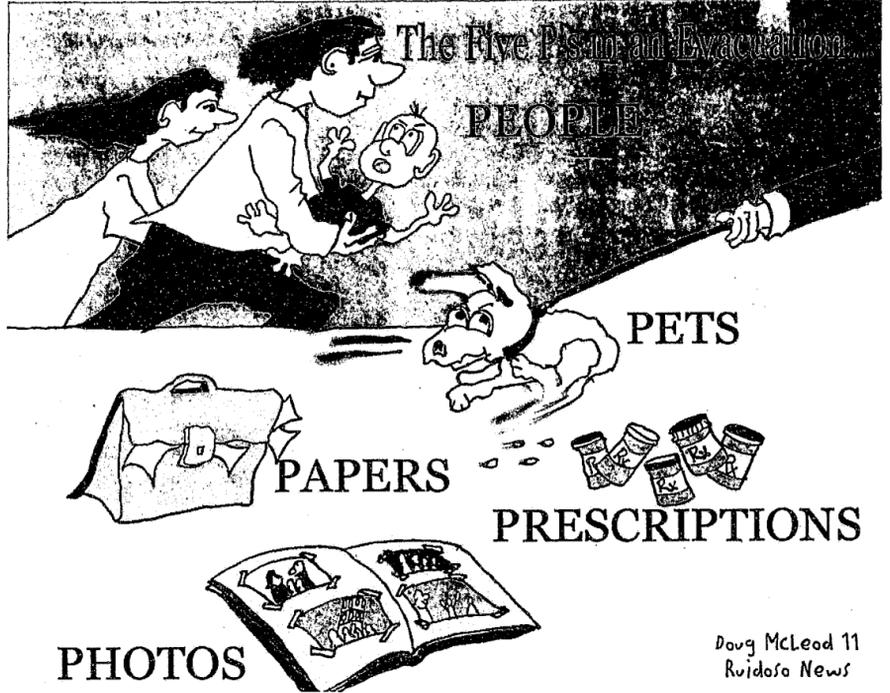
Sarah Palin: *Hi guys, like, oh wow, gotcha!*

The 31st governor of New Mexico made history by becoming the first woman elected to that position and is the first Latina governor in the land. She has three years to prove her mettle, but much of the early going has been overshadowed by the

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YOUR OPINION

No victories with withdrawals

To the editor:

Flag Day! President Barack Obama is expected to withdraw roughly 10,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan this year.

I am confused. During our effort to win victory in the Pacific and Europe, did we stop midstream to withdraw troops?

Will the withdrawal BEFORE victory in Afghanistan/Pakistan put the remaining troops at greater risk and greater loss?

Will a Republican or Democrat Party politician (Sen. John McCain included) have compassion for the families that have lost soldiers over these last TEN years? Say, how many years till victory in Europe and the Pacific?

What is the difference today and then? Korea/Viet Nam/Libya and on and on ad nauseam — we have a president(s) that send our soldiers, airmen and sailors into battles with no intention of achieving victory. Their interest must be monetary for they simply replace body bags with fresh live soldiers. Flag Day! No victories.

What is the difference today and then? During the 1940s would our president(s) disregard the Geneva Convention or Uniform Code of Military Justice and shoot captives, unarmed prisoners of war?

I am confused? American citizens are asked to sacrifice (life and finance) to pay more taxes and to take greater cuts in social programs.

Neither the Republican Party or candidates or the Democrats direct any cuts whatsoever of monies our government and citizens send to foreigners that are

actually our enemies, i.e. Palestinians, Pakistanis, now Egyptians (Islamists).

I am confused? There is no organization or party (including the Tea Party) that appear to address these important issues.

Am I confused by the two party system. The parties have only interest in issues as election arguments and not issues that actually solve international and internal problems. No party, while in office (or out) pursues issues that impact upon the citizens. The only issue of importance is an issue that they may use to campaign for the next election.

Question: Is there truly any difference when we vote for one party over the other?

Proud, God-fearing, patriotic, Republican, Lincoln County Tea Party member, old-fashioned American, hoping for a revival of American patriotism.

Roy Propsner
Nogal

Morgan got it wrong

To the editor:

New Mexicans often wonder why so little gets accomplished by our governments in Washington D.C. and Santa Fe. Part of the problem with our political culture is that both sides are overly concerned with accumulating political power and not nearly concerned enough about solving the problems that their constituents elected them to solve.

Harold Morgan perpetuates this counterproductive, partisan political culture in his recent column in the *Ruidoso News* in which he attempts to categorize

Think New Mexico and other groups by attaching an ideological label to each.

Unfortunately, Morgan got it wrong with respect to Think New Mexico, which was founded to advance New Mexico in some of the national rankings in which New Mexico currently places at or near the bottom. We do this by developing and advocating for effective solutions whether they are left, right or center. To Think New Mexico, what matters is not whether an idea is liberal or conservative, but whether it will work for New Mexico and improve our quality of life.

Consistent with this approach, Think New Mexico has supporters (we call them "social investors") from 94 cities across New Mexico and board members with perspectives that span the political spectrum. Current board members include Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, like our chairman, former Republican Governor Garrey Carruthers; former Democratic Attorney General Paul Bardacke; Ed Lujan, former chair of the Republican Party of New Mexico and former CEO of Manuel Lujan Agencies; Roberta Cooper Ramo, the first woman elected president of the American Bar Association and the American Law Institute; LaDonna Harris, chairwoman of Americans for Indian Opportunity; Chris Garcia, former president of the University of New Mexico; and David Buchholtz, former chairman of the Association of Commerce and Industry. They are statesmen and stateswomen whose focus is

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: How do you feel about Lincoln County Transit discontinuing much of its county service?



Phillip Collins
Ruidoso

"The service and drivers have been amazing. I'm sad to see it go right as I was starting to use it more frequently."



Andrea Reed
Ruidoso

"It's disappointing that public transportation doesn't get more support. This will really impact some people who are depending on that ride."



Trish Pascale-Woodhull
Alamogordo

"I love the transit system but I understand if they have to stop. I hope they find a way to keep serving the county."



Zanna Dobbs
Capitan

"I don't think it's fair to the county. There are a lot of people who work in Ruidoso who depend on that transit system to get here."



Sherry Gonzales
Ruidoso

"It's going to prevent a lot of people from getting around, especially with the economy and gas prices as they are."

Denish: Martinez is ignoring more than a job description

It's not been a particular stellar period of my life. In a span of just eight months I lost both an election for governor of New Mexico and my prized bicycle.

Replacing the bike was easy. The new one is better, faster, and features an improved lock to foil the thieves who stole the first one. And when I pedal hard I can sometimes forget the need to decide what to do with the next four or more of my life when I had expected to be governing New Mexico.

Susana Martinez has a huge challenge on her hands. It is a time of soaring costs, declining revenue, stifling unemployment. Add impending redistricting and its opportunistic politics to the mix-

ture and you have enough to spoil a girl's day.

Do I think I could have done a better job handling these challenges? Of course I do. That's why I ran for governor. It's a moot point, however. Susana won the race and it behooves me and every New Mexican to hope she does well.

It is stating the obvious to say I disagree sharply with most of the governor's positions. More recently, I had to chuckle when I saw her narrow definition of the lieutenant governor's job. She imposed strict limitations on Lt. Gov. John Sanchez in her apparent peeve over his announcing candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat in opposition to Heather Wilson, the Martinez favorite.



DIANE DENISH

After eight years of sitting in the lieutenant governor chair, I can attest to the fact there is a lot more to the job than chairing the Senate and casting tie-breaking votes.

If one cares to use the prestige and power of the position to make a difference in the lives of New Mexicans, the field is wide open — and you don't need anyone's permission to do it.

At least that's how I saw it. I didn't need or ask permission to focus on issues I deemed crucial to New Mexico, collaborating with advocates and legislators, building bi-partisan support and getting things done. It was about getting into communities and listening — not talking — to find out what is important to New Mexicans.

That's how we were able to pass and implement voluntary pre-K for 4 year old children, get capital to thousands of small businesses, pass the Home Loan Protection act, and

pass the Sunshine Portal law to increase transparency.

Early into her term, Gov. Martinez has continued her tough talk and law enforcement focus and released a variety of executive orders to grab power as governors are prone to do. And, we can all rest easy now that we have the notary publics under a watchful eye, dogs on restaurant patios legally, and a lieutenant governor with no responsibility. But let's face it, the issues which will make it possible for New Mexico and her families to succeed desperately need our attention. Among them:

- New jobs for New Mexicans. Incentivize and reward job creation and use our existing assets and strengths (technology, arts, culture, film, Labs, and human capital to name a few) to target job creation. Support rural, location-neutral employment efforts and micro-lending for entrepreneurs.

- Workforce training to make our workers more competitive today and tomorrow. Focus on a three-pronged cooperative education strategy to produce a strong qualified workforce for the future and to advance and retrain the current workforce.

- Thoughtful education improvement that works for everyone, especially students. Find proven experts (not political consultants), and recommend investments that work. Stop finger-pointing and name calling which only delays the real work.

- Shoring up our fiscal health by looking for solutions including smarter tax policy, government reorganization, proposals which protect and revise retirement funds, reigning in health care costs, and emphasizing the need for fiscal expertise in government sector.

- Dealing with our environmental challenges for air, land and water. The most glaring example:

water protection and supply for now and into the future.

Sure, there are more, but I'm willing to wager almost everything falls in one of those categories. How to do it? For starters, move away from the "us vs. them" approach which pervades our politics. Find long-term solutions not just regulatory changes to be set aside by the next administration.

What I have learned in these months after the election is that my lifelong love affair with New Mexico, her people, her needs and her politics, won't end. I promised to stick around and fight for our families and I intend to do so. Just how that will play out, perhaps in seeking another office or just participating in the public debate, is to be determined.

Maybe it will become clear during my next bike ride. Many miles to go, much to accomplish.

Diane D. Denish was lieutenant governor of New Mexico from 2003 to 2010.

Government service in tough times

In a certain office of New Mexico government, a friend tells me, three clerical assistants work with a group of professionals. One clerk is competent and hardworking. The other two are incompetent and unreliable. All the professionals try to snag the good employee for their projects. She works much harder than her peers but is paid the same. Eventually she will get tired of this and will either stop working so hard or find another job.

Another professional in state government describes her frustrations with management. She has to travel around the state to do her job, but because of budget con-

straints she's not allowed to stay overnight. Overtime is not authorized. So she drives long distances during work hours, wasting taxpayer dollars and providing less service.

Yet another friend is opening a business that requires a special state certification, including mandatory training administered by the licensing agency. The

employees who present the training are sloppily dressed, unprepared, and impolite, showing little respect for their subject or the valuable time of the attendees, who are trying to open businesses so they can be productive taxpayers. My friend says the required

forms are badly written and confusing; if she calls and asks a question, she suspects they move her application to the bottom of the pile. This friend is an expert on public sector management; she herself is a recently retired state government senior manager.

Staff reductions at state agencies are in effect, and we poor citizens are waiting to see how much worse things will get for us. As a survivor of the bureaucracy wars, I offer this perspective:

There are qualified people and unqualified people in most state agencies, and it's just dumb luck who's where. Talented and caring people work for incompetent managers.

Competent managers get stuck with unqualified front-line employees. Occasionally a governor appoints a thorough-going dud to the top position. What happens then depends how artfully the second-level managers can

work around the boss. If they are clever, dedicated, and willing to take armloads of guff, the place will still function, you'll never know the difference, they will never be thanked, and the dud will get the credit and the big bucks.

Folks in the private sector say this happens where they work also. But there is a critical difference. The private sector has consequences. If a company consistently fails to deliver, the customers will go away and eventually it will go out of business (unless it's subsidized by government or too big to fail, but that's for another day).

Far too many state employees are decent people with inadequate training or preparation for the work they do. New Mexico state government has never been good at identifying what employees need to know in order to provide good service. A determined attempt was made some years ago

by a small multi-agency committee called the State Training Council, but it had no official statutory standing. Therefore, the council, along with eight years of work product, simply evaporated between administrations.

What's going to happen next is predictable. Work that must be done will be done. Administrative requirements and deadlines will be, as always, top priority. Work that can be postponed will be, such as customer service to those least able to complain. Some agencies and bureaus — the lucky ones — will continue to function happily and productively but many will experience a sag in productivity that will not be measured but will drag subtly on the economy.

It's often said the public sector doesn't fire people who should be fired. True enough. It also doesn't do enough to give employees the chance to excel. In this year's economy, that won't change.

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shenanigans of the previous administration. She is Governor Susana Martinez:

Never mind! It's Bill Richardson's fault!

Suppose you are in a convenience store when the robbers show up. After the cops sort it all out and apologize for the inconvenience, you climb out of the back of the squad car to the glare of skeptical neighbors who forever find you suspect. That's what happened to our former lieutenant governor whose only problem is she served at the wrong time, in the wrong administration. It

no doubt cost her the gubernatorial election. Diane Denish:

Congressional District one, why not me?

He is the "nice guy" Republican Speaker of the House, an Ohio congressman passionate about his conservative principles who "can be disagreeing without being disagreeable." This fellow has his softer side and has been known to sob through Hallmark Card TV commercials. He is John Boehner who, on learning President Obama's opinion polls are declining:

I'm so happy I could cry!

This man is said to be one of the best and brightest, but now he is a former congressman whose main lesson for aspiring politi-

cians is that it is not conducive to a bright political future to do such things as pose bare for Twitter photos in a white bathtub on a hill watching the sun set with a HELP WANTED sign on the adjoining empty tub. He is Andrew Weiner:

No More SEND, on the mend.

The similar last names have been a nightmare to this guy whose own peccadilloes have no doubt got additional media attention because of Andrew's notoriety. He is Bernalillo County Commissioner Michael Wiener:

Why couldn't daddy be a Johnson?

Former President Bill

Clinton:

So what's all the fuss about?

He's done some good things, like nailing Osama bin Laden, thus restoring American pride. His bailout of General Motors and Chrysler saved 1.4 million jobs and an industry. The right hates him with a passion and if gas prices are still high and employment still lagging come Spring of 2012, this may be a one-term president. President Barack Obama:

I talk pretty, but voters nervous.

This prominent New Mexico politico was known as the Veto King and his insistence on legalized mari-

juana was a deal killer then and now. He wants to be President of the United States but when they invited him to GOP debates no one would talk to him and now he is simply viewed as a forgettable eccentric. Former Governor Gary Johnson:

My presidential hope, up in smoke.

He is supposed to be the strong frontrunner for the GOP presidential nomination, but several others who seek that designation don't

seem all that intimidated. His staying power as a national candidate is under question. Mitch Romney:

Big teeth, all smile, no saddle!

Your humble columnist: *Living my life, word by word.*

Have a nice day.

(Your six-words are welcome at ncantwell@bajabb.com, an exercise that will be fun for you and will give the writer an easy column. Win. Win.)

THINK

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to help New Mexico succeed.

Think New Mexico's legislative initiatives have bipartisan sponsors and have been signed into law by governors from both political parties.

They include repealing the state's regressive tax on food and successfully defeating efforts to reimpose it; redirecting millions of dollars a year out of the state lottery's excessive

operating costs and into full tuition scholarships; and introducing free market pricing into the title insurance industry to lower closing costs for homebuyers and homeowners who refinance their mortgages.

I appreciate that Mr. Morgan included our website in his column, www.thinknewmexico.org, and I would urge your readers to visit it and evaluate Think New Mexico for themselves based on our record.

*Fred Nathan
Executive director
Think New Mexico*

Open House

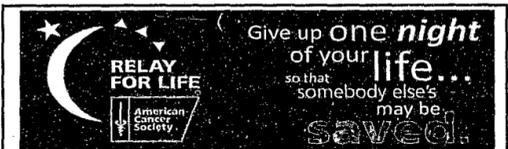
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BUSINESS

Downs tax increases next week

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The cost of making some purchases and obtaining certain services in Ruidoso Downs will go higher next week.

The city's gross receipts tax will increase by one-half of one percent, to 7.625 percent on July 1.

City councilors enacted the environmental services gross receipts tax earlier this year to help finance increased sewage collection and treatment costs.

The additional tax was estimated by city officials to generate about \$200,000 in new revenues annually.

"The initial and primary purpose will be for the additional costs to operate our new wastewater treatment plant," Ruidoso Downs Public Works Director Cleatus Richards

told city councilors in March during a public hearing. "Utilities, particularly electric, will practically double over the next year. Chemicals will be another item. It's a much more sophisticated plant, a much larger plant. Lab expenses are also going to increase."

Revenues from the municipal environmental services gross receipts tax must be used for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of solid waste facilities, water facilities, wastewater facilities, sewer system and related items.

A memorandum estimated the new sewage treatment plant would take what had been \$384,000 in utility charges to \$768,000. Chemical costs were expected to rise from \$60,000 to \$200,000 a year. Lab

Area gross receipts tax rates effective July 1.

Capitan	7.0000 percent
Carrizozo	7.1875
Corona	7.1250
Ruidoso	8.6250
Ruidoso Downs	7.6250 *
Rest of Lincoln Co.	5.6875
Alamogordo	7.4375
Roswell	7.1250

* New rate

expenses were predicted to double to \$70,000 annually. Equipment maintenance costs would also double to \$120,000. Replacing membrane filters would be a new \$20,000 a year expense. The total increased costs were put at \$639,000, according to the memo.

With Ruidoso Downs assessed 15 percent of the operating costs of the plant that is co-owned with the

Village of Ruidoso, the city's anticipated share was put at \$96,000 annually.

Additional tax revenues beyond the \$96,000 estimate would help finance improvements to the main sewer line that runs from Ruidoso to the plant east of Ruidoso Downs.

Sections of the main were damaged during the July 2008 Hurricane Dolly Flood along the corridor of

the Rio Ruidoso.

Water infiltration into the main has also been an issue for many years. Richards said the elimination of infiltration into the sewer main is essential for proper operation of the new plant.

The city is also under a mandate from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to expand sewer lines to get more neighborhoods in Ruidoso Downs off septic systems and onto the sewage collection system.

About one out of every six taxing jurisdictions in New Mexico have gross receipts tax rates higher than the 7.625 percent set to take effect in Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso, which bumped its sales tax rate at the beginning of 2010 to help fund the new \$36 million wastewater treatment plant, has an overall tax

rate of 8.625 percent.

Around New Mexico, gross receipts tax rates range from 5.5 percent in unincorporated parts of Lea County to 8.6875 at Taos Ski Valley.

The state takes the largest share of the tax, accounting for 5.125 percent. Counties and municipalities can also impose limited percentages.

The gross receipts tax is levied on sales and services. In New Mexico, the tax does not apply to prescription drugs and many food items purchased at grocery stores.

Before the start of each school year, the state offers a gross receipts tax holiday, where school supplies, some clothing and computer equipment purchases are exempt from the tax. The no-tax weekend will be Aug. 5-7.

SANCTUARY ON THE RIVER CUTS THE RIBBON



PHOTO COURTESY THE RUIDOSO VALLEY GREETERS

Debble Haines-Nix and the staff of Sanctuary on the River cut the Ruidoso Valley Greeters official ribbon during a ceremony Thursday, June 16. Because of the on-going replacement of the Eagle Drive Bridge, the ribbon cutting ceremony also included a block party, co-sponsored by the West Winds Lodge and Ruidoso River Resort. These are the businesses located on Eagle Drive, north of the bridge construction, necessitating a detour to reach the business.

Another drop in unemployment

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For a fourth-straight month the unemployment rate in Lincoln County took a sizable tumble. But state labor officials caution against reading too much into the decline because many have given up looking for jobs.

"We know that is true statewide," said Mark Boyd, a labor economist with the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

In recent months the statewide decrease in unemployment far exceeded the increase in employment, reducing the civilian labor pool by more than one percent.

"It's hard to say in Lincoln County because we can't get to that level of detail," Boyd said. "But it would follow logic that people are taking early retirement, they're going back to school, just things like that because a lot of people are of the belief that whatever field they're in, there's just not enough jobs to be had. That may not be the case locally but statewide it is certainly the case."

With May's seasonally unadjusted jobless rate at 4.5 percent in Lincoln County, 495 of the 10,980-strong labor force were considered unemployed. In April, 568 people were out of work, resulting in a 5.3 percent unemployment

rate. The March rate had been 6 percent, after February had been 7.4 percent.

Across New Mexico, the past 12 months have seen some industries with job growth. Education and health services had a gain of 4,200 jobs or 3.5 percent. Retail trade also posted a year-over-year increase of 3.5 percent, adding 3,100 jobs. The leisure and hospitality industry had the third-strongest growth. It expanded by 1,500 jobs, or 1.8 percent. Boyd noted retail trade and leisure/hospitality are a large part of the Ruidoso area's economy.

"It would seem you're in the right place at the right time," Boyd said. "Those are the industries that are leading the way in growth. Business services is the opposite. That is losing jobs in the thousands."

He said the area's tourism economy may hum this summer.

"Gas prices are up, but they're not terribly high. They could be worse," Boyd said. "I think people are taking vacations, some maybe mini-vacations. And it would seem the mix of industries you've got locally is a good one."

Across the Land of Enchantment, the seasonally adjustment unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in May, down from 7.6 percent in April. The national rate recently increased to 9.1 percent.

Festival cancelled

The kickoff of the Ski Apache Summer Festival, scheduled for Saturday, June 25, has been cancelled. The extended weekend activities at Ski Apache were put on hold because of the closure of the Lincoln National Forest due to the extreme fire danger.

The Inn of the Mountain Gods will, however, again provide their free Independence Day weekend fire-

works display at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. A live band will perform on Friday, July 1, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. The fireworks begin at dusk.

Carpooling is highly recommended. Shuttle service will be available from the Gateway Church of Christ/Wells Fargo Bank location in Ruidoso. Another shuttle will ferry riders from the Casino Apache Travel Center.

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'Zozo seeks chief, again

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Carrizozo will have to begin the search for a chief of police again.

Alaskan officer Ron Bishop called Thursday to apologize for the delay and to decline the position.

Bishop claimed problems with housing and concerns about the pay during his call to Mayor Dennis Vega.

"It's been a pretty rough ride, but things will work out," Vega said.

Vega, who was sworn in as mayor June 13, had pushed for hiring police officers to replace the two full-time and one part-time officers Carrizozo had until January.

Former Mayor Mike Petty resigned June 10 at the beginning of a meeting Vega requested to discuss hiring police officers.

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."

Vega said there are three new applicants for the position.

"We're going to take some time and look over them... to be sure we find the right person," Vega said.

"If this one doesn't work out, can we go to another state," someone in the audience asked during the June 13 council meeting discussion about Bishop.

One applicant is from Albuquerque and the other two are from Oklahoma.

Police vs. food

FROM REPORTS

Smokey B's Grill at Casino Apache Travel Center will officially introduce a new signature dish, a one-of-a-kind, six-pound Apache Taco by inviting local law enforcement agencies to test their eating skills for charity.

Tuesday, June 28, representatives from the Tularosa, Mescalero, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Police Departments will challenge each other to see who can eat and finish the entire jumbo size "Smokey B's Apache Taco" consisting of a two-pound fry bread and filled with two pounds of taco meat, one pound of pinto beans, and all the fixings including red chili sauce, shredded cheese and lettuce, diced tomatoes, sour cream and guacamole. The participants will have one hour to finish the meal, on their own without any help or becoming ill. The winner will receive \$500 to be given to their charity of choice.

Officer Jon Lund will represent the Ruidoso Police Department and plans to donate the money to Ruidoso VFW Post 12071, if he wins.

Officer Darrell Chavez will be representing the Ruidoso Downs Police Department and, if he

wins, he will donate the money to Ruidoso Downs city employee Annette Wallace. Wallace's home burned during the Swallow Fire, destroying everything except her car and the clothes she was wearing.

The challengers chow down for the "Smokey B's Apache Taco Challenge" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Smokey B's Grill inside Casino Apache Travel Center.

In an effort to create a unique twist on the traditional Native American favorite (Fry bread has a significant role in Native American cultures and is often served both at home and at gatherings), Smokey B's Chef Ricky Bryant has recreated this culinary delight for guests to enjoy and challenge themselves for a chance to have their name placed on the "Wall of Fame" inside the restaurant.

The Smokey B's Apache Taco will be introduced as a daily special menu item for \$20.99. In order to have your name placed on the "Wall of Fame," the entire meal must be consumed in one hour without assistance. The one-hour time limit begins with the first bite.

Complete the challenge and the Inn of the Mountain Gods will pay for the meal.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

June 12

8:27 p.m. - Cpl. Aaron Frost reported observing Travis Horst, 26, driving eastward on Sudderth. Because of a previous contact, Frost said he was aware that Horst's license was suspended.

Frost arrested Horst and allegedly found a black foil packet in Horst's pocket. Frost reported Horst produced a glass pipe and said the material in the packet was organic. Frost reported finding another glass pipe in the vehicle.

Frost arrested Horst on charges of driving on a suspended or revoked license and cited him for possession of drug paraphernalia.

8:42 p.m. - Cpl. Lawrence Chavez responded to Family Dollar Store at 132 Sudderth Drive for a report of shoplifting.

Chavez reports three individuals entered the store, picked out their items, the clerk rang them up and they presented a credit card that was declined.

The clerk reportedly said one of them asked

about using her mother's card, they then grabbed the bags and ran from the store.

June 13

5:30 p.m. - Cpl. Frost responded to the Police Department for a report of a domestic violence incident that reportedly occurred June 6.

Frost reported the victim had a bruise on her arm consistent with her story that Marcus Barnes, 31, had punched her.

Frost located and arrested Barnes on a charge of battery on a household member.

Barnes reportedly posted bond and was released.

9:06 p.m. - Officer Tillman Freeman responded to the 100 block of White Mountain Meadows for a report of a larceny.

Freeman reported the victim said her boyfriend had been removing items from her home without permission. She provided a list of more than 50 items that were allegedly taken.

- From police reports

RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

June 2

7:53 a.m. - A city worker reported graffiti in All American Park.

June 4

9:38 a.m. - Officer Darrell Chavez took a report of graffiti on a commercial building on Harris Lane.

3:18 p.m. - Officer Martin Valenzuela responded to the 100 block of Sierra Lane for a report of larceny.

Valenzuela reported a stereo stolen from an

unlocked vehicle during the night.

June 5

7:32 p.m. - Valenzuela took a report at the Police Department from a victim of injury or tampering with a vehicle.

The victim reportedly told Valenzuela her Dodge Power Wagon was parked across from Champion Run and someone had thrown a rock, hitting the vehicle and making a softball sized crack in the windshield.

- From police reports

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Village PD has new sergeant

Manager's report includes bump in employee insurance

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Mike Weaver is the new sergeant at the Ruidoso Police Department and will head the midnight shift.

Chief Joe Magill said he is looking for a corporal to replace him. Eleven officers are eligible to test for the position.

Business at the department was brisk during the month of May, Village Manager Debi Lee wrote in the first of her two manager reports in June to village councilors.

Officers wrote 408 citations and arrested 65 people, answering 1,132 calls for service. In May of 2010, 533 citations were written with 55 arrests and 1,123 calls for service.

Lee said village employees would be hit next fiscal year with a 15 percent increase in their insurance

premiums. One hundred sixty-nine employees pay a portion of the premium for health and dental coverage and 62 subscribe to the supplemental life insurance, she said.

An assessment center to fill the position of head librarian is set for Monday and the Human Resources director is scheduling the candidates to participate. Eight are being considered.

Staff with the Forestry Department was busy this month keeping up with the increase in activity associated with 400 letters sent to landowners in the current implementation area reminding them that their due date for certification is July 1. The current area is north of Cedar Creek Road and west of Mechem Drive.

The Department also is beginning to receive many responses and requests for appointments for the 2011-

2012 implementation area. More than 800 letters were mailed informing residents there that they have 14 months to comply. The new area is around Sunny Slope, north of White Mountain Drive and all the way east of Hull Road.

In other village information from the manager:

- 26 new business registrations were processed during May and 12 business registrations were processed for termination.

- Christian Hurst was hire for the village fire department. He's been a volunteer with the department for 2 1/2 years and has completed most of the required training.

- Village staff is looking at map for the placement of two new emergency sirens, one located in the Ponderosa Heights area and the other in the Camelot area. The sirens should arrive in July.

BUILD

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tion, including two new employees, vehicles and office expenses - all covered by generated fees. His current Planning Department budget of \$137,000 would go back into the county's General Fund. The county then would be ready for the possible development of windfarms in the northeast because each concrete pad must be permitted and inspected.

"We now have the village of Ruidoso trying to increase its revenues by charging fees countywide," Temple wrote in a summary for the commission. "These fees would be paid to the village by county residents. The county now has the ability to collect those fees for permitting and inspection and this is a service we could offer our residents."

He contended lax enforcement of building regulation by the village "has plagued the county for years." The village collected permit fees in a three-mile "plating and planning" zone around Ruidoso. "But while the village accepts a large amount of fees from county resident for permitting, it will not enforce the building code outside the village limits," Temple said. "This creates a false sense of security for county residents, believing that the village will enforce their building regulations," he said.

State building inspectors are spread thin and sometimes it takes days or weeks to bring one to a construction site, he said.

"The county could offer our residents next-day service for permitting and inspections, along with web-based permitting making it easier for county residents to obtain building permits," Temple said. "As it stands now, residents who are not in the three-mile zone of the village must go to Las Cruces or Santa Fe to submit plans for construction permits."

The result is that many homes and other structures are built without permits, which could create a public health, safety and welfare issue, he said.

The county previously wasn't interested because, before passage of legislation last year, an inspector could handle only one trade and had to stay within his jurisdiction.

"Now they can cross train so one can do all three and can cross political subdivisions," Temple explained to commission-

ers. "This would be permitting for building, not zon-

Village caught off guard

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Ruidoso Village Manager Debi Lee said Wednesday she had no idea that Lincoln County was considering issuing building permits and handling construction inspections.

"It's a sad situation when you can't be partners and work together," she said. "It's not cost effective to have different inspectors out there. Portales and Clovis were considered a perfect model for working together and their effort took pressure off the state (Construction Industries Division)."

Lee previously was Portales city manager. On the next Ruidoso Village Council agenda July 28, an agreement will be considered to provide permitting and inspection services to the village of Capitan, she said. Ruidoso has jurisdiction in a three-mile "plating and planning" district around its borders, as does Capitan. Ruidoso's three miles ends at the bottom of Angus Hill.

If the Ruidoso council and the Capital Board of Trustees approve the agreement, the village intends to handle construction projects within both municipalities and both three-mile zones, Lee said. The jurisdiction for the zones is granted by state statute, she added.

ing," he emphasized. "We'd take over at the boundary of municipalities and handle any unincorporated portion of the county, including the (one-mile) extraterritorial zone (around Ruidoso)."

Opting for a contract service instead of an employee, Doth said, "There's a plethora of skilled craftsmen right now without work. Finding one will not be hard and certification shouldn't be much if they already are licensed."

Doth said there are other areas of the county's operation he thinks should be contract services, such as the Geographical Information System.

"If we go down this road, we need to be very careful we don't end up with zoning and rules like Ruidoso," Doth said. "I know timely inspections are important. Delays cost money. I think the overall plan is good, but how we proceed is open to discussion."

The town of Carrizozo might be interested in using the county inspector, and Temple said he's received many complaints about an unlicensed builder working in the Arabela area on the east side of the county.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said people have a responsibility to check out a contractor if they are building a home.

"We're looking at 2012?" Sedillo asked about the possible implementation date.

"I'm all for this," Commissioner Kathryn Minter said. "A house fell down in my district because the foundation was done wrong. Will what we are able to pay be enough to

find a person with all three certifications (electrical, building and mechanical/plumbing)?"

Temple said he was confident several might apply.

"Before the state held it so tight, they would not let inspectors become cross certified or cross boundary lines, except for their own. Now they also accept the national certification, not just the state test."

Minter said she'd want assurance of breaking even, but beyond that she didn't care if excess revenue was generated. She said the town of Capitan also might opt for county inspections. The village of Ruidoso last month proposed taking over that responsibility in Capitan because many builders had complained about the slow state response and resulting costly delays.

Commissioner Tom Battin asked about the county's liability for an improper inspection.

"It depends on whether the person is on contract or an employee," County Attorney Alan Morel said. "It depends on how we set this up. If you adopt the uniform building code and if an inspector botches an inspection, there are lawsuits still pending against municipalities."

County Assessor Paul Baca said the poor tracking of new construction hurts the county's taxable valuation. When his appraisers are out, they find many buildings that have not been permitted and therefore, the value of the property has not been increased. That just happened in the northern part of the county, he said, adding, "We only get four to eight a month from permits."



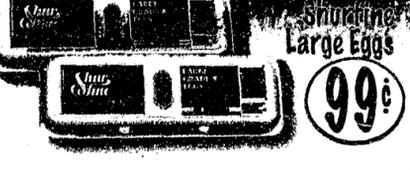
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their own actions, they have proven that their only interest is their own financial gain."

Warner Gaming was initially hired in February 2009 to be a consultant to the tribe's gaming and hospitality businesses.

In January 2010 the tribe entered into a management agreement with Warner Gaming-Inn of the Mountain Gods. It granted Warner exclusive management and operational duties and to maintain the facilities consistent with 4-star/4-diamond hospitality standards.

In pressing for the removal of Scott Eldredge, the other petition charged he has actively participated in a conspiracy by mischievously terminating many team members, including "qualified, experienced, eligible and/or educated tribal members, and has replaced them with non-tribal members."

The petition claimed Eldredge has discriminated, harassed and intimidated tribal members, creating a hostile work place.

Asking enrolled tribal members 18 and older to sign the petitions, Berthany Torres said the real goal is to better the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

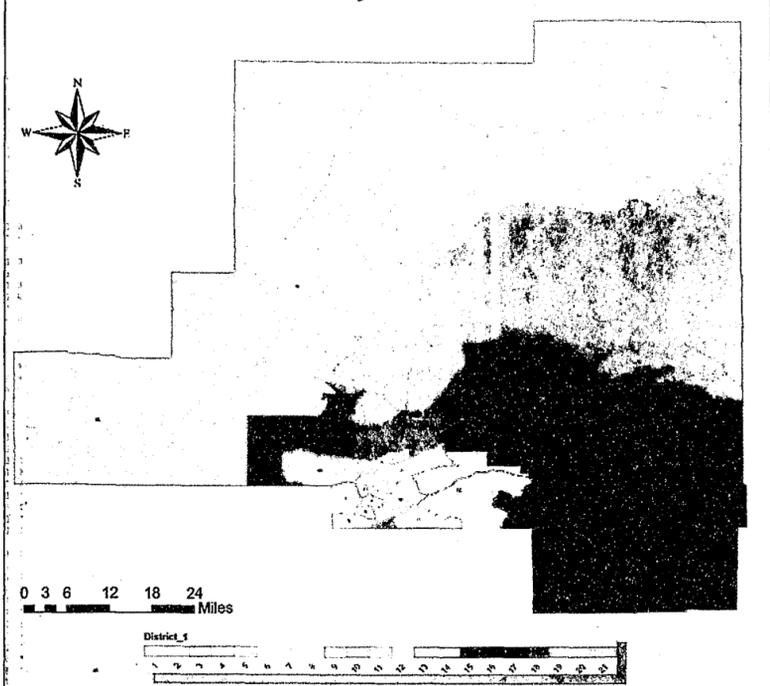
"We're trying to influence the council to act on behalf of the people,"

Torres said. "With the number of terminations, people are disgusted with the way the Inn is running. I'm working to help tribal members speak out on what they want."

Torres said she hoped the tribal council would consider the petitions at their June 28 meeting.

Tribal President Mark Chino, who is also the chairman of the Inn of the Mountain God's management board, called the petition effort "very interesting," but added he could not comment without the benefit of input from tribal council members. Chino said the council must first examine and evaluate petitions of any sort before he could comment.

Lincoln County Precincts 2011



County draws new precinct boundaries

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After redistricting of political boundaries is finished in late fall, most Lincoln County voters will receive new voter registration cards.

Between the increase in the number of precincts from 19 to 21, redrawing of precincts and county commission lines and the possibility of voter centers being used in the next general election instead of individual polling places, odds are something will change for the more than 13,000 registered voters.

Tuesday, County Clerk Rhonda Burrows received county commission approval of the new precincts delineated on a color map tacked to the chamber wall.

"The precincts are the building blocks for districts," she said. Each of the five county commission districts should have a population of about 4,099 people, plus or minus 5 percent.

"We did numerous small boundary adjustments for all of the precincts," she said Wednesday by telephone during a break in sessions at the New Mexico Association of Counties meeting in Roswell. "Eagle Creek Road used to be a boundary that separated two precincts and we tried

to remedy that because it split a community of interest. That's a big term in redistricting and you don't split a community of interest."

All alpha numeric precinct numbering was eliminated in line with a change in state law, which accounted for the increase in precincts from 19 to 21, she said. In the last redistricting the "A" and "B" designations were used to avoid forming lines that would have removed a commissioner from his district.

Precinct 4 in Alto grew enough to split into Precinct 4 and Precinct 20, she said.

In Ruidoso, three precincts were renumbered and redesigned.

At the Tuesday commission meeting, Burrows said the Secretary of State requested the county clerks in the state to send in their approved precincts for the redistricting process for county commissions, legislative and congressional elections to begin in earnest.

After receiving the 2010 Census data, she reconsidered a proposal to split Precinct 3 to add population to another precinct, because it would have created a precinct with only 45 residents. And she learned that Precinct 11, in Com-

mission District 5 represented by Jackie Powell, has the highest population with more than 3,000 residents.

In redistricting for the commission, she thought it would be beneficial to split Precinct 11, but she had a difficult time finding a device to use, because there were no roads or ridgelines that ran the right way. She finally discovered a U.S. Forest Service road that runs into Second Street in Ruidoso Downs.

"The Secretary of State will review the approved map for impediments and if you approve it today, these will be our precincts for the next 10 years unless the state hits a substantial impediment not anticipated here," such a disruption of minority voting rights, she said.

Commissioner Kathryn Minter asked Burrows if she had looked at possible commission redistricting and the clerk said she and her deputy clerk did a review and thought there may be a problem in District 5, because of its limited precincts.

By mid-September, redistricting based on changes in population reflected in the national census should be finished, Burrows said.

Bikes, "a good bet" for village

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If village businesses and promotional organizations don't get behind a push to enhance biking opportunities and events in Ruidoso, they're "missing a good bet," says the town's mayor.

At the village council meeting earlier this month, Ray Alborn said he and Village Manager Debi Lee attended a meeting of Cycle Ruidoso and the Ruidoso Trails Coalition working with the International Mountain Biking Association on development of biking trails. The two officials were told that the median income for people participating in biking events is \$75,000 and they usually spend three to four days eating at local restaurants and staying in commercial lodging, although many also camp.

"And it's a clean sport, eco-friendly," Alborn said. "Fifty million people over

the age of 16 ride for leisure or competition."

Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department Director Debbie Jo Almager received a \$112,000 grant to construct bike trails, and members of EcoServants will work on those trails, he said. Others involved in the local effort are Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation Board President Gene Heathman, Ruidoso Bike Shop and Outdoor Adventure Store owner Cody Thurston and George Douds with the U.S. Forest Service.

"I keep hearing we need to do things to promote tourism and here's one, and we need to get off our duffs and do something," Alborn said.

Later in the meeting, Heathman told village councilors that expansion of recreational trails is proceeding with the continued emphasis on economic diversity and multiple uses of outdoor trails. Thou-

sands of new visitors will be attracted to Ruidoso and the national forest around it when the trails are completed at "little or no cost to the community," he said.

"Other mountain communities in New Mexico and Colorado are adding millions to their gross receipts with little local investment because it is an existing resource," he said during an interview Thursday. "It's not like the film commission where you have to subsidize with tax breaks. This is low investment with a high return."

The grant received by the recreation department will move phase one of the IMBA trail design off the ground, Heathman said.

"It will cover about half of phase one, but we still need to raise some more money," he said. That first phase concentrates on trails in the Grindstone Reservoir area, around the lake and up the mesa, he said.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

Tips for a healthy summer

ANGELA FERNANDEZ
for the Ruidoso News

Summertime is here. Along with the wonderful sunshine and longer sunlit days, we can often find ourselves bored, hungry, thirsty and hot. Here are a few ideas to help you enjoy the summer:

- Eat plenty of fresh fruits and veggies – Keep your refrigerator stocked this summer by loading up on the fruits and vegetables.

Snacking on fresh fruits and vegetables will help keep your body cool as outside temperatures rise. The

human body will digest plant based foods quicker than any other type of food, so these items are good for the calorie counter as well as for those seeking the extra nutritional benefit.

- Get out in the sun – It is suggested that humans receive at least fifteen to thirty minutes of unprotected (no sunscreen) exposure from the sun two to four times a week to optimize your body's ability to produce vitamin D.

Vitamin D plays a major role in healthy teeth and strong bones and is also vital for good heart and nerve health. Vitamin D is

also great for boosting the immune system and energy levels.

- Be wise when choosing sunscreen – not all sunscreens are created equal.

Many sunscreens use chemicals that may be toxic or hazardous to the human body. Try using plant based sunscreens or educate your family on what chemicals to stay away from. A great source of information on what to avoid is www.healthytidbitsforkids.com

- Get some outdoor action – Our forests may be closed due to dry conditions, but don't let that stop you from enjoying the great out-

doors.

We have a disc golf course and several parks to enjoy in our area. You could also take the family to see a baseball or softball game. Check with the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs Parks and Recreation departments for other alternatives.

- Learn something new – visit the public library for some great books, or you can visit one of our local museums for a little Lincoln County History.

Ruidoso is also known for its talented artists. Expose yourself to some culture.

- Hang your clothes out

to dry – by using the natural rays of the sun to assist on laundry day, you can save energy.

This may take a little extra effort, but it can be considered exercise and it gives you a few extra minutes in the sun.

- Stay hydrated – Make sure to drink plenty of fluids this summer, but minimize your sugary drink intake.

Water is of course the best, but if you enjoy a little flavor in your beverages, you could try adding a few slices of cucumber, or even a squeeze of lemon, lime or orange to spruce up the

taste.

Consuming lots of fresh juicy fruits will also help keep you hydrated. My favorite summertime fruit is watermelon. Watermelon is ninety-seven percent water, and contains less sugar per serving than an apple.

Summertime is a great time for food, fun, family and friends. Take advantage of all the good things life has to offer and enjoy summer the healthy way. – Angela Fernandez, veggie.gurl09@gmail.com, – Lincoln County Community health Council Member.

NMSU cancer awareness initiative introduces Inflatable Colon

JAY RODMAN
for the Ruidoso News

It may bring back memories, in those old enough to remember it, of the 1966 sci-fi film "Fantastic Voyage," where miniaturized humans in a shrunken submarine explore the interior of a human body. You won't need special equipment, though, to explore the inner recesses of the Inflatable Colon, now appearing at health fairs and other events around southern New Mexico.

The visual aid for pro-

moting colon health was introduced to the region recently by New Mexico State University health educators staffing the Colorectal Cancer Awareness information booth at the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafters Market.

"This is actually the first time we're using this educational tool to inform the community members about the importance of screening to detect colon cancer at an early stage or before it develops," said Janeth Sanchez, the community health educator for the project. "Past research

shows that visual aids can help individuals make positive changes in their health behaviors, such as getting screened, eating healthier and exercising."

The Inflatable Colon was acquired through funding from the National Cancer Institute's National Outreach Network, according to Sanchez.

She said the overarching purpose of that grant, which also created her NMSU position, is to address cancer health disparities in the region.

The funds also support

the establishment of a network for educational outreach activities, particularly in underserved communities.

The Inflatable Colon is nearly eight feet tall. It is essentially a tunnel, open at both ends, with interior walls representing polyps, various stages of colorectal cancer and Crohn's disease, as well as normal colon tissue. Bilingual signs affixed to the interior walls label the three-dimensional features in this very large intestine.

At the farmers market, the colon had been set up

on the main thoroughfare near tents featuring freshly baked bread and framed artwork. It was hard to miss, and a steady flow of people wandered through. In addition to Sanchez, NMSU educational specialist Vanessa Martinez was on site to explain the risks of colon cancer and the need for screening after age 50. Janeth's sister Jenny Sanchez was also there as a volunteer, handing out literature and encouraging people to fill out a survey.

While it may not be as fun as inflatable play-

ground equipment that youngsters can jump on, slide down and bounce off, the Inflatable Colon does attract kids as well as adults. "We hope to basically encourage individuals to get screened at an early age and we have actually had interest from the young ones," Sanchez said. "They've come by and gotten information. So we encourage them to educate either their parents or their grandparents, since they're at a screening age."

The team was pleased with the results of their heightened visibility.

Shelter News

HUMANE SOCIETY
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We are overwhelmed with 80 cats and kittens. We have some real cuties of both.

Congratulations to Holly West, who has been named

Volunteer of the Year by the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce for her work with animals. Holly comes from a family of animal lovers.

We are still collecting recipes for our fund-raiser cookbook. If you have a

recipe that you would like to share with us, please send it to recipes@ruidoso.net.

We need volunteers at our shelter, spay and neuter clinic and our Resale Shop. We have a great group of volunteers who give freely of their time; however, there are times when there's more work than they can handle. Anyone wishing to volunteer at either the shelter or spay and neuter clinic should call (575) 257-9841 and talk to either Emily or Trish.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Resale Shop should call Wanda at



Duke

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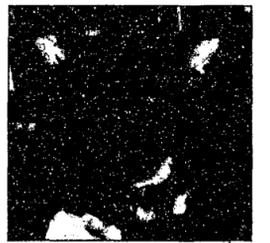
A few weeks ago, we found a litter of seven adorable shepherd puppies who were about 3 weeks old. They have been in foster care but are now ready for adoption. These guys are so cute. Pictures below from left to right are Bear,



Bear

Abby and Duke. They will be at the Wilderness Camp at Wingfield Park this Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

Ms. Julia Cano's negative characterization of the Humane Society of Lincoln County in the News is regrettable. It would have been preferable to have Ms. Cano gain a better understanding of the work of our Humane Society before throwing out untruths.



Abby

Her reference to our "no kittens" policy is totally false: at present, we have 80 cats and kittens - mostly kittens, and our capacity at the shelter is for 50.

We have a grant to spay and neuter feral cats and release them because we have no place to put them. If Ms. Cano wishes to learn the truth about our Humane Society operations, she is welcome to contact the shelter at 257-9841.

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Tomatillos

Tomatillos, a relative of the tomato family, provide that tart flavor in a host of Mexican green sauces. In Mexico the fruit is called tomates verdes, tomates de cascara as well as fresadillas. The fruits average about 1-2 inches wide and have a papery outer skin. The tomatillo is actually used while it is still green. Tomatillos are available at Lawrence Brothers I.G.A. as well as at most Mexican markets. Select unblemished fruit that completely fill their outside skin. You can store tomatillos in the refrigerator for about three weeks.

Salsa De Tomatillo Con Aguacate

This versatile sauce is served with some classic veracruzian antojitos (appetizers, snacks). It also goes well with grilled meats, chicken and fish. Since discovering it, I've taken to using it like a lighter, spicier, guacamole. The chunky textured original was made with a Mexican stone mortar and pestle. If using a food processor or blender, adjust the texture to your liking. It's good chunky but I've also come to enjoy it pureed very smooth.

Ingredients:

- 2 garlic cloves, cut in chunks
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt (to taste)
- 1 small white onion, coarsely chopped
- 2-3 Serrano chili peppers, stems removed, cut into chunks
- 1/2 lb tomatillo, cut into quarters (6 - 8 average-sized tomatillos)
- 1/4-1/2 cup cilantro
- 1 avocado, ripe

Preparation

1. In a food processor or blender, process the garlic and salt to a paste.
2. Scrape down the sides if necessary with a rubber spatula; add the onion, chiles, tomatillos, and cilantro.
3. Process with an on-off motion to make a slight chunky puree.
4. Scoop out the avocado flesh into the machine and process to the desired smoothness.
5. Serve within 1 hour (or preferably at once).



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Village continues to push grease-trap compliance

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Getting the grease out

After eight months of concentrated effort, multiple letters and site visits, less than 50 percent of the businesses with commercial kitchens in Ruidoso have complied with grease trap regulations.

Reporting to village councilors at their meeting earlier this month, Utilities Director Randy Camp said staff continues to meet with business owners on the issue that has become more important with each day that the new \$36-million regional wastewater treatment plant is in operation. The plant depends on hundreds of sensitive and expensive filters that can be clogged by grease, fats and oil arriving in the waste stream. Village staff wrestled with different approaches to bring into compliance all restaurants, churches,

Most names of businesses and other agencies on a list compiled by Ruidoso grease trap inspector Jodie Rue and Acting Planning Director Bob Decker were punctuated with a notation of noncompliance or the need for maintenance of their grease traps.

Decker was assigned to work with Rue and recently Building Official Shawn Fort was included in the enforcement efforts using his authority under the adopted statewide building code.

On the list of 85 businesses or entities that require grease traps, 32 show a "yes" for compliance, although a few didn't make the last timely inspection list.

The 32 businesses listed as in compliance were: Sacred Grounds, La Sierra, Mountain Annie's, Church of Christ, all of the area Allsup's, Quarters, LaGrone Funeral Chapel, Lincoln County Medical Center, Santino's, Cowboy Grill, Circle J Bar-B-Cue, Ruidoso football field, Sonic Drive-In, Mr. Burger, The Lodge at Sierra Blanca, Log Cabin Restaurant, McDonald's, Ruidoso Convention Center, El Camino Nuevo, Texas Club, Club Gas, Spruce Moose, Ruidoso Laser Carwash, Rickshaw, Ole Taco, 7 Mares, Zocca Coffee Shop, Community United Methodist Church Youth Warehouse, Subway and Daily Bread.

Source: Village of Ruidoso

schools and other entities with significant cooking activity.

"What do we need to get them into compliance?" Mayor Ray Alborn

asked.

Camp suggested moving ahead with an ordinance that would carry significant fines and even cutting off water service, as a final enforcement.

"It's been an environmental issue for years," Camp said. "I think (a tough ordinance) would make it happen."

Councilor Gloria Sayers said another strategy might include trying to educate businesses and homeowners as to why it's important to keep grease, oil and fats out of the waste stream. She suggested tours of the treatment plant for a start.

"We talk and talk," Councilor Jim Stoddard said. "Is there anything we can do for the businesses that already are in compliance, an incentive to recognize them. We have to be careful about chastising any publicly, but can't we do something for those who are in com-

pliance?"

Sayers said she previously suggested publishing the names of businesses that have complied.

Stoddard suggested some type of insignia that could be posted at a restaurant or church or other business noting they have complied.

Compliance in some cases may simply be the installation of a grease trap, in others, it may require enlarging an existing trap or adhering to a schedule of clean-outs.

Councilor Angel Shaw said art students could be asked to design the insignia, also making them aware of the need to keep those contaminants

out of the Rio Ruidoso. The federal Environmental Protective Agency repeatedly has criticized that type of contamination, Camp said, adding that he is working with a local representative of the state Health Department in trying to explain the need to business owners.

Councilor Denise Dean pointed out that the names of those in compliance are public record and she's tired of tiptoeing around trying to be diplomatic. "We started in January and this is June," she pointed out. At the next council meeting Tuesday, she wants an update from staff and wants to see significant progress, she said.

Museum exhibit to feature Mexican equestrian culture

RUIDOSO NEWS STAFF

An exhibition illustrating one of the richest ongoing traditions of Mexico through art objects and costume is set for The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs.

"Arte en la Charrería: The Artisanship of Mexican Equestrian Culture," opens at the Hubbard Museum with a special VIP and member reception on July 1 and will run the entire summer through Sept. 23.

The more than 240 spectacular objects in Arte en la Charrería, many dating from the late 1800's, offer a window through which to view the unique culture surrounding the charro, or Mexican cowboy. Leather work, costumes, textiles, silver and iron work, although crafted to serve a utilitarian purpose, merit consideration as art objects due to the exceptional

craftsmanship of the charrería artisan.

The culture of charrería is rooted in a nearly 500-year-old heritage dating back to the introduction of horses and cattle to the New World. During the 19th century, charros began to organize celebrations to showcase their skills and compete against one another. After the Mexican Revolution, in an effort to preserve the tradition, these competitions were formalized by charrería associations. Charrería thrives today as the national sport of Mexico.

The objects in the exhibition are part of a collection started in the 19th century by Gumaro González, a landowner in Nuevo Leon, Mexico; collecting charrería artifacts remains a González family passion. The family built upon the original collection and through their devotion has formed one of the most

complete collections of charro artifacts, and the most important collection of charro saddles in Mexico. The artifacts and costumes on display are more than simple vestiges of a nation's folk tradition; they are reminders of a rich heritage that continues to this day.

"Arte en la Charrería: The Artisanship of Mexican Equestrian Culture" and its international tour are organized by International Arts & Artists in collaboration with Luis González, Marisú González and Gabriel Cabello. International Arts & Artists is a Washington, DC-based non-profit arts service organization dedicated to increasing cross-cultural understanding and exposure to the arts internationally, through exhibitions, programs and services to artists, arts institutions and the public.

The Hubbard Museum of

the American West is located at 26301 U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens, military personnel, and youth. Visit www.hubbardmuseum.org, or call 575-378-4142 for information about other events, exhibits, and activities at the Museum. The Hubbard Museum of the American West is owned and operated by the City of Ruidoso Downs.

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Village mayor says he's in no hurry to fill Williams' seat

Alborn: A new village councilor could be chosen at a July 12 meeting

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Mayor Ray Alborn said he's in no hurry to name a replacement on the Ruidoso Village Council for the late Don Williams, who died of a heart attack on June 8.

The mayor said out of respect for Williams and his years of public service and for his family and wife, Misti, he would hold off

naming someone to fill Williams' seat on the council until the board's July 12 meeting.

"I'll have a name ready to submit to the rest of the council then," Alborn said recently. "I've already received the names of five people who want the position. My aim is to find someone with the best interests of Ruidoso at heart. I know a lot of people out there have that, but

they don't realize the time commitment, the little pay and the negative remarks that all go with the job."

Councilors are paid \$500 per month. Anyone interested in fulfilling the remainder of Williams' four-year term to the March 2012 municipal election should contact the mayor directly or leave a letter with pertinent information at Village

Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive, or call 238-4343.

During the council meeting recently, Alborn and others, several who had attended services in Roswell or visitation in Ruidoso, remembered Williams' dedication to the village and as a former county commissioner to Lincoln County, as well as his mentoring of new councilors.

"This is my first meeting that I

haven't had Don Williams come up and hug me and ask me how I'm doing," Councilor Angel Shaw said.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the community "owes that family a huge debt of gratitude." His wife, Misti, shouldn't go a day without someone calling or stopping by, he said, adding, "It's even a bigger calling to be that (elected official's) spouse."

Watershed restoration project includes high school property

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Several watershed restoration proposals are being considered in the Ruidoso area.

One of the projects, the Bog Springs Wetland Restoration initiative, would include school district property in front of Ruidoso High School. The project, presented by a water ecology firm to a Rio Ruidoso river restoration panel, would turn the corner and proceed down Gavilan Canyon toward the area of the Human Society of Lincoln County's animal shelter.

"The high school was put there because it's a very central area to the community," Steve

Vrooman, a wetland ecologist with the Silver City-based firm Stream Dynamics, told Ruidoso schools officials "It's right in the middle of everything. It's a beautiful spot."

But the campus also was built on a wetland that had

been fed by springs to the west.

"We think there is a fault that takes the water out right near the (Links at Sierra Blanca) golf course and creates a bog spring. It's a beautiful spring with lots of water, clean, pure water pouring out. As we all know, it runs down the side of the road right now."

Originally the water remained just below the surface where it did not evaporate very much, feeding lush, green grass.

"Now it's in the roadside ditch where it is evaporating," Vrooman said. "And it's not, sort of, in as healthy a condition. The potential exist for creating a beautiful site."

The running water led to the proposal to create a wetland on a part of the high school property.

"Why would we want to create a wetland here?" Vrooman questioned. "It's basically really green wetland grasses. It's squishy to your feet. A lot of animals there, but not a lot of

"So they're really the best natural way to purify water. They're great habitat for species. And a project here would be a great educational potential for the science and trades programs."

Steve Vrooman
Wetland ecologist

surface water or mosquitoes."

In a region like Ruidoso, where water largely comes from precipitation, Vrooman estimated only about 5 percent soaks into the ground.

"If you can lift that 1 percent, your stream gets almost twice as big. Wetlands are really important. Obviously we don't like to live next to them because they smell bad and they're squishy. So a lot of early settlers did things to drain these places to grow crops. So we've lost a lot of our wetlands."

Vrooman said wetlands have unique bacteria that break down pollutants.

"So they're really the best natural way to purify water. They're great habitat for species. And a project here would be a great educational potential for both the science and the trades programs. A lot of the

work I do is leading youth crews. I think kids get a lot out of working on the land. They love playing with mud and rocks, which are what I build with."

The wetland project would also harvest water from the schools' roofs and parking lots.

Vrooman estimated 500,000 to 1,000,000 gallons annually could be directed to help feed the wetland and stream. It also would provide flood protection by getting water away from the school buildings.

"What this would be is

that really green wetland grass, willows on the side, cottonwoods around that. It would be a beautiful amenity for the high school. And it would water itself."

Around the corner along Gavilan Canyon, some of the creek could become home to cutthroat trout. Beyond improved creek flows, pools could be cut deeper to improve the habitat.

"It's really great water. It's clean enough and it's cold enough. It's actually a beautiful spring."

Stream Dynamics has submitted a design bid of \$22,000 to the restoration committee.

The Rio Ruidoso Restoration Committee was established to improve the water quality and enhance the recreational aspects of the river. Creation of the committee was required as part of a 2006 settlement of an environmental lawsuit involving the Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs waste-

water treatment plant, said committee member Bob Decker, who is also a village employee.

"This group was formed for the purpose of looking at potential projects. We're not going to commit to planning it and designing it until we get your support," Decker told school officials.

The two municipalities are required to put \$1 million in river improvements in place using the committee recommending projects.

Vrooman said an assessment of the entire Rio Ruidoso watershed was done last year, including Carrizo Creek, Cedar Creek, Gavilan Canyon and Alto Reservoir.

"The assessment was to give the committee an overview of how the watershed is now. As we all know, there was enormous flooding in '08. Certain areas are very healthy and doing great. Other areas are still impaired and on their way towards healing."

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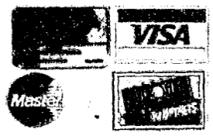
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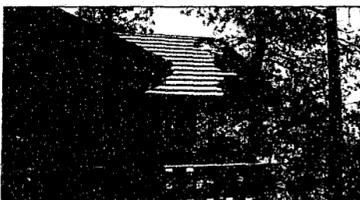
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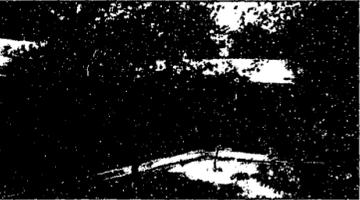
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On Sunday, June 26, the Ruidoso Osos will hold a charity golf scramble at 1 p.m. at The Links at Sierra Blanca. The cost is \$75 per person and you will golf with an Osos player. For info contact Eric Eggleston at 258-5330.

Petting Zoo and Archery

Saturday, June 25, the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will hold a petting zoo and archery competition starting at 9 a.m. For more info call 257-5030.

Wilderness Camp

Monday, June 27, the Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department will begin their annual Wilderness Camp starting at 9 a.m. and lasting until 5 p.m. The Camp will run Monday through Friday and last seven weeks. The cost is \$95 per week with lunch provided. Activities included are horseback riding, swimming, nature hikes, crafts and field trips. For more info call 257-5030.

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.

The Jacky Martin story

Seven-time All American Futurity-winning jockey recounts his career

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Quiet-spoken, respectful and deliberate — this American jockey of jockeys has been riding racehorses since 1973, and from all appearances, still has the "fire in his belly" to compete.

Jacky Martin has won the esteemed All American Futurity seven times — 1978, '82, '85, '88, '89, '91 and 2000 — and all were mounts trained by the legendary Jack Brooks.

Last year he lost the prestigious race by a matter of inches. This season he means to rectify that near miss.

"I keep racing because I love it," the veteran jockey said. "Especially when you get on a good horse. You feel a power between your legs that's almost indescribable."

"A lot of good riders never got the opportunity to ride in the All American Futurity let alone win it. One victory in that race is a dream come true."

Martin was born Oct. 17, 1954, in Mansfield, Ark., where his father was a concrete contractor.

"My brother eventually took over the business," Martin said. "If I hadn't become a jockey I would probably be in that business today."

He was 17-years-old when he obtained his jockey's license at Blue Ribbon Downs, Okla., in '73. From there he was off and running (riding) with no looking back.

"When I mounted my first racehorse it gave me a great feeling," Martin recalled. "From that moment on I knew what I



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Jacky Martin remains driven by setting high standards for himself.

The boys of summer

Charley hit another mammoth shot to the 400 ft mark in the power alley, his third triple of the day.

His mother was none too happy as I spoke to her. Charley, like so many children of divided families, is split between living in Texas with his dad and mother in Mesilla.

It was obvious he just got back from Texas. His swing was reinforced and fluid, the ball flying off the bat. It was obvious that his recent lessons with his hitting coach played a part.

His mom tells me that he is on the precipice of leaving the game forever, burnt out with his competitive Texas high school team and his psychotic coaches, obnoxious teammates, and the major league expectations that everyone has for him.

Her ex-husband calls her daily to see if he is hitting off the tee and practicing. She does not know what to tell her ex. How do

you tell him that his once, robotic little boy, that followed orders without question, that knew of his imminent future Major League stardom is now a 15-year-old, a burly man by physical standards alone, that has a mind of his own?

How do you tell dad that his son is out with a different girl dependent on the week, that the batting tee is covered with the blowing New Mexico sand, that all he wants to do is play ball, win or lose, with his friends he grew up with in Mesilla, to have fun and to just be a boy?

Jacque, the only French-Canadian in the league, is a star pitcher. His father, a former college player, was beside himself when the high school football coach approached him at the mall the other day and asked if his boy was doing his bench presses.

The father related to me that his son's shoulder never healed when as quarterback, he was sacked three years ago. He's

afraid he may get hurt and never play baseball again and he believes his son has a chance at college baseball.

"What's he want to do?" I asked.

"Football," the father replied, his eyes downcast.

Claire told me that her son, Jake, is finished playing baseball. He is giving back his uniform and he is not going to the World Series in Texas with the rest of the team.

I asked her what she did for a living. She told me that she was an engineer. Everything added up mathematically. In her world, two plus two equals four and how she sees it Jake is just wasting his time in baseball.

I knew another math genius, cynical about the ways of the world. Everything had to add up; pluses had to outweigh minuses. He busted a kid's dream of playing ball at thirteen when his cost/benefit analysis came out in the red, and at the age of eighty he sneered when his son told him he wanted to be a writer.

"Go ahead and write Hemingway. See how far you

get," the dying man said to his son.

Baseball is one of those few games when the math doesn't always add up. There are many "stars" walking around that now swing nine irons instead of bats. It is a game of inches that becomes the longest marathon you can ever imagine. It is built on repetitive, perfect swings, visualization, foul balls careening off your fingers and your nose, far away from the adoration of fans.

It is a game of attrition where on an annual basis; you watch former teammates for myriad reasons give up the "stupid" game.

Charley, Jacque and Jake are just three of the boys of summer that like, but do not love the game.

Baseball is the most demanding mistress. Scornful, domineering, her love for you held at a distance. She gives a taste, a lowly hit to keep you coming to her for more.

On a day when she is in a

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Hot Hayley's Halo races for third consecutive win

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Lathrop Hoffman's homebred Hayley's Halo races for her third-straight win and seventh win in eight starts as part of a Henry Dominguez-trained trio in the Zenyatta Overnight Stakes on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The five-and-one-half-

furlong Zenyatta runs as the fifth race on the 11-race program that starts at 1 p.m. There is always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs.

Hayley's Halo has worked her way to the top of the New Mexico filly and mare division with a stakes-winning spree over the past eight months.

The 4-year-old daughter

of Sea Of Secrets took the Chaves County Stakes and the Zia Distaff last fall at Zia Park and then moved on to Sunland Park to win the Czaria Stakes and finish third in the Harry Henson Stakes.

In her only start this summer at Ruidoso Downs, Hayley's Halo rallied from a stalking position to win the First Lady Handicap as the 1-2

favorite.

Hayley's Halo drew the second post position and Dominguez has named Joe Martinez to ride.

Dominguez also entered Twelve Twenty Two and Facil Catana in the Zenyatta.

Twelve Twenty Two, owned by Dominguez and

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Recent Ruidoso High School graduate, Jared Davis, tees off on No. 1 in Thursday's one day Sun Country Junior Tour at The Links. The event is one of four qualifiers for the state tourney.



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Roswell High School alumni, Griffen Kunko, keeps his head down on the No.1 tee.



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Senior Sam Bridgwater drives No. 1 with a wood.

I Play Dirty heads Mountain Top Thoroughbred Futurity

TY WYANT

Ruidoso Downs Race Track

The Todd Fincher-trained Copper Top Futurity winner I Play Dirty joins trial-winning stable-mate Scootonover in the \$136,426 Mountain Top New Mexico-Bred Thoroughbred Futurity on Sunday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

First post time for the 9-race program is 1 p.m. with the 5-furlong Mountain Top Futurity running as the eighth race. There is always free parking and free general admission at Ruidoso Downs.

Joe Dee Brooks' I Play Dirty, a \$1,200 Ruidoso Yearling Sale purchase, earned the bulk of his \$61,294 in earnings when

he won the Copper Top Futurity at Sunland Park on April 16.

The gelded son of Roll Hennessy Roll stalked the leaders and then gamely raced to the neck win.

I Play Dirty backed up that stakes win with an easy win in his Mountain Top Futurity trial. He went to the front soon after the start and steadily in-

creased his lead to win by more than four lengths.

Juan Ochoa was aboard for the trial win and rides with the inside post position in the Mountain Top Futurity.

Scootonover shoots for his third win from three starts in the Mountain Top Futurity.

He followed his maiden score at Sunland Park with

a neck victory in his Mountain Top Futurity trial. He showed his grit by prevailing by a neck when he was threatened in the stretch.

Dusty Shepherd rides Scootonover with the second post position.

My Homey could gain the favorite's role after a devastating 11-length win in his Mountain Top

Futurity trial.

The Papis Hermenegildo-trained gelding was the even-money favorite in that trial after finishing third to I Play Dirty as the 2-1 favorite in the Copper Top Futurity.

Jorge Martin Bourdieu has ridden My Homey in each of his four starts and retains the mount with the seventh post position.

JACKY

FROM PAGE 1B

wanted to do in life."

In 1976, he came to Ruidoso Downs Race Track and rode to his first All American Futurity win two years later aboard the Brooks-trained stud, Moon

Lark.

"Jack and Winona Brooks were like a second dad and mom to me," Martin recounted. "They're two of the best people I know and we had a long horse racing relationship."

The first time is usually something you never forget and people sometimes recall those moments in

quiet day-dream moments. Martin's first All American Futurity win falls in that category — but so does his '88 victory aboard Merganser.

"It was a head-to-head race in the beginning," Martin said. "But then two horses got by me by a half neck. I came back and won that race by a head."

Five and a half years ago Martin took a hiatus from horse racing but came back to the sport a year ago.

Besides coming in second in last year's All American Futurity, he's won the Rainbow Futurity (2010), the All American Derby (2010) and the Sunland Championship (Dec., 2010).

"I never dreamed the last year would be as good as it has been," Martin said. "Before I came back I told friends it would be with a vengeance."

Five years ago Martin married Tracey and a month ago the two relocated from Weatherford, Texas, to Ruidoso Downs where they bought a house by the racetrack.

"Maintaining my weight is a constant vigilance," the 5-foot seven-inch jockey said. "Tracey watches the foods I consume. She won't even let me eat cake."

Martin is still as focused



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Veteran jockey star, Jacky Martin, enjoys a round of golf at The Links on his off days.

and driven as he ever was.

"Your concentration may be more intense in big races like the All American Futurity," Martin explained. "But when you come right down to it, you

don't want to make a mistake in any race.

"You want that horse 'on his toes' as you enter the starting gate. As long as I feel I can meet the high standards I set for myself,

compete and not feel I'm second or third best, I'll continue on. When I feel otherwise I'll quit.

"And if I had the chance to do it all over again, I would. It's what I love."

BOYS

FROM PAGE 1B

good mood you may go 2 for 3.

Your ego repays her and you think you don't need to practice. You are off watching TV or with friends. She is jealous when you are not around shagging fly balls and hitting off the tee. She repays you with a 0-4 day or pun-

ishes you with an extended slump. You are perpetually in awe of her and afraid at the same time.

She can govern your mind with thoughts of grandiosity derived from last night's homer or she can make you wallow in self pity and lingering doubt with just three swings that resulted in a strikeout.

For those hapless souls that practice endlessly year in and year out, from

spring into fall, and in their barn when the first snow arrives, that forego other sports and practice and practice, she will never give you an affirmative yes or a definitive no.

For the people on the periphery they may see you as just the average kid that continued to slowly get better and better. More likely than not you will seemingly come out of nowhere when you sign that college baseball schol-

arship or make the pros.

For most, baseball is for the boys of summer; a game that is played in the dog days of August.

It is synonymous with wonder and a child-like propensity for fun.

Youthful memories of their first camping trip, swimming, their first baseball hit and their first kiss all get blurry as seemingly overnight they left their teens and fell into middle age.

RACES

FROM PAGE 1B

Kirk Robison, won the Harry Henson over Hayley's Halo for her

fourth-straight win.

The Kafwain daughter then took a trip to Churchill Downs and had a striking position in the Grade 1, \$300,000 Humana Distaff, however faded in the stretch.

Hoffman's Facil Catana was a tiring fourth behind Haley's Halo in the First Lady at 3-1 odds.

She deserved that support after winning an allowance race at SunRay Park by more than seven

lengths in her previous start.

Twelve Twenty Two drew the fifth post position with Larry Gamez up while Facil Catana has the third post position and Ricardo Jaime up.

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Special needs children can benefit from religious education

Q: My 13-year-old grandson is bipolar and suffers from ADHD. He receives medication and is not mainstreamed in regular school but attends an alternative program. He didn't attend Hebrew school, as he could not handle the requirements or structure of the program.

My grandson has always had social issues and has practically no friends except for some limited friendships within his class. He's always been interested in guns, police issues, and war movies, and lately has become enamored with Hitler. My son has tried to discuss this with him from the Jewish perspective, but my grandson has no interest in his Jewish history or culture.

We don't know the best way to handle this situation. My grandson's two younger siblings attend Hebrew school, but the

family is not active in the synagogue. Can you offer any advice? -- J., via god-squadquestion@aol.com



The God Squad
MARC GELLMAN

A: One of the best tests of the spiritual integrity of a church, synagogue, or mosque is the way they approach the religious education of children with special needs. Struggling with limited budgets and teaching staffs, it's understandable but deeply regrettable when religious education classes are geared only to students in mainstream classes with so-called normal abilities.

I would urge you and your children to talk to the rabbi and try to find a teacher who could spend time teaching your grandson, according to his ability to learn. In my synagogue, we hired one teacher to work with a special needs child when we had to do so to give that child a chance to know God and Judaism.

If your synagogue cannot do this, I'd encourage

you to find a private tutor to work with your grandson and with the religious school at the synagogue. This tutor would also need to work with your family to reinforce good moral and religious teachings by bringing your grandson to services and using his interests as teachable moments to help him raise his spiritual horizons.

There's an old Jewish legend that the reason God chose Moses was that when Moses was tending the flocks of his father-in-law, Jethro (a Midianite priest), Moses left the flock to save a single wayward goat. God supposedly remarked, "If Moses is so loving that he left the flock to save one animal, he will surely be the one to save all my people Israel from bondage in Egypt." Don't lose hope. Be like Moses and save your grandson for God.

Q: I'm Roman Catholic. I know Roman Catholics and Protestants can't participate in each other's communion. However, can members of the various Protestant denominations participate in each other's

communion? -- T., via a handwritten letter from Buffalo, NY

A: I love the questions people ask a rabbi! Your question concerns what's called in Christian theology, "closed communion."

You're correct that the Roman Catholic Church practices closed communion. However an exception can be made in cases where a Catholic is in dire need and unable to attend Mass in a Catholic Church, if "the person being unable to have recourse for the sacrament to a minister of his or her own Church or ecclesial Community, asks for the sacrament of his or her own initiative, manifests Catholic faith in the sacrament and is properly disposed." (Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism, 131)

That means, if the Catholic person attends a church that, though not Roman Catholic, is nevertheless in close communion with the Roman Catholic Church, they can receive communion there. This applies to the Eastern

Orthodox Church, Oriental Orthodoxy and the Assyrian Church of the East.

If, however, they're attending a church which does not accept the Catholic belief in the Real Presence -- namely that the wine and the host are fully and completely and not just symbolically transubstantiated into the body and blood of Christ -- then even in dire circumstances they cannot receive communion.

As for Protestant churches, some practice closed communion, including some Baptist churches, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Jehovah's Witnesses, some churches in the Reformed tradition, the Apostolic Christian Churches and the Church of God in Christ. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) practices open communion, provided the communicant is a baptized believer in the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharistic meal.

The main idea behind these theological disputes is the question raised in I Corinthians (10:16-17):

"The cup of blessing which we bless, it is not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread." The Eucharist is not a custom or a symbol but a foundational reality, and partaking in it requires proper religious disposition.

Since it would be highly unwise for you to take a rabbi's teaching on the Eucharist to the bank (I mean to church!), I'd advise you to contact the minister or elders of a church in advance to determine if you'll need catechetical instruction or some other preparation for communion. If you have any questions about matzo's, however, PLEASE don't hesitate to contact me!

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Don't give up on your friends finding Jesus

Q: I've tried to give some Bible verses to my friend, because he's kind of messed up and needs God. But every time I do this he just laughs and says the Bible is like any other book, and there's no reason to believe what it says. How can I prove to him that it is God's Word? -- J.N.

Bible says, "The word of God is.... Sharper than any double-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12).



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At the same time, the most important thing you can do is urge your friend to discover Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the four Gospels of the New Testament. He may have doubts about the Bible -- but has he ever honestly examined what it says about Jesus?

Jesus claimed to be the divine Son of God who came to earth to save us from our sins. Is His claim true? Urge your friend to investigate that question for himself.

The two most important questions any person will

ever answer are these: Who was Jesus Christ, and what difference should He make in my life? Make sure of your own response to those questions -- and then challenge your friend to face them, as well.

Most of all, pray for your friend, that he will realize his need for Christ and turn his life over to Him. When he does, the Bible will come alive for him -- and that will be his proof that it is indeed God's Word.

Send your queries to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, N.C., 28201; call 1-(877) 2-GRAHAM, or visit the Web site for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.

In trying times, we come together to help

Summer is in full swing, and the tourists and summer folks are coming into town. The town is full and so are the businesses. All these things hold promise of a prosperous summer for Ruidoso and Lincoln County. Gas prices are going down and people are able to have less expensive vacations.

As I think back over the month of May and look forward to July, I can't help but recognize the blessings of the holidays and special days of the summer... Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Fathers Day, My birthday, and July 4th. The racing sea-

son has begun and various activities are scheduled to present art, talent, music, all without fireworks. At least no planned fireworks.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of taking care with all the fire fodder that is lying around. The

Claryfications
BY CHARLES CLARY
RUIDOSO PASTOR

lack of moisture has increased the possibility of fire. I give thanks to God and the firefighters for sparing many homes from a holocaust. There were nine homes that burned down and there would have been more without their good work.

My heart grieves for the folks who live here and lost their homes and possessions in the fire. Some of these homes were summer homes and they experienced loss as well. Four families of our church were in danger from the fire, but they were spared.

I cannot give enough thanks to the pilots, drivers, and on-the-ground firefighters who did a tremendous job of contain-

ing the fire. Two firefighters had to be taken to the emergency room for smoke inhalation. Two of our church members, Wayne Wilkinson and Tom Stewart were at their homes and their neighbor's homes using water hoses to wet down their roofs and decks.

Some houses were given new paint jobs with the red fire retardant, but a few hours work with a pressure washer restored the original color.

Children had to be moved to a safe place from the Early Childhood Learning Center in the Downs and folks jumped in with both feet to take care of the children. Betty Beaver is a director of the Center and she packed her Jeep with kids and moved them out of harms way.

There were many others whose names I do not know that were doing their best to preserve life and property. We can be divided over many issues... economic, political, religion, and the like, but the best in us comes out when we come together to battle a common enemy. Hats off to Ruidosans and New Mexicans. We can forget our differences and work for the common good. Then we have help for today and hope for tomorrow.



Chilo Channe Rimple

1990-2011

Since his birth on August 17, 1990 a life well-lived leaves behind good memories. Chilo Channe Rimple was a good person and a great friend. He touched many of our lives. He lived to the fullest and traveled many places. Chilo leaves behind a mother, Cathy McAllister; a brother, Channon Rimple and a girlfriend, Missy Autrey and their dog "Nugget", and many friends. A gathering will be held Saturday, June 25, 2011 at the Carrizozo Golf Course Club House at 10:00 AM. The family has requested memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in place of flowers.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com



Sandy Chavez

1958-2011

Memorial service for Sandy Chavez, 53, of Carrizozo was held Thursday, June 23, at 2:00 PM at the Carrizozo Assembly of God Church. Mrs. Chavez passed away Saturday, June 18, in Socorro County, New Mexico. She was born February 5, 1958 at Overbrook, Kansas.

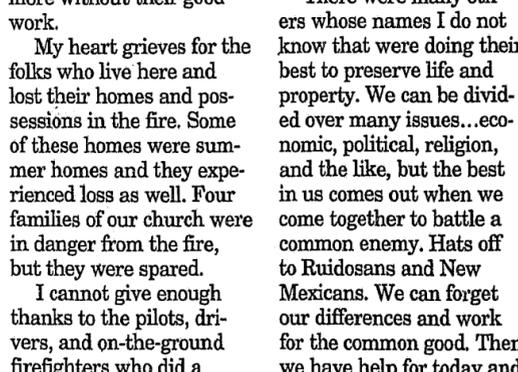
Mrs. Chavez had lived in Carrizozo for 36 years moving from Phoenix, Arizona. She was owner/operator of the Carrizozo Thrift and Flee Market and attended the Carrizozo Assembly of God Church. She married George Chavez on May 7, 2011 at Carrizozo.

She is survived by her husband George; two sons, Dave Vermilion Jr. and Jimmy Vermilion; her mother, Gloria Sizemore; two sisters, Glenda Frank and Nikki Liclyther and 9 grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

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Ruidoso resident continues journey

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Fifteen years ago, Sonya Loya, a glass artist who operated Hosanna's Glass in Midtown, launched a search for her personal legacy as a Sephardic Jew.

Today, she not only is recognized as a spokesperson for the movement, she has cleared the hurdles to be married in Israel during a special holiday.

A Sephardi Jew follows the customs and traditions of Jews who lived in the Iberian Peninsula, modern Spain and Portugal, before their expulsion in the late 15th century.

"We received permission from the rabbi who is the dean of Midrash Sephardi, in the Old City of Jerusalem, to do our Jewish wedding in the courtyard of the Sephardic center in the old city, on the Jewish holiday Tu b'av," said Loya, who is catching her breath in Ruidoso after a recent trip to Israel and speaking engagements in Colorado and Texas.

"This is a day of celebrations, dancing in the streets and a special day many Jews get married. This is a huge and an amazing miracle with the politics in Israel on who is a Jew and who isn't."

"In our attempts to bring unity and harmony within the different Jewish camps, we will have three rabbis from various sects of Judaism officiate and witness our wedding under the traditional Jewish chuppah."

Invited will be several other rabbis and Jews from Morocco, Israel, Poland, Spain, France, Syria, Italy, Turkey and even two from El Paso, and friends living in Israel from all over the United States. Some days I have to pinch myself to see if I am really living my life."

Finding her roots

After her first marriage ended, Loya arrived in Ruidoso in 1996 with her daughter and her glass talent in tow to be near her parents. She spent the next



Sonya Loya, local glassblower.

three years developing her business and searching for her family history. Raised Roman Catholic, Loya always felt something was missing.

In 1999, she attended a messianic conference where she learned of her possible Jewish heritage. Researching the Crypto Judao movement, which reaches out to families chased from Iberia during the Inquisition or forced to convert to Catholicism, she became convinced it was her family's story, too. She reflected that she never felt at ease with her religion and felt drawn to Judaism.

Discovery

Part of her discovery involved finding out that her penchant for glass artistry may have a centuries-old connection to her faith. She learned that until 1492, the Iberian glassmaking industry essential was Judaic and that several members of Sephardic glassmaking families escaped the Inquisition by traveling through



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Sonya's art displays the influences of her faith.

Amsterdam to the Virgin Islands, including the Robles.

"I found my maternal great grandmother's name was Robles," Loya said. "I've been doing a lot of research on genetic and cultural memory. If I didn't have this strong connection, the family secret might have died with my dad."

"The last series I did and presented at the University

of Colorado at Colorado Springs, was titled 'Holy Water, Holy Saturday,' and that's a story in itself, how a haunting childhood memory brought light to yet another Crypto tradition in my family that turned into a medium of art," she said.

Her recent trip was a time for study, reflection and connection.

"I knew it was time to make this journey, knowing that in difficult times, miracles are around the corner," Loya said. "After the location of my store (in Ruidoso) caught

fire, I stepped back and thought, 'Something great is just ahead.'

I told Rabbi Stephen Leon, before I could go to Israel, my personal and business affairs would have to be in order.

The day the last piece of furniture was delivered as the movers were leaving, and we were out of the burned-down location, I got a call from Rabbi Leon, who

had funding for my round-trip ticket.

That was on a Tuesday. On Thursday, Rabbi David Herrera from Sephardic New Mexico secured my papers of acceptance to Midrash Sephardi in the old city. The following Tuesday, I was arriving in Israel, for an adventure of a lifetime."

Adventure

"I met a woman while riding the bus, who made aliyah (the immigration of Jews to the Land of Israel) from El Paso, Texas, and a relative of a close friend of mine from my community at B'nai Zion.

Another night I met a young rabbinic student who knows friends of mine in Albuquerque," she said.

"Along with meeting Professor Corinaldi, a supreme court attorney who won the case for the Ethiopian Jews to return, to an anthropologist who studies the diaspora (dispersal) of Crypto Jews, the list goes on. Everywhere I turned I felt I was constantly walking in the shadow of God."

"The artist Betzelel, whose name means 'in the shadows of God,' is one of the Biblical characters I relate to, since he is written in my birth portion of the Bible. The meditation group I met with on a weekly basis was on Betzelel Street."

Although she was walking the unknown streets of Jerusalem, many times alone in the dark navigating only with instructions as to where to go, Loya said she never felt alone or afraid.

She also found Loya families in Israel in Tiberias, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. "I hope to be in touch with them this August," she said. "I also found out they are well-respected Sephardic Jewish families."

"After six weeks in Israel, studying at Midrash Sephardi in the old city of Jerusalem and the Fuschberg yeshiva, also in Jerusalem, and doing preliminary work on our Eighth Annual Anousim conference-

tour, which will be held this year in Israel, I came back with little time to take a breath," she said.

"A week upon arrival, I was at the University of Colorado Springs, presenting my Crypto-art work and sharing my story with the academic community for the Sephardic Memory and Movement Conference (March 10-11), along with Dr. Roger Martinez, who did an amazing job coordinating this conference."

On the way home, a charter group called Road Scholars, based in Albuquerque asked her to be their Crypto speaker.

After that appearance, she was off to El Paso to finish working on the itinerary for an August tour with Rabbi Leon.

Home

Touching back in Ruidoso, she scrambled to prepare for her civil wedding ceremony with longtime companion Carl Gordon-Johnson for the Jewish holiday of Purim (that commemorates the deliverance of the Jewish people in the ancient Persian Empire from destruction in the wake of a plot by Haman recorded in the Book of Ester), after Rabbi Leon read the scroll of Ester for them at the Sanctuary on the River.

Preparing for Passover, remodeling and continued traveling for speaking engagements in April, May and June left few extra moments. Yet Loya also took on the extra task of writing a monthly article for the New Mexico Jewish Link, called the Crypto-Corner.

On top of all of the other demands, Sonya and Carl launched a new business at Bear Essentials Day Spa, incorporating his ionic foot spa business with her aromatherapy and glass art.

The couple also fashioned a home studio for Sonya to continue to create her glass art for her speaking-art events. The day spa business is by appointment at 575-937-9295 or 575-937-9100.

Just another day in the neighborhood

I doubt that a "prize" egg from a "prize" chicken tastes measurably different, but beauty, and perhaps taste, is in eyes and taste-buds of the beholder.

One local cowboy has gone into the chicken business. Milton has six new-to-him hens that he got from someone that raises prize chickens.

The criteria for these particular prize chickens is that some other farmer-type cowboy leased a reputation rooster to put with his run-of-the-mill hens and now he is labeled a prize chicken breeder.

Seriously, Milton is only concerned that they lay eggs. So he built them a pen out of one of those dog kennel kits with cyclone fencing and for a roof he added some old tin he had lying around.

Some neighbor gave him a nest box. He deemed

this "good" and is expecting prize eggs any day now.

It takes so little to entertain a cowboy.

Not one to watch chickens work, Milton went to rope.

Upon arrival at his roping partner's place for practice, things went downhill fast.

When his buddy came around the corner of the barn he saw Milton's ancient one-horse trailer laid over on its side and his horse Boomer was firmly tied to a big oak tree.

Boomer was bleeding a little here and there. Milton was red in the face and mad as one of his

prized wet hens.

Seems during saddling, Boomer had set back hard while tied to the trailer, pulling it completely over on himself and on Milton.

Milton managed to crawl out from under the trailer and commenced to have a serious "discussion" with Boomer.

His roping buddy wasn't sure which of Boomer's wounds were from the trailer and which were from the "discussion."

They tied a rope to the trailer, pulled it back up with the truck and everybody's consensus was that before them now stood three of the sorriest things a fella could have -- the

truck, the trailer and the horse.

During the melee of Milton, Boomer and the trailer uprighting event the roping steers were standing in the snake of the alley leading to the chute, waiting to be roped.

When the ropers finally go to the arena, they found that one of the steers had gotten down in the alley, neck twisted and nose in the dirt while another steer backed over him.

Nearly smothered, it took some cowboy CPR (a unique form of encouragement), letting out the lead steer and a good bit of

cussing to get the downer on his feet.

He finally he got up, wobbled down to the catch pen and laid back down. The following morning, you couldn't pick him out of the herd so apparently the short period of oxygen deprivation didn't cause much brain damage.

However, with roping steers that is hard to judge.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, Ritadammit and Valentine, resident dog and cat, were keeping a

close watch on the new cluckers.

Not quite sure they liked sharing their domain with chickens and certainly not impressed with their "prize-winning" status, the duo found some satisfaction in knowing that at least the hens would never be housebroke.

But then, neither was the resident cowboy, and he had his own recliner.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarternm@gmail.com.



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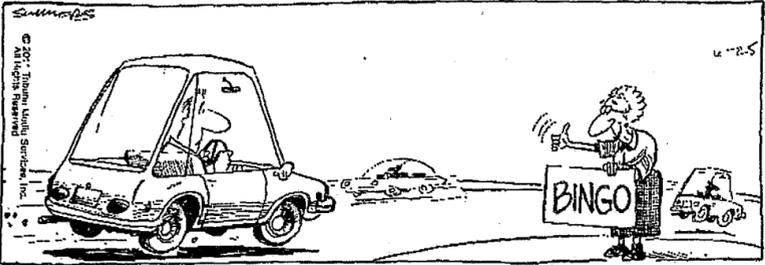
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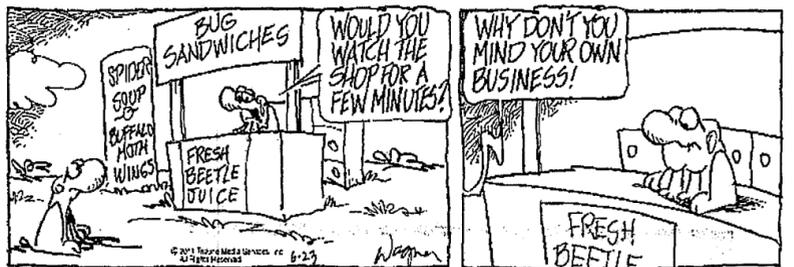
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- 5 Like pro football players
- 9 Liberville is its capital
- 14 Seasonal crew?
- 19 Moises of baseball
- 20 One citen thickens on stage
- 21 Word with soap
- 22 Corporate reward
- 23 Airport pickup spot
- 26 Ballet
- 27 ___ and his money ...
- 28 Toledo host
- 29 Certain Honshu resident
- 31 ___ Sauer: handgun
- 33 Library ID
- 35 Urges
- 39 Norman landmark
- 46 Prop- suffix
- 47 Captain Hook's last words are its motto
- 48 Gives an earful
- 49 Frat characters?
- 50 Some HDTVs
- 52 Sunscreen additive
- 54 Alas, once
- 55 Iona College athletes
- 56 Troublemaker's credo?
- 61 British miler Steve
- 62 One in a pool
- 63 Trendy tea
- 64 Some NFL linemen
- 67 Class unit
- 69 Assistants and such
- 72 Like a wake
- 74 2000 Gere title role
- 75 It may be fenced
- 78 Mrs. Gorbachev
- 81 Relative of -ish
- 82 One might prompt a curtain call
- 86 Dressing target
- 89 "Let ___"
- 90 Inventor Sikorsky
- 91 Cheese holder
- 92 Nutmeg covering
- 93 Like most sandals
- 96 Fictional futuristic race

DOWN

- 1 Radner's Wawa
- 2 Minnesota's St. ___ College
- 3 Company symbol
- 4 1931 count portrayer
- 5 SUV stat
- 6 Some draft picks
- 7 Like "la vida" in a Ricky Martin hit
- 8 And others, to U.S. lake
- 9 Splitting word?
- 10 Springfield storekeeper
- 11 Carlos's kiss
- 12 Mined finds
- 13 "The Lion King" room visitor
- 14 Slips
- 15 Takeoff place
- 16 Before and after "a," compared with
- 17 Safe opener?
- 18 Have a look
- 24 Better way to be wanted?
- 25 Needing practice
- 30 Clan attire
- 32 Gain access to
- 34 "Peaceful Wantor" actor
- 36 Filmflam
- 37 Silents star
- 38 Sign of freshness
- 39 Find out
- 40 Most handy
- 41 Messages deeply
- 42 Holly-toity type
- 43 Took off
- 44 "Hamlet" courtier
- 45 Olympic volleyball medalist
- 46 Big name in Kiraly
- 47 Anton Ohno
- 51 Match parts
- 53 Part of a Spanish 101 conjugation
- 55 Seuss, actually
- 57 Not easily excited
- 58 "The Closen" channel
- 59 Stock and then some
- 60 "The Jungle Book" python
- 64 Passing notes?
- 65 Chairman of the board, for one
- 66 Blessed event?
- 68 Fiesilda quaff
- 70 ___ Schwarz, 5th Avenue toy
- 71 '30s-'40s
- 72 actress D'Orsay
- 73 Former despot
- 76 Hunter of the stars
- 77 Carved pole
- 79 Prudent advisers
- 80 Skating gold medalist
- 82 Latvia-Sweden
- 83 Grapfruit separator
- 84 Eternally
- 85 Faculty mems.
- 86 Heist target
- 87 La Scala
- 88 Garage highlight
- 89 apparatus
- 93 Angel Clare's love, in an 1891 novel
- 94 Lochinvars
- 95 Turkey's place, in song
- 97 "Lovin' That You Want"
- 100 Rihanna hit
- 101 Like some restaurants
- 102 Game opener
- 107 It might precede bad news
- 108 2009-'11 CIA director Panetta
- 109 City of NW France
- 111 Slow flow
- 112 "The Dukes of Hazzard" deputy
- 114 Porridge base
- 115 Ball game opener?
- 116 Ladies of Sp.
- 117 It's tapped for syrup
- 118 FedEx Cup org.
- 119 Ernst collaborator
- 121 Belle of the ball
- 122 People people, briefly

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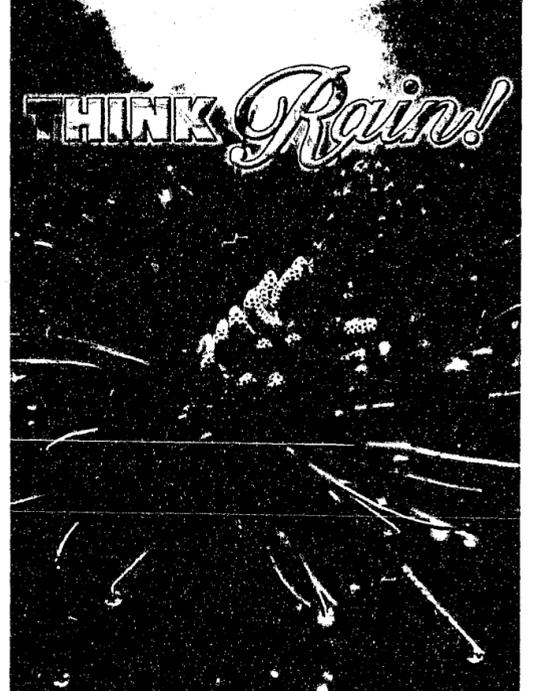
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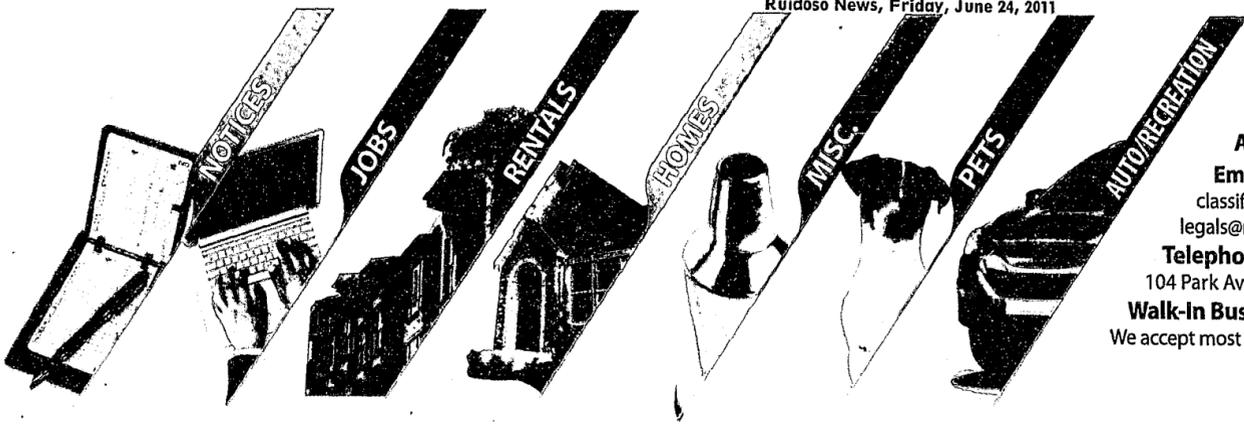
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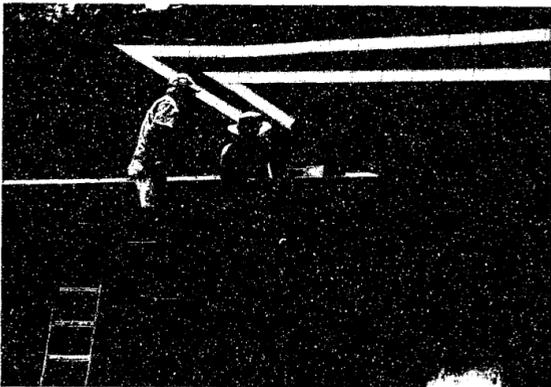
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ENMU-Ruidoso News



Tom Latka oversees the tile installation by Randy Ford

Tom and Jean Latka of Latka Studios in Pueblo, Colorado were chosen to contribute art to ENMU-Ruidoso through New Mexico Art in Public Places. The piece, titled "Chispa," is being permanently installed on the front of the building at 709 Mechem.

The Latkas have created several public art installations. Past projects include sculptures for the City of Aurora, Colorado, and Best Buy computers, murals for Grand Junction and Northern New Mexico Community College, and fountains for the Gandhi Peace Park in Pueblo, S.C.I.A.R.C. in Santa Monica, Cali-

fornia, and the Chicago Botanical Garden. Their aim is to connect people with their

urban surroundings by using vibrant, expressive, and organic shapes. The New Mexico Art in Public Places Act was passed by the New Mexico legislature and signed into law in 1986. More than 2,500 pieces of art have been placed throughout the state. The goal of the program is to celebrate the diversity of the arts, cultures, and viewpoints of New Mexico.

The program is funded through a provision of the law requiring all agencies to set aside 1% or \$200,000 (maximum) of the money appropriated for new construction to include public art.

When new construc-

tion at the ENMU-Ruidoso campus was required due to a wall collapse, \$43,000 was set aside under the requirements of the New Mexico Art in Public Places Act. Ninety two artists bid on the project. The act stipulates that artists must live in the region; in this case, artists bidding were required to live in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Utah, Arizona, or Oklahoma.

Another stipulation of the act requires the local selection committee be comprised of two representatives from the college, an architect, an artist, an arts professional, and two community members. Dr. Cynthia Orozco, a member of the committee, summed up the intent and importance of the act: "Artists are cultural workers, and art has value."

The piece is made of clay and fused glass. The center of the circle uses dichromatic glass that changes color depending on where the viewer stands. Similarly, color appears to move in the lightning bolt section due to the rippled texture and crackled nature of the glass as it is fired onto the clay.

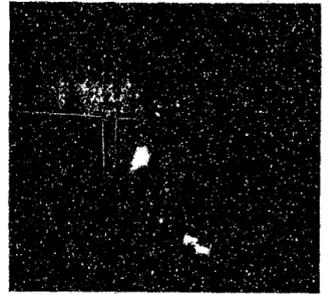
"Chispa" means spark.

The mural is 160 feet long and seven feet high. Images associated with Native American tribes are represented, including the Mimbres culture.

One image is the interpretation of a bowl used in funeral rites. The Mimbres made a hole in the bottom of a bowl and placed the bowl on the head of the deceased to allow the spirit to leave the body. The hole also signifies the transition and enlightenment a student experiences in the learning process.

The lightning bolt reinforces this transition. As Tom Latka states, "The long lightning strike that runs the length of the building accomplishes two things: it is a dramatic gesture that covers a large amount of area while, secondly, representing the power of education. Mark Twain said, 'reading is like a lightning bug, studying is like lightning.' When a student recognizes the impact that passion can have in their lives, they become aware of their full potential."

The installation should be completed by Friday, June 24.



Steve Miller, Information Technology Director, was awarded a \$7,500.00 grant from the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research for Using CI for Education Program. Using the existing Gateway system, the grant allows for enhancing the 3D graphics capabilities and interactive online labs for the credit course, IS 131 "Computer and Network Security."

The course is given each semester online. It is a comprehensive overview of network security concepts that includes: remote access, e-mail, the Web, directory and file transfer, wireless data, common network attacks, cryptography, operational/organizational security, disaster recovery, business continuity, and Cyber Ethics.

For more information, contact Steve Miller at 257-2120, ext. 380.

Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival: Getting in the Know Before You Go

The annual Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival will be in town Saturday, July 30. Di Wu, pianist and finalist at the 2009 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition and the Linden String Quartet will perform.

Before the concert, join Dr. Larry Wolz, head of the music history department at Harden-Simmons University as he discusses the world of the virtuoso pianist, the Van Cliburn competition, and the history of the string quartet.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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No.CV-10-335
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UBALDO TORRES, SR. aka UBALDO TORRES and if married, JANE DOE (True Name Unknown), his spouse, CONDOMINIUMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest in and to the herein after described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 819 Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

UNIT NO. 212, OF CHAMPIONS LUNAR OLYMPIUMS FORMERLY KNOWN AS TRIPLE CONDOMINIUMS, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO REGISTER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON NET D, SLIDE NO. 3622.

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THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above entitled and numbered cause on or about March 26, 2011, in and to the above described real property subject to a mortgage on the property, which includes interest and costs, is \$28,116.27 and the same bears interest at 7.2500% per annum from March 26, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale is \$714.85. The Plaintiff and its assigns has the right to bid at such sale and submit a bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due Plaintiff and its assigns. The Plaintiff disclaims all responsibility for and the purchaser of the sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to the valuation of the County Assessor as real or personal property, and any or manufactured home on the property, if any, and environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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ance due \$342. Last known contact information: P.O. Box 2081, Ruidoso, NM 88341. Sale Date of Property will be Saturday, July 2, 2011, 9 am - Noon.

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INVITATION FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS
#8101 FILE #8101

The Board of Education of the Ruidoso Municipal School District is requesting competitive sealed bids for CURBENT RE-ENTRY WAY STABILIZATION AT RUIDOSO HIGH SCHOOL.

The Invitation for Competitive Sealed Bids documents may be obtained at the Ruidoso Municipal Office, 260 Horton Circle, Ruidoso, NM 88341. PH: 575-257-4051, or e-mail: ruidososchools@ruidososchools.org.

Sealed Bids will be received no later than Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Sealed bids must be delivered to:

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CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs shall hold a public hearing in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting to be held Monday July 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, Hubbard Room, 123 Down Drive, Ruidoso Downs, NM. The public hearing is concerning the approval of Transfer of Ownership and Occupation License Application #2558976. The Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico has granted Preliminary Approval for the renewed and ended application.

The name of applicant Magic Liquors LLC, doing business as Magic Liquors/Magic Forest Restaurant, Inc. whose address is 26185 Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Comments or inquiries should be directed to the City Clerk, Carol Virden, 123 Down Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88346, (575) 378-4222, or 1-1029 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
BY: /s/
Carol Virden, MMC
City Clerk

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Legal Notice

1. A&R Self Storage, 26353 U.S. Hwy. 70 E., P.O. Box 1680, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346, is foreclosing on Unit #24. Rented by Angela Leasure. Balance due \$695. Last known contact information: 319 Dipooto Hill Dr., Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Sale Date of Property will be Saturday, July 2, 2011, 9 am - Noon.

2. A&R Self Storage, 26353 U.S. Hwy. 70 E., P.O. Box 1680, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 88346, is foreclosing on Unit #18. Rented by Kenneth Eillard. Balance due \$550. Last known contact information: 1000 D. Ave., Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Sale Date of Property will be Saturday, July 2, 2011, 9 am - Noon.

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