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Post offices could be stamped out

Rural facilities, including five in Lincoln County, targeted for closure

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Five rural post offices in Lincoln County are among 53 in New Mexico and nearly 3,700 nationally targeted for possible closure in the latest round of U.S. Postal Service belt-tightening as the agency reacts to an \$8.5 billion net loss last year.

The five contained on a list released Tuesday by the Postmaster General are

Glencoe, Hollywood, Picacho, Tinnie and San Patricio. The post office at Fort Stanton State Monument was included on a previous list last March and already is in the review process, as is the Bent Post Office in neighboring Otero County.

Della Bonnell, the retired postmaster at Glencoe, said her community is ready to fight to keep the doors open at the local post office, as well as in the other small communities on the list in Lincoln County.

Retired in 1999, Bonnell said she's speaking out because current employees cannot.

"I think the rural offices are being targeted, which is real upsetting," she said. "We're identified on maps by our post offices and we'll lose that identification and will be lumped into Ruidoso Downs, which is where I think we would be getting our mail."

"The Glencoe post office was established in 1901 and it was a place to help rural people not travel as far to pick up their mail. It

would be sad to lose our community. When I was postmaster, I was considered the law. We don't have town government. At one time, I even swore in an American citizen. We were able to assist people. Country people are a close community, like a big family. We're going to fight to keep this post office open and to retain the rest of them."

Al Provencio, retired postmaster from the

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'C' is for 'change'

Dismal test scores prod programs in district

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As in recent past years, the Ruidoso Municipal School District failed to make the grade established in the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports were released Friday by New Mexico's Public Education Department.

"This year's data is the most discouraging data I've seen," said Ruidoso Municipal School District Superintendent Bea Etta Harris. "We anticipated this and that's why we did the K-through-5 literacy plan and the restructuring. When we went into classrooms we saw evidence that if you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten."

Collaboration

"The issue is that if you want better teachers, you have to put money into training teachers," Harris said. "You can't just stand there and beat them up and say 'Be better. Be better.' It would be like saying to a football team, 'Show up for the game and we're going to play five games and we're going to do better every game and win this year,' and not giving them practices and any time in the gym to build muscles. Not preparing them for it. There is a school of thought that says if you want teachers to do better you actually have to improve their teaching, which makes sense. It's a no-brainer."

Harris said districts thus, are compelled, to support teachers becoming better instructors using less money provided by the state and federal governments.

"What we're changing is a culture. And what we're expecting of teachers is that you will work together as a grade level or as a department. You will look at the data."

Professional Learning Communities have begun in

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TOUCHING HISTORY



COURTESY

Gaby Mason, left, and Z'Maury Zamba enjoy some of the displays that are part of "A History of Travel in New Mexico," at the Van of Enchantment during its recent stop at the Capitan Public Library. A museum on wheels, the van is a converted RV that tours New Mexico carrying artifacts and materials from the state museums and monuments. The current display explores the historic highways of New Mexico and the heyday of Route 66. "A History of Travel in New Mexico" is a collaboration among the New Mexico Department of Transportation and two divisions of the Department of Cultural Affairs — the New Mexico History Museum and the Museum Resources Division.

Altrusa members fear for future of cancer program

Hospital CEO: 'We can't do everything for everybody ...'

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The new arrangement with the Lincoln County Medical Center for low-cost mammograms that the Altrusa Club of Ruidoso sponsors may result in many women going without an annual check for breast cancer, club members worry.

The new contract with the county-owned and Presbyterian Healthcare Services-managed hospital limits the number of mammograms offered to 150. In past years, about 320 women took advantage of

the lower cost program. The number of days also was reduced to two a week during the month of October.

"We're definitely worried about the impact," club member and Membership Chairman Judy Griffin said Monday. "We're very concerned women will fall through the cracks. The indigent or very poor can access tests through Run for the Beach and those with full insurance don't have a problem. But many women have a very high deductible with their insurance and their policies won't cover a routine mammogram. If they have a choice between feeding their

families and paying for a mammogram, families come first. Those are the ones we worry about."

Hospital Administrator Al Santos has warned that as costs increase, the price of the mammograms also will go up, she said. At some point, Altrusa may not be able to continue the program. A mammogram costs about \$200, but under the contract with the hospital Altrusa signed this year, a woman will pay \$55 and Altrusa will cover another \$20 up to 150 tests.

Another difference from previous years is that hospital staff will make

the appointments and ask about insurance, Griffin said. If a woman has any coverage at all, she will be referred to the accounting department for a review and a decision whether she can afford to pay the regular price or if eligible for the Altrusa reduced price test.

"It is specified in the contract that the hospital reserves the right to cancel, if a patient has alternate funding," Griffin said.

If women are denied this advanced screening, the county may

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Ruidoso Downs may put the brakes on transit system

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With Lincoln County's monetary withdraw from Lincoln County Transit for the just underway fiscal year, the public transportation program operated by the city of Ruidoso Downs may run out of gas.

During discussions Monday on a final 2011-2012 budget for the city, Finance Director Terri Mosley told elected councilors that Lincoln County Transit's proposed budget included an almost \$54,000 deficit for the

new year.

"DFA (New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, the agency that oversees local government finances) will not approve a budget with a deficit," Mosley said. "So we would have to transfer money more than likely from the general fund into that to make up for the difference."

The public transportation operation, which started in late 2008, receives much of its funding through federal grants that are disbursed by the state. A local match is required to obtain the

grants. In past years, Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso and Lincoln County have covered the local match with each putting up \$25,000 or more annually. During budget work in May, county commissioners declined to renew their funding commitment.

"Those are super concerns," Holman said of the shortfall. "I would ask us, the council, to reread the letter that Wayne Williams wrote to us. While I don't agree with everything in there, I think some points that he brought out we need to look at and reconsider because

this is getting pretty serious."

In a June letter to the council, Ruidoso Downs resident Wayne Williams called the transit system a waste of taxpayer money.

"What I want is for the money to be used for projects that the city is in desperate need of, for it not to be wasted on things that don't create revenue or provide the necessities of life," Williams wrote.

He pointed to a need for sewer line extensions to areas annexed to the city in 2003, fixing roads, storm

runoff improvements, enforcement of city ordinances and acquiring more water rights.

"I think you and the governing body are out of control and must be checked," Williams wrote in a line to Mayor Tom Armstrong. "I am sending the attached letter to the DOT (New Mexico Department of Transportation) and others and asking for their intervention in the matter."

Armstrong said the city cannot make up the shortfall

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Sports physicals

Free sports physicals for Lincoln County middle and high school athletes will be available on Thursday, July 28 and Friday, July 29. Medical providers from Rose Clinic in Capitan, Carrizozo Health Center in Carrizozo and the White Mountain Medical Clinic in Ruidoso will offer free sports physicals in each respective community.

Capitan's free sports physical clinic will be on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the Traylor Gym from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Carrizozo's free sports physical clinic will be on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the old Carrizozo High School Gym from 1:00 to 4 p.m. Ruidoso's free sports physical clinic will be on Friday, July 29, 2011 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ruidoso High School Gym. Corona's will occur every Wednesday at the Corona Health Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The providers that will conduct the physicals throughout Lincoln County include Dr. Chris Robinson, Dr. Gary Jackson, Suzanne Dennehy, CFNP, Suzanne Carden, CNS, and Naomi West, CNS. Physicals will be open for middle and high school athletes participating on Capitan, Carrizozo, Ruidoso and Corona Municipal Schools sports teams. Parental/guardian consent forms must be completed, signed and turned in when the physical is performed. Consent forms can be picked up in advance from the school coach or from the respective school

district central office.

For additional information about the free sports physical clinics, contact Rose Clinic at (575) 354-0057, Carrizozo Health Center at (575) 648-2317 or the White Mountain Medical Clinic at (575) 630-8350.

HEAL golf tourney

The second Annual "HEAL at the INN" Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Championship Golf Course in Mescalero.

Proceeds benefit the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

The tournament is a best ball, 4-golfer scramble. Players can register individually or as a team.

The cost is \$99, which includes, green fees, cart, golfer goodie bag, awards ceremony and barbecue dinner.

There will be prizes for Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive (male and female). Sierra Blanca Motors will be offering a new Jeep as the grand prize for the Hole in One competition. Inn of the Mountain Gods Pro Shop certificates will be given to the 3 lowest scoring teams.

This year, in addition to the sale of the ever-popular Mulligans, there will be numerous golf-related items for raffle. These items have been secured from the Links at Sierra Blanca, Cree Meadows County Club, The Golf Club at Rainmakers,

MESCALERO MAIDENS



COURTESY

Rachel Emily Elizabeth Antonio, left, and Lynette Evans, 13, will celebrate their Coming of Age Ceremonies Thursday through Sunday in White Tail. Rachel, 12, is the daughter of Raenette Evans. Her maternal grandparents are Dwight Evans and Lela Coonie-Cupit. Her paternal great grandparents are Ellis and Nina Tortilla. Rachel's sponsors are Patrice Enjady and Arden Comanche. She will be a seventh-grader this fall at the Mescalero Schools and participates in and enjoys all sports. She plans to attend college after graduating from high school and enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Considered one of the most sacred celebrations of the Mescalero, Lipan and Chiricahua tribes that live on the reservation, the puberty rite involves four days of dancing by selected groups and feasting by all on lunches and dinners provided by the families, who have spent months collecting required items for the rites. Each maiden is considered the embodiment of perfect womanhood and in that state, they bestow blessings on visitors with sacred pollen. By the end of the four days, the girls, who wear heavy beaded dresses of leather while performing the require rituals and "runs," are exhausted. White Tail is the community where many members of the Chiricahua Apache settled after coming to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in 1913 from Fort Sill, Okla.

Outlaw Golf Club and Alto Lakes Golf & Country Club.

HEAL at the INN is limited to the first 144 players. Because it sold out early last year, players are encouraged to register

online at HEALgolftournament.eventb.com.

For further information, call Don Ratay at 575-973-1385.

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CORRECTIONS

A story in Friday's edition of Vamonos regarding the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts should have stated the group is organized the "art" segment but not the crafts portion of the arts and crafts competition in the Lincoln County Fair. Also, baked goods will not be available to the public.

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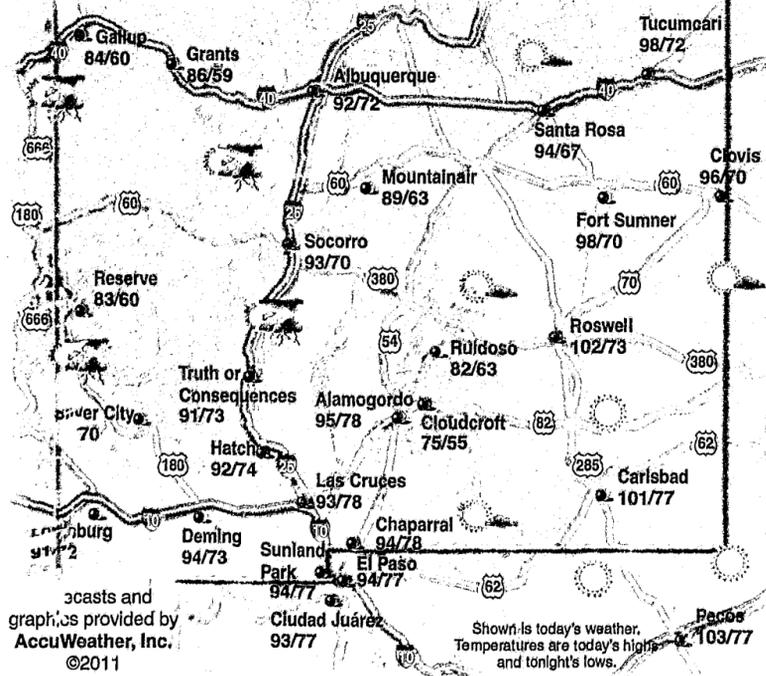
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AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
RealFeel: 89° Humidity: 48% Mostly sunny Wind: W 6-12 mph	RealFeel: 89° Humidity: 49% Sunshine mixing with clouds Wind: SE 6-12 mph	RealFeel: 87° Humidity: 35% An afternoon thunderstorm Wind: SE 10-20 mph	RealFeel: 87° Humidity: 33% Partly sunny and beautiful Wind: SSE 8-16 mph	RealFeel: 85° Humidity: 42% Mostly sunny Wind: SE 8-16 mph	RealFeel: 87° Humidity: 38% Partly sunny, a t-storm possible Wind: S 7-14 mph	RealFeel: 92° Humidity: 51% Mostly cloudy Wind: VAR 2-4 mph

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Regional Cities



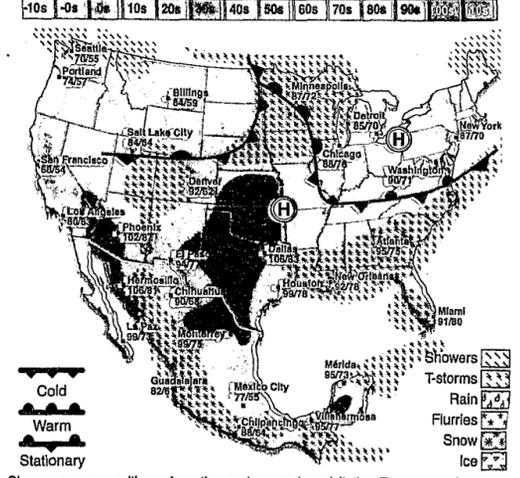
Almanac

Ruidoso
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 84°/59°
Normal high 80°
Normal low 49°
Record high 89° (2000)
Record low 40° (1975)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 2.16"
Normal month to date 1.70"
Year to date 3.04"
Normal year to date 10.30"
Pollen:
Grass Low
Trees Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low
Predominant Ambrosia
Source: Eddie L. Gaines, MD, of the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Alamogordo
Statistics through Monday
Temperature:
High/low 96°/67°
Normal high 92°
Normal low 66°
Record high 104° (1958)
Record low 57° (1956)
Precipitation:
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.45"
Normal month to date 1.08"
Year to date 5.37"

Weather Trivia:
Q: How much rain must fall to get you wet under a full foliaged tree?
A: At least 5 hundredths of an inch.

National Forecast for July 27, 2011



National Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu H/L
Abilene	102/78/s	101/74/s
Anchorage	67/54/sh	68/56/sh
Atlanta	95/75/pc	94/76/t
Austin	100/75/s	100/76/pc
Baltimore	91/68/s	95/72/s
Boston	84/67/s	80/70/pc
Chicago	88/76/t	90/74/t
Dallas	106/83/s	102/80/pc
Denver	92/62/t	91/63/t
Des Moines	90/75/pc	90/74/t
Detroit	85/70/pc	88/73/t
El Paso	94/77/s	97/75/pc
Las Vegas	100/87/s	99/86/s
Los Angeles	80/63/pc	78/64/pc
Minneapolis	87/72/t	88/69/pc
New Orleans	92/78/t	91/78/t
New York City	87/70/s	90/73/pc
Philadelphia	88/71/s	92/74/pc
Phoenix	102/87/s	105/88/pc
Reno	89/59/s	94/63/s
San Francisco	68/54/pc	69/56/pc
San Diego	73/66/pc	72/67/pc
Seattle	70/55/pc	72/55/pc
Tucson	95/78/t	98/79/t
Tulsa, OK	106/79/s	101/77/s
Wash., DC	90/71/s	94/76/s
Wichita	102/78/s	101/75/s
Yuma	98/82/s	99/85/s

Regional Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu H/L
Albuquerque	92/72/t	93/73/t
Artesia	99/76/s	98/74/pc
Chama	79/54/t	84/53/t
Clayton	96/70/s	94/67/s
Cloudcroft	75/55/pc	78/55/t
Farmington	91/63/t	93/65/t
Hobbs	99/73/s	99/68/s
Los Alamos	81/59/t	85/60/t
Portales	98/70/s	97/68/pc
Raton	89/62/t	88/60/t
Red River	71/51/t	77/55/t
Ruidoso	82/63/s	82/63/pc
Santa Fe	90/63/t	91/63/t
Silver City	89/70/t	88/69/t
Taos	87/59/t	88/58/t

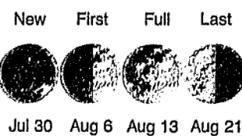
Mexican Cities

City	Today H/L	Thu H/L
Acapulco	91/77/t	91/77/t
Cancun	86/73/t	84/73/t
Chihuahua	90/68/t	91/65/t
Ciudad Juárez	93/77/pc	97/75/pc
Leon	86/59/t	88/59/t
México, DF	77/55/t	77/57/t
Monterrey	99/75/s	99/75/s
Morelia	82/61/t	83/62/t
Oaxaca	88/59/t	82/59/t
Pto. Pónasco	93/79/s	95/82/pc
Tijuana	75/54/pc	75/64/pc

Sun and Moon

Wednesday: Sunrise/Sunset 6:12 a.m./8:06 p.m.
Wednesday: Moonrise/Moonset 3:01 a.m./5:41 p.m.

Moon Phases



Emerges

Monday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High: 117° in Death Valley, CA
Low: 9° in Bodie State Park, CA

Monday's World High/Low:
High: 121° in Ahwaz, Iran
Low: -8° in Islas Orcadas, Argentina

EVENTS

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HMHC open house

A labyrinth at the High Mesa Healing Center will be one of the features at an open house on Saturday.

It starts with Tai Chi at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with a sweat lodge at 4 p.m.

At 1 p.m. there will be a panel discussion on "Healing and Wholeness and the Role of the Church" with Rev. Ryan Arnold, Rev. Max Jones and others. This is a part of the Mountain Wellness Experience sponsored and coordinated by Georgia Underwood.

The "Experience" spotlights the many health resources in the community. Friday there will be a health fair in Sierra Mall as well as speakers through out the day on various subjects.

Those interested might want to check out the schedule. Call 336-7777 for more information.

Care van

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico will showcase its new Care Van in Ruidoso at the Mountain Wellness Experience on Friday, July 29, during the Health and Wellness Fair at ENMU-Ruidoso from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Eastern New Mexico University at Ruidoso nursing students will conduct blood pressure checks and Asthma Allies will offer asthma screenings in the Care Van during the health fair.

The new, leased van replaces the old van that accrued more than 140,000 miles while traveling statewide since 2006 to improve health outcomes for all New Mexicans.

The 30-foot Care Van is used for basic checkups, immunizations and flu shots, dental screenings, educational services, and medical outreach in partnership with health care providers such as ENMU-Roswell, Asthma Allies, and the New Mexico Department of Health.

Care Van facts from 2010:

- Nearly 3,000 immunizations were provided through the Care Van program to children and adults.
- More than 3,500 health screenings were provided during Care Van clinics.
- The Care Van participated in more than a hun-

dred health fairs and community outreach programs.

Lantern Tour

The volunteers at Fort Stanton, Inc. are pleased to announce that the Fort Stanton Museum will host its third annual Lantern Tour on Friday, August 5th at the Fort Stanton State Monument.

There is a \$5 admission fee to attend the program, but persons under 16 years of age are admitted without charge. All tickets must be purchased in advance, as no tickets will be available on the day of the event. The Lantern Tours will begin at 6 p.m. and run at 15 minute intervals through 9:15 p.m.

Tickets for the lantern tour can be purchased online at the Fort Stanton web site: www.fortstanton.org or by calling Jay Smith at 575.354.0341.

This year also marks the 150th anniversary of the Confederate occupation of Fort Stanton, so part of the evening's interpretation at the Lantern Tour is about life at the Fort during that period of time.

Tickets will be available through Jay Smith, or by the web page.

Visitors to Fort Stanton should note that "Fort Stanton Live!" begins the next day at 8 a.m. and not during the day on Friday. "It takes a lot of time to get the Lantern Tour set up," Smith said, "and many of our costumed reenactors come from all over the state, so they need time to get ready. Our Museum

will be open on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 9:45 p.m., but the grounds will only be open to ticketed patrons on Friday evening."

Social security

Effective Aug. 15, the Roswell Social Security Office will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - a reduction of 30 minutes each weekday.

While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow them to complete face-to-face service with the visiting public without incurring the cost of overtime.

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to an office. For example, anyone wishing to apply for benefits, sign up for direct deposit, replace a Medicare card, obtain a proof of income

letter or inform us of a change of address or telephone number may do so at www.socialsecurity.gov or by dialing our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.

Ronnie Milsap

Ronnie Milsap at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 (\$79 & \$76); pre-performance barbecue brisket supper in lobby at 6 p.m. (\$20).

Milsap is one of the best-loved and most enduring artists in country music history, a "country soul" singer with more than 40 number one hits and seven Grammys: Pure Love, Smoky Mountain Rain, She Keeps the Home Fires Burning, Where Do the Nights Go, A Woman in Love. Milsap is presented in concert by The Walton Stations of New Mexico.

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THEIR OPINION

'Right to Know' isn't red or blue

Well, we've come full circle. Five years ago, Bill Richardson's administration was asked for state e-mails about an audit of the driver's license program. It refused, claiming executive privilege, and the Republican Party of New Mexico filed suit.

This year, Secretary of State Dianna Duran was asked for state e-mails about a similar audit — a cross-check between drivers' licenses and voter rolls. Duran's office refused, citing executive privilege, and the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico has now filed suit.

It's a stunning parallel, and the bipartisan principles underpinning open government are rarely on such obvious display. Open government is not a tool of the left or the right, of Democrats or Republicans. It's simply a tool to hold powerful people accountable.

It goes back to the old adage that information is power. Authorities always seek to control the message and the debate, and freedom-of-information laws guarantee that citizens can peer behind the veil and see what's really going on. As New Mexico Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Daniels wrote in a recent opinion, "In order for government to truly be of the people and by the people, and not just for the people, our citizens must be able to know what their own public servants are doing in their name."

Both the Republican Party of New Mexico and the ACLU-New Mexico sued the government under the same state law: the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA). That law states its purpose plainly: "all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of public officers and employees."

In practice, IPRA forces government agencies to

release documents that they would rather hold onto. It's that simple. We don't need a law to force the release of records that make the current administration look good, or make its political foes look bad. Officials are always happy to release those documents. And without the rights guaranteed by IPRA, that's all the public would get — a constant stream of "aren't we great" news.

The drafters of IPRA knew that government officials would be suspicious of anyone wanting to see the bad news, or even the bald facts. We see this manifested whenever the political motives or moral character of people seeking public records are brought into question. The drafters also knew that the government would throw up roadblocks to prevent or delay the release of unflattering records. So IPRA has a few clear and straightforward guidelines.

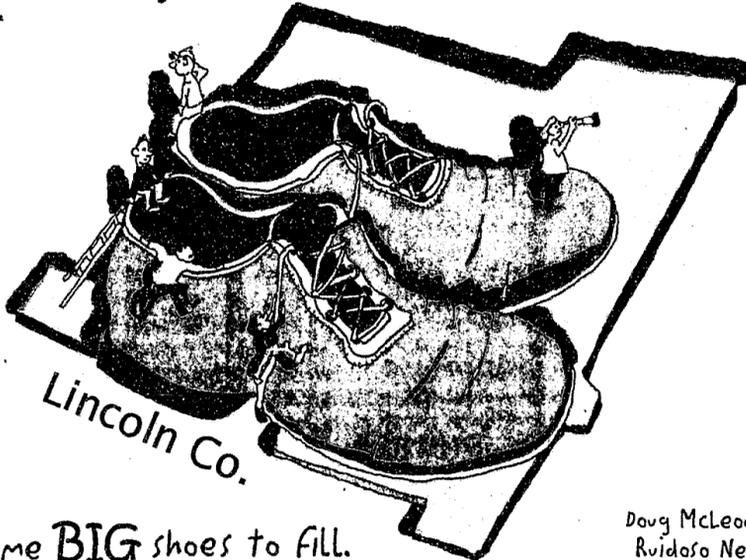
1. No one asking for records can be required to state the purpose of their request. Political requesters may be playing politics, commercial requesters may be making money, and muckraking citizens may be educating the public (or playing politics and making money). It's irrelevant. Each person has the same right to see public information. After all, do we really want the government deciding who is worthy and unworthy of checking the facts?

2. The government has to release requested records, within 15 days, unless there's another law that allows withholding. "Trust us, we'll release it according to our schedule" does not suffice as a response.

3. If the government denies your request without a valid reason, or just drags its feet indefinitely, you can sue them. And if you win, they have to reimburse you

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YOUR OPINION

Different views on Veterans Day plans

To the editor:

Like others, when reading of the coming Midtown "festivities," ostensibly to honor veterans, this former World War II marine's first reaction was one of astonishment over the crassness displayed by the planners of this event.

However, upon reflection, why get uptight about it, even though too many of us get uptight about something these days. We veterans always received due respect for our service going all the way back to the Revolution of 1776 up to the present. So let's consider that times are tough especially for the merchants and despite the dubious methods employed, give them a chance to make a dollar.

As an afterthought, this writer objects to the semi-annual invasion of hordes of bikers who hit the village like a German panzer division. But, again, these events are for the benefit of not only the merchants but for the entire town.

John Brinkman
Ruidoso

Merchants not 'greedy'

To the editor

Reply to "insulting veterans" by Mr. Donald Grab (July 22).

As a WWII veteran — a member and officer in both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars — I take issue with Mr. Grab's opinion as stated in the "News"

As a Marine veteran of Korea you deserve praise and respect for your involvement in that conflict. Your unfair characterization of the merchants in this town requires a reply and chas-

tizement. The businesses involved require sales to remain viable. These businesses are offering high discounts to all active military and veterans during this weekend.

You quote from a press release BUT you did not utilize the statement "Members of the Military will be admitted for free." This includes their families! Our veterans organizations depend on these businesses generously to support our programs to assist military members and their families and they have not failed us in the past and we do not foresee their lack of support in the future.

Therefore your characterization of them as "greedy" is enough to make me "vomit" They dare to use "veterans" because veterans support their efforts; and you according to present records do not belong or support the active veterans organizations in the Ruidoso area.

MISTER Crayford stands 6 foot plus at about 180; If this were the times that I grew up in; he could apply four knuckles below your nose and be cheered in the process.

Eugene (Gene) Kurtz
Ruidoso

History rewrite

To the editor,

Ms. Wedens letter (July 20) trying to compare today's financial mess to the one President Reagan faced in the early 1980s would be laughable but for the fact that some historically naive people might actually believe it.

When Reagan replaced the incompetent Jimmy Carter in

January 1981, "stagflation" (inflation + interest rate) was over 20 percent. He almost immediately cut income taxes and was promised by the devils, then Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill, that there would likewise be spending cuts.

Reagan lived up to his end of the deal, but unfortunately, O'Neill reneged on his promise of spending cuts. This counted for the deficits that Ms. Weden referred to. In spite of this, Reagan brought about the longest period of prosperity that America had ever seen at least in the 20th Century.

The housing and banking problems that Ms. Weden mentioned originally began with the aforementioned Carter and was accentuated when President Wm J. Clinton insisted that it was the right of every American to own a home even if they couldn't possibly afford it.

When astute members of Congress saw the future housing bubble becoming problematic, Democrats Chris Dodd in the Senate and Barney Frank in the House used their power and influence to block any serious investigation into Fanny Mae and Freddy Mac. The perfidy and the failures of those two gentlemen directly led to the Recession/Depression of 2008.

Then comes "Hope & Change," President Barack Hussein Obama. He immediately starts spending money like a drunken sailor on a Saturday night, with apologies to drunken sailors! He continues the

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THE STREETER, BY ERIK BEARER

Q: What do you think about the midtown block party for Veteran's Day?



Bill Kellerman
Ruidoso

"It's fantastic. It's a great idea that will draw people and veterans into Ruidoso."



Sharon Carter
Ruidoso

"I think anything that honors veterans is awesome. I couldn't own a business if it wasn't for what they do."



Frank Delorantis
Aledo, Texas

"I think it would be a very nice thing. Veterans have given a lot for this country."



Lee Adkins
Ruidoso

"It should be good for the stores and for the town. It's something new and different, for sure."



Jerry Grace
Ruidoso

"Any community is set up to make money. This event is set up to appreciate veterans."

KNOW

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for the time and money you spent fighting in court.

Again, although IPRA lawsuits often play a part in larger policy and political dramas, the battle over information is ultimately not a partisan struggle.

It is a struggle between the few who happen to be in power

at the moment, and the rest of us.

If citizens want to hold a position of power, exercising control of our government, we must support a strong and enforceable Inspection of Public Records Act.

A strong records law ensures that no matter who we are or what we believe, we can each be as informed and engaged as we want to be.

It's important that we know our rights, and

that we exercise them.

That's what the Republican Party was doing when it sued the Office of the Governor in 2006, and that's what the ACLU did last week when it sued the Secretary of State's Office.

These groups' defense of the public's right to know accrues to the benefit of all of us.

Sarah Welsh, executive director, New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

LETTERS

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old, often failed policies of tax and spend with predictable results. Continued unemployment over 9%, millions more just giving up trying to find a job and a widespread despair across the land, is the end result of Obama's "Hope & Change."

Now that the election of 2012 is drawing near and his polls are tanking, Obama, elected Democrats and their bought and paid for, lapdog media is trying to blame this mess on the Republicans. Good luck with that.

The American people can be fooled as they were in 1976 and 2008, but they will not be mocked. Look for Obama to be unceremoniously thrown out of office in November 2012.

*Charles Jones
Ruidoso*

Defense of tax

To the editor:
Recent letters to this newspaper regarding the passage of the Business Retention Tax seem to be flavored with a bitterness that is far out of proportion to the cost inherent in that initiative. I suggest that this bitterness has, at its root a mindset of victimization and envy. Anyone who the supposed victim believes has more than he or she does is singled out for scorn, no matter how that person

achieved their wealth. This attitude permeates our culture from Washington, DC to Lincoln County and is responsible for the denigration of the wealth producers in our society. Examples of this phenomenon include the progressive income tax, and the idea that the rich should be forced to pay "their fair share" without defining what fair would mean.

This is a very old attitude perhaps starting with the camel's difficulty in getting through the eye of a needle

We should take a newer view of humans and the proper relationship between individuals that would promote a flourishing life for all.

The first criteria for a flourishing life are freedom and the recognition that each individual is an end in him/herself and not the means to the end of others. This simple principle, if accepted by a large portion of society, would mean that most individuals within that society would prosper to the extent of their ability and dedication in following their dream. Coupled with a ban on the initiation of force or fraud (and a government dedicated to the protection of each individual from such force or fraud) everyone could pursue their dream and reap the rewards that would follow.

Back in the "eye of a needle" days most wealth was either inherited or plundered.

In America the vast majority of wealth has been earned by the individuals that possess it. That wealth is theirs by right and only they should decide how, or if, to dispose of it.

Mr. Hubbard, through the years has done an admirable job of donating to many, many, needy groups and individuals. He deserves to be applauded for this and not be held up for scorn as some are doing.

*Wayne Metcalfe
Ruidoso*

Noise over noise

I live on Arapahoe Trail (where Reservoir turns to Arapahoe) and the noise level that Mr. Yount is griping about is next to nil with the exception of several days a year. We had a neighbor that enjoyed his stereo loudly for a couple of years but he has moved in the last several months.

Living here one just has to step back and remember that the village's economy relies heavily on the events that happen here and it is better to have them in Ruidoso than to have them in the Downs or out of the village limits. I must admit that I have done my share of cursing the traffic and lack of items in the grocery stores but I chose to come back to my home town and am just going to have to live with it.

Cathy Lee

Those New Mexicans who are less educated, work less

The interim Economic and Rural Development Committee held its July meeting in Santa Rosa.

For me, the meeting logistics proved curious enough to motivate a post at www.capitolreportnm.blogspot.com.

My concern here is the presentation by two esteemed observer-analysts of New Mexico, Adelar Alcantara, who directs Geospatial and Population Studies at the University of New Mexico, and Jim Peach, economics professor at New Mexico State University.

We couldn't find the meeting.

Alcantara and Peach provided their presentation materials.

New Mexico's population, as reported in the 2010 census, was Alcantara's topic.

Peach followed with a discussion of demographic trends and labor markets.

Trust me, this stuff really is more interesting than watching paint dry.

One starting piece of news is that New Mexico's percentage population growth fell behind the nation for the first time since the 1960s and only the second time since the 1910s.

Fourteen counties lost population during the 2000s with eight losing people since 1930.

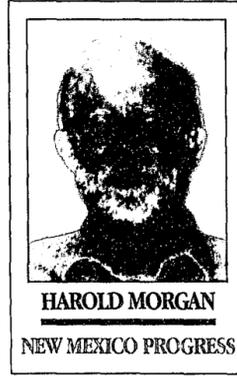
Seven of those eight are in the northeast with Luna County the stray.

At 17 percent, Hidalgo led the population losers between 2000 and 2010.

Overall, 63 percent of the ten-year population growth came from "natural increase," more people being born than died.

In New Mexico 62 percent of people 16 and older and not in an institution (jail or otherwise) "participate" in the labor force.

The national rate is



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65.4 percent.

The more education, the more likely a person works.

New Mexico beats the national level in people with less than a ninth grade education, with no high school diploma and with a graduate or professional degree.

For all other education levels, we're behind.

A pattern appears.

We are less educated than the nation, an ugly accomplishment. We work less.

Peach quotes the Bureau of Labor Statistics regarding the national job outlook: "Occupations that usually require a post-secondary degree or award are expected to account for nearly half of all new jobs from 2008 to 2018 and one-third of total job openings."

That means a lot of New Mexicans aren't in the job game. New Mexico was the 15th fastest growing state in the nation during the 2000s, which sounds nice until you notice that eight western states and Texas grew faster than New Mexico.

Two neighbors, Arizona and Utah, were in the top three. Colorado was ninth.

Clearly, when thinking about moving, people see more opportunity around New Mexico, rather than in New Mexico.

Alcantara put the light on what I have called the "sash of decline" from northeast to southwest. First, remember that we are urban; two-thirds of us live in the metro areas of Farmington, Las Cruces, Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

Around 1960 urban areas first claimed more than half the population.

Three urban counties led the population growth with a ten-year increase of 50 percent or more.

Those leading the growth of the older with a 50 percent or more increase in people 65 and up were Taos, Los

Alamos, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Catron.

With

exceptions and variation, the declining counties are older and more Anglo.

The leaders in 65-and-over population are Sierra County (30.6 percent), Harding (29.2) and Catron (27.9).

The youngest counties are in the northwest and southeast, plus Doña Ana. Hispanics accounted for 78 percent of the past decade's population growth with 188,017 new folks.

The counties with the greatest percentage of Hispanics are Rio Arriba, Mora, San Miguel and Guadalupe.

Mobility, both in the geographic and occupational senses, Peach notes, is an essential element of economic efficiency and productivity. Mobility, the means of finding a better life, draws fewer people to our state and more from southeast and southwest New Mexico.

This is a big problem with no immediate solution.

"We are less educated than the nation, an ugly accomplishment."



Celandine Poppy

What's a better sight for wintersore eyes than a bright burst of yellow in your spring garden? Celandine poppy (*Stylophorum diphylllum*) is a striking woodland flower with cheerful lemon-colored blooms from April to June. The deeply cut blue-green foliage will stay beautiful right through fall if you keep the soil moist. Since celandine poppy likes shade, it's a perfect pick for that hard-to-fill shady spot in your garden. Common name: Celandine poppy

Botanical name: *Stylophorum diphylllum*
Plant type: Perennial
Zones: 4 to 9
Height: 1 to 1.5 feet
Family: Papaveraceae

Growing conditions
• Sun: Part shade to full shade
• Soil: Moist, humusy
• Moisture: Medium to wet

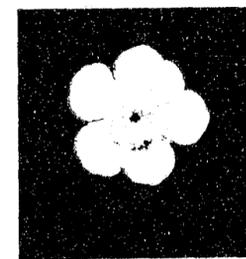
Care
• Mulch: Mulch to preserve moisture in the soil and prevent weeds.
• Pruning: None needed.

Fertilizer: None needed.
Propagation
• By seed or by division
Pests and diseases
• Slugs and snails may be a problem.

Garden notes
• Celandine poppy needs regular watering; plants will go dormant if the soil is too dry.
• *S. diphylllum* naturalizes well in shaded areas of wildflower or woodland gardens. It may get weedy or self-seed excessively under certain conditions.

• Celandine poppy looks great in a shady border among shrubs.
• The plant has rough, hairy, oblong-shaped green fruit that's considered ornamental.
• *S. diphylllum* is a good companion plant for other spring bloomers, such as Virginia bluebells, bloodroot, Jacob's ladder, bleeding heart, and trout lily.

All in the family
• Papaveraceae is also known as the poppy family.
• Like other members of Papaveraceae, celandine poppy contains a yellowish-orange sap, which Native Americans used as dye for clothes, baskets, and war paint.
• The family contains the opium poppy (*P. somniferum*), which is cultivated for its seeds (the poppy seeds used in cooking) and for its use in making opium and opiates.
• Celandine poppy is the only member of the genus native to the United States.



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EDUCATION

Middle school to sell used uniforms

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With several hundred uniform items available, Ruidoso Middle School will, today, attempt to reduce its clothing inventory.

The middle school has a uniformly dressed code for students to promote respectful attire.

Middle school teacher Alicia Annala said the vintage uniform sale idea started last year when a high school freshman was asked what she did with her eighth-grade uniforms.

"A group of staff and parents came up with the idea of letting students donate to the cause," Annala said. "Students love the opportunity to wear jeans on occasion, so we thought, 'Why don't we let them trade in their uniforms for a Jeans Day?'"

The response was called "overwhelming," with more than 300 articles of clothing donated. Many of the shirts, pants, skirts and jumpers are new or gently

used.

"Mr. (George) Heaton (middle school principal) gave us the OK and we collected uniforms for three days and on the fourth allowed those who donated to wear jeans," Annala said. "There were very few kids not wearing jeans that day. Now the task is to get the uniforms into the hands of the students."

Today's vintage boutique at the middle school will run from 4 to 6 p.m. The uniform articles will also be available on yet to be determined dates in early August.

The school's uniformly dressed code requires navy blue or white polo shirts with some additional restrictions. Pants or capris must be tan or navy blue with pockets in traditional places. Shorts, skirts or jumpers must be tan or navy blue and the length needs to reach at least the wearer's fingertips when standing upright. Only crew neck navy blue sweatshirts are allowed. The



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Ruidoso Middle School teacher Alicia Annala sorts out the piles of school uniforms that are available for students.

sweatshirts cannot be hooded or V-necks. Pockets are disallowed.

Additional dress code requirements are on the middle school's website.

Here's how the vintage uniform sale works.

Students who donated any items last the past school year, may buy one — get one free for up to six items.

Incoming sixth-grade students may receive one free article to start off the

school year correctly. New middle school students can get a top and bottom for free. Any additional items are \$3 each.

Annala said the vintage uniform program was not devised to amass money.

The sales proceeds will be used to support academics at Ruidoso Middle School through the ABC Club (Parent Advisory Council).

The August times and dates will be available by calling 575-257-4051.

School board may not approve gym agreement

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A proposed joint use agreement between the Village of Ruidoso and the Ruidoso Municipal School District, for the use of the district's Horton Complex auxiliary gymnasium has run into some fowls.

The school district and village sat down in January to discuss a deal for village activities at the gym.

"Then the next thing we knew, we had received a signed agreement from the village and we had never seen the written agreement before," Ruidoso Schools Superintendent Bea Etta Harris said. "So we sent it off to be reviewed."

The school district's attorney looked over the joint use agreement that the village council had approved on March 29. Amendments were recommended by the lawyer.

"I talked to the village," school district finance director Yvonne Perez said

after receiving the amendments. "I was told that part of the agreement was that the village would provide some custodial services for our auxiliary gym here at Horton Complex. When the middle school was here at this site, they took care of the gym and scheduling cleaning.

"It's used quite extensively by the village and also by (basketball) Little League," Perez said. "We just have some issues in having that stay clean. And our custodial that we have assigned to this site was taking care of Gavilan (Canyon Alternative School) and Central Office, but not including the gyms. So we thought it would be a good idea if we would get from them custodial services whether we used it or they used it. And they would also strip the floor once a year which is part of regular maintenance."

Perez said that was one of the reasons she asked legal counsel to look over

the proposed agreement.

"Today, when I talked to the village, they were not able to budget in the stripping of that floor. And it cost about \$10,000 a year. We're providing the utilities and they use that. And the use of the facility, we provide that for free for the activities that the village has there."

The school district's attorney-recommended changes went back to the village last week.

Perez said it may end up being the recommendation that the school board disapprove it.

The cost of utilities and the percentage of the gym's use by the schools, village and Little League will be assembled.

"The school uses it minimally out there. I mean it's mostly Little League Basketball," said education board member Curt Temple.

"It has to be equitable if we're paying for all the utilities," said school board member Kerry Gladden Eastep.

Perez said a good working relationship with the village is important, too.

"Help each other out and provide services to our community," Perez said. "A part of (funding for gyms) is us giving back. But they need to do their part as well."

Udall bill would bolster Native American education

• Legislation would address facilities, teachers and budgets in schools.

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Federal legislation to bolster Native American education is being introduced by U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.).

"Across New Mexico, too many tribal school systems are struggling," Udall said. "Buildings where Indian students go to school are in desperate need of renovations. School districts are unable to recruit qualified Native teachers. And with extremely tight budgets they don't have enough resources to do their jobs. As a result, too often Native children aren't getting the quality educations they need and deserve."

Udall noted graduation rates for Indian children are the lowest among the country's ethnic groups.

"My bill, the Building Upon Unique Indian Learning and Development Act, or the BUILD Act, would allow us to take an important step forward in addressing these problems."

Tribal schools would receive additional resources in a manner that Udall said would preserve tribal

cultures.

"The bill would remove the barriers tribal leaders often encounter in teaching Native languages at schools. It would also create a tribal teacher preparation initiative to help increase the number of Native teachers and principals in the school system. Last month the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, a committee I'm a member of, held a hearing on the Native Class Act, a bill to strengthen tribal education which, I'm happy to say, included most of the language of my bill."

Asked if a study of the future direction of Native American education might be considered, Udall said he believes that is an ongoing activity. He said collaboration between the two education agencies is part of an effort to improve tribal education.

"Right now, in the Bureau of Indian Education, 50,000 Native American students go to school on roughly the same timetable as students do in other schools. So they rely on that education there at the

"I think less than 50 percent graduate so that's a pretty startling figure and we need to do a lot better than that."

Tom Udall
U.S. Senator

tribal level. And there's a constant discussion between the U.S. Department of Education and the Bureau of Indian Education as to how to do this best and do what's right for Native American students. So I don't think we're going to see any quick merger or anything, but they're very good things that I think we can share with each other."

Udall said much of that has taken place in recent years in an effort to make both education systems work better for Native American students.

"The tough thing there, the graduation rates are not very high. I think less than 50 percent graduate so that's a pretty startling figure and we need to do a lot better than that."

Angermiller on dean's list

A 2006 graduate of Ruidoso High School is a dean's list student at Nebraska Methodist College-The Josie Harper Campus.

Codi Angermiller was among several dozen students who acquired a 3.75 grade point average or

better for the spring 2011 semester.

Nebraska Methodist College-The Josie Harper Campus is located in Omaha, Nebraska.

The school is an affiliate of Methodist Health System.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Cancer Deaths
July 2011 Cancer Ed Bulletin



571,950 = Number of Americans expected to die of cancer in 2011, which is more than 1,500 people per day
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Resident urges village to take action on 'unreasonable' noise

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On a pleasant summer evening, D.C. Yount used to enjoy sitting outside on his Reservoir Drive porch, enjoying the breeze.

But ever since Wingfield Park about a block and a half away became the staging area for musical events, Yount said instead he is forced to retreat inside and close the windows.

He brought the problem to the village council at a recent meeting and asked that measurable noise standards be established and that the equipment to take those readings be purchased to arm police officers with data they can present in court. Councilors listened, but took no action.

"I've been putting up with it ever

since they put in the park over by the old police station," he said. "I have to move out of town when the jazz festival (Mountain of Blues) and motorcycles (two annual rallies) come to town. And (outside musical entertainment) at Dream Catcher (Cafe) was the coup de gras. I also have neighbors who decide they want to play their boom boxes. I just wanted to see if the village would put some teeth into its ordinance."

He understands the need to promote tourism in the village with special events and entertainment. "But there has to be a limit," said the 21-year resident of Ruidoso.

"When you give some kind of organization a free hand at park, they just turn it up to 10 and that's it," he said.

He's aggravated because the vil-

lage passed an ordinance banning "unreasonable" noise, but police officers can't enforce the ordinance without some way to establish that the noise level is too high.

"Their hands are tied," Yount said. "I talked to an officer two weeks ago, he went by (the outdoor entertainment) and said it was nothing. I said stand on my front porch and he couldn't believe (the volume level)."

A citation against the cafe in 2008 resulted in the municipal court establishing a 9 p.m. shut-off time for outdoor music. Owner Lynn Crawford was told he must monitor the decibel levels of live music to ensure it was maintained at a "reasonable level," but the order only ran for one year.

For the jazz festival and

other live music at Wingfield Park, promoters must obtain a special events permit from the village, said Village Clerk Irma Devine.

At a 2008 village council meeting, Crawford told councilors the business began as a coffee shop. Musicians who didn't have many outlets in town began coming there to play all types of music. He now operates a full restaurant with a beer and wine license.

"The business grew out of a demand," he said. "We didn't have a business plan for it, but we knew the tourists want to be entertained."

At that meeting, Crawford also said that sound engineers advised him on how to contain the noise and he made several adjustments.

"We've tried to be good neighbors," he said. He's been told by owners of a lodging business nearby that their clients want to rent cabins across the street to be part of the Midtown experience.

"The Comprehensive Plan for the village is all about reinvigorating Midtown," Crawford said. "All I tried to do was grow into what people tell us they want."

Crawford said his business has changed in the last three years.

"Summer tourists say we don't have enough music because we're only doing that periodically on big weekends," he said.

Critics don't offer an answer to solve the problem, he said. "It shouldn't be about me, me, me. It should be about we as a community," he said.

OFFICES

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Albuquerque district and a member of the National Association of Post Masters, said Tuesday that receiving a notice of possible closure doesn't mean action will come swiftly. The law dictates a process of study and public input before any final decision.

"The way it works, the USPS decides to study an office for closing and gathers information from the postmaster about the number of customers, boxes, revenues and expenses," Provencio said. "Letters are sent to customers indicating that a change in their postal services is being considered and a questionnaire is enclosed and time given to return it."

"A community meeting is set up and postal officials come down to explain why a

closure is being studied and to gather more input. After considering that feedback and information, then they decide whether to proceed or to drop it."

If officials decide to move ahead with a closure, two more notices for more customer input are posted sequentially, the last a formal proposed closure.

"Nothing is announced today and closed tomorrow unless Congress changes the rules," he said. "We're talking months for sure, even if it moves right along. Nonetheless, the announcement is alarming to a small community."

A community must fully engage to save a post office, he said.

"They need to write to their U.S. senators and congressmen because the USPS still is accountable to Congress," he said.

Peter Hass, a USPS public information spokesman

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Al Provencio
Retired postmaster,
Albuquerque District

based in Arizona, but handling New Mexico's proposed closures, echoed Provencio's assertion that time will be allowed for public input.

"The Postal Service is facing a dire financial situation and this (list) is a continuation of looking at different ways to become more efficient," he said. "We lost 20 percent of our mail volume over the past four years."

In the previous quarter of operation, the USPS posted a \$2.2 million deficit.

The crucial factors considered in a possible closure are the number of customers seen each day, he said. The

poor economy delivered a blow because many companies that usually advertise by mail have pulled back. Electronic bill paying and e-mail communication also took away from the volume of first-class mail, he said. Although sales are important, "We have to provide service to all of America, but are there more efficient means?"

One of the alternatives being considered is a "village post office" concept, under which service would be provided in a small business, community center or town center in replacement of a small post office, Hass said.

One of the major financial hits that must be absorbed by the USPS unless rules are changed is a \$5.5 billion-per-year required payment for future retirees' health benefits, he said.

"No other agency, private or public, is required to make such a prepayment and

that's a huge amount of the \$8 billion deficit," Hass said. Separate from the health benefits, the USPS also appears to have overpaid as much as \$75 billion into the Public Employees Retirement Fund and Congressional intervention has been requested, he said.

If that correction was granted, Hass said, "We'd be in the black."

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Capitan, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, and the settlements of Hondo, San Patricio, Glencoe, Lincoln, Fort Stanton, Nogal, Picacho and Tinnie. The post office at Alto provides service for dozens of subdivisions outside of Ruidoso. One at Hollywood on U.S. Highway 70 is used by tourists and residents of several mobile home and recreational vehicle parks, as well as some subdivisions. A post office at Claunch in Torrance County also serves an area of northern Lincoln County.

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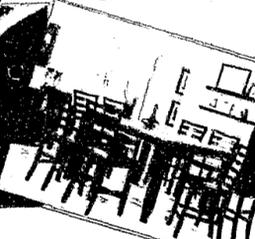
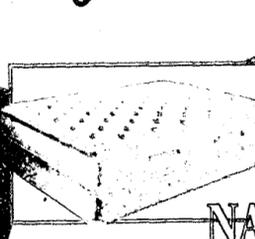
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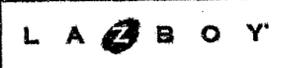
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Former minister arraigned

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CARRIZOZO – District Judge Karen Parsons arraigned former Ruidoso minister Kevin Krohn Friday, set his bond and ordered him booked and released.

"The state is not opposed to a reasonable bond," Deputy District Attorney Reed Thompson said to Parsons.

Defense attorney Dan Bryant asked Parsons for a 10-percent posting of the bond.

"In this type of case restitution becomes an issue," Bryant said. "So I would ask the court for a 10-percent posting so those funds would be available for restitution later on, should that become neces-

sary."

Bryant said this case has been pending for more than 10 months and the Krohns have a home in Ruidoso.

Krohn is charged with embezzlement of over \$20,000 from the Lincoln County Ministerial Alliance, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and other area churches, a second-degree felony, and with conspiracy.

Parsons ordered Krohn to post \$1,000 to secure a \$10,000 bond, and be photographed and fingerprinted then released.

Thompson said earlier in the week that Krohn may have embezzled as much as \$150,000, but the state only needs to prove that he stole \$20,000 to make it a second-degree



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Former Ruidoso minister Kevin Krohn, left, and defense attorney Dan Bryant look over documents at the defense table during Krohn's arraignment in District Court Friday. Krohn is charged with embezzling over \$20,000 from local churches.

felony. The conspiracy charge is a fourth-degree felony.

Bryant and attorney Angie Schneider-Cook maintain that Krohn is innocent

of the charges.

"We have faith that he will be exonerated by a jury of his peers," Schneider-Cook said earlier in the week.

RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

July 13

2:37 a.m. – Officer Tillman Freeman and Cpl. Lawrence Chavez responded to a report of two men walking around the lot of the Comfort Inn looking into cars.

Freeman spotted a green mini-van with the headlights turned off, traveling east on Wingfield Street as he responded to the call. Freeman reports he was able to follow the van and see that the two men in the van matched the description of the men in the parking lot.

Freeman stopped the van at Wingfield and Sudderth Drive.

Chavez reportedly obtained permission to search the van and discovered an insurance card showing that the vehicle belonged to someone in the

500 block of Wingfield.

Freeman reported that the driver changed his story a couple of times about who owned the van and why he was driving it. Eventually, driver Jermain M. Vigil, 18, of San Patricio, allegedly admitted that he and passenger Brandon Woods, 17, were "car hopping" and found the keys inside this van and took it.

Freeman arrested Vigil on charges of unlawful taking a motor vehicle, burglary of a vehicle and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Vigil was booked and held on a \$20,000 cash-only bond.

Freeman cited Woods to Juvenile Parole for unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, burglary of a vehicle and conspiracy.

Woods was released to his mother.

July 16

3:10 p.m. – Officer Josh Snodgrass responded to the 100 block of Paradise Canyon for a breaking and entering report.

The victim reportedly found the front door kicked open, with pieces of the doorframe on the floor.

Snodgrass reports the home was ransacked and four pieces of pottery were broken.

3:24 p.m. – Officer Steve Corbin responded to the 26000 block of Highway 70 for a report of criminal damage to property.

The victim reported that someone threw a rock through the bathroom window. Corbin reports the hole matched a rock found in the bathtub.

7:43 p.m. – Cpl. Aaron Frost responded to 422 Paradise Canyon Road for a report of an open flame.

Frost reported arriving to find a man and woman sitting on the deck with a grill visibly showing flames.

Frost cited Eduardo A. Contreras, 38, of El Paso, into Municipal Court for improper handling fire.

Contreras reportedly said he ran out of propane and used wood. Frost reported the wood Contreras used was several fireplace logs. The Ruidoso Fire Department extinguished the fire.

July 17

4:53 p.m. – Snodgrass responded to Cattle Baron Restaurant for a stolen vehicle report.

The victim reported that they looked out and saw their white, 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier at the exit of the restaurant. The victim ran after the car, but it turned west on Sudderth Drive before they could reach it.

A BOLO was issued for the vehicle.

July 19

12:41 a.m. – Freeman responded to Alsup's at 2820 Sudderth Drive for an attempted shoplifting.

Freeman reported the clerks told him a man they recognized as having stolen beer from the store a couple of weeks earlier came in. One of the clerks slipped outside the store and when the man grabbed a case of beer and headed out the door, the clerk held the door. When the man dropped the beer, the clerk reportedly released the door and the man ran away.

Freeman reports he was not able to locate the suspect.

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ALTRUSA Commissioners to attend water, forest workshops

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see many more show up with advanced stages of breast cancer, she said. "We'll apply for grants, but who knows," if any grants to supplement the program will be awarded.

A radiologist at the hospital volunteered to cover the additional \$20 per test on additional selected days, but Santos rejected the offer. He explained Monday that the radiologist's financial participation could have driven up the number of mammograms administered by another 100 and that would have cost the hospital about \$12,000 additional dollars.

"I applaud his altruism, but we're skating on thin ice on the positive (cash flow) side as it is. We can't do everything for everybody who wants things done. Mammograms are a great preventative tool, but so are many other tests," Santos said. "Choosing a high deductible is a conscious decision. That may sound callous, but we all face those financial consequences. We suggested some fundraisers to Altrusa to soften the blow."

Santos said in uncompensated care alone, the hospital last year spent \$4.2 million and received only \$3.6 million from the Sole Community Provider Program that is supposed to reimburse a hospital for unpaid care. "And that's just figuring the cost basis for the care," he said. "That's the thin line we're walking."

Last year, 260 women showed up for tests and more than half had others means of paying, Santos said. "We want to do as much as we can, but how many more can we take? Altrusa (and the patient are) only paying part of the \$200 cost."

Sue Ludwig, another Altrusa member, said she's worried that anyone with insurance, no matter what they're deductible, will be eliminated from eligibility. She believes Santos would prefer to eliminate the entire low-cost mammogram program. But she contended the program has detected early stage cancer in many participants, extending or saving their lives.

With a bond issue for hospital rebuilding and expansion on the horizon, Santos should look at the bigger picture, she said.

"I asked why women should vote for his bond issue when he is cutting major services to the women of Lincoln County," Ludwig said. "How is he going to pass the bond issue, if the women of Lincoln County don't vote for it?"

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and other funding sources are needed.

"Without help it ain't going to happen," Armstrong said of the public transportation operation. "Patty's (Patty DeSoto, Lincoln County Transit's manager) been very hard working at trying to find other money to help."

Holman said he understood DeSoto has attempted to persuade the Mescalero Apache Tribe and ENMU-Ruidoso to help with funding.

He said he suspected Lincoln County dropped their funding because of a lack of ridership by residents who live in the county.

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Thursday should turn out to be a busy day for Lincoln County commissioners as they convene for a special session at 11 a.m. in Ruidoso and some will attend a water workshop or one of two U.S. Forest Service workshops at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

The special commission meeting at the county suboffice on Kansas City Road next to the Ruidoso Public Library off Cree Meadows Drive will focus on just a few items.

Commissioners will consider rescinding fire restrictions in unincorporated areas of the county, because of recent rains.

An agreement with Carrizozo Animal Control also is on the agenda, but the main issue is formal acceptance of Tom Stewart's resignation as county manager, to select the method of recruiting his replacement and a time line for selection before his last day.

Stewart, who is in his thirteenth year as manager, intends to leave by Nov. 25

or Dec. 23. Commissioners have the option of either paying him for 57 days on vacation or allowing him to take the days off. However, because he will not fulfill his current contract, he forfeits 10 days.

The proposed timeline for selection is advertising as soon as possible and establishing a Sept. 9 deadline for applications, with rankings by Sept. 20, final selection interviews by Oct. 5-7 and a formal announcement of the new manager by Oct. 18.

The new manager's first day of work would be Oct. 31. That schedule would allow a brief overlap with Stewart still on board to prepare for the commission's November monthly meeting and to complete the Fiscal Year 2011-2011 audit and submit it by Nov. 15.

Water workshop

A discussion of the surface and groundwater resources of Ruidoso and adjacent watersheds will be the focus of the water workshops from noon to 4 p.m., by the Arizona-New Mexico Coalition of Counties with Howard Hutchinson as

The Forest Service workshops are set for 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday at the convention center in Ruidoso.

host at the convention center.

The overall purpose of the panel will be to look at what effects watershed management and groundwater withdrawal have on surface flows, delivery of water to groundwater recharge and the potential for impacts on water quality.

Howard Hutchinson will lead the panel consisting of Geoffrey Rawling, Field Geologist, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources; Talon Newton, Hydrogeologist, New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources; Dr. Alexander G. "Sam" Fernald, Interim Director of the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute and Associate Professor of Watershed Management, Department of Animal and Range

Sciences, New Mexico State University.

Rawling and Newton will discuss the ongoing Sacramento Mountains Hydrogeology Study examining the groundwater recharge zones and the effects of watershed management on that recharge. Fernald will present information on the relationship of surface flow of streams as they are related to the adjacent land uses.

Forest workshops

The Forest Service workshops are set for 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., also at the

convention center. The workshop aims to provide a forum for communities affected by wildfires to meet with multiple federal, state and local agencies to learn about assistance opportunities.

Various programs and types of assistance are available, but finding the information can be overwhelming for people, especially in stressful times.

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Spencer returns to probate bench

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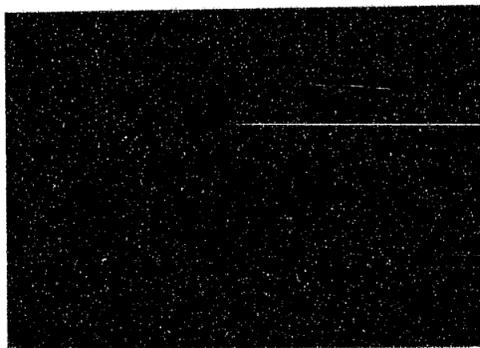
He was selected recently from among 10 candidates vying to finish out the year and a half left in the term of Carrie Spencer, his ex-wife, who resigned from the post and moved

out of state. Spencer, a rancher, was elected as probate judge twice before. When the two-term limit denied him a chance to run again, Carrie Spencer bid for the spot and won. The two were married at the time. He told commissioners he intended to run for the office in 2012. — From reports

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TESTS

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the district to bring collaboration in planning instruction, overseeing each other's classrooms and sharing feedback. Joint instructional planning is a part of the initiative.

"They put teachers into collaborative groups where they actually look at the data and they say, 'What are we seeing in this data? And what is this saying about the lesson we taught? And what can we do different in the lesson? And how can we improve the lesson so kids get it?'"

Harris said it has been shown Professional Learning Communities have significant impacts on learning.

"What we've learned is the district has to provide time. You can't expect a school to squeeze adequate time out for teachers to learn

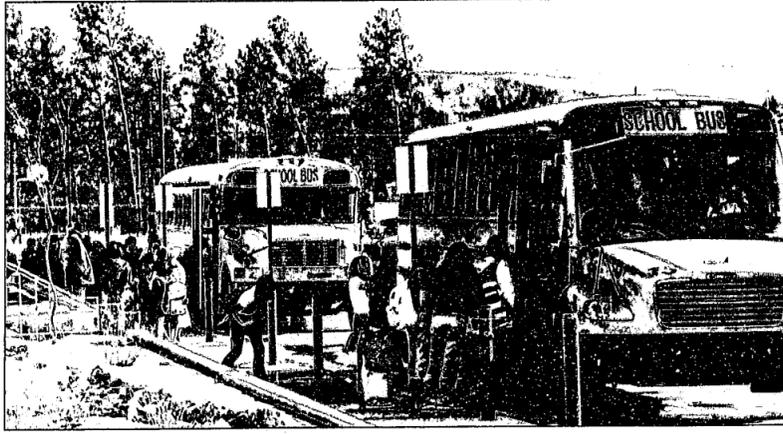
together. So we did that this year, we've altered the calendar and we'll have a late start Wednesdays and every school and every teacher will be involved in Professional Learning Communities Wednesday mornings."

Harris said there will be expectations from her office on the principals who in return will have expectations for the teachers.

"It's not going to be a time where you come in and talk about your field trips for the month or you talk about your final event for Friday in the commons area. It's really going to be highly focused on teaching and learning. It's going to be data driven. Those PLCs will be really dynamic learning opportunities for teachers."

Reading

Another large component of reform in the district is a K-5 literacy initiative. Teacher training began in late May. Harris said the



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When students return to Ruidoso schools this year, they will find new reading and math programs in place to help improve state-standard test scores.

previous Reading First program only "tinkered around the edges."

Literacy coach Lois Whitmire said last month that the new program will break the practice of trying to fit every student into one book.

"With the balanced literacy approach, we're tying reading and writing to match the needs of the student," Whitmire said. "The bottom line is we're matching text to reader."

Harris said the literacy overhaul will assess students and teach reading using a component called Running Records.

"Every two weeks the teacher will do a running record with the student reading a 100-word passage and she can look at that passage and determine if this kid has a phonemic issue, or is it a graphic issue, or is it a semantic, syntactic issue," Harris said. "And then she knows exactly what to address with that child to get them over this next benchmark. And it's not like a whole semester. They're very dynamic small groups

addressing the issues of children."

Harris said the biggest reason for reading problems is failing to match the text to the reader.

"If the text is too hard, the kid drowns in it. If it's too easy, he's bored. It has to be exactly right for a kid to make instructional gains."

The K-5 literacy initiative was labeled a "significant effort."

Math

The district's AYP scores in math also were dismal.

Three years ago, a new math program was introduced to the elementary grades.

"Everyday Math is one of the three, what are considered, top math programs in the nation. If we implement Everyday Math correctly, we should see significant gains in all of our students in math. When you look at the AYP data, it hasn't happened. And so we don't know if they haven't had enough math training. You actually have to know math to teach Everyday Math. It's not like

giving instructions and everyone sits down and does the math page. When we were kids you just did your math and the teacher sat up and it was the quietest time of the day because everyone was just racing to finish the math sheet."

Another concept, called reform math, requires extensive teacher engagement.

"You have to be moving around the room asking children to explain to you what they're doing so you can understand how they're thinking so you can address their next step," Harris said of reform math. In response to the AYP data on math, the district has hired a half-time math coach.

"We can't financially afford a full-time math coach at this time. Her other half of the job will be as assistant principal at the middle school."

The math coach will work with K-8 teachers. She is a Fellow for the Advancement of Mathematics Education.

Precedent

"New Zealand had the lowest literacy rate in the world 30 years ago," Harris said. "And they have a significant population of Maori, indigenous people. And they decided they were going to turn this around. And they did. And they did it with balanced literacy, matching text to reader and really intensely training their teachers. In New Zealand, you start school the day you turn five. And you start in a K-2 classroom and it's language rich and literacy rich. You can commit as a school to read 1,000 books (to students) between kindergarten and two. That doesn't mean the other kids who already had

1,000 books quit learning but it does give those kids a chance they didn't have before. There has never been a commitment in this district to read 1,000 books between K and two. Reading is correlated to vocabulary and socioeconomic level. We can't change your socioeconomic level but can introduce you to the vocabulary."

Commitment

"So we're making a solid financial commitment with our literacy coaches and our math coach to turn K-5 around and have an impact with K-8," Harris said. "We can sit here and say 'Wouldn't it be wonderful if parents did this or that.' We don't have control of that. What we have control of is what we can do in the classroom. We can improve our teaching. We can give them a language-rich environment. We can commit to reading 1,000 books to them in their first three years of school. We can commit to matching text to reader. We can commit to doing guided reading and ongoing Running Records. It wastes our time and it increases frustration to focus on things we don't have any control of."

High schools

Of the 15 public schools in Lincoln County only two schools, Capitan High and Corona High, achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

"The (Ruidoso) high school (AYP) scores didn't look good this year, but when you know what the high school did last year, I'm not really worried about them," Harris said. "I think that their work on Essential Learning Objectives last year and their work in PLCs has positioned them to make significant gains this year. And I'm anticipating they will do that."

In reports released by the New Mexico Public Education Department, nearly 87 percent of schools in the state failed to make adequate progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. AYP represents annual academic targets in reading and math, as well as student attendance or high school graduation rates.

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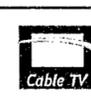
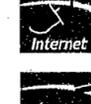
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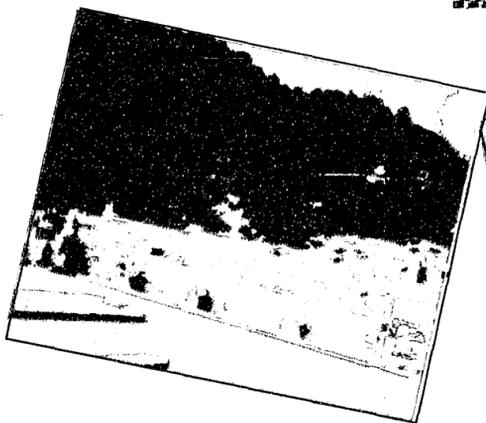


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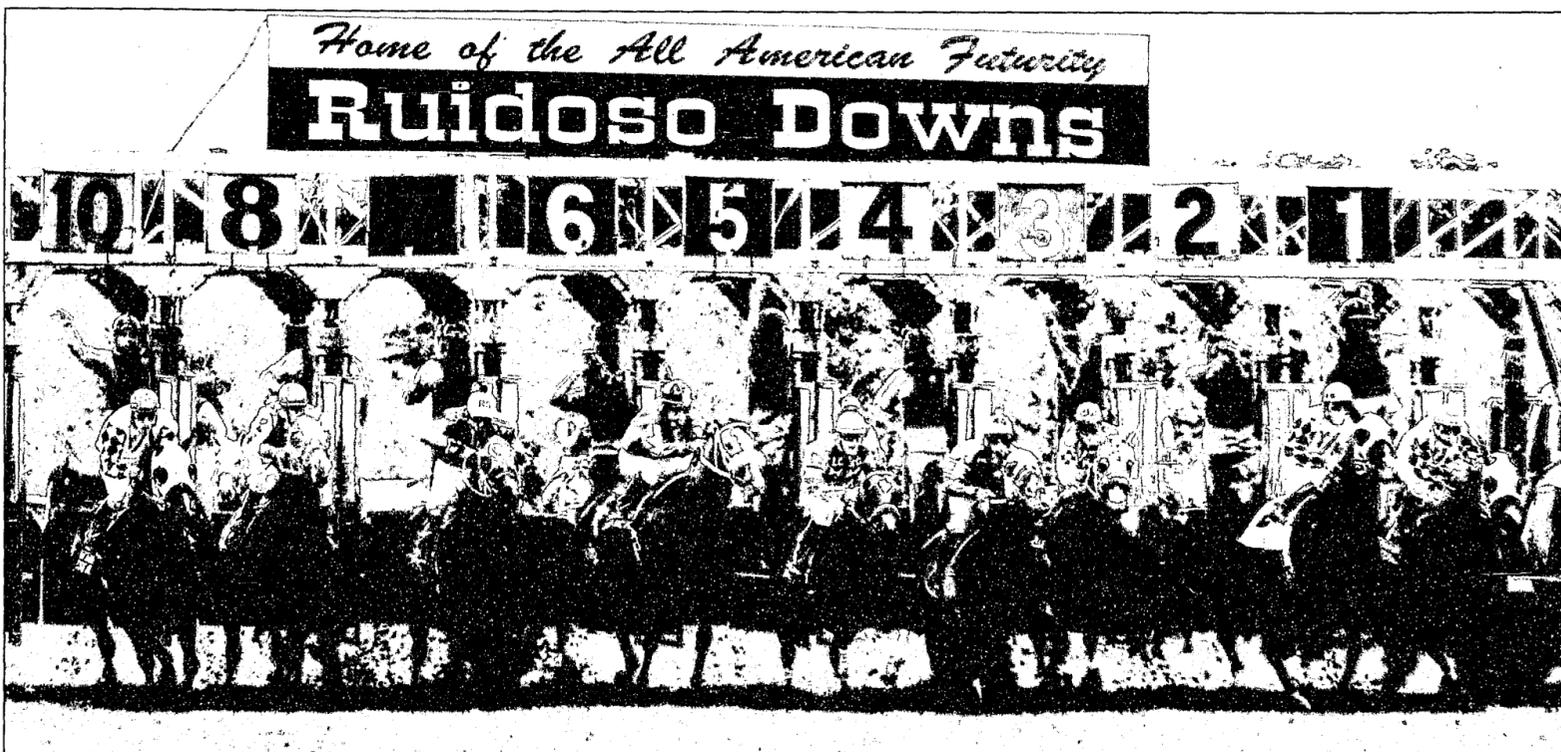
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Nine horses leave the gate in Sunday's \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity. Jacky Martin, aboard the No. 3 horse, Feature Mr Bojangles, won the race for Martin's sixth Rainbow Futurity win.

Upset in richest Rainbow Futurity

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Ruidoso Downs Race Track

Feature Mr Bojangles might have been at 9-1 longshot in the final odds, but he raced down the Ruidoso Downs straightaway like a solid All American Futurity hopeful to win the Grade 1, \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity on Sunday afternoon.

The \$700,000 purse exceeded the previous record purse of \$636,881 and will rise to \$1-million

in 2013.

The Grade 1, \$2.4-million All American Futurity is held on Labor Day at Ruidoso Downs. It is North America's richest race for two-year-olds, regardless of the horse's breed.

Feature Mr Bojangles, starting from the third post position, raced the 400 yards in :19.608 to defeat The Long Knife by one-half length. Jess Cuervo was third, one-half length behind The Long Knife.

"He crowded (pushed up

against) the front of the gate," said jockey Jacky Martin, winner of his sixth Rainbow Futurity. He also won last year with Hes Too Icy For Me.

"The four horse (The Long Knife) had me beat about a length and we ran him down. About 100 yards from the wire we got by him and then he was coasting."

Owned by SM Cattle Export Company with Jaime Dominguez, Feature Mr Bojangles has been sta-

bled off the Ruidoso Downs grounds and shipped from his home base north of El Paso for the Rainbow Futurity trials and finals. "He got here the morning of trials and came back up yesterday for the finals," said Martin.

The son of Feature Mr Jess has become accustomed to the horse trailer and has gained familiarity with the winner's circle. The Roberto Sanchez-



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Cold Cash 123, with Jacky Martin aboard, head for the gate.

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Registration for Lincoln County Little League will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at A Secure Indoor Self Storage (200 Resort Dr.) and again, Monday, Aug. 22, 5-7:30 p.m. Minors players, seven through nine-years-old and majors players 10 through 12-years-old are encouraged to register. Age deadline is Sept. 1, 2011. Fee is \$85. All players that did not play in 2010 must bring proof of age. There will be no late registration.

Cold Cash 123 takes the cash Sunday

Richest Rainbow Derby victory gives trainer Dwayne Gilbreath his seventh win

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Favored Cold Cash 123 made his expected late charge to give hall of fame trainer Dwayne "Sleepy" Gilbreath a record-extending seventh Grade 1 Rainbow Derby victory on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The nearly \$899,524 purse broke the previous record Rainbow Derby purse of \$873,441 set last year. Cold Cash 123 earned \$449,762, a record winner's share for the Rainbow Derby.

The Rainbow Derby is the year's third richest race

for three-year-old or older quarter horses.

Bodacious Dash finished a neck behind Cold Cash 123 for second place while it was just a nose further back to third-place finisher DM Streakn Thru Fire.

"I needed this one bad," said Gilbreath. "It's been awhile since I've won one."

Gilbreath, a member of the Ruidoso Downs Racehorse Hall of Fame, previously won the Rainbow Derby in 2001 with Feature Mr Jess.

That victory concluded a run of three-straight wins in the Rainbow Derby. He won his first Rainbow Derby in 1992 with Ed

Grimley.

Cold Cash 123 and jockey Roy Baldillez, starting from the ninth post position, needed every jump of the 440 yards to get the win in :21.229 over a track turned sloppy by a thunderstorm earlier in the afternoon.

Baldillez won the 2000 Rainbow Derby aboard the Gilbreath-trained Significant Speed.

"He broke super and the inside horses (Bodacious Dash and DM Streakn Thru Fire, were out there (in front), but they didn't run away from him," said Baldillez. "He was getting ahold of the track and he loves 440 yards."

Owned by Walter and Carolyn Bay's T Bill Stable, Cold Cash 123 is now undefeated at five starts over 440



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Jockey Roy Baldillez celebrates after Cold Cash 123 wins.

Lincoln County NM 2011 Senior Olympics

Local senior athletes once again show competitive prowess and ready for future

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Tom Douglas, of Alto, moved up to the 70-74 age division at the National Senior Games Association

(NSGA) event in Houston in June and repeated his bowling doubles victory from the 2009 San Francisco Bay area games.

This time he partnered with Ken Woman, of

Scottsdale, Ariz., and after advancing through qualifying rounds, they scored 1,239 pins in a three-game finals set to take the gold medal.

Douglas also earned a sixth-place award in the singles finals.

He will be in competition in late July at the 33rd Annual New Mexico State Senior Olympics in Las Cruces.

His events are in bowling singles, doubles with Gene Nitz and in a four-man team with Nitz, Spud Mitchum and Jim Clements.

It is a non-qualifying year for the biennial NSGA, but in 2012, state athletes in 20 sports must finish one, two, or three in order to be entered in the 2013 games in Cleveland, Ohio.

The New Mexico state games conduct competition among senior men and women, age 50 and up, in five-year increments in 28 sports and games with athletes coming from 31 countries and several Indian pueblos.

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We're really proud of him," trainer Blane Wood said.

Third-place finisher DM Streakn Thru Fire, a 13-1 long shot from the Mike Joiner barn, was a close third behind Bodacious Dash in the Texas Classic Futurity and the fifth-place finisher in the Grade 1, \$2-million All American Futurity.

The remaining order of finish was JLS Mr Bigtime, Royally Sandra, First Down Master, Llano Teller, Dominyun, Jess Before Dawn and Giorgino.



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"Sleepy" Gilbreath won his seventh Rainbow Derby Saturday.

SENIORS

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beginning in 1979, at alternating sites, mostly Las Cruces, Las Vegas and

Albuquerque.

Twenty-nine seniors competed in Lincoln County this year and most will be going to the Las Cruces games, beginning July 27.

Lincoln County qualifiers are:

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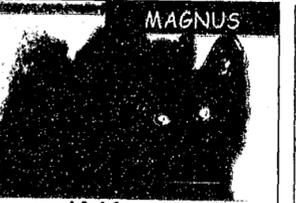
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Juniper trees stressed from drought and freeze

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The area's weather extremes since last fall are showing up on some trees in the Ruidoso area.

Juniper trees, both the Alligator and Shaggy Bark varieties, are beginning to look sick.

"Juniper trees are pretty susceptible to really hard freezes and we had one of those," said Dick Cooke, Ruidoso's urban forester. "And now with the stress that comes with the drought, I think they are pretty stressed."

Time and weather will determine the fate of the junipers.

"I've seen junipers that look dead and come back. I'm sure we'll lose some of them but I'm sure some of them will survive, too. I haven't seen any that I would consider dead yet. But unless it starts to rain, a good number could die."

Cooke said he has seen similar tree stress in the past in northern New Mexico.

While some locations outside Ruidoso have entire stands of junipers that are showing a golden brown color instead of green, Cooke called the tree blight spotty in the village.

"It's widespread, but it's not all the juniper trees. If we have too many trees in an area then there's so much competition for water."

Insect damage was pretty much ruled out by Cooke.

"We kind of looked at them. It's got to be the drought with the freeze

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thrown in there," he said.

On Feb. 12, the temperature in Ruidoso plunged to an all-time record low of minus-27 and the mercury remained below zero for 40 continuous hours.

One of the juniper's susceptibility factors is a different root system than other evergreens.

"Occasionally you'll see it in piñons but you don't see it near as much in piñons unless the drought goes for a way extended period of time," Cooke said.

A 2009 paper published in the Ecological Society of America's magazine Frontiers in Ecology noted the impacts of drought on both junipers and piñons in a part of northern New Mexico.

Cooke's observations were backed up by Danny Norlander, a forestry health specialist with the Forestry Division inside the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

"It does appear to be a combination of the real hard frost, the real hard freeze, and real dry weather," Norlander said. "In the real dry weather, they don't have the water to move nutrients to repair damage. They're having a real hard time recovering from that and the drought has really taken a toll on them."

Homeowners who want to help stressed trees could provide water.

"If people are going to do that, you need to do a deep watering," Norlander said. "It needs to be able to get down to the roots not just lightly on the surface. A longer period, that will get the water deeper. Less frequently, it's going to be better for the trees than more often but not as deep."

Residents in some communities with water systems should check to make sure outdoor watering is allowed. Some locations have restrictions in place.

Pine trees in the area appear to be mostly tolerant to the freeze and drought. Norlander said the pines have a much thicker bark acting as a better insulator.

"It protects the inside of the tree not only from the cold but also heat. They're able to withstand extremes in temperature better than the junipers, which have a thinner bark. That's why a real hard freeze like that is going to impact the junipers more."

In addition to the Ruidoso area, the weather-stressed junipers are also showing up in Santa Fe, the east mountains of the Sandias and Manzanos, and to a lesser extent west of Albuquerque and in the Socorro area, Norlander said.

The local problem has affected some other trees in Ruidoso. Cooke said a handful of Arizona cypress trees along White Mountain Drive are wilted.

The juniper also is in the cypress family.

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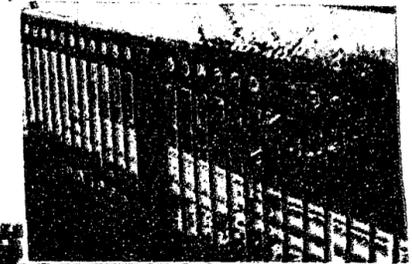
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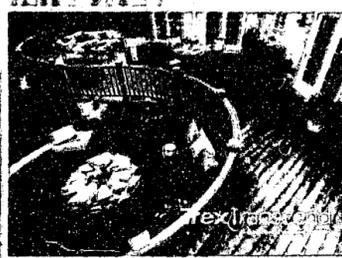


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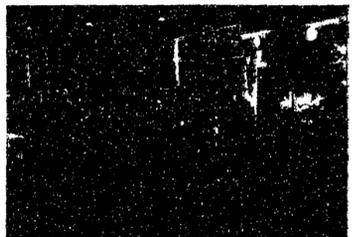
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"He ran a good race.

We're really proud of him," trainer Blane Wood said.

Third-place finisher DM Streakn Thru Fire, a 13-1 long shot from the Mike Joiner barn, was a close third behind Bodacious Dash in the Texas Classic Futurity and the fifth-place finisher in the Grade 1, \$2-million All American Futurity.

The remaining order of finish was JLS Mr Bigtime, Royally Sandra, First Down Master, Llano Teller, Dominyun, Jess Before Dawn and Giorgino.



"Sleepy" Gilbreath won his seventh Rainbow Derby Saturday.

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SENIORS

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beginning in 1979, at alternating sites, mostly Las Cruces, Las Vegas and

Albuquerque. Twenty-nine seniors competed in Lincoln County this year and most will be going to the Las Cruces games, beginning July 27.

Lincoln County qualifiers are:

- Bowling** — Douglas, Nitz, Mitchum, Clements, Martha Chavez, Linda Clements, Hubert Lee, Linda Mitchum, Lucy Servies and Janice Wilson
- Archery** — Dick Cox, Joe Castaldy, Ray

- Hernandez and Walter Winters
- Golf** — Jim Clements and Daniel de la Peña
- Horseshoes** — Hugh Amos and Bart Young
- Racewalk** — Chris Carusona

- Track and Field** — Bob Koenig
- Swimming** — June Hence and Steve Hightower
- Basketball** (feet and 3-pointers) — Alice Burnett and Bart Young

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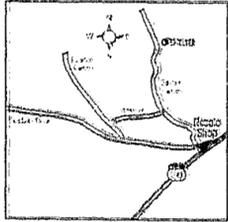
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TRISTAN

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DEE DEE

IS A SWEET, SHY SHEPHERD MIX WHO WAS PUNPED IN THE SHELTER PARKING LOT IN A WIRE CAGE AFTER HOURS. SHE IS WALKING WELL ON A LEASH, SPAYED AND CURRENT ON HER VACCINATIONS. DEE DEE IS COOP WITH OTHER DOGS AND VERY GENTLE.

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GI GI

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BENJI

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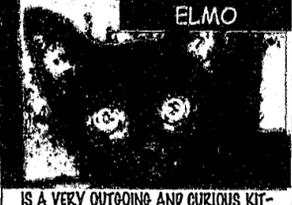
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SOLDIER

IS A HANDSOME RED TABBY, ABOUT 10 WEEKS OLD. HE WAS FOUND IN CARRIZOZO WITH HIS LITTERMATES BACK IN APRIL. SOLDIER HAS GREAT MARKINGS AND A SWEET DISPOSITION.

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RALPHIE

IS A HANDSOME 3 MONTH OLD KITTEN WITH BUFF TABBY MARKINGS. HE WAS FOUND IN RUIDOSO DOWNS AS A STRAY WITH HIS 3 LITTERMATES. HE IS FRIENDLY AND EXCELLENT WITH OTHER CATS AND KITTENS.

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MAGNUS

IS ABOUT 10-12 WEEKS OLD. HE IS A LARGE, SOLID BLACK KITTEN WITH A GREAT DISPOSITION. MAGNUS IS FROM A HOME WITH SEVERAL LARGE DOGS AND OTHER CATS/KITTENS SO HE IS VERY WELL SOCIALIZED AND READY TO GO TO A FAMILY.

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ARCHIE

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Ruidoso Optimist Club members Cindy Oakes and Dee Woodward present Ruidoso Library Youth Services supervisor Cheryl Volosin, front, and Children's Librarian Kari Dawn Kolander a Nook electronic book to be presented as a prize for the Library's Summer Reading Program. The presentation was made at the Library July 19, as children gathered for the morning session of Zoo to You.

Juniper trees stressed from drought and freeze

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The area's weather extremes since last fall are showing up on some trees in the Ruidoso area.

Juniper trees, both the Alligator and Shaggy Bark varieties, are beginning to look sick.

"Juniper trees are pretty susceptible to really hard freezes and we had one of those," said Dick Cooke, Ruidoso's urban forester. "And now with the stress that comes with the drought, I think they are pretty stressed."

Time and weather will determine the fate of the junipers.

"I've seen junipers that look dead and come back. I'm sure we'll lose some of them but I'm sure some of them will survive, too. I haven't seen any that I would consider dead yet. But unless it starts to rain, a good number could die."

Cooke said he has seen similar tree stress in the past in northern New Mexico.

While some locations outside Ruidoso have entire stands of junipers that are showing a golden brown color instead of green, Cooke called the tree blight spotty in the village.

"It's widespread, but it's not all the juniper trees. If we have too many trees in an area then there's so much competition for water."

Insect damage was pretty much ruled out by Cooke.

"We kind of looked at them. It's got to be the drought with the freeze

"I've seen junipers that look dead and come back."

Dick Cooke
Ruidoso urban forester

thrown in there," he said.

On Feb. 12, the temperature in Ruidoso plunged to an all-time record low of minus-27 and the mercury remained below zero for 40 continuous hours.

One of the juniper's susceptibility factors is a different root system than other evergreens.

"Occasionally you'll see it in piñons but you don't see it near as much in piñons unless the drought goes for a way extended period of time," Cooke said.

A 2009 paper published in the Ecological Society of America's magazine Frontiers in Ecology noted the impacts of drought on both junipers and piñons in a part of northern New Mexico.

Cooke's observations were backed up by Danny Norlander, a forestry health specialist with the Forestry Division inside the New Mexico Department of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

"It does appear to be a combination of the real hard frost, the real hard freeze, and real dry weather," Norlander said. "In the real dry weather, they don't have the water to move nutrients to repair damage. They're having a real hard time recovering from that and the drought has really taken a toll on them."

Homeowners who want to help stressed trees could provide water.

"If people are going to do that, you need to do a deep watering," Norlander said. "It needs to be able to get down to the roots not just lightly on the surface. A longer period, that will get the water deeper. Less frequently, it's going to be better for the trees than more often but not as deep."

Residents in some communities with water systems should check to make sure outdoor watering is allowed. Some locations have restrictions in place.

Pine trees in the area appear to be mostly tolerant to the freeze and drought. Norlander said the pines have a much thicker bark acting as a better insulator.

"It protects the inside of the tree not only from the cold but also heat. They're able to withstand extremes in temperature better than the junipers, which have a thinner bark. That's why a real hard freeze like that is going to impact the junipers more."

In addition to the Ruidoso area, the weather-stressed junipers are also showing up in Santa Fe, the east mountains of the Sandias and Manzanos, and to a lesser extent west of Albuquerque and in the Socorro area, Norlander said.

The local problem has affected some other trees in Ruidoso. Cooke said a handful of Arizona cypress trees along White Mountain Drive are wilted.

The juniper also is in the cypress family.

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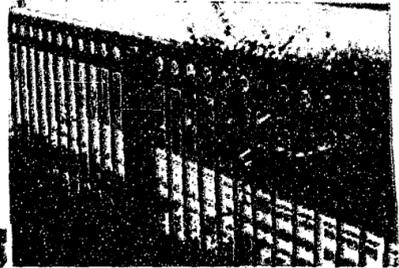
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Carrizozo short on students



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Green lawns and fresh paint mark the near-completion of the landscaping project.

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The landscaping of the Carrizozo campus continues, but there aren't as many students and teachers still around to appreciate it.

"We continue to graduate 18 to 19 kids," said Superintendent Robert Cobos. "We only bring 10 to 11 kids into kindergarten."

There are about 150 students in Carrizozo's K-12, give or take a few, Cobos said.

The shortage of students also is accompanied by a shortage of teachers.

Cobos said that there were three current staff openings that he is advertising for and hoping to fill soon.

The openings are for an agricultural teacher, a special education teacher/director, and also an opening

for a new bus driver, Cobos said.

But the recent hiring of a new basketball coach, Porter Cutrell, has helped to alleviate staffing concerns.

Cutrell has been teaching for about 20 years in New Mexico and Colorado, including time spent coaching basketball at the University of New Mexico.

And the lack of students will be felt on the sports field just as much as in the classrooms.

Carrizozo will be switching from its current 11-man football team to an eight-man team with the new semester, Cobos said.

"We don't have the numbers any more, and this has become a safety thing for us," Cobos said, adding that he was not comfortable with only two to three players on the bench all season, as injuries quickly

pile up on overworked players.

There also will be inevitable changes in the playing season, since Carrizozo's frequent opponents still retain 11-man teams.

"We'll have to go out and find those eight-man teams," Cobos said.

A new addition to the school is the return of the DARE program, headed by Carrizozo police officer Steve Barnett, who had ran the DARE program in Carrizozo previously.

"I'm looking forward to meeting another round of kids and watching them grow up," Barnett said.

Barnett has been involved with the DARE program since 1986, and has been a DARE instructor in New Mexico since 1998.

Barnett also recently met with Gov. Susana

Martinez during the July conference at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Martinez has been an advocate for the DARE program, and assured officers that they would "always have an advocate in (her)."

And the campus landscaping is almost complete, Cobos said, who expects most of the work to be completed by November.

"The campus looks really nice," Cobos said. "People have told me it looks like a college campus."

Cobos said that the main campus was 95 percent completed and all that remained was the west side and the fields, which school board trustee Jean Paul Ventura's business has been working on.

"It's greener and more filled in than I've ever seen it before," Cobos said. "He (Ventura) says it's his contribution to the campus."

Commission opposes standards

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Lincoln County commissioners will add their objections to a growing list of opponents protesting the state's insistence that public utilities meet certain percentages of renewable energy production by 2015 and 2020.

Commissioners Tuesday asked staff to draft a resolution for adoption next month stating the board's opposition to requiring utilities to supplement their energy production with wind and solar power by defined percentages.

Commissioner Mark Doth introduced the subject Tuesday under a time for public officials to speak on items not included on the agenda.

"This issue has been simmering for some time," he said. "I can see the handwriting on the wall so clearly."

He received an appeal to every citizen of New Mexico to take action to avert the high-energy bills that are coming, he said. The appeal is contained on the website energymakesamerica-great.org. The state Legislature in 2007 led by state Sen. Michael Sanchez (D-Belen), voted for Senate Bill 418 setting renewable energy portfolio standards.

"When the economy was thriving, it sounded like good idea. Voting against it was akin to not liking puppies," Doth said.

"We now know converting is not cheap, even with the abundance of both wind and sun in New Mexico, and in a troubled economy, no one wants higher energy costs."

The mandates must be eliminated by repealing Senate Bill 418, he con-

tended.

The website contains a draft letter to be sent to state legislators:

"On Monday, July 18, PNM filed the Integrated Resource Plan with the PRC. The report takes 200+ pages to say what could have been said in three words: more expensive electricity. It is my understanding that you, in 2007, voted for the Renewable Portfolio Standard (SB 418) that mandates increasing percentages of more expensive intermittent and unreliable renewables and the duplicate gas-fueled power plants needed for back up. This report makes the reality of higher utility bills undisputable. It's all there in black and white.

"I understand that back in 2007 the economy was humming along and, maybe, you thought renewable energy seemed attractive. But now, due to the PNM report, we know that your vote will make my utility bills higher.

"I am writing today to let you know that I do not appreciate your vote to increase energy costs, especially when New Mexico has an abundance of comparatively cheap coal and natural gas. Please write me back and let me know whether or not you will commit to doing everything in your power to repeal SB 418."

Commissioner Kathryn Minter said she was disappointed when the Public Regulatory Commission turned down the PNM's plan to purchase already constructed facilities, and instead, are forcing them to build, which will hit customers harder financially.

Buckshot and Brewer, remembering and re-enacting

The 1999 Lincoln Pageant & Festival Corp. program dedication: "In loving memory of Dan Storm

1909-1998, one of the founders of Old Lincoln Days. As a significant part of the production of "Last Escape of Billy the Kid", we cherish the time, the talent, and the humor you shared with us. You will remain in our hearts forever...also known as

Buckshot Roberts (1940 through 1998)."

I met Storm many years ago as a fellow

columnist and through his two Ruidoso News columns, which he wrote up until his untimely

death. "The Dreamer" was signed by "Dannie Storm" and in "The Silver Lining" his byline was Daniel Agnew Storm.

His wit and wisdom was evident in his writings and his historical facts of the

Hondo Valley and the Ruidoso Valley.

Storm played "Buckshot Roberts" for years in the

annual pageant about the Lincoln County War.

Those of us who have deep roots in Lincoln County are taken back in history through the portrayals of the events of the Lincoln County War.

In his 1953 Ruidoso News column Storm reports: "New touches of authenticity have been added to the play this year, largely through the work of Ralph Bonnell, director.

Ralph is the grandson of the late Frank Coe, prominent pioneer figure of early day Lincoln County. He has grown up with the lore and history of this area and had a natural gift for drama and direction of plays.

Through his suggestion and help, new scenes have been added and additional color and life has been put into the old scenes. Among



POLLY E CHAVES/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Blazer's Mill is part of the authentic set for the production of "last escape of billy the kid".

the new scenes added are "The Killing of Tunstall" and "Bringing in the Kid." Playing the Kid for the second time in his career is Jonnie Thomas of San

Patricio."

The history of the Lincoln County War is involved and can get confusing (see last week's Historical Potpourri).

This year I learned that there were several groups of selected, volunteer and self-appointed county posse groups during and following the war.

Among them, the Regulars and the Mounted Riflemen, the latter being the group in

which my ancestor is listed. The terms of sheriffs of that time also puzzled me until I did research.

To make a long story short... "Buckshot Roberts," who was among the posse blamed for the death of Tunstall, and Dick Brewer, a Regulator in the posse seeking justice, died at Blazer's Mill on the Mescalero Apache reservation.

The set at the pageant includes the mill for acting out this historic gun battle.

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DANA TERLECKY/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Shelby Herron of the Capitan 4H maneuvers her mount through the Western Trails obstacle course during Saturday's Lincoln County Fair Horse Show. The show is the last function of the Lincoln County Jr. Rodeo Club for the season. The young riders could enter 16 difference competitions to show their riding skills under the eye of the Judge Kali Benson and Superintendent Kayce Patterson.

County seeks to preserve right-of-way

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A formal request from the Lincoln County Commission to ensure access is preserved to a county-maintained road and to a New Mexico State University experimental station was sent to the District II Engineer for the New Mexico Transportation Department.

The state DOT began work on an 11.9-mile road construction project in late May on a section of U.S. Highway 54 from mile marker 163.23 to 175.10, which encompasses the village of Corona at the northwestern boundary of the county.

The \$20 million project primarily will consist of roadway realignment, reconstruction of an existing roadway, controlled blasting, rock excavation and rehabilitation of an existing railroad overpass bridge about four miles north of the town.

Hamilton Construction Co. is handling the work, which will take about 14 months to complete.

County Manager Tom Stewart wrote to District II DOT Engineer Gary Shubert that county commissioners are worried about the loss of county right-of-way access to the county-maintained County Line Road.

"Currently, this road accesses a New Mexico State University Experimental Station through a large box culvert off U.S. 54 in Corona," he wrote. "Loss of access through

this large culvert will deny right of way access to county maintenance of the road.

The only access will be through a railroad right of way by crossing the tracks from U.S. 54 at New Mexico Highway 247, an then proceeding north along the railroad right of way to the eventual reconnection with County Line Road."

Stewart wrote that the county, the university and he would appreciate Shubert's assistance in looking into the situation and offering alternatives.

The county manager reported Tuesday to commissioners that he hopes the letter will energize appropriate officials.

"At least we will have done our part to formally alert the university of the potential loss of access," he said. "I don't see how they could ever close that road, but it is not a county road. We should have some access."

In other items contained in his manager's report to commissioners, Stewart wrote that:

- In concert with the Burned Area Emergency Response to prevent flooding that may occur as a result of the White Fire loss of vegetation on surrounding mountains.

24 jersey barriers were placed in the vicinity of the White property at Gavilan Canyon.

Another 21 are surrounding the ball field on Gavilan Canyon Road to direct water to the river, and more were positioned around the school maintenance area and the Meander Drive intersection.

"So far, we're still within the money reserved for contingencies."

Tom Stewart
Lincoln County Manager

On June 27, the staff served its first meal at the Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

He thanked the village of Capitan for providing the new building and wrote that a grand opening would be planned soon.

- On March 24, the president of Sierra Nevada Property Management LLC, agreed to the sale of the Carrizo Tower once a U.S. Forest Service permit was granted.

Stewart issued a purchase order and signed the contract for the sale with a contingency clause.

The permit was received June 21, and a check was sent for \$1,000. The county now owns the tower complex.

- The Donaldson Fire in the Glencoe to Hondo area southeast of Ruidoso Downs turned out to be the second largest fire in New Mexico's history at 101,563 acres with the

estimated cost of suppression hitting \$5.3 million.

Commissioner Mark Doth said in more than 20 years living in Ruidoso, this is the worst fire season he's witnessed and it's not over yet.

- On July 8, the manager, the architect and contractor for the Capitan Health Clinic project attended a progress meeting on-site.

Continued submission of primarily heating and cooling change orders to the contractors tied to requirements from the state Health Department warrant an authorized delay in the project.

Details of the delay are being documented and Stewart estimated the new completion date as Aug. 23, with a week for punch list resolution, resulting in occupancy by Sept. 1.

Minter said maybe construction should not have proceeded until the DOH approved the plans.

Stewart said the plans went in, but the department took some time to review them.

"So far, we're still within the money reserved for contingencies," Stewart said. "When the DOH gets involved, they get picky."

Minter said it's a matter of project management.

Quartet jazzes up 'Zozo park

Carrizozo Music in the Parks presents a free concert in its Sunday evening summer series, from 5 to 7 p.m., July 31. The New Mexico Sax Quartet performs the cool sounds of swing, jazz and classical in a mix of music that appeals to everyone.

NMSQ formed while the four friends were members of the 44th Army Reserve Band, New Mexico National Guard in Albuquerque.

The quartet includes Jim Mack, Jr., Julianne Hall, Joseph Gonzales and Tony Lopez.

Mack is currently the executive director of the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts in Alamogordo.

Hall is active part time in the 44th Army Band, along with Gonzales works full time for Southwest Airlines while still playing in the 44th Army Band.

Lopez is retired from the National Guard and is working with through El Paso Schools music programs

Each Music in the Parks concert is matched with a local non-profit that sells food to benefit a special project. New Horizon Development Center plans to grill

hot dogs and have chips and cold drinks for the July 31 concert to enable the residents to participate in Special Olympics.

Music in the Parks is committed to offering a series of free community concerts of a variety of genres including classical, jazz, pop, bluegrass, brass and folk.

Music in the Parks has evolved into a year round series that includes concerts for the Carrizozo School Systems by international known classical musicians, the series of summer evening concerts in the park and occasional holiday events.

Funded entirely by donations and grants and run by volunteers, Music in the Parks endeavors to bring quality programs to Carrizozo and the surrounding communities. All summer concerts take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at McDonald Park on Rt. 54 in Carrizozo.

In case of inclement weather, summer concerts will be moved to the Woman's Club on 11th at D Ave. For more information and updates, check the website at www.carrizozomusic.org or call Elaine Brannen at 575-648-2757.

Bronc rider thrown

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A well-known New Mexico saddle bronc rider was killed Thursday after he was thrown from a horse.

Kevin Cox, who was believed to be 42 years old, was from the Hondo area. The incident happened

near his home, said Lincoln County Undersheriff Robert Shepperd.

"From everything we could tell it was an accident," Shepperd said.

Cox was thrown from the horse around dusk.

He had been a frequent rodeo competitor in the Southwest.



Jane Biddle
1928-2011

Funeral service for Jane Frances Whipple Biddle, 83, of Ruidoso will be Friday, July 29, at 10:00 AM in Community United Methodist Church in Ruidoso with burial to follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidoso with a reception following at the church.

She was born March 30, 1928 at Arlington, Texas and passed away Friday, July, 22, 2011 in Ruidoso. She attended North Texas State University majoring in music and toured with the U.S.O. She was a former member of the Ruidoso Women's Club and was a beloved church member of Community United Methodist Church and former music director and had lived in Ruidoso since 1960.

She is survived by her sons, Craig Whipple and his wife, Connie and Larry Whipple and his wife Kathy; brother, Gary Smith; sister, Jackie Smith; grandchildren, Leigh, Jimmy, Colinda, Jim Paul, Cutter, Wylla, Paul and Eva; great grandchildren, Gage, Chloe, Haven, Brianna, Mikala, Tylee, and KaCee. She was preceded in death by her first husband, James O. Whipple, second husband, William A. Biddle; son, Kenneth Lee Whipple and a brother Russell Smith.

The family has requested memorials to the Youth Program at Community United Methodist Church.

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

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Burton Samuel Kayitah
1950-2011
Rosary for Burton Samuel Kayitah, 61, of Mescalero was held Saturday, July 23, at 9:00 AM with the funeral mass to follow at 10:00 AM in St. Joseph's Mission at Mescalero. Burial followed at the Mescalero Cemetery. Mr. Kayitah passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at Tularosa. He was born May 4, 1950 at Mescalero and had lived there all of his life. He is survived by brothers, Vincent Kayitah, Alfred Kayitah Sr. and Kenneth Kayitah; sisters, Clarinda Kayitah, Abigail Tahnito and Donna Lang.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com
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Chamber of Commerce
Noon, second Tuesday, Aug. 9 at ROYS

Woman's Club
11:30 pm, second Thursday, September through May

Carrizozo Lodgers Tax
1 p.m. third Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Town Hall.

Carrizozo Works
5:30 pm, third Thur-

sdays, Aug. 18, at Otero Electric

Planning & Zoning
6 pm, third Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Town Hall

School Board
6 pm, third Tuesday, Aug. 16, School grounds

Street Fair
5:30 p.m., fourth Thursday, July 28, Otero Electric

Church Group for Kids

6 p.m. every Wednesday after school begins.

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at the Baptist Church Tic/Tac (seventh through 12th Grade) at the Methodist Church

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Shooters line up for a prone shot at targets during the competition.

DANA TERLECKY for the Ruidoso News

Range-master Bill Rodolph kept tabs on the New Mexico State Hi Power Championship Match on July 17. The Capitan Hi Power Club regularly hosts the match on their nationally known range three miles outside of Capitan.

The range has been in operations since the late 1950s, and members can shoot from 100 to 1000 yards.

The club also offers a small-bore (.22) range for competition and practice, which was built in part by grants from the New Mexico Friends of NRA.

Over 20 competitors, using specialty built rifles shot at ranges from 200 to 600 yards and worked in relays from shooting to posting targets (working the pits).

Conditions were ideal for the match weekend with low to no wind and clear visibility.

Bill Rodolph was High

Resident and State Champion for the match, Bobby Adams won the High Master class, Timothy Pacheco was tops in the Master class, Paul Myers took the Expert class, Bill Lamb won the Sharpshooter class, Mike Carter won the Marksman class, Alan Williams took the Service Rifle class, Raymond Diaz was the High Senior winner, Augusta West won the High Woman's match, and Wesley Ganaway took the High Junior title.

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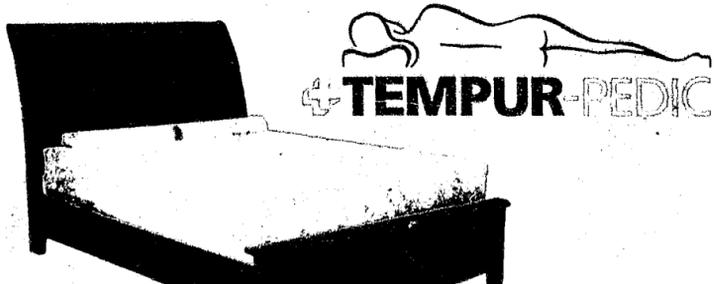


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Back row, left to right, Paul Kerr State, Mike Schwartz, Pete Wolf, and Ron Zer. Front row, left to right, Daniel Castelo and Gary Shaver.



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Above, Beyond.



2011 Rainbow Futurity/Derby Party



Joan Dale and R.D. Hubbard hosted Friday evening's banquet at Ruidoso Downs Race Track.



Carl Draper enjoys the night's celebration.



Larry Payne, one of Ruidoso Downs premier jockeys, attended the 2011 Rainbow Party.



Wynona and Jack Brooks attend one of Ruidoso Downs' premier events of the season. Brooks is an eight-time winner of the vaunted All American Futurity.



Sandy and Blane Wood enjoy the night's festivities.



Mason Martin, left, and Zak Wilson both of Cache, Okla., enjoy the festivities and attended after Mason's grandfather qualified three horses for the Futurity held the next day, Saturday, July 23. Zak's father is rancher Jay Wilson and Zak added, "we've been attending this event since we were babies." Mason's father is Jacky Martin, who has been a respected jockey for more than 40 years.



Rena Walsh, general manager of the Ruidoso News, shares a few moments with stellar jockey G.R. Carter, Jr.



Trainer Mike Joiner and Mike Curran, sports editor of the Ruidoso News, enjoy a few laughs at the party.

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**Rena Mlodecki-Walsh
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While many guests hailed from Colorado and Texas, local businesswoman Erika Audrey, right, owner of Sierra Cleaners, took in this year's banquet. "It was my first time coming to the Rainbow party and it was a wonderful evening!" Chef Aureliano Montelongo, left, served up the prime rib, customizing each order.



CEO and Ruidoso Downs Race Track owner R.D. Hubbard and Joan Dale Hubbard talk race track with publishers Ben and Christine Hudson, who publish the Quarter Horse Track Magazine. Ben and Christine own a home in Ruidoso and visit the track every other weekend from Morgan Hill, Texas. "We have been coming to Ruidoso every year since 1972 to cover the Ruidoso races... we haven't missed an All American Futurity since!" Ben went on to say "R.D. and Joan Dale have supported this industry for years and the party they put on this evening is typical of how much they love it. This function occurs three times a year, before each of the big futurity/derby weekends. You will not find that kind of generous support anywhere else other than the Ruidoso Downs Race Track."

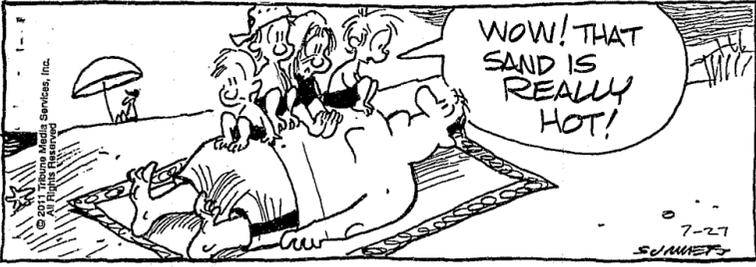
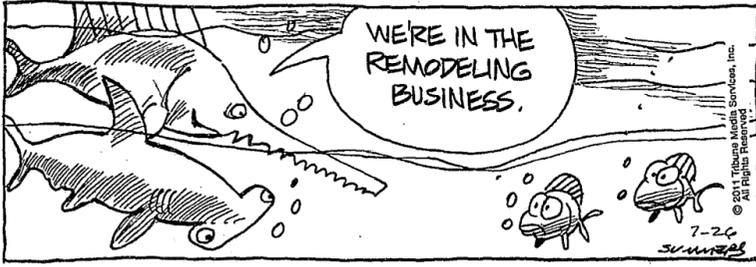
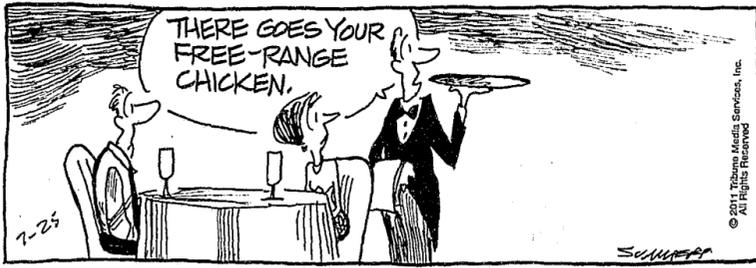


The people who make this banquet the success it is, from left, Jim Stoddard, husband of General Manager, Ruidoso Downs Race Track, Jean Stoddard and vice president, Bruce Rimbo take a few moments to enjoy a conversation during the end of the evening.



The 2011 Annual Rainbow Banquet chef's staff were in their traditional form and provided top notch service to a big crowd with delicious entrees, hors d'oeuvres and a prime rib feast. From left, Cat Keaten, Brenda Zubiata and Veronica Baeza greet guests and offer assistance during the banquet.

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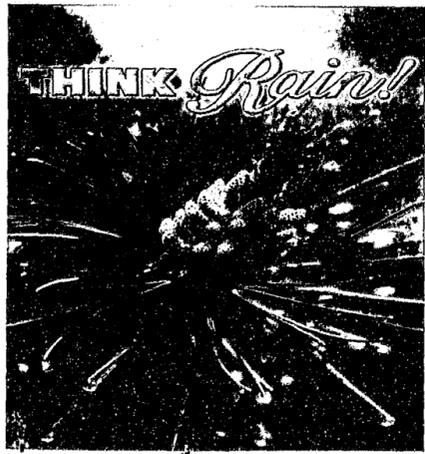
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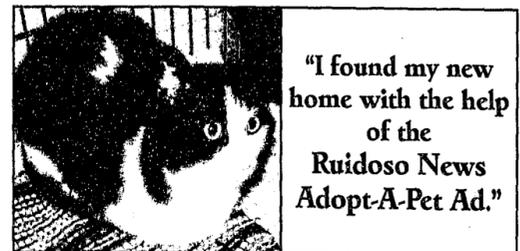
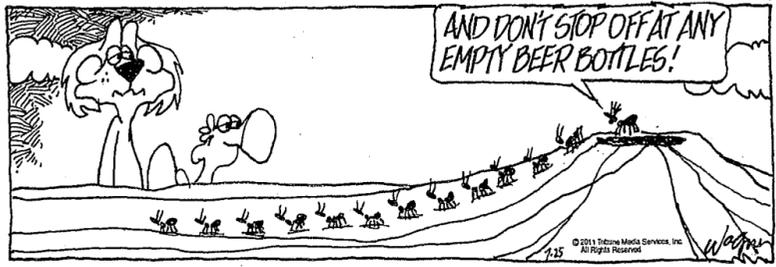
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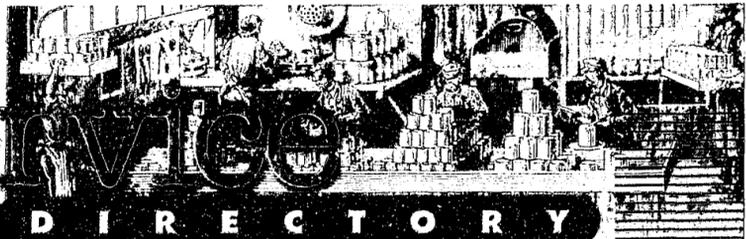


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